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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

11th February 1878, No. 708 W.

Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 98. From Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Cuddapah,
to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah,
1st February 1878, No. 2,859.

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 4,112, of 26th November 1877,
requesting me to report on the remarks made by the Special Assistant Collector and
the Collector's thereon in the papers published with F. R. O. No. 2,777 of 14th
November 1877, communicated with miscellaneous No. 1,724 W, dated 20th idem,
I have the honor to inform you that no application was ever made to me to mark out
the piece of road from the Pulivendla to Vaimpully road to the foot of the Kurli
Ghaut, nor was I asked for any map or plan. Further I beg to state that I did not
know that this short piece of road had been taken in hand until it had been in
progress some months.

2. As an estimate for the piece of road was necessary, and as I thought it proba-
ble that the Revenue Department might ask to have this piece of road marked out so
that they might take it up as a famine work, I directed the then Cuddapah Range
officer to mark out this short piece, and in his diary for March 1877 Mr. Seton
reported that he had marked out a trace. A sketch survey had been made two or three
years ago by Serjeant Pimm, but no levels or trial lines were taken to decide where
the road should go, and I had never been over the ground with the sketch in question.
I consider that the direction taken is correct though the line is wrong, and if
Mr. Seton had marked out the trace as he says he did he would have at once seen
that the lines should have been taken more to the west. From inquiries made on the
spot I learn that Mr. Seton did not go over the whole line; that he merely marked out
the line from Poolivendla to Vaimpully road as far as an old fort near the entrance
into the hilly ground; that he never went over the short hilly piece where there was
any difficulty; and that he ordered the Taluq Overseer, a young man of only a few
months' service, to mark this piece out.

3. From the accompanying survey and levels you will see how easy it would
have been to escape the steep part along which the road has been taken, and the line
would have been much more improved by turning off nearer A.

4. The whole of the country is rocky; and, as most of the rock has been removed
on the existing line, I agree with the Collector in not advocating any change, but I
would suggest lessening the gradients in the manner shown on the longitudinal section.

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See diary
19. Jan. 1878
Having reported
to the Chief Engineer
on 19th Jan.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1878, No. 708 W.

MR. SETON will be called upon to answer forthwith the allegations in the District Engineer's letter, stating what portion of the condemned road he himself traced, and what portion he left to the young Overseer to trace.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
" " " Vizagapatam, with Plans.

Encl. E. C. Shunker.
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ESTABLISHMENT
 Govt. of (1878) Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To
 THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
 CUDDAPAH.
 &c., &c., &c.

Dated February 11th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 11th February 1878, No. 708 W.

FEBRUARY.
 Nos. 98-99.

Mr. Seton called upon to answer forthwith the allegations in the District Engineer's letter regarding certain condemned road in the Cuddapah District.

Public Works Department.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

From the Dist Engineer, Cuddapah. (No. 2859 of 1st Feb 1878)

It is very evident that the line pointed out by the District Engineer is that, which had ordinary precautions been taken, should have been adopted. The responsibility of so incorrect a trace and the consequent waste of money, over the great hill piece where and labour involved by its "never was" the consequent waste of money, there was any difficulty". and improper selection rests on the young man of all entirely with the late Range a few months service to Officer Sub Engineer and Mark" this the only difficult Officer Sub Engineer and piece out - Conductor Seton and his

The C.E. expresses his regret in Council views his + read marked displeasure. I have no doubt the summary of conduct, in reference to this work with marked displeasure. Mark - but I cannot candidly and deserves such shall be that this case is one which placed on record. can be met -

W. O. S.

W. O. S. 6.2.78

in the interests of the public
Service -

~~The~~ Mr. Tison was entrusted
with a specific duty - and
failed to do it - Having
been entrusted with the
duty & not having done
it he reports in his diary
that he has done it - His disapproval of the
consequence of his mismanagement will be
act is that a bad road accident -

difficult to see - costly to
maintain has been made
at the public expense
when a good road could
have been equally well
made -

Public money has been
wasted by his mismanagement
and the Departmental
Service discredited by his
gross disobedience - and
want of judgment -

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Notes - (copy of the letter)
The District Engineer

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Cad. Dept.

No 2859 District Engineer's Office
Buddapah

Dated 1st February 1878
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From The District Engineer
of Buddapah

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir With reference to your Memorandum

No 4112 of 26th November 1877, requesting
me to report on the remarks made by the Special

Assistant Collector and the Collector's
thereon in the papers published with F.R.O.

No 2777 of 14th November 1877 Communi-
-Cated with Miscellaneous No 1724 W dated

20th Idem, I have the honor to inform you
that no application was ever made to me

to mark out the piece of road from the Public
- road at Taimpully Road to the foot of the

Turli Ghaut, nor was I asked for any map
or plan. Further I beg to state that I did

not know that this short piece of road had been
taken in hand until it had been in progress

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2. As an Estimate for the piece of road was necessary and as I thought it probable that the Revenue Department might ask to have this piece of road marked out so that they might stake it up as a famine work I directed this then Buddopah Range Officer to mark out this short piece and in his Diary for March 1877 Mr. Petou reported that he had marked out a trace. A sketch Survey had been ^{made} two or three years ago by Perceut. Simon but no levels or trial lines were taken to decide where the road should go and I had never been over the ground with the sketch in question. I consider that the direction taken is correct though the line is wrong and if Mr. Petou had marked out the trace, as he says he did, he would have at once seen that the line should have been taken more to the west. From inquiries made on the spot I learn that Mr. Petou did not go over the whole line, that he merely marked out the line from Poolivendla to Tainpully road as far as an old fort near the entrance into the hilly ground that he never went

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3. From the accompanying survey and levels you will see how easy it would have been to escape the steep part along which the road has been taken and the line would have been much more improved by turning off near A

4. The whole of the Country is rocky and as most of the rock has been removed on the existing line I agree with the Collector in not advocating any change but I would suggest assuming the gradients in the manner shown on the longitudinal section.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

P. H. G. Col of B
District Engineer
Buddopah

no: 1724 of 20-11-77.
C.E. 4112 of 26-11-77.

From
The District Engineer
of Cuddapah
To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

Camp Cuddapah
Dated 11th February 1878
Recd. No 2859 Encl 1

Since of road from the
Pulivendla to Vanipully
Road to the foot of Nallaghatta
I informed him
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portion of the condemned road
he himself traced, and what
portion he left to the young
Overseer to trace. ~~Upon receipt~~
~~of his reply, the Government~~
~~will consider whether or not~~
~~he should be inflicted upon him~~

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The District Engineer, Cuddapah
Do. Do. Vizagapatnam with plan — 4
with ~~enclosure~~

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Oct. of 1878 *Madrid*
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. Wm. Ladd

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

Q. O. 11 July 1878, No. *708 W*

Nos.

"*Letter called upon to
set forth the will
in the D. L. letter
regarding certain customs
and in the Circular D.*"

Sent in Reg