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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd March 1877. No. 721.**

Read the following:—

No. 55.	From the District Engineer, South Arcot, dated 19th July 1876, No. 69.
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No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1877, No. 724.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 11.

(a) *Heads of Service.*—Provincial.
Fund.—Ordinary.
Class.—Original Works.
Main-head.—Civil Buildings.
Sub-head.—A, Judicial Department.
Section.—1, Court-houses.
Name of Work.—Constructing a Sub-Magistrate's Cut-
 cherry and Subsidiary Jail at Oolundoorpet.
Amount.—Rupees 7,270.
 To be carried out by the Public Works Department.

AN estimate of Rs. 6,230 for con-
 structing a Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry
 with Subsidiary Jail at Oolundoorpet in
 the South Arcot District was sanctioned
 in G.O., No. 1,163, of 2nd May 1874.
 The District Engineer now submits a
 revised estimate of Rupees 7,270, exclu-
 sive of Rupees 62 to be recovered from

Overseer Venkatarangum Pillay—an advance of 16½ per cent. over and above the
 original estimate. The cause of the increase is stated to be due to the out-of-the-way
 locality and to rise in rates of labour. The officer in charge of the range from the
 commencement of the work was Lieutenant Wiffen, whom Government hold to be
 responsible, and to whose neglect they consider much of the delay in the completion
 of the work, and the irregularities brought to light in the correspondence above
 recorded, to be due.

2. With these remarks the revised estimate of Rupees 7,270 is sanctioned.

*G.O., No. 421, of 28th February 1877.

3. Funds have been appropriated to
 the work in other orders*

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 258—W of 1876-77.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
 Acting Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
 Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
 " Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
 " Judicial Department.

*Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry with Subsidiary
 Jail at Oolundoorpet in the South Arcot Dis-
 trict.*—The revised estimate of Rupees 7,270
 for constructing a —, sanctioned with
 remarks.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

N^o 176

From.

Cuddalore Divisional Office, S. A.

Cuddalore 16 June 1876.

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The Officer in charge of
Cuddalore Division
South Arcot

To.

The District Engineer
South Arcot.

Enclosures 6.

1. Petition of 7th May
1876 from Alottian

Sir.

1. do of 13th June 1876

from Ramajayam
Mistrey.

1. do of 16th May 1876 from
Appasaamy.

1. do of 11th May 1876 from
Sormadusayy to

Queeress looppoo-sawmy Alottian.

1. Letter from Salugurussu
Vankarungam Pillay.

1. do N^o 5
28.5.76 from

Queeress looppoo-sawmy
Alottian.

In obedience to your order N^o 178

of 20th May 1876, I suspended overseer

Vankarungam Pillay on the 23rd idem, he

is now I believe still giving over charge.

2. With reference to various complaints

against him, I have the honor to state

that I have enquired into the same, I enclose

all the petitions with this letter.

1. from Alottian late laccas under the

Salug Queeress at Sriekolone, as this was

only a general complaint I merely asked the

man if he wrote the petition and if his

witnesses were present, he stated he

wrote the petition and that his witnesses

were present, as they had also made petition.

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I put his petition in one side.

N. 2 is from Temporary Maistry Rama Jeyam, who acknowledges to writing the petition enclosed, he states that the overseer paid only 14 annas for $2\frac{1}{2}$ basams of firewood but charged in the accounts 12 annas per basam, to this he brings two witnesses who corroborated his statement, on asking the Overseer for an explanation he states that on account of there being so much prickly heat on the land he had to get extra coolies, this to a certain extent might have been true, but on my inspection of the land I found that all trees free from the prickly heat had been cut down, and those growing in the same were left standing, the rates throughout the Range is as follows,

10 annas per handy load paid to Government
6 annas for cutting & loading, the distance being below a mile for cartage 2 annas per handy load although in excess I allow as the road is uneven, making a total of 14 annas, each handy is supposed to bring in 2 basams = 1000 lbs. which makes the value of the wood 7 annas per basam and not 12 charged. I enclose overseer's explanation.

N. 3.

N. 3. is a petition from Appaswamy Contractor for Deputy Collector's cutcherry.

With reference to his Complaint entered in para 2 I am not certain of the extra money for shed has been charged, as the accounts do not show on what particular shed expenditure was made, and there have been three I believe ~~there~~ erected, one at side of work, one at Bui's field, and one for tiles.

This para 3. Overseer states he was only a paid Head Cooly, if this was the case why has not the tiles and bricks already moulded been burnt and brought into accounts, Overseer has charged for the cooly hire for making, but is unable to give over the material as the man claims for the same.

I can find no entry in Leach's Book for R. 115-14-4 unless it is for the coolies paid for making tiles Bricks &c, I have inspected the building several times, but fail to find any head material.

With reference to Churnam & bricks being taken from the Cutcherry for other works the overseer acknowledges to this, and that he also had received payment for the same

Leach

but had not brought the same to account.
as he states he intended to purchase and
replace which has not been done up to date,
Overseers Leoprosawmy reports (report enclosed)
that there is 162½ parabs of lime and
91,712 Bricks short from actual expendi-
ture on the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry.

No 4. With reference to the Petition
from the Seroomaduray ryots with re-
ference to their spring channel, I believe
Mr. Ashutosh has remeasured the work,
and the only difference he finds is Rs 6-7-6,
it is for this report that I have delayed
reporting the whole case to you.

3. I believe that the overseers are still
giving & taking charge of the Salug, Overseers
Leoprosawmy is going into the whole account
thoroughly.

I have &c.
(Signed) G. C. Wiffen
Assistant Engineer
(True Copy)

 Major R. E.
District Engineer

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No. 69

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp Cuddalore
Dated 19 July 1876.

From

The District Engineer,

South Arcot.

To

The

Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Enclosures.

1 Copy of
letter from
Mr. Wiffen

Sir,

I have the honor to report
that in May 76 Mr. Wiffen Assistant
Engineer in charge of No 1 Range
brought to my notice that Talook
Overseer N. Venkatarangam Pillai had
made away with some materials of
the Dy. Collector's Cutcherry. I
therefore suspended him and direct-
ed Mr. Wiffen to send in charges
against him, this he did not do until
15 June and I enclose a copy of his
letter it is not plain or satisfactory.

I went to Trichalore as soon as I
could to make inquiries for myself and
regretted to find the matter much more
important than reported and that
there was heavy losses in the works of
the Dy. Collector's Cutcherry at
Trichalore and Sub. Magistrate's
Cutcherry at Colowdoorpet, these as
far

far as I can trace them occurred some time ago and are chiefly in the preparation of materials and also in the item of labor &c. and I cannot look on the Overseer as responsible for all of them as he took charge only in September last and previous to this part of the loss must have occurred. I regret to add that the accounts are not well kept and that owing to the Work Register not being kept up to date I have great difficulty in tracing them.

2. These two works were in the Sub division under the immediate charge of Sergeant Stewart, Mr. Arbuthnot and now Mr. Bird. as far as I can judge Mr. Kiffen did not consider that it was his duty to look into the accounts but thought that it was Sub officer's duty.

3. Mr. Arbuthnot took charge from Sergeant Stewart he did not report anything regarding deficiencies of materials or excesses of expenditure and as far as I can judge he did not examine his Overseer's accounts.

4. The result is that according to

to the accounts there ought to be at the Dy. Collector's Cutcherry material at site to the value of ⁹ Rs 703.1.10 of this Rs 190.6 have to be charged to different items ^{value to Rs 73.8.0 as yet in hand} leaving, Rs. 439.9.4 for which there is no value, the Overseer asserts that the account of material at site in September when he took charge was incorrect that there had been a great loss in Bricks owing to bad firing, rain &c. and that the kilns of Burnt bricks handed over to him proved almost useless, this is true but it appears that no one at the time took notice of it.

5. At Colcondorp the case is somewhat different as the excess is chiefly in labor and as far as I can see the excess is about Rs 200 but until the accounts are fully made up I cannot report positively.

6. The Overseer pleads youth and inexperience and considering ^{that} evidently he was not properly supervised and was and is perfectly unfit for a heavy charge I cannot but consider

there

there is some reason in his plea at the same time he confesses to having used some of the lines of the Kutchery on other works (28 paras) and I now find about 6 months ago, he ordered an abandoned thangal or small tank to be repaired without authority and his father made an application for land under it to the Revenue authorities as this is the case I do not think it right to give him an opportunity of retrieving his character in this District and would therefore propose that his services should be dispensed with. Should Government not consider him worthy of dismissal.

7. I regret that all the works in Trichalore Taluq are in an unsatisfactory state and I fear that more of them will have to be brought to the notice of Government.

8. The Sub division was until 14th July 75 under charge of Sergeant Stewart who had to be removed. Mr. Arbutnotte then took charge he neglected his work and was in

June 76

June 76 transferred to Tanjore Mr. Bird is now in charge. he is of course utterly inexperienced and does not know the language, as I have now ~~the~~ District and Range I cannot assist him as much as he should be and owing to the state of the Taluk he has difficulties

I have the honor to be
Sir

your most obedient servant

M. M. M. Major R.E.
District Engineer

P. H. 1876 Sept
No 5-199

Ch. M. 1558 21st Nov 1876

SOUTH ARCOT D. P. W.
From The District Engineer
South Arcot
To The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.
Dated 19th July 76
Despatched 19th July 76
Received 22 July 76

No. 69
Enclosure 11

Respecting the iron
= conduct of the iron
= A. Venkatarangam. P. H.
and under the circumstances
= it is recommended that the
= Commissioning that the
= services be discontinued
= and also having
= to make that the
= in the iron
= in an unsatisfactory state.

No 55-

as 13.32
Despatched to Oct 22-7-76.

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No. 70

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp Lendelore
Dated 19th July 1876.

From

The District Engineer,

South Arcot.

To

The

Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the work of Colundorpat Pandicherry is in an unsatisfactory state and I have had to condemn the iron doors and gratings in the Sub Jail as they are made of $\frac{3}{4}$ iron bars placed 6" from centre to centre in the place of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches as ordered in G. O. No 2309 of 18 Sept 73 and also the hinges and fastening are so weak that some of them have already given way. These were made up at Pandicherry on Mr. Wiffen's order at a cost of Rs 240 - the probable loss on them will be Rs 120.

2. The roof as estimated is of palmyrah resting on teak purlins, that over the jail has been put up of palmyrah and the span is 15 ft and I have

have directed it to remain.

3. Palmyrah Canples have been prepared for the rest of the Building (except the

Cook room) and it was proposed by Mr

Wiffin to leave out the ^{I have directed the put line} put line, which are

4" x 1 1/2" to be placed under the lower couple;

this will, I hope, make a fair roof

the span is 16 ft.

4. I regret to say that mistakes

were made in ordering the woodwork and

there will be wastage in consequence.

I do not anticipate however much loss

in this.

5. There were a large quantity of

palmyrah rafters & creepers sent out

that have had to be rejected, these

were supplied in March 1874 but the

accounts are still open & unsettled;

I hope to be able to settle this soon.

6. The excess in the masonry has been

already reported in my letter to you of 19th

Instant.

MS 3199

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedient

W. R. Mead Major, M. E.,

District Engineer

8018-9-73 No 2309
- 2-5-74 - 1163-

P. W. 1876 Dept
No 5200

Proceeding

Ch No 1588 of 2nd Nov 1876

Owing to notice
the master factory
of the Colonization
factory

SOUTH ARCOT D. P. W.
 From
 The District Engineer
 South Arcot
 To
 Mr. J. J. J.
 Date 19-
 Despatched 19-
 Received 22-
 No. 70
 Enclosures

No 55-a

Depot 22-7-76
No 55-27

INSTEAD OF 'PROVINCIAL'.

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The following is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 have been appointed to
 the various posts in the
 office of the District Engineer
 South Arcot.

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 South Arcot.

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GOVT.
OF MADRAS.

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P. W.
DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 28TH. MARCH. 1877.

OFFICE NOTE.

CR No 850 d/31st March

To

B.

IN GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. 724

OF THE 2ND. MARCH 1877, THE WORK AS

SUB-MAGISTRATE'S
CUTCHERRY AND SUB-
SIDIARY JAIL AT
COLOONDOORPETT.

PER MARGIN IS
CLASSED AS 'PRO-
VINCIAL'. BUT

KEEP-WITH.

Genl. No.

dated

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THE EXPENDITURE ON THE WORK SINCE
ITS COMMENCEMENT HAS BEEN DEBITED
TO CONVICT LABOR FUNDS AGAINST AP-
PROPRIATIONS MADE FROM THAT SOURCE.
VIDE G.O.NO. 1543 DATED 20TH. JUNE 76
AND G.O.NO. 421 DATED 29TH. FEBRUARY
1877.

2. IF THE WORK IS NOW TO BE
CLASSED UNDER 'PROVINCIAL', THE PRE-
VIOUS OUTLAY WILL HAVE TO BE WRIT-
TEN BACK TO THE DEBIT OF THAT HEAD
AND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE REQUIRED
EXTENT MADE TO MEET THE DEBIT. I
WOULD SUGGEST THEREFORE THE ESTI-
MATE BE SANCTIONED AS 'SPECIAL'

Ch Memo No 158 d/2nd Mar 1876

*From Dist Insp. to the Secy
28th Mar 1877
5199
5200
7105
- 70 - 19
- 127 - 4th Feb 1877*

*The former letter report the work on
the estimated balance. (which was made
Till October 1876) for making
work with some materials of
the by letter to the Secy at Trich-
lore. This change is further
simplified with*

*These letters relate to the work in con-
nection with the by letter to the
at Trichlore, & Sub. Magistrate
at Colondoorpett,
Cutcherry at Trichlore, Trichlore
5th in the Trichlore, Trichlore
of Trichlore, Trichlore
(20th 1876) has been made from
Sept. 1875; the former work has
been done in S.O. No. 75 of 1875
The latter in No. 1163 of 2nd May
1876, and the statement & on the
having been for the same.*

<i>1876</i>	<i>Sanction</i>	<i>Alotted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Genl</i>
<i>Trichlore</i>	<i>4500</i>	<i>5000</i>	<i>2847</i>	<i>1875-7</i>
<i>Cutcherry</i>		<i>1600</i>	<i>880</i>	<i>1876-7</i>
<i>Colondoorpett</i>			<i>3821</i>	<i>1876-7</i>
<i>Trichlore</i>			<i>1441</i>	<i>1875-7</i>
<i>Trichlore</i>			<i>520</i>	<i>1876-7</i>

It is not stated what overseen were in charge before Sept. 1875, though it is admitted that part of the labor must have been incurred preceding to that date.

Proceedings of the
Mr. Wilson appears to have been the
Serge Officer throughout, ^{for he} stated that he thought it his duty to look into the accounts of the work, holding the Sub-Divisional Officers responsible for the same. They have not been kept, the Work Register not having been maintained up to the present time. It is not stated in whose place is first answerable for it. ^{from Capt. of Field}
Supervisor Sergeant Stewart ^{from Capt. of Field} change of the subdivision from March 1874 till 14th July 1875; then Mr. Supervisor H. M. Bartholomew till June 1876. The latter reported no deficiencies of materials, or excess of expenditure in relieving Sergeant Stewart; but there is an entry on his journal to take when the loss of bricks from the building, arising occurred, or who is answerable for the useless burnt bricks handed over to Vankar Fungam. ~~So that~~
In fact no attempt whatever has

been made to ²¹
~~identify~~ the person. The Chief ^{is}
responsible for the ^{the}
the deficiency of ^{the}
N. 439-9-4 source that
account of materials for the ^{the}
cutting, or in excess of about
Rs 200 in labor, charged against
the Sub-Division, ^{the} cutting
under all circumstances, ^{the}
discrepancy ^{the} ^{the} ^{the}
for which, however, Vankar Fungam
Pillay can be proved answerable
and he there fore directs that he
be allowed to return to duty, but
without receiving of pay, looking
improvement, and that he be ^{the}
~~to be~~ ^{the} ^{the} ^{the}

compliance with
proceedings - Mr.
Wilson's letter 4/7/75
of 16th June does not
imply any deficiency
in the charges against
him, as called for
by the Dist. Inq. - and he will now
be instructed to close no more, in
unusual communication with the
Sub-Div. Officer, in sending
in revised ^{the} for both work, with
statements ^{the} as clearly as

PROCEEDINGS OF

[illegible]

Major Mearns wishes the things right, and getting rid of disease as inefficient men, he must take much consideration as to all details. Then he has done in the present instance.

Statement showing the strength and distribution of Officers and Subordinates employed in the South Arcot District for the Quarter ending 30th September 1876 25

Nature of charge.	Name.	Rank.	On what duty employed.	If recommended, grounds of recommendation for promotion.
South Arcot District.....	Major H.R. Mead R.E.	Ex: Engineer 1 st Grade	In charge of the District, Head Quarters, Cuddalore.	Also in charge of Cuddalore Division from 28 th June to 25 th September 1876
RANGES.				
Cuddalore.....	Deputy Asst. Commr. G.E. Wiffen	Assistant Engineer 1 st Grade	In charge of No. 1 or Cuddalore Range, Head Quarters, Cuddalore.	Returned from 3 months Privilege leave on 25 th September 1876.
Tindivanam.....	Capt. (De. Commr.) J. Graham	Ex: Engineer 4 th Grade	No. 2 or Tindivanam Range, Head Quarters, Tindivanam.	
Virdachellum.....	S. Sootroyachariar B.C.E.	Assistant Engineer 2 nd Grade	No. 3 or Virdachellum Range, Head Quarters, Virdachellum.	
SUB-DIVISION.				
Cuddalore.....	Mr. W.L. Bird cor:	do do	In charge of the Sub-Division, Cuddalore Range.	
Virdachellum.....	Mr. A.D. Maclean cor:	do 3 rd do	Do. Do. Virdachellum Range.	Relieved Supt. Stewart on 7 th Sept 1876 On sick leave for 2 months from 11 th Sept 1876.
TALUQS.				
Cuddalore.....	Color Supt. C. Stewart	Supervisor 2 nd Grade	Employed in No. 1 or Cuddalore Range.	
Trichalore.....	Mr. R.A. Salisbury	Overseer 2 nd Grade	Do. No. 1 or Do. Do.	
Villaparam.....	D. Coopersamy Mudali	do 3 rd do	Do. No. 1 or Do. Do.	Recommended for promotion on account of intelligence and good work; this is the 3 rd quarterly statement in which he has been recommended.
Tindivanam.....	J. Panchaprasad Iyer	do 3 rd do	Do. No. 1 or Do. Do.	
Trinomalay.....	C. Deorasamy Mudali	do 3 rd do	Do. No. 2 or Do. Do.	
Virdachellum.....	J. Kanagaraya Mudali	do 2 nd do	Do. No. 2 or Do. Do.	
Chellumbrum.....	Abdul Latif Saib	do 2 nd do	Do. No. 3 or Virdachellum Do.	
Kullakurchi.....	C. Venasaamy Aidi	do 3 rd do	Do. No. 3 or Do. Do.	
Extra	C. Kuppran Pillai	do 2 nd do	Do. No. 3 or Do. Do.	
	N. Venkatarangam Pillai	do 3 rd do	Do. No. 3 or Do. Do.	
	C. Subramania Iyer	do 3 rd do	Do. No. 3 or Do. Do.	
	N. Venkatarangam Pillai	Acting do 2 nd Grade		Under suspension from 23 rd May 1876. Vide letter to Govt. of 19 th July 1876 to Govt. Transferred to this District in the Gazette of 19 th Sept. 1876, but not yet joined.

District Engineer's Office, South Arcot
Cuddalore 4th October 1876.

To

The Chief Engineer,

D. P. W.

M. Mead

Major R.E.

District Engineer.

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No 127

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp *Cuddalore*
Dated *4th October*, 1876.

From

The District Engineer,
South Arcot.

To

The *Secretary to Government,*
D. P. W.

Enclosures

Sir,

I have the honor to request
that orders may be issued on my
letter no 69 dated 19th July especially on
the 6th para as overseer Vankutramam
Pillai is under suspension and has
been so now for nearly 5 months.
I am anxious therefore that the
man's case may be settled.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t serv^t

M. P. W. Major, R.E.
District Engineer

From
The District Engineer,
South Arcot.
To
The Chief Engineer,
D. P. W.
Dated *4th October* 1876
Despatched
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Statement showing the strength and
distribution of Officers and Subordinates
employed in the South Arcot District for
the quarter ending 30th Sept^r 1876

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21 Ret. S. Arcot. 30 Sept/76.

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SOUTH ARCOT D. P. W.
 From
 The District Engineer
 South Arcot.
 To
 The Secy to Govt
 Dated 11th October 1876
 Despatched 11th October 1876
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No 682
 No 1 or Buddalore Range office South Arcot
 Camp Thorkumbakum
 Dated 29th January 1877

From
 The officer in charge of
 No 1 or Buddalore Range, South Arcot
 To
 The District Engineer
 South Arcot

In continuation of my letter No 570 of
 the 23rd December 1876 and in answer to
 your No 555 of the 8th Instant, I have
 the honor to inform you that the work was
 first commenced by Overseer Panchapagasa
 Sijet under supervisor Manickam Menda-
 lian and Serjeant Stewart and he put
 down 112 Cys of foundation; the work was
 then taken over by Overseer Mr Salisbury
 under supervisor Serjeant Stewart, it was
 during this time that the masonry is done to
 masonry, owing as I have before reported
 in my letter above quoted, to clay for
 bricks having to be brought a long distance

by cart and to the great difficulty in procuring labor at the site, and importing labor from Bundalore and elsewhere.

2. With reference to your remarks as to the Iron doors, I have the honor to state, that the doors and gratings were inspected by late District Engineer, Messrs Sage and Norford, also by the collector, Mr. Garsden who passed the same, they are weak but according to the old Plan sanctioned by Government.

3. As to Leaky wood, Palmyra and Reepers, there is no excess in Leaky, there is a saving in the Estimate.

4. The excess since your inspection last is owing to the completion of the building of the two Latrines and Leaky house these were done under Mr. Bird's supervision and Overseer Coosiooraiy Mudaliar I have called on both for explanation why the excess; Mr. Bird naturally looks to the Overseer who has

by his careless habits allowed the work to be exceeded, and Mr. Bird being going to the work did not give that amount of supervision to the work he should have done, consequently the loss, this was while I was on leave.

5. As to my not looking after the sub-Divisional officer, I beg to refer you to my journal. I always make it a point of duty to go into every account of work I inspect whenever I inspect, if I did not as you seem to think, why have I reported discrepancies so often in my Reports to you and your predecessors. I brought Supervisor Serjeant Stewart's conduct to both you and Mr. Norford's notice with reference to certain false charges brought against me, in my letters Nos 241, 242 & 243 of the 6th July 1875 but up to date no notice whatever has been taken of them although it has been proved by Mr. Norford, Mr. Sage and now by yourself that the charges he brought against

me were entirely false. I respectfully beg to state that when a subordinate brings such charges as serjant Steward brought against me they should have been enquired into and not have been passed over to my detriment, the whole can now be fully investigated as none of the works are yet completed on which he said I have paid hundreds of Rupees and for which no materials had been received.

P.W.D.
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I have &c
/Signed/ J. E. Wiffens
Assistant Engineer
/Enc. Copy/

M. R. C. Major. R. C.
District Engineer

P. 22. March 77 J. B. L. 55

Enclosure in letter
No 211 from the District
Engineer South Arcot
to the Secretary to
Government D. B. M.

No 570

No 1 or Buddalore Range office South Arcot
Camp Vaniamadav 33
Dated 23rd December 1876.

From

This officer in charge of
No 1 or Buddalore Range, South Arcot
To
The District Engineer
South Arcot

Sir

Enclosure
Comparative
Statement

Your No 93 of 3rd May 1876.

In forwarding a comparative statement for the Colundoorpet Sub Magistrate's Cutcherry, I have the honor to state the reason for the excess of Rupees 160-7-3.

1st Oak roofers are substituted instead of Palmyrah on account of there being no good Palmyrah roofers to be purchased in the District this adds 200-0-0 to the item Roofing, which at 4-0-0 per cubic foot exclusive of cart hire brings the rate of roofing up to 30-11-1.

The 2nd item is Iron Doors, the doors which are at

at present placed in the building are too slight. they are made from the old standard Plan and have now to be removed, 6 Doors at Rs 40. 240, the old Doors can be sold and will fetch at least Rupees 20 each, or the iron can be utilized in the making up of the new doors, this will show as a saving on completion of work as it is impossible now to say what it will come to.

Item No. 3. Brick in chunnam, the excess was caused by the mind for all Bricks made having to be carted from a tank bed nearly 2 miles from the work, there being no mud fit for bricks within that distance, and having to import all skilled labor from a distance also to having to build Lime Kilns, and to keep the labor imported on the work which rose the price of the lime.

Item No. 4. Rough stone in chunnam. The excess caused by the Estimate not allowing for the rise and fall of the ground, and to lime being dead, owing to the above reasons, also

also to having to import skilled labor from Villapuram as hitherto no rubble work had been built in this portion of the District. Item 5 and 6 need no comment, it being a clerical error in multiplying in the Estimate Item No. 7. The rate allowed for the Fawlight in Estimate is far too small Rupees 10, the size of which is 7-6 x 3-6 with glass windows and fixings ropes &c.

Item No. 8. Plastering to Cook house, the excess is owing to Querset Ventrakurungum Pillay having overcharged for the work done.

Item No. 9. Materials lost, this amount is to be recovered from Querset Ventrakurungum Pillay. I trust you will find this explanation satisfactory. I am sorry the work has been so long on hand, the reason for the same is that Serjeant Stewart and Mr. Arbuthnot, the sub Divisional officers who had charge of the work took no interest in this or any other work under their orders. I did my best by constantly writing and speaking but

but to no effect.

I am glad to say that the work is now in better progress under Assistant Engineer Mr. Bird. All materials for completion is on hand which I have personally got myself, and therefore there need be no hindrance to the completion of the work out of hand.

3. As you are aware the site selected is in an out of the way place where no labor is obtainable, and I have therefore had to import the work going on only now and then the sub Divisional officers not looking to the same and not paying up the coolies regularly has caused me a great deal of trouble in having to replace labor again and again from other parts of the District, under these circumstances I trust you will exonerate me from blame, as had I good sub. Divisional officers or even good Overseers in Trichalore the

the work would have been completed long since, as you are aware there³⁷ has been much larger works in the Killaipuram and Kuddalore Taluqs in which there has been no delay or excess.

Edmund W.
Signed by E. Wiffen
Assistant Engineer

M. M. Major. R.E.
District Engineer

South arcot District Cuddalore Division
Comparative statement showing the difference between the Original and Revised estimates for
Constructing a Tel. Magistrate's bungalow with out-houses at Colcondorpatt.

the excess is owing to the great difficulty in procuring labor and to the estimate not allowing difference in the price of the ground.

Excess caused by the extra for Birch's having to carted nearly two miles to the difficulty of procuring skilled labor which had to be imported from London.

amount includes the difference between putting on oak instead of Palmyrah sap and to the high rate of labor required to be paid for painters & other skilled work.

Mistake in Estimate

Mistake in Estimate

is a account of the the same being lower than allowed in the estimate.

Doors first put in which was according to standard Plan are found weak, therefore new doors are to be put up in their place.

The rate allowed in original estimate is far small. No 40 is allow

South coast District Auditor's Division
 Comparative Statement showing the difference between the Original and Revised estimates for
 Constructing a Pub. Magistrate's Outcherry with out-house at Colondorpat.

Description of work	Original Estimate			Work actually done			Work remaining to be done			Revised Estimate			Increase		Decrease		Balance re-quiring same	Remarks
	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount		
<u>Latrine for Males</u>																		
Rough stone in chunam $4\frac{2}{3}$	28	11	108	$4\frac{2}{3}$	3	54	14	2	28	$4\frac{2}{3}$	3	54	14	2	28	277		
Brick in chunam $14\frac{8}{7}$	3	42	126	$14\frac{8}{7}$	5	140	14	10	140	$14\frac{8}{7}$	5	140	14	10	140	271		As per remarks to Main building
Plastering 1 coat & white washing $9\frac{1}{10}$	11	15	165	$9\frac{1}{10}$	11	155	$9\frac{1}{10}$	11	155	$9\frac{1}{10}$	11	155	15	165	15	165		
Flooring with wall Bricks $\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	1	2	1	2		
Asphalting the floor 2	16	32	512	2	16	32	2	16	32	2	16	32	2	32	2	32		
Honey comb work	$\frac{3}{10}$	6	18	$\frac{3}{10}$	20	120	$\frac{3}{10}$	20	120	$\frac{3}{10}$	20	120	6	18	6	18		
Roofing with Palmyrah rafters $2\frac{1}{2}$	20	50	100	$2\frac{1}{2}$	27	135	$2\frac{1}{2}$	27	135	$2\frac{1}{2}$	27	135	27	135	27	135		The excess is owing to the high rate of labor paid for carpenter & other skilled labour
Teak wood wrought & put up 11	3	38	418	11	3	33	11	3	33	11	3	33	3	114	3	114		
Excavating foundation 16	4	9	144	16	4	64	16	4	64	16	4	64	9	36	9	36		
	210			208	7		54	11		263	2		62	5	9	3		
<u>Latrine for females</u>																		
Rough stone in chunam $4\frac{2}{3}$	28	11	108	$4\frac{2}{3}$	3	54	14	2	28	$4\frac{2}{3}$	3	54	14	2	28	277		
Brick in chunam $14\frac{8}{7}$	3	42	126	$14\frac{8}{7}$	5	140	14	10	140	$14\frac{8}{7}$	5	140	14	10	140	287		As per remarks to Main building
Plastering 1 coat & white washing $9\frac{1}{10}$	11	15	165	$9\frac{1}{10}$	11	155	$9\frac{1}{10}$	11	155	$9\frac{1}{10}$	11	155	15	165	15	165		
Flooring with wall Bricks $\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	1	1	2	1	2		
Asphalting the floor 2	16	32	512	2	16	32	2	16	32	2	16	32	2	32	2	32		
Honey Comb work $\frac{3}{10}$	6	12	72	$\frac{3}{10}$	20	120	$\frac{3}{10}$	20	120	$\frac{3}{10}$	20	120	6	18	6	18		
Roofing with Palmyrah rafters $2\frac{1}{2}$	20	50	100	$2\frac{1}{2}$	27	135	$2\frac{1}{2}$	27	135	$2\frac{1}{2}$	27	135	27	135	27	135		As per remarks to Latrine for Males
Teak wood wrought & put up 11	3	38	418	11	3	33	11	3	33	11	3	33	3	114	3	114		
Excavating foundation 16	4	9	144	16	4	64	16	4	64	16	4	64	9	36	9	36		
	210			199	13		54	11		254	8		53	11	9	3		

South Arcot District Cuddalore Division
 Comparative Statement showing the difference between the Original and Revised estimates for
 Constructing a Sub-Stationary Butchery with out-house at Colondorpat.

Description of work	Original Estimate			Work actually done			Work remaining to be done			Revised Estimate			Increase		Decrease		Balance as going concern	Remarks
	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount		
<u>Cook room</u>																		
Rough stone in chumam cys 14 1/2	2	8	36	4	14 1/2	2	7	8	35	15	3	45					49	
Brick in chumam cys 24 1/4	3		72	12	24 1/4	3	15	4 1/2	96	10		100						
Heavy Com. work Bricks in chumam - square	1	6	6		1	10	10		10	10		10						
Flooring with sq. Bricks in chumam - square	1 1/2	8	12						1 1/2	8		12						
Roofing with palm leaf rafters 3 1/2	20		76		3 1/2	25	2	2 1/2	95	8	5	198						
Plastering 1 coat & white washing 8 3/4	1	11	15		3	6 1/4	4	7	11 1/2	28	1	28						
Teak wood wrought iron put up cys 2 1/2	3	8	8	12	2 1/2	3	7	4 1/4	8	1	8							
Earthwork cys 20 1/2	1		1	4	6	20 1/2			1	3								
Sundries			11	15	3				16	4	3							
Gate Door with masonry Pillars			240						291	12	6							
Compensation for land			80						80									
Removing debris & leveling ground			10						10									
Materials lost									44	2	4							
<u>Total Estimate</u>			6230						4857	3	4							
Materials at site																		
Deduct due to Contractor									add									
Total expenditure up to date									1534	3	1							
* Details for materials lost																		
500 Data Bricks			3	9	4													
53 Cast leaves of firewood			29	2														
3 1/2 cys of Portland cement			3	14														
Mortar			7	9														
Total			44	2	4													

As per remarks to Main Building.

As per remarks to Latrine for males.
 The whole of the work will be completed for the amount charged. The excess is owing to Bricks & Vencataram Pillay having done charge for the work.

Not allowed in Estimate to be recovered from owner Vencataram Pillay

Cuddalore District Office South Arcot
 Varamadavay 23 December 1896

/sd/ G. E. Woffen
 Asst Engr

/True Copy/

M. M. M. District Engineer

Quantity	Rate	Amount
570 Country Bricks	2	1140
81 Loads of chumam	18	1458
7500 Pavillets	10	75000
30000 Flat do	10	300000
10 Caudis of firewood	4	40
30 cys lime stone	15	450
15 1/2 Kilos Tar	6	93
Asphalt	107	1070
451 Rafters	753	339583
132 cys of Teakwood	431	57082
50 1/2 Tons rafters & repair nails	34	1717
2000 Square Bricks	10	20000
Total		153431

No 211

Dist Engrs Office S. Arcot
Cuddalore 14th February 1877

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From

The District Engineer
South Arcot

To

The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Enclosures

1. Copy of Comparative statement
2. Copies of letters

Sir

I have the honor to forward

the Comparative statement with copies
of 2 letters from Lieutenant Wiffen
as ordered in para 4 of the Chief
Engrs Memo. No 1588 dated 2nd Nov 76

I regret the delay that has occurred
and that also even now Lieut. Wiffen
does not give all the informations
called for, as it is however useless for

me to hope to obtain more from
Lieut. Wiffen I forward it as it is

2. The Oolondoorpet Cutcherry
was sanctioned in G.O. No 1163 of 2nd

May

P.W.D.

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No 1628

Enclosure letter
No 211 from the Dist
Engineer South Arcot
to the Secretary to
Government D. P. W.

South Arcot 21st Feb

Enclosure Summary

Comparative statement
showing the difference between
the original and revised site
made for Constructing a
Sub Magistrate's Cutcherry
with all houses at Colom-
barpet

Amount of Estimate Rs 7270

P. 21. Inward 77 S. B. L. 50

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May 1874 the estimate was prepared in
May 1873 for Rs 6230.

The site is out of the way and nearly
all materials and labor had to be taken
from Coimbatore; again owing to the con-
stant changes in the Sub division there
has been great delay in carrying out the
work.

3 Lt. Wiffen has been in charge of the
Range the whole time.

The Sub-officers have been

Marichand Mudaliar Supervisor up to 1st July/74

Syrt Stewart — from 15th March/74 to 14 July/75

Mr. Ashworth — 15th July/75 to 14 June/76

Mr. Bird, Asst Engineer — 14 June/76 to date

The Overseers have been

P. Panchaprasad Iyer from 1st July/73 to 3rd Dec/74

Mr. Salisbury — 5th Dec/74 to 26 June/75

Venkatasanjay Pillay — 24 June/75 to 22 May/76

D. Gopasamy Mudaliar — 22 May/76 to date

During the time there was no overseer,
the Sub officer was in charge.

4 The excess for which sanction

is now required is Rs 1040 and may be
divided off as follows — 43

(1) Masonry — Rs — 342

(2) Roofing — — 322

(3) Mistake in estimate — 194

(4) Iron doors — — 120

(5) Materials lost — — 62
1040

I have in this left out small savings
and excesses which call for no remarks.

5 With regard to (1) Masonry Rs 342

Lt. Wiffen reports that it was necessary

to cart the clay of which the Bricks

were made and also to bring all the

skilled labor from a distance, the

estimated rate for the work was Rs 3

per cent yd the cost has been about

Rs 3-12-0. there is no doubt but that

the estimated rate was too low, the

present data for this description of

work in Trichalore being Rs 3-10-11

and therefore taking into consideration

the facts of the case I cannot consider
the

the cost of the work excessive).

Item (2) Roofing Rs 322 of this Rs 67 is the extra cost of teakwood keepers used by my order as no good palmyrah ones were available leaving Rs 255 excess which may be accounted for by increased cost of roofing in consequence of difficulty in procuring labour and also for the extra cost of materials to which must be added, I consider, want of proper supervision.

Item (3) is from 2 mistakes in the estimate one of them a mistake of Rs 161.8.0 made in calculation and the other in the rate of Rs 10 for the fan light the size of which is $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Item (4) Iron doors - Rs 120

These doors as reported in my letter No 70 dated 19th July/76 I condemned as the bars of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. are placed 6" apart in place of $4\frac{1}{2}$ as ordered in G.O. No 2307 dated 18th Sept/73 and also because the hinges and fastenings were too weak, this is not the only

case

case in this and other districts that the iron doors have had to be replaced.

Item (5) Materials lost ⁴⁵ Rs 62

This is the amount that Lt. Wiffen considers should be paid by Overseer Venkatarangam Pillay Rs 44.2.4 on account of material missing and Rs 17.8.4 for an overcharge for labour.

6 I regret much the delay that has occurred in sending this supplemental estimate. Lt. Wiffen has been constantly called on to send it. I was unable to do so when he was away as the accounts were not made up and I did not know nor was there any one to tell me the cause of some of the excesses part of which I attributed to overcharge for labour.

7 I consider the increased rate for Brickwork as perfectly fair, that for Roofing would not have been so much had the work been carried out without delay, this was occasioned by the

the constant changes and there is no doubt
but that Lt Wiffen left the work
too much to his sub officers who neglected
it.

8 With regard to para 5 of
Lt Wiffen's letter No 682 dated 29 Jan'y
177 I can only remark that before
I joined the District there had been
a violent quarrel between Lt Wiffen
and Supt Stewart; the latter was in-
consequently removed to Kullaconchy
Talug and I considered the matter
as settled when I took charge and
declined ever to read the correspondence
regarding it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

M. Maudslayi P.E.

Dist Engineer

1/10/77

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No 213.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp *Laddulone*

Dated *19th February* 1877.

From

The District Engineer,

South Arcot.

To

The *Chief Engineer*
D. P. W.

Enclosures

Sir,

It is of importance that the Sub-Magistrates Catchery and subsidiary jail at Colindroopet, and the Deputy Collector's Catchery at Tirukolone, which have been in progress for a long time, should be finished and handed over without any further delay; I have the honor to state that the Range Officer has been therefore instructed to proceed with these works vigorously and finish them before the end of March, in anticipation of the grant of additional money applied for for these in my statements.

P.W.D.

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No 1628

From

The District Engineer
South Arcot

To

The Secretary to
Government D. P. W.

Replied 14th February 1877

No 211
Enclosures 3.

- Sub-Magistrates Catchery
- Deputy Collector's Catchery
- Forwarding Com-
- parative statement of
- with remarks thereon.

N^o 55-D.

Jan 1. 9. 77

P.W.D.
21 FEB 77
NR 1818

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedt. servt

W. M. Mead Major, R. E.

District Engineer

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-55-6

John

SOUTH ARCOT D. P. W.

The District Engineer

South Arcot.

The *Cherry Conference*

Dated 19th
Despatched 19-3 February 1977
Received

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NO. 23

and Magistrate's testimony
 and sub seal the same
 put and Deputy Collector
 Cutchay as witnesses
 N^o 55 F
 I do not for approval
 that the Range Officer
 has been instructed to
 proceed with the work
 of — and comply the
 same before the end of
 March in anticipation of

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT 51

~~Under date the~~

Read the following:-

From
The District Engineer
South Arcot

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. J. ...".

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June 127 - 4th Oct 1960

These letters relate
to losses in connection
with the Deputy Col.

Lee's Cherry at
Tri Kalore and Sub

Magistrates' Cutcherry

at Colundoorpett, both

in the Li-Kalose Salook

whereof Venkataramam

Quilley (season 1874)

was Oversee from
L. H. H.

Sept 6

September 1875; the former work having been sanctioned in No. 2735 of 21st November 1872, the latter in No. 1163 of 2nd May 1874, and the allotment and outlay having been as follows viz.

Work.	Sanction	Allotment	Expenditure	Year
Trikalare butchery	4500	4500	2847	1875-76
		1600	880	1876-77
Colundoorpett butchery	6230	2600	3821	1874-75
		2000	1441	1875-76
		"	520	1876-77

2/ It is not stated what Overseers were in charge before.

* Expenditure previous to 1874-75.
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before September 1875⁵³, though it is admitted that part of the losses must have been incurred previous to that date.

3/ Mr. Wiffen appears to have been Range Officer throughout, but is stated not to have thought it his duty to look into the accounts of the works, holding the Sub-Divisional officers responsible for the same. They have not been properly kept, the book

Work Register not having
been maintained up
to date; but it is
not stated who is
first answerable
for its neglect. Super-
visor Sergeant Stewart
had charge of the Sub-
division from March 1874
till 14th July 1875; then
Mr. Supervisor R.
Arbuthnot till June
1876. The latter reported
no deficiencies of mate-
rials, or excess of ex-
penditure on relieving
Sergeant Stewart.
but there is an entire
omission

omission to state when
the loss of bricks from
bad firing rain &c.
occurred, or who is an-
swerable for the useless
burnt bricks handed
over to Venkatragun.
In fact no attempt
whatever has been made
to identify the persons
answerable for the
deficiency of Rs 439-9-4
on account of materials
for the Trikalare
Butcherry, or in excess
of about Rs 200 for
labour charged against
the Colundoot Butcherry
H. M. S.

4. Under all circumstances as yet disclosed the Chief Engineer finds nothing for which Overseer Venkatraman Pillay can be proved answerable. And he therefore directs that he be allowed to return to duty, but without recovery of pay lost during suspension, and that he be warned as to his future proceedings. Mr. Duffen's letter No. 176 of 16th June does not supply any definite charges against him,

as

as called for by the District Engineer. And he will now be instructed to lose no time, in personal communication with the present Sub Divisional Officer, in sending in revised Estimates for both works, with statements showing as clearly as can be ascertained what proportions of the losses were incurred under the management of each of the Sub Divisional officers, and

and under the charge
of each Overseer con-
-cerned. It is noted
that Fri Kalore is
Head Quarters both
of the Sub Divisional
Officers and Overseers,⁷⁸
Therefore that it might
have been expected
that the supervision
would not have failed
there at least. The
occurrence of such
slackness in the
Head Quarter Range
of the District is
very discreditable.

to

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to Mr. Duffen, and
shows generally bad
management of the
District as already
noticed in Ledg¹²³
of 20th January 1876. But
if Major Mead wishes
the Chief Engineer
to assist him at all
in setting things right,
and getting rid of
dishonest or inef-
-ficient men, he
must take much
more care in fur-
-nishing complete
information

information as to all
details than he has
done in the present
instance.

W. H. M.
Chl.

Put up
with 30 Rs.
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2 Mar

On 1.3.77

No. 724
Public Works Department
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd March 1877

Read the following:—

From
The Dist. Engr. South Arcot (G.O. No. 69 of 19th July 1876)
do do do (No. 70 of 19th July 1876)
do do do (No. 127 of 14th Oct. 1876)
do do do (No. 1207 of 3rd Feb. 1877)
do do do (No. 211 of 14th Nov. 1876)
do do do (No. 213 of 19th Nov. 1876)
Taken note of 12 Oct 1876

An estimate of
Rs 6230 for constructing
a Sub-Registries building
with subsidiary jail
at Olanthipattinam in the
South Arcot District was
sanctioned in G.O. No. 1163
of 2nd May 1874. The
District Engineer now
submits a revised estimate
of Rs 7270 exclusive of Rs
62 to be recovered from
Overseer Venkatarangum.

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Govt. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 2^d March 1877, No. 724

Nos. 55-56-

Sub-magistrates' Cutchery
with subsidiary Jail at
Retundoorpet in the South
District. The revised estimate
of Rs. 72,700 for erecting
— connected with same.