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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th July 1878, No. 2,831 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 115. From Captain R. R. E. BROCKMAN, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Triviar, 5th July 1878, No. 1,495.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that a suit has been brought against the Sub-Engineer in charge of No. 4 Range and two others by one Veerasamy Iyen, late a Maistry on Road No. 21 in the Arandanghy portion of the Puttoocottah Taluq in the Small Cause Court at Tanjore for the recovery of a sum of Rupees 152-13-10 said to be due on account of work done on roads by daily labor and his pay for three months, viz., January, February, and March 1877 as Maistry. A copy of the Range Officer's letter on the subject, No. 316, dated 29th June 1878, is enclosed, from which it will be observed that most of the claims set up in the plaint are false, that the Maistry ceased working in February 1877, and was dismissed from the department in July of that year, and that the only amount really due to the Maistry is his pay for the month of January 1877 and for four days in February, which, as well as some payments due on account of work done by daily labor, were not paid at the time because the Maistry refused to bring his coolies and settle his accounts when called upon to do so.

2. As it is clear from the explanation furnished by the Range Officer that the suit in question has been unnecessarily brought against the department by the Maistry and that the claims set up are mostly false, I request that authority may be granted for defending the same at the public cost.

3. A translation of the plaint is enclosed.

4. The hearing of the suit has been fixed for the 19th July 1878. I have the honor, therefore, to solicit early orders for the defence of the same.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1878, No. 2,831 W.

THE defence of the suit at the public cost is authorised. Any sum admitted to be due should be paid into Court.

(True Extract.)

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

(True Copy.)

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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

Exd. T. D. Ryan.
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Govt. of (1878) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

TANJORE,

Secy. to Govt. Secy.

Order July 11th.

For

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7.0. 11th July 1878. No. 2321 W.

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Nos. 115-117.

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Tanjore District - Authorising the - being
conducted at the public expense.

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The Subordinate Judge of Tanjore
No. 276 of 1878 (Small Cause side)

Plaintiff.

1. Veerasami Iyer, son of Krishnam,
residing in the new street, Munnar,
Munargudi Cusab.

Defendants.

1. Mr. J. A. Fox in charge of the Munnar-
gudi Division
2. Mr. Mahadevadas, Munnargudi
Sub Division Officer
3. Agnesamy Pillay suboussa
1st grade, Munnargudi Taluq.

The Plaintiff is as follows.

1. That Defendants have to pay
him Rs. 152-13-10 as detailed below,
a part being due to him as his salary
and the remainder due to him
as he paid out of his pocket the
Coolies that worked on Road No. 21
in Arcantheange Section, Munnargudi
Taluk and in Cadumayar Taluk
both

both of which works were executed by him.

2. That he requested the Defendants several times for the payment of the amount but they never paid it.
3. That as the Sub Commissioner examined the works on the 23rd March 1877, his title for the payment originates on that date.

The detailed statement of the amount due to him.

For work executed on Road No. 21 in November 1876	Rs. a. p.
Do Do in Caduvaiyaur	20-7-6
Salary in the same month	25-5--
Do Do on the above road in February 1877	65-12-6
Do in March	11-4-10
Salary for January, February and March 1877	30----

Total Rs. 152-13-10

The Plaintiff prays Judgment for the above sum with Costs.

Verification.

I Verasamiyaru, the Plaintiff of this Suit do declare that the facts

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facts contained in the above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

The plain of action is summary. I will produce the account showing the details at the time of hearing. I have carried out the verbal orders of the Range Officer as is customary in Range Offices.

(True translation)
P. M. M. M. M. M.
Captain
District Engineer

Enclosure in a letter
from the District Officer
Dangore to the Chief Magistrate
Orwito 1495-dated
5 July 28.

Translation of
Plaint

Manaragood Division
Considered 29 June 28

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From

The District Officer
Manaragood Division

To

The District Officer
Dangore

Sir
I beg to report that I have
received a summons from the small cause
Court of Dangore to appear on the 19th inst
in a case brought against me, as Charge
Officer of the Manaragood Division and 2
others for the recovery of certain sums of
money said to be claimed by one Therasum
Shm to be a Maist^r on Road No 21 in the
Aniandanga portion of the Cabocolek
Taluk who escaped working under me
and was dismissed from the Department in
July of that year.

2. From a copy of the plaint which is enclosed
it will be seen that Therasum Shm claims
money for work done on Road No 21 by daily labour.
If the money is due at all it must be to the
Coolies and not to the Maist^r who attempts
to put himself in the position of a
Contractor and again claims salary as
Maist^r for 3 months. Supervisor Inland works
reports that he always paid the Coolies
their wages to the Coolies themselves and
not to the Maist^r but otherwise appearing
Pill's app^t is simply prevarication.

3. The copies of documents noted in the
margin are forwarded for your perusal
and

and from them you will observe that most of the claims set up in the plaint are false and such payments as may be due were not paid at the time simply because the Maistry refused to produce the Coolies for payment, so that it is not the fault of members of this department that some amounts have not been paid and settled long ago, for, even as late as June 1877 when new appropriations for the Range were received, the sub-divisional officer called upon the Maistry again in a letter dated 22nd June to produce his Coolies for payment, but the Maistry refused to do so.

4. I assumed charge from Mr. Garrett assistant Engineer about the 1st July and in that same month both the sub-divisional officer and sub-divisional engineer also left the Range, having been transferred to other Ranges, and the case was lost sight of till the end of February 1878 when the Maistry for the 1st time presented himself to me with a petition advancing these claims, but I would have nothing to do with him, as he could not satisfactorily explain his advice for one year, and as this claim looked very doubtful and suspicious.

5. The following is an abstract of the sums claimed.

- I For daily Coolies employed on Road no 21 -
 1st Jan to 31st March 1876 Rs - 20 - 7 - 6
- II do do do do do do 1st April 1877 Rs - 65 - 12 - 6
- III do do do do do do 1st April 1877 Rs - 11 - 4 - 10
- IV do do do do do do 1st April 1877 Rs - 25 - 5 - 0
- V Salary as Road Maistry for January
 February and March 1878
 Rs - 30 - 0 - 0
- Total - 152 - 18 - 12

I With reference to item no. 1. The amount less Rs 4-8-0 struck out of the sub-divisional officer's check measurement, is due to the Coolies and not to the Maistry who has refused to produce the Coolies. 283

II I see no 2. The sub-divisional officer and the engineers in their report that the Maistry was seriously ill and bed-ridden from the 4th February to the end of that month, and that he therefore could not have done any work in that month and it is worth noting that of the 65 Rupees claimed, an amount of Rs 54 was spent on levelling mud alone, an item in station books which is invariably false, and the item of work not ordered in this case by the sub-divisional officer unfit for measurement.

III I see no 3. The sub-divisional officer denies that any work was done by the Maistry in March as he was not only absent the whole month with the sub-divisional engineer engaged in a notorious matrimonial case, but he was also transferred on the 2nd March to another Road and did not work on Road no 21 at all.

IV I see no 4. The cost of the work done on the Kodivayoor Damb is claimed by the individual who contracted to do the whole tank work, and as he actually executed the whole work with his own Coolies an amount is due to this Contractor for work done, but not to the Maistry who could not produce his Coolies when ordered to do so. The Contractor's deposition is also forwarded.

V I see no 5. Pay is due to the Maistry for January only and not for February and March as he did no work in these months. The was

was not paid for January as usual in February and March, and refused to bring his books and settle his accounts by January 17. Though frequently directed to do so.

6. I must here beg to bring to notice that on housekeeper Agnesam Pillay is the cause of the whole delay and disturbance in this case. He is represented by superiors Mahadana Appa and Worker Mahadana Row and many others, to have always been on exceedingly intimate terms with the Maistry, intimate to a degree which is described as looking very objectionable and suspicious. He always put up at the Maistry's house at Andaman Conel and partook of his hospitality; and although the Maistry was serious all the while of February the matter was not reported to the subdivisional officer, and when questioned on the subject the overseer attempted to partly conceal the fact of the illness by saying he was slightly ill on the 8th; and this was said although the overseer had seen the Maistry on the 8th, 12th & 15th as proved by his inspection report. Road No. 21 is certainly the worst Road in the Patrocotahidang. Since the overseer returned to this Camp the Maistry has been seen constantly in his company again these several months, and from the intimacy existing between them, it is evident what part the overseer is playing in this business and what part he intends taking in it.

In the whole of March and April the overseer was engaged in prosecuting his work at Patrocotahid in a case which was subsequently dismissed, and the overseer received no pay for 3 months; during the whole of this time the Maistry was with him following his fortunes, and refused to proceed to the Road to which he was transferred, and the overseer ought to have remembered very well that no work was done in March by the Maistry.

The only amount really due to the Maistry is his pay for the month of January 1877 and for four days in February at Rs. 10. and I beg that permission may be granted to defer the case in the Court at the expense of Government. 283

I regret the delay that has been unavoidably incurred in reporting on this subject to you, as trusting the working season I could not devote much time continuously to searching of records, I had to wait for suitable opportunities to meet this subdivisional officer at Head Quarters where all the records are looked up. After the first search it was found that several books were at Andaman, and these as well as the deposition of the Kodivayal Contractor took long to come, as the overseer was not at Head Quarters and the books had to be despatched by a trusted agent. When these records were searched it was found that the Inspection Report book was in the District Engineer's office, and this book when forwarded to this Camp unfortunately strayed to the Repapabam Camp, where I received it on the 23rd instant. If it is found necessary I shall move the small cause Court to postpone the case for a time.

J. S. K. M. S.
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(True copy)

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District Engineer, J. S. K. M. S.

Enclosure in a letter
from the Dist Engineer
Jaunpur to the Chief Eng
D No. 1495 dated
5 July 78.

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Copy of Naug Officer
letter no. 316 dated
29 June 1878.

No. 1495

District Engineer's Office

Camp 3 5 July 1878
Jaunpur

From

Captain R. R. E. Brockman R.E.
District Engineer, Jaunpur.

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Colonel P. A. Ford R.E.
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

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Sir
Your most obedient servant
Melbourne Captains
District Engineer

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The defence of
the suit at the public
cost is authorized. Any
sum admitted to be
paid into court.
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From
The District
Judge
2 The Chief Engineer
D. M.

No 1495

Dated 5 July 78
No.

A. E. Seajore
E. S. A. Staff 18-7-78
M. S. dep 11/7/78

Inc-2.

Suit. Reports that a
suit has been brought
against the Range Officer
of Munnargudy Range
by the authority for the
recovery of certain sum
& requests permission
to defend the case at the
public cost.
With order

To acty 8-7-78
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11.7.78

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To The D E Tanjore

Dated

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G. O., 11 July 1878, No. 2831A

Nos. 115 to 116

Suit against Range Officer

Mangayudayam District

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conducted at the public
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