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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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Read the following letters:—

No. 577. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Vengal, 9th June 1874, No. 773.

In forwarding copy of a letter from Captain A. C. Smith, I have the honor most respectfully to ask the Government to reconsider the expression which they have used in calling for this report,
1 Letter from the Executive Engineer, Mount Range, No. 494, dated 4th June 1874.

G. O., No. 2,509, dated 14th October 1873.

2. The following is a brief statement of the circumstances which led to this order:—G. O., No. 1,637, dated 23rd June 1873, was passed on letters from the Controller of Public Works Accounts and from the Executive Engineer, Mount Range, sent to you direct. To this, the first I heard of the matter, I replied in No. 991, dated 17th July, pointing out that Mr. Harington knew nothing of the work of the taluq lately joined to his old charge, and that Mooneappah Moodelly was as badly informed regarding the matters of Mr. Harington's former duty, all the accounts of which it had now fallen on him to prepare.

3. I pleaded further his previous service and testimonials. It fell to my lot to be in charge for three months, ending 11th September, of Mr. Harington's range, and my experience satisfied me that I could not expect Mr. Harington to get on with his work with so incompetent a Head Accountant, and that it was my duty to acknowledge that, after every allowance, he was right as to his inefficiency.—My No. 1,556, dated 22nd September 1873.

4. The Government have merely entered the numbers of these two letters at the head of the order, in which they call on Captain Smith to give Mooneappah Moodelly an "unprejudiced trial;" an expression, I submit, in no way suited to my action in this matter.

5. As regards future arrangements—in case the Government accept Captain Smith's report, agreeing with those from Mr. Harington, the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and myself—I beg to submit that Mooneappah Moodelly should be reduced to the only office I have available at present, clerk on Rupees 40 a month, ordered in G. O., No. 1,328, dated 18th May 1874.

6. To his vacancy the Head Clerk of my office begs to be posted. E. Manicum Moodelly came to me from the office of the Controller, and he understands that his only prospect of promotion is from Head Accountant; he is therefore willing to forego the additional Rupees 10 per month which he is temporarily drawing under G. O., No. 965, dated 28th March 1873.

7. If the Government do not object to this, I shall be glad to entertain as my Head Clerk G. Krishna Row, formerly Manager, Superintending Engineer's office, 2nd Division, afterwards of that of Inspecting Engineer, Ports, etc., and now out of employ.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th July 1874.*

No. 578. From the same Officer, dated Guindy, 19th June 1874, No. 934.

I HAVE the honor to observe that in my proposal* for employing Mooneappah Moodelly on a reduced scale of salary I
* Vide my letter No. 773, dated 9th June 1874. had misread G. O., No. 1,328, of 18th May, and thought that the clerk drew Rupees 40.

2. Under the orders as they stand, I cannot provide Mooneappah Moodelly with any situation of more than Rupees 30.

No. 579. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1874, No. 2,016.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the Range Officer's report on the qualifications of his Head Accountant, Mooneappah Moodelly, is not of so unfavorable a character as to justify the severe punishment which the District Engineer recommends should be visited on that subordinate. It would appear that, although he wants method and requires close supervision, he is a fair Accountant, willing and hard working, diligent and attentive. His Excellency in Council accordingly resolves to extend his probation for a further period of six months, and expects good results from the care with which Captain Smith is restoring order in his office.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput,
.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

No. 934

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ENGR'S OFFICE,
Guindy, 19th June 1874

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

*The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department*

Sir,

*I have the honor to observe
that in my proposal for employing
Mooneappah Moodelly on a reduced
scale of salary I had misread G. O.
No. 1328 of 18th May and thought
that the clerk drew Rs. 40.*

*Under the orders as they
stand, I cannot provide Mooneappa
Moodelly with any situation of more
than Rupees 30.*

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. L. S. S.

Colonel, R. E.,
District Engineer Chingleput.

No. 2 Range Office
Saint Thomas Mount
14th June 1874

From
The Executive Engineer
No. 2 or Mount Range
Chingleput District

The District Engineer of
Chingleput

Sir,
Agreeably to orders conveyed in
G.O. No. 2509 A of 15th October 1873 and in your
endorsement No. 540 of 20th May on G.O. No. 1221 of 7th
May I have the honor to report as follows.

On taking over this Range Office
I found great want of system not only in keeping
the accounts, but in writing and registering letters
and in storing away records. It was impossible
for me to reform every thing at once, and I deter-
mined to do so gradually, in order that by the
new official year, I might start fair and
afresh. I say this much on my own account as
the Controller, who through his assistant examined
the Office accounts long before the desired reform
had been brought about, has thought fit to an-
nounce in a direct manner the want of supervision displayed
on my part, and although Government has been
good enough to express no loss of confidence in me,
I ought in justice to myself while making this
report to you to state that I have exercised as
much supervision in office as was practicable

To

P. W. 1874 Del.
From
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
CHINGLEPUT.

To

THE Executive Engineer

P. W. 1874 Del.

Dated 19th June 1874
Received 22nd

No. 934
ENCLOSURE.

Points which
mistake which
occurred in preparing
the employment of
the same with funds
in a reduced scale
of duty.

G.O. No. 2015 of 17-7-74

Chingleput

to do out of the varied and constant work in door
and out work which has left me few leisure hours
between early morning and 5.30 P. M.

With regard to the Head Accountant
Mooneappah Modely his chief fault is want of
system, and through this papers have been lost
and mislaid, and many irritating delays both
in matters of account and correspondence super-
vened, but the worst result of this want of system
is that no dependence can be placed on him
for carrying out to the end any matter that may
be put into the Office by me for reference and
report, and many orders given by me which
if immediately carried out would have saved
a world of trouble both to himself and to me,
have been neglected and I have constantly
felt that in order to keep matters straight I ought
to keep a private piece of the work passing through
my hands to the Office, but this I have no time
for now is it I consider a part of my duty. I think
it but fair to add that much of this irregularity
has disappeared lately.

He is a fair Accountant, and I
have no doubt with some one to look after him and
teach him he would soon get regular in his
method of working, but I must say I personally
would rather not have this trouble thrust upon me
for I have other things to do, and have certainly
less time to spare in this Range than I have elsewhere.
where experienced.

The Controller might as suggested, help
men

men both Officers and Accountants greatly by
occasional hints and advice, were semi-official visits
but he cannot do more than teach them accounts.

The regulating the work in the Office must
be carried out by the Head Accountant with more
or less supervision from the Range Officer, and the
better the Accountant the more free the Range Officer
to devote his time to his professional work.

I think I may say that as far as willing-
ness is concerned Mooneappah Modely is good
enough, he is a little delatory at times but as a
rule he is hard working.

To sum up therefore I may say that
Mooneappah Modely is a fair Accountant, and is
deligent and attentive as most men but through
some defect or other he is incapable of carrying on
smoothly the work of so large an Office as that of No. 2
or Mount Range.

Therefore I do not think he deserves punish-
ment, his reduction if determined on should be made
simply on account of incapacity and he may if he
only takes care improve and in time be worthy of a
higher position.

The station books missing at the
examination of accounts by the Controller have not been
found, nor will be I am afraid, there the want of
system shows itself through which neglect of orders
has come about, for instead of having these
station books kept neatly packed and put away

it took some time before I could find out whether these two bookkeepers missing or no. I have ordered duplicates to be made out as far as possible from bank books &c. which will in a certain sort fill up the gap in the record.

The Register of works was not posted up but separate sheets of papers with all necessary information for recording & extracted from the Station books were kept by the Head Accountant. This is doubtless a bad system as it opens a door to cooked accounts but this arrangement was not completely carried out, again his want of system comes into play and though cautioned by the Controller and by me the same loose system prevailed and the book was in arrears until quite recently when I gave out to each office number certain groups of the various works to keep up with this system. I commenced the new official year.

The Register of works is now complete up to March and I am only waiting for bound books of new form to recommence from the new official year.

I have the honor &c
Signed J. B. Smith Captain R.E.
District Engineer
True Copy
H. G. B. B. B.
District Engineer

Mr. 3516/74
22. 7. 27 July 74

No. 773

Chingleput District Engineers Office
Camp Nagab 9th June 1874.

To
Colonel F. J. Molerly R.E.
District Engineer Chingleput

Colonel L. M. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government

Sir
In forwarding copy of a letter from Captain A. B. Smith, I have the honor to most respectfully to ask the Government to reconsider the expenses which they have used in calling for this report G.O. No. 2509 dated 14th Oct. 1873.
Enc. Letter from the most respectfully to ask the Government to
Rece. Engineer Mount Range No. 494 d/4th June 1874

The following is a brief statement of the circumstances which led to this order G.O. No. 1634 dated 23rd June 1874 was passed on letters from the Controller P.R. Accounts and from the Executive Engineer Mount Range dated 14th July pointing out that Mr. Harrington knew nothing of the work of the taluk lately joined to his old charge, and that Muneappa Moodley was as badly informed regarding the matters of Mr. Harrington's former duty; all the accounts of which it had now fallen on him to prepare. I pleaded further his previous services and testimonials. It fell to my lot to be in charge

exchanged for 3 months ending 11th September of 1873.
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fied me that I could not expect Mr. Harington
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in no way suited to my action in this
matter.

As regards future arrange-
ments, in case the Government accept
Captain Smith's report, agreeing with those
from Mr. Harington, the Controller, P. M.
accountant and myself, I beg to submit that
Mooneappa Moody should be retained at
the only office I have available at present -
clerk on Rs 10 a month ordered in S.O. No 1328
dated 18th May 1874.

To his vacancy the Head clerk
of my office has to be posted. C. M. M. and
Moody came to me from the office of the
Controller, and he understands that his
only prospect of promotion is from Head
accountant

Accountant, he is therefore willing to forego the
additional Rs 10 per month which he is tempo-
rarily drawing under S.O. No 965 of 28 March 1873.

If the Government do not
object to this, I shall be glad to retain as
my head clerk S. Krishna Rao formerly
Manager Superintending Engineer's office
2^d Division, afterwards of that of Inspecting
Engineers Port, and now out of employ.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obt servant

J. M. M. Cole

District Engineer Chingleput

Public Works Department
2016

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Read the following

From The District Eng^r Chingleput (H.E. No: 773 of 9th June 1874)
From The — do — do — do (— — — 934 — 19th — —)

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P.M. 1874 Sept
H.E. No: 3516

The District Engineer
Chingleput

To, The Secretary to Govt
P.M. 1874

Dated 9th June 1874
Recd 11th June 1874

No: 773

Endments with his own remarks the report of Captain. Smith R.E. on the above account and Mooneapah Moodelly of Chingleput Range
E.O. No: 2016.277-74.

Copy to Chingleput

method and requires close
supervision, he is a fair
accountant, ~~with~~ ^{willing} and
hard working, diligent
and attentive. His Excellency
in Council accordingly
resolved to extend his pro-
-bation for a further period
of six months, and expects
good results from the
care with which Capt.
Smith is restoring order
in his office.

Done

To the S. C. C. Chingfaput
- Controller
S. C. C. C. 1/8/74.

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Public Works Department

Letter from District Engineer Chingfaput
No. 973 dated 9th June 1874.

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June 1874.

No. 934 dated 19th

For Orders.

The proposal is to reduce Mr
- neapah M. f. 70 \$40 replace
him { Mr D. L. head clerk & bring
in a man out of employment.
Bond approved with Col. M. H.
Smith full report is so un-
favorable of the man - he wants
meted & new looking after. but
he is a fair acc^{nt} - willing & hard
working, diligent, & attentive,
not deserving punishment & im-
provement. I don't think that
the report is unduly expressed.
- Para 9 of the report. Some
measures proposed by Col. M.
H. Smith. I should like to prob-
- le another 5 mo^s at least
and add that for the reason
of his good results for the
case with which Capt. Smith is
restoring order in his office. Not

Submitted for orders
as to the steps to be
taken with reference
to the Range officer's
report of the 4th June
1874, No. 494, on Mr.
- neapah Moodell's
qualifications. Whether
the Accountant is to
have a further trial,
or be reduced to a
lower

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lower salary.

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Mr. Walter C. R. E.
Secretary to Government
S. P. O.

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The Dy. Dy. Ingr.
Chingleput

Date

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Asst.

27 July 1916

No. 577-579.

Mooneappaiah Moodelly.

S. 2 Accountant. Mount-

Rang. - The probation

The Head Accountant
for a further period of
six months extended
with remarks.

Recd 2/1/14