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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Public Works. DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. / **B.P. No.** 2564 W **Press.** / **Mis.**

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2nd October 1882, No. 2564 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 9.

Read—the following papers :—

Petition from MEERASAH AMBALAM, dated 26th January 1882.
Do. do. do. „ 27th April 1882.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 8th May 1882, No. 81 M.D.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 250 C., of 1st February 1882, on the petition of contractor Meerasah Ambalam, herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that the work of constructing a hand-dredge at Pámban was one of the works there handed over to the Marine Department on the abolition of the Madura Division at the end of 1879-80.

1 Petition.
1 Copy of letter, No. 561, dated 24th January 1881.

2. The contractor appears to have reported the work complete, but it had not been inspected by a competent officer, and was 98 miles away from Madura, so that the Port Officer was requested to have the balance due settled when he considered the work satisfactorily completed.

3. Some correspondence then took place between the Port Officer at Pámban and the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, which the latter referred to me. As the work had been transferred to the Marine Department, I forwarded the papers to the Master Attendant, Administrative Department.

With my No. 1231 T.C. of 16th December 1880.

4. The latter officer with his letter, No. 561, of 24th January 1881, sent me statements of expenditure for countersignature, and informed me he had addressed Government with regard to the adjustment of the accounts of the Pámban hand-dredge. It would seem therefore that he was satisfied the work had been completed.

5. The statements sent for countersignature were returned to the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, duly countersigned by the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, with my letter, No. 1623 T.C., of the 12th March 1881.

6. As all the accounts of the work were handed over to the Port Officer, Pámban, by Mr. Grimes, I have no means of knowing what balance would have been due him on the completion of the work, but I observe by his petition that he claims Rs. 678-8-0. The Master Attendant stated he was arranging to settle with the contractor, and he has never given me any explanation of why he has not done so.

No. 1039 C.

Transferred to the Marine Department for disposal.

(By Order.)

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

11th May 1882.

No. 124.

Referred to Master Attendant for report whether the claim is well founded.

Ootacamund,
17th May 1882.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

No. 9-A.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th June 1882, No. 5474.

In returning the papers forwarded to me for report under endorsement, No. 124, dated 17th May 1882, I have the honor to state that, according to a letter from the Officiating Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly Division, No. 378, dated 6th December 1880, the expenditure in connection with the Pámban hand-dredge, in the Public Works Department, up to September, was Rs. 10,682-13-4, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,357-2-8. The hand-dredge was delivered over by the Public Works Department to the Port Officer, Pámban, in an unfinished state, and the work was continued by the contractor engaged by the Public Works Department to execute it. The sums * adjusted in this department, through the Port Officer, Pámban, were as follow:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Paid to Contractor	1,225	12	6
„ Blacksmith	30	0	0
„ Public Works Department	125	4	6
	1,381	1	0

* *Vide* this office letter to Government, No. 364, dated 18th January 1881.

2. A further † sum of Rs. 102-4-0 was said to be payable by the Public Works Department to the contractor for materials supplied for the hand-dredge *prior to its transfer to the Port Officer, Pámban*, and bills were passed and returned to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, on the 26th April 1881, in view to the money being drawn from the Madura Treasury and the claims adjusted.

† *Vide* this office letter to Government, No. 2954, dated 30th March 1881.

3. The contractor afterwards applied to this office for payment of a sum of Rs. 777-15-10 *for work done in connection with the hand-dredge in the Public Works Department*, but as in the Executive Engineer's letter, No. 378, dated 6th December 1880, wherein he fully goes into the claims remaining to be adjusted on the transfer of the hand-dredge work to the Port Officer, Pámban, no mention is made of the above claim, the contractor was informed that it was inadmissible in the Marine Department. Nothing is known in this department regarding the matter, and I am therefore unable to say whether the claim is well founded.

No. 9-B.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 21st September 1882, No. 342 M.D.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 412 E., of 14th July 1882, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a report by the Officiating Executive Engineer, Madura, giving all information available regarding the claim made by Meerasah Ambalam for a further payment on account of the hand-dredge at Pámban. The enclosures of your endorsement are herewith returned.

One Executive Engineer's report.
Eight enclosures received with No. 412 E., dated 14th July 1882.

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Enclosure.

From J. JOHNSTON, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle, dated Madura, 19th September 1882, No. 1455.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 235 M.D., 20th July 1882, with eight enclosures, now returned, I have the honor to report that on the 7th instant I inspected the hand-dredge at Pámban with the Port Officer who had made arrangements to set it working in my presence. The Port Officer informed me that the dredge had been in working for two years, and that in his opinion it had been quite completed. I examined the dredge carefully and witnessed the revolution of the buckets, though on account of the heavy swell and rocky bottom it was not possible to set it actually at work. In my opinion the dredge has been completed.

		RS.	A.	P.
2. The amount of the estimate was		13,040	0	0
Expenditure in Public Works Department		10,682	13	4
Balance ...		2,357	2	8
Expended in Marine Department after withdrawal of Public Works Department.	1,381 1 0 102 4 0	1,483	5	0
Balance remaining ...		873	13	8

3. The petitioner, the brother of the old contractor who is now dead, states that Rs. 678-8-0 are due to him. On a former occasion, when called upon by Captain Baker, permanent Port Officer, the petitioner was not able to point out the items of work he states still remain unpaid for. The petitioner, however, is unacquainted with the technical terms of the details of a dredge, and his ignorance is no proof that the sum he claims is not due to him. On the other hand the carpenter employed by Government on the work states that the claim is a false one. I was not able to distinguish by my own inspection the items payment for which is now claimed. However as the dredge has been in working order for two years, I consider that there is some truth in the claim, though to what extent I am not prepared to state definitely. The Overseer in charge of the construction of the dredge, as stated in paragraph 4 of Trichinopoly Executive Engineer's letter, No. 378, dated the 5th December 1880, reported that the claim was a just one.

4. Under these circumstances I see no option but to pay to the petitioner the sum claimed by him.

No. 10.

Order—dated 2nd October 1882, No. 2564 W., Public Works.

As the Overseer in charge of the construction of the dredge admits the validity of the contractor's claim to Rs. 678-8-0, the amount will be paid in the Marine Department, the work having been taken over by that department.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
„ Marine Department.

Exd. C. Howarth.
Spare Copies.

GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1882) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 2nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 2nd Oct. 1882, No. 2564 W.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 9-10.

Hand-dredge at Pamban.

The claim of the Contractor for Rs. 678-8-0 for the construction of the —, ordered to be paid in the Marine Department.

3/2564

To
Colonel R. H. Sankey
Secretary D. P. W.
Madras.

The humble petition of [illegible] Ambalam Contractor for the construction of the hand Dredge at Pamban.

Most respectfully Sheweth:

That the petitioner addressed your Honor on the 11th January last regarding the balance due to him on the work done for the Dredge for which no reply has as yet been received.

The contract was given to your petitioner's brother [illegible] Chetty in 1877 for Rs 1204 but he having died in 1877 & all his business had devolved on your petitioner. The Contract agreement having been kept in the overseer's office your petitioner is unable to produce the document. The work was commenced immediately after the contract was given i.e in April 1877 & completed on 5th March/80. Out of

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the amount of Contract Rs 13040 payments were made before September 79 amounting in all to Rs. 10597. 11. 10 and the balance as per memo dated 24th May/79. furnished to your petitioner by the Executive Officer in charge of the Madura Division was Rs 2442-4-2. During the same year the public works at Pamban having been transferred to the Marine Deptt your Petitioner was directed by the Port Officer at Pamban on 30th June 1879 to finish the work of the hand Dredge & was paid by the same Officer on 21st August 1880 Rs 141.15.6 & on 18th June 1881 Rs 1225-12-6 making a total of Rs 1367.12.0 and leaving a balance of Rs 1074.8.2. Out of this amount deducting Rs 396-„-2 for works not done by your petitioner the balance Rs 678.8-„ is due to him. The Master Attendant Madras declines to pay the cash balance on the score of the work for which the amount is due having been made during the time when the dredge was in charge of the P.W.D. Annexure A. gives the details of these works.

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On the completion of the work the Port Officer at Pamban declining to submit your Petr's bill for the whole amount due [illegible] submit a bill only for such amount as was due of the work done after the Dredge was handed over to the Port Officer. Your Petr was therefore obliged to split the amount and submit seperate Bills now the Master Attendant Madras states that your petitioner's claim for the amount due is inadmissible in the Marine Deptt.

Your Petitioner most humbly & respectfully solicits your honor to take this matter into your kind consideration & to issue orders for the payment of the balance due to the petitioner as early as practicable. He has been kept very long waiting for the payment on account of which he has sustained much loss. 1 anna 8 [illegible] stamp is enclosed for reply.

G. J. Phillips

Pamban
17. 4. 82

[illegible] recd
[illegible]
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Annexure

Bolts nuts & keys	292 -
Round plate with 4 stands	231 - 12
358 [illegible]	134 - 4 -
[illegible]	20 -
Total	678 - 8

SUPERINTENDING ENGR
17 JUL 82
6th CIRCLE

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No. 378

Trichinopoly Dn. Office
6th December 1880
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From
The Offg. Executive Engineer
Trichinopoly Division

To
The Supdg. Engineer
3rd Circle
Trichinopoly

Sir

912 In forwarding the enclosed original letter No. 322 dated 2nd October 1880, together with copies of correspondence & documents marked A to H, received from the Port Officer, Paumben, for your disposal, I have the honor to state that the papers are in connection with the outlay on the construction of a dredge &c. for the Paumben channel. The Executive Engineer of the late Madura Division appears to have forwarded to the Port Officer the documents marked A. B. & C. for adjustment in his Accounts as the Division had been abolished, but the Port Officer in addition to those now forwards documents marked D to G. for adjustment in the Public Works Accounts.

2 – The documents marked A to F. amount to Rupees 1351-1-0. If to this is added Rupees 30 for Black Smith the total comes to Rupees 1381-1-0, as shewn in the margin of copy of letter No 270 dated 7th September 1880 from the Port Officer to the Master Attendant, Madras. This sum the Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, wants to be adjusted in the Public Works Accounts.

3 – Document marked G is the Work Abstract on account of construction of a Dredge for the Paumben channel, Estimate Rupees 13040; outlay on this work up to September 1880, as shewn in the Accounts of the late Madura Division, amounts to Rupees 10682-13-4, leaving a balance of Rupees 2357-2-8 from the Estimate; if funds are provided from this balance the liabilities referred to in para 2 may be adjusted.

4 – Overseer Hanumantha Iyer, who was then in charge of works at Paumben, was asked to give any information on the subject; he says that the claim above referred is also due to Monsieur Decoseth on account of iron castings received from him, but he is not certain whether this sum has been paid. On looking into the records of the late Madura Dn I can find no information whatever with regard to this & other items, except a memo marked H. A copy of this memo appears to have been forwarded to the Port Officer for information with regard to the balance of Estimate to be worked out –

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5 – With regard to documents marked B. & C. I beg to state that the Port Officer simply returned them with the letter under reference. These documents amount to Rupees 102-4-0, being the amount of liabilities due to the Contractors, who supplied materials for the maintenance of Paumben channel, & for construction of the Mud boat. If no funds can be allotted the Port Officer may be asked to adjust the amount from the sums that may be at his disposal –

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obdt. Servt.

C. Kenfor

Offg. Exec. Engineer Eighth Dn.

SUPERINTENDING ENGR.
17 JUL 82
6TH CIRCLE

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No. 378

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From
The Offg. Executive Engr.
2nd Dist. Pamban &c.

To
The Supdg. Engineer
3rd Circle

Dated 6th
Recd. 7th } December /80
Encl.

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Construction of a Hand Dredge for the Pamban Channel &c.

Forwards for disposal

To

Col. R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Secretary P.W.D.
Madras.

The humble petition of Meerasah Ambalam contractor for the construction of the Hand Dredge at Pamban.

Most respectfully sheweth:

That the Petitioner begs to submit some particulars regarding the balance due to him on the work done for the Dredge with the hope of obtaining your honor's kind consideration and decision.

The contract was given to your Petitioner's brother Ineeoay Ebrakee in 1877. for Rs 13040 but he having died in 1879 all his business had devolved on your Petitioner. The contract agreement having been kept in the Overseer's office your Petitioner is unable to produce the document. The work was commenced immediately after the contract was given i.e. in April /77 and completed on 1st March /80 out of the amount of contract Rs 13040 payments

connected with the construction

payments were made before September 79 amounting in all to Rs 10597-11-10 and the balance as per memo dated 24th May 1879 furnished to your Petitioner by the executive officer in charge of the Madura Division was Rs 2442-4-2.

During the same year the public works at Pamban having been transferred to the Marine Deptt your Petitioner was directed by the Port Officer at Pamban on 20th June/79 to finish the work of the hand Dredge & was paid by the same officer on 21st August/80 Rs 141-15-6 and on 8th June/81 Rs 1225-12-6 making a total of Rs 1367-12-„ and leaving a balance of Rs 1074-8-2. Out of this amount deducting Rs 396-„-2 for works not done by your Petitioner the balance Rs 678-8-„ is due to him.

The Master Attendant Madras declines to pay this last balance ~~on the~~ score of the works for which the amount is due having been made during the time when the Dredge was in charge of the D.P.W.

Annexure A gives the details of these works.

On the completion of the work the Port Officer at Pamban declining to submit your Ptrs Bill for the whole amount directed him to submit a bill only for such amount as was due for the works done after the Dredge was handed over to the Port Officer. Your Petitioner was therefore obliged to split the amount & submit separate Bills. Now the Master Attendant Madras states that your Petitioner's claim is inadmissible in the Marine Deptt.

Your Petitioner most humbly and respectfully solicits your honor to take this matter into your kind consideration and to issue orders for the payment of the balance due to the Ptr as early as practicable. He has been kept very long waiting for the payment on account of which he has sustained much loss.

Your Petitioner has on several occasions addressed the Superintending Engineer regarding the same and was not favored with any reply.

Should

connected with the construction

Should the Petitioner not obtain his balance he thinks he shall be compelled to seek a civil remedy.

For which act he shall as in duty bound ever pray.

Pamban
26-1-82

Ex contractor
of the Hand Dredge

Annexure A

	Rs. As. Ps.
Bolts nuts & Keys	292-8-"
Round plate with 45 land	231-12-"
358 drilles @ 6 annas	134-4-"
Canoe hire etc	20-"-"
Total	678-8-"

No. 250 C of 1st Feby/82

Forwarded to the Supdg Engineer 6 Circle for perusal and return with remarks.

(By order)

Lt. Col. R.E.
Acg Ch. Engr.

J W

31/1/82

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
17 JUL 82
6th CIRCLE

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
3 FEB 82
6th CIRCLE

Administrative Deptt

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No. 561.

Madras Marine Office
24th January 182.

From,

The Dy: Master Attendant in charge
Administrative Department
Madras.

To,

The Supg Engineer
3rd Circle.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated December 16th last, No. 1231 T.C., I have the honor to forward the Statements of Expenditure &c as per margin for your counter-signature and return. The Government have been addressed with regard to the adjustment of the accounts connected with the construction

7 Statements of expenditure on account of Pamban Hand Dredge marked. A.
3. —Do— marked. B.
1. —Do— marked - C.
1. Memo of stores and value of work done marked. D.
1. —Do— of expenditure marked H.

of the Pamban Hand Dredge.

I have &c.

|Sd| I. Marshale

Dy: Master Attendant in charge

administrative Dept.

|True Copy|

I. Beatty Col. R.E.

Supg. Engineer 6th Circle.

2nd Octr. 1882, 2564 W.

No. 81 M. D.

Supd. Engineer's office.

Trichinopoly, 8th May 1882.

10/2564

From

Colonel I. Beatty R.E.

Supd. Engineer, 6 circle.

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.

Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Enclo: 2.
Petition
copy of
letter No.
561/10.1.81

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 250 C of 1st February 1882 on the petition of Contractor Mirasa Ambalum, herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that the work of constructing a hand dredge at Pamban was one of the works there handed over to the Marine Department on the abolition of the Madura Division at the end of 1879-80.

2. The Contractor appears to have reported the work complete, but it had not been inspected by a competent officer, and was 98 miles

away from Madura, so that the Port officer was requested to have the balance due settled when he considered the work satisfactorily completed.

3. Some correspondence then took place between the Port officer at Pamban, and the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly, which the latter referred to me. As the work had been transferred to the Marine Department, I forwarded the papers to the Master Attendant Administrative Department.

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5. The statements sent for countersignature were returned to the Master Attendant Administrative Department duly countersigned by the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly with my letter No 1623 T.C of the 12th March 1881.

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6. As all the accounts of the work were handed over to the Port officer, Pamban by Mr Grimes, I have no means of knowing what balance would have been due him on the completion of the work, but I observe by his petition that he claims Rs 678—8—". The Master Attendant stated he was arranging to settle with the contractor, and he has never given me any explanation of why he has not done so.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
C. Beatty. Col R.E.
Supg Engineer, 6 Circle.

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P.W.C. No. 2981

From,
The Supdt. Engineer
6th Circle.

To,
The Chief Engr.
P.W.D.

No. 81 M.D.
Dated 8th May /82

Enclo: 2.

Mirasa Ambalam
Contractor of Hand
Dredge at Pambam

Reports on the
petition from —

12/2884 P.W. Department

No. 1039C

Petition from Meerasah Ambalam
Contractor dated 26th January 1882.

Petition from Meerasah Ambalsam
Contractor dated 17th April 1882.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer
6th Circle No. 81 M.D. dated 8th May/82

Endorsement

Transferred to
the Marine Department for
Disposal.

(By order,

11th May/81

R W Thompson Lt. Col. R.E.
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

To
P.C. No. The Marine Department

p. 67 - 4 - 2 - M. Mr.
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Reference

No. 124

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Referred to Master Attendant for report whether the claim is well-founded.

C. Master

C. G. Chief Secretary

Ootacamund
17 May/82

Note—This paper should be returned with reply.

17 May 82

Marine 1882 / Dep

Public Works Department.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER 17 JUL 82 5TH CIRCLE

No. 1039 C.
Dated 11th May/82.
Despatched
Received 13

CURRENT No. 339

SUBJECT.

Claim of Mr. Ambalam, Contract for making a Hand Dredge at Paum

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Administrative Department.

No. 5474 14/2864 5 P

MADRAS,
Marine Office,
30th June 1882.

From
J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R.,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras,

To
C. G. Master Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

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× Vide this Office letter to Govt. No. 364 d/ 18th Jany 1881

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— " — to Public Works Department	— " —	125 – 4 – 6
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* Vide this Office letter to Govt. No. 2954 d/30th March /81.

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was informed that it was inadmissible in the Marine Department. Nothing is known in this Department regarding the matter, and I am therefore unable to say whether the claim is well founded.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J W Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
17 JUL 82
6th CIRCLE

Marine (188) DEPARTMENT.
(Edn)

From
THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
Madras,

To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

Office Note

To Secy.
P.W.D.

I propose to re-transfer the case to you. Do you agree?

Chief Secy.
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Note

Papers transfd by Finl. Dept. 12-7-82

No. 5474

Dated Despd 30 June
Received 4 July 1882

No.

~~CURRENT No. 4490~~

Cl No 339 returned

Subject.

Reporting on the claims preferred by Veerasa Ambalam a Contractor who built the Paumben Hand Dredge

OL 29-7.

Over

Superintending Engineers office
No. 342 M.D. Trichinopoly 21st Septr/82

16/2564

From Col. J. Beatty R.E.
Superintending Engr. 6 C.

To Col. R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer. P.W. Deptt.

Encl: 9.
1. Exec: Engr's report.
8. Enclosures received with No 412 E / 14.7.82

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 412 E of 14th July 1882, I have the honor to forward herewith a report by the Offg. Exe. Engineer Madura giving all information available regarding the claim made by Virasa Ambalam for a further payment on account of the hand dredge at Paumben. The Enclosures of your Endorsement are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.
J. Beatty Col. R.E.
Superintending Engr. 6. Circle

W.C. No. 6470

From,
The Supg Engineer
6: Circle.
To,
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 342 M.D.

Dated 21st September/87

Enclo: 9.

Claim made by Meraca Ambalam for a further payment on account of the hand dredge at Pamban.

Reports on the —

O.L. 54-9
only 26/9 Re 2/10

No. 1455

Madura
19 September/87

From,
The Executive Engineer
Madura Division

17/2564

To,
The Supt Engineer
6 Circle
Trichinopoly

Sir,

En. — 8

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Balance — 2357-2-8
Expended in Marine Dept after withdrawal of P.W. Department } 1381-1-0
102-4-0
1483-5-0

Balance remaining Rs — 873-13-8

3. The petitioner the brother of the old Contractor who is now dead states that Rupees 678-8-0 are due to him - On a former occasion when called upon by Captain Baker, permanent Port Officer, the petitioner was not able to point out the items of work he states still remain unpaid for - The petitioner however is unacquainted with the technical terms of the details of a Dredge and his ignorance is no proof that the sum he claims is not due to him - On the other hand the Carpenter employed by Govt on the work states that the claim is a false one - I was not able to distinguish by my own inspection the items payment for which is now claimed. However as the Dredge has been in working order for two years I consider that there is some truth in the claim though to what extent I am not prepared to state definitely - The Overseer in charge of the construction of the Dredge as stated in para 4 of Trichinopoly Executive Engineer's letter No $\frac{378}{6.12.80}$ reported that the claim was a just one -

4. Under these circumstances I see no option but to pay to the petitioner

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the sum claimed by him.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant
John C Johnston
Executive Engineer
Madura Division

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G.O. No. 536-Md

No. 1455 20 82

From
The Executive Engineer
Madura Division
To
The Superintending Engineer
6th Circle
Trichinopoly.

Dated 19th Septr 1882
Despd 19th "

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Hand Dredge at Paumben – States that the – has been inspected and that the claim made by the petitioner appears to be correct –

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 2d October/82

Read the following :—

Petition from Meerasah Ambalam (Nil. d/ 26th Jany 1882)
do do (" " 27th April ")
From The Supdg Engr Sixth Circle (" No 81 M.D. d/ 8th May ")
" Master Attendant thro' the Marine Dept (" " 5474 d/ 30th June ")
" Supdg Engr Sixth Circle (" " 342 M.D. d/ 21st Septr ")

As the Overseer in charge of the construction of the dredge admits the validity of the Contractor's claim to Rs 678-8-", the amount will be paid in the Marine Dept, the work having been taken over by that Dept.

S.E. Sixth Circle ✓
Marine Dept ✓
despd 10/10/82.
Chief Secy for counter initials.

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Govt. of (1882) Madras

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Recd. Encl.

G. O. 4th Oct. 1882, No. 2564.

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Hand Dredge at Pamb

The claim of the Contractor for Rs 678-8-0 for the Constn of the — ordered to be paid in the Marine Deptt.

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Entd. in Receipt Regr.