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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th July 1875.*

No. 136. Read the following letter from J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Officiating Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 12th June 1875, Finance No. 66:—

I HAVE the honor to ask you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to the expenditure of Rupees 329-7-1, being the fee paid for a Vakeel and his travelling expenses, &c., employed in a criminal case instituted against one Venkatapiah, a writer in the Company's service, and tried before the Deputy Collector of Nundial.

2. A bill of particulars is attached.

3. The case against Venkatapiah was one in which there was reason to believe he had for his own purpose abstracted from the Company's stores at Ayaloor certain tools, iron and timber. Mr. J. O. Dumphy, the Assistant Engineer in charge, prosecuted on behalf of the Company, but, owing to the complexity of the case and the consequent interruption it was causing to his work, it was decided to engage a Vakeel, and Mr. Dodson was fortunate in securing the services of an English gentleman for a fee for which the native Vakeels declined to undertake the case.

4. On the 10th August 1874 the case was brought before the Magistrate of Nundial, and after a protracted trial he gave judgment on the 18th September 1874, finding Venkatapiah guilty of having unlawful possession of certain stores belonging to the Company, and sentenced him to 15 days' imprisonment and a fine of Rupees 25. The prisoner appealed against this decision, and on the 18th November 1874 the Sessions Judge at Kurnool reversed the judgment of the Magistrate of Nundial considering the evidence not sufficient.

5. It is proposed to charge the amount against General Management, Revenue.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1875, No. 1,898.

IRRIGATION, No. 15.

Account.

THE amount of the bill submitted by the Chief Engineer and Manager for expenses incurred in a criminal prosecution is sanctioned, but it is observed that

even had the evidence been deemed conclusive the punishment considered adequate indicated a small degree of criminality, and the case hardly appears to have been one to warrant the employment of a Pleader from a distance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer and Manager, Irrigation and Canal Company.

„ Examiner of Railway and Canal Accounts.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Amount of the cost of the trial of G. Venkataswami
the Deputy Collector Tumkur

J. L. Meyer Esq. Solicitor of Cuddapah for Acting as Counselor Taktupalli	300	0	0
expenses Do to & from Cuddapah to Cheludumy	10	14	0
Deputy Collector for obtaining Certified Copy of Evidence for Mr Meyer information	14	1	0
to & from to Cheludumy Clerk for attending the Court	4	8	0

Total Rupees — 329 7 1

True Copy /
Signed / R. J. Dodson
Cons: Engr. 22/5/75.
Signed / A. J. Dodson
Cons Engineer

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To
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G. O. 1875, No. 1878

No. 136-137

Sub-Contract to C. C. Co
The Amount of \$129.75
incurred on payment of a
Laborer employed in a Criminal
suit instituted against
one Pankatappiah, Sancho
in the name of

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To Office Manager and Clerk
- to Mr. & Mrs. J. C. -
- of Eng. Div. -