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DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 530 (W)

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th February 1877. No. 530.*

No. 409. Read the following letter from Major H. W. WOOD, R.E., District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Chilka-palem, 3rd February 1877, No. 2,207:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following circumstances for the orders of Government.

2. I received in November last a petition, dated 15th November, from an individual named N. Kasanna, who signed himself as having been late Head Gumastah on the Ankapilly Branch Road, and who complained that from the 1st April to the 10th July he had not been paid his salary, viz., Rupees 38, but that he had been paid Rupees 12 and had been offered Rupees 8 only in addition. I endorsed on this petition, under date 18th November, a memorandum to the Vizianagram Range Officer as follows:—

“Transferred for inquiry whether the Gumastah’s pay has been charged in the station books or not.

“Mr. DeMorgan will be so good as to keep an eye on the payment of these Gumastahs, who are too often looked upon by the Overseers as their nominees and private servants.”

3. The Overseer in question, Madhava Row, explained that Kasanna was a temporary Gumastah, who was paid at the rate of 4 per cent. on the work he executed; that the work he actually executed amounted to Rupees 484-15-0, on which sum therefore he should receive Rupees 19-6-5; that the Gumastah, according to his own statement, had been paid Rupees 12 and had been offered Rupees 8 more in addition.

4. On this explanation I informed Kasanna that I would not interfere in the matter of his petition. I have this day (20th January) received from the Vizianagram Range Officer a copy of a summons (copy annexed), by which it appears that I have been made a defendant in a suit by N. Kasanna in the Small Cause Court at Vizagapatam, and that certain Government documents are required by the District Munsiff to be transmitted to him.

5. I have therefore the honor to inquire—

- (1.) Whether these documents are to be delivered to the District Munsiff.
- (2.) Whether I am at liberty to defend the suit that has been brought against me.

No. 410. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1877, No. 530.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

THE suit may be defended; the question of incidence of costs being determined hereafter.

2. The documents required by the District Munsiff may be furnished to the Court.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Summons
Under section 138
In the District Munsiffs' Court of Vizagapatam
Small Cause suit No. 742 of 1876.

Nishtala Kaxannah
Shastri } Plaintiff

versus

1st Major H. W. Wood.
2nd Mudgala Madhava Rao
Puntolos residing at Vizagapatam } Defendants

To

The Range Officer
Vizianagram Circle

Whereas it appears to this Court that a perusal of the under mentioned papers in your custody will tend to elucidate the facts of the suit now before this Court, you are hereby requested to transmit the said papers to this Court on or before the 22nd January 1877.

Given under my hand and the Court
of the Seal this 5th January 1877.

Description of papers

1. Cash books of 1874-1875-1876 of the Branch Road of Ankapilly.

1. Pay Bills of 1874-1875-1876 of Rs. 8
1. Station Books of 1876 of Rs. 8

(Signed) M. B. Sunder Row

Examiners
D. Ramayah
Gumastah

(True Copy) No. 13FE377

(Signed) Walter C. de Morgan

Range Officer Vizianagram

Major R.E.

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District Engineer's Office
Camp Chilkapalem

Date 3rd February 1877
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From

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Vizagapatam

Major General G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Vizagapatam

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No 530 Public Works Department.
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D.C. Vizagapatam ✓
 Exr. P.W. Accounts. ✓
 M. 22-2-77

From
 The District Engineer
 Vizagapatam
 The Secretary to Court
 P.W.D.
 Madras
 Batch 3rd February
 No 6th 1877.
 No 2207
 The District Engineer
 Head Quarters on the
 Suburban Branch Road
 — Requests orders
 on the subject of a suit
 brought in the District
 Court Small Cause Court
 by — complaining of
 non-payment of salary.

M. 15-2-77

Oct. of 1877 Madras.
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The N. B. Vozzapatnam

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl

G. O., 17th Feb 1877, No. 53

Nos. 409-10

Sent. (Gizagahatam 91)

Authorizing, with remarks,
the defence of the —
brought by A. Kasamah.
late Head Constable on the
Ankapilly Branch Road.

[Handwritten signature]