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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th September 1874.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 100A. From the District Engr., Godavery, dated 26th May 1874, No. 631.
No. 100B. From " " " 16th June " " 864.
No. 100C. From " " " 21st Aug. " " 1,613.

No. 100D. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1874, No. 2,513A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 5A.

THE services of Supervisor and Conductor Jack will be placed at the disposal of the Godavery District Engineer on his relief from the charge of Trichinopoly Range by Mr. Wybrow, who will revert to the same on Major Law assuming charge of the district, to which he is hereby appointed.

2. Akojee Ramiah will be placed on the Pension List from date of his relief by Mr. Conductor Jack, who will lose no time in joining.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.

Trichinopoly.

" " Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker,

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From
Major J. Peatty R. E.

Chief Engineer Public Works Department
Sir, Madras.

⁺ Vide Letter No 365 as a temporary measure; and Mr. Hannan
dated 5th May 1874 was relieved by Sub Engineer Ramiah on the
1st instant.

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expedient that he should return to Olloce
first to give full information regarding his
works.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

L. Beatty Major R.E.

District Engineer Cadiz

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N^o 864

District Engineer's Office Godavari
Dowlaisherum 16th June 1874

From,

Major J. Beatty R.E.
District Engineer Godavari

To,

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum
N^o 397 of 10th instant, I have the honor
to report the circumstances under which
the Ellore Range was handed over by
Mr. Baker in an unsatisfactory manner
2. Mr. Assistant Engineer Hannan
being at Dowlaisherum on the 18th April
was orally instructed to take charge of
the Ellore Range from Mr. Baker, in
addition to his own, and as a temporary
measure; and in doing so to make all
possible haste in order that the Super-
visor might leave by the Steamer due
at Cocanada, 70 miles off, on the 27th

Per 18th Sept
1874

The District Engineer
Godavari

The Secretary to
Government Madras

Madras

Recd 26th Sept 1874

N^o 631

Madras

E. D. P. 25/9/74

Supervisor Baker was
referred as a temporary
measure on the 25th Sept
by Mr. Hannan and the
District Officer to Mr. Hannan
on the 1st July 1874 requests
that Mr. Baker may be
ordered to return to the
District to give our charge
properly of his range if he
were allowed to transfer
District

Mr. Baker

Recd to Dist 1st Sept 74

3. Mr. Hannan accordingly pro-
-ceeded to Ellore, which is 50 miles
from Dowlaishwaram, took over charge
from Mr. Baker in a hasty and in-
-complete fashion, and allowed him
to leave Ellore for Cocanada on the 25th.

Mr. Baker arrived at Cocanada on
the 27th but the steamer then due
did not arrive until 2^d May, the
date reported in letter No 363 of 5th May.

4. The Ellore Range is a very
large one in which there has been, and
will be, a considerable expenditure on
Local Fund works, and Mr. Baker

Expenditure of Ellore Range	1873-74	who succeeded
Local Fund	68,904	Lieuten and
Imp'l Provincial	34,056	P. F. Dorrard
Total Rupees	102,960	R. C. is the only

person, now
that Colonel Fischer has gone, who can
give information as to special circum-
-stances affecting the general work.

Consequently Mr. Baker would cer-
-tainly have been detained, at least
until

until the new Range Officer had
gone very carefully over the Range
with him, had there been any specu-
-lation of his removal to another District.

5. As you have been good enough
to allow me a choice between Mr. Baker
and A. Ramiah, I shall be glad, from
my knowledge of their qualifications,
to retain the services of Mr. Baker.

At the same time, I do not consider it
would be right to leave either of these
subordinates in charge of so important
a Range as Ellore, while an Assistant
Engineer of Mr. Martin's standing and
experience is in charge of a Sub division.

Mr. Assistant Engineer Martin
was formerly in charge of the Ellore
Range, before Lieutenant P. F. Dorrard
came to the District, from 1869 to
July 1871; and I prefer that he should
return there, visit every portion of the
Range with Mr. Baker, who on being
relieved would take up Mr. Martin's
present post, that of Sub Divisional
Officer.

Officer in the Eastern Delta Range

I have consulted with Captain Brockman about this arrangement and he agrees with me that it is the right course to take under the circumstances; he also states that he would very much prefer Mr. Baker as his Sub Divisional Officer to A. Ramiah.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. Beatty Major R.E.

District Engineer Gody.

Godavery Dist^{ct} Eng^r's Office
Dowlaiswarum

No 1613

21st August 1874.

From

Major J. Beatty R. E.
District Engineer Gody.

Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Madras

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To

1. Accommodation
for the Sub-Engineer
of the Range

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Sir

With reference to your Memorandum No 497 dated 6th ult^o, informing me that Sub-Engineer Ahojee Ramiah had been permanently posted to the Godavery District, but that you approved of my placing Officers in charge of Ranges instead of subordinates, when practicable, I have the honor to inform you that I have been unable to remove Ramiah from Elore, because he is so utterly inefficient owing to age and infirmity, that he would be altogether out of place as a assistant in a Delta Range, but having now obtained

from

Q from the Civil Surgeon a certificate of
B Ramiah's being qualified for pension by
age and infirmity, I have now decided
to send Mr. Martin to Ellore to take his
place as Range Officer. ^{herewith sent}

2. I consider Ramiah both physical-
ly, and mentally, worn out and incapable;
and that he should have been pensioned
long since.

3. The accompanying papers show, that
eight years ago, at the Rajahmundry Central ^{vide G.O. No. 1522}
Jail, he was so unable to distinguish between ^{of 11th May 1866.}
right and wrong, and to carry out work
according to the rules of the Department,
and the orders of Government, as to be
manifestly unfit for an independent charge;

(2) that his subsequent career at Chicacole
was marked by every irregularity of which
a Range Officer could well be guilty; and

(3) that in the opinion of the Civil Surgeon
of this District, as well as the District
Engineer under whom he last served, he
is now thoroughly worn-out, and unfit for
further service of any kind. ^{vide accompanying report.}

4.

4. I should have contented myself with
simply forwarding you the Medical Officer's
certificate, but that Ramiah has shown
some unwillingness to be pensioned, I con-
sider his removal urgent, and am appre-
hensive of the possibility of further delay.

I beg therefore you will let me have an
efficient Officer or Upper subordinate to
take his place in the District Establishment,
and shall feel obliged by your informing
me at your earliest convenience how you
propose to fill up this vacancy as well as
that about to occur in No. 5 Range by
Mr. Haiman's proceeding to Europe on
the furlough already gazetted.

5. Mr. Larminie has had long ex-
perience in No. 1 Range, and now that
a large amount of new work under the
Delta project is being commenced I con-
sider it highly inexpedient to weaken the
hands of the Eastern Delta Range Officer,
with his heavy expenditure of 2½ lacs per
annum, by removing his most able as-
sistant.

6.

6. Mr. Welch, too, with his important charge in the Western Delta, having only one Assistant Engineer and one Supervisor to assist him, cannot spare either of them.

7. If there should be any difficulty in replacing Mr. Hannan by an officer of his own or similar standing and experience, and that you find it practicable to make such an arrangement, I should be glad to have, for the charge of No. 5 Range, the services of Supervisor Serjeant V. Cormac, now Sub-divisional Officer at Vizianagram.

8. The accompanying statement shows the total expenditure of last year, and grants of this year for the different Ranges.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient servant

L. Beatty Major R.E.
District Engineer Gooch.

Camp 24

Potacumund
 No 377 4th June/4.
 Memorandum
 The Chief Engineer has the
 honor to remark with reference to
 letters from the District Engineer
 Co. & No. 365 of 5th May and 631
 of 26th May that it is difficult to
 understand how his supervision
 Baker failed to give over charge
 of his Range in a satisfactory man-
 -ner, considering that ample time
 for the purpose would appear to
 have elapsed between the two days
 mentioned in these letters viz the 25th
 April and 2nd May; from the former

To Mr. J. B. Deane
 Secretary of the District Engineer

Lyons

Chief Engineer

P. M. D.

Madras

Dated 21st August

Received 27th 1894

No. 1613

Enclosure

Subject

Reporting the necessity

for furnishing sub Eng^s

Altogether examined at once

on removing him to some

other District where cannot

be usefully employed here

G. O. No. 25132. 4-9-94.

Noted

Copy of the letter

And, not the latter of which his
leave must be reckoned to com-
-mence -

The Dr. Eng. will have
be so good as to report whether he
prefers to retain Mr. Baker or A.
Rouillac, as the service of both
cannot be spared him - He will
be sure to be drawn up
a statement of the information
regarding Mr. Baker's work which
is defective, & requires to be supplied.

(Signed) G. W. Walker Col. R.E.

Chief Eng. R.E.

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South West District has led
to the transfer of Mr. Baker
by Order of Govt. There is
therefore no alternative
but that Sub Engineer A.
Rouillac shall be perman-
ently posted to the South
West District -

The Chief Engineer does not
interfere in the details of the
employment of the various
Officers & Subordinates posted
to Districts; but he highly ap-
proves of Major Heath's views
in respect of not placing higher
Subordinates in charge of ranges
when Officers of the Engineer & Staff
are available.

P. W. 1874 Report
 27th Sept 1874
 From Office 3762

The District Engineer
 J. Godavery
 The Chief Engineer

Memo. No. 1076 of 26th June 74.
 Dated 16 June 1874.
 Recd 22 "

20. 1086
 27. 5734 6-5-76
 The following are the circumstances under which Mr. Baker failed to give over charge in a satisfactory manner, and electing to retain the services of Mr. Baker in preference to A. Ramiah.
 Memo. No. 497 of 6th Aug 1874.

Major Beatty is informed that copy of his letter N: 864 of 16 June was forwarded to Mr. Superintendent with instructions to return to the Godavery District within his leave. But that he has requested permission for absence for carrying out some sent irrigation repairs.

MEMORANDUM

Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers:—

Public Works Pros. dated 14th September 1874,
 (para 2 of which relates to Ahojee Ramiah's
 with Medical Certificate & any other papers
 regarding him.)

I. M. Ahmed Shamsa Sahib
 Head Clerk Pension Dept.

Medical Certificate
 given to the Pension Dept.
 15/10/74

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
 Revenue Department,
 14th October 1875.

To The Registrar of the Public Works Department

I am, Sir, most respectfully

Yours, Sir, very obediently

Major J. Brathby R. E.

District Engineer

Godaverry Dist.

Sir

With reference to your
verbal orders I most humbly and
respectfully beg to inform your honour
that I having found a great incon-
venience to be a rider from last 10 years
employed a Sanyas with a regular
set of bearers, with which I used to
inspect works in my Range during
the times of Col. J. F. Stoddard R. E.
Col. A. Chambers R. E., Major J. C.
Ryder R. E., Col. J. F. Moberly R. E.,
Col. J. F. Fischer R. E., Major J.

Beckly R.D., and Major H. L. Smith R.D.

I further beg to inform that whenever the above named Gentlemen used to inspect my works have permitted me to follow them with my Sonjan and besides I have also reported the same matter to Major H. L. Smith the District Supt of Ganjam vide my letter dated 3rd May 1873.

In case I were to travel with poney in this Range after having no experience for the last ten years it will be a great dangerous, and at the same time will cause injury to my present health.

In conclusion I humbly solicit to state that as I have served the Government for the last 30 years nearly and become old enough it will be a little something for me now to ride on poney and if master permits me to inspect all my works - using a Sonjan as usual I think I can serve the Government for more a few years. Otherwise it is left in your honor's option for favorable consideration as to recommend for pension.

I beg to Remain
Sir

Your Most Obedient S^t

M. L. Smith

Covoor
1st August 1874.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
11th May 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 310. Petition from THOTA CHETHUMBARAM, supply Duffadar of the Central Jail at Rajahmundry.

Brings to notice certain malpractices carried on at the Rajahmundry Central Jail, with the connivance of Supervisor Ramiah. (Here enter 17th October 1865.)

No. 311. From the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ellore, 23rd February 1866.

1. With reference to your docket* No. —, dated —, I have the honor to submit the accompanying precis of the results of my investigation. I have numbered the paragraphs to correspond with those of the statement, and on the opposite leaf is Supervisor Ramyah's explanation or defence.

2. The Supervisor's character is very seriously damaged by his having employed the uncle of the principal Contractor as Head Maistry on the work. His system with Contractors, as regards advances, appears to have been very bad, and he has disregarded the Regulations about Contracts, having entered into contracts which he had not authority to make on behalf of Government.

3. On the other hand, the Supervisor has made good progress with the work, and submits a statement which purports to show a nett saving of expenditure compared with estimated cost of work done, amounting to Rupees 22,000, or 12 per cent. on the estimated cost.

4. I am sorry to have to report that the allegation of the main Jail wall having been scamped has proved to true, one-third of it (at the points examined by Messrs. Sage and Rundall) is loose stone, instead of coursed rubble in chunam.

5. I have suspended the Supervisor from his charge of the 6th Range pending the orders of Government.

6. With a view to carrying on the Jail work, I have directed Sub-Engineer Veerannah to take charge of it in addition to his own Range duties. The Overseer's account of expenditure on irrigation repairs, &c., and other returns, will be forwarded to the Sub-Engineer, for compilation with the Range accounts; but he will not be able to inspect or in any way supervise repairs and minor works at a distance from Rajahmundry. This is of course only a temporary arrangement, until the vacant range be filled.

7. I have the honor to recommend that Supervisor Ramyah be removed from charge of a range, and be employed *under an Officer* on some large work.

DEFENCE.

1. The Maistry Superintendent, Kadyem Subroydu, employed on the Jail work, is uncle to the Contractor for supply of lime and sand, and stood security for the proper performance of the contract.

1. The Maistry Superintendent, Kadyem Subroydu, had nothing to do with receiving or examining the lime and sand delivered by his nephew, nor with measuring or certifying the quantity. Did not see anything wrong in the Maistry in charge of the executive details being uncle to the lime and sand Contractor.

25. 3/4 Sept 1866
To M. S. S. 1002
20. 5379/74

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11th May 1866.*

2. The sand Contractor (nephew of the Maistry Superintendent) agreed to supply river (Godavery) sand for 2½ Rupees a garce, and having signed an agreement, Rupees 1,000 was advanced to him. Up to 28th June inclusive, altogether Rupees 3,280 had been advanced, and only 400 garce (value at 2½ Rupees, 1,100 Rupees) delivered. On the 29th June 1864 another contract was executed between the Supervisor and the nephew of his Maistry for the supply of sand at 3 Rupees per garce. All the sand delivered on the work including the 400 garce before 28th June 1864, has been charged at 3 Rupees.

3. A considerable proportion of the sand delivered was not river sand, but got from nullahs and holes at short distances from the work.

4. The contract for lime was at the rate of 11 Rupees, but all adjustments of accounts have been made at the rate of 12 Rupees. The Contractor in this instance also is the Maistry Superintendent's nephew.

5. The spandrils between the arched roofs of the cells were filled in with a concrete composed of broken brick, kuppy or lime siftings, and chunam: good work, but not in accordance with the estimate.

6. The flat tiles used in the third radial block were badly burnt.

7. This, the most serious charge, is supported by the results of examination of the Jail wall in three places, by Messrs. Sage and Rundall. At the points examined it was found that the outer 2 feet (about) was very well built, but that the centre had scarcely any mortar, nor were the stones properly built in. The result of the examination by the two Executive Engineers, named above, so far as it goes, proves that the masonry in the centre of the thick outer wall (and probably its foundation) has been scamped.

8. The charge, that false entries of deliveries of material were made in the accounts (though probably true, the Maistry Superintendent being uncle of and security for the Contractor) has not been made out clearly.

9. I have not enquired into this, it would probably lead to nothing.

10 and 11. Are not established.

DOWLASHWERAM,
22nd February 1866.

2. The sand Contractor could not be kept to his first agreement, as he was not legally bound till 29th June 1864, and that 3 Rupees was a fair rate.

3. During the freshes in the Godavery sand was good from nullahs, &c.

4. That he was authorized by the Superintending Engineer to give 12 Rupees per garce for the lime.

5. That the spandrils thus built were as good as, if not better than rubble work and that it used up what would otherwise have been valueless and in the way.

6. Will not admit that the tiles were badly burnt, thinks that Messrs. Sage and Rundall happened to see a few bad tiles.

7. Declares he was particularly careful about the quality of the work, and spent great part of his time on the work, any inferior work must have been done during his absence on inspections in other parts of his Range.

(Signed) J. G. RYVES, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

No. 312. Official Memorandum from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 9th April 1866, No. 3,095.

* 1 Petition from T. Chedumbrum, supply Duffadar.

1 Precise of results of investigation.

1 Letter from the Superintending Engineer.

1 Do. from Supervisor Ramyah.

1 Memorandum giving further explanation.

1 Book containing testimonials.

The Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division does himself the honor of re-submitting the papers,* returned with Memorandum of 21st ultimo, together with Supervisor Ramyah's explanation as called for.

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11th May 1866.*

From Supervisor A. RAMYAH, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Rajahmundry, 3rd April 1866.

1. In submitting my further explanation called for in your Memorandum* No. 2,791 of the 28th ultimo, I respectfully take the liberty to state, with reference to paragraph 2 of your

* Three accompaniments herewith returned.
letter to Government, that Colonel Chambers, late Superintending Engineer, having directed me to spend 5,000 Rupees on the Jail work at a short time, I was obliged to give advances to Contractors for supply of materials, the accounts of which I had also submitted to him, who had never objected to my proceedings in the matter. By my having entered into contracts and having given advances as above set forth, I was enabled to get materials at the lowest price and which tended to effect a saving of Rupees 22,000 on the estimated cost of Rupees 80,000 (the amount paid to Government workshop for iron doors and teakwood work being deducted). The advances thus made have however been gradually recovered, with the exception of a small balance, which will be recovered in a month's time without causing least loss to Government.

2. I had been in charge of Ranges for about ten years, and have also superintended the construction of several important works such as anicut, &c. During the whole period of my service of twenty-two years, I presume to say that my character had never been impeached, and that the most honorable Officers under whom I had served have all formed a very good opinion of me and granted me high testimonials. I have also executed great many irrigation works in this Range, which tended to increase the cist by 40,000 Rupees.

3. In conclusion, I respectfully beg your honor will be pleased to secure my character which I had maintained for the last twenty-two years. I herein enclose a book containing my testimonials, as well as the recommendation made about me by Captain Haig to the Secretary to Chief Commissioner of Central Province, and respectfully beseech your honor to forward the same together with copies of this letter and explanation to Government for their favorable consideration.

Additional explanation afforded by Supervisor A. RAMYAH, regarding the points of complaint made against him.

1. As regards paragraphs 1 to 5 of the precis of results of the Superintending Engineer's investigation, I have nothing more to say than that afforded by me by letter No. 149, dated 18th December 1865.

2. With reference to paragraph 6, I beg to assert that no bad tiles were ever used on the building alluded to. The Sub-Engineer now in charge of the Range being also satisfied with their quality, is now going on with the plastering over them.

3. With regard to paragraph 7, I beg to state that Messrs. Sage and Rundall have only examined the wall in the places pointed out by the Petitioner, who, I strongly suspect, has purposely got the work in those places done in such manner, during my absence from the work, by the assistance of Maistries and artificers, in order to expose me to blame. Your honor is well aware that the exigency of my duties often renders it necessary for me to be absent from the work on account of inspections in other parts of the Range, and that it would be impossible for me to detect all these defects after the work is finished. During the time I was present on the work, I have not least cause to suspect of any bad work being done, as I was always very careful about the quality of the work. I further beg to add that the Petitioner was one of the persons who were employed to superintend the work on the Jail, and that he had never reported to me that bad work was being done in the Jail wall, and until the places pointed out by the Petitioner to Messrs. Sage and Rundall, I was quite ignorant of it.

4. Paragraphs 8 to 11 require no explanation, as the allegations therein made are entirely false.

RAJAHMUNDY,
3rd April 1866.

(Signed) A. RAMYAH.

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11th May 1866.*

No. 313. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1866, No. 1,522.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36.

1. The enquiries made by the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division into the charges brought in the above Petition against Supervisor Ramyah seem to establish the fact of the following irregularities and malpractices having been permitted at the work now in progress at the new Central Jail at Rajahmundry :—

(1.) The principal Maistry employed on the work was the uncle of the Contractor for the supply of lime and sand, and stood security for the due performance of the contract for those materials.

(2.) The Supervisor having raised the price of sand on the 29th June from 2½ to 3 Rupees per garce, paid the enhanced rate on all the sand (400 garce) that had been delivered previous to that date.

(3.) A considerable proportion of the sand supplied was got from holes and nullahs near the work instead of from the river as stipulated in the Contract.

(4.) The tiles used in a portion of the work were bad.

(5.) The Jail enclosure wall at the three places broken into by Messrs. Sage and Rundall, the Executive Engineers deputed for the purpose by Captain Ryves, was found to consist of outer walls of good stone work in chunam with a core of dry rubble.

2. The Supervisor being called upon to answer these charges, admits the truth of the three first, meets the fourth by a simple denial, and, with regard to the fifth, states that the three places broken into were pointed out by the Petitioner, an employé on the works, who must have caused the bad work to be done during the Supervisor's absence from the Jail on the other duties of his Range, for the express purpose of working his ruin.

3. The Superintending Engineer considers Supervisor Ramyah's character to be seriously damaged by the result of the investigation, but remarks that he has made good progress with the work, and that the statement of work performed purports to show a net saving of 12 per cent. on estimated cost of the work done. Captain Ryves has suspended the Supervisor and recommends that he should, for the future, be employed under an Officer on some large work.

4. Supervisor Ramyah has been in the Government service for 22 years, and during that time has received numerous very flattering certificates for ability and good work from the Officers under whom he has been placed.

5. Considering all the circumstances of the case, and giving due weight to the particulars detailed in the last two paragraphs, the Government are disposed to take a lenient view of the Supervisor's conduct, and, whilst attributing the irregularities described in the first three charges to want of judgment, think that the use of unburnt tiles and the bad work in the wall may have occurred from want of due supervision and inability to exercise proper check during his temporary absence in other parts of his Range.

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6. Although the Supervisor has thus, in the opinion of Government, cleared himself of criminality, sufficient still remains to show that there has been a very reprehensible amount of negligence in his management of the important building operations entrusted to his charge, but, being unwilling to deal severely with a man of his long standing and ability, the Right Honorable the Governor considers that removal from his present range and the loss of three-fourths of the pay which he has forfeited during the time he has been under suspension will be a sufficient punishment.

7. In the Order marginally noted No. 1,120, dated 12th April 1866, the Government expressed their intention of shortly appointing an Upper Subordinate to the Ganjam District. It is hoped that Mr. Harris, who has been appointed to the Godavery District, will shortly join, and the Superintending Engineer will then be at liberty either to place the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Jail at Rajahmundry and Supervisor Ramyah under Captain Darrah at Berhampore, or to employ Ramyah on some less important charge than that which he recently held.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustia.

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Statement showing the total Expenditure in 1873-74 and grants of the year 1874-75
 for the different Ranges of the Godavari District

Expenditure in 1873-74				Grants for 1874-75				Remarks	
Ranges	Imperial	Provincial	Local	Total Imperial	Provincial	Local	Total		
1	181,599	12,055	52,951	246,605	258,059	11,923	565,588	326,540	The total grant for Repairs Agricultural has been allotted to the Ranges in proportion to last year's expenditure on that head.
2	54,406	2,919	28,827	86,152	48,075	9,445	29,630	78,649	
3	181,805	11,441	52,087	235,033	232,467	11,664	40,245	273,876	
4	33,535	711	70,510	1,04,756	14,100	1,000	55,465	70,565	
5	20,600	23,433	116,074	1,60,107	10,720	75,78	74,445	92,743	
Total	4,71,945	40,259	3,20,449	832,653	563,421	22,609	2,56,343	842,373	

District Engineer's Office Godavari
 Dated this 21st August 1874

L. Beatty - Deputy District Engineer Godavari

No. C.38

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE, GANJAM.
Camp Para Ranapeta
13th August 1874.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

GANJAM.

To

The District Engineer
Coolahery

Enclosures

1 C.O.

SIR,

In reply to your letter
No. 255 dated the 21st ult. re-
warding Copy of Government
order No. 1522 dated 11th May 1866
regarding Sub. Engineer Shojee
Dandab I have the honor to
state that I do not consider
him fit for Charge of a Range.
I have waited to answer your
letter till arrival at Freerole
in order that I might have
ready reference to the records
of that office whilst he was
in Charge of it. It is true on
his

Document
returned

his being transferred from
Chicaco to Helene. I re-
commended his application
to Government for employment
in the Godavari District but
that was on the understanding
that Colonel Fischer was pre-
pared to give him light work
on the Punicent and quarries
at Dowlaismaram for which
and which only I thought
he was fit. I knew very little
of him at the time and was
guided chiefly by the very
high character he had got
from officers of the highest
standing in the Public Works
Department.

2. When I first came to this
District I was quite prepared
to look favorably on Sub Engineer
Ramiab, as Colonel Fischer
told me he had been handsomely
treated. I feel sure now that
had

had he stayed in Chicaco.
I should have been obliged
to have brought him to the
notice of Government long ago
as unfit for Charge of a Range.
I consider he is physically un-
fit for his work. He cannot
walk a step as I found
when going about the Range
with him and as Asquith
joined in relieving him. I
think he ought to be brought
before a medical board to pro-
nounce on his fitness or un-
fitness for further service. He
described himself officially
as "worn out" in this service.
He did not go out about his
Range more than he could
possibly help. It is impossible
he can have seen the sites of
works for which he submitted
estimates. After his departure
Asquith went on inspecting the
work for which he had made
Estimate.

Estimates found many of them utterly wrong and they had to be cancelled. Some of the work partially done under his orders were very bad indeed a great waste of money and some were not finished though reported so.

3. Irrigation Repairs were grossly neglected by the Sub Engineer all the years he was in the Chiricahua Range. This I say from personal inspection and from his own admissions. The designs and estimates he did send in were exceedingly bad. No estimates were made in the beginning of 1873-74 when Engineer Leiser took charge from him and in consequence the expenditure in the year was very small. Where irrigation works had been carried out by him I found them quite unsatisfactorily treated. Roads were treated by him

him in the same style. So I have had occasion to tell the Local Fund. Board of the Circle & Sub Engineer Ranish that estimates were wholly unreliable. His road estimates were derided from in the most reckless way. New work charged to maintenance. Earthwork, bridges &c without the slightest authority. No deviation statements were ever sent by him. The work itself very bad. A notable instance is a bridge in the Mahanah. Tanai a river at Bendy. Here he took the whole maintenance grant of the road and with it converted a timber plank bridge into a masonry one by putting in intermediate piers in each bay and turning arches reducing the water way to a most dangerous extent. I fully expect this bridge to be swept away the first heavy rain. Another

Another instance is the
Chinlada and Hiramandatum
Road work where the materials
Charged for were certainly not
used as is clearly shown now
after traffic has been allowed
on the road. The Buildings
in Cheenole his head quarters
do not add to his credit - on the
contrary. I believe you your-
self inspected the school which
fell in when he was in charge.
A Post office reported by him
as unfit for occupation (sending
in an estimate for \$2000 for a
new one) has been rendered per-
fectly fit for occupation by
Ensign Limer at a cost of \$2
140

4. Then his style of carrying
out work. When a work was
sanctioned his practice was to
send privately for some good
for nothing Contractors and
advance

advance them the whole of
the estimate. The Contractors
did the work as they liked.
The overseers were not entrusted
with the estimates yet the
Sub Engineer made them send
in certified bills for every
work and then considered
he had shifted all his own
responsibility on to their
shoulders. The accounts of
his Sub. ordinates seem never
to have been properly examined
by him. I found outstanding
advances of many years made
by him which I made him
pay up eventually and on
giving over charge to Ensign Limer
many thousands of bills charged
in the accounts were deficient
on the Hiramandatum road
the value of which also I made
him pay up. Local I found
overseer Pichuanabasomai
since

Since dismissed is well known to you he was highly recommended to me by the Sub Engineer. Another Overseer T. Narayanaswami promoted on his recommendation was degraded on my report for his bad work.

5 I found his practice with the petty Contractors for earth work was to pay them the whole of the Contingencies of the estimates. Of course I stopped this at once. It is clear that the Sub Engineer must have signed Completion Certificates for works which had not been completed. One instance is the bridge before alluded to and here the whole of the estimated cost was paid in advance to the Contractor though charged as work done

done on the overser's bill which he was ordered to send in by the Sub Engineer. Similarly in another case the same thing must have been done. I need hardly tell you all these irregularities did not come to light till after Ramesh had left the Range. He was only about three months under my orders. It was not till Ensign Liver had moved about all over the Range and had made searching enquiries about the works he came across that these irregularities could be detected.

I have the honour
To be
Yours most obedient
Humble
H. M. M. Majors
Off District Engineer
Sargodha

St. Department
 Pro: of the Madras Government
 Read the following

From

The St. Engineer
 (H.C. No. 631 of 26 May 1874)
 (H.C. No. 864 of 16 June 1874)
 (H.C. No. 1613 of 21 Aug 1874)
 (H.C. No. 2513 of 4 September 1874)

The services of Mr. Jack will be placed at the disposal of the Godavery District Engineer on his relief from the charge of Trichinopoly Range by Mr. Rybrow, who will revert to the same on Major Law assuming charge of the District, which he is

1874

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

GANJAM.

Aty. 27/4 Sept 1874

To Mr. J. A. 100 G.

The District Engineer

Godavery

No. C.38.

Dated

13th

Despatched

13th

August 1874

Received

27th

Enclosures. 1 C.D.

Quies information

in regard to St. Engineer

Radhakrishna's administration

of the Godavery Range & his opinion

of the St. Engineer's

character and

habits.

27/10/1874

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is hereby appointed.

A Rajee Ramiah
will be placed on the
Pension list from
date of his relief
by Mr. Conductor Jack,
who will lose no time
in joining.
Gover

100 A-100 D

Dr. Gossamer
" " " " " "
* C. B. V.
* S. C. V. despt. 25/9/74.
Mr. S. despt. only to Dr. Gossamer
S. C. " to Dr. 15/10/74

Cur 9/9/74 Retd 4/9/74

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Gobt. of Madras.

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The Secy.
General

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 6 Sept 74, No. 25

No. 1004-1005

Transfers - Conductor

Jack transferred to
the Godavay ^{8th} to
relieve - Atropie Ramiah
who is to be transferred
to the Pension Establish-
ment and Mr. Wybror
to relieve Conductor
Jack when Major ~~W~~
assumes charge of the
Trichinopoly District.

Sent 19.9.74. R. 25.9.74