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Read the following paper :—

No. 199. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 10th March 1879, No. 2,092.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1,432, of the 29th January, regarding the frauds committed in Musiri Range during the time Mr. A. W. Hunter held charge, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from Major Vibart, R.E., regarding Overseer Kistnasawmy Pillay, and the bill prepared by him for work in Kottapolliem tank. I have little doubt that it would be possible to get this Overseer criminally convicted for cheating and attempt at cheating, but have not instituted proceedings against him as the matter is before Government, and they may be unwilling to undertake the criminal prosecution of a subordinate when the superior has been simply dismissed. In any case I would venture to request the early orders of Government with regard to this Overseer, who is now under suspension; also regarding Sub-Overseer Ramanjulu Iyah, whose suspension was reported in paragraph 9 of my letter above quoted.

From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated Trichinopoly, 18th February 1879, No. 1,332.

I have the honor to inform you that in November last I called upon Overseer Kistnasawmy Pillay to produce the measurements on which he had based the bill drawn up by him for Kottapolliem tank. He informed me that he had made up the bill from measurements furnished him by Mr. Hunter himself; that they were contained in one of Mr. Hunter's measurement books (then with Government); and that the book was half foolscap size, and that the figures covered seven and-a-half pages of the book. At the time I did not believe the statement of the Overseer, as I had previously looked in the said books for the measurements required and could not find them. I made a note of the Overseer's statement and resolved to wait till Government returned the books.

2. I have now received the books. I have ascertained in the first place that from the commencement of the work in July 1877 till Mr. Hunter left the district he never even once inspected, much less measured, the work done, and therefore could not have given his measurements to Kistnasawmy Pillay. Moreover, there is nothing relating to Kottapolliem tank measurements in Mr. Hunter's measurement books.

3. The Overseer has himself admitted that he never measured the work, and I believe he did not once inspect the work during progress, although the estimate was 5,500 rupees and the tank far the most important tank in his charge. The quantity of stone revetment billed for is precisely the same as the sums of the figures taken from the Sub-Overseer's weekly reports, and must have been arrived at from those statements; 1,000 cubic yards of jelly backing was allowed for in bill which does not actually exist, and the earthwork allowed for greatly exceeds that actually executed.

4. Under these circumstances there seems no escape from the conclusion that Overseer Kistnasawmy grossly neglected his duty in the first instance, and in the second that he prepared a false bill from fictitious measurements, by which means Government have been grossly defrauded of a large sum of money. The Overseer must of course be dismissed, but in addition to this perhaps the Government may desire to prosecute the Overseer for fraud and criminal breach of trust.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1879, No. 787 W.

RECORDED with reference to G.O., No. 671 W, dated 5th March 1879.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.

Exd. A. F. Goodhall.
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The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
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G.O., 18th March 1879, No. 787 W.

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Kistnasawmy Pillay, late Overseer, Trichinopoly District.—Report of criminal charges against —, received.

No. 2092 Supt. Engrs Office 5th Circle
Trichinopoly 10th March /79
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From,
J. W. Rundall Esquire
Acg. Supt. Engineer 5th Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer
P. Works Department.

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Your most obt. Servt.

J. W. Rundall

Acg. Supt. Engineer

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5th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
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No. 2092
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No 1332
Executive Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly 18th February 1879

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/signed/ H. M. Vibart. Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

/True copy/

I. W. Rundall

Ag. Superintending Engineer
5th Circle

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Under date the 15th March/79.

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Recorded