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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	33	Press
B.P. No.		Mis.
70-71		
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List of enclosures forwarded
to the District Engineer of Kurnal
with G.O. 33 of 8th Jan^y 1874 -

3 enclosures bearing Ch^o 5465 of 1873 -

1 letter from the Asst Engr^s Virdachellum
Range to the Off^r D^r Engr^s Santa Mot
dated 12th March 1873 he 380 marked A
(copy)

1 Memo from the D^r Engr^s to Asst Engr^s dated
19th March/73 he 379 marked B - (copy)

1 letter from the Asst Engr^s to D^r Engr^s of 2nd April
1873 he 1 marked C - (copy)

1 letter from the D^r Engr^s to the Asst Engr^s
of 8th March/73 he 535 marked D (copy)

1 - Do from the Asst Engr^s to D^r Engr^s of 24th
April/73 he 10 marked E - (copy)

1 - Do - from the Asst Engr^s to D^r Engr^s of 12th
May/73 he 28 marked F - (copy)

1 - Do - from A. Sooprasamy Mud^r in charge
of Mehmatur Ament of 26th Nov^r/72
he 56 - (copy) marked F also into a list
marked F also.

1 endorsement on the above by the D^r Engr^s of 6th
May/73 he 156 marked G

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- 1 Letter from the ~~Asst~~ Sup^r & Secy in ch^r
of the Palanitory Project to the Asst Sup^r
Bell 9th May/73 he ~~A~~ marked H (copy)
- 1 Letter from his Bell to the Controller of Bra
dated 14th June/73 he ~~1007~~ marked J
- 1 Letter from the Off^r Controller of Bra to
his Asst Sup^r Bell 9th 17th June/73 he 298 (copy)
- 1 Copy of deini off^r letter from his Bell to his
for 9th March/73 marked I
- 1 Letter from At-~~for~~poorawny in ch^r of information
Ancient works to his Asst Sup^r for 9th
5th June/73 he 22 marked M (copy)
- 1 Memo from his Asst Sup^r for to his Bell 9th
21st March/73 he 385 marked N (copy)
- 1 ~~Off~~ from his Asst Sup^r for to his Bell 9th
28th March/73 he ~~A~~ marked O (copy)
- 1 Letter from the Asst Sup^r to his Asst Sup^r Bell
9th 7th March/73 he 325 marked P (copy)
- 1 Letter from his Asst Sup^r Bell to the Asst Sup^r
9th 10th March/73 he ~~A~~ (copy) - marked Q
- 1 Off^r memorandum from the Asst Sup^r to
to his Bell 9th 22nd Nov^r/71 he 486 marked R (copy)
- 1 Deini off^r letter from his for to his Bell 9th 3rd
March/73 marked I (in original)

Mr. J. M. Bell having
with this letter submit-
ted papers, "The result
of an investigation into
which it will depend
whether he or Mr. R. J. Nor-
po shall remain in the
Service of Govt. The
Controller of D. W. Accounts
will make arrangements
for a thorough investi-
gation of the accounts
of the Information Bureau
and, most low bridge,
and other works al-
located to, either per-
sonally or by his de-
puty, L. Christie S.S.

J. M. Bell
16.10.73

Letter from the ~~Refugee~~ ~~Refugee~~ ~~Refugee~~

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I have carefully
examined these papers
As remarked by
Colonel Walker, Mr. Bell
now comes forward with
facts and charges, which,
if true, seem to me in
practically to impute
to Mr. Bell for moral
turpitude, fraud and
interested misfeasance
and unfairness towards
himself and others. The
result of the inquiry,
which is inevitable,
must be fatal to me
or both of the gentlemen;
and an inquiry involving
such consequences must
be

injustice & alepties
the most careful
and judicial in its
character.

The allegations made
by Dr. Bell affect
transactions extending
over a length of time
and relate to a variety
of works and involves
a host of subordinate
associations and agencies.

An inquiry of the kind
extends of course far
beyond a mere examination
of accounts such as
a Controller's Department
can do - this is a part
of the evidence to be brought
to bear on both or either
side but cannot
fulfill the requirements

of the judicial investigation

It seems true that
the Departmental (D.P.W.) view
has already been too plainly
enunciated and acted on
for a pure departmental
investigation to give
satisfaction.

Further there can be
no doubt that the hyegones
of the Mettalar Bridge
Especially are a matter
of grave doubt and
scandal in the District.
The matter has been
taken up by the Local
Fund Board and
before long we must
have to deal with it
Mr. Lester's further action
in the thing. The Collector
too has taken part in
these differences and
Mr. Hooper is a country
-born and bred
Addalore

Cuddalore man.

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I think therefore that
an experienced Civil
Officer of the standing of
a Sub-Major (not one
of the juniors) should
be appointed to inquire
into the whole matter
in conjunction with
the Comptroller and as
suggested by Col. Walker.

29/10 Mr.

I think Mr. Bell
should be required
to state distinctly
the charges he has to
bring against Mr.
Norris. He can then
pursue a line which is best to
be done to secure a thorough
and impartial investi-
gation. J.D.L.

The charges seem explicit
enough: but it will be
doubtful or desirable to
specify that Bell distinctly
formulated them:
after which, as regarding
that he was not taken as
suggested by Mr. Robinson.

J.D.L.

Printed Statement of Mr. Bell
J. M. Bell, submitted for Mr.
dono
In G.O. No. 1219 of 29th April
Mr. Bell was degraded 7 steps
to be removed to an
other District, for misconduct
in the discharge of his
official duties used in his
letter of 6th March (which is put
up with that Order), and for
disobeying the orders of the
District Officer with reference to
the appointment of his H.
Accountant.
Mr. Bell had previously
come to Madras and had
seen the Chief Engineer, to
whom he spoke generally
of his relations with the
District Engineer, where he
was seriously concerned
as to his conduct towards
that Officer. Col. Walker
was greatly surprised at his
breaking out in spite of
that caution, & recommended
ed simple removal from
the District as its punishment.
The District Officer (Mr. Bell)
was then vacant) as a fit penalty
to which to transfer him.

It would ~~not~~ appear that
Mr. Bell had been Subdivi-
sional Officer under Mr.
Norfor, before he became
Range Officer under him
as District Surgeon. And
no doubt he had been dis-
respectful & contumacious
then as now - ~~therefore~~
received some punishment for
his insubordination as a 1st Lt.
at home, and despised
Mr. Norfor's courtesy - born
ways and local training.
Both men are hard working
and zealous; it is a pity
the one came again under
the other. Especially as
the Range & its accounts
about which they quarrelled
had been thrown into dis-
order during Mr. Stranks'
worth's tenure of the former;
and as the District itself,
which had been a model
of order under Col. Doord,
had fallen into disor-
der during the temporary te-
nure of the 5th Div. by Lt. Col.
Roberts and Major Ver-
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Mr. Bell now brings forward
statements with respecting etc

penditure on works carried
out by Mr. Norfor, (some of
which he had already
called on the Controller
to verify), by which he evi-
dently intends to impeach
the District Engineer as guilty
of corrupt practices;
and by ~~which~~ according to
the result of an investigation
into which it is submitted,
that his own retention in
or dis. if at all from, the Dist.
should depend, per Mr.

Norfor's merit -
It is proposed that the Con-
troller or his Deputy be in-
structed to proceed and
investigate into the matter
on the spot - (Perhaps 2nd
Christian R. S. By Controller
in the first branch, might
be the best man for the
purpose) & the P. W. Dept.
reference in financial order
made in 8th Aug. be dis-
posed of as per Draft at-
tached to it -

W. W.
16.10.73

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the service of
 ment, is requested to
 submit his accusations
 against that Officer
 in the more definite
 form of specific charges
 of misappropriation of
 the funds of one work
 to the completion of another
 or to his own or relatives'
 of overcharges.

ape - In charge
 separate part - MR.
 2/72

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for work and materials.

On receipt of Mr. Bell's further communication His Excellency the Governor in Council will take steps for a judicial enquiry being instituted into the whole matter by a Committee to be appointed for the purpose

G.M.

No 526

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Read the following

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Before taking action on the subject of Mr. Bell's letter dated 12th September 1873 His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to call upon that officer to specify distinctly the charges he has to bring against Mr. Norfor, each charge being separately stated. On receipt of information in this form measures will be taken for a judicial

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Judicial investigation
into the whole matter
by a Committee to be
appointed for this
purpose. G.W.

1875
Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
Kurnool

Dated
Recd. Encl. 3
G. O. 8 "Aug 17/75. 33.

Recd. 10-71

Mr. Asst. Eng. Bell called
upon to specify distinctly
the charges he has to bring
against Mr. Norpor, of
South Arcot.
weds 10/1/76 with a long
demi off-his.

To The District Eng.
Kurnool.
with a long & full account

all the matter
is to be
settled
in the
District
Engineer's
office
at Kurnool
on the 10th
inst. 10/1/76
with a long
demi off-his.

12 in 9 Dec 73