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

Read the following papers —

No 167. From Lieutenant-Colonel J F FISCHER, R E, District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 9th December 1874, No 3,865.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the enclosed twelve completion certificates appertaining to

12 Completion Certificates
1 Copy of letter
2 Bills

certain works in the Tirumungalum Taluq of this district for the year 1872-73, which Lieutenant Boddy is

unable to sign, and which Mr. Hawksworth, who was in charge of the taluq from July 1873 to March 1874, failed to attend to, and now declines to dispose of unless he is

No 913, dated 17th October 1874

specially remunerated for returning to the taluq. A copy of his letter is here-

with forwarded, as I am quite unable to understand on what grounds such an application is made, and he wishes to have the orders of the Government on the subject

2 I regret to say I am unable to support Mr. Hawksworth in his allegation that he had such hard work to attend to elsewhere. So far as I am able to judge of his proceedings he has no idea of employing his time usefully, and he occupies himself in matters not relating to his own duties, such as going out of his way to make a report on the Goodaloor Ghaut on which a special officer had been employed, and sending this in when that officer had left the district, wasting his time pretending to trace a ghaut on the western face of the Pulneys during the prevalence of the south-west monsoon, these and similar proceedings will fully account for his inability to attend to the legitimate duties of his Range

3 I am unable to report favorably on the relationships which appear to exist between Mr. Hawksworth and his contractors, some of these are paid readily

* One is enclosed, another bill will follow enough "on the Overseer's responsibility and measurements" as per bills* enclosed,

others are kept without payment for months, and others heavily fined, the money being drawn by him in full and the fine repaid into the Taluq Treasury under the head "Deposits," a most irregular proceeding and leading to endless petitions and investigations. The works for which bills are enclosed I have inspected, and they have been indifferently executed, in fact the Sub Collector had pointed out to the Range Officer, in July last, the bad workmanship and materials in the basement of the Pulney Taluq Cutcherry, for which he had paid, and taken no notice of, and in August last, on first visiting the place, I pointed this out at once, and expressed my surprise that any executive officer should have paid for such work. Mr. Hawksworth's excuse was he was obliged to use the materials collected by his predecessors, but he had totally failed to enter any written order on the subject on the work for the bill, or to make any report against the contractor. I told Mr. Hawksworth I was new to the district and to such work, and it must stop, having given him full time to make a change he must be held responsible for the consequences of the reports I am now compelled to submit to Government, which I have done my utmost to avoid

4. The matter of the certificates had been sent to the Controller, who concurred in opinion with myself in considering that Mr. Hawksworth had plenty of time between July 1873 and March 1874 to attend to these works, and must be held responsible in the matter.

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5th March 1875*

No 167A. From the same Officer, dated Camp at Pulney, 18th January 1875,
No 4,291

With reference to G. O., of the 30th September 1874, No. 2,751, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, with much regret, that I am unable to make any favorable report regarding Mr Executive Engineer Hawks-
worth I purposely obtained the sanction of Government to postpone a report on him in the hope that after pointing out to him personally the very faulty con-
dition of his Range, and his general mismanagement, he would endeavour to improve matters, but the Government will already have learnt from the reports lately submitted regarding the Pulney Taluq Cutcherry works, the revised esti-
mates for the Percacolum and Pulney Cutcheries, and the certificates for the works in the Tiroomungalum Taluq, how negligently and inefficiently he performs
his duties, with the assistance of Mr. Overseer Gill, and giving far more personal attention to his Range than I ought to have done, I have been able to keep matters
going, but other parts of the district cannot be allowed to suffer any longer just to keep Mr Hawksworth square I am therefore compelled to submit this report,
and to solicit the Government to give me a more useful and efficient officer to enable me to attend to their interests satisfactorily

No 168
ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1875, No 644.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 16
His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets to find from the reports of the District Engineer, Madura, above
recorded, and those yet under consideration with reference to the Taluq Cut-
cherries of Pulney and Percacolum, that Mr Hawksworth continues to evidence
entire want of aptitude for any charge of responsibility in which he is not subject
to the immediate control of a superior officer This he cannot have in the Dindi-
gul Range, and it might have been well for him had the District Engineer removed
him to the Madura Range, more immediately under his own eye Another trial
will now be given him in the Mangalore Range of South Canara, where his head-
quarters and that of the District Engineer's will be the same, and the latter officer
is intimately acquainted with the work as he has long held the Range charge.
But His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot permit an officer who has
shown such want of capacity for responsible charge any longer to hold a higher
position than that of Assistant Engineer, 1st grade, to which Mr Hawksworth
will accordingly be relegated from the 1st February. Lieutenant Boddy, R E,
will relieve Mr Hawksworth at once of his range charge, and be relieved of his
own charge by an upper subordinate when one is available.

(True Extract)

To the District Engineer, Madura
" " " " South Canara
" " " " Controller of Public Works Accounts
Frd S T Austin.
Spure Copies

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government

For C. No. 4146/75

MEMORANDUM.

Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers —

*G. O. Public Works Dept dated 5. March 1875
A. 644.*

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
23rd Dec 1875.

Mad Geyr
Registrar.

To
The Registrar of the *Public Works Dept*

No 3865 District Engineer Office
 Madras 9th December 1874
 From Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Tucker Esq
 District Engineer Madras
 To Colonel G. W. Walker Esq
 Secretary to Government
 Madras

Enclosures 15
 21 Completion
 certificates
 1 Copy of letter
 2 Bills -

Sir I have the honor to submit
 for the orders of Government the enclosed
 15 Completion Certificates pertaining to
 certain Works in the Tirumangalam Taluq
 of this District for the year 1872-73 which
 Lieut. Cuddy is unable to sign and
 which Mr. Sawbrough, who was in charge
 of the Taluq from July 1872 to March 1874
 failed to attend and now declines to
 dispose of unless he is specially remunerated
 for returning to the Taluq. A
 copy of his letter is herewith forwarded
 as I am quite unable to understand
 on what grounds such an application
 is

No 913 dated
 17 October 1874

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orders of the Government on the subject.

I regret to say I am unable
to support Mr. Hawkeworth in his al-
legation that he had such hard work
to attend to elsewhere, so far as I am
able to judge of his proceedings he has
not been of employing his time use-
fully and he occupies himself in mat-
ters not relating to his own duties.

Such as going out of his way to make
reports on the Cordalor Chaut in
which a Special Officer had been
employed and sending this in when
that officer had left the District, wishing
his time pretending to have a Chaut
on the western face of the Gulup div-
iding the prevalence of the South West
Monsoon. These and similar proceedings
will fully account for his inability to
attend to the legitimate duties
of his Camp.

I am unable to report

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another bill will
follow.

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to exist between Mr. Hawkeworth and
his Contractors, some of these are paid
readily on the uncorroborated
promissory and measurements and
per bills enclosed others are kept with-
out payments for months and
there heavily fined, the money being
drawn by him in full and the fine
repaid into the Salug Treasury under
the head deposits a most irregular
proceeding and leading to endless
petitions and investigation. The bills
for which bills are enclosed. I have
inspected and they have been in-
differently executed in fact. The Sub-
Collector had printed out to the
Range Officer in July last the back
workmanship and materials in the
basements of the Salug Catchment
for which he had paid and taken no
notice of and in August last on
first visiting the place I pointed this
out

out at such a price. I expected my
surprise with any Executive Officer
I should have paid for such work.
Mr. Hawksworth's expense was he
was obliged to use the materials pro-
vided by his predecessor but he had
totally failed to enter any written
order on the subject or the water
the bill or to make any report against
the Contractor. I told Mr. Hawksworth
I was new to the District and to
such work, and it must stop. Having
given him full time to make a change
he must be held responsible for the
consequences of the reports given now
compelled to submit to Government
which I have done my utmost to avoid.
The matter of the certificate
had been sent to the Controller who
concurred in opinion with myself
in considering that Mr. Hawksworth
had plenty of time between July 73
and March 74 to attend to these

These Works and must be held res-
ponsible in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
Wm. T. Tucker Esq
District Engineer
Madras.

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No 429/ District Engineer's Office
Camp Pulney 18 January 75.

From
Lieut Colonel J. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer Madras

To
Colonel W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government

Sir
With reference to L.O. of the
30 September 1874. No 2757 I have
the honor to state for the infor-
mation of Government, with
much regret, that I am unable
to make any favorable report
regarding Mr. Executive Engineer
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the sanction of Government to
postpone a report on him in the
hope that after pointing out to
him personally the very faulty
condition of his charge and his
general mismanagement, he would

J. M. 1874
District Engineer
Madras
No 77797
Received 12 Dec 1874
The Secretary
Government
Madras
Encd: 15
To inform completion
certificates & reports the manner
in which the
structures in the
District Range
No 5-3-95

endeavour to improve matters; but
the Government will already have
learned from the reports lately sub-
mitted regarding the Pulney
Saloot Butcherry works, the revised
estimates for the Peracolum and
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more personal attention to his
charge than I ought to have done,
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going, but other parts of the District
cannot be allowed to suffer
any longer just to keep Mr
Hawthornthwaite square. I am therefore
compelled to submit this report
and to solicit the Government
to give me a more useful and
efficient Officer to enable me to

attend to their interests satisfactorily

I have the honor to be
per
Your Most Obedt servant
Lieut. Col. V. A. D. C.
District Engineer

P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the

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Read the following.—

From the District Engineer, Madras } (No. 3865 dt 9 Decr 1904)
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The Excellency the Governor in Council regrets to find from the reports of the District Engineer Madras above recorded, and those yet under consideration with reference to the Sahib Cut-Channels of Pulney and Peracolum that Mr. Hanford continues to evidence entire want of aptitude for any charge of responsibility in which he is not subject to the immediate control of

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 Dated 19 January 1905
 Recd. 21 —
 No. 4291
 To the District Engineer
 Madras
 The Secretary to Government
 Madras
 Request to put
 an affidavit of right
 of title in the name
 of Mr. Hanford
 in the Sahib Cut
 Channels
 5-2-95

of an Inferior Officer. Thus
he cannot have in the
Mendigut Range, and it
might have been well for
him had the District
Engineer removed him to the
Madura Range more im-
mediately under his own
eye. Another trial will
now be given him in the
Mangalore Range of South
Canara, where his Head
Quarters and that of the
District Engineer's will be
the same, and the latter
Officer is intimately ac-
quainted with the work
as he has long held the
Range Charge. But
His Excellency the Governor

in Council cannot per-
mit an Officer who has
shown such want of
Capacity for responsible
charge any longer to hold
a higher position than that
of Assistant Engineer 1st
Grade to which Mr Hawks-
worth will accordingly be
relegated from the 1st February.
~~Lt. Col. Ross will be~~
~~relegated to the vacancy~~
~~in the case of Assistant~~
~~Engineers.~~ Lieut Roddy
Lt will relieve Mr Hawks-
worth at once of his Range
Charge, and he relieved of
his own charge by an Upper
Subordinate when one is
available.

To The R.E. of Madras & Tellicherry
South Canara
a Controller of P. & M.
L. 100/15-3-75

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Sect. of 1875, Madrid.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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The Asst. Engr.
M. M. Sura
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Nov. 167-168.

Mr. Hawksworth, Esq.
Transferred to the Santa
Cruz A. and relegated
to Asst. Engr. 1st grade for
want of capacity for
responsible charge as
evinced by his proceedings
in connection with the Perce
Colum Quincy Culvert
The Board ordered to relieve
him at once & he re
lived of his own charge by a
letter of resignation.

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