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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st October 1877, No. 814 W.

Buildings and Roads,  
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 8. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ammapettah, 18th September 1877, No. 124.

I REGRET to have to report the following regarding Sub-Overseer S. Dorasawmy Naidu, and request that I may have the sanction of Government to recover Rupees 61 from his pay.

This Sub-Overseer had not been doing well in Tindevanum Taluq, and in July I directed Mr. Milne, the Range Officer, to relieve him from all executive charge so that he might be transferred.

On the 23rd July Mr. Milne took charge of the cash-book and balance and found them to correspond; there was no entry of a payment of Rupees 15 on the 21st July to coolies employed on the 2nd section of the Salem Frontier Road, but Mr. Milne found from the men themselves that they had been paid. The Sub-Overseer's explanation is that he paid the coolies late on Saturday night after his cash-book had been closed, and that when he handed over his cash-book, &c., to Mr. Milne on Monday he forgot to mention the payment that had been made from private funds.

2. In the Sub-Overseer's cash-book there is an entry of Rupees 25 as paid to Maistry Valayuda Mudelly on the 14th June; the Maistry states that he never received the money, and the Sub-Overseer can produce no receipt.

The payment of two other Maistries' pay is entered on the same date; they both assert that they did not receive their pay that day, but that it was sent to them from Tindevanam two or three days after the Sub-Overseer had left Merkanum.

3. The Sub-Overseer's Writer states that, seeing the entry in the cash-book, he asked the three Maistries for their receipts, but they all three stated that they had not received their pay and declined giving the receipt for it.

The Sub-Overseer can show no written evidence of the payment, or any other evidence that could be taken. Mr. Milne considers—and I perfectly agree with him—that the Sub-Overseer had no intention of not paying the Maistry when he made the entry in the cash-book, but that he did not do so; that there was delay, and the Maistry, seeing the Sub-Overseer being relieved from charge and not having been paid, reported the matter; the Sub-Overseer then did not dare to speak the truth regarding the transaction.

The whole affair shows that the Overseer is in the habit of keeping his books in a very loose manner.

4. I have inspected two works that have been carried out by this Overseer at Tindivanam that are far from satisfactory.

The first is the school-house at Tindivanam; the estimate allowed for one-fourth new rafters and three-fourth new reepers; the work was completed early in 1876; it is impossible for me to say positively what has been done to this roof, but, on my inspection on the 6th August, I found the verandah roof good, but the inner room roof had many bad rafters in it, and certainly not the one-fourth new ones estimated and paid for, nor were there three-fourths new reepers. I should say not more than one-fourth, and these inferior. I am aware of the impossibility of getting good reepers now, but many of those in roof were very bad.

5. The second work is the dispensary at Tindivanam, the flooring of which has its joints badly pointed, so much so that they are nearly all open.

6. With regard to the school-house, the Overseer asserts that the old roof was found to be in worse order than supposed to be when estimated for, and that the work was done as well as it could be for estimated cost; the roof at present does not require repair, but it will in a few years, especially as the walls are brick in mud and the white ants have attacked it in places.

The cost of renewing the pointing of the joints of the dispensary will be Rupees 36.

7. I have permanently reduced Sub-Overseer Dorasawmy Naidu to second class and removed him from the Tindivanam Range, and I consider he should be made to pay Rupees 36, the probable cost of putting the dispensary floor into proper order in addition to the payment of Rupees 25 to the Maistry, as he can produce no proof that he paid it, and, judging from the loose way in which he has evidently kept his accounts, I believe it was not paid as asserted by him.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1877, No. 814 W.

THE Overseer, having been punished by reduction to the second class, will not be required to pay for the bad work at the cutcherry; but he will be held liable for the amount due to the maistry, unless he can prove that the money was paid.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.  
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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 77.

Read the following:—

From the District Engineer  
South Arcot } (H.C. No. 124 of 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1877.)

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To the Dist. Engr. South Arcot  
" Examiner P.W. Accts.  
Sept 6-10-77

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PUBLIC WORKS.

J. S. P. West.

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Mistry, unless he can prove  
that the money was paid.

Sub. Dir. R. G. R.  
10.10.97.