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Read the following papers :—

- No. 444. Petition from P. Moonisawmy Moodelly, late Contractor of Naramangalam Tank, dated 19th November 1873.
- No. 445. From Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tirtany, 10th December 1873, No. 2,837.

I HAVE the honour to return herewith the Petition No. 2,742, of 19th ultimo, referred for report with your endorsement of the 22nd idem, and its enclosures.

2. It is of course not the case that I took no notice of the petitions addressed to myself. I never neglect a *bona fide* petition.

3. The first petition was referred for report to the Assistant Engineer, Walajah Range, who replied that he had no knowledge of the man being employed, and that the latter had made no claim during the life time of the Overseer Cothundarama Moodelly; that he had "found the man in the train of Local Fund Overseer Munusawmy Naidoo, and believing him to be no good, directed that he should not be employed, owing to the very unsatisfactory style of work done by him to the Culput spring channel."

4. He declined to produce the original orders which he alleged to have been given him by the late Overseer, and until he did so, or produced some other evidence than his mere assertion, and what professed to be copies of orders of which the originals were not forthcoming, I declined to interfere in the matter.

5. In reply to his last petition, I told him again that he must produce further evidence before I could order payment of his claim, and I have since ascertained that Mr. Smither told him that if he would show him the orders, without their quitting his own hands, his claims should be at once taken into consideration.

6. He now explains that he was afraid to trust the original documents out of his own possession, but there was no reason why he should not have shown them to Mr. Smither, or have come to me in person with them either at Vellore or at Sholinghur where he lives, and where, or in the neighbourhood of which, I have been on several occasions. I have at last got him to appear in person with the original orders (which I should mention the Overseer had no right to give) and he has satisfactorily established the justice of his claim.

7. The work done by him has this morning been measured in my presence, and the sum properly due will be paid to him in due course; the nature of his work fully corroborates Mr. Smither's opinion of that formerly done by him, being about as bad as anything I ever saw.

8. You will see that the delay in satisfying his claim arose entirely from his own stupid obstinacy in not producing the evidence on which it rested.

9. I have delayed answering this reference in order to be able to inspect the work done by the petitioner.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th January 1874.

No. 446. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1874, No. 226.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 27.

ORDERED to be recorded with reference to letter from the District Engineer of North Arcot, No. 2,837, of 10th December, reporting the cause of delay in satisfying the Contractor's claims; and stating that the sum due to him will be paid in due course, the work having been measured in Captain Pennycuik's presence.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

No.

2837

North Arcot,
DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Camp Jintany 10 Decr. 1873.

From

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,

NORTH ARCOT.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures. 1
Petition.

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2. It is of course not the case that I took no notice of the petitions addressed to myself; I never neglect a bona fide petition.

3. The first petition was referred for report to the Assistant Engineer Wallajah Range, who replied that he had no knowledge of the man being employed, and that the latter had made no claim during the life time of the Overseer Cothundarama Modelly; that he had found the man in the train of Local Sirdar Overseer Moosawamy Naidoo, and believing him to be no good, directed that he should not be employed, owing to the very unsatisfactory style of work done by him in the Culpat Spring Channel.

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5. In reply to his last petition, I told him again that he must produce further evidence before I could order payment of his claim, and I have since ascertained that Mr Spitham told him that if he would show him the orders, without then quitting his own hands, his claims should be at once taken into consideration.

6. We now explain that he was afraid to trust the original documents out of his own possession, but there was no reason why he should not have shown them to Mr Spitham, or have come to me in person with them either at Vellore, or at Sholinghur where he lives, and where, or in the neighbourhood of which, I have been on several occasions. I have at last got him to appear in person with the original orders (which I should mention the Overseer had no right to give) and he has satisfactorily established the justice of his claim.

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8. You will see that the delay in paying his claim arose entirely from his own stupid obstinacy in not producing the evidence on which it rested.

9. I have delayed answering this request in order to be able to inspect the work done by the petitioner.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
John Benjamin
District Engineer N. Arcot.

Public Works Department

No 226
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following

Petition
From P. Moonsawamy Moosilly later Contractor of Varamangalam Tank residing at Tholugai
From The District Engineer
H. E. No. of 19th Nov. 173 /
H. E. No. 2837 of 10th Decr 173 /
North Arcot.

Ordered to be recorded
with reference to letter from
the District Engineer of
North Arcot No. 2837 of 10th
December, reporting the
cause of delay in satisfy-
ing the Contractor's claims,
and stating that the sum
due to him will be paid
in due course; the work
having been measured
in Capt^l Permyenicki's
presence.

For the District Engineer
Petition forwarded to the Pet^r Depts
with a copy of 28.

G. M. N.

1873
From
The District Engineer,
North Arcot.
No. 6723.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
D. M. Department
Dated 10th Decr
1873
Received 12 Decr

No. 2837
Enclosure 1
Subject.
Returning the Petition
referred to for Report with
substatement of 22nd Nov 173
with explanations.

No. 5114
Obd 444
On 16.12.1873

No. 226. 30 Decr 173

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
North Arcot

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

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M. S. Mangalam, Esq.
North Arcot St. Paping
orders in letter from the
Sd. Engr. reporting on the
claim prepared by the
Sd. Contractor for
work carried out to
the bank.