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24th February 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

- No. 465. From the Officer in charge of Madanapully Range, through District Engineer, Cuddapah, dated 30th October 1873.
No. 466. From the District Engineer, Cuddapah, dated 7th January 1874, No. 1,995.

No. 467. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1874, No. 456.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

MR. HUDSON was in paragraph 5 of G. O., No. 2,234, dated 10th September 1873, called on specially to account for

his neglect to carry out the repeated and positive orders of the Superintending Engineer for the settlement of the Contractor's claims for work said to have been executed on the Cuddapah road in the Cumbum Range. His explanation above recorded is not only unsatisfactory as regards the part taken by him in the transaction, but demands that notice shall be taken of the proceedings of all connected with it.

1st.—Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. Moberly, R.E., is stated by Mr. Hudson "not to have been unaware that when in August 1871 he wrote to the latter to pay the Contractor up, it was not till December that the estimate was sanctioned and money appropriated, and consequently must have known at the time of writing that Mr. Hudson had no money wherewith to carry out the order." Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly will therefore on his return to duty be called on for explanation.

2nd.—Captain R. F. Taylor, Mr. Hudson's predecessor, will likewise be called to account for undertaking the work before sanction, as stated by Mr. Hudson; and so laying it out that the Contractor was able to perform much work not ordered, and to state why he had not settled the claim and left permanent record of it. This officer's inefficiency has been further brought to light in connection with the Cutcheries at Koilguntla and Cumbum, and the policy of retaining him in the department will be considered when the explanations concerning them are received.

3rd.—Mr. Supervisor Vardon does not appear to have attempted to settle the claim, possibly because Mr. Hudson avoided going over the work with him when he handed over the charge, and probably also because he had too much to do with two ranges in his hands.

4th.—Mr. Crowe has already been dismissed.

5th.—Mr. Hudson was removed from Vizagapatam to Coimbatore District in October 1866, on the score of ill-health, which no doubt, then as after, furnished an apology for general inefficiency. Notice of his mismanagement of affairs is taken in G. O., No. 137, of the 15th January 1867. His stay in Coimbatore was significantly brief. He was rapidly transferred to Madras and thence to Bangalore. From Bangalore he was removed at the request of the Executive Engineer, as recorded in G. O., No. 3,532, of 13th November 1868. His behaviour in Kurnool elicited a recommendation that he should be required to take his pension, as recorded in G. O., No. 110, of the 15th January 1872. All this time his promotion, both Departmental and Military, to the ranks of Sub-Engineer and Conductor seems to have been uninterrupted. The present District Engineer of Kurnool remonstrated in May 1873 against his reappointment to the district of which a

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false report had been made. The present District Engineer of Cuddapah has reported him quite unfit for charge of a range. His promotion will now be stopped entirely, and notification of the same made to him with orders to take his pension as soon as relieved from charge of the Madanapully Range.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
" " Kurnool.
To Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. Moterly.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Madanapully Range Office
Camp Madanapully, dated 30th Octr 1873

From

Conductor L. Hudson
Sole Engineer in Charge of
Madanapully Range

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George
(through the District Engineer Cuddapah)

Sir,

Referring to G.O. noted in the margin,
I have the honor to state that the work
in question was executed in the time of my
predecessor, Lieutenant (now Captain)
Payler, and that that Officer did not
pay for it for the following reasons:-
first, the greater part of the work was
lead and had not been ordered, second,
he had no money with which to pay
for

X G.O. No 2284 dated 10th September 1873.

for the remainder, and I neglected to
pay for it for precisely the same reasons,
and one or two additional ones which
will appear in another paragraph.

2. Although the Superintending Engineer
wrote to me to pay the Contractor up,
as far back as August 1871, it was not
till about the beginning of December
of the same year that the Estimate
was sanctioned and money appropriated
for this Road; and considering the import-
ance of the Road and the magnitude of the
Estimate, the Superintending Engineer
could hardly have been unaware whether
the Estimate had been sanctioned or
not, and consequently must have known
at the time of writing that I had no
money with which to carry out his
order. As near as I can recollect, on
funds being appropriated, I at once paid
the

the Contractor for all the work which
my predecessor had passed; and this
must have been the payment alluded
to, as I am informed made by me and ac-
counted for by Mr. Crowe. And on the Superin-
tending Engineer's visiting the Range in
the early part of January following, -
which was his first visit to the Range
during the time I held charge of it, -
I furnished, though sick at the time,
the Report referred to; and by the time I
received a reply to it, I had been ordered
to make over charge of the Range and was
on my way to meet the relieving officer,
after which I conformed my movements
to his, and as he was in a hurry to get
back to his own Range, it was not
a part of his programme to delay long
enough to settle up with this Contractor,
but

Mr. Vardon
wrote that
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but he made a hasty inspection of the work, I was not with him at the time, having been down with fever the day before and had consequently fallen behind; I however undertook him in course of the day and remained with him till he left the Range. Before finally making over charge, I endorsed over the Superintending Engineer's endorsement upon my Report, stating what work had to be paid for and that the Auditor should measure it up. I then thought that I had discharged my duty with respect to this claim, and that it was in a fair way to be speedily settled; but it now appears that Mr. Vardon, though he held charge of the Range for a period of five or six months, did not manage to settle the matter: for what reason I do not know, but it is most probable that the man

man did not present his Bills, he wanted the whole amount or nothing at all, and knew that he was not likely to succeed with Mr. Vardon and must wait till the arrival of another Officer. If the Bill was presented, I consider that Mr. Vardon might with safety have paid it, as native Overseers are very careful how they commit themselves in the way of Measurements.

3. I now wish to explain how it was that I was not in a position to pay, - provided the man would have received the money, for the earth work and Gravel, before leaving the Range, as I had the accounts in my hands up to the date of finally making over charge. In the early part of the year, before the Superintending Engineer wrote to me on the subject, I went and undertook to measure the work (my Inspection Report will show this) but I could not find out where it commenced: the Contractor

had all the Establishment in the Gulag
subsidised; and the Maistry had been
dismissed for being a partner with the
Contractor and the Amerson had been
dismissed for something else: and my
difficulty was further increased by the
fact that the first section of this Road
was made by the Revenue Authorities
but taken over by this Department and
had been repaired at the same time that
the work I wanted to measure was done,
and more over the Contractor or one of
his Confederates, has pillaged the Memo-
randum regarding this work given to
me by Lieut. Bayley out of the Office.
I could get no information whatever except
what the Contractor himself gave me.
I however undertook to make the measure-
ments, with the determination that if
I were beguiled into measuring more
work than was in the Bill, that the excess
at

at any rate should be thrown out: I com-
menced from where the work ended and after
measuring away for some time some
one who was present happened to say
that the work I was measuring had been
done by the Head Asst. Collector; and I
stopped measuring, and on reckoning up
I found that I had got down about one-
fourth more work than was in the Bill: the
Contractor entered the measurements taken
by me in his own Book, and afterwards
sent in a revised Bill to the Superintending
Engineer claiming payment for all the
work that I had measured.

4. The Contractor did not want to
be settled up with by me: he knew that
Mr. Vardon held only temporary Charge,
and it was well known that Col. Ingham
who had decided the matter, was going
to

to Europe; and the man saw that he would soon have a fresh field for his operations. Besides the work had cost him very little, and he preferred to lose that little, rather than the prospect of one day realising the amount of his inordinate Bill.

5. I have now endeavoured to show that I could not have settled with this Contractor without the money to do it with; that the Contractor, by his acts, placed it out of my power to settle the matter at all; that I could not possibly have settled it till such time as the Superintending Engineer came and inspected the work; and that by the time that that officer came and his decision was made known, I was engaged in giving over charge. I have also stated that I considered that the Contractor did not

not want to be settled up with either by me or Mr. Warden, and if he kept quiet till after Mr. Warden gave over charge, this must have been the case.

6. In conclusion, I respectfully submit that the only thing that I could have done which I did not do, was to answer the first Communications which I received from the Superintending Engineer: but these dockets were, as well as I can remember, endorsements upon the Contractors petitions, and petitioning was the order of the day, that side; and as I was an invalid at the time, I did not trouble myself about them. It is worthy of note that the Superintending Engineer in his endorsement does not complain of my not having written earlier; he had seen that the case could not have been settled without his

his decision:

It is but right that I should
state that I have written from
memory; and that the delay has been
caused by the difficulty I have had
in calling to mind some of the
circumstances connected with the
case.

I have the honor to be

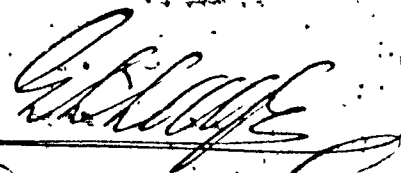
Sir

Your most obedt servant

F. P. Cress

Sub Engineer in charge of

Indianapolis Range



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 Buddapah District Engineer
 7th January 1855

Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter.
 I have the honor to be
 Your most obedient servant
 Wm. H. H. H.

and my manuscripts, from the
... of the ...

Copy to Mr. P. H. 1/10

No. 47.
From
The Officer in Charge
Madras Presidency
The Secretary to
Government of India
(through the Secretary
Madras)
2230 } October 1873
Forwarded explanation
Called for in G. O. No.
2234 dated 10th September
P. H. 18005/73

Madras District
Engineers Office.
3^d November 1873

From
The District Engineer
Madras
To The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Sir,

With reference to para
5 of Government Order No. 2234
under date the 10th September last,
I have the honor to submit the
accompanying letter of explanation
received from Mr. Sub Engineer
Madison as therein called for.
I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
W. H. P.
District Engineer Madras

and in your memo, from the
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From 11. 1873. 1873.
The District Engineer
Cuddalore

To The Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 3rd November
Received 5th 1873

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from Mr. Sub Engineer
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Refer to Act, 10. 1873

No. 1995

From The District Engineer

Cuddalore

To The Chief Engineer
D. P. K. D.
Fort Saint George

I have already in my Quarterly
Report stated that I considered Mr. Hudson
quite unfit for charge of a Range. I have
now the honor to bring the matter to your
notice with a request that he may be removed
and an efficient person put in his place,
or work will never go on in his range.

2. He is unable to send in an ordinary
Tank Estimate with Longitudinal and cross
sections correctly, they always have to be
returned to him.

3. This range consists of 4 Tanks,
from the 2 forming the Sub-Division.
under Mr. Schomig Estimates are sent in
correctly and in fair numbers, from his

own 2 Taluqs I can get nothing, or if I do it is incorrect, and has to go back; he seems to have no idea of work at all.

4. I take this opportunity of informing you that Mr Donaghy has not yet joined, and I see by Gazette his relieving Officer has got privileged leave. Mr. Thorpe the Sub Division Officer in temporary charge of Buddapah Range is almost unfit for duty and will shortly be obliged to go away; I have therefore the honor to request Mr Donaghy may be ordered to join at once, as the working season is now commencing and unless I have a full efficient staff I fear the out-turn will be very far from what it ought to be.

5. I would particularly request your attention to the fact of the District being in a disorganized state and the necessity for its staff being kept to at least its full strength.

6. My own opinion is that if I am not to have an Assistant and an Executive Engineer as allowed in scheme the 11 Taluqs should be joined

into 5 Ranges. Viz: 4 of 2 and 1 of 3 Taluqs each under a Supervisor or Sub Engineer, as from the neglected state of the works and the large area of the Taluqs (an average of 1000 square miles each) I do not consider it possible to do the work efficiently otherwise.

7. The staff I should require would then be 3 Sub Engineers, 2-1st class and 2-2nd class Supervisors total 6, and 12 Inspectors by Budget for 1874-75. I should have 1 Officer and 16 upper Subordinates of the latter 12 are Inspectors having 1 Officer and 4 upper Subordinates in all 5. I have 3 Sub Engineers including Mr Donaghy 1 Supervisor 1st & 1 Supervisor 2nd grade total 5. 1 Supervisor 2nd grade is required to suit my scheme.

8. The strength of Office Establishment at present for 3 ranges excluding Draftsmen and including Sub Division writers is 40; which would give 2 for each range proposed by me; the 3 Draftsmen I would keep in my own Office, all plans being made there except

except on special occasions, when a man
would be temporarily sent out to a Range,
there need therefore be no additional
expense to Government.

Trusting the honor to be
yours most obedt. servant

W. H. H. H.
District Engineer

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It is proposed in the office
also to put a notice in the
local papers to the effect
that the Government
will not be responsible
for the expenses of
any man appointed to
be in charge of the
District.

Mr Hudson has been in the service
since 1881. It is doubtful whether
he is capable of doing the work
of a District Engineer. He is
too old and his health is
not good. He does not
appear to be capable of
doing the work of a District
Engineer.

Mr. C. A. Haynes
Executive Engineer 4th grade
is expected to arrive shortly
from England and will be
available to take charge
of the Range.

Mr. Executive Engineer
Leggatt has applied
for the position of District
Engineer. He is a good
man and has been in the
service for many years.
He is capable of doing the
work of a District Engineer.
He is recommended for the
position.

Fort St. George
9th January 1874
W. H. H. H.
District Engineer

No 456 P. O. *General*
P. O. of the Madras Port
Near the following

From the Officer in
Charge of Madras Port Range
thru S. S. S. (Madras) (H. E. 30 Oct/73)

From the S. S. S. (Madras) (H. E. 30 Oct/73)

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Mr
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Cuddapah Road in the
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is not only unsatisfactory
as regards the part taken
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"pay the Contractor up,
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"that Mr. Hudson had
"no money wherewith to
"carry out the order. Still
Colonel Moberly will there-
fore on his return to
duty be called on for
explanation.

2nd Captain R. F.
Taylor, Mr. Hudson's
predecessor, will likewise
be called to account for
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before sanction, as stated
by Mr. Hudson, and so
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One he had not settled the
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as a inefficiency has been further
by brought to light in connec-
tion with the Cutcherries
that at Poilgunthar and Gundrum.
And the policy of retaining
with him in the Department
will be considered when the
explanations concerning
that there are received.

3rd Mr Supervisor Vardon
"he does not appear to have
"he attempted to settle the
"pay claim; very likely because
"it Mr Jackson shirked
"he going over the work with
"saw him when he handed
over

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he had too much to do
with two Ranges in
his hands.

4th Mr Crowe has
already been dismissed
5th Mr Hudson's ante-
cedents are very bad.

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He was removed from
Vizagapatam to Coim-
batore District in October
1866 on the score of ill health,
which no doubt, he was
after, furnished an apolo-
gy for general inefficiency.
Notice of his misma-
nagement of affairs
is taken in G.O. 137 of
the 15th January 1867.
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Que His stay in Coimbatore
was significantly brief-
er. He was rapidly transfer-
red to Madras and
thence to Bangalore. From
Bangalore he was removed
at the request of the
State Executive Engineer as
proceedings recorded in G.O. No 3532
of 13th November 1868.

1st His behaviour in Munnar
dictated a recommendation
that he should be required
"not to take his pension, as
"that recorded in G.O. 110 of the
"15th January 1872. All
"pay this time his promotion,
"it is both Departmental and
"Military, to the rank
"of Sub-Engineer and
"Conductor

seems to have been un-
interrupted. The
present District Engi-
neer of Munnar remon-
strated in May 1873
against his reappoint-
ment to the District
of which a false report
had been made. The
present District Engi-
neer of Cooldapah
has reported him quite
unfit for charge of a
Range. His promotion
will now be stopped
entirely, and Notifica-
tion of the same is
made to him with
orders to take his pen-
sion as soon as relieved
from

from charge of the
Maddurpally Range.
C.M.W.

To the Muz Deputy Magistrate at
Maddur 24/4/74

To The District Engineer
Maddur

" Do Almood

" Secy to Col A.S. Moberly

Despatched 22/4/74
Copy to Lt Col Moberly given to Mr. Moberly
despatched in the form of a letter

Letter from the District Engineer, Suva
dated 3rd Nov. 1873 No 1553.

Circulars for
orders issued

It seems very
unlikely that any

factory explanation of
the circumstances con-

-nected with the

Road in Fumun Range

will ever be extracted. The

only thing that can be done

is to notice the conduct of

all officers or subordinates

connected with the work.

The explanation is that all
buyers were fools or knaves
or both. The story is one of
the most discreditable I
have heard of

31st Jan

17 Jan 1874

1st Lt. Col. A. S. Hooper
P. O. is stated by his Hudson
"not to have been unaware
"that when in August 1871
"he wrote to the latter to
"pay the Contractor up,
"it was not till December
"that the estimate was
"sanctioned and money ap-
"propriated and consequently
"must have known at
"the time of writing that
"his Hudson had no money
"where with to carry out
"the order." Lieut. Col.
Hooper, being therefore in
return to duty, he called on
for explanation.

no. 1. 1871
no. 2. 1871
no. 3. 1871
no. 4. 1871
no. 5. 1871
no. 6. 1871
no. 7. 1871
no. 8. 1871
no. 9. 1871
no. 10. 1871

1871 (winter)

Lt. Col. L. H. Taylor
P. O. Taylor his Hudson pre-
- decision, to account for
undertaking the work
before sanction, as stated
by his Hudson, and so
laying it out that the
Contractor was able to
perform much work
not ordered - and to
state why he had not
settled the claim and
left permanent record
of it. This officer's in-
- firmity has been further
brought to light in con-
- nection with the sickness
at Koilgoulla and Cumbum

He was found utterly use-
less by Colonel Walker
on the Nasirpootoor and
Mungamary leagues
and on the Burgoor shant
work in Coimbatore.

and the policy of retain-

-ing a practically igno-

-rant an officer, and

one so little likely ever

to learn, however great

his application may be,

is very doubtful.

3rd - his Supervisor

Vardon does not appear

to have attempted to

settle the claims, very

likely because Mr Hudson

Why is he retained? What
does the Chief Com. mean to do
about him? He is refused all
sent or work as ordered.

shirked going over the work
with him when he handed
over the charge, and
probably also because
he had too much to do
with 2 Ranges in his
hands.

4th - his frowe has
already been dismissed.

5th - his Hudson's ac-
-cidents are very bad.

He was removed from
Vijayapatam to Coimbatore

District in October
1866 on the score of ill-health,

which is doubtless true as
after furnishing an apol-

-ogy for general inefficiency.

Notice of his marriage.
-ment of affairs is taken
in G.O. No. 137 of 15th Jan'y
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-bator under Colonel
Walker was signifi-
-cantly brief - He was
rapidly transferred to
Madras and thence to
Bangalore - From
Bangalore he was re-
-moved at the request
of the Executive Engineer
as recorded in G.O. No. 3532
of 13th November 1868 -
His behaviour in Karnool
Elicited a recommenda-
-tion that he should be

made to take his Pension
as recorded in G.O. No. 110 of
15th January 1872 - At
this time, his promotion
note, departmental
and military, to the rank
of Sub Engineer and
Conductor seems to have
been uninterrupted.
The present District
Engineers of Karnool
remonstrated in May
1873 against his reappoint-
-ment to the District of
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has been with orders
to take his pension from
some fixed date.

(1)

James M.D.

J.M.D.

Wm. Walker Colonel Rb.
Secretary to Govt. P.M.D.

Propose a G.P. in account
with this memo

New! Kramm
the 8 Aug/74

At 31st Aug

On 7 Aug/74

Notification of the same

Office of the
Supt. of Public Works.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Commr
Luddapoh

Depot

Post

24 July 45b.

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Notarish Road. ~~Referring~~
Noticing the conduct of
the officers & subordinates
connected with the
construction of the Judda-
nah Road in the Judda-
nah Range.

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