Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th December 1874.

Read the following:—

No. 305. From the District Engineer, Malabar, dated 20th October 1874, No. 156.

No. 305 A. From the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, dated 23rd November 1874, No. 105.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting explanation regarding the entertainment of Karpagum in the Palghaut Range Office.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1874, No. 3,527.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 22.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not fully satisfied with the explanation of Arnachellum, Head Clerk in the office of Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, but will not further notice the subject.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.
„ District Engineer, Malabar.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 4th August 1874.

No. 88. Read the following letter from W. S. HARINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Malabar, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 8th July 1874, No. 74:—

In continuation of my No. 61, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copies of the charges brought against ex Taluq Maistry C. Karpagum, also of the finding and sentence pronounced by Mr. Logan, the Magistrate, who investigated the case, and two letters as per margin bearing on the case.

2 Letters from Overseer Mahoney to Karpagum Maistry.

2. Lieutenant Dobson has spared no pains or trouble in bringing this case to a successful issue, and I am of opinion that great credit is due to him.

3. It strikes me as most extraordinary that a man who was criminally convicted (at any rate beyond all moral doubt) in 1864 should have found it possible to obtain employment in the Public Works Department, and to have retained it for so long undiscovered.

No. 89. Order thereon, 4th August 1874, No. 2,139.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

Recorded, with reference to G. O., No. 2,138, dated 4th August 1874.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council learns with satisfaction of the care and attention bestowed by Lieutenant Dobson on this case.

3. It is observed that the Maistry was convicted at Madras of a similar offence in 1864. The District Engineer will trace out and report how he succeeded in getting re-entertained; who is responsible for his admission; and by whom he was recommended to the officer who re-employed him.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd October 1874.

Read the following :—

No. 511. From the District Engineer, Malabar, dated 1st September 1874, No. 116.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding the Service Register and other papers connected with the appointment of ex-maistry Karpagum.

No. 512. From the same Officer, dated 1st October 1874, No. 134.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding copies of correspondence regarding the employment of ex-maistry Karpagum Moodelly in the Palghaut Range.

No. 513. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1874, No. 3,020.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 40.

THE inquiries made in accordance with paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,139, dated 4th August 1874, have elicited nothing more than that ex-maistry Karpagum, who was previously convicted of fraud in 1864, was employed by Captain Bailey as Taluq writer in the Coorumbranad Taluq in December 1865, having previously been a volunteer in the Palghaut Range Office under Ensign Smither; but neither of these officers professes to recollect the man, or the circumstances under which I was entertained. It seems futile therefore to pursue the inquiry further, and the matter may accordingly rest.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 156

Malabar Dist. Engrs Office
Calicut 29th October 1874

From

The District Engineer,
Malabar

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that subsequent to addressing you on the 1st Instant, I made enquiries from the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Palghaut Range with a view to ascertain as to how Ex-Mastry "Karpayan Moodelly was entertained in that Range as a Volunteer in 1865. From the answers I have obtained from Sub. Overseers "P. Ravichen" and "Cawder Moideen" it will be observed that the former states that "Karpayan" was entertained as an volunteer by Mr. Smither and that he was subsequently sent to Captain Bailey for employment the latter (Cawder Moideen) states that "Karpayan" was seen in Palghaut in the compa-

No. 134.

Copies Enclosed:
1 Letter from Mr. Jones No. 1664 7/16 Oct/74.
1 do. from Sub. Overseer Ravichen No. 185 of 24th Octr/74.
1 do. from Sub. Ovr. Cawder Moideen No. 27 of 27th Octr/74.

of one "Sadroya Moodelly" who went from Coimbatore to Palghaut as 2nd Writer in the Palghaut Range Office.

2. I am further informed that "Karpagum Moodelly" is a brother-in-law of the present Head Clerk of the District Engineer's Office at Coimbatore who in 1864-65 was Estimate Maker in the Office of the then Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, and so in all probability he was pushed on by his relative.

3. I understand that the Crime for which "Karpagum" was convicted at the High Court, Madras, in 1864 was the theft of a gold watch from the Indian Carrying Company.+ If this was the case it will account for his having found it possible to enter the Service of Government who could not be supposed to know of the shortcomings of an individual not in their employ.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servant
W. Harrington
District Engineer Malabar

+ a private not a Govt Institution

P. W. 1874 Depart. Forwg Govt Ltr No 6871.
From The Dist. Engineer, Malabar.
To The Chief Engineer, N. P. Th, Madras.
Dated 29th October 1874.
Recd 3rd November 1874.
No 156
Encls: 1
Ltr No. 3527. 15-12-74 forwards copies of further correspondence regarding the entertainment of ex-Sanitary Karpagum Moodely in the Palghat Range Office.
No 7380 12/74

No 305
Sec 3-12-74 Rd 7 Dec 74
Replied to Rly 3 Nov 74

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10-11-7/16

Forwarded with inclosure, and 2 Gen. Orders, to the Supt Engineer in charge of Lake Steamboats, for inquiry of his Head Clerk in this connection with Kinsman Moorelly, and of the members of this Office generally in their knowledge of the circumstances under which that individual obtained a footing in the Public Service.

Capt. & Asst. Quartermaster U.S.A.
Detailed Steamboat Inspector
7:11:7 [illegible]

G.W. Whitehead Lt. U.S.A.
Supt & Insp. Dist. No. 3

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Cleveland Ohio Nov 10th 1866

Colonel C.W. Whitehead U.S.A.
Supervising Inspector Steamboats
Detroit Mich

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. inclosing a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury dated Oct 31st 1866 directing me to investigate the charges preferred by Mr. Peter Kinsman against Mr. Moorelly Clerk to the Supervising Inspector of this District and to report the result of my investigation to you.

In January 1866 Mr. Peter Kinsman came to this city and represented to me that he had been employed by Mr. Moorelly to procure evidence against Captain Alexander Mackay Master of the Steamer Grand Republic for violation of the Steamboat Laws of the United States and that Mr. Moorelly had refused to pay him for his services. Mr. Kinsman requested me to see Mr. Moorelly and ascertain why he refused to pay him. I declined to do so stating that I had no authority to interfere in the matter. Mr. Kinsman then requested me to see Captain Mackay and ascertain if he would pay him for his services

behaved well with anyone. Sometime
afterwards he wished a Readmission
into my family and though my
deceased brother Soobroyah and
majority of my relatives were willing
to comply with Kurpagom's desire yet
I opposed the carrying out of their
intention therefore the man grew
a mortal enemy of mine.

I have never heard of this mans
employment in the Palghaut Range and
when I came to know that he had got
an appointment under Captain Baily
I surmised that the man would have
used my name to that gentleman and
I wrote a letter and informed that
gentleman that Kurpagom was of a
most troublesome Character and that

I

had nothing to do with him. The
time Captain Baily will remember of
this. When one happened to meet
the then Head Accountant of the Range
he told me that that gentleman had
received my letter and that he ex-
pressed that natives have always
some quarrels and disputes and that
he had heard of them in detail from
Kurpagom man that he had nothing to
do with them. That as the man did
not behave well with him he knew
how to turn him out.

It would appear from the Corres-
pondence that the whole matter
connected with the appointment of
Kurpagom existed between Captain
Baily and Mr Smither may I

To

Colonel C. V. Wilkieson R.E.

Superintending Engineer

Coimbatore

Respected Sir,

As I am called upon to report, I respectfully beg to state that I am not at all personally acquainted with Thurpogum Moodr, nor I know how he got an appointment either at Palghaut or anywhere else in the P.W. Departt.

I must respectfully beg to remain

Respected Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Sub Asst Engr

14 Nov/74

I therefore respectfully beg to state that it may be ascertained from the above gentleman whether they have ever received from me a letter of recommendation or a word to that effect regarding this or any other man. I am not at all personally acquainted with Thrasher who was in charge of Poulghaut Range in which Thurpagom appears to have first entered as a volunteer.

I beg to remain

Respected Sir

Your most Obedt humble servt

P. Sivachellum

Clerk Supg Engrs Office

No. 7380/5/74.

Rec'd 15 Nov 74

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To

Coll. C. B. Wilkieson R.E. 9/1

Supg Engineer

Coimbatore

Sir,

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I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obd[t] Servant

J. M. Brito
Clerk.

Coimbatore
16th Nov[r] 1874

No 1664 No 3 or Palghaut Range office
Palghaut 11th October 1874

To
The District Engineer
Malabar
Cahcut

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1977 of 30th September 1874, I have the honor to inform you that Kurtzgam Moodelly's name cannot be found in the Range Records, nor is there any one here who remembers his having been employed in the office.

I am informed that he was employed as Post Master at Ponany about 1861, then in the Indian Laing Company, from which employment he was dismissed and punished.

There are two men now in Cahcut who would know if he had been employed in this office viz:-

P. Ravichen — Draughtsman Palghaut Range in 1865—
Cander Moideen — Palghaut Taluq Writer.

I have &c
Sd/ J. Grimes
Asstt. Engineer S.I.R.

No. 7380/74

Dated 15th Dec/74

Recd 16th Dec/74

No. 3054

To

District Engineer, Malabar

No. 165

To

Lieutt. A. D. Dobson R. E.
Astt. Engineer in charge
of Cannanore Range

Sir,

I respectfully beg to report that while, I was employed in the Palghaut Range office as Draughtsman in about 1865, Kurpagam Moodaly was entertained as a Volunteer in the same office, by the then Range officer, Mr. Supervisor, T. Smithers and was in the office for about 4 or 5 months. He "Kurpagam Moodaly" was afterwards, sent to Captain Bayley the then Sub. Engineer at Mahiyaram, by Mr. Smithers, with a recommendation for a post under him, and I never knew any thing about him afterwards.

Sheg to remain &c.

Sd/ P. Ranichen
Sub. Overseer
D.P.W.

/True Copy/

Sd/ A. D. Dobson Lt. R.E.
Astt. Engineer. Cannanore
Range

To

The Officer in charge of
Cabini Range
Cabini

Sir,

In reply to Your Endorsement No. 440 on No. 339 of 17th October 87. I beg to state, that when Seetharya Moodelly came from Coimbatore to Palghaut Range office as 2nd Writer, then the said Kurpagam Moodelly was seen with him on several occasions in the office. I know nothing of him having been entertained as Volunteer nor who had recommended him for the post writer in Coorumbranad Taluq.

Sheg &c.

Sambracherry
22nd October 1874

Sd/ Gowder Govindan
Sub overseer D.P.W.

/True Copy/

No. 361

Submitted to District Engineer Malabar for information with reference to Endorsement No. 339 of 17th October 1874.

Cabini
27th October 1874

Sd/ J. Salon Superintendent
In charge Cabini Range

/True Copies/

W. Farrington
Dy. Engr. Malabar

No 105

Superintending Engrs office
Coimbatore 23rd November 1874

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From,

The Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement on the original letter from the District Engineer, Malabar, No 156 of 29th October to the Chief Engineer, and it's enclosures therewith returned, I have the honor to forward 3 original explanatory letters from my Head Clerk and two other members of the Office who alone are of some standing in the office, the others having joined the office long after the date; from which it appears to me that the Head Clerk in my office Arnachellum Moodelliar could not have any knowledge or hand in the appointment of the

Enclosures 7.
1. Malabar Distt Engrs letter No 156 of 29th Octr 1874.
2. Copy of correspondence.
3. G.O. No 2139 of 4th August 1874
4. G.O. No 3020 of 23rd October 1874
5. 3 Explanatory Letters.

In a letter from the District Engr Malabar to the Chief Engr Superintending P.W. dated 29th October 1874 No 156 Dist Engr 1874 Dy 1881 Pay

Copy of Correspondence regarding the retrenchment effected in the Executive Engineers Establishment in the Ganjam Dist Pay

Copy of Correspondence regarding the retrenchment effected in the Executive Engineers Establishment in the Kistna Dist Pay

the man as a volunteer in Palghaut.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

Workman Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore

P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 187 .

Read the following:—

From

The Dt Engr Malabar (H.E No 1569 29th Octr 1874)
" Supdt Engr Coimbatore (" " 105 " 23d Novr ")

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His Excellency the Governor in Council is not fully satisfied with the explanation of Arnachellum Head Clerk in the office of the Superintending Engineer Coimbatore. but will not further notice the subject.

Genl

S. E. Coimbatore
D. E. Malabar
Despd to both 17/12/74.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Under date the 18th Decr 1874
The Supdt Engr Coimbatore
For necessary action
D. D. P. W. Madras

Dated 23rd Novr 1874
Read 24th " "
Considered 10th Decr "

Forwards, for information, explanatory letter from Head Clerk Arnachellum, in reply to Memorandum of Chief Engineer, calling for explanation of his conduct in connection with Kuttagaram Anicut Estimate.

Dated 3-12-74
Rec'd 7-12-74
Desp No 3527 15-12-74.

P.W. Dept
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Letter from the Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore No 105 dated 23rd November 1874.

Circulated
for Orders.

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of Arumachellum is im-
probable. He may not
have aided him directly
but a Broker - in Law
cannot be ignorant
of his connection in
Frauds & he certainly
knew of his entertainment
in Palghaut
State in can scarcely
expect that he should have
proved further - the most
-ly he can say that the Sub.C
is not Cashier - but not
much further notice
26/11 [illegible]

Ismail Sahib Collector
Secretary to Government
P.W. Dept.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Superintendent
Coimbatore

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O., 16 Dec. 1874, No. 3527

Nos. 305-306

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Intimating that the explanation of the Head ~~Clerk~~ Clerk of the Office the Supg: Engr: Chimbatore in regard to the entertainment of Karpagam in the Palghat Range Office is not fully satisfactory —