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No. 239. Read the following letter from Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Yercaud, 25th February 1874, No. 166 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of my letter No. 147, dated 2nd February 1874, I have the honour to submit an
One Extract of a report. extract of a report from the Officer in charge of the Oossoor Range, offering explanation as to the cause of his surrendering Rupees 3,000 from the current year's grant for the Pennagaram Cutcherry, and stating that he can utilize a thousand rupees from the amount already surrendered.

2. Besides the reasons given by Mr. West, I find that there has been great delay in the supply of the timber work from the Public Works Workshop. An indent sent on the 14th July 1873, was worked out and supplied in December 1873, and the bill was sent in February 1874, so that this amount (something considerable) has not yet appeared in the accounts, but will appear in the Progress Report for February.

From Mr. W. C. S. WEST, in charge of the Oossoor Range, to Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, dated Oossoor, 17th February 1874, No. 1,334.

When the Pennagaram Cutcherry work was commenced this year, there was no material of previous years to work upon; consequently fresh material, in the way of bricks, chunam, tiles, and wood-work, had to be ordered and prepared; also the Overseer was to blame very much in not attending to his work, as there was a delay of three months in getting material ready.

Moreover, skilled labour, such as carpenters and bricklayers, not being procurable at Pennagaram, had to be brought from distant places, and through the unhealthy climate of the place these men could not be induced to remain any length of time and complete the work; fresh batches had therefore to be brought over and over, this caused a great deal of delay.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, I was disinclined to surrender any money, and would not have done so but for the suspension of Overseer T. Streenevassalu Naidoo. On his suspension I at once surrendered the amount in question, fully believing I would not be doing right to keep money which I could not utilize and which could be taken up for any other work.

On the suspension of the Overseer, I did not think a temporary Overseer would have been appointed, and since you have been pleased to let me have one, I beg to state that the work is in rapid progress and that I can utilize a portion of the amount already surrendered; and request that if Government approve of the arrangement, the amount to be surrendered for this work may be revised as under—

Surrendered.

	Instead of	To
Pennagaram Cutcherry ...	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 2,000

No. 240. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1874, No. 641.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 26.

WHILE admitting that the progress of work on the Pennagaram Cutcherry may have been to a certain extent hindered by unforeseen difficulties, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not satisfied that these could not have been surmounted and a much more favourable

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result at the end of the year exhibited had energetic action been applied. This however seems to have been wanting, and Rupees 3,000 of the grant for the work was surrendered in January 1874.

2. The Range Officer now reports that work has recommenced and is proceeding rapidly, but care should be taken that the quality of the work is not sacrificed by a desire to expend allotments. The additional sum actually required during the current year after meeting workshop demands, etc., should be reported as soon as possible.

3. The District Engineer, Presidency, will call upon Mr. Grainger to explain the alleged delay in the supply of wood-work from the workshops.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.
" " Presidency.

Ed. S. T. Austin.
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N^o 134. N^o II or Coosur Range Office,
Coosur, 17th February 1874.

From

The Officer in charge
of the Coosur Range.

To

The District Engineer,
Salem.

Sir,

* * * * *
When the Pennagaram butchery work was commenced this year, there was no material of previous years to work upon; consequently, fresh material in the way of bricks, chumam, tiles and wood work, had to be ordered and prepared; also the Overseer was to blame very much in not attending to his work, as there was a delay of three months in getting material ready.

Moreover, skilled labor such as Carpenters and Bricklayers not being procurable at Pennagaram, had to be brought from distant places; and thro' the unhealthy climate of the place, these men could not be induced to remain any length of

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On the suspension of the Overcast, I did not think a temporary Overcast would have been appointed; and since you have been pleased to let me have one, I beg to state that the work is in rapid progress and that I can utilize a portion of the amount already surrendered; and request that if Government approve of the arrangement, the amount to be surrendered for this work may be revised as under,

Instead of Surrendered Rs. 30000
Pinnagaram Contcherry Rs. 3000 - Rs. 2000

I have yca
signed / eff. to J. West
Executive Agent.
/ True Extract /

J. W. Mullie Major, R.E.,
District Engineer

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From No 1164.

The District Engineer,

Salem,

Ch. Eng. No. 1164.

The District Engineer,

Salem.

Dated 25th Feb 1874

Recd: 27th Feb 1874

No 1166.

Submitting an extract of
a report from the Officer
in charge of the Coosco
Range offering explanation
as to the cause of
his surrendering Rs 3000
from the current year's grant
for the Permagaram Entcherry
and stating that he
can utilize Rs 1000 from
the amount already surrendered.

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No 1166

District Engineer's Office,
Yercond, 25th February 1874

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosure
Extract of a
report.

With reference to paragraph 2
of my letter No 1147 dated 2nd February 1874,
I have the honor to submit an extract
of a report from the Officer in charge
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Yours

Amount sent on the 14th July 1873 was
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so that this amount (something considerable)
has not yet appeared in the account, but
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February.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.
J. A. Maclellan Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Lahore.

Enclosure #1 in a
letter to the Secy. to
Govt. D. P. W. dated
25th Feb. 1874 at 166.

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Pl. 2710th March
1874.
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Civil
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From the Dist. Engineer } H. C. No. 166 of 25 Feb. 1874
Salem }

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in the supply of work-
work from the Workshop.

G.M.W.

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St. Insp., Salem. ✓
Dr. Presidency. ✓

In-s. despatch to D. Insp. Salem & Secy
10/3/74.
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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Date

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 1164 No. 841

Dec. 23/240.

Pennagaram Pulcherry
Salem Dist.

Passing orders in the
progress made with the
Pulcherry, and a report of
the sum required during the
current year after meeting the
demands of the P.W. Nakshatra
to be made - and the District
President requested to call
upon the P.W. Nakshatra