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No 85 Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEAD, R. E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 6th November 1876, No. 152 —

I REGRET to report there has been an expenditure of Rupees (171-0-11) one hundred and seventy-one and pies eleven in No. III Range that is utterly thrown away, and therefore I have to ask the orders of Government regarding it.

2 The following is the history of the transaction — In March I found that two dams in the Rajah Channel, Chellumbrum Taluq, were in ruins, that estimates for rebuilding them had been sent to the Range Officer, but not forwarded to me. I requested that they might be sent to me, and on the 6th April I ordered that materials should be collected in anticipation of sanction, and said the estimates were being revised in my office, on the 13th April 1876,* I gave the quantities of brickwork and concrete

* No 40 A, copy enclosed in the revised plans. Mr. O'Ratigan, the Range Officer, on its receipt sent a copy of my memorandum to the Overseer with one from himself,† directing the works to be put in hand at once, he, Mr. O'Ratigan, evidently misread my order which only sanctioned the preparation of materials.

3. The estimates were forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation who declined passing them without more information, and I therefore on the 16th May informed the Range Officer that the works could not be built this season, and gave orders regarding the disposal of the materials.

4 Mr. Assistant Engineer Subroya Chariar had joined the range, and he in memorandum, No 136, dated 22nd May 1876,‡ to the Overseer Veerasawmy Naidu, directed to send in statements of the materials collected, &c, this it appears was not done, but in October a bill to the amount of Rupees 237-14-11 was prepared by the Overseer and presented. The Range Officer reported this to me on the 17th October 1876 in letter, No. 255, and in letter, No 288,§ dated 28th October 1876, gives explanation of the transaction and enclosed also the Overseer's explanation ||

§ Extract enclosed

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5 From the above I consider that Mr. O'Ratigan's misreading my order was the great error, but that Overseer Veerasawmy Naidu should have seen from the orders he received that it was never intended to build the work on his designs, and therefore before commencing the works he should have asked for further orders. Again, nothing can excuse his not answering the order of the 22nd May 1876, directing him to send in statements of material collected, and in not making out the Contractor's bills until October, or, as he says, making up the account until the end of August.

Assistant Engineer Subroya Chariar should certainly have paid more attention to this work, and I cannot agree with him in considering he had no reason to act until the Contractor appeared with a claim in August.

6 I must add that in June I was verbally informed that some concrete had been put down, but was told it was only a small quantity. I remarked that there was no order to do so, and that, if necessary, the matter must be reported.

No 86

ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1876, No. 3,275.

IRRIGATION, No 13
Account

THE loss has arisen from Mr P O'Rati-
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only part of the instructions of the Dis-
trict Engineer, and that part, as given in the latter's memorandum, No 40 A, of the
13th April, could not but mislead the Overseer, especially as the latter apparently
knew nothing of the plans being under revision.

2 A more systematic way of carrying on the work of the department, including
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regular manner, after the designs and estimates have been sanctioned, is clearly neces-
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3 The expenditure of Rupees (171-0 11) one hundred and seventy-one and
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revised estimate which is, it would seem, under preparation, and which should be
completed without unnecessary delay.

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government

To the District Engineer, South Arcot
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts

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No 120

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To

The Assistant Engineer
Virdachellum Division

Sir,

Adverting to explanation called
for I beg to report to you that the concrete
work for foundation for Espady Dam
has been finished in May last and the
work was stopped then as per order. I have
marked the work and finished the
concrete myself in accordance with my
estimate and Plan. On the receipt of
orders to stop the work I had to take over
charge of the materials collected for the work
from the contractor but owing to his having
gone to Kuddalore and somewhere else
on his private affairs I could not have him
to deliver me the materials before 22nd August
last. when I took over charge of the materials
from him I have granted to him the
Bill and in the same I have included
also the quantity of concrete work done before
as

P.W.D.

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No 5
Enclosed in a letter
from the District
Engineer to the
District Engineer
No 152 of 5th Nov/96

No 288

Verdachellam D. Officer & Arch
Camp Saultpet 28 October 1896

From

The Assistant Engineer,
Verdachellam Duram

To

The District Engineer,
Sonth Arch.

Sir,

Enclosures 4

In reply to your No 598 of the 21st Ins-
tant regarding the accounts of the Dams,
I have the honor to forward Copies of Memos
Nos 12 & 29 of the 7th and 15th April last to the
Overseer as to the transactions that had taken
place before I joined the Division. In
Memo No 29 you will notice that as re-
gards the plan for guidance it was hinted
that the Overseer had a copy.

2 Now as regards the action after I
joined the Range I beg also to forward
Copies of my Memos Nos 136 of the 22nd May and
623 of the 21st August last. Again when
you were in Verdachellam in June last

mentioned to you the time of what had taken place.

3 As regards the delay in the closing of the accounts, the Overseer states that the Contractor failed to hand over the Materials in time. I forwarded his explanation in writing (to be returned) for your information. I was under the impression that the materials would be used upon some work, and so was the case with the Materials of the Poor Dair, and thought there would be no claim.

Hence I did not press the matter till a Contractor presented himself to me and stated his accounts were not closed, upon which you will observe, I issued my Memo No 623 of the 21st August last.

Although I am not quite satisfied with the manner in which Overseer Narayan, Naideo manages his work for which I censured him in my Memo No 731 of the 14th September last (copy of which is enclosed) yet my experience has been that

6. that the Contractors are greatly to blame for their accounts not having been promptly closed. I have at present with me ready half a dozen bills not paid because they have not yet demanded their payments nor made their appearance at the date of my inspection. In such a school one party cannot be accused?

4 As to check measurement, being materials I told you that I did not count them but only inspected, but if you desire I will count them before payment. This whole I meant regarding the same.

Have the honor &c

Signed S Subroya Channer
Asst Engineer Vudachellam.

/ True Extract /
M. M. - Major R.E.
District Engineer

P.W.D

8091

Not
Enclosed in a letter from
the District Engineer, dated
11th October 1876
to the District Engineer, dated
11th November 1876

136

22nd May 1876.

To,
Quereer Verasammy Naidoo
Chillambaram

Quereer Verasammy Naidoo is in-
formed that orders have been received
from the District Engineer for the stoppage
of collection of materials for the 2 Dams of
Kopady and Vyllore proposed to be built
across the Rajah Arikal.

2. He is therefore requested to
submit at once a statement of the materials
that have already been collected with
a view to pass necessary orders for
their disposal.

/Signed/ S. Subroyachariar
Assistant Engineer

True Copy
/Signed/ S. Subroyachariar
Assistant Engineer

True Copy

M. M. — Major R. E.
District Engineer

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Inclosure in a letter from
the District Engineer about
about 15th May 1876
Signed with the 15th of
May 1876

No 3

No 29
To

15th April 1876.

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The Talang Quersed
Whellunburn.

Copy of District Engineer memo
No 40 dated 13th April is herewith
forwarded for information. The Quersed
should put the works in hand
at once and arrange for completing
the same by 30th May at the latest
as directed by the District Engineer.

It is believed that the Quersed
has got an office copy of the
Plan and Estimates to enable him
to push on with the works.

Signed/ P. B. Patigan C.E.
Executive Engineer

True Copy

Signed/ J. Subrayachariar
Assistant Engineer

True Copy

M. M. M. Major P.C.
District Engineer

P.W.D.
CIVIL
NO. 8091

See
enclosed in a letter from
Mr. D. H. Hays of Wash
to the Secy. of War's office
of 15th of 6th November 1891

in each case of these about 4900 ¹⁸⁵ cft of masonry
& 2120 cft of concrete. These 2 works must
be completed by the 30th of May at the latest.

/ Signed / H. R. Mead Major R.E.
District Engineer

/ Enclosed //

M. Mead Major R.E.
District Engineer

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be

P.W.D.
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No. 8091

No. 1
Enclosure in a letter from the
District Engineer South Arcot
to the Secy to Govt. D.P.W.
No 152 of 6th Nov 1876

No. 40 A
P.W.D.
The District Engineer, 9776
South Arcot.
No. 8091
To The officer in charge of
Vindachellum Division

Camp Cuddalore
Dated 13th
Despatched 13th April 1876.
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The plans and estimates of the Vyloor dam are being sent direct from this office to the collector the 2 dams are similar & there is

No 152

District Engineer office S. Arcot
Cuddalore 6th November 1876

From The District Engineer
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To Secretary to Government
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Your most obedient servant,

M. M. M.

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District Engineer,

No. 5091

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Public Works Department.
No 3275
PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The R. E. South Coast
Dated
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Nos. 85-86

Copatz and Tylor dams
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Chellum from Lake, South
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order on letter from the
Brit Eng. reporting cir-
-cumstances of wasteful
expenditure incurred on
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