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## Government of Madras

*Public Works*

DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
2nd December 1875.*

No. 22. Read the following endorsement of the District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated 24th November 1875, No. 1,814 :—

Copy of letter from the Officer in charge of Cuddapah Range, to the District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated Moodanoor, 18th November 1875, No. 685.

AFTER due deliberation I feel it my duty to submit the accompanying petition from Madar Saib, lately a Contractor in this range, for favorable consideration.

2. The petitioner has not personally executed any work under my immediate orders, but I have made inquiry as to his character and antecedents after the receipt of the enclosed petition in my office, and from what I can learn he always appears to have given satisfaction to his professional superiors, and is, I learn, in addition, considered a competent workman.

3. I am very imperfectly acquainted with the circumstances which rendered it necessary for Government to issue the orders prohibiting his employment in future, but I understand that his misconduct was occasioned in a great measure by the fault of the departmental subordinates, who were supposed to control his proceedings, and to the objectionable practice of permitting this man to undertake the whole of the work within the range, which necessitated him to employ agents over whom he could exercise only limited control.

4. I believe also that the Government prohibiting order has only had limited effect, inasmuch as the accounts show that immediately this man (as well as others) were deprived of work, their relatives stepped in and have executed the greater portion of the work performed by contract in recent years. The consequence of this is that I find works are in very unsatisfactory progress, particularly in the neighbourhood of Cuddapah, and if I employ the relatives of the petitioner as hitherto (which appears to me objectionable) I find they do not possess any professional knowledge, and having these men it is difficult to get work done satisfactorily at all.

5. The delay in executing works has been the subject of frequent comment, and several works in my Progress Report have been in the hands of two and even three Contractors without bringing them to satisfactory completion, and in consequence I find that one man (Mahommed Saib) is getting the whole of the work into his own hands, and exerting undue influence adverse to others and stifling all competition.

6. To put a stop to this objectionable state of things, I respectfully request that the orders of Government prohibiting the employment of petitioner may be cancelled, and that he may be allowed to compete for contract works in this range, and considering the time that has elapsed since the prohibitory orders were issued, I am disposed to recommend that permission may be accorded to employ any other persons who have been prohibited from taking contract in this district (after obtaining your special sanction in each case), to encourage competition and increase the out-turn of work.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government with reference to G.O., No. 632, of 27th February 1873.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Colonel, R.E.,  
*District Engineer of Cuddapah.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
2nd December 1875.

No. 23.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1875, No. 3,424.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to cancel his Order No. 632, of 27th February 1873, in favor of Madar Sahib. The Cuddapah Range Officer (supposed to be Mr. Seton) will be instructed to inform himself fully as to the circumstances which necessitated the issue of that order, and which are clearly recorded therein, and in the previous orders, Nos. 1,376 and 2,963 of 3rd June and 14th December 1872.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is very unfavorably impressed by the letter from the Cuddapah Range Officer as to the entire dependence of the Executive Officers of the Public Works Department in the Cuddapah District on particular Contractors for the execution of the works for which they are answerable. No improvement would appear to have occurred since 1872 and 1873, when, from the appendices to the Contractor's petition, Messrs. O'Ratigan and Hunter seem to have been entirely dependent upon him, and destitute of any independent departmental agency.

3. The Government look to the District Engineer to inaugurate a more healthy state of affairs amongst the Executive Officers under his orders.

Copy of letter from the Officer in charge of  
Cuddapah Range to the District Engineer of  
Cuddapah, Dated, Madras, 18<sup>th</sup> November 1875.  
No. 635

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N<sup>o</sup> 1814 Dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 1875.

Submitted for the favourable consideration  
of Government with reference to G.O. N<sup>o</sup>  
632 of 27<sup>th</sup> February 1873.

Col. R. E.  
District Engineer of Cuddapah.

The above petition was not willing to take up the work.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,  
FORT SAINT GEORGE, MADRAS.

*The most humble Appeal of N. MADAR SATHAI,*  
*lately a Contractor in the Public Works*  
*Department, Cuddapah District.*

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Appellant, with due deference and submission, respectfully begs leave to lay the following circumstances, for your Lordship's favourable consideration and orders, humbly trusting that he will meet with justice at your Lordship's hands.

2. That in February 1872, an estimate for repairing the Tungtoor Gungi Reddy Channel in the Pullumpet Taluq of Cuddapah District, amounting to Rupees 5,882, was entrusted to your Appellant for execution.

On the 24th February 1872, your Appellant proceeded to the channel to commence work, which he was bound by his contract to complete by the end of March 1872; to his great surprise he found that there were scarcely any work, to warrant such a large outlay as rupees 5,882, as was provided in the estimate. This circumstance was at once brought to the notice of the Overseer Mr. Ward, who was then in his camp, by your Appellant, and he, on the 29th February 1872, submitted also a written report to the Range Officer, showing by actual measurements the different details of work the channel needed, all that did not come to more than rupees 200. This report of your Appellants gave rise to a series of correspondence between the Superintending Engineer, the District authorities, the Board of Revenue and the Government, ultimately ending with the removal of the Officer in charge of the Range.

3. The Government, in their order, not only have upheld your Appellant's character for "honesty" but also directed the Collector, to have your Appellants claim for compensation, settled by a Panchayet and report the same. This compensation is the amount advanced by your Appellant to Woddurs to the extent of rupees 500 or thereabouts. The Woddurs who were on their way to Tungtoor Channel from a great distance, with their families and traps, &c., travelling in gangs all along the way from Authinimiahpully, hearing that the work was not to be commenced then and there on their arrival, and they being generally very poor and live only by their daily labour, dispersed in search of employment elsewhere; and so any attempt to recover the advances from them will be next to useless.

4. Your Appellant was served with a notice, from the Tahsildar of Pullumpet, to appear before the Panchayet on the 3rd September 1872, to consider your Appellant's claim for compensation. Your Appellant called at Pullumpet on the said date: but the Tahsildar was away to a place called Rollamadogoo, a distance of about 20 miles. Appellant, therefore, met the Sheristadar, who informed him that he knows nothing about the Panchayet, consequently

Appellant, on the following day, had written a letter\* to the Tahsildar, asking him leave for a month, as he was ill at the time, and had to go back to Cuddapah.

\* Vide appended copy marked A.

\* I have your humble petitioner was not willing to take up the work to the Superintendent that visited at the time of the Pullumpet Taluq. but for the request of the Superintendent Range Officer of the District. He then was obliged to accept the work. The fact will be as before, he proved from the records.

632-11-75

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No 7547  
Cuddapah  
Office Secretary to  
Government  
P. W. Department  
Master  
Cuddapah  
G.O. No 3424. 2.12.75.  
Enclosed  
I enclose copy of a  
letter from the Officer  
in charge of the Range  
dated 18th February 1872  
with a copy of the  
Contract for the work  
for the benefit of the  
District. Reference to G.O. No  
632 of 11-75.

5. Not knowing anything about the Panchayet, your Appellant had addressed a letter, to the Tahsildar of Pullumpet on the 26th October 1872. Appellant received a second notice from the said Tahsildar on the 10th November 1872, to appear before the Panchayet on the 13th. As the Appellant was summoned as a witness in a magisterial case before the Taluq Sub-Magistrate's Court of Cuddapah, to appear on the 6th November 1872, and as the case did not come to a close till the 12th November 1872, your Appellant wrote a letter\* on the 11th November to the Tahsildar of Pullumpet, that he would attend the Panchayet no sooner he gets relieved from the said case. While your Appellant was making himself ready to start to Pullumpet, he was informed that the Panchayet had submitted their decision to the Collector and subsequently was given to understand that the Collector's report also was submitted to Board of Revenue or Government, recommending that your Appellant is not at all deserving of compensation he claimed, and that he also be further prohibited from taking contract works in the Public Works Department, to which report the Government appears to have given their consent and passed orders accordingly.

6. In the absence of your Appellant, not having been able to obtain copies of reports, &c., that were made against him by the Collector, though several letters\* were addressed to him and others, &c., he is unable to give his explanations in vindication of the charges that might have led your Lordship in Council as to deprive your Appellant's bread, which he was earning by honest means as a contractor in the Public Works Department; your Appellant could not account or assign any cause whatever, remote or recent, that might have rendered him liable to the displeasure of the Collector, who is beloved and respected by one and all of his district for his kind treatment, temper and justice, but your Appellant is led to believe, by the Collector's report on the application\* dated 4th September 1872 on the 16th November 1872, and despatching the same on the 20th to Appellant's address, subsequent to his despatching a report to Government against your Appellant that the Collector might have been either prejudiced against your poor Mahomedan humble Appellant, by the interference of rich and powerful Hindu and Eralur enemies, who owe a grudge against your Appellant for his doing contract works most honestly, or your Appellant's misfortune, should have necessitated the Collector to view his case most seriously.

7. Your Appellant begs most respectfully to state, that he was employed as a Maistry for upwards of 13 years, and then as a contractor for nearly 3 years. The Testimonials obtained while as a Maistry, were all lost as the box that contained them were robbed. As to the efficiency of your Appellant as a contractor, the testimonial\* and copies\* of correspondence as marginally noted will prove to your Lordship's entire satisfaction, whether your Appellant's character or honesty was in any way affected, as to warrant such a serious order from the Government, prohibiting your Appellant from doing contract works, and that too when there was no report of any description, from any of the professional officers, under whom your Appellant worked. If your Appellant had not shown his vigilance and activity in his works, there should have been left large sums of money as 11 and 12 thousand unspent, in the official years. All these statements of your Appellant are nothing but truth, and any reference to the officers under whom your Appellant worked as a contractor would testify to the same.

8. Your Appellant has explained his case as far as his poor abilities could help, and leaves the circumstances into your Lordship's hands entirely for due consideration and justice, to permit your most humble and helpless Mahomedan Appellant, to continue his contracts in the Department of Public Works when opportunity offers; for which act of justice, your Appellant, as in duty bound,

SHALL EVER PRAY

No. 13.

# APPENDIX A.

With the salaams of contractor N. Madar Sahib, to M. R. Ry N. Ramanjoolarow Puntthooloo, Tahsildar of Pullumpet Taluq.

In obedience to your notice regarding the compensation due to me for Tungootoor Gungi Reddy Channel I called at the Cutchery. The Sheristadar informed me that you are gone towards Rollamadnagoo, and that he does not know when you will reach head quarters, and besides I am ill from the time I came to Pullumpet, and so I am compelled to go to Cuddapah, consequently I pray that you will be pleased to grant me one month's leave.

PULLUMPET,  
4th September 1872.

(Signed) N. MADAR SAHIB.

No. 17.

# APPENDIX B.

To

N. RAMANJOLAROW PUNTHOOLOO,

Tahsildar of Pullumpet Taluq.

In consequence of my not having received any notice up to date since my letter No. 13, dated 4th September, and not knowing what has been done on it, I pray you will be pleased to let me know about it.

CAMALAPOORUM,  
26th October 1872.

(Signed) N. MADAR SAHIB.

No. 19.

# APPENDIX C.

To

N. RAMANJOLAROW PUNTHOOLOO,

Tahsildar of Pullumpet Taluq.

As I am summoned to appear before the Sub-Magistrate's Court of Cuddapah Taluq as a witness in a case, I am unable to attend on the 13th Instant, at Tungootoor Camp, as per your notice regarding the compensation due to me for Tungootoor Gungi Reddy Channel, but no sooner the case ends, I shall be ready at your service. Excuse me.

CUDDAPAH,  
11th November 1872.

(Signed) N. MADAR SAHIB.

# APPENDIX D.

From

N. MADAR SAHIB,

Contractor, Residing at Town of Cuddapah.

To

W. D. HORSLEY, Esq.,

Collector of Cuddapah District.

I beg most respectfully that your honor will favour me with a copy of the Proceedings passed by the Governor regarding payment of my compensation for Tungootoor Gungi

See 29-11-75

See the reference to the letter 632 of 19th January 1875

Reddy Channel in the Taluq of Pullumpet, in the enclosed two papers, bearing eight annas stamp each. I beg also to enclose herewith post labels for the value of eight annas for labour to copy the Proceedings, for which purpose any thing that falls due I am ready to bear.

(Signed) N. MADAR SAHIB.

PULLUMPET,  
4th September 1872. }

I have no authority to give copies of Government Orders.

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY.

16th November 1872.

No. 628.

#### APPENDIX E.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

Cuddapah.

To

MADAR SAHIB,

Contractor,

Camp Gurrumconda.

Dated 4th July 1874. }  
Despatched 7th July 1874. }

Inform in reply to your letter dated 29th June 1874, that he is not allowed to give copies of official documents that may come into his possession without getting permission. You should make your application to Government.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, LIEUT.-COLONEL,

District Engineer.

(True Copy.)

#### APPENDIX F.

N. Madar Sahib served as a contractor under me for near three years in the Cuddapah Range. I always found him hardworking and well up to his work, finishing it almost in every case by the dates he had promised. His work was usually satisfactorily carried out, and when not so, he was always ready to pull it down and build it again to one's satisfaction. It was with great regret that I had to part with him.

(Signed) A. W. HUNTER,

Asst. Engineer, D. P. W.

MUSSERY }  
October 22, 1873. }

#### APPENDIX G.

To

NUNDALUMPETT MADAR SAHIB,

Contractor.

I write to know if you are willing to come to Madanapally to execute work, and if so, I have certain work to carry out which I would be willing to give you at the estimated rates. I will have an estimate sanctioned in a few days for repairing the Sub-Collector's Cutchery,

MADANAPALLY, 2nd April 1872.

and am also preparing others for repairing the Taluq Cutchery and present Range Office, and also one for building a new Range Office, and I expect that the same will be sanctioned soon. I will also have got plenty of irrigation and road works, and can give you as much work as you can do. Let me have an early reply, as I cannot provide any work if you delay in the matter.

(Signed) P. O'RATIGUN,

Executive Engineer.

(True Copy.)

No. 69.

#### APPENDIX H.

From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Madanapalli Range.

To

MADAR SAHIB,

Contractor, Cuddapah.

CAMP VOILPAD,  
Dated 24th April 1872. }  
Despatched 25th April 1872. }

With reference to your letter dated 21st April 1872.

Please state precisely when you will be able to take up work in this Range without fail, as I want to make arrangements soon, for pushing on with work, and this I cannot do until I get a precise answer from you. If the work in the Range does not suit you, please say so at once as of course I don't expect you to suffer any loss by taking of work here as you are doing in other Ranges.

I having been writing to other places to try and get competent contractors to take up work and have consequently written to you also, I require an early reply.

(Signed) P. O'RATIGUN,

Executive Engineer.

#### APPENDIX I.

CAMP SEDDAPALLIE,  
19th August 1872.

To

MADAR SAIB,

Contractor.

I have written to the Superintending Engineer, and he has informed me that he has no objection to your taking work here. I will show you his letter when you come if you require to see it. If the Collector objects to you, I will speak with him, and after explaining matters, I am sure that he will not object hither, if therefore you intend to take up work here you must do so at once, and this is the last letter that ever I will write to you on this subject, please let me have your answer by return of post. I will be at Madanapally on the 25th instant.

(Signed) P. O'RATIGUN,

Executive Engineer.

(True Copy.)

*Appendix I*  
*I have no hesitation in saying that the works*  
*you allude to were carried out satisfactorily, your numerous*  
*works particularly were carried out in a very creditable manner.*  
*(Signed) W. J. Donaghue*  
*Sub-Engineer, Cuddapah Range*  
*Cuddapah - 2*  
*12 May 1875*  
*W. J. Donaghue*

Ac. 3424

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the *2<sup>d</sup> Decy 5.*

Read the following :—

Robert Rogers } (H.E. 10/11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100/101/102/103/104/105/106/107/108/109/110/111/112/113/114/115/116/117/118/119/120/121/122/123/124/125/126/127/128/129/130/131/132/133/134/135/136/137/138/139/140/141/142/143/144/145/146/147/148/149/150/151/152/153/154/155/156/157/158/159/160/161/162/163/164/165/166/167/168/169/170/171/172/173/174/175/176/177/178/179/180/181/182/183/184/185/186/187/188/189/190/191/192/193/194/195/196/197/198/199/200/201/202/203/204/205/206/207/208/209/210/211/212/213/214/215/216/217/218/219/220/221/222/223/224/225/226/227/228/229/230/231/232/233/234/235/236/237/238/239/240/241/242/243/244/245/246/247/248/249/250/251/252/253/254/255/256/257/258/259/260/261/262/263/264/265/266/267/268/269/270/271/272/273/274/275/276/277/278/279/280/281/282/283/284/285/286/287/288/289/290/291/292/293/294/295/296/297/298/299/300/301/302/303/304/305/306/307/308/309/310/311/312/313/314/315/316/317/318/319/320/321/322/323/324/325/326/327/328/329/330/331/332/333/334/335/336/337/338/339/340/341/342/343/344/345/346/347/348/349/350/351/352/353/354/355/356/357/358/359/360/361/362/363/364/365/366/367/368/369/370/371/372/373/374/375/376/377/378/379/380/381/382/383/384/385/386/387/388/389/390/391/392/393/394/395/396/397/398/399/400/401/402/403/404/405/406/407/408/409/410/411/412/413/414/415/416/417/418/419/420/421/422/423/424/425/426/427/428/429/430/431/432/433/434/435/436/437/438/439/440/441/442/443/444/445/446/447/448/449/450/451/452/453/454/455/456/457/458/459/460/461/462/463/464/465/466/467/468/469/470/471/472/473/474/475/476/477/478/479/480/481/482/483/484/485/486/487/488/489/490/491/492/493/494/495/496/497/498/499/500/501/502/503/504/505/506/507/508/509/510/511/512/513/514/515/516/517/518/519/520/521/522/523/524/525/526/527/528/529/530/531/532/533/534/535/536/537/538/539/540/541/542/543/544/545/546/547/548/549/550/551/552/553/554/555/556/557/558/559/560/561/562/563/564/565/566/567/568/569/570/571/572/573/574/575/576/577/578/579/580/581/582/583/584/585/586/587/588/589/590/591/592/593/594/595/596/597/598/599/600/601/602/603/604/605/606/607/608/609/610/611/612/613/614/615/616/617/618/619/620/621/622/623/624/625/626/627/628/629/630/631/632/633/634/635/636/637/638/639/640/641/642/643/644/645/646/647/648/649/650/651/652/653/654/655/656/657/658/659/660/661/662/663/664/665/666/667/668/669/670/671/672/673/674/675/676/677/678/679/680/681/682/683/684/685/686/687/688/689/690/691/692/693/694/695/696/697/698/699/700/701/702/703/704/705/706/707/708/709/710/711/712/713/714/715/716/717/718/719/720/721/722/723/724/725/726/727/728/729/730/731/732/733/734/735/736/737/738/739/740/741/742/743/744/745/746/747/748/749/750/751/752/753/754/755/756/757/758/759/760/761/762/763/764/765/766/767/768/769/770/771/772/773/774/775/776/777/778/779/780/781/782/783/784/785/786/787/788/789/790/791/792/793/794/795/796/797/798/799/800/801/802/803/804/805/806/807/808/809/810/811/812/813/814/815/816/817/818/819/820/821/822/823/824/825/826/827/828/829/830/831/832/833/834/835/836/837/838/839/840/841/842/843/844/845/846/847/848/849/850/851/852/853/854/855/856/857/858/859/860/861/862/863/864/865/866/867/868/869/870/871/872/873/874/875/876/877/878/879/880/881/882/883/884/885/886/887/888/889/890/891/892/893/894/895/896/897/898/899/900/901/902/903/904/905/906/907/908/909/910/911/912/913/914/915/916/917/918/919/920/921/922/923/924/925/926/927/928/929/930/931/932/933/934/935/936/937/938/939/940/941/942/943/944/945/946/947/948/949/950/951/952/953/954/955/956/957/958/959/960/961/962/963/964/965/966/967/968/969/970/971/972/973/974/975/976/977/978/979/980/981/982/983/984/985/986/987/988/989/990/991/992/993/994/995/996/997/998/999/1000/1001/1002/1003/1004/1005/1006/1007/1008/1009/1010/1011/1012/1013/1014/1015/1016/1017/1018/1019/1020/1021/1022/1023/1024/1025/1026/1027/1028/1029/1030/1031/1032/1033/1034/1035/1036/1037/1038/1039/1040/1041/1042/1

His Excellency the  
Governor in Council is  
not prepared to issue  
his Order No. 552 D<sup>y</sup> of  
February 1873, in fa-  
vor of Nadar Sahib  
the Cuddapah Range  
Officer. (Supposed to  
be Mr. Nelson)  
will be instructed to  
inform him of fully  
as to the circumstances  
which necessitated  
the issue of that order,  
and

And which are clearly  
recorded therein, and  
in the previous Orders  
Nos 1346 and 2963 of  
3rd June and 14th Decr  
1872.

His Excellency the  
Governor in Council  
is very unfavorably  
impressed by the  
letter from the  
Cuddapah Range  
Officer as to the en-  
tire dependence of  
the Executive Officers  
of the Public Works  
Department in the  
Cuddapah District  
on particular Con-  
tractors for the  
execution

BB Cuddapah.  
27-10-12-75  
R. C. Cuddapah

Which I will not  
do as waiting  
in the hands of the  
District Engineer  
Hampson Col  
Amberley's short coming  
may be remedied, which will

execution of the works  
for which they are  
responsible. No im-  
provement would be  
apparent to have oc-  
curred since 1872  
and 1873; whereas  
from the Appendices  
to the Contractors Re-  
lative to the  
and Hudson seems to  
have been entirely  
dependent upon him,  
and the whole of my  
independent Depart-  
mental Agency. The  
former State of affairs  
was allowed to  
prevail while Col  
A. S. Motherly was  
Superintending

