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No. 29. S.L.

District Engineers' Office,

4th June 1844

Overseer Sydemans plan for the
Single bridge over Segoor Channel

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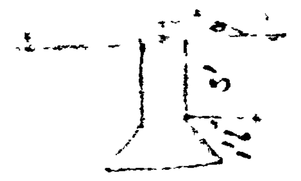

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No. 29 S.L. District Engineer's Office,
Salem, 16th June 1877.

From
The District Engineer,
Salem.

To
The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government,
D. P. W.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government a letter No. 418 dated 25th May 1877 from the Oopoor Range Officer forwarding very serious charges of misconduct against Overseer Sergeant Tydeman of the Oopoor Talug, the Overseer's rejoinder thereto, and Mr. Executive Engineer Lowry's replication to the same — all, with accompanying documents, as per margin. Also a statement from the Overseer dated 16th March 1877, which was only received by me on the 15th May, altho' called for so far back as the 1st March 1877.

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removal from Oopoor at that time would be most unfair to all concerned, besides being prejudicial to the discipline of the District.

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11. The explanations of his conduct afforded by Overseer Tydeman are unsatisfactory, vague and often irrelevant. And, from a perusal of the documents before you, you will doubtless observe that the Overseer has hardly succeeded in disproving any one of the charges brought against him.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant.
Montgomerie Major, R.E.,
District Engineer

Genl G.
1st Watts.

P.W.D.
20 JUL 77
No 6067

From
The District Engineer,
Salem.

Pros: 18th July 1877.-

To
The Chief Engineer &
Secretary to Government,
D. P. W.

Dated 16th
Recd: } June 1877

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Overseer Serjeant Tydeman:-

Reporting upon the conduct of - of the Oopoor Taluq; and protesting against his further employment in the District.

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P.W.D.

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Memorandum.

From a careful perusal of the letter of the District Engineer of Salem, the Executive Engineer's reports, and the numerous documents forwarded with them, the undersigned is of opinion that Overseer Serjeant Tydeman should be removed from the Public Works Department. He has been found incompetent, disobedient to orders, and so negligent of his duties as to be charged with dishonesty. He has failed to disprove the charges brought against him which moreover were enquired into on the spot by the District Engineer, who has seen the works executed by Overseer S. Tydeman

The examination of the case also shows that Mr Lowry, the Range Officer, has not exhibited sufficient firmness and decision in dealing with his Overseer who was allowed to run his course unchecked too long.

Serjeant Tydeman entered the D.P.W. from the 18th Hussars and on the departure of that regiment from India he re-enlisted into the 14th Hussars to which regiment he should now be remanded.

E A Ord Colonel, R.E.
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Fort St George
9th July 1877

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the District Engr, Salem, No. 293
dated 16th June 1877.

Memorandum by Chief Engr P.W.D
dated 9th July 1877

FOR ORDERS

E A Ord Col R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

I accept the Ch: Engr.
Recommend. L.H.

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No 418 W **Public Works Department.**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 13 July/77

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J.E. Sabin
Military Dept.
& in P.W.A.
Despd: 24-7-77

Govt. of {1877} Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the D. C. Salem

Dated

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G. O, 13th July 1877, No 418 W

Nos. 171-172

Overseer Sergt Tydeman Salem Dt ordered to be remanded to duty in the 14th Hussars

C. V.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government, P W D

To the District Engineer, Salem
" Military Department
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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Salem District.
Agricultural
No 2 Oossoor Range

Class No 2
Oossoor Talook (3)

Limits one mile to the Right of the 7th mile Stone on the Road from Oossoor to Shulagherry.

Detailed Estimate No 91 of 1875.76
Work Repairing Allalum Anicut and Channels.

The Anicut consists of a face Wall of Brick Anicut in Chunam with an apron of rough stone in rear, built on a ledge of Rocks which crosses the Pennair River diagonally; part of the Anicut being formed of the Rock itself.

The anicut is breached in many places and leaks a good deal through the remainder.

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There is no Head Sluice the Channel is therefore very often breached; at present the lower 5220 ft is not in use owing to 2 aqueducts having failed.

This Estimate provides for repairing the Anicut and aqueducts, clearing the channel where necessary and repairing its embankments and for giving Tunnels in rear of the Irrigation Sluice Walls, so as the embankment can be carried over them. A Head Sluice is also provided for as a new work to which the Tunnels for Irrigation Sluices will also be charged.

Statistics of Cultivation						Total Repairs	
Ayacut		5 Years average		Highest of 5 Years		During the last 5 Years	
Extent (acres).	Revenue	Extent acres	Revenue	Extent acres	Revenue	Years	Amount
204	1032	172	889	180	949	1870 1871	24.15.0

Estimate by whom and when called for

Estimate by whom and when prepared by Range Officer 19 5 75

Date of Inspection of work by Range Officer. 19.5 75.

Details of Work		Measurement in Feet			
		L.	B.	D.	
Closing Breach between Rocks	1	28	2½	5	350
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" " " "	1	10	2½	6	150
" " " "	1	18	2½	3	135
" " " "	1	4	2½	1	10
Building in front of Old wall to stop leaks	1	18	1½	2	54
Closing breach between Rocks	1	7	2½	1	17½
Closing breach wall to be built in rear of where Old wall is, as Rock higher in rear of it	1	23	2½	3	172½
Closing a breach	1	9	2½	1	22½
Closing a breach	1	19	2½	3	142½
Has to be built in rear of where Old wall is	1	42	2½	2½	262½
Closing a breach in wall that forms side of Head of supply channel	1	21	2½	3	157½
Total Cub. Ft.					1496½
Total C. Yds of Brick in chunam, first 2 courses to be laid in Portland Cement Mortar					55½
(Plastering)					
Front and top of No. 1 Repair		28	7½		210
" 2 "		3	5½		16½
" 3 "		10	8½		85
" 4 "		18	5½		99
" 5 "		4	3½		14
" 6 "		18	3½		63

Front and top of No 7 Repair		7	3½		24½	
8		23	5½		126½	
9		9	3½		31½	
10		9	5½		104½	
11		42	5		210	
12		21	5½		115½	
Repairing Plaster of old wall		100	1½		150	
Total Sq feet of Plastering					1250	
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In rear of items Nos 1.2 3 above		41	15	3	1845	
Total Sq Yds of rough stone with the interstices filled with concrete						68⅓
Filling in angle of old Wall and Rock in front with Portland Cement Concrete		100	1½	7½		
Total Ry. ft of Portland Cement Concrete						100

Tabling Rock

Item No 1		28	2½		70	
2		3	2½		7½	
3		10	2½		25	
4		18	2½		45	

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Item No 5		4	2½		10	
6		18	1½		27	
7		7	2½		17½	
8		23	2½		57½	
9		9	2½		22½	
10		19	2½		47½	
11		42	2½		105	
12		21	2½		52½	
Total					487	
Total Sq ft of Tabling Rock						487

Lengthening Pier up stream

inside Foundation	1	4	3	3	36	
Lengthening Abutment " " "	1	8	4½	3	108	
" Pier above	1	4	2	3	24	
" Abutment above	1	8	3½	3	84	
Face Wall	1	16	2	7	224	
Flooring over covering stones	1	14	4	1	56	
Foundations Wing Wall	1	10½	4½	3	141¾	
Wing Wall above	1	10	2½	10	250	
Total C. f.					923¾	
Total C. Yds Brick in chunam						34¼
Covering Stones	1	14	8		112	
Total Supl ft of covering stones						112

Pier		10	3		30	
Abutment	1	8	3		24	
Wing Wall	1	10	10		100	

Face Wall inside and out	1	16	10		154 160	
Total Sq. ft of Plastering						814
or Sqrs of Plastering						3/4
Cubic Yds of Earthwork Excavg Foundation						24
Foundation to Wing Wall	1	15½	4½	3	209¼	
Wing Wall above	1	5	2½	10	125	
" " "	1	10	2½	5	125	
Total Cubic feet					459¼	459¼
Total C Yds of Brick in Chunam						17
Wing Wall outside	1	5	10		50	
	1	10	5		50	
Wing Wall inside	1	5	3		15	
Total Sq ft of Plastering					115	
Squares						1.15
Cubic ft of Earthwork for Excavating Foundations					270	
Closing breach	1	60	6	9	3240	
Total C Feet					3510	
Total C. Yds of Earthwork						130

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Foundations to Abutment and Wing Walls	18½	3	3	3	166½	
Abutment above		5	3	3	45	
Face Wall		5	1½	2	15	
Floor		8	6	1	48	
Wing Walls above		10	2	3	60	
		10	1½	2	30	
Total C. Feet					367½	
Total C Yds of Brick in Chunam						13½
Covering Stones	1	6	6	Sq ft		36
Abutment	1	8	3		24	
Abutment	1	5	7½		37½	
Wing Walls	1	10	5½		55	
Total Sq ft of Plastering Sqs					146	
Squares						1.46
Cubic Yards of Earthwork Excavating Foundations						8
Repg Embkt near head of Channel		154	8	1½	1848	
" " "		72	12	1½	1296	
" " on edge of River		60	12	1½	1080	
Closing breaches at Irrigation Sluices	22	9	6	3	3564	

Repairing and strengthening Embkt of channel in diff^t places	1	3000	6	1	18000
Clearing lower end of Channel	1	5220	4	1	20880
Total C. ft					46665
Total C. Yds of Earthwork					1728½

Abstract Estimate No.

W. R. Repairing Alligalum Anicut & Channel

Quantities	Description of Work	Rates				Amt			Total		
55½	C. Yds of Brick in Chunam first 2 courses to be laid in Portland cement mortar @	5	0	0	C. Yd.	277	8	"			
1250	Sq. ft of Plastering with 2 coats of Chunam	3	0	0	Per Sq	37	8	"			
68⅓	C. Yds of Rough Stone Apron interstices filled with concrete	2	0	0	C. Yds	136	10	8			
100	Ry ft of filling in angle at bottom of old Walls with Portland Cement Mortar to stop leaks	0	4	0	Ry ft	25	"	"			
487	Square feet of Tabling Rock @	0	4	0	Sq ft	121	12	"			
									598	6	8
34¼	C. Yds of Brick in Chunam	4	8	0	C. Yd	154	2	0			
112	Sq. ft of covering Stones	0	3	"	Sq ft	21	0	0			
314	" " of Plastering with 2 coats of Chunam	3	0	0	Sq	9	6	9			
24	C. Yards of Earthwork	0	1	4	C. Yd	2	0	0	186	8	9
17	C. Yds of Brick in Chunam	4	8	0	C. Yd	76	8	0			
115	Sq ft Chunam Plastering	3	0	0	Sq	3	7	2			
130	C. Yds of Earthwork	0	1	4	C. Yd	10	13	4	90	12	6
13½	C. Yds Brick in Chunam	4	8	0	C. Yd	60	12	0			
36	Sq ft of covering Stones	0	3	0	Sq ft	6	12	0			
146	" " " Chunam Plastering	3	0	0	Sq	4	6	0			
8	C. Yds of Earthwork	0	1	4	C. Yd	0	10	8	72	8	8
1728½	C. Yds of Earthwork @	0	1	4	C. Yd	144	"	8	144	"	8
	Total								1092	5	3
	Superintendence & Sundries								57	10	9
	Total Repairs								1150	0	0

J. W. [illegible] Major R.E.
District Engineer

Tossoor Range office
Ramanad
20th July 1875

H. Bailey Captain
Executive Engineer

Endorsed.

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The Wing Walls of Aqueduct No 3 which is cracked to be taken down and rebuilt, the 5 ft of it next the aqueduct to be the full height of the Parapet Walls of the Aqueduct and to slope from there to the level of the bed of the stream at 10 ft from the end of the portion spoken of above

The breach in the Channel to be filled up, the Earth being placed in layers of one foot thick, each layer being well tamped and watered before the next one is put on.

The Waterway of Aqueduct No 4 not being sufficient to allow the stream over which it is to pass under the Irrigation Channel, an additional vent, the same as the present one to be given.

Where the Embankment of Channel is worn away, it will be repaired, at the spot where it comes closest to the River, there is a leak in it, the Embankment will therefore be opened and the leak stopped by puddling the parts requiring it with well tempered clay.

The lower portion of the Channel having become silted up will be cleared out as allowed in the Estimate.

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Salem District

No II or Oossoor Range

Oossoor Taluq

Detailed Estimate
No 91 of 1875

Dated 20 July 1875
Recd

Work
Repairing Attalem Anicut & Channel

Amount of Estimate Rs 1150

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SALEM DISTRICT.

Inspection Report of ~~the~~ Sergt E. Tydeman Oossoor *Taluq Overseer in No II, Oossoor Range, Salem District, for the month of* January 1877.

FIXED STATION. Oossoor.

Date of the month	Places visited.	No of days halted at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from fixed Station	No of days for which Travelling Allowance is claimed	No of miles for which Mileage Allowance is claimed.	Object of journey and names of works inspected.
1st	Oossoor						
2nd	Oossoor						
3rd	Do						
4th	Woodnapully	1	12	12	1		Inspected and
5th	Oossoor	1	12	-	1		Office work.
6th	Woodnapully	1	12	12	1		
7th	Royacottah	1	9	21	1		..
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11th	Sillagunta	1	8	16	1		
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16th	Oossoor	1 .	..	..	1		Paid Road
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18th	Oossoor	1	-	..	1	}	attending

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19th	Woodnapelly	1	12	12	1	Accompanied Range Officer.
20th	Allalum	1	9	11	1	Paid coolies & finished office work and came to Allalum
21st	Do	1	3	11	1	Sunday – Inspected the Allalum Channel.
22nd	Do	1	10	10	1	Levelling Allalum Channel
23rd	Oofloor	1	10	..	1	To pay Road coolies
24th	Do	1	16	–	1	Inspected Jeegoor Channel, Achettipully Tank & Bagoor Lingum Tank & gave necessary instructions.
25th	Do	1	3	–	1	Gave instructions to road maistries & inspected Chinnar bridge & paid coolies
26th	Do	1	..	–	✓	Office work
27th	Enroute to Tully	1	16	16	1	Inspected the Tully Tank and commenced work for Famine Relief.
28th	Tully	1	8	16	1	Measured work in Tully & gave necessary instructions to Contractors.
29th	Andavanahully	1	20	20	1	Measured Savandhully & Kempathypolly Tanks.
30th	Andavanahully	1	4	20	1	Suppleti [illegible] [illegible] Tanks Measured the works and paid coolies 98 Cyds Earth 12 4 – 276 Cyds of Earth work 31 8 – 149½ Do 18 11 – 4⅔ Rough stone – 14 – 56 Do 7 – – –
31st	Tundrai	1	20	–	1	Inspected Thavarai karai & Tundrai Tanks & began work for same for famine Relief.

R L Henry
Exe Engineer

Balance on the 1st January 1877	500 — —
Amount received during the month	2258 – 4 – 2
Total	2758 – 4 – 2
Amount expended during the month	1758 4 2
Balance	1000 – – –
Expenditure carried over.	1758 – 4 – 2
Bills submitted during the month	633 – 6 – 10
Total expenditure	2391 – 10 –

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5th February 1877

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SALEM DISTRICT.

Inspection Report of Sergt E. Tydeman ~~the~~ Oossoor *Taluq Overseer in No II, Oossoor Range, Salem District, for the month of* January 1877.

FIXED STATION Oossoor.

Date of last and inspection.	Abstract of measurements of work done from date of last inspection	Expenditure on work actually done since last inspection, and now measured	Particulars of progress made since the last inspection. Condition of completed works inspected during the month	Remarks by Range Officer

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE OVERSEER IN CHARGE OF
Oossoor TALUQ
SALEM DISTRICT

TO

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF No II,
OR OOSSOOR RANGE,
SALEM DISTRICT

Dated 3rd February
Despatched
Received
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Inspection Report of the Overseer in charge of Oossoor Taluq Taluq, Salem District, for the month of January 1877.

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From

P. Kistna Chetty,
Contractor of the
Ramasamoodram Tank
Oosoor.

Dated
Recd 8th December } 1876.

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States that the above work which he had undertaken to execute was, for no reason whatever, taken out of his hands and put a stop to; and the Tools ordered to be returned to Office. Pray therefore for redress.

No 932:

Forwarded to the Oosoor Range Officer for report and explanation.

8th Decr. 1876.
(signed) P. Montgomerie Major RE,
District Engineer

No. 1054.

Returned to the Oossoor Range Officer.

From a personal inspection of this work at the end of last month, the undersigned regrets to observe that he has never seen any work more disgracefully managed. No trouble whatever appears to have been taken by the Overseer Mr. Tydeman in laying out the work, or even seeing that the various Contractors who appear to have had a hand in it, did this work properly. This Overseer will be duly warned.

The Overseer appears to have been permitted without the written authority of the Range Officer to change maistries, &c., appointed by himself.

Advances which are always objectionable appear to have been made to the Petitioner, and the Range Officer will take immediate steps to recover the amount overpaid and report when he has done so to the District Engineer.

(Signed) J. Montgomerie Major R.E.,
District Engineer.

Salem, 22d Jany. 77.

(True Copy)
Montgomerie Major, R.E.,

No. 1322

District Engineer's Office,
Salem, 1st March 1877.

Memorandum

With reference to the Oossoor Range Officer's letter No. 1628, dated 22d February 1877, forwarding a petition from Overseer Tydeman, the District Engineer requests that Mr Lowry will be good enough to inform Sergeant Tydeman that, as the subject of his appeal is an entirely private matter between himself and his Range Officer, he had not the shadow of an excuse in submitting it to the District Engineer. As, however, it has been received, the documents will be recorded, and if necessary will be brought forth in evidence of the spirit which actuates Sergeant Tydeman in the performance of his duties as an Overseer.

2. Such unseemly wrangling between a Range Officer and his subordinate cannot be permitted in the Salem District. And the Oossoor Range Officer, if he is dissatisfied

with Overseer Tydeman and considers that he has done no work since he joined the Range, will be good enough to submit, at once, specific charges against Overseer Sergeant Tydeman with a view to his imme-diate dismissal from the Department for which he reports him unfitted.

(Signed). P. Montgomerie Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

(True Copy)

P Montgomerie
Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

No. 1628 Oopoor Divisional Office,
Oopoor, 22nd February 1877.

From
The Executive Engineer,
Oopoor Division.

To
The District Engineer,
Salem.

Sir,

Enclosures 2 At the request of Overseer Sergeant Tydeman, I have the honor to forward a letter to your address which you will perceive to be dated the 13th Instant, this reached me at Kistnagherry on the 18th Instant, having taken 5 days when the usual postal time from Oopoor to Kistnagherry is one day.

2. It is true that I warned Overseer Tydeman that he was incurring the risk of a prosecution for conspiracy by caballing with Kistna Chetty and other Contractors and inducing them to write Petitions against me, containing false claims and statements. It is also true that I visited on Sunday the 11th Instant, the Overseers shed and

range store, for the purpose of seeing the pick axes which had been sent to this Range by the Salem Range Officer, which I had ordered the Overseer to have brought in from Mallor where they had been lying from the 5th Instant.

3. Overseer Tydeman, when I asked him on Saturday if those tools had arrived, told me they had not, but he expected them during that day or night, and as I was leaving next day to meet you at Burgoor, and would not have time to examine the tools, before they were distributed on the works if I did not see them that day, Sunday, though it was, I did go to see them in one of the out houses attached to the Overseer's shed.

4. But it is not true that I went into all his outhouses or any one, but that where the tools were lying, and as the Salem made pick axes which I wanted to see the quality of, had not reached the store, I took a very cursory glance at the other tools and in passing the Overseer's shed finding it very dirty, I said, I will have a look thro' this shed as it is a Government building and I am responsible for its state of repair and cleanliness; and accordingly I walked into a room which I believe the

the Overseer uses as an Office or did, until I ordered him to make his Office in a room in the Range Office. The Overseer made no objection whatever to my inspection of the place, until I came to a closed door, and he then said this is my bed room. I replied you are not a married man and you surely can have no objection to my seeing the state of repair of the room. The door was, it appeared, from what followed barred on the inner side, and the Overseer knocked at it and said, "Lanpiah" open the door, which was done; and I entered and looked round, and seeing a boy, I thought I recognised, said, you are he who was Irrigation Maistry, and he said, yes Sir. This boy the Overseer had brought with him from the Kistna District, and had some time previously put him into the Post of Irrigation Maistry, and I finding him useless, told the Overseer to remove him thence. This is some six months since; and he has, it appears, lived with the Overseer ever since. I have gone thus into the details respecting this boy and my seeing him in the Overseer's bed room under the circumstances related above, because the Overseer asserts that I saw no one.

5. That I did not, as is asserted by Overseer Tydeman, go to seek one or more of the Complainant Contractors will be evident when I inform you that I have since been informed by a Maistry who was himself on the premises that Kistna Chetty was in the Overseer's bath-room and that there were two other maistries besides himself in one of the outhouses which the Overseer asserts that I entered, there was also his writer with the others. I think it will be clear that if I had gone to look for Contractors or others, I would, under those circumstances, have scarcely failed to find them.

6. As for Overseer Tydeman's assertion that it is greatly against his will and at any considerable expense that his feelings compel him to take up his abode in another house, he has gone to live in a house belonging to the late Tahsildar Mr. Jones, and as the enclosed letter from Mr. Jones will show that he was willing to let me have his house for nothing it is not at all probable that the Overseer would have to pay any rent for it.

7. As I had no cause for anger, I neither got angry nor spoke to the Overseer in an angry tone & had not the least idea his feelings were shocked by my going over his shed (I certainly had no intention to offend him in any way) until next day when I received a letter from the Overseer, couched in pretty much the same language as that now forwarded, and then I perceived that Mr. Tydeman was determined to make capital of the affair.

8. This being actually what did occur, I hope you will see the necessity of putting this man in his place. He has, since he joined the Range, done no work and has made much mischief. I would suggest for your consideration whether, as he has left the house provided for him by Government without permission, he ought not to be ordered back there immediately, as otherwise the Government Tools and other stores in his charge which are located in the Store shed will run the risk of being stolen or injured.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. J. Lowry
Executive Engineer.

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Enclosure No. I

No. 4

Oopoor Taluq Overseer's Office,
Oopoor 13th February 1877.

From
The Overseer in charge of the
Oopoor Taluq.

To
The ~~District~~ Engineer in Charge
of the Salem District.

Sir

I beg to inform you that since some Contractors have been petitioning to you against Mr. Lowry my Range Officer, Mr. Lowry has been constantly accusing me of instigating and aiding them, and on Saturday the 10th Instant, at the Range Office, he accused me of conspiring with the Contractors against him and threatened to bring a Criminal charge of conspiracy against me. On the following day Sunday, Mr. Lowry came to my house, saying, "he wanted to examine my tools," took a cursory glance at them, but minutely examined all my outhouses, and then

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entered the main building, so long as Mr. Lowry confined himself to the public portions of the building; I raised no objections whatever. Mr. Lowry next wanted to enter my bed room to which I objected. Mr. Lowry then said that, "as the building was a public one, consequently he had every right to enter all portions of it, and ordered me in an angry tone to open the door of the bed room" (which happened at the time to be closed), remarking that my convenience was not at all to be considered in the matter, and that I must obey his orders. Fearing that Mr. Lowry would charge me with disobedience, I ordered the door of the bed room to be opened, again urging my objection, to which Mr Lowry paid no heed, but entered the room examining every corner, looking under the furniture &ca as if in search of some one Finding no one, Mr. Lowry departed. As the building I occupy is a Government one, and Mr Lowry considers that, consequently he is at liberty without any regard to my convenience to enter at any time my private room, I am forced much against my will (it being both expensive & inconvenient) to remove to a private building.

Mr. Lowry evidently came to Vonee, thinking that he might find one or more of the Complainant Contractors present, and could then say that I was in league with them and carry out his threat of Saturday. I bring the above to your notice, begging that you will kindly be pleased to take some steps in the matter on my behalf.

Regarding the endorsement for Contractors, I wrote to Mr. Lowry refuting the blame thrown on me and asked that he would kindly write to you exonerating me from blame, but Mr. Lowry has not done so yet. Fearing that Mr. Lowry may delay this letter, I take the liberty of writing to you directly, begging you will kindly excuse the same.

I beg to remain, &c.
(Signed) E. Tydaman
Taluq overseer.

Enclosure No. 2.

Sydapett, Madras,
5th January.

Sir,

As Mr Leonard has been transferred to Trippatore, and writes that

that he will vacate my house at Oopoor on the 3rd Instant, I now give you the refusal of it first. You can have the house on any terms you like, my object being to save the property from ruin which it is likely to get to if left vacant. In fact you can have the house and out offices rent free provided you keep the buildings in good repair.

An early answer will oblige.

Your obedt Servant,
(Signed) H. D. M. Jones.

To
R. J. Lowry Esq
Oopoor.

(True copies)

Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

No. 1667

Copoor Divisional Office,
Copoor, 26th February 1877.

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From

The Executive Engineer,
Copoor Division

To

The District Engineer,
Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that
Enclosure 1 when I, this morning, inspected the Allalum Channel, I found that Overseer Tydeman had disobeyed and neglected my Orders (a copy of which I forward herewith) regarding this work in the following particulars

2. Instead of placing Narramasawmy as Maistry over the work as ordered by me, he has instructed him to look after the blasting work only and appointed another man as Maistry over the Channel work

3. He has not either marked off the Channel himself, nor has he instructed Maistry Narramasawmy to mark it out in accordance with the orders conveyed in my Memo. No. A of the 20th January 1877, nor has any string sections

been put up for the coolies to work to, nor any proper instructions given to either the Maistry appointed by me or the man placed over the work by the Overseer, and the consequence is that I found the revetment at the head of the Channel close to the Anicut being built on the sand without an attempt at excavating any foundation, altho: on this very place, I had pointed out to the Overseer the necessity of putting down the foundation of this revetment until it reached stiff clay or rock.

4. I also found nearly all the earth which had been thrown up put on the upper bank where nothing of the kind was required, as the Channel is cut out of the side of the Hill and this is complete waste of money and labor.

5. I found holes bored for blasting some ten feet above where any blasting was required and the holes placed without any reference to the angle of least resistence, in fact complete waste of powder and labor

6. The Overseer instead of communicating my orders to the Maistry to put as many coolies as possible on the work, had given no such instructions, and there is only 19 men

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and 15 women employed upon it. I asked the Karradar who was present that morning if there were no more people wanting employment and he said there were on his Taraf more than 100 would be glad to work if they could get employment.

7. I see by the return sent in by Overseer Tydeman that he has only had employed on the Famine Relief Works of his Taluq the week ending 16th Instant 566 and in this week 556 all told, while the Kistnagherry Overseer had 1835 in the former week, 1839 in this week. This is quite in keeping with the Overseer Tydeman's conduct since he has been in the Range. He has only sent in 8 Irrigation Estimates amounting to Rs. 1527, since he has been under my orders, while I may again mention for the sake of comparison that the Kistnagherry Overseer has prepared and submitted 48 estimates, amounting to Rs 21,382.

8. I may add that he has systematically neglected his duties and disobeyed my orders, and whenever I ordered him out with me to inspect his works, he has nearly always pleaded illness or made some other excuse. This is not

by any means the only instance of the Overseer's disobedience and neglect of orders I ought to have brought against him, I would call your attention to the remarks in my diary for last month respecting his want of the most rudimentary knowledge of work in having marked out the foundations of the Kanacamoodeam Tanks above the ground level at which he would have built it, had I not happened to visit and inspect the work - vide remarks on the 19th of January 1877.

9 While the Task Workers and Contractors, executing works under his orders, have, with scarcely an exception, expressed themselves dissatisfied with the measurement of their work, and the payments made them whether those measurements have been taken by the Overseer or myself, and they have, I believe, thro' being instigated thereto by the Overseer, been sending in numerous petitions against me, but strange to say not one against or about the Overseer, while in neither of the other Talugs of the Range has there been a murmur of dissatisfaction.

10 Since writing the above, I have checked Overseer Tydeman's levels of the Allalum Channel and found

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a difference of 1.81 between two sections taken by him of that Channel, my reason for making him take the levels a second time was that he did not take proper cross sections of the Channel in the first instance, and I required these to enable me to estimate for widening the Channel, raising and strengthening the lower bank. The Overseer has had these levels in hands for the last 6 months and his work now proves altogether untrustworthy.

11. I have had repeatedly cause to find fault with Overseer Tydeman since he joined the Range for incompetence and neglect of his duties, but as he is a very young man, I was most reluctant to injure him, and long hoped by remonstrance and example to induce him to mend his ways; I now, however, give the attempt up, and I must request that you will please to warn him of what is likely to be the result of such conduct, if longer persued.

I have, &ca.
(Signed) R. J. Lowry
Executive Engineer

Enclosure No I

No. A

Oopoor Divisional Office,
Oopoor 20th January 1877
12.30, P.M.

Memorandum.

Yesterday morning at the Komarasimoodram Tank, Serjeant Overseer Tydeman was ordered by the undersigned to be present today at and take the necessary sections for an estimate for the Allalum Channel. Again the undersigned sent a special order to the Overseer to meet him at the Allalum Anicut this morning; this was sent by a special cooly and ought to have reached the Overseer last night. It is to be hoped the Overseer can explain his having failed to obey either of these orders. The undersigned did not find the Overseer at the place appointed, altho' he went more than two miles down the Channel hoping to meet him.

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The Overseer will give Maistry Narramasawmy whom the undersigned at the Allalum Channel this morning, instructions to employ as many coolies as he can get in opening up the alternative piece of Channel at the head of the Allalum Channel to a bottom width of 10' and 15' in width at top.

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The Overseer will require to shew on his cross sections the width top and bottom of the Channel (Allalum) and the upper as well as lower bank in fact a complete section of the Channel, this will be required to estimate for widening it. The width for the first or upper mile must not be less than 12' except the alternative portion which will do at 10', second mile 10' and the remainder 9' for the 3rd mile and 8' below this.

The height of the bank of the Channel must be 6' above the bed in the first mile 5' in the second and 4' below this

The undersigned pointed out to the maistry Narramasawmy three different sites for escapes over the rock this morning, these the maistry will show the Overseer, but there must be 10 escapes in the whole length of the Channel and the Overseers must select the best places for them.

There is some rock besides that before estimated for, further down the Channel which will require removal and must be estimated for.

The top of the Channel bank must be estimated for a width of 4' with slopes of 2 to 1 throughout.

signed/ R. J. Lowry
Executive Engineer.

To
Overseer Sergeant Tydeman.

(True Copies)

R. MacGowen Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

No. 1329.

District Engineer's Office,
Salem, 3d March, 1877.

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To
The Executive Engineer,
Copoor Division

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1667 dated 26th February 1877, bringing to my notice serious charges of neglect of duty and incompetence against Overseer Sergeant Tydeman, I have the honor to request you will be so good as at once to call upon the Overseer for an explanation of his conduct in writing.

When inspecting Mr. Tydeman's work in the Copoor Taluq at the end of last year, I was any thing but satisfied with the disgraceful and unworkman-like manner in which work was being carried out, especially at the Kannasamoodram Tank, and I trust you have communicated to Sergeant Tydeman the warning I then sent to him with my No. 1054, dated 22d January 1877. As unless his explanation of his recent conduct is satisfactory, I shall be forced to take the most serious notice of it.

I have, &c.,

(signed) T. Montgomerie Major, R.E.,

District Engineer.

(True Copy)

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Major R.E.,

District Engineer.

No. 163.

Oosoor Divisional Office,
Camp Kistnagherry, 27th April 1877.

From

The Executive Engineer,
Oosoor Division.

To

The District Engineer,
of Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will permit the following arrangements.

2. As Overseer Tydeman will neither superintend the works in his charge nor pay the coolies regularly at short intervals, I would propose as soon as Mr Whianell joins that the works in progress under the Overseer be taken out of his hands and that he be ordered to prepare Estimates for tanks required for Famine Relief Works, additional works being now required to employ the greatly increased numbers coming on relief

3. As long as Overseer Tydeman can plead that he has to make payments and superintend works, he

will not prepare a single estimate when he is relieved of all other duty perhaps, he may do so.

4. As a proof of what is here said, I may mention that he was ordered in this Office No. 1610 of the 20th February 1877 to prepare an estimate for Komdoocottai Tank where work is much required, but nothing has since been heard from him on the subject; and when I last inspected the works in his charge on the 22d Instant, I found the coolies had not been paid since he chose to return to duty on the 4th Instant.

I have, &c.
(signed) R. J. Lowry
Executive Engineer.

(True copy)

P. Mackenzie Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

No. 140

District Engineer's Office,
Salem, 2d May 1877.

To

The Executive Engineer,
Oopoor Range.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 163 dated 27th April/77, bringing to my notice further neglect of duty and incompetence on the part of Overseer Sergeant Tydeman, I regret much to have to observe that the orders contained in my letter No. 1329 dated the 3d March 1877, directing you to "at once call upon the Overseer" "for an explanation of his conduct" "in writing" with reference to the charges brought against him in your No. 1667 dated 27th February 1877, have not yet been complied with.

2. As the Overseer is apparently incorrigible (every report regarding him or his work which has been submitted by you during the 5 months I have

been in charge of the District, being unsatisfactory), I have the honor to direct you to suspend Overseer Serjeant Tydeman forthwith from all duty and call upon him to submit immediately an explanation in writing regarding the several charges brought against him in your two letters above referred to and in your Inspection Reports, as his conduct must now be brought to the notice of Government.

Overseer Serjeant Hollingsworth of the Tripatore Taluq has been directed to proceed forthwith to Oossoor to take charge of that Taluq; but until his arrival, I have to request you will be so good as to arrange for the proper custody of Overseer Tydeman's Cash and Accounts &ca and the progress of his works without interruption.

I have &ca

(signed) R. Montgomerie Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

(True copy)

R. Montgomerie Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

No 178

SALEM DISTRICT. OOSSOOR RANGE

Inspection Report of the Officer in charge of Oossoor Range Salem District for the month of February 1877

Fixed station Oossoor in Oossoor Taluq

Date	Taluq	Place visited.	Particulars of progress made since the last Inspection Condition of completed works inspected during the month.
1st		Line of Baroor, supply Channel and Geegaganoor ruined tank.	Inspected the line of the Baroor tank supply Channel and gave Overseer instructions as to the line to be selected and the Anicut site &ca, Also inspected the bund, bed, and Catchment basin, of the ruined Geegaganoor tank and, gave the Overseer instructions for making out an Estimate for its repair. Camped at Yeroomuttoor.
2nd		Trunk Road No 5 from Yeroomuttoor to Darampury and Morapore road up to the Boundary.	Took notes and measurements of work done on both Trunk road No 5 and, the Morapore road, a good deal of the repairs done to the latter are breaking up in consequence of the continued drought. Mustered Coolies and gave Overseer instructions about the works.
		Trunk Road No 5 from Darampury 177th mile to the 193d mile and the New Topper Ghaut trace and back to Adamancottai where I camped.	The Trunk road in the miles mentioned is in very good order, except a portion of the old Ghaut which is breaking up. The work done on the Toppore Ghaut trace, by famine relief Coolies under Major Baynes, which has been made over to this Department and which measuring every thing done and allowing a rate of Rs 1/4 per Cu. yard amounts to Rs 232-

		but there is not good work value for Rs 20, as much of what has been done is above or below the level of the actual trace and what has been done in the way of Revetment is very badly built only of lime and of small stones, must be pulled down and built ~~in~~ with proper lime with proper sized stones. Gave the Overseer and Maistry instructions respecting it - I believe more than Rs 600 were expended on this work by Major Baynes.
4"	Admanecottah	Remained here for the day ~~and~~ to get the reports to Collector and other office work which had accumulated sent off
5"	Palcode and Dundakarampatty	Found Cholera very bad in Palcode where there had been 2 Cases among Major Baynes staff who held office in the Travellers bungalow. The Sub Collector and Major Baynes having stopped short at Myandrasingalum did not meet them.
6"	Cavaripatnam to Kistnagherry	Measured the width of the Pennar for a Causeway for which the Sub Collector has asked for a plan and Estimate. Office work at Kistnagherry.
7"	Greene Sahib's tank and Trunk Road No 1 as far as Kurumbarahally.	The works are both being executed from famine Relief funds, the bund of the Tank was completely overgrown with Prickly pear 650 yards in length of this have been cleared and 450 remains to be done, but the allotment is expended - The Kistnagherry Overseer has nearly got thro' his allotments for the roads in his taluq and has spent the money in a very satisfactory manner. Went over Pennar basin near Kistnagherry and examined its capabilities for a large Reservoir, I believe that a tank covering nearly if not quite 100 square miles might be constructed here with advantage
8"	Trunk Road from the 164" to the 188" mile stone. Head quarters.	Inspected and checked measurements of work done on the Trunk road and found that while the Kistnagherry Overseer had cleared the Prickly pear for 34 miles from ~~off~~ sides of Trunk road No 1. to Overseer Tydeman had done only one mile the 175th, and I could find but very little other work done on this road for an expenditure of Rs 2000 from famine relief works - Had to come to head quarters having been cited as witness ~~evidence~~ in a case before the Magistrate
9"	Head Quarters	Appeared before Magistrate to give evidence Case postponed - Office Work.
10"	Do	Office Work.
11"	Sunday	Sunday
12"	Head Quarters	Office Work
13"	Burgoor	Proceeded to Burgoor to meet District Engineer by appointment
14"	Burgoor - Tripatore	Met District Engineer and with him inspected the Mullapady ruined tank - proceeded to Tripatore
15"	Muttoor	Office work
16"	Muttoor - Pennagoondapuram Tank	Proceeded to set out the works for the restoration of the Pennagoondapuram tank but on setting up the level found that Mr Hans Blackie's work was incorrect - Took a correct longitudinal section of the tank bund and having had it plotted gave it to the Overseer

		to set out the work by and sent a tracing of this compared with Mr. Hons Blacker's section to District Engineer.
17"	Kistnagherry	Inspected the Samulputty road from Muttoor to Kistnagherry. All but about 2½ miles of the sides of this road has been cleared of prickly pear and a small quantity of materials have been got ready besides repair done.
18"	Kistnagherry. Kurumbarahully	Giving instructions to Surveyors and other Office work
19"	Trunk Road No 1 from the 164" to the 188" mile stone	Inspected Work done on the Kistnagherry End of Trunk road No 1. There is no work done in the Oossoor Talug portion to inspect or measure. The money is all spent and I could find only the sides of 1 mile (the 175") cleared of prickly pear and some Rs 138 worth of materials made ready on the sides and a few portions watered and dimised for Rs 2000 said to have been expended on it. The Overseer has yet failed to submit the Statement of work done he has been called on for.
20"	Head quarters	Office work and inspecting work done on the construction of the Range Officer's bungalow.
21st	Head quarters & the Remount buildings.	Office work and inspecting buildings at the Remount Depot.
22d	Head Quarters	Office Work.
23d	Allalum	Proceeded to Allalum to inspect work done.
24"	Allalum Aneikatt Channel and Head Quarters.	Inspected Work done and gave temporary Overseer instructions respecting the work as Overseer Tydeman who was also present had completely neglected it. Vide this Office letter to District Engineer No 167 dated 26th February 1877.
25"	Sunday.	
26"	Head Quarters	Prosecuting Contractor Kistnu Chetty for defamation and at Office work. Kistnu Chetty sentenced to Six months imprisonment and Rs 250 fine.
27"	Kunnasamoodrum Tank & Head quarters	Inspected the Kunnasamoodrum tank my repeated orders notwithstanding no attempt has been made by the Overseer to set out this work and the consequence is that the sluice foundations only partly excavated are not square, the lines of the revetment are neither ~~slop~~ straight or to one slope, the back slope of bund in breach instead of being 2 to 1 as in plan is not 1 to 1 and in fact there could not be worse work. The Overseer has given no attention ~~to~~ it whatever, dismissed the Maistry Mohomed Ismale and put another maistry "Ragoo Moodelly" under the Temporary Overseer in charge of the work to whom proper instructions were given by me
28"	Kellamungalum	Office work during the day proceeded to Kellamungalum in the evening to inspect the Tanks in this neighbourhood.

R. L. Lowry.
Executive Engineer

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Travelling allowance bill
sent to the Examiner on the
8th March 77

No 1305
From
The Officer in Charge of Oossoor Range
To
The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division
Dated 7th March 1877
Received
Inspection Report for the month of February 1877

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SALEM DISTRICT, NO II OR OOSSOOR RANGE

Locality Muddagherry Taluq Oossoor 3/10 New Works

DETAILED ESTIMATE No 115 of 1877

Work Constructing a rough Bridge across Jugoor Surplus channel for the passage of villagers' carts to their fields

NOT REGISTERED

DISTRICT ENGINEER

SALEM DISTRICT

SANCTIONED FOR EXECUTION

ESTIMATE No.

HEAD of SERVICE

FUND

CLASS

MAIN HEAD

SUB HEAD

AMOUNTING TO RUPEES

Detail of work	Measurements in feet					Contents	Total quantity of each discription of works
	Length			Breadth or Thickness.	Height or Depth		
	Number	Each	Total				
Earthwork							
Removing the shoal banks at centre of the channel	1	„	32½	8	3	780	
Excavating foundations for the piers & abutments	6	8	48	3	1½	216	
Excavating foundation for the wings	4	5	20	2	1½	60	
Total cub ft or						1071	
Cu yds of Earthwork							39¾
Foundation Rough stone in chunam							
Piers including cutwaters & abutments	6	7½	45	1½	1¾	118¾	
Wing walls	4	5	20	[illegible]	1½	60	
Superstructure							
Piers	4	6	24	2	2¾	132	
Cutwaters	4	1	4	2	2¾	22½	
Abutments	2	7	14	2	2¾	77	
Backing to abutments	2	7	14	1	¾	10½	
Wing walls	4	5	20	1½	2¾	82½	
Total cub ft or						553¼	
Cu yds of rough stone in chunam							20½
Slab covering stones	35	„	7	1	¾	35	
Total Number of slab covering stones							35
New stone work							
Revetting the bank at upper part	2	5	10	1½	3	45	
„ lower part	2	10	20	1½	3	90	
Total cub ft or						135	
Cu yds of New stone work							5
Gravelling							
Over Roadway	1	„	40	6	„	240	
Total cub ft or						240	
Cu yds of Gravelling							9

Specification Report to accompany Plan and Estimate of a bridge across the Seegoor Surplus Channel amounting to Rupees 157 in the Salem District, Oossoor Division.

The Bridge to consist of 5 openings 5' × 3½'. The Piers and Abutments to be built of rough stone in lime mortar of one part of lime to 2 parts clean coarse sand, to be of the dimensions shown in the accompanying Sketch plan and to be covered with landing stones 9" in thickness. The footings of the Piers and abutments to be put down to a depth of 1½' below the bed of the Channel and to be 3' in width at bottom.

The Roadway to be made over the bridge 6' in width of gravel 12" in thickness well consolidated.

R. L. Lowry.
Executive Engineer

Rtr in accordance with Collectors desire
Dh 7/6/77.

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ABSTRACT OF THE FORGOING ESTIMATE

Number of Quantity	Description of work	Rates				Amount			Total Amount		
		Per	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p
39¾	Cuyds of Earthwork	Cuyd	"	~~1~~ 2	"	2	7	9			
20½	" Rough stone in chunam	"	2	8	"	51	4	"			
35	No of Slab covering stones	each	2	8	"	87	8	"			
5	Cuyds of New stone work	Cuyd	"	12	"	3	12	"			
9	" of Gravelling	"	"	4	"	4	8	"			
	Total					149	7	9			
	Sundries & Superintendence					7	8	3			

Total amount of Estimate Rs 157 " "

Oosoor Dn Office
10 January 1877

R L Lowry
Executive Engineer

C. Brodie
Collector of Salem

Alex J Leslie
Major R.E.
District Engineer

As Complaint was made that almost nothing was being done by the P. W. D in the Oosoor Range this estimate was sanctioned as a Famine Relief with the increase of 60 per cent to the rates in accordance with Collectors desire
7/6/77.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SALEM DISTRICT
No 11 or Oossoor Range.
Oossoor Taluq
Locality Alladaghurry

Detailed Estimate No 115 of 1877

Dated 11th January } 1877
Received

Work — Constructing a rough Bridge across Jeegoor Surplus Channel

Amount of Estimate Rupees 157—

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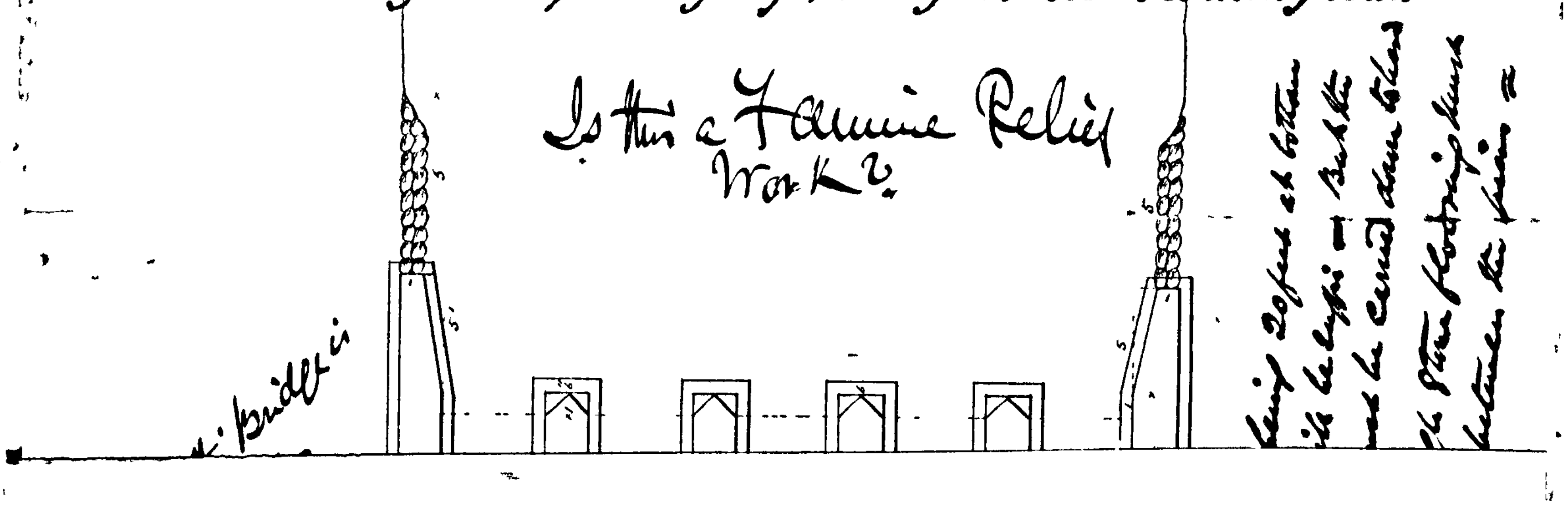
"Plan of a "Rough" Bridge proposed to be
Constructed across Jeegoor Surplus channel
for the passage of Villager's Carts to their fields



Is this a Famine Relief Work?

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
SALEM DISTRICT
No 11 or Oossoor Range.
Oossoor Taluq
Locality - Alladaghery

Detailed Estimate No 115 of 1877

Dated 11th January } 1877
Received

Work — Constructing a rough Bridge across Jeegoor Surplus Channel

Amount of Estimate Rupees. 157-..-..

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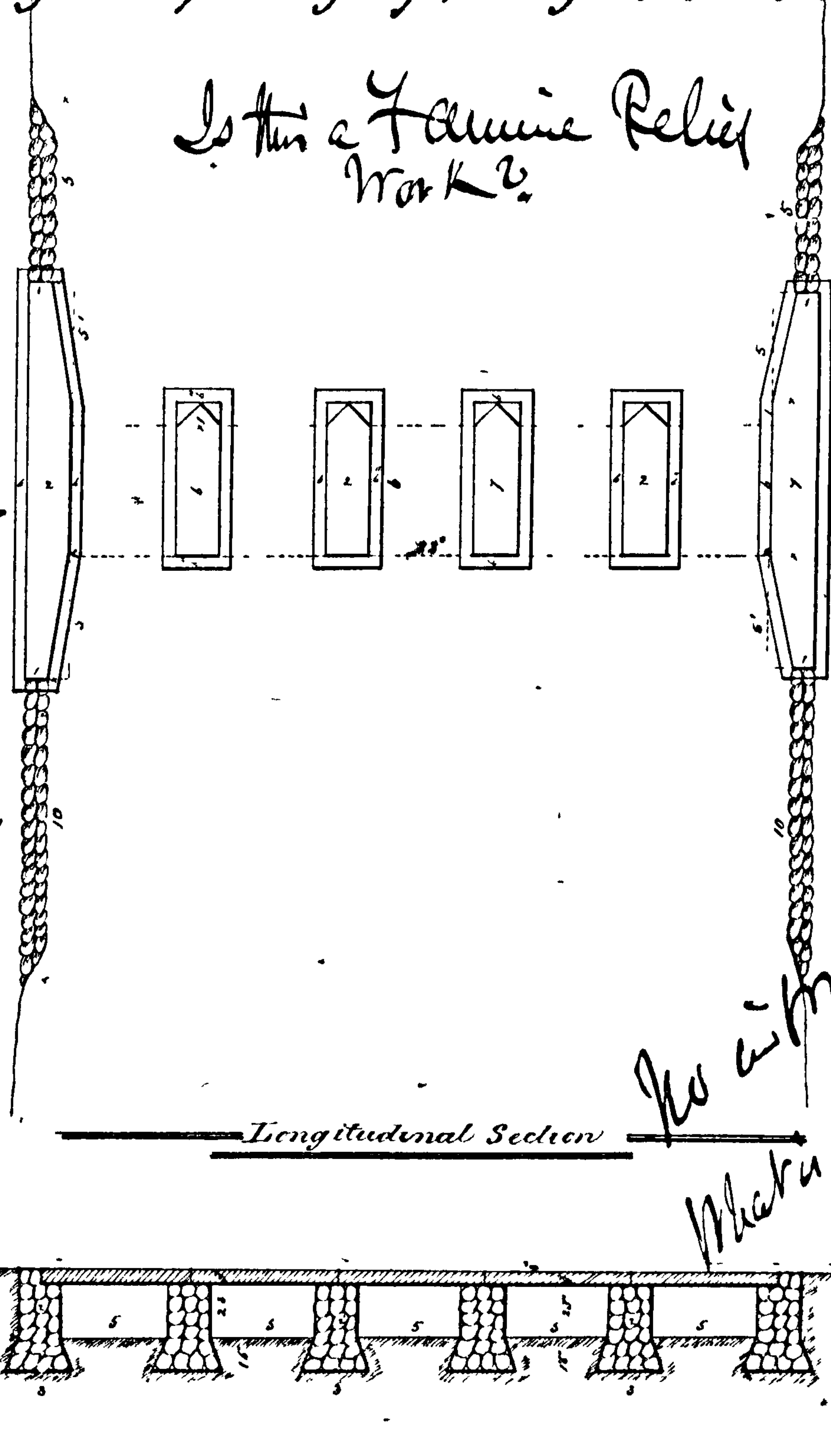
Plan of a Rough Bridge proposed to be
Constructed across Jeegoor Surplus Channel
for the passage of Villager's Carts to their fields

Is this a Famine Relief Work?



I suppose this bridge is intended to let the water go over it at times, like an Irish bridge. Rh

The channel being 20 feet at bottom the waterway thus left is ample — But the foundations should be carried down below Sill of a rough stone flooring should be laid between the piers.

No information whatever. What's the water way required?

C. J. Longley
Collector of Salem

E. Hughes Major R.E.
District Engineer

R. Allsop
Executive Engineer

Hossoor Taluq

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Inspection report of
Taluq Auditor for the
month of February 1877

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Oossoor Range

Inspection report of Sergeant C J Lydeman Taluq Overseer in charge of Oossoor Taluq for the month of February 1877 Fixed station Oossoor

Amount of Estimate Rupees. 15/-.-

Month & date	Place visited	No of days halted at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from head station	No of days for which travelling allowance is claimed	No of miles for which mileage is claimed	Object of journey & name of work inspected	Date of last inspection	Abstract of measurement of work done from date of last inspection	Expenditure on work actually done since last inspection	Particulars of progress made since the last inspection condition of completed works inspected during the month.	Remarks by Range officer
1	Oossoor	1	..	..	1		Office work	.	.	.	Office work	12 / This was not remarked by the Dist. Supt. attention = as his whole time was occupied with the organization of Relief Works in the Salem & [illegible] Range hardly any work going on in [illegible] the No remarks by Range Officer = No Subordinate should require so many days office work — [illegible] 9/6/77
2	Do	1	..	..	1	..	"	.	.	.	Do.	
3	Do.	1	..	..	1		"	.	.	.	Do. 91	
4	Woodnapally	1	12	12	1		To inspect Komarasamudram Tank				Inspected & gave instructions regarding work in progress	
5	Kallamangalam	1	8	10	1		To inspect Kallamangalam Tank				Collecting jelly for weir & preparing foundation for same	
6	Do.	1	8	10	1		To inspect Betharaddy, Mullasamoodrum & Chicka Bailoor Tanks				Inspected & gave all necessary instructions regarding these Tanks made payments & finished Office work.	
7	Enroute to Topoor	1	10	10	1		To meet Range Officer, Topoor Range as per his memo No 1493.					
8	Topoor	1	~	~	1						Office work	
9	Do	1		~	1						Do.	
10	Do	1	~	~	1						Do	
11	Do	1	~	~	1						Do	
12	Do	1	~	~	1						Do	
13	Do	1	~	~	1						Do	
14	Do	1	~	~	1						Do	
15	En route to Woodenahully	1	12	12	1		To pay Coolies					
16	Woodenahully	1	6	12	1		Paid Coolies				Measured work done on Kumarasamoodrum Tank, gave necessary	

Hossoor Range

Inspection report of Sergeant C J Sydeman Taluq Overseer in charge of Hossoor Taluq for the month of February 1877 Fixed station Hossoor

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Month & date	Place visited	No of days halted at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from fixed station	No of days for which halting allowance is claimed	No of miles for which mileage is claimed	Object of journey & name of work inspected	Date of last inspection	Abstract of measurements of work done from date of last inspection	Expenditure on work actually done since last inspection	Particulars of progress made since the last inspection condition of completed works inspected during the month.	Remarks by Range officer
17	Kellamunglum	1	8	70	1		To inspect Tanks in the neighbourhood & to pay coolies				Inspected & measured work done on the Kellamunglum Tank & paid coolies for the same. No bricklayers are procurable so the masonry work has not yet been touched - Bricklayers cannot be procured on account of the Car Festival which is being held in Hosoor at present. A few heaps of jelly stone are collected & a very small quantity of lime is being converted into mortar in anticipation of the Bricklayers arrival -	
18	Do Hosoor	1	18	"	1						Bricklayers have just arrived so I gave them necessary orders to carry on the work & explained the same to the maistry - Measured and inspected Betharreddy Mullavamoodrum & Chicka Bailoor Tanks. Gave orders to use more lime in preparing mortar for the Betharreddy Sluice. Mullavamoodrum Weir is fairly done Chicka Bailoor Tank is progressing fairly. Returned to Hosoor to complete All alum Channel plans as commanded by the Hosoor Range Officer	
19	Hossoor	1	"	"	1						Began the plans.	
20	Do	1	"	"	1						Do	
21	Do	1	"	"	1						Handed over charge & explained in detail all acts & regarding the works given by Hosoor R. Officer to Mr. Manikkum & showed Mr. Manickum the Bagoor Tank	
22	Do	1	8	"	1						Accompanied Mr. Manickum on the Great Western Road.	
23	Codoor	1	10	10	1						To meet Hosoor Range Officer as commanded	
24	Hosoor	1	12	10	1						Returned to Hosoor according to the Hosoor R. Officers verbal commands.	

Oossoor Range

Inspection report of Sergeant C J Lydeman Taluq Overseer in charge of Oossoor Taluq for the month of February 1877 Fixed station Oossoor

Month & date	Place visited	No of days halted at each place	Distance travelled during each day	Distance of halting place from fixed station	No of days for which travelling allowance is claimed	No of miles for which mileage is claimed	Object of journey & nature of work inspected	Date of last inspection	Abstract of measurements of work done from date of last inspection	Expenditure on work actually done since last inspection	Particulars of progress made since the last inspection condition of completed works inspected during the month.	Remarks by Range officer
25	Copoor	1	„	„	1		Sunday					13/
26	Do.	1	„	„	1		Remained in Commands	Copoor according to Copoor Range Officers				
27	Sick											
28	Sick											

C J Lydeman
Taluq Overseer

4/5/77
Oossoor

R L Lowry
Executive Engineer

Amount of Estimate Rupees.

SALEM DISTRICT

OOSSOOR RANGE

Inspection Report of the Officer in charge of Oossoor Range Salem District for the month of March 1877

Fixed station Oossoor in Oossoor Taluq

Date	Taluq	Place visited.	Particulars of progress made since the last Inspection Condition of completed works inspected during the month.
24th		Kellamungalum Putalamen, Royalachary, Betthereddy, Chekka Beyloor, Mullasamoodrum and Theyyarayasamoodrum tanks	Inspected Kellamungalum Putalamen tank. There is 32 feet of the Body wall of the Escape built and it is by many degrees the worst work of the kind I have ever seen Cholera has within the last few days made its appearance in the village and the work is now stopped, but this disease has nothing to do with the bad work or with the fact that against my most positive orders some 12 Cundagum of Chunam have been slacked at once and mixed weeks and probably months before it can be used. I have again and again given the most positive orders to every Overseer in the Range not to mix any Chunam or in fact bring it to the works until it is required for use, and then never more than can be used within a few days 7 at the utmost period here there is enough to complete the work perishing by the neglect of this order. The Overseer ought to be made pay for the loss on this work some Rupees 40

1st Inspected the Rozalacharry tank Escape which I condemned in the month of August last and ordered the Overseer to rebuild at the risk and Cost of the Contractor. This was because the mortar was bad and the foundations not put down to the Estimated depth. The Overseer has reported the work as completed some time since. One of the Ryots owning land under the tank mentioned to me when on the spot that there is no chunam put into the foundations, As there were no tools to examine them, Ordered the Irrigation Maistry to open up the foundations for future inspection. The foundation ought not to have been filled in until after I had inspected and passed the work finally.

Inspected and Measured work done on Bethereddy tank, work fair and according to Estimate as far as the Escape and Earthwork are concerned, but the sluice is being constructed of bad bricks, bad covering stones and worse workmanship, Ordered all that had been done to be pulled up and rebuilt with good Materials and workmanship. The Irrigation Maistry and Overseer is much to blame for this bad work.

Chickka Beyloor tank bund has been turfed contrary to my orders as it is neither of a proper section nor has it been properly levelled. No level pegs having been given to Maistry for the crest of the South Escape Weir which is being Extended and Rebuilt.

2d GS Inspected the Theyvarayasamoodrum tank at Denkenecottu which is completed with the exception of ~~a~~ the removal of a little Earth at the Escape. The Contractor states that the work has not been fully measured or paid for. The Overseer, when I last inspected this tank in his Company, informed me that it had been fully measured and paid for with the exception of some slight clearing of the Escape which I have ordered to be done of course less the 15 per Cent for which the Overseer ought to have sent a bill when the work was completed and inspected by me.

3d Veeroopulle Naraken, Sundrai and Sungien tanks — Inspected Veeroopulle Naraken tank. The Overseer has reported the Escape lately constructed in this tank as finished. I can only say it could not be worse work, Even worse than the Weir of Sungien tank which the District Engineer has seen and Condemned. I wish he would come and see this and the Vellamungalum tank Escape and the other works inspected Yesterday he would then know how utterly worthless Overseer Tydeman is. This must be pulled up and done over again and the Overseer ought to be made pay for it.

The Sundrai tank repairs are being done as a famine relief work. Work being fairly done, Mustered the Coolies and found them correct. There are no level pegs nor has any width for the top of bund been given to the head Coily to work to by the Overseer.

The Sungien tank work is also

		being carried out from famine relief funds. In this case also there are no level pegs nor sections nor has the width of top of bund been given to the head Cooly and the consequence is he is making it 10' wide where 4½' is the proper width for a small tank bund of this kind, utter waste of labour and money— Mustered Coolies and found correct, the Coolies have not been paid since the 22d Ultimo.
	Ossoor	Office work
	Do	Sunday
	Do	Office work
	Kistnaghery	Inspected and measured work done and Metal collected on Trunk Road No 1 and Office work.
	Greeme Saibs tank	Inspected Greeme Saib's tank and Office work. Examining work done by Surveyors which I found to be worthless when they had done any thing and very little of it. They all seem to be in terror of Cholera and never having had any Experience in the field but coming up fresh from the Civil Engineering College. One of them who had been to set out the Pennagoondapuram tank work had lost 4 Lascars by Cholera and had done nothing and is not likely to do so for some time from abject terror
	Badathalao tank	Inspected the work done on this tank which is good and in excess of what is allowed in the Estimate leaving an

		giving instructions to the Surveyors.
9"	Gow Sahib's tank and Cavaeripatnam.	Inspected and measured work done to Gow Sahib's tank which is completed and well done
10"	Geejaganoor tank and the line of the Baroor Channel and Anikat. Camped at Valampatty	I am of opinion that the Geejaganoor tank will not pay to restore. Inspecting line of Channel and giving instructions to Surveyors in connection with that project.
11"	Baroor tank & line of proposed Channel	Employed as yesterday.
12"	Palcode	Office work
13"	Ser talao and the Sungumbasawan or Marandahally Channel and Anikat.	The work being done on Ser talao is Famine relief and very bad, the earth being put on in great lumps on the tank bund without water and without having cut the old surface of the bund into steps, Ordered the Overseer to have this done at his and the Irrigation Maistry's Cost. Went over the old Supply Channel of Sungum Basawan tank and gave the Surveyor ~~Overseer~~ the most detailed instructions on the spot for the Cross and longitudinal sections required. giving him written instructions as well. Returned to Palcode.
14"	Gollahully and Cologathore tanks. Adimancotta and Dombarakampatty.	This is also being paid for from famine relief funds and the earth is being thrown on in lumps without any attempt at Consolidation, Very bad indeed. Fined Irrigation Maistry.

	Found a man lying dead on the side ~~of the~~ ~~side~~ of the road in the 53d mile from Oossoor 1 3/4 miles from Admancottah bungalow. The body was emaciated and dried up to a skeleton. it had evidently has lying there for some three or four days as the stench it was very bad.	An Estimate was prepared for bringing the heads of the three Sluices of Cologothore tank which were some 200' from the toe of the inner slope into the face of the bund and sanctioned from Famine Relief funds. There is one sluice built and instead of being built into the inner slope was 8' from it below and 15' above standing out clear from the bund in the tank and worse still the retaining wall is out of the Perpendicular overhanging some 15". The Overseer and task worker have promised to rebuild it according to plan and Estimate and at their own cost. This will be punishment enough for the Overseer's carelessness and will be a warning to him.
15th	Shoppoor Ghaut and Trunk road No. 5 from the 193 mile to the 177th mile Adamancotta and Darampury	The work done on the Shoppoor Ghaut is on the whole satisfactory. The Trunk road is in excellent order
16th	Mullapuram Ghaut and the Approach from Darampury & back	In Company with Mr Caldwell inspected the proposed line of road from Darampury to Mullapuram Railway Station as far as the saddle which is 500' high vide my Demi Official to District Engineer on this subject
17th	Morapore Road and the tank being constructed by Major Baynes in the 9th mile	The little Ghaut on the 9th mile near the boundary is in a bad state, requires remetalling. Ordered Overseer to prepare materials. The Coottay being enlarged by Major Baynes is never likely to give any return. Took notes of the requirements of the Morapore road
18th	Poolthecarai and Malloputty tanks Eramuttoor and Baroor tank	Inspected the Poolthecarai tank and gave instructions for an Estimate for the repair of this irrigation works and Channel and also of the Malloputty tank and gave Overseer order for making out an Estimate at once
19th	The line of the proposed Supply Channel and Anicut for Baroor tank.	Inspected the line of this Channel with Supervisor Caldwell and gave instructions and checked Surveyors levels.
20th	Muttoor	Inspected the Pennagoondapuram tank with Mr Supervisor Caldwell and gave him instructions respecting that work
21st	Muttoor	Took a longitudinal section of the Pennagoondapuram tank bund and instructed Mr Caldwell as to how the work should be carried out and the way in which Famine relief works should be managed verbally and in writing.
22d	Kistnagherry and Greene Sahib's tank and the site for the Taluq School	The Road from Muttoor to Kistnagherry is in excellent order Mustered the Coolies on Greene Sahib's tank and pointed out the site of the School to Overseer
23d	Pedthamapully tank, Dundakarum~~putty~~ hully, Corroombarahully, Station house & Malemally	The Overseer is constructing in this tank a Sluice and Waste Weir in excess of the works Estimated for and the Famine Relief funds allotted will pay cost of all. Dundakarumputty tank requires repair- Gave instructions to Overseer respecting it Corroombarahully Station house is completed and the work is particularly well done, Camped at Malemalley

	Shoolagherry and Trunk Road No 1 from 167th mile stone to the 188th mile stone.	Inspected road and gave instructions respecting it. Found a man lying dead from Cholera in the 176th mile. - One mile from Shoolagherry.
	Head Quarters	Sunday
	Do	Office work
	Do	
	Muttegiri	Inspected the Cemetery
	Range Officer's Bungalow.	Scarcely anything done since I last inspected it. nearly a month since.
	Kumasamudram tank Kellamungalum	Inspected this tank. Very little work done since I last inspected it, put the Irrigation Maistry Abdul Mujeed in charge. Also inspected Road being made from Oodenhully to Kellamungalum
	Kellamungalum & Achettepully tanks and Teegoor Channel Head Quarters	Inspected the Kellamungalum Putalammen tank works - found it in the same state as when I last inspected it on the 1st instant. - Gave orders respecting it. - Inspected the Achettepully tank, work fairly done, Also inspected the Teegoor Channel on which a considerable expenditure had taken place, found nothing done but the spoil bank sectioned which Overseer Lydeman had paid for at the rate of 2 annas per Cubic yard when it ought to have been paid for ~~at the rate~~ out of the original rate of 1¼ anna which he had already paid to his friend Vistun Chetty. - Called upon Overseer Lydeman to explain this conduct. Found the task worker building the communication bridge the sanctioned plan for which had 5 openings of 5' each on an entirely different plan of 3 openings of 5' each which plan he declares of was given him by Overseer Lydeman.
31st	Head Quarters	Office work

Oossoor Division Office
Kistnaghery 8th April 1877.

R. S. Lowry
Executive Engineer.

To the Range officer
Oossoor 19th April 77
No. 86

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FROM
THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF OOSSOOR RANGE

TO
THE ~~SUPERINTENDING~~ District ENGINEER, of Salem.
5TH DIVISION

Dated 8th } April 1877.
Received.

Inspection Report for the month of March 1877.

Disposed 19 April 77

46 13th July 77 I.D. F. 171

No. 293.

Oossoor Divisional Office
Camp Kistnaghery, 12th May 1877

From
The Executive Engineer
Oossoor Division

To
The District Engineer
of Salem

Sir,

+ Nos. 1322 and 1329 dated 1st and 4th May 1877

Enclosure 1

With reference to your letters as per margin+ instructing me to call upon Overseer Serjeant Sydsman for an Explanation of his conduct as regards certain works &c. I have now the honor to forward the explanation forwarded by the Overseer which I had sent back to him that it might be put in proper shape.

2. As I will require to bring formal charges against ~~the~~ Serjeant Sydsman in a few days it would only be a waste of your time and my own to attempt to reply to what is here said by him.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
R. L. Lowry.
Executive Engineer

No. 293.

From No. 207
The Executive Engineer
Hosoor Division

To

The District Engineer,
of Salem.

Dated 12th } May 1877.
Received 15th }

Enclosure 1

Forwards the Explanation papers
received from the Overseer
Lydeman about his conduct
in ~~wor~~ certane works.

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Extract from Mr. Lowry's Memo No.
1346, regarding the supervision &c 51
of Famine Relief Works. and to
show that Hd. Cooly Peri had every
right to keep a nominal roll

"The Overseer will appoint a head cooly
on each work who will see his orders carried
out & keep a Muster Roll of men, women
& children in seperate lists"

(True Extract)

G. Lydeman
T. Overseer.

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From No. 207
The Executive Engineer

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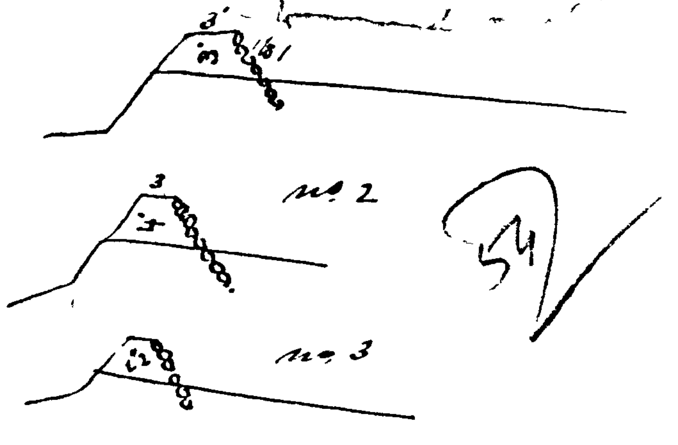

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Form B. (Enclosure C)

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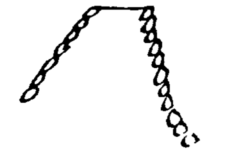
Return of Establishment employed in connection with Relief Works in Hosoor Taluq for the week ending with 27th January 1877

Maistrys

Abdul Mujeed Saib
Shaik Fureed Saib
Rajoo Mudelly
Rama Row
Mahomed Ismail Sahib
Thoorosawmy Naidoo
Rungasawmy
※ Narrainsawmy ※

30th



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From No 20

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30 January 1877 (Sd) E. J. Tyderman
Talug Overseer.

(True copy)

G. J. Tyderman
Talug Overseer.

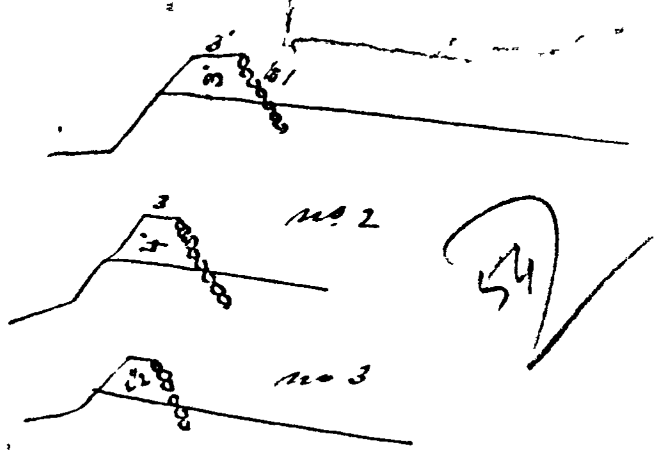
No 1467. Coimbatore Division
Camp Varampory
28th Feby 1877.

Memorandum.

The Overseer in Charge of Coimbatore Talug is informed that every Maistry employed of F. R. Works should be paid 8 annas daily.

Sd R. I. [illegible]
Exe. Engr.

(True copy) G. J. Tyderman



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Names of Works	Amount Spent in week	No of Persons working on Friday		
		men	women	Children
[illegible]		22	19	1

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(Sgd) [illegible]
(Sd) Maistry A. Narrainsawmy.

(True copy)

G. J. Tyderman Supt
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This is to show that Maistry Narrainsawmy sends the Weekly Accounts & not the cooly Peri—

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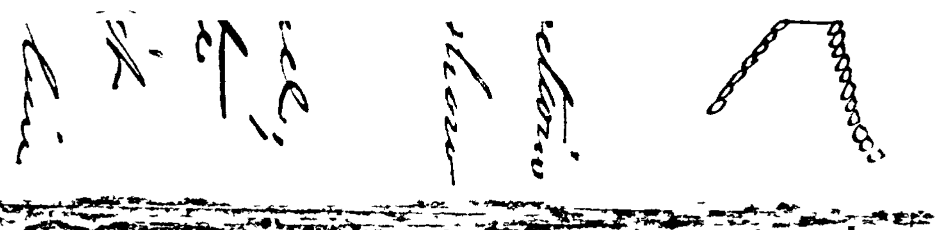

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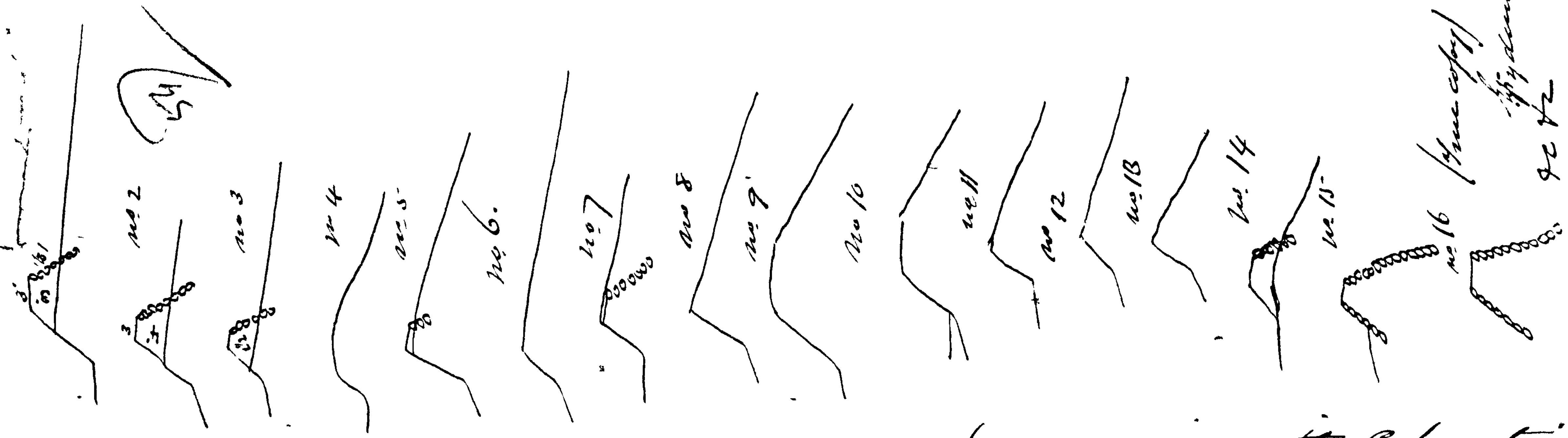

(True copy)
Hydeman
&c &c

This rough sketch is enclosed, (being a copy of the Cross sections of the Allalum channel, as taken by Mr. Lowrey) to show that the first proposal of Mr. Lowrey's was only to strengthen the bund & not to widen the channel; for if the Channel was to be widened the opposite bank would be also shown, but it is not. According to these sections my first line of levels was taken

Hydeman Supt
& Overseer

List of Complaint Contractors

Names of Contractors	Names of Works	Remarks 55
Streenivasa Row	Singun Tank	This contractors work was measured in the time of my predecessor Mr Bragg & the usual 15 P. C. deducted. This amount has not been paid as the work is badly done. no measurements have been made on this tank by me.
Kitnagoundoo	Kurmasummudrum Tank	This man complains that more money is due to him. The work was first measured by me, but the man was dissatisfied so the Range officer measured it. I was the person who recommended this contractor to be removed.
Raghunacharry	Punjapully Tank * No 746 (Cr) from 31/8/76 as it is of importance that the expenditure on Irrigation works should as large as possible this month I will pay the Contractor of the Punjapully Tank ½ of the amount of the bill made out by Conductor Tydeman for that work (True copy) Initialed R. I. C	A portion of this man's work was measured in Mr Braggs time. After I took charge, this man is due about Rs 400 (a copy of Mr Lowry's letter inclosed) * This money is still due.
Kistnachetty	Stud Lines	Measured by me & paid in full by Mr Lowry. The contractor was satisfied.

upon; dues amongst all

Kistnachetty	Cheemar Bridge	Measured by me & paid in full by Mr Lowry. The Contractor was satisfied
	Country Cutchery. Jeegoor channel	Measured by me but I believe the 15 P. C. is due to the contractor
	Allalum channel	This work was not measured by me but by Mr Lowry.
Hanumontha Row	"Roads"	I measured this work & sent a bill in but I believe the 15 P. C. is not paid yet.

All contractors in the Oopoor Taluq have been up to date satisfied with the measurements taken by me, & this list of Complainant Contractors, with their several Complaints, show, that they had no Cause to Complain of me, Consequently they Could not petition against me having no grounds

Further I am sorry that Mr Lowry should try to injure my Character & distroy my future prospects by saying that I instigated the Contractors to petition — against him. For in my humble opinion a serious charge of this (to me) pernicious kind should not be made on mere suspicion or hearsay only.

G Snydeman
T. Overseer

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reported upon; and amongst all overseers of that District I was the only one selected for the Kistna levelling Project purposes

Trusting this my explanation will be favourably Considered.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your Most Obed Servant
G Snydeman Sergt.
T. Overseer.

Forwarded to Range Officer - 16th March 1877.
Returned by Range Officer as no covering letter was sent. 21st March 1877.
Reforwarded to Range Officer with Covering letter - 21st March 1877.
Returned by Range Officer to allow ½ sheet margin 8th April 1877.
Reforwarded to Range Officer with ½ sheet foolscap margin 10th April 1877.

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From

Sergeant E. Tydeman

To

The District Engineer
Salem District.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No 1329 I beg to offer the following explanation.

With reference to Mr Lowry's Para 2, (8) of his letter No 1667.

2. On the 20th February 1877 I accompanied Mr Lowry on the Allalum Channel, and, on the work Mr Lowry wanted to know who Head Cooly Peri was? I informed Mr Lowry, that Head Cooly Peru was under Maistry Narrainsawmy's Charge (who was appointed by Mr Lowry). Mr Lowry ~~reports~~ that I disobeyed his orders, by appointing another maistry in part charge of the work; but to this I beg to inform, that the maistry Mr Lowry appointed, is the only, and sole maistry, in charge of the Allalum Channel works (list A of maistries enclosed) and Hd Cooly Peria (5) (who was a Hd Cooly on the channel, long before Maistry Narrainsamy was appointed) is under the direct charge of Maistry Narrainsamy. It is usual in this talug that a maistry and a Hd Cooly (the latter writing and keeping the nominal roll of Coolies) be employed on large works; as for example, on the

This is a very small work like all
the works in the Talug [illegible] in which only
a few coolies are employed"
11/6/77.

Kunnasamoodram, [illegible] & Pangapully Tanks. And it is never customary to place two maistries in part charge of one work. Further, to show that Hd Cooly Peri is not a maistry in part charge of the Allalum work, as asserted by Mr Lowry.

All weekly accounts are sent by maistry Narrainsamy, (Enclosure C) being the duty of a maistry in charge of a work, secondly maistry Narrainsamy is in receipt of 8 annas per day, and Hd Cooly Peri in receipt of 4 annas per day, the ordinary wages of a maistry and a Hd cooly respectively, and, that it is essential that a maistry and a Hd Cooly are required on the Allalum works, can be seen by the fact, that Hd Cooly Peri has been dismissed, a few days back, verbally but another Hd Cooly has been appointed in his place.

In the instructions sent to me by Mr Lowry on the 20' January 1877, I was ordered to carry on the levels of the Allalum Channel, and it was on that morning (20' January 1877) only, that Mr Lowry accompanied by maistry Narrainsamy (who was appointed that day) visited the work, and I was informed by maistry Narrainsamy, when I arrived that evening on the work, that he (maistry Narrainsamy) had received all necessary instructions for the Allalum Channel (particularly regarding the alternative Channel), and to verify his statement, that he had received verbal orders from the Range Officer, he (maistry Narrainsamy) showed me a

The R.O. should not allow his Subordinates to argue with him
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a rough sketch of a cross section of the alternative channel, drawn by Mr. Lowry, on which was marked, that the top width must be 15' and the bottom 10, being the same instructions as received by me. As the levelling was emergent and all Famine relief works had at the same time to be opened out, I had no leisure to go personally and mark out the channel or to construct string sections, but on the site of work I gave the maistry all instructions how to mark out the channels by pegs, and to keep the cross sections 50' apart, and the strings from one section to the other, which would give him the longitudinal and cross sectional line of the channel; and, as the work on the alternative channel is blasting only, I gave maistry Narrainsamy all necessary instructions regarding blasting operations, especially that about the "line of least resistance". These instructions I gave in the presence of my writer and lascars &c in the Tamil language, and which orders were perfectly understood by the maistry. After completing the levels of the channels with cross sections (a distance of 5 miles in two days) vide inspection report I returned to Hosoor, and gave maistry Narrainsamy all tools required for blasting, and impressed on his mind, that he must get the alternative channel work

[illegible] has been done by the P.W.D. in the main [illegible] tracts [illegible] Ch work done quickly; and to employ as many ablebodied men as he could procure. From that date, the 23d January 1877, to the date of my visit in company with the Range officer, I had no opportunity or leisure to visit, or inspect the work; but, in the interval I sent the Irrigation Maistry to inspect the work, who reported to me that the maistry was boring holes, where (in his opinion) they were unnecessary, but that he had corrected him. Also the Irrigation maistry reported, that maistry Narsiensamy, was putting earth on the right bank, and when he was asked the reason of his so doing, answered, "that the earth was thrown upon that side, as the Kuradar of the neighbouring villages and some ryots had requested him to do so." I further beg to remark, that maistry Narrainsamy informed Mr. Lowry, "that the earth work was done of his own accord, (without my orders), "and the blasting was done, to get a proper curve for the Channel." I gave no orders at all to build the revetment at the head of the Channel. The orders I gave were, "that the old rough stone, near the head of the channel, should be removed and rebuilt" and after they completed this work, I ordered them to

The work on the present bank [illegible] is neither
Creditable to the overseer or his Range Officer.
It is being redone, when I visited
it on the 26/5/77.

to build the revetment on the river face of the embankment, at the alternative Channel; and to carry out this work expeditiously I advanced the odders Rs 40, and as they are limited in numbers (about seven) I ordered them to devote all their attention to this work, and that the work at the head of the Channel should be finished after. Accordingly they stopped work on the old rough stone, and are carting stones, which were piled up on the site of the emergent work when the Range Officer inspected the same. The rough stone badly built is 7 yds long 1/2 yd broad and 3/4 yd high — the cubical contents being two and five eighth (2 5/8) cubic yds which at .—6—. per cubic yds comes to Rs. —15—9.

4 Para 3 of this letter will explain the Range Officer's complaint in his Para No 4. Further, I beg to give the following details of the earthwork done on the right bank of the Channel. The first portion of earth put on the right bank of the Channel is ten yard ~~six~~ into two yards into three quarter yd (10×2×3/4) This earth is put as a bar, across a track, which is used by the villagers to drive their cattle and carts across the Channel and

which, by constant traffic was wor
the left bank, and which practice if pursued, would always be a cause of danger to the Channel. In the second place the left bank was very high and did not require any earth whatever, so the maisty took all the earth from the widening of the Channel and from the trimming of the channel slopes, and used the earth, on the spot, to give a finish to the right bank which was much cut up and looked very rugged. The measurement of this portion is yds $30 \times 1\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = 13\frac{1}{8}$ cu yds.

In the 3rd instance, I was told by maisty Narrainsawmy, that the Kurnadar of the neighbouring villages, and some ryots had requested him to put a bund across two hill streams, so as to empty them a little distance down the Channel, as they were a source of annoyance to them. The quantity of earth used for this work and which was obtained from the widening of the Channel, is as follows, $17\text{yds} \times 1\text{yd} \times \frac{1}{2}\text{yd} = 8\frac{1}{2}$ cuyds. The total amount of made earth placed on the right bank is not quite 40 cuyds, and this is equal to about Rs 4 in money value.

(5) Para # 3 of this letter will explain the Range officer's complaint in his Para No 5.

Further I beg to offer the following

-ing details for your kind consideration.

The rock mentioned by Mr. Lowry showed for blasting purposes is just out side the alternative channel, and in the 1st mile; so allowing a bottom width of 12' (as per instructions sent by Mr. Lowry) and the height of the rock being 2½ feet above the bed of the channel, and with a slope of 2 to 1 (as per instructions) gives a top width of 22'; but I beg to inform that the hole bored the greatest distance from the opposite bank is only 19' distant, so it is within 3' of the required distance. But, if the rock was required to be vertical with ~~the~~ a width of only 15' and as a revetment has to be built on the opposite side of the rock, in this spot (and which has been ordered by Mr. Lowry) which revetment, will consequently encroa~~t~~ch on the width of the channel to a distance of 3'; then, only 2 holes will have been bored in excess; the length of these holes in running feet will be 2'3": and allowing the rate of .. —6— . per running foot in the 1st instance, no loss whatever will be caused and in the second

This is trifling with the matter
JL

para No 6

I ordered all maistries in my charge, to put as many able bodied people on the works, with the exception of the old debilitated &c. This order has been obeyed as far as practicable. Numbers of Coolies can be procured, but they are totally unfit for work, and the majority of the applicants, require daily, and not task work rates. No reliance whatever, can be placed on the word of the Kuradar mentioned by Mr. Lowry; For on a previous occasion he (The Kuradar) was suspended for not supplying coolies, for the emergent repairs of the Allalum Channel, (which Channel was breached in the rains of 1876) for, on that occasion also, he promised Mr. Lowry, as many as 100 men, which he failed to supply; Consequently he was reported by Mr. Lowry to the Collector, who suspended him (the Kuradar) for a period of 3 months.

Further, to show that the Kuradar has not supplied more men to the Allalum Channel work, as promised to Mr. Lowry, I beg you will kindly Compare the weekly reports of the Allalum Channel previous to the 20" February (1877) (Mr. Lowry's date of inspection, and report, and date of my handing over charge to temporary overseer Manikam Chetty) and the weekly reports for the days after the 20th February, up to the date of writing this letter (6.3.77 (for now the work on the Allalum channel is being carried out both departmentally and by contract work, so more labor may have collected after the (6.3.77)); and a decrease will be found in the number of the coolies; although Mr. Lowry, through the temporary overseer, in my presence, ordered the Kuradar to supply the men he promised. Also, at present, more coolies should collect on the Allalum channel (the Allalum channel being adjacent to the road) and all the coolies employed on the roads would flock to the Allalum channel (road work being stopped) which is near to their villages; but the reason of their not doing so, is, that road work is easier than irrigation-works, although the rates on both are the same.

with reference to Mr Lowry's Para No 7

7 Two of the principal and best attended works in my taluk, have been stopped for want of funds viz Trunk road No 1 and Malloor road. If the returns of the week are seen for any of the weeks the road work was in progress, it will be seen, that 454 men, 744 women and 22 children, were employed per day in my taluk all told. (1220 person) Further, as more tanks and roads are in progress in the Krishnagherry taluk, and the

latter being the best labor collecting works (the work being lighter and the rates the same as on Irrigation works) and much more money being sanctioned for the Kristnagherry Taluq than for the Hosoor Taluq, necessarily more labor will collect in the former Taluq. Also, this taluq is notorious from the time of Mr Milone as being a very bad labor collecting taluq for Irrigation works, also the records of the previous overseers will show as well as the statements of any of the old servants of the Taluq, and the small monthly expenditure of the previous overseers on Irrigation works, All go to show that labor is not easily procurable in the Hosoor Taluq. Also the Krishnagherry Taluq is much smaller than the Hosoor Taluq, and a large number of works being sanctioned for the Krishnagherry Taluq, so I presume, the works cannot be so far apart as in the Hosoor Taluq, which is a very large one, and in which very few works are sanctioned (from Famine relief funds) and, where large distances intervene between works, labor will not collect so easily, as when the works are closer together. I believe that a number of estimates were submitted by my predecessor, which have not yet been sanctioned, so that I enclose all my attention to the Irrigation works in progress, and only prepared the emergent estimates. Besides these estimates, mentioned by Mr. Lawry, I submitted a number of building estimates, all of which were approved and sanctioned. I also sent in a number of Irrigation estimates for the actual requirements of certain tanks, which were returned as the amount estimated for exceeded five years' revenue. These tanks actually required the repairs estimated for, but the revenue under them was very small.

with reference to Mr Lawry's Para No. 8
(8) I am unaware that I have ever disobeyed any of Mr. Lawry's orders, but on the contrary I have tried my very best to please Mr. Lawry in every way. Since I have been in this Taluq, I only asked to be excused once from circuit (to the best of my belief as I have not the letter books with me) the reason being that I had just returned from a long circuit to finish my monthly accounts, and Mr. Lawry ordered me out again, so I begged Mr. Lawry to excuse me, which he kindly did. Another occasion was that I was summoned to Court on which occasion also I ~~asked~~ asked and obtained Mr. Lawry's permission to remain in

Coonoor

All my business was [illegible]

When, Mr. Lowry inspected the Khunnasamoodram Tank the foundation of the Sluice was only marked out but not excavated. Mr. Lowry wanted to know to what depth I was going to excavate the foundations, and I answered as per estimate viz ~~two feet~~ 1½' for the tunnel and 3' for the face and cistern" on which Mr. Lowry said that I must put the foundation down to firm ground which would probably be about 3' or 4' below the ground level, and that the depth of 1½' and 3' provided in the estimate may not reach firm ground, but only remain on unsound ground" Further, I beg to bring to your notice that, had I dug the depth required in ~~the~~ estimate, and found it did not reach firm ground, I would have referred the matter to Mr. Lowry, to receive the necessary orders to make a revised Estimate for the excess amount of expenditure to be incurred; But before I could excavate the foundations, or even before any explanation was obtained from me, I have been remarked upon in Mr. Lowry's Diary, and reported to you. "No chunam nor sufficient materials have been collected up to date (6.3.77) to even commence the Sluice work! — And even now I hear the Sluice is not completed

9 Mr. Lowry bases his conclusions on the ground of Contractors petitioning against him, & not against me, as the Cause of my instigating them. The accompanying list B of contractors with their several works, will show that they have not cause to complain of me, or my measurements, but from what I have seen of the petitions, shown and referred to me by Mr. Lowry, they seem to ask for the 15 PC which they say is due to them, and which, if due, is paid by the Range officer after inspection and measurement. Further in this para, I respectfully beg to remark that it may be seen that Mr. Lowry labouring under~~ing~~ the impression, that I have been instigating Contractors (an act which I would be very sorry to be guilty of) is displeased with me, and consequently draws very unfavorable comparisons of me as compared with the other overseers of the Range.

10 In the month of September or October, I accompanied the Range officer on the Allalum channel and Mr. Lowry Carried on the levels from the point he left off at. As Mr. Lowry intended to prepare an estimate himself for the Channel because overseer Bragg's levels were said to be incorrect. After Mr. Lowry levelled about 2 miles from the head of the Channel, he ordered me to Carry on the levels from the point he left off at. The Cross sections I took are in

accordance with instructions given me, and according to the Cross sections taken by Mr. Lowry. I finished the levels and sent the field book to the Range officer who returned them ordering me to plot and prepare an estimate for the channel. Accordingly I plotted the levels and asked the Range officer for the first portion of the levels which he took. On this, Mr. Lowry expressed a doubt saying that as part of the levels had been taken by him, and a part by me, it was liable to cause confusion and error. So it were preferable if I took the whole levels of the channel and gave me fresh (written) instructions on 20th January 1877 regarding what he required to be done to the channel. As the 1st proposal, was only to strengthen the bund, and the second (having more funds) was to widen the channel and to strengthen and raise the bund, according to the fresh instructions, I finished the levels and found that the difference in the two lines was upwards of 4'. I therefore beg to remark, that the channel in the 1st instance was not wholly levelled by me, but partly by Mr. Lowry and partly by me. Secondly the B. M. on which Mr. Lowry finished his levels (and from which I took up) (was not left on a permanent, easily to be found defect, but on one of the pegs on the bund, of which one was placed at each 100' along the whole line of the channel bund. So, in my humble opinion the mistake was occasioned in the 1st line of levels, and may have been caused by me, not finding the B. M. on which Mr. Lowry finished his line of levels. Mr. Lowry states that he wanted to estimate for the Channel ~~But~~ and that I delayed sending in the levels for 6 months. But, to this I beg to inform, that I received orders to level the channel in the month of September (29th) and I sent the field book (which only was required) to Mr. Lowry on the 22nd November 1876 but the field book was returned to me in December, to plot the levels I took. After plotting the levels I took, I asked the Range Officer for the portion of the levels he took, this was on the 18th January 1877. Upon which I received an order to level and estimate for the channel. This order I received on the 18th January 77. and on the 18th February Mr. Lowry ordered me to give over charge to temporary overseer Manik am Chetty. The delay occasioned the first time is explained above; the second time I had to carry on all Famine relief works which had just freshly been opened out as well as my other taluq duties, so I had no leisure

Hardly anything has been done by the P.W.D. in [illegible] in the way of Famine Relief"

accordance with
to prepare the necessary plans, and estimates for such a large work, as a perusal of my inspection report will show for those months.

In conclusion, I beg to state that I am extremely sorry that Mr. Lowry should have so bad an opinion of me as to judge me ignorant of the "most rudimentary knowledge of my work" I obtained a supervisor's Certificate from the Civil Engineering College, and I am at present ~~the~~ a 1st grade overseer, and this is the first occasion, that I have been found fault with, as my record of service will show. I served upwards of 2 years in the Kistna District one of the most important irrigation Districts in the Madras Presidency and I have always given satisfaction and been favorably reported upon, and amongst all the overseers of that District I was the only one selected for the Kistna levelling Project purposes.

Trusting this my explanation will be favourably considered.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your Most Obed Servant
G. P. Hydeman Supt
Overseer.

Forwarded to Range Officer – 16th March 1877.
returned by Range Officer as no covering letter was sent. 21st March 1877
Reforwarded to Range Officer with Covering letter – 21st March 1877.
Returned by Range Officer to allow ½ sheet margin 8th April 1877
Reforwarded to Range Officer with ½ sheet foolscap margin 10th April 1877.

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Charges of misconduct brought by R. I Lowry Esquire, Executive Engineer of the Ossoor Range, against Overseer Serjeant Tydeman of the Ossoor Talug of that Range

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1. Stud Lines

No 81 of 3/7/76 from the Overseer
No 452 of 4/7/76 to the Overseer.
No 113 of 1/9/76 from the Overseer
No 795 of 9/9/76 to the Overseer
Detailed Statement.

Selling 5000 bamboos at the Remount without authority and without the sale being advertized in the District Gazette. Against the rule laid down in G. O.

The Overseer then told undersigned a lie about this sale as he asserted they were for Colonel Drury who afterwards denied that such was the case when asked by the undersigned

2. Chennathore Putalammen Tank

1 Detailed Statement of works done

Having measured the Chennathore Tank Earthwork greatly in excess the actual work done or rather having to save himself from trouble and to keep up what he declares has always been Mamool in the Ossoor Talug he took the Measurements in the Estimate and made out the bill in accordance. The Consequence being an overpayment of Rs. 84-3-0. This was reported to Mr. Norfor when Acting

District Engineer on the 18th August 1876, in the Overseer's presence, the undersigned at the same time as he had then little or no knowledge of Overseer Tydeman asked that he should not be dealt with severely as the undersigned was of opinion that fraud was not intended but that it rather arose from carelessness and laziness on the part of the Overseer. Mr. Norfor warned Sergeant Tydeman to be more careful again and told him that had the undersigned taken the lenient view he had done of the matter, but, had sent it up officially he (the District Engineer) would have had to take serious notice of it

3 Overseer Tydeman's utter neglect of duty and disobedience of orders as instanced in his not having carried out a single work to completion during the time he has been in charge of the Taluq. His failure in preparing the Estimates which he was ordered to prepare. It would be seen that while the Kistnagherry and Darampury Overseers submitted Estimates of the value of Rs. 9666 and Rs. 6652 respectively for irrigation works that Overseer Tydeman's only amounted to Rs. 1459.

Memos to Overseer on this head
№ 333 of 6/6/76
№ 471 of 7/7/76
№ 576 of 28/7/76
№ 956 of 13/10/76
№ 154 of 26/4/76
1 Extract from the Inspection Report for April 1877
№ 679 of 18/8/76

4. That he has failed to send up sections for the Allalum Channel altho repeatedly called upon to do so. The undersigned himself prepared the Estimate and Plans for the Anikat and Head Sluice and about 1 mile of the Channel. It is true the Overseer took two sections of the Channel but as there is a difference of 4' between the end ordinates of the two both being taken over the same ground The undersigned could not make any use of them in framing an Estimate. The undersigned had himself to prepare almost every Estimate and take all levels for sections required in the taluq since Overseer Tydeman has been in it, as it was found to be no use calling upon him (the Overseer) to do so, this will be evident from his continual disobedience of orders on this head.

Memos to Overseer.
№ 331 of 6/6/76
№ 353 of 13/6/76
and № — of 1/11/76
№ 1198 of 9/12/76
№ 1132 of 18/11/76.
№ 1352 of 18/1/77.
№ C of 27/12/77
№ 1167 of 26/2/77 to the District Engineer
Extract from the Inspection report for June 1876.

5. Jeegoor Channel

The Jeegoor Channel is another instance of the Overseer's neglect of duty in this respect as will be evident from an inspection of that work The undersigned has repeatedly called upon the Overseer both verbally and in writing to lay out the Channel properly both as to top and bottom width and also as to grade. This has never been done and the Channel is now in some places 28' wide and in others 24' and the grade is any how.

№ 45 of 2/4/77 to the Overseer

6. It will be seen that the undersigned had frequently to complain of the Overseer never

setting out his works properly when a Sluice or Weir had to be built, nor has the undersigned ever yet found a level peg or string sections which had been set up or drawn by the Overseer, he invariably left all this to the Maistry who might or might not know how to do it, but generally it was either not done at all or very badly done. The undersigned only names a few of the works where had occasion to find fault with the work being carried out under the Overseer's orders, they are—

The Allalum Anekat
The Kunnasamudram Tank
The Kellamungalum Tank
The Betheraddy tank sluice
The Chukka Beylon tank bund and Escape.
The Veerapalle Naicken tank Escape
The Thavaralaray tank sluice and revetment
The Tally tank Sluice and Earthwork.
The Sowlagherry Station House
The Jeegoor Channel
Trunk Road No 1
Allalum Channel

To the Overseer
No 262 of 29/5/76.
" 340 of 9/6/76
" 473 of 8/7/76
" 572 of 28/7/76
" 575 of 28/7/76.
" 626 of 18/9/76
" 829 of 19/9/76
" 831 of 19/9/76
" 1066 of 8/11/76
" 1067 of 8/11/76.
" 1062 of 8/11/76
1 Extract from the Inspection report for June 1876
2 Do ~~from~~ for July
1 Do for Novr 1876
1 Do for January 1877.
1 Do for February 1877

In fact every work in progress under the Overseer might be named.

7. It will be seen by the records produced that the Overseer has neglected his duty or disobeyed the orders regarding every work named.

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8. The Overseer has neglected to give any explanation or furnish information when called upon in the following cases — 75

9. In the case of the Jeegoor Channel this Office Nos 365 of 14/6/76, 619 of 5/8/76 and 1459 of 31/1/77

Memos to Overseer
No 1443 of 31/1/77
" 1670 of 28/2/77
Extract from Inspection report for Feby/77
No 7/A of 2/4/77.

10. In the case of Trunk Road No 1, when called upon to state in detail what works he had done for the Rs 2000 spent by him upon it from famine relief funds in the months of January and February 1877

11. Kellamungalum Tank

In the case of the Kellamungalum Pattalamman tank Escape Weir when called to shew why he should not be made pay for the Expenditure on the works done, this being utterly worthless, as well as for the Chunam which had been mixed some three months and was perished when inspected.

No 1136 of 20/11/76
" 5 of 2/4/77
Extract from the Inspection report for March 1877.

12. Communication bridge—

Utter disregard of orders and something more in having put aside the sanctioned plan and given the Contractor of his (Overseer Tydeman's) drawing which he ordered him to build

Letter to District Engineer No 190 of 1/3/77.

13. The sanctioned plan has 5 openings of 5' × 3' or a Water way of 75' area – Overseer Tydeman's has 3 openings of 5' × 3' or 45' area of Water way altogether inadequate to discharge the Water from the Escape.

14. Jeegoor Tank Surplus Channel

Utter disregard of Government interest in having paid the Jeegoor Channel Contractor at the rate of 2 annas per Cubic Yard for merely sectioning the Spoil banks thrown up in excavating the Channel. For which 3 pie was allowed in the original Estimate, the rate for excavation and sectioning being one anna and Three pie per Cubic yard. Mr. Tydeman paid the whole rate to his friend Kistna Chetty but the sectioning was not done and, he now pays 2 annas per Cubic yard for what ought to have been done, as it was paid for, but, in any case allowing double rates for famine work, ought not to have been paid for at a higher rate than 6 pie per Cubic yard

Memorandum
No. 4 of 2/4/77
to Overseer
1 Statement

15. Conspiracy.–

The undersigned also charges the Overseer of conspiracy with the Contractors to write false petitions against the undersigned with the object of getting him removed from the range, this commenced immediately after the undersigned reported the Overseer's conduct in connection with the Chennathore Pudalamungo tank measurements to the Ag. District Engineer as it then became evident to the Overseer and his friends the Contractors that the manual of paying according to Estimate would not be allowed by the undersigned but, that he must have value in the shape of work actually measured for the payments made

16. The proofs of the Overseer's collusion with the Contractors in those petitions are as follows,

17. That without the undersigned's knowledge, permission or any authority whatever he gave to the Contractors named copies of the Official papers mentioned in the margin× contrary to the rules of the Government Service.

× 2 Copies of
Agreements.

18. That he gave to Contractor Hanamuntha Row an Official Certificate also without the undersigned's knowledge or permission stating that Hanamuntha Row who had the supply of Materials for the Trunk Road No. 1 had no warning that any of the Materials supplied by him were bad. The fact being that the undersigned pointed out bad Materials to the Overseer on many occasions when inspecting the Roads with him and ordered him to warn supplier and notably so

when Mr. Norfor was present and the Overseer on the spot a quantity of rubbish that had been delivered by Hanamantha Row as Metal was found on the 182 and 183 mile of Trunk Road No. 1 on the 17th August 1876 when the Overseer was ordered to inform the Contractor that the supply was taken out of his hands. So that if Hanamantha Row was not warned, it was because the Overseer did not obey the orders he received to warn him.

19 Contractor Vestna Chetty was seldom out of the Overseer's house, he being present even on the occasion when the Overseer accused the undersigned in his letter No. A of the 13th February 1877 of forcibly entering his house with the object of finding Vestna Chetty and other Contractors there.

20 Further proof of collusion on the part of the Overseer with Vestna Chetty is that he went with Vestna Chetty to the Achettipully Village and induced the Ryots and Head men of that Village to sign a Mahazar Namah stating that the work done to their Village tank was bad. This was done with the object of using the document to prove the truth of an allegation made in one of Vestna Chetty's petitions in the defamation case brought against the latter by the undersigned.

(Signed) R. J. Lowry
Executive Engineer

Communicated to Overseer Sergt. Tydeman who will at once submit (in a concise form) any explanation he may have to make regarding these charges brought against him by the Hosur Range Officer & these explanations should be submitted by Wednesday the 30th inst: at latest =

Major R.E.
District Engineer

Hosur
28th May 1877

Salem

To Overseer Sergt. Tydeman
thro' the Hosur Range Officer

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No 418.

Ossoor Divisional Office
Camp Ossoor, 25th May 1877

From
The Executive Engineer
Ossoor Division

To
The District Engineer
of Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to place before you the charges which I regret to be obliged to make against Overseer Serjeant Sydeman. It will be evident from the whole tenor of my conduct to the Overseer that I would have avoided having recourse to this measure if I could have done so consistently with my duty to Government and my conduct as an Officer of the Department. I have now to lay before you what I have to complain of in the Overseer's conduct both in the shape of Acts of Omission and Commission and I leave you to judge therefrom and the proofs that will be brought before you of the truth of those charges whether Overseer Serjeant Sydeman is a fit person to remain longer in the Department.

I have &c.
(Sd) R J Lowry
Executive Engineer

P.W.D.
No. 20 JUL 77
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From
The Executive Engineer
Oopoor Range

To go with the letter to the Ch. Engr. P.W.D

Dated 25th May 1877.
Recd. June 1877.

No: 418.

Enc: 1

Forwarding certain charges of misconduct against Overseer Serjeant Tydeman

G.O. 13th July/77 I.B.D: 171

No. 481

Oossoor Divisional Office
Oossoor, 2 June 1877.

From
The Executive Engineer
Oossoor Division

To
The District Engineer
of Salem

Sir

In reply to the Statements made in Overseer Serjeant Tydeman's letter No. A dated the 30th of May 1877 I have to say with reference to the irregular sale of the Bamboos there is my letter No. 452 of the 4th July 1876 to shew that I had verbally ordered the Overseer not to sell the Bamboos until they had been advertised in the District Gazette according to rule. There is nothing in the manager's letter to shew they were brought for Colonel Drury I would point out that the price realized Rupees 21 — for 5000 bamboos is suspeciously low.

Overseer Tydeman's letter is dated 3/7/76 in which he reports the sale of the bamboos – Mr. Lawrie's letter in which he refers to his verbal order is dated the day following

Not if they consisted of half rotten Reepers –

2. I have not said anything about the Assault case in my charges against Overseer Tydeman. It was at his request that I called the parties to the Office for enquiry and on finding that he had been the Agressor having beaten the Bricklayer concerned while he had immediately gone to his friend Mr. Jones the then Tahsildar and taken a summons against the man, I refused to have anything to do with the matter. The Tahsildar Jones fined the Bricklayer but on Appeal the

Joint Magistrate reversed the sentence by fining the Overseer.

3. That in the case of the Chennathore Putalamenan tank the detail measurements were laid before the Acting District Engineer (Mr Norfor) who will I dare say remember that the measurements taken by me were on a lose sheet of paper not even clean which I had obtained from the Maistry having forgotten my note book that morning. Mr Norfor did as stated in my No 418 of the 28 May 1877 warn the Overseer in the Office on the occasion of my reporting him and Mr Sydenam being present could not help hearing him. The Odda tank was one of several tanks where the Overseer had over-measured ~~up~~ the work, but as the difference was not considerable I have not thought it necessary to swell out the charges by mentioning them. A reference to the Estimate for the Chennathore Putalamenan Tank repairs will shew that the Overseer copied the items from the Estimate this you have already noted.

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4. It was the Overseer's duty to have made out the final bills for all completed works this he has not done in any one instance that I can recollect altho there are a number of works completed in his taluq that have been finally inspected and measured up by me I could not pay the 15 per Cent on the works until a

a bill was made out.

5. What the Overseer says respecting his having made out a large number of Estimates which I returned because the cost of repairs exceeded 5 years revenue is not true. The Overseer can produce the Estimates if it be.

6. The Overseer's answer to charge 4 is absurd on the face of it as the Error of 4' could not possibly have been in my section of the 1st mile as the fall of the Channel is 3' per mile and this is the fall in my section as far as taken. I can name the Chennathore Putalamenan tank the Tundrai Tank, Chanel &c. The Orbanor tank and many others too numerous to mention the levels of which were taken by me for Estimate.

7. The replies to charge 5 are totally without truth. No water has been down the Channel as no rain has fallen until within the last month since it was cut, so that his reply to charge 6 requires no notice from me

8. The Overseer in reply to charge 7 and the succeeding charges states that the records refered to by me were not available to him for the purpose of his defence, this is not true as he had the records of the Overseer's Office to apply to and I gave orders to the Accountant of my Office to give him every document he applied for and this was done, Extracts from my diaries for which he asked being furnished

him all the original of the other documents were at his command in the Overseer's Office this is provided by letter C from Overseer Hollingsworth forwarded herewith.

9. The Overseer's answers to 8 and 9 are disposed of by what is said above

10. Charge No. 10. The minute details alluded to by the Overseer in his reply to this were the measurements of work done on Trunk Road No. 1 in each quarter Rs 2010 had been spent on it by the Overseer and as I could not see value for this amount I asked for the measurements in order to check them altho the Overseer had plenty of time to furnish these, he neglected to do so.

11. Charge 11. I inspected the Kellamungalam tank on the 1st March, I then found the Chunam perished, this according to the Accounts was purchased in the month of and was then slacked and mixed into mortar and of course was unfit for use after being so long a time mixed, it was as hard as it would ever become, on my inspection it will be remembered was made the day after the Overseer gave over charge I leave you to judge if under the circumstances he was responsible for the bad work and worse chunam.

12. Overseer Sydenam's answer to charge No. 12 is proved to be untrue by the two tracings A.B. which are sent herewith one in pencil the other in ink both ~~are~~ unmistakeably signed by the Overseer and sent by him to the task worker Narrain Chetty. The latter affirms that the plan was not only handed him but that Overseer Sydenam marked out the foundations of the bridge of 3 openings in accordance with the plan given by him to the Contractor I never gave any such order to the Overseer as that the spoil bank should be moved back 15 from the edge of the Channel. I may have and probably did give the Overseer orders when originally marking out the channel to leave a berm of 15' but as this was not done I certainly would not allow the bank to be moved once it was placed, it will be evident from the Overseer's instructions to Narrain Chetty that he never contemplated any such removal of the bank as he orders him to only section it. He also talks of grading the Channel but as he made no attempt at levelling it and never gave the man a peg to work to nothing was done in this way, as the section forwarded with this will shew. So the fact is the large sum of Rs 454 ~~is not yet paid~~ has either been or if the Contractor be paid will

have to be spent in sectioning the spoil bank alone. Rs 224 of which was paid direct by Overseer Sydeman from his Imprest the balance Rs 210 is not yet paid as the moment a bill for the work came before me I refused to pay it as I saw that 2 annas a Cubic yard for sectioning a spoil bank was excessive and that it ought to have been charged at so much per 100' square.

13. It will be seen from the Statement which accompanies that when the amounts claimed by the Contractor are paid there will be an Excess over Estimate of Rs 355-1-8 – If the spoil bank was not rightly placed the fault was Overseer Sydeman's as he admits I ordered him to leave a berm of 15' between it and the Channel and had he marked the work out properly as I repeatedly ordered him to do there would be no occasion to remove this bank as he says has been done.

14. In any case this sectioning which ought to have been done for the original rate (which the Overseer paid his friend Contractor Kistna Chetty) ought not to have cost more than double the usual rate of 3 pie or say 6 pie – Here the Overseer pays 2 annas a Cubic yard without any cause whatever for such a proceeding and causes the Estimate to be exceeded.

15. The Task worker Narrain Chetty makes a claim of Rs 50 for the foundations of the bridge of three openings marked out by Sydeman which have had to be removed. For this at least Overseer Sydeman ought to be made pay. I send the original plan of rough bridge with Overseer Sydeman's Sketch.

16. Reply to charge 15.

It would be right to give copies of Contracts to Contractors if done at the time but these were given months afterwards to serve a different purpose. I will not take up your time further by taking notice of what the Overseer says in answer to charges 16 and 17 as it is unworthy of notice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obt Servant
R. Lhoney
Executive Engineer

P.W.D.
20.11.77
No 6067
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From
The Executive Engineer,
Oossoor Range.

Dated 2d } June 1877
Recd. }

No. 481
Enc: 1

Replying to the Statements made by Overseer Sergeant Tydeman upon the charges brought forward ~~against~~ by the Executive Engineer against the overseer

G.O. 13th July/77 I.B.
No. 171

No. A

Oossoor Talook Office
Oossoor 2nd June 1877.

To
The Executive Engineer
Oossoor Range

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 480 dated 2nd instant, I beg to report that all the records required by Mr. Tydeman were given to him

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

R.V.

H. Hollingsworth
Talook Guardar

P.W.D.
20 JUL 77
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The Executive Engineer
Oopoor Range

Dated 2/6/77
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Reporting that all the records required by Mr. Tydeman were given him.

G 013: July/77 ID No 171

P.W.D.
20 JUL 77
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From
The Executive Engineer
Oopoor Range,

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Dated 3rd
Recd. — 3 } June 1877

Statement showing payments on account of works done in the Jegoor Channel

G 013: July/77 ID No 171

Statement shewing payments on account of work done on the Leegoor Surplus channel and also the accounts still due on account of that work as claimed by Task Worker Narraina Chetty

Name of Task Worker	By whom paid whether by bill or in cash	Sub head	From Imperial Funds			As per Estimate			Difference		
			Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Raghavacharry	Bill Submitted & paid by Range officer	Earthwork	1216	• 1 3	75 • •	734 1/2	• 1 3	573 8 10	•	• • •	• • •
Do Kistnachetty	Do	Do	3880	• 1 3	258 • •	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
Papados &c	Do	Do	1618	• • 11	73 11 2	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
Vencata Boyee	Do	Do	331 5/8	• • 11	19 • •	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
Kistna chetty	Do	New stone	29/6	1 • •	29 2 8	44	1 • •	44 • •	•	• • •	• • •
	Do in cash	Sundries			12 • •	•	• • •	32 7 2	•	• • •	• • •
	By Overseer in cash	Do			7 8 •	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
	Do Do	Do			8 14 9	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
		Compensation			348 13 1	•	• • •	275 • •	•	• • •	• • •
		From Famine Funds									
Narraina Chetty Esq	Bill submitted & ~~paid by Overseer~~ ~~paid by Range officer~~ Tydiman from Imprest	Earthwork	1796	• • 2	224 8 •	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
		Sundries			3 8 •	•	• • •	• • •	•	• • •	• • •
					1060 1 8	•	• • •	925 • •	•	• • •	145 1 8
Narrana chetty	bills submitted by temporary overseer Manicka Chetty not paid	Earthwork	1680	• • 2	210 • •						
					1270 1 8						

210 • •

Excess over Estimate Rs 355 1 8

The last two items amounting to Rs 434-8 of which Rs 224-8 has been paid by Overseer Tydiman at annas 2 per ten yards for restoring the shoal bank no other work having been done since it has been commenced from Famine Relief funds

R D Henry
Executive Engineer

Oossoor Division office
Oossoor 2nd June 1877

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To
Overseer Sergt. Tydeman
Aspoor

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to your letter dated 29th May 1877. requesting me to send certain references in connection with the charges against you to inform you that I am unable to send them without the permission of the Range Officer.

I have
&c &c

Sd. M. Cooposamy Naidoo
Hd. Asst.

(True copy)
G. Tydeman

Remount Depôt
29/5/77.

Dr. Mr. Tydeman

The bamboos I bought at the auction sale put up by you were used for various purposes - and I remember having used a small portion of the lot for the Colonel's Bungalow -

Yours Truly

Sd. N. Chelviangar

(True Copy)

Thokeed B

Narrain Chetty will commence the work which has been left undone by Kistna Chetty, and complete the same as expeditiously as possible -

He will section the spoil bank, & cut the channel down to a proper gradient -

For sectioning the "Spoil bank" he will receive Rs 15 PC due for the work completed, & for the remainder [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] allow
to estimate -

He will have to [illegible] a bridge over the Channel

for which 35 granite slabs
are required of the following
dimensions – 7' × 1' × 3/4'
The [illegible]
of [illegible]
[illegible] —
When [illegible] are
ready [illegible]
on ref. to the [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible]
the foundations for the
structure — The
channel must be
[illegible] till [illegible]
[illegible]
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Thakeed A
to
Narrain Chetty

Narrain Chetty will begin the work for cutting the gradient to the channel in the sites pointed out to him on the work & collect materials for the bridge & cut the bund in the place pointed out to him to form the road-way for the ~~road~~ bridge —

He must not section the bund till the maistry inspects & lays out the level pegs & forms & string sections for the same at each 100 yds
The maistry will inspect

the work in a few days —

Copies
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