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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

20th April 1878, No. 1,911 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 215. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer, Bellary, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 10th April 1878, No. 247.

As desired in G.O., No. 1,638 W, of the 1st instant, I have the honor to report as follows regarding the services of Mr. G. Burnell, Sub-Engineer, 2nd Grade, British Burmah.

2. I should premise by stating that I never met Mr. Burnell, nor was he in the district during the time I have held charge of it, as he left a few days before I joined. His work has, however, come prominently to my notice. He was posted first to the Adoni taluq and secondly to Dharmaveram. There is no record beyond his own journals to show what he did in Adoni; but during the two months he was in Dharmaveram, he supervised work which cost Rupees 304 and was valued at Rupees 73. He made the most outrageous charges for travelling allowance. His cash-book was mutilated and altered. It was for not having brought this to notice directly he relieved him, that I reported Mr. O'Leary, Supervisor, to you in my letter, No. 10 C, dated 18th February 1878.

3. I forward for your information a copy of a letter I addressed to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, in February last, detailing Mr. Burnell's irregularities.

4. I am informed that Mr. Burnell is by trade a Locomotive Foreman, and had no experience in supervising ordinary works and ordinary native labor. The blame of his failure as a famine supervisor is perhaps due rather to those who sent him to do work for which he was not qualified than to himself. This however in no way excuses his attempts to draw travelling allowance unfairly and the unsatisfactory state of his cash-book and vouchers.

No. 216. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1878, No. 1,911 W.

ORDERED that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of Mr. Burnell's work while employed in the Madras Presidency.

(Here enter No. 1,912 W, dated 20th April 1878.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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To

Dated April 20th.

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G. O., 20th April 1878, No. 1,911 W.

APRIL.

Nos. 215-216.

Mr. G. Burnell, Sub-Engineer.—Ordered that the Government of India be informed of the bad work of — when on famine duty.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 1,912 W.

No. 217.

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter No. 350 E—R, dated 8th March 1878, requesting to be furnished with information as to the manner in which certain officers delegated for famine duty in Madras acquitted themselves, I am directed to state that as regards Mr. Burnell, Sub-Engineer, 2nd Grade, the District Engineer, Bellary, reports that his supervision over work was defective, the result being that the cost of the small amount of work which he carried out was disproportionate to the actual value. His cash-book was badly kept and even mutilated, and his charges for travelling allowance were excessive and unsupported by proper vouchers.

2. The enclosed copy of letter from the District Engineer, No. 247, reports Mr. Burnell's work and procedure.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th April 1878.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated April 20th.

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Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 20th April 1878, No. 1,912 W.

APRIL.

No. 217.

FORWARDING to the Government of India a report of the unsatisfactory way in which Mr. G. Burnell, Sub-Engineer, worked in this Presidency.

No 247. District Engineer's Office
Bellary
Dated 10th April 1878

From
The District Engineer
Bellary

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir

As desired in G.O. No 1638W of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to report as follows regarding the services of Mr G. Burnell, Sub Engineer 2nd Grade, British Burmah.

I should premise by stating that I never met Mr Burnell nor was he in the District during the time I have held charge of it, as he left a few days before I joined. His work has however come prominently to my notice. He was posted first to the Adoni Taluk and secondly to Dharmavaram. There is no record beyond his own journals to show what he did in Adoni,

but during the 2 months he was in Dharmaveram, he superviced work which cost Rupees 304 and was valued at Rupees 93. He made the most outrageous charges for Travelling allowance. His Cash book was mutilated and altered. It was for not having brought this to notice directly he relieved him, that I reprimanded Mr. O'Leary Superviser to you, in my letter No. 10 C dated 18th February 1878.

I forward for your information a copy of a letter I addressed to the Examiner Public Works Accounts in February last detailing Mr. Burnell's irregularities.

I am informed that Mr. Burnell is by trade a Locomotive Foreman, and had no experience in supervising ordinary works and ordinary native labor. The blame of his failure as a Famine Superviser is perhaps due rather to those who sent him to do work for which he was not qualified than to himself. This however in no way excuses his attempts to draw travelling allowance unfairly and the unsatisfactory state of his Cash Book and vouchers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt
J. W. Burnell
District Engineer
Bellary

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I am informed that Mr. Burnell is by trade a Locomotive Foreman, and had no experience in superviding ordinary works and ordi-

-nary native labor. The blame of his failure as a Famine Supervisor is perhaps due rather to those who sent him to do work for which he was not qualified than to himself. This however in no way excuses his attempts to draw travelling allowance unfairly and the unsatisfactory state of his Cash Book and vouchers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
J. W. Brundell
District Engineer
Bellary

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From

The District Engineer

Bellary

To

The Chief Engineer

Public Works Dept.

Madras.

Dated 11th April 1878

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No 247.

Mr G. Burnell Sub Engr.

Reporting on the irregular manner in which he conducts his duties in this District

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District Engineer's Office

Bellary.

Dated 18th February 1878

From

The District Engineer

Bellary.

To

The Examiner

Public Works Accounts

Enclosures.

1 Last Pay Certificate
1 Account of Pay
3 Diaries
11 Vouchers &c
1 Extract from Cash Book with 1 Com. page
1 T. A Bill

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Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the last Pay Certificate of Sub Engineer Mr Burnell British Burmah Province lately employed in this District.

Owing to the irregular way in which payments on account of salary &c were made to Mr Burnell, there has been considerable difficulty in ascertaining exactly how his accounts stand.

In one month Mr Burnell was paid in the Gooty Range, in another in the Tamune Division, while as he was latterly attached to the Penukonda Range, his last pay Certificate has to be

prepared in that Range and the Range Officer had not till within the last day or two, the information requisite for the preparation of the Certificate.

To enable the matter to be more clearly understood I have compiled an account which shows the sums received by Mr Burnell and the sums claimed by him.

As regards his claims for Salary every thing is clear.

As regards travelling allowance I forward the Diaries on which Mr Burnell's claims are based. These, instead of being forwarded month by month, were retained by him and forwarded just before his relief from duty. The late Acting District Engineer Mr Leggatt returned these Diaries to be made out in proper form, but Mr Burnell had left the District before they

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Could be sent to him. You will observe that no Certificates as to the keeping a tent and Carriage for it are attached. I am informed that Mr Burnell did not possess a tent, and am of opinion that he is not entitled to any daily allowance and consider that only Double Horse allowance should be passed to him.

I have struck out the mileage allowances claimed on the following days.

October 23d & 24th, Journey of 23 miles shown to have occupied 2 days.

November 5th & 6th. Adoni to Bellary 50 miles. No explanation of the necessity of the journey to Bellary is given. Removed from Adoni to Bhavanam the route was by rail to Gooty. Mr Burnell claims daily allowance in addition to mileage, clearly inadmissable.

November 7th. BellanyleaKtoAdam. Daily allowance and mileage inadmissable for the reasons given above.

It will be observed that Mr. Burnell halted 3 days viz 6 16 November at Anantapur apparently doing nothing.

I have disallowed the mileage claimed on the 29th November 38 miles. Mr. Burnell carried out work to the extent of Rupees 300 only while in the Dharmavaram Taluk, and this rapid journey after 28 days halt was in my opinion unnecessary.

For the same reason I have disallowed the mileage claimed on the 2nd December 31 miles and on the 9th December 25 miles and on the 10th December 25 miles. No explanation is afforded as to the necessity for these rapid journeys; I have also disallowed mileage for the journeys on the 15, 24th December for the same reason.

I therefore make out the total sum due to Mr. Burnell for travelling allowance from 9th October to 31st December to be only Rupees 126-13-10 instead of Rupees 304-7-0 as claimed by him.

Contingent Charges. It will be observed that Mr. Burnell claims Rupees 211-4-0 for rail charges on his luggage. As he had no tents, these must have been for his private luggage and the claim is inadmissable.

I observe that Mr. P.W. Brown Executive Engineer has countersigned these Diaries, before doing so I consider this gentleman should have seen that the Diaries

were properly made out and the pro-
-per certificates attached.

Further there are several irre-
-gular charges in Mr Burnell's
Cash Book.

I append an extract from
the Cash Book prepared by the
Pemakonda Range Officer, shewing
these irregular entries.

I am of opinion that items
marked B, C, E, & M should be re-
-covered from Mr Burnell, he never
drew more than Rupees 100 from the
Treasury and his Peons could
have carried this small amount of
Cash. His Peons also should
have been employed for measurement.

The very unsatisfactory character
of Mr Burnell's work is apparent from
the fact that he has charged Rs 79
as petty Superintendence on Rs 313-11-

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of work (valued by measurements at
Rupees 313) while he had also an Over-
seer, Mr Griffe and 2 Sub Overseers
to assist him.

The first page of his Cash
Book was torn out, the entries being
made on the 3rd page, item B for
Cash hire being added.

Mr Burnell halted at
Nanmaiyar and Pallavaram being relieved
on the 12th January till the 31st, I
believe he was making measurements
of works at request of the Revenue
Divisional Officer.

Asst Superintendent O'Leary who
relieved Mr Burnell done his duty
and reported the absence of measure-
-ments and proper vouchers, Mr Burnell
could have been called on for an ex-
-planation before he left the District.
I am about to bring Mr O'Leary's

neglect to the Chief Engineer's notice.

I do not think the Penukonda Range Officer to blame for the delay in furnishing this last Pay Certificate, had it not happened that I came down here just at this time, there would have been still further delay while I was corresponding with him on this somewhat complicated matter.

I have &c

(Signed) J. W. Rundall

District Engineer

Bellary.

(True Copy)

J. W. Rundall

District Engineer

Bellary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 20th April 1878

Read the following:—

From the District Engr Bellary (H. E. No 247 dated 11th April 78

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of Mr Burnell's work while employed in the Madras Presidency.

H. E. No. 1912 W dy 20th April 78

To the Secy to the Govt of India. Pub. Wks

Sir,

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It is understood that Mr Burnell is by trade a Locomotive Mechanic,

The enclosed copy of letter from the D. Engineer Bellary No. 247 reports Mr. Burnell's work and procedure

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and that he has had no previous experience in the supervision of Public Works and ordinary Native labor. His failure as an Executive may therefore perhaps be due to these causes.

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I have not personally seen any of the letters in this case I think a reference from Mr Burnell's Chief to Mr Bernard, Mr Casserly, Mr Saunders, Mr Sandwith & Mr Hughes would be sufficient

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Govt. of {1878} Madras.

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G. O., 20th Apl 1878, No. 1911. W.
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Nos.

Mr G. Burnell, Sub Engr.

Ordered that the Sec^y of India be informed of the bad work of —, when on Famine duty.

Sd. W. Kelly

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