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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th September 1874.*

No. 386A. Read the following letter from W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Malabar, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 9th September 1874, No. 122:—

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of letter, No. 260, dated 7th instant, from the Officer in charge of the Cannanore Range, to my address, from which you will perceive that Overseer Serjeant Mahoney has been convicted on all the charges brought against him, and committed to stand his trial at the High Court at the next Criminal Sessions to be held in November. I request that, under the circumstances, you will be good enough to sanction Lieutenant Dobson's absence from his range and the district for the time during which it will be absolutely necessary for him to be absent, such period being testified to by him as having been spent *en route* to and from Madras and in attendance at the Court. It will of course be my business to see that the duties of his range are properly conducted while he is away.

2. The case has been a tedious one, and is disastrous in the extreme to the Overseer, whose peculations and misconduct have been, I consider, very zealously and ably brought to light and exposed by Lieutenant Dobson, than whom it would be difficult to find a better officer in every respect, and I submit that he is deserving of promotion to the next grade, as a special case, for successfully bringing two delinquents to justice, who but for his unsparing exertions might still be pursuing their depredations with impunity.

From Lieutenant A. E. DOBSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer, Cannanore Range, Malabar, to W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 7th September 1874, No. 260. -

I HAVE the honor to report, for your information, that the prosecution cases against Serjeant Mahoney were concluded on 2nd September, and that committal to the High Court was obtained on every case. The charges I brought against Serjeant Mahoney were as follow:—

No. I.—Committing criminal breach of trust by selling timber from Mahé bridge in November 1872, and appropriating the proceeds to his own use. Case began on July 3rd. Prisoner committed on July 7th to stand his trial at the High Court. In this case I myself was the prosecutor, but when it was finished the Magistrate informed me he was unwilling to let me appear as prosecutor and witness in the other cases.

No. II.—Charge, criminal breach of trust in charging in his cash-book the hire of boats for the Moorat bridge, when he really owed the money and had not paid it, but appropriated it himself. This charge supported by a document in the prisoner's own hand writing; being a kind of I O U to the boatman, the money being entered in cash-book as paid. This case began July 8th, and the prisoner was committed 15th July to stand trial at the High Court on this charge.

No. III.—Charge, criminal breach of trust and aiding and abetting forgery in the case of the Cootiaddy bridge, in reporting the work as being nearly complete, and, on inspection, no work being done; the vouchers and bills being submitted to support the amount, these bills being fictitious. The prosecution began on 15th July, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining an important witness from Mangalore, viz, a private writer formerly employed by the Overseer, the case was not complete until September 2nd.

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2. The prisoner was committed to stand trial on September 2nd at the High Court on criminal breach of trust and three distinct forgeries, the Magistrate having charged him with forgery on each of the fictitious bills; thus making four counts on one charge.

No. IV.—Criminal breach of trust in having sold old timber from Moorat bridge, and not having credited the proceeds to the work, but having appropriated them to his own use. The prosecution began on July 20th and was concluded on 31st July, the prisoner being committed to stand his trial on the charge of criminal breach of trust on this charge also at the High Court.

3. The three last prosecution charges were conducted by Mr. vanSomeren, a Barrister, sanctioned by Government, and I feel much obliged to him for the trouble and pain he has taken with the various cases.

4. As I myself have been bound over to appear at the High Court, Madras, on November 2nd, and my Head Accountant and also a peon, I have the honor to request that arrangements may be made for the conducting of the work of the range, as I shall be obliged to leave here about the 25th October, as it will be necessary for me to be at Madras quite three days before the date mentioned to instruct the Government Prosecutor, as from the quantity of account work and the number of technical details involved, everything will have to be carefully explained to the Government Prosecutor in order that there should be no mistake. I have therefore taken the opportunity of requesting that you will be kind enough to make some arrangements for the working of my range as I may be away quite a fortnight.

No. 386B.

ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1874, No. 2,660-A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 29A.

LIEUTENANT Dobson's absence from his district for such time as may be necessary is sanctioned.

2. The zeal and ability evinced by Lieutenant Dobson in the detection of the culprits and the management of the subsequent proceedings are duly appreciated and noted.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S T. Austin.
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N^o 260 Cannanore 4th September 1874
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From

The Assistant Engineer
Cannanore Range Malabar.

To

The District Engineer
of Malabar R.P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information that the Prosecution cases against Sergeant Mahoney were concluded on 2nd September and that committal to the High Court was obtained in every case. The charges I brought against Sergeant Mahoney were as follows.

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[Signed] A. C. Dobson Lt. R. E.
Asst. Engineer, Malabar

[True Copy]

W. L. Currie Esq
District Engineer Malabar

In a letter from the
Asst. Engineer, Malabar,
to the Chief Engineer,
R. P. H., dated 9th
Sept. 1874, No. 122.

S. M. 5715/74

Copy of letter above
dated 7 Sept. 1874
from the Assistant
Range Officer to the
Asst. Engrs. Malabar,
reporting the Council
-then and committed
of Govt. Secy. Malabar
to the High Court.

No 122

Malabar Dist. Engrs Office
Calicut 9th September 1874

From

The District Engineer,
Malabar

To

The Chief Engineer,
P. H. Department,
Madras.

Sir

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Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. H. Marrison

District Engineer, Malabar

8th Depart^{mt}
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The District Engineer
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 G.O. no. 2660 A of 17th September 1874

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 24/6/76

P. No. 1874 Depart^{mt}
 from Govt of Madras
 No. 5715.
 The Dist. Engineer
 Malabar

To
 The Chief Engineer
 H. P. H.
 Madras

Dated 9th
 Recd 11th September
 1874

No. 122.

Enclosed
 G.O. No. 2660 A of 17-9-74.
 Forwarding copy of
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 Cannanore Range
 Officer reporting that
 Br. Mahoney has
 been convicted and
 committed to the
 High Court.

No 386 A

Despt to Cts 11/10/74

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. D. Ingr.
Malabar

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O., 17 Sept 1874, No. 20602

Nos. 386A-386B.

Overseer Serjeant
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Lt. S. Boon permitted
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Recd 16/9/74, Retd 17/9/74