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26th April 1876.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 369.* From the District Engineer, Madura, dated 7th March 1876, No. 4,518.

No. 369-A. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ramnad, 27th March 1876, No. 4,798.

In reference to your memorandum of the 29th ultimo, No. 176/1, I have the honor to state that a man of the name Sawmy Iyer was formerly employed in this district, and his petition, which was sent to me on the 20th December 1875 for disposal, was sent to the Executive Engineer, and by him to the sub-divisional officer for report; finding these officers had been unable to attend to the matter, and the man continued to repeat his allegations, I came down to Ramnad to see into matters myself, and to submit the following report.

2. I have examined the dispensary building, and have much pleasure in stating that the whole work, except the out-patients' houses, to be noticed hereafter, has been well and satisfactorily built, and remarkably so for this district; the wood-work is for these parts very good indeed, and it is quite evident the Overseer has used his best endeavours to turn out creditable work on an estimate prepared by Sub-Engineer Mooneapah Pillay as usual in a very inaccurate manner, and I do not attach the slightest credit to the allegations of the petitioner, who was a protégé of that individual's and was dismissed as soon as he left the district for gross neglect of his work and duties, and has since, like the Overseer, of the Godavery, employed himself in petitioning against this Overseer, who got rid of him as soon as his former Range Officer was transferred.

3. As regards the houses for out-patients, they are built on pillars in brick and mud, with mud walls, whitewashed, and have a tiled roof, according to the expressed desire of the Local Fund Board's; such structures of course cannot be creditably built, and this department cannot be held responsible for them, as the Government have expressly forbidden constructions of such materials; but Dr. Stewart, the Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, on his late tour made no complaints against these works, or of any part of the dispensary, and as he is an independent officer, unconnected with this district in any way, his testimony to the character of this Overseer's work is the more valuable.

4. I have examined the whole length of road on which materials for metalling had been collected from Pugalore to this place, and I consider them quite good and fit for the purpose, but the Sub-Engineer had failed to show the stone I had found to the Overseer, and the man found a quarry for himself; the main road through Ramnad has been metalled by him with this material, and has stood the heavy rains of last October perfectly well.

5. On my return towards Madura I will inspect the Narigoody chuttrum granary works, and submit a further report.

No. 369-B. From the same Officer, dated Madura, 17th April 1876, No. 2,221.

In continuation of my letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 4,798, I have the honor to report that I inspected the Narigoody granary on the 7th instant, and regret to

One original letter.

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say I was far from satisfied with the work as now progressing under the sub-division officer, Mr. Potter, and second grade Sub-Overseer, Iyaloo Naidoo, and called for the explanations of the former, which are herewith transmitted.

2. The estimate as usual, with all those prepared by Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay, is a bad one, and the rates insufficient, and some items, such as flat arches over doors and windows, plates for verandah pillar heads, &c., had been entirely omitted; the wall, &c., are to be of brick in mud with chunam work about the doors and windows and the tops of pillars; the roofing to be of palmyrah wood and vangay; buttresses are allowed at intervals all round the building where there is no verandah, but nothing is allowed for the foundation of these.

3. As long as 1st Grade Sub-Overseer Coopoosamy Naidoo was in charge he appears to have done the work well, putting in the foundations to the buttresses and raising the walls to $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above basement level of good large bricks; the wood-work, supplied by him too, appears to be quite sound, but since January last Sub-Overseer Iyaloo Naidoo has been in charge, and he has carried up the walls very negligently of small country bricks, insufficiently burnt, and very badly laid; the chunam he is using is whitewash and mud, having no adhesive properties in it at all, and he has allowed the work-people to dig holes close up to the verandahs to take mud for the walls. I am therefore obliged to stop work till a revised estimate can be prepared.

4. The Local Fund Boards must be held responsible for insisting upon having brick-in-mud walls to bear the weight of heavy tiled roofs; in all Government works this has at length been prohibited; but I am surprised Mr. Potter, who only lately inspected this work, should have so utterly failed to notice or to remedy these defects.

5. The work is situated, as Mr. Potter states, in an out-of-the-way place, and he certainly placed a Sub-overseer in special charge to look after it, but he ought on his last inspection to have stopped and condemned such work; but his health is very weak, I regret to say, and he appears to suffer much from the remains of old Wynaad fever, and I can only advise that a young Assistant Engineer be sent at once to this most important sub-division in which are roads of far more importance to the district generally in any economical point of consideration than the Pulney ghaut works, as these lead directly to the coast, and in such soil, pure alluvial or sand, it is not easy to make or maintain a road, and it was only by personal exertions that some little suitable material was found. In Ramnad, too, there are many very important irrigation works which we have to attend to at the request of the Court of Wards.

From Mr. F. POTTER, Supervisor, Department of Public Works, Zemindary Sub-Division, to Lieutenant Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 12th April 1876, No. 8.

Your Nos. 96, 135, and 153 of 7th, 8th, and 10th instant.

The revised estimate for the Narigoody granary was despatched to the Range Officer on the 14th December 1875 with No. 442.

2. The date of my last inspection was the 16th ultimo. I have found fault with the Sub-Overseer in special charge of the work, in regard to the materials and workmanship, and also its progress.

3. As the work lies in an out-of-the-way place, difficult to obtain labor and materials, this Sub-Overseer (Iyaloo Naidoo) was posted by me specially in December last, and his work

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since then has been but this one chuttrum although a Sub-Overseer; his bad superintendence and construction are therefore quite inexcusable.

No. 370.

ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1876, No. 1,043.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.

ORDERED to be recorded and communicated to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin

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No. 4/98 District Engineer's Office, Bangalore
Dated 27 May 1876

From
To: Lt. Col. J. F. Fisher
District Engineer, Madras

Major General G. W. Walker
Secretary to Government

Sir
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 gathering spots and Subsequent further
 reports.
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 Dear Sir
 Your Most Obedt Servant
 Assistant Engineer
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To

Major General G. W. Walker
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No. 2353

The District Engineer
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Report on the
allegation made
by one of the
Sub. officers of the
District Engineer

1876
District Engineer
Madras

To

Major General G. W. Walker
Secretary to Government D. P. W.
Madras

Most respected & honored Sir

I most respectfully & humbly beg
to bring the following circumstances to your
honors valuable notice & beg to be excused for
the liberty I have taken in intruding on your
honors precious time.

I have preferred a complaint against
Chippooosamy Kaidoo the 1st Grade Sub over se
of Ramnad for the fraudulent acts done by
him on the 6th December 1875 to your honor
& again on the 20th January & 5th February
1876. I have sent in petitions to your honor
clearly stating that my first complaint was
unnecessarily delayed in the 1st Range office
and as Mr. Potter the supervisor has taken
charge of the 1st Range office who is fully
sided with the overseer in question ascries
in my 3 petitions to your honor as well as
to the District Engineer and L. F. &
Board Members.

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to refer the following illegal proceedings
he has commenced.

I was lead to understand to my entire
surprise that my 1st & 3^d petitions were
sent to Coophosawmy Kaidoo the sub overman
by Mr. Potter the Supervisor calling his
explanation or something. This is nothing
but ridiculous. In every instances whatever
Departments it may be 1st thing to be attended
to is to inquire the truth of the whole statement
of the complaint both by inquiry & in person
& then take the Defence of the party as the
circumstances demand. In spite the
Supervisor has sent in all my petitions
without any kind of inquiry (to the overseer)
for explanation in order to hint the overseer
to set aright the defects & be watchfull
and moreover this illegal proceedings
of Mr. Potter will alone show your
honors generosity that Mr. Potter has
fully in favor with the overseer & he
will always try to protect the overseer.
Further his proceedings in my complaints
lead me to consider that he will share
with the overseers dealings. I have
applied to your honor as well as the
District Engineer to take out my complaints
from Mr. Potter hands & have an direct
inquiry & render justice. I do not know
what notice were taken of them. I under
the above circumstances beg to state how

could it be possible an complaints part
to prove the charges against the overseer if
higher authorities are intentionally and
willfully take illegal course and hint the
overseer by sending my complaint at
1st without any previous inquiry as to
the fact of the complaint. I therefore
respectfully crave your honors goodness
to consider all my statement and kindly
issue such orders to the District Engineer
as to render justice. If my complaint is
were refered to the Head assistant
Magistrate of the District or assistant
Magistrate I shall fairly bring out the
truth of my complaint. In case of
your honor not willing to take any
steps regarding my complaints considering
them as not worthy of consideration
I most respectfully crave your honor
to order to reinstate me in my post
of Masitry & cause the payment
due to me for 3 months and 30 days
for which days I have actually employed
an road etc.

Madurai
22nd February
1876
Channayyer
Late Masitry D. P. W.
Ganapathy S. S. S. S.
New Street Madurai

I humbly beg to remain
Most honored & respected Sir
Your honors Most obedient and very
humble servant
Late Masitry D. P. W.

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No. 222

District Engineer's office
Madras 17 April 1876

From

Quart. Coll. J. F. Fischer Esq.
District Engineer Madras

To,
Major General G. W. Walker Esq.
Secretary to Government
C. W. D. Madras

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No: 8 Sub Division Office
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 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named person. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 The District Engineer
 for the Range of Mountains
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