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General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 151. From District Engineer, Cuddapah, dated 15th March 1877, No. 2,905.
No. 151-A. From „ „ „ „ 27th „ „ „ 3,029.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 78 W.

T. T. RAGAVACHARI, Supervisor, 2nd grade, will be transferred from Tanjore to Cuddapah, and the services of Conductor C. Seton, Sub-Engineer, 3rd grade, will be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer, Vizagapatam, who will be informed of the reason of Mr. Seton's transfer, and will carefully watch over his conduct towards native subordinates. Mr. Seton will clearly understand that any future misconduct on his part will result in his dismissal from the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
„ „ Tanjore.
„ „ Vizagapatam.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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EXHIBIT. A.

Copy of a docket from the District Engineer of Cuddapah to the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range dated the 2nd November 1876 No. 1708.

Your No.361 of the 31st ultimo with letter from Overseer Angar Theagaraj Iyer.

Having carefully gone through all the papers connected with the overcharge for spreading sand on the Yerrágoontlah and Prodatoor Road, having heard also what the Overseer had to say besides what he had written on the subject and having observed the continued insubordinate and disrespectful conduct of Theagaraj Iyer, the District Engineer is of opinion that from his indolence, inattention to orders and neglect to check the work or submit returns &c. in proper time there has been a great waste of public money and that Theagaraj Iyer has shown he is quite unfit for the post of Overseer in the Public Works Department.

Under these circumstances the District Engineer orders the immediate dismissal of A. Theagaraj Iyer from his post as Taluq Overseer. The date of his being relieved should be reported to this Office.

(Signed) A. S. Moberly Col., R. E.
District Engineer.

(True copy)
No. 236 of 1876-77.

Forwarded to Overseer Theagaraj Iyer for information.

2. Overseer may consider himself dismissed from yesterday's date.

3. The salary and allowances due to him will be paid immediately it can be ascertained what claims are outstanding against the Overseer for missing tools &c.

Moodanoor.
3rd November,
Desp. 4th 1876.

(Signed) CHARLES SETON,
Sub. Engineer in ch.
Cuddapah Rnage.

EXHIBIT. B.

No. 93.

Camp Moodoonore, dated 17th June, 1876.

From

A. Theyaga Rajier, Taluq Overseer Pulevendla.

To the District Engineer, Cudddapah.

Honored Sir,

I beg permission to inform your honor that there has arisen a great misunderstanding between myself & my Range Officer on the 9th inst. at Palaghery and beg that after perusing into the copies of correspondence between myself and that gentleman after that date (herewith enclosed) you will grant me justice and save me from all prejudicial reports that may be sent against me.

2. I address your honor direct as my Range Officer though not expressly has intimated his intention of not attending to my appeals by returning my No. 91 sent him yesterday by my lascar Dewan Saheb without opening it.

3. Though no answer was received by me to my No. *77 of the 11th instant I saw the Range Officer on Wednesday morning expecting that he would assure by word at least what I had applied to him for in para 7 of the No. I was ordered to go over the Yerragontla Road with Sub-overseer Venkatrungum Pillay and after delivering over charge of it to come and join him in his camp at Moodoonore.

* Vide 1 A.

4. I came to Moodoonore on Thursday morning and wrote my No. † 87 to the Range Officer and his No. §101 was then sent me; upon which I despatched my No. ¶88 and no letters were afterwards received by me till evening 3 o'clock.

† Vide1 B.
§ Vide 1 C.
¶ Vide 1 D.

5. My apprehensions of being even more horribly used warranted by his own words in para 20 of my No. §76 despatched on the 11th inst. to you through the Range Officer and his unwaranted behaviour on the 10th instant at the Yerraguntla Station's Waiting Room, had taken so very a deep root in my mind that I dare not trust myself personally before him; and though lascars were several times sent to call me, I did not go and in answer to his No. §102 I sent my cash book with my No. †90 and shortly afterwards it was returned with the exact balance in my hand shown in it by me viz. Rs. 158-2-7 increased to Rs. 167-10-7 by the Range Officer.

§ Marked 1 E.
§Marked 1 F.
† 1 G.

6. In the evening my writer was sent for and it seems was instructed to attend Range Officer at 7 o'clock next morning, and an hour afterwards I received his No. *103 charging me with disobedience with respect to entries in the cash book, and directing me after delivering over charge of my cash books, records &c. to him at morning 7 o'clock on the 16th to proceed to Enumalachintla to survey its channel pending the orders of the District Engineer.

* Vide 1 H.

7. As my writer went away early in the morning to the Range Officer's camp it took me 10 o'clock to put my records and as he had not sent me any *slight* assurance as yet to quiet my frightened self I sent my cash chest, records &c. through my No. ‡91 with my lascars. The keys of the cash chest, Record desks &c. were all sent enclosed in a cover.

‡ Vide 1 I.

8. My lascars returned an hour afterwards with my No. 91 as I sent it stating that Range Officer refused to take it and that he wanted me personally to come.

9. Owing to the great excitement of my feelings caused by his inexpressible rude behaviour, fever had come over me; and as I could not remain in this disturbed state of mind and body without medical assistance at hand I sent my No. †92 representing this necessity I had to go to Cuddapah and to have me relieved before evening.

† Vide 1 J.

10. Soon afterwards Range Officer sent me his No. *105 charging me with disobedience to instructions contained in his No. 103 and directing me to proceed to Enumalachintla soon after delivering charge of my records, cash book &c. to Sub-overseer Venktrungum Pillay.

* Vide 1 K.

11. I am now delivering over charge to him and after this is over as the fever has not yet left me I intend leaving this place to Cuddapah for treatment.

12. Honored Sir,—I am at a loss to see what 'positive refusal' there is in my No. ‡86 to act up to clear instructions and I beg your honor to see whether or not it is arbitrary on the part of the Range Officer to order me to refund an excess (as he now would have so) when that has been paid upon his own written authority; for the superintendence of maistry Jacobs for March was not paid him before he passed the amount given him viz. Rs. 14-0-0.

‡ Vide 1 L.

13. The Range Officer as he went inspecting this man's Section on the 11th February found a fault and ordered me verbally to reduce him at once from Rs. 14 to Rs. 7-0-0 per month. No written orders were afterwards sent me and in the Nominal Roll for the month of February Range Officer had passed him 12 Rs. pay for the month showing me thus clearly that he was not in earnest about the punishment ordered and that it must be viewed in the light of a warning only.

14. To convince your honor still clearly that I was but right in taking this view of the order and that the Range Officer is bent only on teasing me and getting me charged with disobedience through malice, he has passed in this man's nominal Roll for the month of April Rs. 12-0-0 pay for him on the 14th June and he has communicated to me this through his No. 99 despatched on the 15th June just 5 days after he grossly insulted me for having paid him over Rs. 7-0-0 a month and the very day he has charged me with disobedience for not including a sum to my cash balance of Rs. 7-8-0 paid him in excess for March above that rate.

15. When delivering over charge of my cash book to Venktrungum Pillai I put out of my *own* hands Rs. 7-8-0 and handed over to his charge the balance of Rs. 168-10-7, the balance as shown in it by Range Officer.

16. I had sent my No. 76 to you through the Range Officer with a covering docket my No. † 78 dated the 11th instant not to delay the despatch of the enclosed letter (my No. 76) any later than could be helped; and he has informed me that no attention will be paid to it as it is not addressed to him, directly, a form I do not know how to write on such matters as those laid before you therein.

† 1. M.

17. I further beg your honor to interest yourself deeply into my case and give me all the justice that lies in your power for all laid before you; for which act of kindness I shall ever pray for your prosperity as in duty bound.

I beg to remain, Honored Sir,
(Signed) Your most obedient and humble servant
A. THEAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1. A.

No 77.

Camp Moodoonore, dated 10th June 1876.
Despd. 11th June, 1876.

From
A. THEYAGARAJIER, Taluq Overseer.
To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,

Sir,

I am sorry to write that though you had been requested twice on the 9th afternoon not to use abusive language to me, you would not curb your tongue and would call me a lunjaheodukah this day in presence of Mr. Mathews Taluq Overseer and to the hearing of all outside the Yerraguntla Station's waiting room.

2 Government when they placed me under your orders did not authorize you to use abusive language towards me but to be giving me timely instructions about works, to be supervising that I do not go, or, do wrong, and to teach me works not understood.

3 I have hinted the maxim too on the 9th 'do unto others as you would they would do to you,' indirectly, by telling you that I am also a gentleman like you.

4 Questions when put mildly so as to be understood would have been answered at once and you know full well that the shock you had given me on the 9th afternoon could not have been recovereable within so short a time as 14 hours.

5 I therefore beg that you will be good enough to inform me by return of post of the reasons you had for this 2nd unwarranted defamation of character and unmannerly usage so as to enable me to submit them for the orders of the District Engineer and get also his permission to file a suit of damages in the Civil Court against you.

6 I beg to state that if you will not send me a written promise that you will no more come to poke me with your penknives and abuse me in forbidden words loathsome even to put in paper I will not meet you on Wednesday morning as ordered.

7 All further orders to join your camp would not be recognized unless followed with a similar promise.

8 But I will not fail to carry out your other instructions sooner or later though the mental anguish you have caused in me does not permit me now to work hard.

I beg to remain Sir,
Your most obedient servaut,
(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1. B.

No. 87.

From Moodoonore, 13th June 1876.

A. THEYAGARAJIER, Taluq Overseer.
To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,
Your order of the 14th instant in my order book.

I beg to state that I am not enabled to come to your camp at Moodoonore as ordered as you have not written therein also the promise I had applied for in para 7 of my No. 77 despd. on the 11th instant.

2 If you are going to report this as disobedience to the District Engineer I beg that you will be also good enough to inform him at the same time that this is attributable to the great fear that has entirely taken hold of me of being again threatened to be cut and poked with penknives and beaten with the ends of leather-bound Letter-books and to prevent being again defamed, above all, before subordinates and menials in the most shameless way after my repeated experience you taught me on the 9th and 10th instant ; and that it is not due to any disobedient spirit in me.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1. C.

No. 101.

From the Officer in charge Cuddaph Range. 15th Juue, 1876.
To A. THEYGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

Overseer is directed to attend the Range Officer with all his books and accounts at noon this day. He has nothing whatever to fear if he conducts himself properly and replies to questions truthfully and without prevarication.

(Signed) CHARLES SETON, Sub-Engineer.

EXHIBIT. 1. D.

No. 88.

From 15-6-76.

A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.
To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range.

It is left to you as a Range Officer to lay before the higher authorities all my improper conducts at any time if any and replies to questions not given truthfully and with prevarication for such notice as they deserve.

2 What I applied for in my No. 77 of the 11th instant and my No. 87 just now is a written promise that if I come to your tent whenever ordered in your official capacity you will no more come to poke me and cut my hands with penknives, beat me with your books and

above all not to defame me any more by calling me in forbidden words in presence of menials and subordinates.

3 Your very unwarranted conduct on the 10th instant has forced me to think that without these 3 conditions I should not trust myself personally with you any more.

4 Further I beg to state that though Government never intended Taluq Overseers to doubt the behaviour of their Range Officers to them yet after what had transpired on the 9th and 10th instant I expect this from you as man to man.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1 E.

No. 76.

Camp Palagery, 9th June, 1876.
Despd. 11th June, 1876.

From
A. Theagarajier. Taluq Overseer Poolevandla.

To
The District Engineer Cuddapah,
Through the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,

Honored Sir,

I beg to lay before you the unbearable insults to which I have been put by Mr. Seton, my Range Officer in his tent at Palagery this afternoon in presence of Mr. Mathews Taluq Overseer, my writer Streenevasa Row, Butlers, and Lascars.

2. They are of such a nature that I cannot reconcile myself to work any longer under his orders & I beg that after perusing into the circumstances you will be convinced &c. kindly transfer me at once from his orders and save me from further unnatural shame and misery.

3 The detail circumstances I hereby relate without hiding anything and I beg that you will not refuse me the benefit of obtaining redress for the wrongs in the Courts also.

4 This morning we all left Vampully to encamp at Palaghery on way to Yerragontla ; the Range officer had the previous evening ordered me to come to his tent here at 9 o'clock in the morning with all my papers and acounts and I was at the same time intimated that I must accompany him on horseback on the way.

5. It took us nearly ½ past nine to come to Palagery as we went to inspect the site of the new Hd. S. vice to the Thungadapully Channel early in the morning and as soon as I came to my halt here, I felt myself very hungry and wrote to the Range Officer to excuse me if I was not able to come to his tent at 9 o'clock finishing my break fast and that I would not be later than ½ past 12 to attend him.

6. I went at 1 o'clock to his tent with my books and all and what ensued afterwards, I put below in the very words that passed between us, to the best of my recollection.

Mr. S. Give me the plan of the store shed and its Estimate.

T. I have got the plan only, Sir, and shall bring it to you. The estimate is not yet made.

Mr. S. Is your writer come ?

T. Yes. Sir.

(Y. Streenevassrow was then called and ordered to bring all records, books, and place the desk near the Range Officer's Table.)

Mr. S. Where is your cash book ?

T. Here, it is, (holding it out to him open with the last page written in it.)

Mr. S. Is this the Imperial cash book; where is yotir cash chest? Take out the balance and count it on the table. (The balance of Rs. 167-1-3 was taken out of the chest and placed by 20 Rs. on the Table.

Mr. S. (Looking into an item in the cash book) who ordered you to allow Rs. 14-0-0 pay to maistry Jacobs for March?

T. He was acting for maistry Goorcomurty till the 15th March, and was superintending up to that date 17 miles and for the remainder of the month was in charge of 12 miles from the 33rd to 45th milestones; and at 1 Rupee Superintendence for each mile for a month he was allowed Rs. 14-0-0.

Mr. S. But did I or not order you to place him on Rs. 7-0-0 per month, you *damn son o'bitch.*

T. This was only for temporary superintendence and his permanent pay has been fixed at Rs. 7-0-0 only. I cannot help giving him so many miles for a time.

Mr. S. I will make you refund it. humbug. I will; correct your cash book at once to Rs. 7-0-0 excess. Where is the Local cash book?

T. It has been left by mistake at Hamavaram.

Mr. S. What is its balance, take it out and count it. (Rs. 14-12-6 was counted and placed on the table) Put in the money and correct your book at once. (Tne cash book was corrected and the *excess paid of* Rs. 7 to *maistry Jacobs as per his own orders* only because the nominal roll for March was not paid before he passed, was added to the balance shewn in it previously viz., Rs. 167-1-3)

7. After a few minutes' pause he called out for my Inspection Report and it was given him.

Mr. S. (Looking into the remark columns against the 3rd and 4th June) well, show me what Office work you did in those days? What letters you wrote? Take out your Letter book.

T. I have done Sir. I will show you.

(The Letter book was handed and not himself being able to see letters written on those days, exclaimed wildly.)

Well, humbug, shew me the letters you wrote on those days, what work you did, you, lunja kodukah (a Telugoo word meaning a bastard.)

8. Being stunned by the last appellation added to his wild tone, I was not able to see anything and in a very low tone told him that I was having the records I received from A. P. Moorgasam Pillai, arranged the schedules of expenditures and other requisitions prepared.

9. Mr. Seton would not give ear to my terrified low tone and got up from his chair and coming near me took a penknife and bringing it near my coat threatened to plunge it into my belly, showering all sorts of unbearable abuses on me unbecoming him as an educated man.

10. This action altogether made me speechless, and seeing me still silent to the same question at once caught hold of both my elbows and after giving me a most violent shake he at once caught hold of my left forearm and forcibly placing it on his table with one hand pressing it, wanted with the other to act open one of my arteries and would have bled me too but for I am not able to guess.

11. At this barbarous behaviour, I was all horror struck and about to lose my senses; and instead of softening for a moment for an answer from me seeing me speechless, he, calling me all sorts of names such as 'blackguard,' 'rascal,' and what not, gave a very severe blow on my face with the end of the leatherbound Letter book in his hand.

12. This shameful mannerless behaviour unbecoming one calling himself an Officer and a gentleman roused my passions extremely and made me answer him in the following words.

Government have not empowered you to beat and insult me in this way, Sir. I will prosecute you, Sir; relieve me of the charge of the cash book at once and give me permission to go.

13. He for this, peremptorily commanded me to keep down my books which I obeyed without uttering one word more.

14. After a few seconds pause he sat down again in his chair and what took place further is put below as before.

Mr. S. You would not answer a simple question; what do you mean by this conduct, are you *drunk*?

T. I answered you before only that I was having the records I received from the new Overseer arranged and was having the schedules of expenditures and other requisitions made out; you wont hear me,

Mr. S. No you dint; you would aggravate me, you *beast.*

15 Having the chedule of Expenditure in his hand and seeing it dated the 4th inst. he called out to my Writer to give him the despatch book and in it the document was entered as if it had been despatched on the 6th.

16 I was asked to explain the discrepancy and I answered that this book was being kept by my writer; perhaps he might have entered it out of wrong memory and that I recollected full well having signed the document on the 4th only and I was unable to say *when* he despatched it.

Mr. S. I know full well you always humbug, squibble and antedate your letters; dont you know the Government order that letters should always bear the date of despatch. I have written you about this practice in you many times.

T. I did not know any Government order till you wrote to me in February last that the despatch date must be put on all letters even though they might have been written by me earlier and after the receipt of this order, I have not failed to abide by the instruction. I always sign documents before they are to be despatched and perhaps he might have kept the fair copy to check his Office copy till the 6th.

Mr. S. But it is your duty to see that accounts are properly kept.

T. I have been examining into his accounts now and then hitherto and hereafter I will examine every day.

Mr. S. Give me all your unpaid Nominal Rolls. (The writer was asked to bring and he placed an acquittance Roll of Petty Establishment as the one remaining to be paid.)

Mr. S. Is this all, where are your Nominal Rolls of the month of May.

T. I signed those that had come on the 5th evening only, Sir, and they must have, been despatched to you there only.

Mr. S. (Not finding the documents entered in the Despatch Book.) Well, Writer, when were they depatched? Streenevasrow stood still without answering upon when he was ordered to draw near and the same question was put.

Stree. I have despatched last night to Poolivandla.

Mr. S. Why did you send them to Poolivandla *when you know that I was here.*

Sree. Overseer signed it last night only.

Mr. S. Well, Sir, your own Writer contradicts you, you see it, you Vagabond, black guard, humbug, rascal.

17. Upon these uncalled for repeated showers of abuses I got wild and answered him in the following words,

I tell you I signed them on the 5th evening and must have been despatched to you then only. If it is not it is not my fault. You merely aggravate me; you should not call me by these names I am a gentleman like you.

18. After his he stirred himself in his chair for a while and cried to my face, Gentleman, yes, you are a gentleman, you looked a very nice gentleman, this morning on that pony of yours.

19. For this I answered him care a damn pin for the pony, Sir, intending to say that it is not the pony upon which one rides claims him the title of gentleman and it is only ones own manners.

Mr. S. That is a very polite answer becoming a gentleman to a superior sir.

T. What did I say, Sir; you must not care for the pony. I told you that I am a gentleman, you want to mock me.

Mr. S. No; that pony of yours is very bad and I want you to get a better one.

T. You had told me this in this morning only and I promised to get it soon exchanged for a better one.

20. Some few minutes were taken up about questioning me about the irregular way in which I have been sending up my returns; and I answered him that owing to having no experience I had no system of doing work and thus my returns were also obliged to fall in arrears and that I am trying to inetiate myself into one and that he would find my retnrns all sent properly from and in this month.

Mr. S. Humbug, this is all humbug, you beast.

T. No, Sir; If I do not know I will acknowledge; why should I humbug, Sir; I had told you before only not to use such words as beasts, humbug, rascal and you want to aggravate me.

Mr. S. Yes, this is what I call humbug; you talk of ill-treatment. How do you treat your subordinates? Like pigs, I suppose!!

21 After this he gave me instructions as to what I have to do and I promised to carry them out and I was allowed to go to my duty.

22 Honored Sir, my Range Officer had hitherto confined himself to giving instructions, getting explanations when personally by abusing me with words that could be tolerated at least under great presence of mind and now I see that he has come to think that the importance of all his questions is lost if he does not at the same time give up to abominable slang such as lunjacoduca (bastard) damn son o'bitch.

23 What is more dreadful still he has now betaken himself to beating too in presence of my own equals and subordinates and aggravate the mortified mind.

24 This too he would not limit to his books and penknives and if your honor would not transfer me at once from his orders, I am very much afraid that in my case also he would serve me with his boots and shew the strength of his fists on my forehead as I hear from very reliable sources (if necessary it will be proved) that he had to his writer Soobramanya Iyer in his camp at Yellatore on the 5th June in presence of gardners and menials.

25 Government had never intended Range Officer to force instructions or orders on their subordinates by breaking their kneel joints with rulers, kicking them with boots, threatening to poke them with penknives or cut their hands, striking them with books in their faces and to consummate all by use of slang titles and appellations; and I am surprised to see that when my Range Officer does violate the very first principles of manner intended to be observed by him by Government how he could expect his subordinates to answer his questions when they are addressed to them with heart rending disgraceful titles.

26 It is right natural in every one to curse his subordinate's ignorance by calling them fools, thick heads &c. when instructions given them remain unperformed and the cause of faults committed by them must be enquired into mildly and if reasons urged do not please or appear satisfactory to let him pass them with an advice the matter must be reported for the descision of higher authorities.

27 From his own words mentioned in para 20 it may be clear to your honor that Mr. Seton takes a pleasure and is also determined to treat his subordinates like pigs but if pligs too are put to such unwarranted cruelty as he puts his subordinates, it is thought criminal by Government.

28 I therefore beg your honor to take my lamentable case into consideration and transfer me at once from his orders to another Range and also allow me to obtain redress for the gross insults mentioned above in the Majistrate's and Civil Courts. For which act of kindness I shall ever pray for your prosperity as in duty bound.

I beg to remain, Honored Sir,

(Signed) Your most obedient and humble servant
A. THEAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1. F.

Range No. 102.

15th June 1876.

To A. THEYAGARAJIER, Taluq Overseer.

Overseer is herewith directed to attend the Range Officer with his cash book immediately.

(Signed) CHARLES SETON, Sub-Engineer.

EXHIBIT. 1. G.

No. 90.

15-6-76.

From

A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range.

Your No. 102 of this 15th instant.

I beg to inform you that as the promise applied for in my No. 77 of the 11th instant and in my No. 87 and 88 of this morning have not yet been received by me I am not enabled to attend you personally.

2 My cash book is herewith sent by my Lascar Hiah Saheb.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1. H.

Range No. 103.

15th June, 1876.

To A. THEYGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

Your No. 86 of the 14th instant.

Overseer Theyagarajier having positively refused to obey the orders of the undersigned to correct his accounts in accordance with instruction.

He is herewith directed to proceed at once to Yanamala Chintala Channel in accordance with orders contained in No. 84 of November 11th pending the orders of the District Engineer.

2 With the survey and levels he is required to submit plans and sections of all masonry works crossing the line of channel.

3 He is required to hand over to the Range Officer at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. His cash books, cash balance and all Government records in his possession.

4 He will there report his arrival at Yanamala Chintala and submit punctually at the end of each week a report of work done each day.

CHARLES SETON,
(Signed) Sub. Engineer in ch.
Cuddapah Rnage.

EXHIBIT. I.

No. 91.

Camp Moodoonore, dated 16th June, 1876.

From

A. Theyaga Rajier, Taluq Overseer Cudddapah Range.

To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,

Your No. 103 of 15th instant.

I herewith send all my records, furnitures, tools &c. retaining the following things quite necessary for the work you have ordered me to do.

1 Range No. 84 and all the papers you had given me concerning the Enamala Chintla Channel.

1 Diary book.
1 Y. Level with stand complete.
1 Staff 17ft. long.
1 Mathematieal Drawing instrument box.
1 Parallel Ruler abony 18ft. long.
1 Plotting scales.
1 Prismatic compass with stand.
1 Measuring chain 100ft.
1 Camp table half piece.
1 Camp stool.
1 Ink stand with 2 bottles and 1 pencil, some papers, and 1 rubber piece.

2 The cash books are in the imperial writer's desk and the balances in the local cash chest.

3 I have got only Rs. 158-2-7 in the chest for the balance of the imperial cash book and 14-12-6 for the local one and the keys of all are herewith enclosed.

4 I have prepared to start this afternoon to Enamala Chintla, and I request soon to be favored with a receipt for the things to be found.

5 As my writer is not with me, I am not able to send a list prepared of the records.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1. J.

No. 92.

Camp Moodoonore, dated 16th June, 1876.

From

A. THEYAGARAJIER, Taluq Overseer.

To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,

Sir,

As you had not sent me the promise applied for in my Nos. 77 of the 11th instant and in my Nos. 87, 88 of the 15th I was not enabled to come myself personally to you as directed

in your No. 103 of the 15th instant and sent all records &c. with me retaining only the papers of Enamala Chintla Channel with my No. 9 of this morning through my lascars.

2. The cash chest was sent, and its key together with those of the desks and table was all sent to you enclosed in a cover to enable you to take along.

3 The lascars came and informed me that you had refused to take my letter and that you wanted me personally to come.

4 Owing to the great anguish and excitement caused by your unnatural conducts on the 9th and 10th instants, fever has now come over me and I require medical treatment and if you are not good enough to have me returned before this evening, I have no other alternative left me than to take with me to Cuddapah my cash books and chest this night.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT. 1 K.

Range No. 105.

Camp Moodanore, 16th June, 1876.

To

A. Theagarajier. Taluq Overseer Poolevandla.

Overseer Theyagarajier having disobeyed the order contained in this Office No. 103 of the 15th instant, he is herewith directed to hand over charge of his office, Office records &c. to Sub-overseer Venkatarungum Pillay.

2. When this duty is performed, he will at once proceed to Yanamala Chintala and complete the survey of that channel in accordance with previous orders.

3 Overseer Venkatarungum Pillay will only take charge of Office records, cash. balance and cash books &c. He is not to take charge of any tools or scientific Instruments.

4 Writer Streenevas Row will be placed under the orders of Venkatarungum Pillay while in charge of the Taluq Overseer's Office.

(Signed) CHARLES SETON,
Sub-Engineer, Cuddapah Range

EXHIBIT 1 L.

No. 86.

Camp Yerraguntala,
dated 14th June, 1876.

From A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

To The Officer in charge Cuddapah Range.

In submitting herewith my ownly cash account for 14th June shewing the exact balance in my hand I beg to state that I have not taken into account the excess paid of Rs. 7-0-0 as would have it as it is not a cash transaction made by me.

2 The correction has been ordered arbitrarily and noted in my cash book as I must not disobey your orders.

EXHIBIT I. M.

No. 78.

From Camp Yerraguntala, dated 11th June 1876.

To A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

The Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,

Begs to be good enough not to delay the despatch of the enclosed letter to the District Engineer any later than could be helped and to get and communicate his order on the matter brought to his notice therein.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER, Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT C.

Copy of the apology letter given by Mr. Seton Sub-Engineer in charge Cuddapah Range to A. Theyagarajier Taluq Overseer to withdraw the criminal suit lodged against him, for intentional abusive language, and assault, before the District Magistrate of Cuddapah, on the 1st August 1876.

"I regret I should have so forgotten myself as to have used harsh and unbecoming language towards you and I promise that you shall not be so treated in future."

"Nothing that you may have done in endeavouring to seek redress from the Magistrate will influence me against you in my Official capacity."

1st August, 1876. } (Signed) CHARLES SETON.

True Copy.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT D.

No. 152 of 1876-77.

From

The Officer in charge Cuddapah Range,

To THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

Camp Ramasamudram.

Dated 27th, Reed. } August 1876.

Your No. 6 of the 24th instant.

Your attention is again drawn to District Engineer's orders contained in his No. 971 of the 1st instant forwarded to you with this Office No. 130 of the 1st Idem.

2 With referrnce to para 2 informs that the undersigned has no authority to furnish you with copies of letters written to the District Engineer, if the District Engineer required explanation from you he would call for it.

3 I shall refer to the District Engineer for disposal you application for salary and allowances.

CHARLES SETON,
Sub-Engineer in charge Cuddapah Range.

EXHIBIT. E.

No. 8.

Dated 1st September 1876.

From

A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer,

To the Officer in charge Cuddapah Range.

Your No. 152 dated the 27th August. I dont think that the District Engineer intended that my pay or allowances should not be disbursed me when he cancelled my suspension and be doing duty living upon nothing.

2 From para 2, I am assured that you had been dealing with respect to me not in a commendable way.

3 I had applied to you on the 12th ultimo vide my No. for a copy of the report upon which my suspension was ordered for my information and reminded you of the same through my No. 6 of the 24th instant; and when, as you state now, you have no authority to furnish me with copies of letters written to the District Engineer tending to prejudice and which prejudiced too that gentleman to a serious extent against me, you must have sent my letter to the District Engineer for orders, or, informed me earlier that you would not, yourself forward my letter being not requested to do so in it.

4 It is not through the fear of a hasty resolution being passed by the District Engineer that I want the copy of the report referred to but for cogent reasons that can be rendered to the District Engineer only in a confidential report; and I beg you to give me or get the permission to do so.

5 I cannot move from where I am being very hard up for expenses and I beg you to kindly favour me with my pay and allowances by return of post; as I am now, I am unable to proceed to Enumalachintala to take measurements of the masonry works along its channel.

(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer.

EXHIBIT F.

Copy of memorandum from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, to the Officer in charge of Cuddapah Range, dated September 5th. No. 1,2 39.

Letter No. 252 of 4th September 1876.

With this letter the Cuddapah Range Officer has submitted copies of letters No. 152 of 27th August 1876 to Overseer Theyagarajier and No. 8 of 1st instant from the Overseer.

2 Mr. Seton shows in his letter that he has adhered to the orders he had received, though there is no reason why he should not have referred earlier for instructions regarding the Overseer's pay &c. As regards para 2 of his letter to the Overseer Mr. Seton did perfectly right in declining to furnish the Overseer with copies of correspondence. It is a mistaken idea that subordinates have that they can claim to be furnished with copies of correspondence.

3 Turning now to the Overseer's letter No. 8 of 1st instant the District Engineer informs that the tone and language are both disrespectful and insubordinate. If the District Engineer is in any may prejudiced against the Overseer it is due entirely to the Overseer's own conduct.

4 The District Engineer declines to furnish the Overseer with copies of correspondence and to receive letters direct from the Overseer.

5 The District Engineer has spoken to the Overseer about the tone of his letters to his superior Officer; but as talking seems to do no good, the District Engineer now inflicts a fine of 5 Rupees.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY Col. R. E.
District Engineer.

True Copy:

(Signed) CHARLES SETON,
Sub-Engineer in charge Cuddapah Range.

EXHIBIT. G.

Copy of extract from the District Engineer's No. 1,553 of 16th October 1876 to the Officer in charge of Cuddapah Range.

* * * *

Requests to submit as early as possible any explanation Overseer Theyagarajier may have to offer regarding the great difference between the value of the work done under his orders in sanding the road from Yerraguntala to Prodatoor and the amount charged in the Nominal Rolls: directs to inform the Overseer that he should now state everything he may have to say in his defence as the papers may have to be sent up to Government.

* * * *

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY Col. R. E.
District Engineer.

(True extract.)
Cuddapah, 18th October 1876.

(Signed) CHARLES SETON,
Sub-Engineer in charge
Cuddapah Range.

EXHIBIT H.

No. 24

From Station Cuddapah, dated 26th October, 1876.

To A. THEYAGARAJIER. Taluq Overseer,
The Officer in charge Cuddapah Range.

Sir,

With reference to the extract from the District Engineer's No. 1553 of 16th October 1876 to the Officer in charge of Cuddapah Range communicated to me with your Office No. 213 of the 18th instant,

I beg to submit for the District Engineer's kind consideration that I am not aware there is any difference between the value of the work done under my orders in sanding the Road from Yerraguntala to Proddatoor and the amount charged in the Nominal Roll, the payment having been made by the Range Officer himself personally to the coolies.

2 After the receipt of Range No, dated 25th March 1876, instructions were given to maistry Venkatarayudo of the Road to commence the sanding by gang coolies, that the sand was to be spread to 9 in depth. and 5 yards breadth, that his coolies would be paid once in a fortnight if work was being done satisfactorily; at the same time he was warned that if his coolies did not work equal to their pay they *would not be paid properly as to the number of days they worked; and I herewith enclose a true copy of the order given him.

* N. B. Your humble petitioner is not now in possession of the copy of the order referred to.

3 The order from the Range Officer was not accompanied with the estimate nor with the instructions as to how the work must be done.

4 Work was commenced on the 11th April by the maistry, stopped on the 13th idem for bringing his tools to the Shettewarpulla Store where I had to collect all my tools for Range Officer's inspection, recommenced on the 27th April and finished by the 19th May. The quantity of work done was 4,883 c. yds.

5 I had no opportunity to inspect the work after it was recommenced in the month of April, I having gone on leave to Trichinopoly for my marriage.

6 Work was being done in my absence and I returned to duty at Cuddapah on the 5th May when I received Range No. 15 dated 12th April directing me to have the sand spread to 1 or 1½ inches in thickness; and here I was detained till the 8th idem and then ordered by the Range Officer to proceed to Moodanore by the Mail Train of the day with Overseer Moorgasam Pillai to re-measure the Kadiri Road from the new Railway gate up to Pulivendala and have the miles and furlong stones planted in their respective positions on the right side of the Road.

7 But I availed myself of this order to stop at Yerraguntala on the 9th idem and inspected the Road. The whole of the 2nd mile, 2 furlongs in the 3rd, and 3 in the 4th had been sanded to 9 in depth. and 5 yards breadth. Maistry Venkatarayudoo had let the gang coolies to take the sand from the heaps indiscriminately; I then gave him instructions to sand the remaining portions only to 2 and 3 in depths and also to take sand from the line of heaps on one side of the road. Also I ordered him to have all the sand now loosely scattered collected and formed into retangular heaps to admit of measurement (vide my Inspection Report against the 9th May.)

8 At the same time the maistry was instructed to send in his Nominal Rolls and measurement sheet for work done in April after the sand now scattered was all collected as instructed.

9 This was the only inspection that I had made and could have made till the work was finished on the 19th May, I having been employed from the 10th to the 16th idem in remeasuring the Kadiri Road, and after that date in paying up arrears of workpeople on the Bellary Road.

10 On the 20th idem I received an order from the Range Officer to stop all sanding work on the Yerraguntala Road and after paying up work people to hand over charge of the Road to Overseer Venktrungum Pillai; so an order was sent to maistry to stop work and send in the Nominal Rolls and measurement sheets at once. Nothing was to be heard from the maistry till the 25th idem; when the circumstance was also personally made known to the Range Officer. Then I was ordered to send a special cooly to the maistry to bring him down to my HD. Quarters and get the Nominal Rolls and measurement sheets.

11 On the 28th idem the Nominal Rolls were submitted to me by the maistry and I after judging the works done in 3 different depths at 3 different rates from the information that was forthcoming from the maistry's accounts and allowing a superintendence at 2½ per cent on the Estimate I made of the work, submitted the same for Range Officer's approval and sanction for payment on the 29th idem, *as usual.*

12 On the 9th July, I was told by the District Engineer personally that I ought to have estimated the work at one rate only, that I was wrong in having recommended a superintendence to a maistry that was already getting a monthly pay on the same road; and I have now the same thing to urge for the difference in my judgement of the work that Range Officer did not furnish me with any or the estimated data upon which I ought to have the work done, that I had no opportunity allowed to inspect the work while in progress more than once to form my own data, that I recommended the superintendence to the maistry as it appeared to me that he had the work done quick when the season of the year was to be taken into consideration as well as the little shelter and water that could be had for the coolies working in the road, he not belonging to any permanent establishment.

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13 That my having judged the work at 3 rates with false and seducing reasons had been represented by the Range Officer as suspicious (hoping no doubt on the success of the arrangement in his tent on the afternoon of the 29th July at Appeapulle) in his grudge towards me already reported to the District Engineer from Yerraguntala on the 27th July, is quite evident from what has befallen me since that date; and *I am not allowed the chance of acquitting myself or of refuting the suspicious report made about me.*

14 It may be also quite apparent to the District Engineer that Range Officer whilst observing that the rates at which I valued the work was incorrect has taken advantage of the low rate of the 3 pies at which I judged certain c. yds. sand must have been spread to put forth that the whole quantity of sand must have been spread at that rate whereas in the sanctioned Estimate I had an opportunity to see in the month of June given to the hands of Sub. Overseer Venkatarui gum Pillay after I was relieved of the charge of the road, a rate of 10 and 8 pies are allowed for spreading a c. yd.

15 From what has been above stated, the District Engineer could observe that I ought not to be blamed for having valued the work at a higher rate than the Range Officer, being obliged to strike them out from the measurements and papers laid before me then by the maistry, when I had not been furnished with the estimated rates and in the absence of any instructions from the Range Officer; and I leave it to the District Engineer's own kind and generous judgment to see how prejudicially Range Officer had represented me through malice when even after the compromise of the misunderstanding between us effected by the intervention of friends with a written apology (* copy herewith enclosed,) it would be apparent to the District Engineer that Range Officer had been acting against his own written pledge and promise contained in it from not having referred for my pay for July earlier than the 27th August even after 2 applications of mine prior to that date.

* Vide Exhibit C.

17 Hoping this will suffice to explain the District Engineer the difference between the value of the work as judged by me and the Range Officer.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. THEYAGARAJIER, Taluq Overseer.

No 206

To the District Engineer
Cuddapah
Rec'd 2-1-77
Our full report, and copies of
Mr Seton's reports and District
Engineer's orders alluded to
in forms 10 & 11.

Lt. Mathias Major &c
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

31st
29-1-77

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TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER. D. P. W.
FORT SAINT GEORGE.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF A. THEYAGARAJIER.
LATE TALUQ OVERSEER CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.

MOST HONOURED SIR,

With due submission I beg to lay before your Honor this petition with an earnest prayer that justice shall be extended to me.

2. After having finished successfully a training of 2 years in the Civil Engineering College with a Scholarship by May 1874, I was appointed as a Taluq Overseer in March 1875 by the Dist Engineer of Cuddapah to be in charge of the Pulivendala Taluq of the District; and in the month of October 1875 I was posted to the direct orders of Charles Seton Sub-Engineer in charge Cuddapah Range.

3. This Officer was treating me harshly ever since I was placed under him; and on the 11th of February 1876, to my great surprise, it came to such a pass as throwing a note-book on my face, and calling me by very virulent epithets as *Lunjahcodakah, Damn son o' bitch, Rascal* &c. for nothing at all in the presence of Mr. Pimm at present Taluq Overseer Presidency, my Contractors and lascars.

4. My patience in having submitted myself without complaint to such disgraceful treatment, instead of softening Mr. Seton into a quiet temper and mild usage as wished for, was misconstrued; and by degrees, on the 9th June, it came to a most heart-rending treatment. In the presence of Mr. Mathews now Supervisor Cuddapah Dist, my clerk and lascars, I was on that day threatened to be spit on the mouth, struck on my face with a letter-book, assaulted with a penknife; and all the above accompained with the most opprobrious epithets. I was so much mortified at this unreasonably harsh treatment and finding that submisson only made matters worse, I was led in an angry mood to attempt threatening Mr. Seton into better manners by saying to him that "Goverment has not empowered you to beat and insult me in this way. I will prosecute you."

5. But entreaties and the protest of a prosecution too had no effect on Mr. Seton; and on the 10th June, in the presence of the said Mr. Mathews and to the hearing of all outside the Yerraguntla Station's Waiting Room, he called me again a *Lunjahcodakah* for no fault at all. It is a Telugoo word, your Honr, (and Mr. Seton can well talk and understand Telugoo) meaning an *whoreson* which any human being would not brook to.

6. I could no more control my feelings and dared not to present myself personally to the calls of Mr. Seton after that date without an assurance not to be illused so any more. I reported these things in detail to the Dist Engineer on the 17th June requesting that Officer to give me an instant transfer to another Range and permission to prosecute Mr. Seton for his unbecoming behaviour. (Vide Exhibit B and its enclosures.)

7. From perusing the said Exhibit with its enclosures, your Honor will see that for my having acted up to the orders of Mr. Seton and paid to one maistry Jacobs Rs 14 pay for the month of March 1876 as per his own written orders in the month of April, I am told by the Range Officer that I have paid to that Maistry an excess pay of Rs 7-8-0 for the month *without permission;* I am ordered to correct my Cash-book and refund the sum from my own money; I am assaulted, beaten, and abused most foully; I am charged with disobedience for reporting to Mr. Seton that I have not taken into account, in my next Cash Return, the said sum

of ~~Rs~~7-8-0 as it was not a cash transaction made *by me*; I am relieved charge of my Works and ordered to proceed to Enumalachintla to survey its channel pending the orders of the Dist Engineer.

8. A personal enquiry was held on the 9th July at Kurly; and there the Dist. Engineer, being satisfied that I was very illtreated and there was no fault on my part promised to transfer me to another Range and gave me also permission to prosecute Mr. Seton for the assaults committed; as endorsed subsequently in the District Engineer's memo No 819 of the 12th July. Moreover in the course of the enquiry Mr. Seton brought several charges of what he termed carelessness, negligence &c. against me, in all of which, the Dist. Engineer did not take the views of Mr. Seton; one of these charges was that I failed to a great extent in the sanding of the Yerraguntla Proddatoor Road, a work placed under my supervision and completed in May 1876. This, I beg your Honor, to note as on account of this charge only I was afterwards dismissed by the Dist. Engineer.

9. In pursuance of the said District Engineer's order, I prosecuted Mr. Seton for his unbecoming behaviour on the 29th July 1876 before the District Magistrate of Cuddapah; and Mr. Seton appeared befor the Court on the 1st. August. And this day, being afraid that he would be found guilty of the charges brought against him, Mr. Seton tendered to me the following apology letter in the midst of European and Native friends; and the prosecution was thereupon, *as requested*, withdrawin. Viz,

"I regret I should have so forgotten myself as to have used harsh and unbecoming language towards you; and I promise that you shall not be so treated in future,

Nothing that you may have done in endeavouring to seek redress from the Magistrate will influence me against you in my Official capacity" (Vide Exhibit. C.)

10. But. Mr. Seton in sending a report of the proceedings of my case that day wrote to the Dist. Engineer to very nearly these words——"that when everything was ripe for the investigation, the Overseer's heart failed him and he withdrew the case". This your Honor will perceive was the very reverse of the fact; and I leave your Honor to judge the opinion that the Dist. Engineer must have formed of my conduct and of my integrity when he had read those words. Could anything more be required te make the Dist. Engineer prejudiced against me? And that he became actually prejudiced was told by the District Engineer himself on the 5th September in these words in his Memo No. 1,239. (Vide Exhibit. F.)

"If the Dist Engineer is in any way prejudiced against the Overseer, it is due entirely to the Overseer's own conduct".

11. On the 1st August 1876, on a report of Mr. Seton of the 28th July, I was directed by the Dist. Engineer to be suspended from duty and from pay and allowance; and on the 7th of the same month, within a week, Mr. Seton was directed by the Dist Engineer to cancel the suspension and to re-employ me in the survey of the Enumalachintla channel.

12. As neither the suspension nor the cancelling of the same was meted out to me by the Dist Engineer after taking my explanation on the charges made out against me by the Range Officer, I applied to Mr. Seton, for my information and future guidance, for a copy of the said report of the 28th July; and I reminded Mr. Seton of this application in my no 6 of the 24th August; also setting in the latter a request for a *3rd time* for my pay and allowance for the month of July 1876.

13. I was thereupon †answered by Mr. Seton on the 27th August that no orders were to be found in the Dist Engineer's memo of the 7th August cancelling the sus-
†Vide Exhibit. D. pension to disburse me pay and allowances as usual; and I was also denied to be furnished with the circumstances that led to my suspension from duty
‡Vide Exhibit. E. which was however. cancelled within a week. Upon this I again sent to Mr. Seton another application ‡ on the 1st September to be forwarded for the orders of the Dist. Engineer, setting in it likewise the distress to which he had reduced me by not giving me my pay for the month of July even up to the 1st September.

14. To this, the District Engineer in his Memo*No. 1,239 declined to give any consideration and fined me ~~Rs~~ 5 for the tone and language of my letters; and I
* Vide Exibit. F. now humbly beg your Honor to judge whether my application did not deserve a better consideration and *an enquiry* and whether the letters published in the Appendix are of such a nature as to displease the Dist. Engineer to fine me ~~Rs~~5, were it not for the prejudice created in that Officer's mind against my conduct and the veracity of my applications by that *false* report of Mr. Seton that when every thing was ripe for the investigation, my heart failed me and I dropped the prosecution against him; letters as they are, only truly representing the way in which I have been dealt with by Mr. Seton for relief and redress.

15. My pay for July *alone* was disbursed me by Mr. Seton on the 11th September deducting from it the said fine inflicted on me in the month of September; and my pay for the month of August was only sent me on the 7th. October. In the middle of the latter month a case of overcharge on the said sanding of the Yerraguntla Road having been *agin* set up against me, I was directed by the District Engineer in his memo No ‡. 1,553 to give any explanations and all for once I might have to give concerning this charge as
‡Vide Exhibit G. the papers might have to be sent up to Government.

16. I sent in an † explanation in detail on the 26th October from perusing which your Honor will perceive that I have not overcharged any sum but
†Vide exhibit H. that I have done my duty. It will likewise shew to your Honor that I have not been indolent, nor inattentive to orders, nor neglected to check the work when opportunities to do it were allowed by the Range Officer to be availed of, to cause the waste of the Public money made by Mr. Seton on the work *after* being so opined by him; as the District Engineer has been made latterly to think to dismiss me.

17. In his memo No ‡ 1708 of the 2nd November dismissing me, I am remarked, moreover, by the Distrit Engineer to have been and persisting too in a
‡ Vide Exhibit A. disrespectful and insubordinate conduct, shewing thus to an extent that I am unfit to be an Overseer in the Public Works Dept. And for this I can only lay before your Honor that to my conscience I have never been guilty of such a breach of duty and decorum; and I am heartily sorry for any unconscious acts of mine which may have given that Officer room to hold me in such an unfavourable light.

18. Such is the sad fate of your humble petitioner. He has been charged with an overcharge but dismissed on the ground of continued insubordinate and disrespectful conduct (to whom it does not appear) and on an opinion that by his indolence &c. there has been a waste of Public money. It will appear to your Honor that there was no wilful disobedience to any orders, no insubordination and no wilful disrespectful conduct to any one; and that all your humble petitioner has done is to claim to be treated as a human being and not be abused without cause. He submits there has been no waste of Public money made by him on the work; and yet your humble petitioner has become a victim to the insinuations of a Range Officer who was long entertaining a secret grudge against him. He has now come before your Honor wih an earnest prayer that justice will be extended to him.

19. In conclusion I beg that your Honor will be pleased to cancel the said fine of ~~Rs~~ 5 inflicted on me for no fault and reinstate me in my appointment as Taluq Overseer.

For which act of consideration and justice I shall ever feel grateful to your Honor

With all submisson,

I beg to remain,
Honored Sir,
Your Honor's most obedient and humble Servant.
A. Sheyaga Rafier
Late Taluq Overseer Cuddapah District.

29th January 1877

my address—
Late Students' Home
Triplicane
Madras

do do Chinna Obiah

Original Roll of Men Coolies employed on Landing — during the Month of

April 1876.

No.	Names	April 1876								Rate per Day			Amount			Remarks
		11	12	13	14	27	28	29	30							
	Men Coolies															
1	Yeragamtla Ruppanna obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8		2	6	1	4	Paid
2	do Sagali Lachigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
3	do do Chennagadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
4	do Ruppanna Chentivadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
5	do Sappata Gungadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
6	do Chamadoo Gunda Channigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
7	do Pampi Gunda Anikadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
8	do Chamadoogadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
9	do Roda Pamnogadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
10	do Chinna Pamnogadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
11	do Sagali Pampigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
12	do Radari Gunda Durasigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
13	do Linga Dasari Soolladoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
14	do Chinna Lingadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
15	do Padopula Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
16	do Rotmukki Soolladoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
17	do Gungula Ganni Codookoo Atta	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
18	do Chinna channigaanni Codookoo Pampadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
19	do Bala Ankamma Codookoo Anikadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
20	do Sagali Kadirigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	Absent
21	do Cullooru Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
22	do Ruppanna Bookadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
23	do Dunda Channogadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
24	do Linga dasu Channogadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
25	do Chooka Channogaanni Codookoo Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
26	do Bala channogaanni Codookoo Pampadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
27	do Ruppanna Soolladoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
28	Pothavoorla Para Chinna Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
29	do Alloori Pedda Jarrikalapadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
30	do do Venkatigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
31	do Chentavanda Venkatigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
32	do Chintala Rayadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
33	do Bradija Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
34	do do Venkatigadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
35	do do Baligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
36	do do Tondigadoo.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
37	do do Somapasallapalla Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8				1	4	do
38	do do Kanchamogadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8						
39	do do Chentivadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8						
40	do do Chinna Obligadoo	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8						

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Nominal Roll of Women Coolies employed in Sanding the Verandah Flooring April 1876.

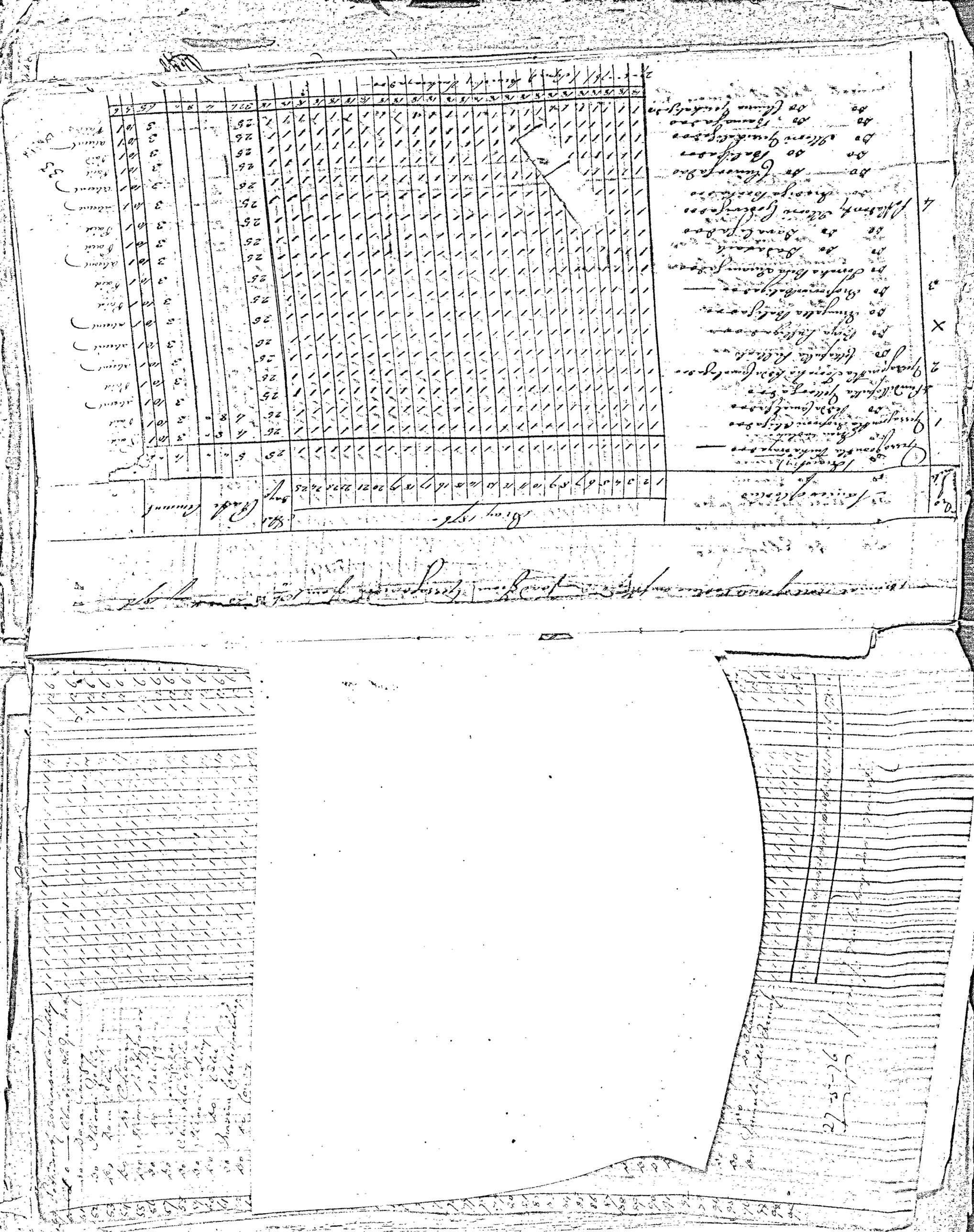
No.	Names	April 1876								Total Days	Rate	Amount
		11	12	13	14	27	28	29	30			
	Women Coolies											
1	Veeragoontla Mala Bheemoorajadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	" 16	" 12 Sixteen
2	do Tappata Gunthalagadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
3	do do Ramy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
4	do Pempejandla Anchi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
5	do Chilamakoor Anchi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
6	do Kadaliganipendlamma Yelli	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
7	do Bootkanipendlamma Anchi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
8	do Sagali Yerra Nagi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
9	do Kommitty Seelabi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
10	do Tappata Achi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
11	do do Yelli	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
12	do Gaudla patta Chenni	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
13	do Chenchoo Obi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
14	do Mala Soonkey	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
15	do Settipulla Langy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
16	do Pampi Gaudla Anky	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
17	do Salaypulla Gungy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
18	do Sagali Chennoogadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
19	do Dasari ganni Cobbolu Pangadi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
20	do Pasupula Nagadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
21	do Bapiraju Anky	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
22	do Yetramagu Coolie Anky	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
23	do Yanigaru do Chenny	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
24	do Sagali Chenny	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
25	do do Anchy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
26	do Mulloory Chenny	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
27	do Chinna Chenagani Coolie Anchy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
28	do Chenchoopulla Moony	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
29	do Bapiraju Obi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
30	do Peddanapanti Anky	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
31	do Bundla Nagy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
32	do Mala Bidda Gangadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
33	do Chenchyani pendlamma Anky	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
34	do Bollavaram Yenkaty	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
35	do Yerri Ankamma pendlamma Ganga	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
36	do Yanigani pendlamma Ganga	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
37	do Bulu Pampy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
38	do Gowa Nagy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
39	do Gaudla patty Anchy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
40	do Pullaby Obi	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
41	do Gaudla Vamula Gaudla Chenny	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
42	do Yamavaram Nagy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
43	do Gaudla vamula Gaudla Gungy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
44	do Sookani Kottoru Gelly	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
45	Pottadoorty Mala Dora Anchy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
46	do Yamavaram Banky	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
47	do Veedigapully Anchy	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12
48	do Elloori Yenkaty	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	8	"	" 12

Nominal Roll of Men Coolies employed in Cleaning during the Month of May 1876.

No.	Names	May 1876																													Total No. of Days	Rate	Amount
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
1	Pessagoon & Co. Chinna Coolies employed	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19	" 2/6	2 15 0
2	do Sagali Chinna do	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19	"	2 15 0
3	do do Chinna do	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
4	do Prosperi Chinna do	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
5	do Jappata Gangadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
6	do Channoo Sandla Channoogadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
7	do Pauppi Sandla Chinna do	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
8	do Channoo dossadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
9	do Poda Channoogadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
10	do Chinna Channoogadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
11	do Sagali Pauppigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
12	do Kadesi Sandla Davarigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
13	do Kuppadavari Soobladoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
14	do Chinna Kuppadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
15	do Pasoopulla Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
16	do Koonnulla Soobladoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
17	do Gangaloo Sannyasi Soobla Chinnadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
18	do Chinna allum Sangam Soobla Pungadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
19	do Baali Sandla Soobla Chinnadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
20	do Sagali Kadesi Sadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
21	do Soobloosi Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
22	do Prosperi Soobladoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
23	do Davoo Channoogadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
24	do Kuppadavari Pungadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
25	do Chooka Channoogam Soobla Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
26	do Bala Channoogam Soobla Pungadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
27	do Prosperi Soobladoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
28	Poddadoo & Para Chinna Coolies	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
29	do Mooripeda Yerri Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
30	do do Gonkadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
31	do Chinnavenda Soobla Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
32	do Chinkala Nagadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
33	do Bradiga Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
34	do do Cooka Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
35	do do Baligadoo.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
36	do do Coodigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
37	do do Soola para Pappulla Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
38	do do Ranchaaroo Sadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
39	do do Chenchivadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
40	do do Chinna Chinigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
41	do do Cudigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
42	do para Dasary	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
43	do Bala Sikka Sandla Venkatigadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
44	do Gunthina Channoogadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
45	do Bala Gangadoo	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0
46	do Chinna Pugadoo.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	19		2 15 0

Nominal Roll of Women Coolies employed on Tuesday, May 16th 1876

No.	Names	May 1876. 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Days worked	Rate	Amount
1	Gessapora Sla Ama Chinnadoragadoo		19	0 1 6	1 12 6
2	do Jasa da Venkatagadoo		19		1 12 6
3	do do Nany		19		1 12 6
4	do Jangipanda Venkay		19		1 12 6
5	do Chinnabinna Cooly		19		1 12 6
6	do Lukipanipendlam Gelly		19		1 12 6
7	do Bookanypendlam Cooly		19		1 12 6
8	do Sapali Gessa nagy		19		1 12 6
9	do Hemmitti Cooly		19		1 12 6
10	do Jeppada Cooly		19		1 12 6
11	do do Gelly		19		1 12 6
12	do Dandapapali Chenny		19		1 12 6
13	do Chendaroo Odei		19		1 12 6
14	do Bialaatoonthy		19		1 12 6
15	do do Settipalle Gelugu		19		1 12 6
16	do Pupisipandla Cooly		19		1 12 6
17	do Karapalla Gungy		19		1 12 6
18	do Sapali Chennoragadoo		19		1 12 6
19	do Dasanipani Codoo Kapugadoo		19		1 12 6
20	do Pissapula Nagadoo		19		1 12 6
21	do Draparu Cooly		19		1 12 6
22	[illegible]		19		1 12 6
23	do Pani pani Cottoom Chenny		19		1 12 6
24	do Sapali Chenny		19		1 12 6
25	do do Cooly		19		1 12 6
26	do Velluny Chenny		19		1 12 6
27	do Chinna Ramoga ni Sooramlu		19		1 12 6
28	do Chenchoo pulla Benny		19		1 12 6
29	do Bigiriboo Gelly		19		1 12 6
30	do Peddinapalli Cooly		19		1 12 6
31	do Sreddala Nagy		19		1 12 6
32	do Bala Sreda Jingadoo		19		1 12 6
33	do Chinnapanipendlam Cooly		19		1 12 6
34	do Bollavarum Venkaty		19		1 12 6
35	do Yessi Cubiani pendlam Sungy		19		1 12 6
36	do Ramagani pendlam Sebo Sy		19		1 12 6
37	do Bulloo Paupy		18		1 12 6
38	do Gona Sapy		19		1 12 6
39	do Danolapanty Cooly		19		1 12 6
40	do Pulli Cooly Odei		19		1 12 6
41	do Kandavarum Lapandla Chenny		19		1 12 6
42	do Ramavaram Gopy		19		1 12 6
43	do Pandavarum Lapandla Sungy		19		1 12 6
44	do Soobanna Cottoom Gelly		19		1 12 6
45	10 Hadooty Bala Rao Cooly		19		1 12 6
46	do Ramavarum Baby		19		1 12 6
47	do Edigapulla Cooly		19		1 12 6
48	do Illoori Venkaty				



May 1876.

Bills	Names of Laborers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total days	Rate	Amount	
1	Gerra frantella Folla, Cattarineella Capenna	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	0 12 0	15 12 0	Paid
	Do Gotirezzy Chenchiarb																		1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	4		3 0 0	Paid
	Do Gollahanzadro for conveying Sole from Gerra frantella to Gattarineella Gaol	0	1	1																							2	1 0 0	2 0 0	Paid
	Do Gosirezzi Chenchiarb for conveying Sole from Gattarineella to Gerra frantella Gaol	0	1	1																							2	1 0 0	2 0 0	Paid
		1	3	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	29		22 12 0	

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Labor Rupees 101—0—0

Bandy hire in carting metal to Gaol & } 18—12—0
-road on road-dams @ }

Cartage of tools from Gattarineella } 4—0—0

Superintendence 4—0—6

Total Rupees 128—6—6

Signed J. Braisby Executive

Contract

21 b/2 Cydo do Metal broken by 7 males @ 0—6—0 Cydo } 81—3—0

107/2 do do Metal spread in road-dam } 13—7—0

do do in making prospecting surface @ 0—2—0 do }

Bandies employed in carting metal & } 18—12—0
spreading on road-dams }

Cartage of tools from Gattarineella } 4—0—0

Superintendence 7—0—0

Total Rs. 128—6—6

Signed A. Thagaraja Iyer

Labg Overseer

27-5-76

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Copy of Ltr. from Lt.Col. Charles Seton Fuller
Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range to
Colonel A.S. Moberly R.E. District Engineer Cuddapah
Dated, Cuddapah 31st October 1876, No. 361.

In obedience to Your No. 1553 dated the 16th instant, I have the honor to forward the explanation furnished by overseer Thyagaraja Iyer with 1 enclosure.

2. I also beg to enclose copies of correspondence between the overseer and this office, relating to the accounts submitted by him for work performed under his superintendence on the Road between Gurragoontla and Proddatoor.

3. I beg to submit for consideration the following comments upon the statements submitted by overseer in his defence

His para 1. It can hardly be possible to misunderstand the charge overseer has to explain. Yet he appears to adhere to the correctness of the accounts submitted. The payments made have no relation to the value of work performed.

Para 2. The coolies were apparently not tasked

or informed of the conditions on which they worked, and the promise made by the overseer to pay once a fortnight, he never attempted to carry out.

Para 3. The Estimate would not have given the information. It was for the overseer to mark out work, see it commenced, ascertain the rate at which work could be performed, and report his proceedings for sanction (See copy of Circular No. 4 para 6 of April 27th /76). My No. 236 of March 24th directed the overseer to make arrangements to spread the sand &c. and he should have done more than merely repeat my orders to the maistry.

Paras 4 & 5 - Work was commenced on 11th of April. Overseer did not obtain leave until the 27th.

Para 6. Although orders were issued to spread sand from 1½ to 2 inches thick, yet he ordered maistry to spread sand 3 or 4 inches in thickness vide his No. 13 of 26th May.

Para 7 - It is here stated that orders were given to sand road 2 or 3 inches, which is not in accordance with his report above noted. I distinctly recollect that the orders to maistry were to sand 4 inches in thickness, and as it is contrary to instructions it accounts for the mutilation of the maistry's order Book (vide enclosure).

Para 8. Had overseer done his duty he would have measured up and checked work, and sent a Nominal roll himself for payment, as work had been then nearly one month in progress.

Para 9. The overseer's Head Quarters being only 12 miles from the work, and there being a good road and Railway also, the excuse for neglect of work is unsatisfactory. There were no other works of importance in progress under his supervision.

Para 10. Requires no comment.

Para 11. The charge of 2½ per cent for superintendence was unjustifiable as the maistry was on receipt of Rs 5 per mensem for looking after 5 miles of this road.

Para 12. It was not necessary for the Range Officer to furnish data for such simple work as this. Overseer had every facility for making frequent inspections of work and he should have

formed his own data when work was commenced, and submitted it for approval.

Para 13. Remarks not understood as the Overseer was not with me at Appiapally on the 29th July, and as he has been ordered to furnish explanation more than once, his assertion is not correct.

Para 14. I certainly see no reason why if one portion of the bund can be spread at 3 pice, the other portions should cost 8 times as much; it is for the overseer to explain this - no sanctioned Estimate gives authority to an overseer or even to a Range Officer to work up to the rate allowed, if it can be done cheaper; the latter portion is perfectly incorrect. No. bund has been spread since Venkatarungum Pillay took charge to my knowledge and the shale which is being spread on the 1st mile is a different description of work and it is also performed in a different style.

Para 15. So far from my bearing malice against the Overseer, I afforded him every opportunity

to compromise the matter, and frequently sounded and the pledge referred to has nothing whatever to do with the case. It is far easier to impute improper motives for my conduct than for the Overseer to explain his own. The charge is perfectly absurd for the pledge referred to was given after the reports of these accounts were submitted by me and as the District Engineer knows relates altogether to a different matter. The motive for introducing this is very apparent, but it has really nothing to do with the case. I answered the Overseer's letter regarding his payment but when he requested the matter to be referred to the District Engineer on the 1st of September. I wrote to the District Engineer on the 4th, the same date I received his application.

Para 16 - is omitted.

Para 17. I see no explanation in this letter, it is a mere history of the Overseer's conduct and in no way explains his neglect.

In conclusion, I consider that the insinuations contained in the enclosure of Overseer's letter deserves notice. The overseer applied for the maistry's order book to facilitate his defence

on the 9th instant, and I sent it to him complete with my No: 209 dated the 11th idem. It is evident I had no motive to mutilate the record, but at the same time it is evident from para 6 that the Overseer had. Moreover the Overseer was directed to return this record on the 11th instant, but he has not done so, although written to again on the 27th instant.

Copies of Correspondence

Copy of Detail from the Office in charge of Cuddapah Range to Theyagaraz Iyer Taluq Overseer, Parlimedla Taluq. Dated 24th March 1876. No: 236 Camp Appiapally.

Be good enough and make immediate arrangements to spread the sand and material collected on the Road from Gerragointla to Proddatore.

2. Report at once if You can commence by contract, or if You can obtain a large number of coolies.

Copy of Letter from A. Theyagaraz Iyer Taluq Overseer Parlimedla Taluq to the Office in charge of Cuddapah Range. Dated 18th April 1876 No: 10 Camp Gerraballa.

Your No: 236 dated 24th March 1876.

Being not able to get on honest contractors, I have arranged to have the sand on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th miles of the Gerragointla Road, spread by gang coolies about 80 being available at present.

The shale in the 1st mile shall be got spread as soon as metal in the mile is got broken.

8 sets of coolies have been ordered to be employed for this purpose 1 for each furlong so that the spreading may be begun by the beginning of May. This takes away the distinction of mile coolies the 1st mile work has been arranged to be begun from Monday the 10th instant.

Copy of Detail from the Office in charge of Cuddapah Range to Theyagaraz Iyer Taluq Overseer Parlimedla Taluq. Dated 12th April 1876 No: 17 Camp Cuddapah.

Your N:o 10 of the 8th instant.

The mile coolies discharged from 1st mile of the Yerragoontla and Poddatoor Roads are to be at once reinstated. There is always plenty of work for them to do in reviving obstructions &c.

2. Be particular and see that too much sand is not spread on at first. It should be spread about 1 inch to 1½ inches in thickness only at first and 4 Yards in width.

Copy of Letter from A. Theyagaraz Iyer Taluq overseer Pulimedla Taluq to the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range, Dated 8th May 1876, N:o 30.

I find all my tappals addressed to Taluq overseer Pulimedla without my Head Quarters Moodamoor being mentioned too in the cover and they go to Pulimedla without my knowledge, where they are detained for 2 or 3 days and then sent to the Cuddapah District Police Office. From this it is required to some other place and after going a round of 10 or 15 days after the date of its despatch from Your Office I receive them all with all letters I have 2. Such has been the case with all letters I have written me on the 12th and 13th April they were received by my writer on the 29th and I received them and seen by me after my return from Trichinopoly on the 6th May. So many of them that must have been replied then only remain unanswered.

3. Instructions contained in docket N:o 17 dated 12th April 1876 respecting the depth to which sand must be spread on the Yerragoontla Road have not been carried out the only as Your honor must have expected. The whole of the 2nd mile, 2 Furlongs in the 3rd and 4th Furlong in the 4th mile have sanded to 6" depth and 5 Yards breadth. But this work is done nicely and I have ordered to spread the sand in the remaining portions to 3" depth and 5 Yards breadth.

4. I therefore beg you will be to send by order all tappals to me to be addressed properly as Taluq overseer Pulimedla at Moodamoor in order to avoid such mortifying delays.

Copy of Docket from the Office in charge of Cuddapah Range to A. Thyagaraz Iyer Taluq overseer Pulivendla Taluq dated, Cuddapah, 18th May 1876, No: 64.

Explanation is required for disobeying the instructions contained in No: 17 dated the 12th April regarding the spreading of sand on the Gerragoontta Road.

2. You were there instructed to spread sand only 1½ or 2 inches in thickness whereas I find that You have ordered mestry to spread sand a thickness of 9 inches. In consequence of Your disobedience the road has been made almost impassable for ordinary traffic and it is almost as bad to travel on as the sandy bed of the Pennar.

Copy of letter from Taluq overseer A. Thyagaraz Iyer to the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range, Dated, Hanumanaram, 26th May 1876, No: 63.

Your No: 64 dated 18th May 1876.

No instructions had been sent me prior to 12th April 1876 as to the depth of sand that must be spread on the Gerragoontta Road and I already informed Your Honor through my No: 30 dated 8th May that all instructions Your Honor had written me were received in my Office only on the 29th Ultimo and were seen by me only on the 6th May after my return from leave when too late to rectify all wrong work done previously

2. On the 9th I went on the Gerragoontta Road and ordered mestry Venkataroyadoo to spread all sand hereafter to 3 inches.

3. I was ignorant enough to think that all the sand must be got spread at once, when I ordered him to spread it to 9 and that though he may now for Bandies to pass still, when it rains the same will subside.

4. Those portions that have been sanded 4 inches depth are easily passed by carts

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Copy of Docket from the Office in charge of Cuddapah Range to Thyagaraz Iyer Taluq overseer Pulivendla Taluq, Dated, Cuddapah, 19th May 1876, No: 69

"Directs You to stop all work in spreading sand on Road from Poddatore to Yerragoontla.

2. The coolies are to be paid off at once and a report made of the amount of work done and the cost of the same.

3. Be good enough also and report the depth of material spread on each mile.

Copy of Letter from Jaluy overseer Theyagenaz Iyer to the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range, Dated Nunnamaram, 26th May 1876, No: 65.

Range No: 69 dated 19th May 1876.

The whole of the 2nd mile has been sanded to 9" depth.

2. In the 3rd mile to the 1st 4 furlongstones and 35 Yards further on to a Road Dam, sand has been spread to 9" depth.

3. In the 4th mile the 1st 4 furlongs and 130 Yards further on to a Road Dam near the 5th furlong stone it has been spread to 9"

4. The remaining depth in this mile and to near the 5th furlong stone in the 5th mile it has been spread to 4" depth.

5. The interval in the 3rd mile between the 4th Road Dam and the 5th Road Dam of 366 Yards has been spread to 1" thickness.

6. On the whole 3912 Cyds sand have been spread to 9" depth, 1321 cyds. to 4" depth and 50 Cyds to 1" in depth. The breadth is every where the same viz 9 yards.

7. The cost of the work comes to Rs 535-6-3 including superintendence at 2½ per cent on balance of Rs 522-5-6.

Copy of Docket from the Officer incharge of Cuddapah Range to Jaluy overseer Theyagenaz Iyer Dated, Cuddapah, 20th May 1876, No: 72.

After praying up all the coolies on the Road from Poddatore to Yerragoontla as directed in this office No: 69 of Yesterdays date, You are directed herewith to make over charge of this road to Local overseer Venkatarangaiyapillay.

2. You will communicate with the Local overseer and inform him on what date You wish him to meet You at Yerragoontla and make over charge of road.

3. You will go over the roads with him and point out all work in progress.

4. You will at once draw up a memo of the orders given you from time to time of work to be performed, by the undersigned and forward the same to this office for transmission to Local overseer.

Copy of Docket from the officer incharge Cuddapah Range to Taluq overseer Sheyagaraz Iyer, Dated, Gellatoor, 5th June 1876, No: 86.

Returns Nominal Roll of extra coolies employed on Cuddatore and Yerragoontla Road

2. The sum of Rs 128-6-6 is not to be disbursed until explanation is afforded.

1st. Who authorized the employment of extra coolies.

2nd. Why carts were engaged without authority.

3. Notes that the rate for breaking metal viz 6 annas is too high, it should not exceed 4 annas.

4. It is not stated from what Estimate this charge is to be met.

Copy of Letter from Taluq overseer Sheyagaraz Iyer to the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range, Dated, Yerragoontla 12th June 1876, No: 80.

Your No: 86 dated 5th June 1876.

By Range No: 236 dated 24th March 1876 I had been directed to have the sound and materials collected on the Yerragoontla Road spread either by contract or going coolies.

2. This led me to suppose that I can have the metal collected on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th miles of the Road spread in the several Road Downs in them.

3. For this purpose I had appointed 2 and 3 additional sets of coolies in each mile to break the metal to and 1½" cubes and Candies were employed to cart the broken metal to the Road Downs.

4. The metal was all very large and could not be got broken on a less rate than 6 annas per cubic Yard to the very small size to which they have been now got broken.

5. The charge is to be met with from the maintenance allowance of Rs 1200 allowed in the Local Fund Budget for 1876-77.

6. An Estimate had been prepared in the months of March 1876 as per Your orders on the 24th

February for metalling all the Road Dams in this
road submitted and returned too.

7. All the mile-coolies are stopping away and I
beg that You will be good enough soon to send this
Nominal Roll passed for payment.

Copy of Docket from the Officer incharge Cuddapah
Range to Taluq overseer A. Theyagaraz Iyer, Dated,
Gellatoor, 5th June 1876, No. 89.

Your Nominal Roll amounting to Rs 535-6-3
is returned with the following remarks.

2. Sanctions for disbursement Rs 76-4-9 being
the cost of spreading 4883 Cyds of sand at 3 pice.

3. Sees no reason why the spreading of material
on this road should cost more in one place than
another.

4. As a maistry is already employed and he
has only 5 miles of road, sees no necessity to pay
another at the rate of 2/2 per cent of the outlay, and
an explanation should be afforded why this man
was entertained without authority from the rates
quoted he must have allowed the work people to
idle in the most shameful manner.

5. This road is to be made over to Local overseer
Venkataramanjulloo without delaying further.

Copy of Letter from Taluq overseer Theyagaraz Iyer
to the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range, Dated,
Gerragonttoo, 12th June 1876, No. 83.

Your No. 89 dated 5th June 1876.

I am at a loss to know how I am to distribute
the sum of Rs 76-4-9 to all the gang coolies employed
on the Gerragontta Road for spreading sand when
the amount of their Nominal Roll comes to Rs 513
nearly 7 times the amount passed for payment.

2. There have been no conditions made with them
as to the amount within which they must do the
work to get paid properly and no instructions have
been sent me as to the rates within which I must
get the work done.

3. There is greater excavation, lift, carry, required in
spreading sand to a greater depth in one place than
in another and so I think the spreading must cost
more in the one than in the other.

4. Besides the sand collected in the road are not

are not of the same kind in all the miles. In the 2nd and 3rd miles it is all full of small round particles mixed with shale, in the next intermixed with black cotton stiff and the heaps had all become very hard for easy excavation. Lumps were obliged to be broken before the sand could be used.

5. For a portion in the 5th mile river sand has been collected.

6. There was no other mistry made to superintend the work other than Venkatayadoo in permanent charge of the 5th mile and I allowed the Superintendence (additional) as he was able to procure so many coolies and was able to finish the work soon.

7. The season of this year in which the work was got done, the very little shelter the road has to give against the severe heat of the sun and the distance of water could not warrant the supposition that the coolies had been allowed to idle away their time.

8. I am afraid to call the coolies for disbursement when their full wages have not been ordered to be paid them lest they would kill me under a foolish impression, of course, that I had appropriated to my own use their full wages given me for paying them up.

9. It is not 4 days or 2 days wages that is to be withheld from them and I hope that You will be good enough soon to send the Nominal Roll (herewith enclosed) passed for payment of the full sum claimed therein.

10. As I have not been able to pay my coolies I cannot give over charge of the road to Local overseer Venkatarungumpillay on Sunday the 13th instant as ordered verbally.

Copy of Letter from the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range to Taluq overseer Thyagaraj Iyer Dated Aboodavoor 14th June 1876, No 94.

Govt No: 83 of the 12th instant.

I Informs that the Nominal Roll for spreading sand on Gerragoutta Road is passed at the rate of 3 pice for every Cyd. of material spread. this is a high rate considering that all the material used was close at hand.

2. It is remarked that some portion of the work was done at the above rate and the argument contained in para 3 of the above is nothing to the point.

3. The charge of 2½ per cent or Rs 13-0-9 to ministry also receiving pay from the maintenance allowance was quite unjustifiable.

4. The reason assigned for disobeying orders in para 10 is very unsatisfactory. By Your disobedience You have wasted the time of the Range Office, Your own and Sub overseer Venkataramyampillay.

5. The Nominal Roll is herewith returned. You had better come to a settlement with the coolies by paying them the sum of Rs76-4-9 per rate all round; the alternative will be, if any complaints are made, that the coolies will be paid in full and the overcharge recovered from Your salary.

6. I remark that although work was commenced on the 11th April and stopped on the 19th May yet no payment was made in the interval and the Nominal roll was not received in my office till the 29th idem, another instance of Your disregard of Your work people's necessities and indolence in the performance of Your duty.

Copy of Letter from the Officer incharge Cuddapah Range to Tahg overseer Thyagaraz Iyer, Dated, Modavoor, 4th June 1876, No 98.

Your No 80 of the 12th instant.

I cannot sanction the disbursement of the Large sum of Rs 128-6-0 which You have expended on the Yerragontta Road without authority until Letter

explanation is afforded than that given in the above.

2. Be good enough and forward the Estimate alluded to in para 6, and explain why You performed this work without reference to this Office and without reporting Your Proceedings, and obtaining proper sanction.

Copy of Para 6 of Circular No 9 from the Officer incharge of Cuddapah Range, Dated, Cuddapah, 2nd April 1876.

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6. Overseers and maistries are herewith warned that the present complaints which now obtain of bad work &c cannot be tolerated. It is their obvious duty to mark out work for contractors, and perform or commencement of work or piece as a muster for contractors guidance, and overseers should invariably furnish a maistry who permits bad work to be executed during the Overseer's absence.

W. Williams Col. R.E.
District Engineer Cuddapah.

P.W.D.
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No 2942

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Copy of Letter from Mr Charles Eaton Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range to Colonel A. S. Moberly R.E. District Engineer of Cuddapah
Dated, Cuddapah, 4th September 1876, No 252.

I have the honor to forward for such notice as you may think proper, a copy of my original Docket No 152 dated the 27th ultimo, to Taluq overseer Thyagaraz Iyer together with a copy of rejoinder numbered 8 of the 1st instant.

2. I respectfully beg to submit that the remarks contained in para 2 of the overseer's letter are disrespectful and uncalled for.

3. I do not understand the observations in the latter part of para 3 for the overseer has not requested me to forward any of his letters.

Col. R.E.
A. S. Moberly
District Engineer Cuddapah.

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Copy of letter from Mr. Charles Seton Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range to Colonel A. S. Moberly C.E. District Engineer Cuddapah, Dated, Pedda Cheppalli 28th July 1876, No 180.

I have the honor to forward for such orders as You may deem necessary the enclosed accounts forwarded to me for payment by Tulug overseer Sheyagara Iyer for work done on Road from Gerragoontla to Proddatore.

2. The first account amounting to Rs 535-6-3 is for spreading 4833 Cyds of Sand and chargeable from the Special Estimate sanctioned for that work.

3. It will be observed that the charges as submitted by Overseer's account vary from 2 annas to 3 fuse per Cubic Yard. I see no reason whatever for allowing more than the lowest rate viz 3 fuse, and the value of the work performed therefore amounts to only Rs 76-4-9. An overcharge has therefore been made of Rs 459-1-6.

Rs 535-6-3
76-4-9
459-1-6

4. I have been over the work in company of

maistry and Overseer, and have failed to elicit any information to justify my valuing the work at a higher figure than stated above.

5. The maistry who superintended this work receives a salary for looking after this road, amounting to 1 Rupee per mile per mensem from the maintenance allowance. This is the highest rate of pay permissible by the rules of this District and the sum of Rs 13 entered in this account by overseer is unjustifiable.

6. Further I beg to remark that although this work was commenced on April 11th and was stopped on the 19th May, no payment was made to coolies in the interval, Only one inspection was made by overseer during that period and no coolies were counted, work checked or any orders written in Maistry's order book; no weekly reports or Diaries were forwarded to my office to enable one to see what was going on and my reminders to overseer directing him to send these important documents have been disregarded.

7. The account was received in my office on the 29th of May and it is very suspicious the manner in which overseer has endeavoured to baffle the settlement of this account. He has not measured this work and every scrap of paper which would be useful such as maistry's measurements and memoranda have been destroyed. He disobeyed my orders to hand over this road to Sub overseer Venkataramyum Pillay on the 13th ultimo because these coolies had not been paid; he refused to attend my Office at Moodanoor when the maistry and coolies were present and I wished to settle their accounts, and on my return to Gerragontta again this month he submitted an application to absent himself again, in order to lodge a complaint against me to the District Magistrate, I having settled with him a week before at Kondapuram, the date on which I should make an inspection and settle the accounts of this work.

8. The remarks on the preceding para are also applicable to the other accounts. The maistry's

measurements however are produced. The entertainment of coolies in excess of one set for each mile is on the overseer's responsibility and in opposition to my written instructions.

9. The overseer has not measured this work or exercised any control over the maistry with reference to this work either, and had I known what was going on I would have stopped it at once.

10. In sentimising the details of this account I find that the rebreaking of metal is a vein of useless expense, and the charge is preposterously high. This item cannot be checked until metal is piled.

11. The charge for spreading metal is too high also, for material has not been removed and no traffic has gone over the material it is so rough.

12. The employment of carts is unnecessary and unauthorized. it is impossible to check their work.

13. Rs 7-0-0 Charged as sundries is said by overseer to be entered with a view to make the two accounts of labour and work tally.

14. The only charges I can point for this account are 5 Setoop coolies @ Rs 7-0-0 ——— Rs 35-0-0
1 Maistry ——— 5-0-0
2 carts with tools from Shettiaripally ——— 4-0-0
Rs 44-0-0

128-1-6
44-0-0
84-1-6
459-1-6
543-8-0.

15. I am therefore of opinion that with reference to this account a credit of Rs 84-1-6 has been overcharged or a total of Rs 543-8-0 on the two accounts.

Copy of Docket from Colonel A. G. Maberly R. E. District Engineer of Cuddapah to Mr Charles Eaton Asst Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range, Dated Vellpaud, 1st August 1876, No 971

Your No 180 of 28th Ultimo

Directs to suspend overseer Thegaraja Iyer's pay & travelling allowances not to disburse any pay or travelling allowances to him until the undersigned passes orders on the above mentioned letter; also not to admit anything for superintendence as there is a maistry employed on the Road.

Requests to know if Your have had upon all the

Coolies to see if these Nominal Rolls are true & correct and if all the coolies therein said to have worked were employed on all the days therein stated.

Copy of Docket from the same Office. Dated 7th August 1876. No. 998

This Office No. 971 of 1st August 1876.

Directs to cancel so much of the above docket as directs the suspension of Avenue Thyagaraz Iyer and to employ him in surveying the Jonnamalai Chintalai Channel. The undersigned will come and enquire into the matter of the Proddatore Road himself.

Copy of Letter from C. H. Charles Esqr. Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range to Colonel H. S. Hobbly R.E. District Engineer Cuddapah. Dated, Cuddapah 6th August 1876. No. 194.

In reply to Your No. 971 dated the 1st instant I have the honor to report that I have not questioned the coolies exhibited on the Nominal rolls of work done in the Proddatore and Yerragonttu Road. My intention was to try and get the Tahsildar or other Magistrate to attend when payment was to be made, and then the friends of the village Peddies would be assured to certify if the names entered corresponded with people in their respective villages and until their presence was assured all other inquiries would arouse suspicion and probably defeat the ends of justice.

2. From information received since the despatch of Nominal Rolls to Your office, I believe it will be found that some of the coolies' names are entered twice and that others are entered in the Roll of men and women list. I have no duplicate copies to refer to.

3. Should You think proper, I would suggest that the Collector be requested to send the Tahsildar of Cuddapah to meet me at Yerragonttu, on the return of the Nominal rolls and see the coolies paid, so that if necessary, immediate action may be taken.

Copy of Docket from Colonel A. S. Moberly C.E.
District Engineer Cuddapah to Mr Charles Seton
Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Ranges Dated
9th August 1876, No. 1028.

Your No. 1941 of 6th instant.

Returns the Nominal Rolls received with Your
Letter and directs to put Yourself in communication
with the Collector at once. Approves of the course
You proposed to adopt and desires that there be
no delay in disposing of this matter.

Copy of Letter from Mr Charles Seton Sub Engineer
incharge of Cuddapah Ranges to Colonel A. S. Moberly
C. E. District Engineer of Cuddapah, Dated
Nallasamudram, 27th August 1876, No. 229.

I have the honor to report that in obedience
to Your No. 1020 dated the 9th instant, I placed
myself in communication with the Collector, who
deputed the Sub Magistrate of Cumalapore to
meet me at Yerragontla and all the coolies
who are said to have worked on the Proddatoor
and Yerragontla Road mustered and paid in
the presence of the Peddlies of the surrounding villages

2. All of the coolies were mustered and most
of them paid on the 17th instant, but as the overseer
ran short of cash on that date complete payment
to all the coolies present, was not made until the
19th.

3. The Sub Magistrate has not favoured me
with a report up to date stating the result of
his enquiries into the personality of the coolies
absent, and it is probable his investigations may
occupy sometime further, I deem it desirable
to afford You information on the subject without
waiting for his report.

4. I beg to enclose 3 Nominal Rolls of coolies
absent on the 17th. These have been taken from
Rolls submitted by Taliq overseer Sheyajarao Iyer.

5. With regard to gang coolies I have no
doubt that they have been instructed, for each
one had his answer quite pat and correct, of
the number of days each had worked, in accordance

with the maistrys roll; I am however also certain from other information that the account is false, and that most of the coolies that appeared for payment never did any work.

6. With reference to the mile cooly account it will be observed that a large number of absentees obtain in proportion to the number employed; of those coolies who did not answer to their names, most of them were unknown to the Peddies of the villages to which they appertained, as entered in the Roll, and in addition some of the coolies who are said to have worked on the same mile knew nothing of them and had never seen such men at work.

7. Since submitting No. 180 dated July 28th measurements have been taken as near as could be of the sand remaining at site, and these show that the quantity spread by maistry must be pretty correct.

8. I consider overseer Sheyagaraz Iyer solely responsible for the maistrys misconduct, and the

Large overcharge or expence at which work has been executed.

9. It was only in April that he was Cautioned to inspect his works regularly and Settle accounts once a month at least and if on each inspection a proper amount of work was not done the failure should be pointed out, and in the same order overseer and maistry are informed that it is their obvious duty to mark out work and perform on commencement a piece as a muster for guidance.

10. The sand spreading on this Road was Commenced in April 11th and was continued at intervals up to May 19th, I get no account was received in my office until May 29th and during the interval Overseer never Checked the work or counted the coolies employed, although if he had examined the accounts he must have seen that a considerable outlay was being incurred.

11. As soon as it can be authoritively ascertained

if any of the coolies absent on the 17th instant are entitled to remuneration, I will be in a position to inform You of the exact amount of loss that has been incurred for want of supervision. In the meantime the account at present stands thus;—

Value of spreading 4883 Cyds of sand——Rs 76-4-9

Paid to coolies as per account rendered——474-9-3

Difference, loss from lax superintendence——398-4-6

Amount charged by Overseer——535-6-3

12. On the mile coolie's account the value of work performed, amounts to——Rs 44-0-0

Amount paid by Overseer——55-1-1

Loss from lax supervision——11-1-1

or a total loss from both accounts——409-5-7

* 398-4-6
11-1-1
409-5-7.

13. I may add that I inspected the Road on the 17th of May and finding the work and accounts so unsatisfactory I directed the Overseer on the 19th to stop work and pay up the work people; and orders to hand over charge of the road to the Local Overseer of Cuddapah Taluq were issued on the 20th; had it not been for this

the outlay would have been very much in excess of what it is

Copy of letter from Colonel A.S. Moberly C.E. District Engineer Cuddapah to J. C. Daniel Esquire Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah, Dated Cuddapah 31st August 1876, No 1177.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter with 3 enclosures from the Cuddapah Range Office from which You will observe that there has clearly been some wrong doing on the part of the ministry on the Road from Yerragoontla to Proddatoor and request You will have the matter enquired into magisterially.

Copy of Letter from the same Officer to the same Officer, Dated 31st August 1876, No 1198.

In continuation of my Letter No 1177 of Yesterdays date I have the honor to send herewith the original Nominal Rolls of coolies employed on the Road from Yerragoontla to Proddatoor.

Copy of Docket from Colonel A. S. Moberly
N. E. District Engineer Cuddapah to Mr Charles
Seton Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Ponge
Dated 16th October 1876, No. 1553.

Your No. 229 of 27th August 1876.

Requests to submit as early as possible any explanation Cheruvu Sheyagaru Iyer may have to offer regarding the great difference between the value of the work done under his orders in sounding the Road from Gurragoontla to Cuddatoor and the amount charged in the Nominal Rolls: directs to inform the Overseer that he should now state everything he may have to say in his defence as the papers may have to be sent up to Government.

2. Directs also to forward copies of all the instructions issued by You to the Overseer as to the manner in which the work was to be done.

Copy of letter from the Temporary Deputy Magistrate of Cuddapah to the Acting Magistrate of Cuddapah, Dated 10th October 1876, No. 81.

With reference to the case of preparing false lists of coolies employed on the Gurragoontla Road, which I was directed by You to enquire Carefully, I sent for Mr Seton and took his deposition from him. I have also made all the necessary preliminary enquiries into the matter but I could find no evidence to proceed in the case. I have therefore dismissed the complaint under section 147 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and beg to forward a copy of my Proceedings in the same.

The original lists of coolies received from Colonel Moberly and other papers connected with the same, are returned herewith.

No. 249.

Communicated to the District Engineer of Cuddapah with reference to his letters Nos. 1177 & 1198 dated 30th and 31st August 1876 respectively. the enclosures of the latter of which are herewith returned.

Cuddapah Magistrate's office
26th October 1876.

(Signed) M. Ramaswamy
Deputy Collector for Ag. Magistrate.

Copy of Proceedings of the Temporary Deputy Magistrate of Cuddapah in Calendar case No. 40/1876 of 6th October 1876.

x with copy of Proceedings of the Temporary Deputy Magistrate of 6th October 1876, No. 40.

Read the deposition given by Mr. Seton the Cuddapah Range Officer, regarding certain lists of coolies prepared by the maistry employed on the Yerragoontla Road which are suspected to contain false names and all the papers connected with the same.

Mr. Seton deposes that on receipt of lists of mile and gang coolies employed on the Yerragoontla Road from the Taluq overseer, for Rs 663-12-9; he examined the accounts and found the work performed was far less than what has been charged for, that he subsequently proceeded to Yerragoontla and mustered the men entered in the lists in the presence of the Sub Magistrate but found many of them absent and also ascertained that some of them did not work at all and that therefore he suspected that the lists alluded to, contained fictitious names and consequently the maistry named Venkatarayadoo employed on the Road who prepared the lists, has been preparing false accounts with intent to defraud Government.

On this, all the coolies shown in the lists to as having not appeared were sent for and mustered before the Court in the presence of Mr Seton. Only one person named Boya Pulligadoo were not forthcoming. But another coolie named Dada Saib stated that a stranger of that names had come to the village from the western country and was employed on the Road. The identity of these coolies was ascertained from the respective village Reddies.

Thus there is no reason to suspect the identity of these coolies who state clearly that they have been working on the Yerragoontla Road for 4 weeks and 3 days.

There is nothing to show that these lists are false. Nor there is any evidence to prove that these coolies did not work on the Road.

Under these reasons I see no ground to proceed in this case and therefore dismiss the complaint under section 147 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Col. R.E.
District Engineer Cuddapah

P.W.D.
19MAR77
No 2943

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Copy of Letter from Mr Charles Seton Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range to Colonel A. B. Moberly R. E. District Engineer Cuddapah, Dated, Cuddapah, 3rd August 1876, No 188.

I have the honor to forward for information a copy of Thyagaraz Iyer's No 117 of the 1st instant, delivered to me on this date by the overseer's own hands.

Extract from copy of Letter from Taluq Overseer Thyagaraz Iyer to Mr Charles Seton Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Range, Dated 1st August 1876, No 117.

I beg that you will be good enough to inform the District Engineer that this day I have withdrawn the Criminal suits against you filed before the District Magistrate as you have apologised me in writing for having illused me in every ways.

Col. R. E.
District Engineer of Cuddapah

I.W.D.
19 MAR 77
No. 9942

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Copy of Memorandum from Colonel A. S. Moberly R. E. District Engineer Cuddapah to Mr Charles Seton Sub Engineer incharge of Cuddapah Rouge, Dated, Balasamudram, 12th July 1876, N: 819

Letters N: 124 of 23rd June 1876 and N: 151 of 6th July 1876.

In the first of these letters Mr Sub Engineer Seton reports on the insubordinate conduct of Julugam overseer Angar Theyagaraz Iyer and his frequent disobedience of orders; and with the second forwarded with his explanation two Letters from the overseer addressed to the District Engineer and also a statement of instances of neglect, disobedience of orders &c. on the part of the said overseer. After careful perusal of all the documents and after hearing verbally from each party what each had to say the District Engineer is of opinion that overseer Theyagaraz Iyer has been very indolent, inattentive and disobedient to orders and has shown great neglect in the execution of his duties. This is not the first

occasion on which the District Engineer has had to notice this overseers indolence & and them Theyagaraz Iyer promised to be more active, careful and obedient. The overseer complains that Mr Seton assaulted him and used opprobrious epithets to him. Mr Seton states that there is great exaggeration on the part of the overseer in his statements of what occurred, but he admits having used bad language, for which he expresses sorrow, as also at his having lost his temper. For any assault that Mr Seton may have committed the overseer has his remedy before a Magistrate. But Mr Setons language to the overseer the District Engineer would have dismissed overseer Theyagaraz Iyer, but he will now give him one chance more and hereby warns him that on the next occasion that an unfavourable report is received he will be dismissed. On the overseers completing all the Surveys &c he has on his hands the District Engineer will arrange for his transfer to another Range.

2. The District Engineer regrets to be obliged to remark on Mr Sub Engineer Setons behaviour towards the overseer on the days complained of in the Letters Letter and but for Mr Setons having expressed contrition and sorrow at his having lost his temper and so forgotten himself the District Engineer would have had to bring the matter to the notice of Government. As this is the first instance in which such behaviour on the part of Mr Seton has been brought to his notice the District Engineer trusts that a reprimand will be sufficient punishment, but he warns Mr Seton that if it ever again occurs a report will be sent to Government.

3. The District Engineer admits that the overseer has at times a very aggravating manner but this is no excuse for Mr Setons losing his temper and using bad language. Mr Seton should remember that he has a position to maintain and that by giving way to temper and abusing subordinates he lowers himself in the eyes of all present.

4. With these remarks the District Engineer directs Mr Seton to consider himself reprimanded.

W. Mahon Col. R.E.
District Engineer of Cuddapah

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G.O. & P.W. - 15.5.77

No 2905

Cuddapah District Engineer's
Office Camp Goundlor
Dated 15th March 1877.

From

The District Engineer
of Cuddapah

To

The Chief Engineer
Public works Department
Madras.

Sir

In returning the accompanying petition of Angar Theyagaraz Iyer forwarded for report with Endorsement No 206 of 31st January 1877 I have the honor to inform You that Mr Seton took charge of the Cuddapah Range on 1st July 1875 and so the petitioner was under his orders from that date.

2. Theyagaraz Iyer is inclined to be very insolent and insubordinate and on the few occasions I came across him I spoke to him and warned him that he would get himself into trouble. On one occasion at the Cuddapah Railway Station he behaved in very insolent and insubordinate manner to the Railway Servants and was taken up and fined Rs (20) twenty. The Assistant Traffic manager also informed me of another instance of his insolence.

and insubordinate conduct on the Coodalooram Railway Station Platform when he got off as there was no magistrate near and it would have caused inconvenience to the Railway traffic to bring the witnesses to Cuddapah.

3. This is the first time I have heard of Mr Seton's having used bad language to Theyagaraz Iyer in February 1876 as mentioned in para 3. The first complaint that he made to me was in June as referred to in paras 4 to 8. I do not forward all the letters as they are not called for, but merely a copy of my Memorandum No: 819 of 12th July 1876.

4. I gave Theyagaraz Iyer no order to prosecute Mr Seton but merely told him that for any assault that Mr Seton may have committed the overseer has remedy before a Magistrate.

5. Theyagaraz Iyer's statement in the end of para 9 is incorrect: of the charge regarding the sanding of the Gerragoontla and Poddatoor Road I did not agree with Mr Seton, who was of opinion that the maistry had submitted a false Nominal Roll and that Theyagaraz Iyer's rates for the work in order to make the bill agree with the Nominal Roll were simply absurd. I pointed this out to Theyagaraz Iyer, gave him back the Nominal Rolls and told him to go and see where the fault was. I shall refer again to this matter presently.

6. Theyagaraz Iyer as stated in para 9 prosecuted Mr Seton and the matter was then arranged as therein mentioned and the next I heard of it was from Mr Seton's letter No: 188 of 3rd August 1876 forwarding copy of one from Theyagaraz Iyer. The words mentioned in para 10 are not to be found in one of Mr Seton's letters.

7. Theyagaraz Iyer made no attempt to find out what was wrong with the Nominal Rolls abovementioned but submitted them to Mr Seton for payment, who however very properly refused to pass them and forwarded them to me for orders with letter No: 180 of 28th July 1876, on which the correspondence noted in the margin then passed. My reason for directing to cancel my order suspending Theyagaraz Iyer and sending him to another part of the Range was in the hope that Mr Seton might find out the falsity of the Nominal Rolls.

8. I then showed the papers to the District Magistrate, who begged me to send them to him officially which I did and copies of the correspondence that passed is herewith sent. Believing that there was a failure of justice I then on receiving Theyagaraz Iyer's Letter No: 24 of 26th October 1876 held an inquiry in my office and passed my order No: 1708 of 2nd November 1876.

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Exhibit H

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9. Besides the matters herein referred to Theyagaraz Iyer was fined on two or three occasions for neglect of his work and for not paying up his coolies regularly and keeping them a long time in arrears.

10. To complete the papers I have sent copies of Mr Selon's letters referred to in my No 1239 of 5th September and No 1708 of 2nd November 1876. Exhibit F. — A

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Col. R.E.

District Engineer Cuddapah.

P.W.D.
19th 377

From 2942

The District Engineer
of Cuddapah

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

No. 2905
Dated 16th
Desp'd 17th } March
Recd } 1877

Enclosures 1

Angar Thayagaraly Dyer.

Reports upon the
Petition of

Ch Mgrs Memo No 779
of 22 March 77

No. 157-

Establishment No. 3029.

Cuddapah District Engineer's
office Cuddapah
Dated 27th March 1877.

From

The District Engineer
of Cuddapah

To

The Chief Engineer
Public works Department
Madras

Sir

With reference to your Memorandum No. 779 under date the 22nd instant, I have the honor to inform You that unless another officer is posted to take charge of Cuddapah Range I am not able to remove Conductor Sub Engineer Seton from the Range charge as all the three Sub Divisional officers employed in this District are young and inexperienced men.

2. I would beg to state that I propose to put Mr. Seton in the Cuddapah Range if the relieving Range officer be an officer or otherwise to transfer him to Madanapally Range as Sub Divisional officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

Col. W.E.
District Engineer Cuddapah

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Establishment.

From

The District Engineer

of Cuddapah

To

The Chief Engineer

Public works Department

Madras

Dated 27th March 1877.

Rec.

No. 3029

Enclosures none.

Conductor Sub Engineer

Seton — Informs that he is not able to remove — from the charge of Cuddapah Range unless another officer is posted as all the Sub Divisional officers are inexperienced men, and proposes to put — in the Cuddapah Range if the relieving Range officer be an officer.

No. 1512

No. 78 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15th May 1877

Read the following:—

From the Dist. Engr. Cuddapah T.C. No. 2905-9 15th ult.
From the Dist. Engr. Cuddapah No. 3029 dt. 27 March

I observe that the D.E. letter is addressed to the A. Engr. but to the Lt. Govt. & that all the previous correspondence appears to be on the A. Engr. file. I am to request the thing may be rectified & record of the change noted.

Read the Govt. Order dt. 5.5.77 directing the transfer of Conductor Seton from Cuddapah to Vizagapatam with Memo dtd 31.5.77

T. T. Ragavachari Supervisor 2nd Grade will be transferred from Tanjore to Cuddapah and the services of Conductor C. Seton Sub Engineer 3rd Grade will be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer, Vizagapatam, who will be informed of the reason of Mr. Seton's transfer, and will carefully watch over his conduct towards Native subordinates. Mr. Seton will clearly understand that any future misconduct on his part will result in his dismissal from the P.W. Dept.

Ord. 7/5/77

Govt. of {1877} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 15th May 1877, No. 78 W

Mem. 151-152

Conducting Overseer Lakshmanan
Surveyor 3rd grade, Cuddalore
to Assistant Surveyor 2nd grade transferred from Virapandy to Cuddalore and the services of — placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer