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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th April 1878, No. 1,957 W.

General.  
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

- No. 270. Petition from Veeraragava and Company, dated 22nd March 1878.  
No. 270-A. Letter from the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District, dated 17th April 1878, No. 1,575.

No. 271. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1878, No. 1,957 W.

THE Government having made inquiries are satisfied that the arrangements made by the Superintending Engineer are not such as to call for their interference.

(True Extract.)

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

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,  
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Petitioner.  
„ Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.  
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GENERAL  
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1873) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE PETITIONER,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 25th.

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G. O., 25th April 1878. No. 1857 W.

APRIL

Nos. 270-271.

Contract for repairs of Buildings in the  
Mount Division for 1878-79.—Declining any  
interference with the arrangements made by  
the Superintending Engineer with reference  
to the petition of Veeraragava and Company  
applying for —

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The District Engineer

Chingleput

Most respectfully Shew etc.

St Thomas Mount 7th March 1878

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We the under signed contractors beg to bring to your  
kind notice that we are men of long experience in the discharge of  
masonry constructions & repairs, Irrigation & other earth works of  
the P. W. Department, not only in other Districts but also in the  
Mount Division of your District, that most of us hold certificates  
of good conduct & practical performance of duties that have been  
from time to time entrusted us to the extent of a very large amount,  
that now we beg to bring to notice that the General annual repairs &ea  
to buildings in Mount are being let out, without opening any competition,  
to one Annasawmy Bros for the last 3 years consecutively; that we  
need not express how to your experienced person how advantageous it would  
prove to state if the transaction is advertised, inviting Tenders for the same  
and lastly we beg that all of us are willing to lodge our tenders with the  
usual deposit if such be advertised by you and to execute the work  
to your complete satisfaction

We beg to remain  
Sir

Your most obedient servants

(True Copy)

/Sd/ J. Veeraragava & Co.  
A. Coopersawmy Aids  
" A. Ramakrishna Aids  
" Raganator Aids  
" M. Moorthosawmy Bros & Co.

P. S.

Should you be pleased to favour us with a reply  
we beg you will do so to the address of A. Ramakrishna Aids,  
residing in Shewer street Door No. 44 St Thomas Mount

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7<sup>th</sup> March 1878

Sd Thomas Mount-

To  
The Officer in Charge  
Mount Division  
Most respected Sir,

We the undersigned Contractors beg to  
submit herewith for your kind consideration a copy  
of our letter of this day's date, addressed to the  
District Engineer & request that you will be good enough  
to post from any final arrangement you may be inclined  
to make with the old contractor Annaswamy Broselior  
in the said contract & thus give us an opportunity to  
lodge our Tenders as requested in the enclosed letter

We beg to remain  
Sir

Yours obedient Servants  
/s/ J. Veeraraguna & Co  
" A. Coopraswamy & Co  
" A. Ramakrishna & Co  
" Rajoovalos & Co  
" M. Moorthoswamy & Co

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Colonel & A. Ford R. E.  
Chief Engineer & Secretary to  
Government.

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Honored Sir

With due respects & profound Submiss  
we beg to bring to your honors kind notice  
a Copy of our Petition addressed to the  
Bhungleputt District Engineer as well as to the  
Range officer in charge of Mount Division &  
beg that our prayer therein made may receive  
your honors spirit.

We need scarcely state that it  
is an item of loss to Government by not  
bringing this work to public Competition in  
accordance to the usual way of doing it  
prior to past three years. Should they have  
been as usual advertised for Tenders, we  
are sure the Government would have been  
profited, for the past three years a figure  
by thousands of Rupees. The truth of this  
Statement will be convinced when the Tenders  
are called for as requested. We are Contractors  
professionally and are prepared to lodge  
Security in Cash for the due fulfillment  
of our undertakings - we avail this  
opportunity

Dr. N. 745778

Dr. N. 745778  
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opportunity to venture this appeal is  
your honor, as our Petition to the said  
officers have not been taken <sup>notice</sup> of for some  
we are at a loss to observe - Similar  
Petition, we have also been submitted  
last year to the Range officer by other  
Contractors, but to no avail - Begging  
that your honor will kindly take  
necessary steps to see the "Annual  
Report to the Buildings in the Mount  
Division" be as requested published  
for Tenders as it was usual prior to  
the past three years & thus give us  
an opportunity to send in our Tenders  
for same.

We beg to remain  
to remain Sir

Madras  
22 March 1878

Yours very obedtly  
J. Veeravara Rao

Address

J. Veeravara Rao & Co.  
Shop keepers & Building Contractors  
opposite to Messrs Waller & Co.  
Mount Road

297-152

Recd - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1878

Referred to  
the Supt. Engineer,  
Chingleput, for  
report.

6/4/78

Edmond W. L.  
Chingleput.

No 3131.

Mount Du. office

25<sup>th</sup> February 1878.

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From

The Executive Officer

No. 2 or Mount Range

Chingleput District

To

The Superintending Engineer

Chingleput District

Saint John's Mount.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose  
an agreement for repair works  
in the Cantonments of Mount and  
Palanuram and the Buildings in  
Gumidy for 1878-79.

2. C. Suresamudaly the  
Contractor, has for the last three  
years executed the repairs of  
the Military Buildings in both  
the Cantonments with great satis-  
faction and I do not consider  
that another contractor can be  
obtained who would turn out  
works so well and with such  
care and attention as Sura-  
samudaly.

3. Captain A. C. Smith R.E.

had a high opinion of the Contractor  
and if you approve of the pro-  
posal, I will get the Contractor  
to sign the Bond before a  
Magistrate.

I have &c  
Signed D. Talley Conductor  
Executive Officer  
(True Copy)

P. O'Connell Colonel R.E.  
Supr Engineer, Chingleput.

No. 866.

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,  
Saint Thomas' Mount, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1878.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

The Officer in charge  
Mount Range.

SIR,

Enc = 3  
1 Contract  
Agreement  
1 Schedule of  
rates  
1 Specification

In returning the Contract  
Agreement and its accompany-  
ments forwarded with your  
No 313 dated 25<sup>th</sup> instant, I  
have the honor to inform you  
that under the circumstances  
stated in your letter the pro-  
posal of giving the Contract of  
Military Repair Works in the  
Cantonments of the Mount and  
Palanuram for the year 1878-79  
to Annasamy Madaly is approved.

I have &c  
Signed P. O'Connell Col. R.E.  
Supr Engineer, Chingleput.  
(True Copy)

P. O'Connell Colonel R.E.  
Supr Engineer Chingleput.

No. 1575

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,  
Saint Thomas Mount, 17<sup>th</sup> April 1878.

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From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

The Chief Engineer,  
Public Works Department.

Enc:  
1 Petition  
2 Copies of Letters -  
Sir,

In returning the Petition from  
certain would be contractors, dated  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 1878 referred to me for  
report in your endorsement dated  
6<sup>th</sup> instant, I have the honor to enclose

\* From Range Officer No 3131  
dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 1878  
Lo - Do - No 866, dated 28<sup>th</sup>  
February 1878

Copy of the correspondence  
that has passed be-  
tween the officer in  
charge of the Mount  
Range and this office

on the subject of the contract for  
the repair of the buildings in that  
Range for the current year, from  
which it will be observed that  
the contract in question had been  
granted to Contractor Annasamy,  
Mudali.

From

THE SUPD. ENGINEER,

Chingleput

To

THE

Dated

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Mudaly - long before the Petitioners addressed the Range office or this office on the subject and that hence no action could have been taken on their Petition. It will be observed moreover from the Range officer's letter that the Contractor Amasany Mudaly alone mentioned is a man whose care attention and punctuality in the execution of works has been tried for the last three years. In consideration of this and of the fact also, that my predecessor, when approving of the Contractor's entertainment last year, had made favourable mention of his work, I approved of the contract being granted to him for this year also. I would observe that the employment as contractors of untried men appears to be of doubtful expediency and is likely to lead, in case of their failure, not only to delay in the execution of works,

but also, most probably, to the institution of law suits against the Department by the parties concerned, as in the case of Contractor Streem-nasa Chetty and Co disposed of in G.O. No 418 I dated 17th October 1877, for the recovery of supposed losses consequent on the cancellation of their contract, a measure which would follow failure of fulfilment of the same.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. H. O'Neill Colonel R.E.  
Superintendent, Chingleput.

W.H.O.

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From the Supg. Engineer  
Chingleput District

1757-225-3  
No. 1575

Dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 1878  
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Contract for the repairs  
of Buildings in the Mount  
Division for the year  
1878/79. — Reports on  
the petition of Veeraraga-  
na & Co. applying for.

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No 1957W Public Works Department.  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25 April 78  
Read the following:—

Petition from Veeraragava & Co (M.R. No. dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar/78)  
Letter from the Supg. Engr. }  
Chingleput St. } (M.R. No. 1575 d/17<sup>th</sup> April 1878)

The Government having  
made enquiries are satisfied  
that the arrangements made  
by the Superintending En-  
gineer are not such as  
to call for their inter-

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ference.  
At the same time I think  
that the system of public  
tenders for contracts in this  
Province & except the worst  
many tenders - it is listed  
on. This plan of private contracts  
is open to much abuse. & in any  
case deprives Govt. of the advantage  
of competition.  
The Petitioner &  
Supg. Engr. Chingleput St. &  
M. S. 1878-5-78

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to instructions  
Chief Engineer's Circular  
25/4/78

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Civ. 24-4-78

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To

Dated

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The Titimer

G. O. 25<sup>th</sup> Apr 1878. No 195711

Nos.

Contract for repairs of Buildings  
in the Mount On for 1878-79.

Declining any interference with  
the arrangements made by the Supt.  
Engineer with reference to the petition  
of Venarajava & Co applying for —

Entd. in Staff.