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Salem Collector's Office
Salem; 25th June 1880

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From

The Ag. Collector of Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In G. O., Revenue Department, 21st April 1879 No 856, the recovery of certain allowances wrongly paid to certain Local Fund Overseers employed in Famine Works was directed. A sum of Rs 76 had, under this Order, to be recovered from a Mr. Fobler, who is now employed under the Superintendent

-dent, Madras Harbour Works. That Officer was accordingly addressed on the subject and asked to recover the amount, but he declined, expressing a doubt whether he would be legally warranted in so doing. The Examiner of P. W. Accounts was then written to as it was supposed that the Harbour Works Bills were audited by him, and he in reply sent a copy of a letter from the Government Solicitor stating that there was no reason why the Superintendent, Harbour Works should not make the

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recovery requested, and suggested that the Superintendent should be again addressed, which was done. Mr. Thorowgood answered that Tobler repudiates the claim and that he (Mr. Thorowgood) objected to be made the collector of former debts on account of other works. This letter was forwarded to the Examiner, who then informed me that the salary of Mr. Tobler is not audited in his Office, and suggested that the Superintendent should be asked to call on Mr. Tobler to state the circumstances under which he repudiates the claim, and that if further difficulty were experienced the matter should be submitted to Government. Mr Thorowgood was addressed accordingly, and in reply his letter No 204 M dated 22nd June was received. I enclose copy of it and of the letter to which it is a reply, and I beg that Government will order Mr Thorowgood to stop it from Mr Fobler's pay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Ag Collector.

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From
The Dy Collector
of Salem
To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W. Department
Madras
Dated 25
Recd 28 June 1880
No. 169
Encl 2.

Requesting orders for the recovery of Rs76 from one Mr Fobbes employed under the Superintendent

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Salem Collector's office
18th June 1880

No 181

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From,
The Deputy Collector
in charge of the Treasury
Salem

To,
The Superintendent
of Madras Harbour
Works
Madras

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No 46 M dated 19th April last I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to call upon Mr Tobber to the circumstances under which he repudiates the claim made against him according to Government order No 556 dated 21st April 1879.

I further request th

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you will be good enough to recover the sum referred to in my letter No 551 of the 14th April by the stoppage of Mr Sabbie's pay.

3. If no answer is received within a week and if further difficulty is experienced in the adjustment of the claim the case will be submitted to the Government

I have &c

(Signed) S. Appaji Rao
Dy Collector

(True Copy)

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Dy. Mastr.

P.W.D.
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In a letter from the Dy Collector of Salem to the Secretary to Government P.W. Department Madras dated 25 June 1880 No. 169

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Copy of the Try Dy Collector's letter No 181 dated 18 June 1880.

No. 204 D.

From,
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

To
The Deputy Collector
in charge of the Treasury
Salem

Madras 22nd June 1880

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 181 of the 18th Instant I have the honor to state that apart of a certain threatening manner involved in the words I entirely agree with your last paragraph.

2 I suppose you are aware that the Madras Harbour Works are unlike other

other Government Works in the Presidency and are not officered by members of an uncovenanted Service or by the Public Works Department.

3. The task of keeping my diving staff in good working order, and indeed of keeping them together at all is so extremely difficult and has cost me such years of worry and anxiety that I am not prepared to calmly stop a large amount off a man's pay for a debt incurred elsewhere without either an order of Government or writ from a Court of law, as it will probably entail the loss to me of a skilled hand trained on the works.

If you had at first reported the case to Government instead of reserving such a course as a sort of last threat I think trouble would have been saved.

I have &c

(Signed) F. W. Thorowgood M. Inst. C.E.
Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

Compd

(True copy)

Ag. Collector.

P.W.D.
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In a letter from the Dy Collector of Salem to the Secretary to Govt. P.W. Department Madras dated 25th June 1880 No. 169

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Copy of letter No 204 dated 22nd June 1880 from the Superintendent Madras Harbour Works

No. 28 W. 87

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From

The SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept
Fort Saint George

MADRAS, July 2nd 1880

SIR,

In reply to your Memorandum No. 1616 of June 29th I have the honor to state that Mr. S. Fobler of these works commenced as a diver, but as he was not physically strong enough for that work he was transferred to the post of life line holder and signalman to the European divers.

2. His nominal pay is Rs 75 per mensem, but he in reality earns more by overtime as the divers work as long as daylight permits when the sea is

favourable. He occasionally makes his pay come up to Rs 90.

3. His wages are generally charged to "North Pier Block setting", but occasionally he has to be shifted to the South Pier, when "South Pier Block setting" bears the charge.

4. The post of life line holder requires a careful practised steady man.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servt

F. H. Kenwood Actg. Ch.
Superintendent

G. O. No 1816 - 29th June 1880
Mis No 1622 W 3/7 June/79

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General

From,
The Superintendent,
Madras Harbour Works

No. 28 W
Dated 2nd July 1880.

Mr. Hobbler

States that — is a life line man on Rs 75.

Cir 1.7.80 Retd 21.7.80 —
Cir 5.7.80 Retd 7.7.80

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

From the Ag: Collector of Salem, No. 169, dated 25th June 1880.
From the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, No. 28 W, dated 2nd July 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

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Mr. Hobbler was formerly a Local Fund Sub Overseer in the Salem Circle, and in common with other subordinates was granted by the Collector, without authority, certain extra allowances (amounting in all to Rs 76) during the famine.

2. The above amount his

has now been recovered, but Mr. Fobler has in the meantime quitted the Local Fund service, and is employed as a workman on the Madras Harbour Works.

3. Although for convenience sake paid by a monthly salary, Mr. Fobler is not a public servant but a workman, his pay being charged to specific items of work, and not to "Establishment".

4. It appears questionable whether the Superintendent could legally or equitably withhold a workman's pay in satisfaction of a debt which there is nothing to show that the latter has acknowledged.

Major R.E.
for Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

P.M.

FOR ORDERS.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

FOR ORDERS. with reference to the wording of the draft.

2. The claim is one by the Revenue Dept, and it is doubtful whether the P. W. Departt. can properly order it to be rectified. It appears better to simply decline to make the recovery, leaving further action to

be

FOR ORDERS.

be taken in the Revenue Department.

Major R.E.

for Secy. to Govt.

P.W.D.

15th July/80.

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for 12/7/80 Despd. 21/7/80

No. 1776 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 23 July/80

Read the following :—

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From the Actg. Collector of Salem } (No. 147 d/ 5th June/80)

„ „ Supdt. Madras Harbour Works (No. 224 d/ 2nd July 1880.)

The Government consider that Mr. Fowler is not in a position to ~~question~~ show the necessity of the claim against him by a stoppage from his pay.

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~~To the Collector of~~

Actg. ~~Salem~~

To Supdt. Mr. H. Works

Rev. Dept.

20th

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Govt. of (1880) Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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G. O. 23rd July 1880. No. 1776W.

Nos.

Mr. Jobler, [illegible] [illegible] - Mr Elworth.

Stating that the recovery of the claim against ~~him~~ by the Rev. Deptt cannot be made by stoppage from his pay.