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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Consulting Engr for Railways & The Secretary to the Govt of Madras

Dated

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Nos. 429-430-431

Railway. Letter from Engr. submitting Statement Shewing the Estimated Recpts. &c. of the Railways in the Madras Presidency for the Second half of 1873 together with Explanatory Letters from the Agents.

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to be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th January 1874.

Read the following papers:—

No. 400.	From the District Engineer, Bellary, dated 25th Sept. 1873, No. 1,091.					
No. 401.	From	do.	do.	Kurnool,	14th Oct.	716.
No. 402.	From	do.	do.	Bellary,	5th Nov.	1,328.
No. 403.	From	do.	do.	Kurnool,	7th	817.
No. 404.	From	do.	do.	Bellary,	11th	1,368.

No. 405. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1874, No. 203.

ACCOUNT, No. 35.

THE correspondence above recorded in connection with the adjustment of Contractor Ally Sait's claims to payment for road work carried out in the Raidroog Range of the Bellary District affords clear evidence not only of mismanagement on the part of Mr. Supervisor Claridge, whose proceedings fully justify his having been held personally and pecuniarily responsible for the sum of Rupees 200, which the Contractor has consented to accept, but of reprehensible procrastination and delay on the part of Mr. Fraser. It is observed that the Contractor petitioned the District Engineer regarding his claims on the 27th November 1872. The petition was referred to Mr. Fraser for report on the 20th December, or three days before he gave over charge of the Bellary District, but as it remained undisposed of he was repeatedly applied to for the papers, but without avail, and it was not until the 4th November 1873, when he found them, that Mr. Fraser sent them to Bellary for disposal. It is thus to Mr. Fraser's negligence that much of the delay in the settlement of Ally Sait's claim is to be attributed; for which neglect he is hereby reprimanded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
" " Bellary.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

District
~~Superintending~~ Engineer's Office.
~~3rd Division~~

No. 1091

~~Camp~~ _____, _____ ~~Talook~~

Bellary ~~District~~

The 25th September 1873.

From,
District
The ~~Superintending~~ Engineer
~~3rd Division~~
Bellary

To,
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Departt.
Fort St. George.

Enclosures.
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Range) on the 20th December, 3 days previous to his departure from the District. None of the papers sent by me on the above date appear to have reached Mr. Fraser's Office – and I have lately applied to that Officer for the Contractor's Original bills but without any result.

3. I regret that there is nothing into which I can enquire – the chief part of the claim for Rs. 411.9.7 is said to be for gravel collected, but washed away before it was taken over by this Department*; and I can therefore only suggest that as the Bills are not forthcoming, the amount of these Bills (Rupees 51.9.7) may under the circumstances be paid to the Contractor, in settlement of the only portion of his claim that can be recognised.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servt.

Capt. R.E.
Offg. District Engineer

* vide para 3 of the Copy of Contractor's letter to Lt. Col. Beamish dated 18th Nov.r 1872.

P.W. 1873 - 4th Dept.
Rec'd 1st Div. Clerk
Boston Off. 5320

From,
The Superintending Engineer
~~3rd Division.~~
Bellary

To,
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.
Madras

No. 1091
Dated 25th September 1873.
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Report on the
Claims of Contractor
Ally Sack. on the Expen
B Endorsement No 1653
dt 4 July/73—

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No. 205 Recorded 6/7

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the Govt will be requested to
hold him personally liable
for the amount of the claim prefe

Collectorate
9th Oct 1873

Superintending Engineer
Chief Engineer

No 400
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From, Fort Clay No. 5320
Boston

The ~~Superintending~~ Engineer

~~3rd Division.~~

Albany

To,

The Secretary of War

D. W. D.

Washn

No. 1091

Dated 25th September 1873.

Received 29

Encl: 1.

Reports on the

Claims of Contractors

Mly Sault. with Papers

& Endorsement 1st. 1653

I. L. July 1/73—

P. W. 5709/73

Referred

No. 2085-9/C

Referred Dir. Tracer for immediate report and for the return of the petition and original Bills, failing the submission of which the Govt will be requested to hold him personally liable for the amount of the claim preferred.

Volacenmund
9th Oct 1873

Chief Engineer

Brevet Lt. Col. U.S.A.

Ck 400

Cir 15 Sept/73

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Posted to Aoli 30 Sept/73

according to instructions, and again in Docket No 41 dated 21st November 1872, Copy of which will be found in my First petition dated 27th Nov last, directing me to remove all my gravel heaps from off the roadside, which had been carted & heaped as according to written Orders dated 22nd February 72, which order was Cancelled on the 7th March 72, although the gravel was heaped prior to the Cancelment of the Order, and a lapse of 9 months had taken place, prior to the issue of the order to remove it, the most part of which had been washed during the heavy rains that took place in last year, and then the District Engineer in Docket No 2636 Dated 12th March 1873, mentions that Superviser Claridge denies any amount being due to me, & that I failed to shew the work for which I claimed payment, and again in Docket No 2 Dated 1st April 73 states that the Petition was mislaid by Mr. Fraser, to whom the Petition was referred, and that for the Reasons stated in Docket No 2636 the District Engineer Can do nothing in the matter, from which it will be seen that the District Engineers decision is solely based on the grounds of Mr. Claridge's Statement of nothing been due to me, and declines to interfere in the matter, whereas Mr. Claridge to avoid further Enquiry into the case, knowing that the original Bills had been mislaid by Mr. Fraser, and is not forthcoming, has taken advantage of the same, by making such statement to the District Engineer who had not seen my first Petition and its accompaniments.

In Conclusion I beg once more, that you will Cause such Enquiry to be made, as your honor may deem fit to decide, with a view of settling my Claim, if worthy, to direct Cash being made both in the District and Range Office for the amount

bills, and to the same being returned me, to enable me to take further steps to recover the amount due to me.

For which act of Charity, it will be the bounden duty of your humble servant to pray for your honors longlife, welfare & prosperity

I beg to remain

Honored Sir

Your most humble & obd. Servant.

Alfd. Ja. Hill Chief Keeper

Late Road Contractor Bellary

Bellary 12th April 1873.

No 1

To

The Comptroller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras.

Respected Sir

With profounds respect and due submission, I beg to address your honor, and also beg to bring to your honors notice, that a sum of Rupees 411-9-7, has been due to me for certain Road Works and repairs in the Bellary Range for the year 1871/72, and that I have since the 27th November last, addressed the several District Engineers on 3 different occasions, begging of them to inquire into the matter and settle my claim as early as possible but without any success whatever.

I therefore take the liberty of addressing you on the subject, and beg to annex copies of the several Petitions, Orders, and their bills, as well as their several replies, and humbly Request, that you will after due perusal, kindly take the same into your honors kind and impartial Consideration, and do justice unto to your poor and injured Servant, or issue such orders as your honor may deem fit for the settlement of my Claim.

For which Act of Charity it will be the bounden duty of your humble Servant, to pray for your honors long life, welfare and prosperity.

I beg to Remain
Honored Sir
Your most humble & obedient Servant

[illegible]
Late Contractor Bellary

Madras 16th April 1873.

Recd 16th April 1873

Bellary 30th April 1873

Chief Engr's Office
Recd 2nd May 1873

Bills
Recd
to
Engr

No 1 — Ballary 27th November 72

To

Colonel Blan Supt of Irrigation
3rd Division
Ballary

Honored Sir

Agreeable humbly, but respectfully beg leave to present these few lines to your honor, in the just and fervent hope, that after perusal of the papers attached, that my Claim may be disposed of in such manner, as your honor may deem fit, to decide in my behalf.

I have been directed by the Overseer in Ticket No 41 dated 21st Instant, "to remove all my gravel heaps "from off the Road side near the Cliff lines, and should "I not do so in a weeks time, that, he will not be re- "sponsible for the same" I beg to state that the gravel was heaped on the Road according to instructions, for which I have not been paid as yet, and that by removing the same moreover; I will be put to an unnecessary Expense, the most part of which have been washed away, what am I to do with the gravel now.

3 I have to state, that, owing to the several orders given to me as will be observed on perusal of the papers attached, I have sustained a loss of Rupees 300 (a) on the 2nd Mile of Yerka Road, by having gravel carted and heaped on the Roadside ready for use, the whole of which has been washed away, except a very little portion of such heaps, besides the above, I have also sustained other losses amounting to Rupees 60 (b) on the 11th and 12th Mile of the above Road, owing to me being directed to carry out certain work, which had been stopped before the said work had been properly finished according to the contract, there are also two Bills amounting to Rupees 57-9-7 (c) which have not been paid to me, making a total in all of Rupees 411-9-7.

(a) 300-
(b) 60-
(c) 57-9-7
411-9-7

I Therefore beg, that your honor will take my humble petition into your honors kind and humane consideration, and see justice done to your humble servant.

For which act of Charity it will be the bounden duty of your humble servant, to pray for your honors long life, welfare, and prosperity.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your Obedient & humble Servant
Signed J. Ally Sahib Road Contractor
Coorla Bazar Ballary

— True Copy —

Ally Sahib Road Contractor
Coorla Bazar Ballary

Copies of Orders issued from time to time, by Overseers and Superintendent to Road Contractor Ally Sahib

Seventeen Rupees

I 9/8/71 Ally Sahib Contractor for work on Yerka Road to carry out the following Repairs in 12th Mile beginning at 11th Mile Stone 308 running yards 6 Yards wide an Estimate will be given to Contractor as a guide and to shew quantities &c—

Work to be done as follows, a centre line to be marked out first, after this is done a line distant on one side of it 8 feet 6 inches to be marked out, and another [illegible] at 6 inches from this the interval between these two to be dug 6 inches deep and sloped from inner Edge two to one, between centre line and sloped portion the surface is to be broken up to a depth of one inch and sloped to a slope of half an inch to the yard from the Centre this will make the outer edge of road one and half inch lower than centre in each yard, when this is done, the gravel is to be laid on the same slope as to be preserved, after this the whole must be well saturated with water, and spread on it and well Rolled with Rollers

Half

VII True Copies of Sur Bills Accounts &c &c 1871-72

No 1 — To the Officer in Charge of Bellary Range — Rs

Do —

Alby Sait Contractor for work done on the 20th July 1871 at the 41st Mile Stone near the Goody at Kuckenhully

Description of Road	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Cutting 1 Inch Road	C.yds 33 3/27	1/4	5 14 8
— do — Channel	4	1/4	1
Gravel for Road	74	1/4	17 12
— do — to cover Channel	4	1/4	1
Watering & Rolling with Sand to Section	S.yds 852	1/4	25 6 10
By Amount Received 6th Aug 1871			5 2 4 8
Balance			20 3 11 1
			26 9 7

No 4 — To the Officer in Charge of Bellary Range — Rs

To —

Alby Sait Contractor for gravel taken from the 41st Mile Stone for the use of Government Road, which was forcibly intended for my own use

	C.yds	Rate	
	100	1/4	25 0 0

Signed Alby Sait Contractor
Cook Bazar Bellary

True Copies

Alby Sahib Road Contractor
Cook Bazar Bellary

VIII — Copy of Docket from Mr J Cleveridge Superintendent

P.W.D. Bellary District — No 677 of 1871-72

From — The Superintendent in Charge of Raidrug Range

To — Contractor Alby Sahib

Station Kanchengode — Dated 27th January 1872

Signed Original Bills Accounts &c &c of Mr J Cleveridge Superintendent
Copy of Petition with Reply of the District Engineer
Copy of Docket from Mr J Cleveridge Superintendent

Your Letters Dated 11th & 22nd Instant respectively

The Overseer of Bellary Taluq has been directed to receive over the tools and stores issued to you, on the Overseers receipt being forwarded to me; Your Deposit will be paid to you —

Regarding your bill for work done on the Kuckenhully Road I decline making any payment unless you carry out the work in accordance with the instructions given you by the Overseer in your order book the materials laid on by you are not only deficient in thickness but are also not laid on in proper lectures, watering and rolling the same have not been properly carried out, the old Road surface has also not been properly lifted up to the depth given in the order Book —

Signed Samuel Cleveridge Superintendent
In Charge of Raidrug Range

True Copy

Alby Sait Road Contractor
Cook Bazar Bellary

Copy of my Petition No 2 and the District Engineers Reply

Bellary 27th February 1873 -

No 2 -

To -

The District Engineer
Bellary

Sir — With proposed respect and due submission, I beg to bring to your Honors notice, that on the 27th November last, I presented a petition to the then Superintending Engineer Colonel Olpherts, praying for the Settlement of my claim amounting to Rupees 411-9-7, but as that Officer was about leaving the station then, he had no time to make Enquiries, or investigate the matter, but merely

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seconded my Petition and its accompaniments—

A period of 3 Months having now elapsed, and no reply to my Petition has been made as yet, I most humbly beg your honor will take the matter into your hands, with a view of despatching my claim at an early date, as I am now upwards of 12 Months waiting for the settlement of the Amount due to me, for work carried out by written Orders, that had been given to me from time to time, as will be seen by copies of Orders attached to the above petition referred to—

In conclusion, I beg to state, that, owing to the length of time that have elapsed in the non-settlement of my claim, I have been put to great inconvenience and loss, and therefore trust, you will take such steps, as you may deem fit, in order to a final settlement of my Accounts being made, at early as practicable.

For which act of Charity and Kindness, it will be the bounden duty of your humble Servant, to pray for your honors, longlife, welfare & prosperity—

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most humble & obedient Servant

Signed Alley Sait Road Contractor

Cowle Bazar Bellary

No. 2636—

From District Engineer—

Bellary—

To—

Alley Sait Contractor—

Station Cowle ——— Dated 12th March 1873

— Your Petition dated 27th February 1873—

The Petitioner is informed that Superintendent Blaidge of the Range Office of late Raidrug Range, denies any amount due to the Petitioner, & is further stated that the Petitioner failed to show the Inspection

his inspection, the work for which payment is claimed

The District Engineer therefore declines to interfere—

Signed Arthur Edgecome Captain R.E.

Offg District Engineer

Bellary

— True Copies —

Alley Sait Road Contractor

Cowle Bazar Bellary

Copy of my Petition No. 3 and the District Engineers Reply

Bellary 15th March 1873 —

No. 3 —

To — — The District Engineer

Bellary

Sir —

In reply to your Docket No. 2636 dated 12th Instant, I most respectfully beg to state, that, on the 27th November last, I presented a Petition to the then Superintending Engineer Colonel Beaw, together with certain Copies of Orders, and two original Bills amounting to Rupees 51-9-7 bearing Mr. Supervisor Blaidges Signature, which has not been paid to me, and which were returned in the District Office, I therefore beg, that your honor will direct search to be made for them in the Office, and after perusal by your honor, they be returned to me, I shall then prove to your honors satisfaction that my Claim to the certain Statements therein made are correct—

I should be very sorry indeed, to give any gentleman trouble with any false claims or statements, which I could not satisfactorily prove, your honor will be fully convinced of the correctness of my claim on perusal of my Petition and accompaniments, dated 27th November last.

For

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For which act of charity, it will be the bounden duty of your humble Servant, to pray for your honors lengthy welfare, and prosperity—

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) Alby Last Road Contractor
Cowl Bazar Bellary

No 2—

From the District Engineer—
Bellary—

To—

Alby Last Contractor—
Station Bellary—
Dated 1st April 1873

— Your Petition Dated 15th March 1873 —

The Petitioner is informed that his petition dated 27th November referred to in the above, appears to have been mislaid by Mr Fraser then in charge of the Bellary Range to whom the petition was referred—

The petitioner is further informed that for the reasons stated in this Office Docket No 2636 Dated 12th March 1873, the District Engineer can do nothing in the matter—

(Signed) Arthur Edgeume Captain R.E.
Dist District Engineer

— True Copies —

Alby Last Road Contractor
Cowl Bazar Bellary

H.M. OFF. P.W. ACCTS. CONTRACTS
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Bellary 15 March 1873

No 203 of 1873

Copy of Petition No 3

To

The Controller of P.W. Accounts
Madras

Sir

In continuation of my Petition dated 15th April last, praying for the Settlement of my Claim, which has been returned to me by the District Engineer with the following Copy of Docket No 191 dated Camp Gumpalanpur 6th Instant, "The enclosed Papers transferred to this Office by the "Controller of P.W. Accounts, are returned to the Petitioner, the "subject having been already disposed of in this Office Docket "No 2 dated 1st April 1873."

Your Petitioner is therefore at a loss to know how the present District Engineer can dispose of the case, he not having seen my 1st petition bearing date 27th Nov last, and its Enquiries bills and accompaniments, as will be observed by the following Copies of Dockets No 2636 Dated Goody 12th March 1873." The Petitioner is informed that "Supervisor Coleridge the Range Officer of the late Roadway "Range, denies any amount due to the Petitioner, It is true "that the Petitioner failed to shew the Supervisor on "his inspection the work for which payment is claimed, "The District Engineer therefore declines to interfere" Docket No 2 dated Bellary 1st April 1873. "The Petitioner is informed that his petition dated 27th November, referred "to in the above, appear to have been mislaid by Mr Fraser "Later then in charge of the Bellary Range, to whom "the Petition was referred"

"The Petitioner is further informed that for "the reasons stated in this Office Docket No 2636 Dated 12th "March 1873. The District Engineer can do nothing in "the matter" such being the case, I revolt respectfully to point out according to the above Correspondence, it seems that the District Engineers decision is solely based on the Grounds of Mr Clarke's Statement; who to avoide any

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Petition in the matter, shewing that the Original Bills had been mislaid, has denied all Knowledge of any Knowledge of any amount being due to me, and further stated that I failed to shew the work for which I claimed Payment had Nothing been due to me, I see no necessity that I should be called upon to shew any work according to the Supervisors Statement. The fact is, that I had never been called upon to do so. I was always prepared and ready to give any information that may be required in regards to my Claim.

Therefore beg once more that Should your Honor Deem to interfere in the matter or direct investigation into my claim. I Earnestly Crave that you will order my Original Bills bearing Mr. Claridges Signature which accompanied my 1st Petition be returned to me, to Enable me to take further Steps, with a view to Recover the amount due to me. I am not only the one person who has Suffered or inconvenienced in this way by working under Mr. Claridge.

For which act of Charity I Shall as in Duty bound Ever Pray for Your Honors long life welfare & Prosperity

I beg to remain -

Honored Sir

Your most humble & Obedt Servant

Signed Alby Capt. Chief Resident

Vale Road Construction Bellary

Copy of Docket No 512 from the Controller of P.W. Accounts Madras dated 28th May 1873 —

The Petitioner is informed that no notice will be taken of any future Communication he may make to this Office. His Petition has been forwarded to the District Engineer Bellary —

Signed Illegible

for Controller of P.W. Accounts

— True Copies —

Alby Capt. Chief Resident Road Const Bellary

Sec to Govt Public Works

Recd 16 Oct 1873

No 716 District Engineers Office

Camp Tarnir 16th October 1873

R. No 12457 dated 7

P.W. 5520/73

Engineer,

Dated 16th Oct 1873

Sir,

Report to the District Engineer Bellary

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government the accompanying petition of Mr. Alby Capt. Chief Resident Vale Road praying that enquiry may be made in the matter of certain alleged discrepancies in Mr. Claridge's Docket.

2. Mr. Alby will personally point out the items of the claim — and a fair enquiry can be made from Mr. Claridge's Bills, by the Executive Engineer Bellary.

3. Mr. Alby's petition is returned herewith.

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient Servant

Signed Illegible

for Superintending Engineer

Petition

Points out certain discrepancies in Mr Claridge's Dockets

Prays that such enquiry may be made as the Govt deem fit or that Govt may direct a search being made both in the Dist and Range Office for the missing bills and that the same may be returned to him to enable him to take further steps to recover the amount due to him.

Executive Engineer

Dated 14th July 1873

Forwarded to Govt

for favour of disposal

Signed Illegible

for Executive Engineer

been done on a road in the Raidrug Range of the Bellary District.

in the Matter, knowing that the Original Bills had been mislaid, has denied all Knowledge of any Knowledge of any amount being due to me, and further states that I failed to show the work for which I claimed Payment. Had Nothing been due to me, I do not necessarily that I should be called upon to shew any work according to the Superintendents Statement. The fact is, that I had never been called upon to do so. I was always prepared and ready to give any information that may be required in regards to my Claim.

Therefore beg once more that should your honour think to interpose in the matter or direct investigation into my claim, I earnestly trust that you will order my Original Bills bearing Mr. Claridges Signature which accompanied my Petition to be returned to me, to enable me to take further steps, with a view to recover the amount due to me, I am not only the one person who has suffered or inconvenienced in this way by working under Mr. Claridge.

For which act of Charity & Challas in duty bound shall ever pray for Your honours long life welfare & prosperity.

I beg to remain

Honored Sir

Your most humble & obedient Servant

Signed Alley Gail Christopher

Late Road Contractor Bellary

Copy of Docket No 812 from the Accountant Madras dated 28th May 1873 —

The Petitioner is informed that no further enquiry will be taken & any further communication he may make to this Office on the subject will be returned to the Writer —

Sgd C Brandon Asst Secy

True Copy

Sgd C Brandon Asst Secy

Petition

Points out certain discrepancies in Mr Claridges docket.

Prays that such inquiry may be made as the Govt deem fit or that Govt may direct a search being made both in the Dist and Range Office for the missing bills and that the same may be returned to him to enable him to take further steps to recover the amount due to him.

Rec'd 15th Jany 1873

Petition to the Director of Public Works Engineer & Secretary to Govt praying that he will personally enquire into the subject of his petition & that he may have a Pass granted to him for the purpose

Petitioner states that on the 4th November last he received Bills by Mr Fraser which must be returned for

Alley Gail Christopher

Petitioner to Govt

Petitioner to Govt P.W.D.

Kermode

R.No 1245 of 1873.
P.W. 5520/73

Dated 4th July 1873

Petitioner to Govt

in the matter, drawing that the Original Bills had been sent in

Government of Madras,
Pub: Wks DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 1651 of 1873.
From Ally Sahib

Occupation. Shopkeeper and late Road Contractor

Village.
Talook. } Bellary
District.

Dated 23 June
Received 3 July } 1873.

Enclosures. 2

Abstract.

Begs to forward the accompanying Correspondence regarding his claim for Rs 4119-7 due to him from the officials

year 1871/72 on account of road materials and work done on the roads under the orders of Mr Claridge late Range Officer, and states that he addressed the Dt Engineer and the Controller of P.W. accounts Madras, that his claim was not settled and the original bills submitted with his first petition were not returned. that Mr Claridge having further inquiry informed the Dt Engineer that nothing was due to petr knowing that the original bills had been mislaid by Mr Fraser who had written his first

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No. 716 District Engineers Office
Camp Kamur 1st October 1873

From, The District Engineer,
Kamul

To, The Chief Engineer
Madras

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum dated the 9th instant on the subject of a claim made by a Contractor Alli Sait for works said to have been done on a road in the Raidrug Range of the Bellary District.

2. I am inclined to think from the term of your Memorandum that all the facts of the case have not been submitted to you: They are as follows.

I. The work was done I believe in 1871 Mr. Claridge, Superviser, being Range Officer.

II The Raiding Range was added on to the Bellary Range in I believe September 1872; and I took charge, nominally, for Mr. Claridge remained in the Range, and, looked after the works.

III To free me from immediate and constant Superintendence at Bellary, some one was to be appointed to take charge of the Military and Civil buildings; but he never came.

IV When I became acquainted with Alli Saits claim, and the length of time that it had been in dispute, I made arrangements for going out to settle it, and was about to start when I was informed that His Excellency the Commander in Chief was about to visit Bellary and that I must be

IV.

there to meet him. III

V Some delay took place in His Excellency's arrival; but I could not leave, and Mr Montserratt, the Hospett Range Officer, was sent with Mr Claridge and the Contractor to inspect the work: All the papers were handed to Mr Montserratt, who was to report to the Superintending Engineer.

VI I believe that Mr Montserratt did measure some of the work; but he got fever and returned very ill to Bellary:

I believe he sent the papers and his measurements to Captain Edgecomb; but I know nothing whatever about them, nor do I remember having seen them after they were given to Mr Montserratt who was specially appointed to settle this dispute:

I should hope that this simple statement of facts will show that I ought not to be held responsible in any way.

3. As regards the papers alluded to if

they were sent to me three
days before I left Bellary
they were probably handed
over, at once, to Mr Claridge;
but I have no recollection
of them: When I was
at Rambam Captain
Edgecomb wrote to me
about them: I replied
that I would search my
papers on my return to
Head quarters and if
I found I would send them;
but that I believed I
had not got them: I
did search but could not
find them; I shall
search again when I go
into Kamul although

I believe that all papers
were handed over before
I left Bellary—

The leading facts are
these:—

I I had nothing to do
with the work which was
done long before the Raidrug
Range was joined to Bellary.

II The Contractors Peti-
tion was referred to me;
but, for reasons given above,
I could not attend to it.

III The Settlement of
the question was then
put into Mr Montserratt's
hands to whom all the
papers were given, and

who was to report to the
S. Engineer direct: After
that I had nothing to
do with the matter.

IV Captain Edgecomb
says that the papers with
others were sent to me
three days before I left
Bellary: It probably was
so; but I had then given
over charge of the Range
and was occupied with my
own arrangement for marching.

Captains Edgecomb having
refused to take charge of
the District, and Lieutenant
Kenny having refused to
take charge of the Range,

I had the two Districts
(Bellary and Kamul)
as well as the Bellary
Range to look after, and
until 2 or 3 days before
I left, I was unable to
attend to my own affairs.
Under these circumstances
it was futile to send to
me papers involving careful
investigation.

I note with surprise
the absence from the
papers of any remarks by
Lt. Colonel Partridge the former
Range officer under whose
Superintendence the work
was done. He knows

more about the matter than any one else, and this explanation to me was satisfactory, except so far as having left the matter unsettled for so long a time: I had no reason to suppose that there was any thing wrong in this Measurements, and I had reason to think that the Contractor was trying to Cheat.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Set.
William Hunter C. E.
District Engineer

P.S. The papers are returned

No: 1328

District Engineer's Office-
Camp Venkatapur-
5 November 1873.

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District Engineer's Office.
Camp Venkatapur.
5 November 1873.

From Captain A. R. Ridgeway. R.E.
Offg. D.E. Bellary.

To Colonel Lt.-Col. Walker. R.E.
Chief Engineer. D.P.W.

Sir - In accordance with the instructions contained in your Endorsement on Mr. Fraser's letter No: 716 dated 14 October 1873 - * I have the honour to report that Mr. Fraser is mistaken in his supposition that Mr. Montserrat was deputed to decide on Allis Saib's claim -

Mr. Montserrat was ordered by Colonel Blair to measure the work done by two other Contractors (Sheik Ibrahim and Pondaram Pillay) and I am now in communication with these men to bring their claims to a settlement -

I may mention that Mr. Fraser in his letter of the (No: 423 dated 26 July 1873) made the same

* Dated 28th October 1873.

19-9-73

P.W. 1873 Department
Inward Diary No. 5769.
To the District Engr.
Bellary - 96 miles
To the Chief Engr.
Madras

Dated 14th October 1873
Recd. 24th do
Encl. 2. No. 716

Relating to the case of Chandaloo Allis Saib in the Bellary District -

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No. 203 - 28th Dec. 73

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Cir: 25-10-73 - Cir 15 Dec/73

P.S. The papers are returned

Mr. Montserrat had been deputed to decide on Alli Saito's claim - and that I, in my reply, (No: 725 dated 4 August 1873) pointed out to Mr. Fraser, his Error in having confined the claim of Alli Saib, with the claims of Sheik Ibrahim and Pondaicum Pillai -

I am therefore surprised that Mr. Fraser in his report of Government, should have repeated the Errorneous statement -

In clause IV, para: 3 of his report, Mr. Fraser states that he had given over charge of the Bellary Range by the date (20 December 1872) on which the papers connected with Alli Saito claim were sent to him - I would remark that Mr. Fraser did not give over charge of the Range until the 23 Dec. Mr. Fraser further states that I refused to take charge of the District, and that my refusal led to his having charge of two Districts, and thus being unable to attend properly to his duties as Bellary Range Officer, at the time that the transactions under

On this subject I would remark that I arrived at Bellary on the 14 Dec. 1872 and took charge of the District on the morning of the 16 - Mr. Fraser therefore had a clear week from the date of my relieving him of the charge of the District, & the date of his delivering over charge of the Range, in which he might have attended to important references connected with the Range -

In Conclusion I would remark that it is my strong impression that the papers connected with this claim are with Mr. Fraser - and that a careful search behind among the many papers that he must have taken away with him from Bellary, would lead to the discovery of the original bills, and thus to a decisive settlement of Alli Saito's alleged claim -

I have the honour &c.

Sir -

Your most obedient Servant

Wm. Malcolm Capt[n]

Off[g] D[C].

P.S. Mr. Fraser's report is herewith returned

No 817.

Kamiah 6th November 1873

From The District Engineer
Kamiah

To: The Chief Engineer

Sir In continuation of my letter No 716 Dated 14th ultimo I have the honor to inform you that on the 4th instant I found the papers connected with Ally Saits Contract at Pillary and forwarded them to the District Engineer:

I much regret that has occured about these papers which however should not have been sent to me as I had given over charge.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
William Readen C.E.

Transmitted

19-9-72

No 402

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Rec'd 12-1-73
E-27-11-73 Ord. 10 Dec 73
Lieut Beach 19-11-73

No 2205 - 28th Nov/73

Lieut. Beach U.S.E.

Reports and Abstract of Contractors Mthly Estimate

Recd 10th Dec/73

Lieut Beach U.S.E.

Recd 8th Dec/73

From The Secy/War Department
O.W.D.

Rec'd 328

Pay Dr. $8-10

From The Dist. Engineer Kamiah

Subject Reporting Quantity

No 1089

No. 1687

Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division. Bellary
Talook
Camp _____, _____ District.
Bellary 11th November 1873.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Enclosures.

Sir,

19-9-92

P. W. 1873 Department
From Chief Engr for Secy
No. 6686
The District Engineer,
Bellary.

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W.

Dated 7 Novembr 1873
Recd 10 "
No 817.

Informs that the papers connected with Contractor Allibait were forwarded to the District Engineer Bellary.

No 403

Cir 15 Sept 73

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Considering that one so interested would be inclined greatly to exaggerate the amount of Compensation due to him for the value of Materials lost I offered him £8. 0cc as a final liquidation & settlement of the Amount claimed by him in his petition, and he has signed an agreement to accept this.

If Government approve of this arrangement I shall order this Amount to be paid to him, and charged to the Advance Account and shall recover the same from the salary of Superviser Claridge, by five monthly instalments - he being responsible for the great negligence that has taken place.

I very much regret the delay that has occurred in the settlement of this claim. Had the original papers received from Mr. Fraser been any profession ten months ago, the claim would probably then have been settled.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant

claim to £11.9-7
alleged due due to him
from the year 1871-
on account of roads
Rivers supplied and
work done to roads
in the Bellary Range
when Mr Superviser
Claridge was in charge
He represents having

Considering that one so interested would be inclined greatly to exaggerate the amount of Compensation due to him for the value of Materials lost I offered him Rs. 200 as a final liquidation in settlement of the Amount claimed by him in his petition and he has signed an agreement to accept this.

If Government approve of this arrangement I shall order this Amount to be paid to him and charged to the Advance Account and shall recover the same from the salary of Superintendent by five monthly instalments - he being responsible for the great negligence that has taken place.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
William Ingram Capt RE

19-9-92

From

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division

Bellary.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

No. 1368

Dated 11th November 1873.

Received 15th

Respecting the Boundaries of Contracted Wells Sinks Claimed and their liquidation.

No 404

Copies sent to Collector Bellary & Executive Engineer Cuddapah for information & guidance 27-11-73

Despatched to Governor 13-11-73.

Sanctioned Work. Estimate Rs 178.

Approved Superintending Engineer 3rd Division

Bellary 8

19-9-92

From, 1873. 44 Octr.
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division
Bellary.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

No. 1568

Dated 11th November 1873.
Received

Respecting the Result of Contractor's Appl... Sixth Claim and the Liquidation...

No 404

Copy forwarded
C-27-11-73
Despatch Common 13-11-73.

...from the Executive Engineer Salem Division ...
...Charges for Five Annuities Assistants &c ...
...during Fasli 1281 for the Superintendentship Head ...
...Assistant Salaries.

I am directed to request that the delay that has occurred in the settlement of this claim, and the ...
against Arrears received from M/s Pearce Duncan ...
and dispossession from annuities after the claims ...
which all Superannuation Allowances have been settled.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
...

addressed the Supt Engineer, District Engineer and Controller since the 27th November last but without avail.

The claim appears to consist of the following items.

Rs 300 for gravel stated by him to have been collected agreeably to orders in February 1872 on the 2nd mile of the Mostra road, the greater portion of which had been washed away prior to the issue of orders for its removal nine months after.

Rs 60 being loss incurred by the sudden stoppage of work on the 11th and 12th miles of the same road.

Rs 51-9-7 the amount of two bills not paid for work done on the 4th mile.

Captain Edgcome, the present District Engineer of Bellary, reports that on taking charge of the District he found the Contractors

petitions of 27th November last left by his predecessor for his disposal and that he sent the petitions with the original Bills to Mr Fraser then in charge of the Bellary Range on the 20th Decr or 3 days before Mr Fraser's departure for Kurnool. He adds that none of the papers appear to have reached Mr Fraser's office, and that none of the contractor's original Bills are now forthcoming. As the chief part of the claim is for gravel collected but washed away before it was taken over by

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the Department and there is no room for enquiry, the District Engineer suggests that the last item of the Claim viz £ Rs 51-9-4 should alone be admitted.

Orders are requested as to whether Mr. Fraser shall be called on to depose at an early date on the subject, and to return the papers failing which he will be held liable for the Rs. 51-9-4.

Certain
8th Nov 72

I Returning Kal Hills with Papers of the Case
Applts. Counsel & the Ch. Com
Govt. Copies perhaps will be
required to be Ret.
R.E. One of his Assistants [illegible]
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to keep a Copy of Hills Plan
& Reports & for [illegible]

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Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Ootacamund
4th October 1873

Correspondence connected with Contractor Ally Saiti's claims, submitted for Orders.

Complainant petitioned the District Engineer on 27th Nov: 1872 -

His petition was referred to the Bellary Range Officer for report, on the 20th Dec- That Officer, Mr. Fraser, gave over charge 3 days later, but did not give back, or dispose of, the papers - He was applied to for them over and over again, without success; his letter No. 716 of 14th Oct. 1873 being a reply to the Chief Engineer's threat of punishing him up to Govt as personally responsible - Finally, on 4th Nov. 1873 he finds them, and on the 6th sends them to Bellary for disposal - Meanwhile the Chief Engineer, feeling that the man had a great grievance

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Orders are requested as to whether Mr Fraser shall be called on to report at an early date on the subject, and to return the papers failing which he will be held liable for the Rs 51-9-7.

W Walker Coll
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Ootacamund
7th October 1873

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Sol - Accept for the Sum
claimed to the Bill

R.E. One of his Assistants
Civil to produce Bills
Estimates upon which
the work to the Bill
is based & if not produced Bill
to be struck out

8/10 pd

took up the case on the copies of papers accompanying his Petition, and wrote to the District Engineer on the attached Memorandum of the 3d November, which led to the settlement of the case reported in Capt. Selfridge's No 1368 of 11th November.

Ally Sait received payment of his 2 passed Bills, and Rs 200 in payment of other demands, the last sum being received from Mr Superintendent Glendidge, who has been in fault about the matter from first to last.

It is submitted whether any notice is to be taken of Mr Draper's precedure. His delay & procrastination are habitual, & preclude work of any real value being attainable from him, in spite of his ability & professional training.

C.W.W.
26-11-73

In accordance with the Comptroller's Orders, letter of [illegible] attached, and Chief Engineer's [illegible]

In Orders as to conduct is not to be taken cognizance of

28/11 ... WW

Public Works Department

No. 203

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From The District Engineer Bellary / A. E. No. 1091 / 25th September 1873

From The do — do Runnel — " — " — " 716 / 14th October 1873

From The do — do Bellary — " — " — " 1328 / 6th November 1873

From The do — do Runnel — " — " — " 817 / 7th — " — "

From The do — do Bellary — " — " — " 1368 / 11th — " — "

The correspondence above recorded in connection with the adjustment of Contractor Pilly Saib's claims to payment for road work carried on the Raidroog Range of the Bellary District affords clear evidence not only of mismanagement on the part of Mr. Superviser Eldridge, whose

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proceedings fully justify his having been held personally and pecuniarily responsible for the sum of Rs 200 which the Contractor has consented to accept, but of reprehensible procrastination and delay on the part of Mr. Fraser. It is observed that the Contractor petitioned the District Engineer regarding his claims on the 29th November 1872. The Petition was referred by Mr. Fraser for report on the 20th December or three days before he gave over charge of the Bellary Dt.

but as it remained undisposed of, he was repeatedly applied to for the papers, but without avail, and it was not until the 4th November 1873 when he found them that Mr. Fraser sent them to Bellary for disposal. It is thus by Mr. Fraser's negligence that much of the delay in the settlement of Ally Saito's claim is to be attributed; for which neglect he is hereby reprimanded.

Genl.

To The Dt. Engr. Kurnool & Bellary

Despatch 8-c 29/1874.

Nos. 6178, 6086, 6089, 5769, 5314

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To The District Engineer
Tanjore

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 28 dated No. 203.

Nos. 460 & 465

Contractor Ally Saib.

Passing orders in correspondence in connection with the adjustment of Contractor Ally Saibs' claims to payment for Road work carried out in the Railway Range of the Bellary District.

12-11-73

Nos. 4394/1912

G. O. 30 dated No. 223

Dated

Recd. Encl.

To The Acting Superintendent
Trichinopoly

PUBLIC WORKS.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

Copies of Correspondence & Estimates for Repairs to Anicut across the Coleroon River.

Forwarded.