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Cochin 15th June 1860

The Executive Engineer,
Salem Division.

To The Examiners,
P. W. Accounts,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to let me have the services of a competent Head Accountant to help in clearing off arrears which have occurred in this Office.

I have given my Office Accountant ample time to dispose of these but as I don't see any probability of this being done, I am compelled to ask the services of a man from your Office. Please send him down immediately as I should like to see him.

the work brought up to date
before I move my estab-
-lishment to the new Head
Quarters at Assoor.

I have &c.

Sgt. J. D. Bell

Exe. Engineer,
Salem Divn.

True Copy

H. Bell

Executive Engineer
Salem Divn.

A. H. C.

Executive Engineer's Office,

No. $\frac{m}{293}$

SALEM DIVISION,

Camp Parambary. 18th October 80

FROM

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Salem Division.

TO

THE

Examiners of P. W. Accounts,

Madras.

SIR,

Enclosure.

I have the honor to report that
the Head Accountant of this office has
become very careless and indifferent
to his duties. It is with great difficulty
and that after repeated reminders
from my branch office, I am able to
get any reference attended to. He has
very often mislaid letters and delays
disposing others for months together,
that I have had recourse to keep
now a list of all important papers
sent to him as a check to the disposal
being made. His books are not
kept with sufficient care. I have
very often warned him for his care-
lessness but it makes no impression
or improvement so I have the honor

to request that you will caution him that
severe notice will be taken if he does
not conduct his work better in future.

He has a competent clerk given him
wholly for accounts and any other
assistance he wants the other members
of office help. It is not long ago I
had to get an additional hand
from your office to clear off arrears,
and I very much fear if Mr. Dean
does not personally attend better
to his work, I shall have to call
again for assistance.

I have &c &c
H. J. M. Bell
Executive Engineer

(True copy)

H. Bell
Executive Engineer
Salem Division

A. E.

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From

J. M. Bell Esq^{re}
Executive Engineer
Salem Division

To

Colonel R. H. Tankey R. E. C. B.
Chief Eng^r & Secy. to Govt.
D. P. Works

Madras.

thro' the Supg Eng^r 2^d Circle
Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of letter
N^o 222 W. dated 1st March (from
the Examiner P. W. Accounts
reporting on the state of accounts
of this Division) printed with
G. O. N^o 642 dated 15th March 1881

2 With reference to the above
I would wish to point out certain
statements made by the Examiner
which

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to which are not correct, and which
have led Government to take
an unfavorable view of my work
in this Division. Neither the Audit
notes nor any letter from the
Examiner brought to notice that
the account work of my office
was falling into arrears, but my
report to the Examiner as seen
in the accompanying copies of
letters, in which I have prominently
put forward the unsatisfactory way
Mr. Deaw was conducting his work.
I found that very many records
were missing under his charge;
that letter, on which I was informed
by Examiner that 4 reminders were
sent, had never come to my hands,
and that many other papers
which I must infer were sent
in covers marked "Accounts"
have never been registered in the
books

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books as received. As my duties
required my constant inspection
of works in District, I adopted
what I thought was the best
means of being informed of the
disposal of business in office, and
the Accountant was ordered to
send a weekly list of unanswered
references. It was with the
greatest difficulty I could get
him to attend to this, and when
he did comply, I afterwards
found that many references were
omitted. When I found that
the man was persistently careless,
and loading all arrangements
to keep the office work out of
arrears, I had no other alternative
but to request the Examiner
to have him removed as I could
not myself depute any other
member of my Establishment to
take

take up the account duties. The reason why Gnamothoo Pillay the new Accountant was so long in taking over the accounts of Office will therefore be obvious. So many records were missing and the vouchers thrown into so much confusion that it was impossible to sign the transfer Certificate before same sent of order was made.

3. Mr. Dean had one clerk exclusively for assisting in Accounts and when he required it other clerks were detailed to help him, and none of the arrears have taken place on this account.

Mr. Dean's work in this office has only been his legitimate duties and if he had attended to them and taken any interest in his work there would have been

been no cause for my reporting his conduct.

4. My halts at Head Quarters altho' of short duration were sufficient to go over the Cash Book ^{and disposal of correspondence} the duty of Compiling the different forms of Accounts I have always regarded being the work of the Accountant.

5. The remark I made in one of my reports to Examiner that Mr. Dean was a dangerous man to have charge of accounts of a Division has been further borne out by the misappropriation amounting to Rupees 233, which I have reported to the Examiner subsequently. I should wish here to remark that the insinuation made by the Examiner in fourth para is most offensive and uncalled for.

to 6. In conclusion I would
begin to point out that the charge
made against me for neglecting
my Office to "take Care of
itself" is not borne out by
facts, as every irregularity
complained of by the Examiner
was first brought to his notice
by myself and moreover the
system of allowing Accountants
to open Covers marked "Accounts"
gives them an opportunity of
making away with documents
that might help the Ex Engr
to discover any irregularities
at once.

7. I trust Government will
now see that I have not
neglected my office, as
represented by the Examiner
and that tho' I have not
given special attention to accounts

about, having important outdoor
work in connection with surveys
of Marandahully Project &c, I have
done all that could reasonably
be expected of me and
which would have been
sufficient to keep the office
in order if Mr. Dean had
been equal to his work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

H. Perin.
Executive Engr.
Salem Division

From

The Executive Engr
Salem Division

To The Chief Engr & Secy to Govt
B.P.W.

Madras

Thro the Supg Engr & Circle

Dated 12 }
Desp^d 12 } April/81
Recd }

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Explanation to the
structures passed in G.O.
N^o 642 W. of 11th March/81

Submits

with regard to the state
of the accounts of Salem
Division

No. 166
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Enclosure
1. Encl. letter.

The enclosed letter from Mr. Bell
Executive Engineer is forwarded, as
requested, in original to the Chief Engr.
The Supg. Engineer has already in his
letter No. 140/B dated 29th March, given his
opinion of the Examiner's letter No. 222 W dated
12th March 1881.

C. N. 2064
not yet despd
7-19/81

Camp Ootacamund
16th April 1881

M. M. M. Major, R.E.,
Supg. Engineer, 2nd Circle

&
The Chief Engineer
J. W. D.

P.N. 1881 Dept^o

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From

The Surg Eng
2 Dec

~~Exhibit 10 of 4th 4th~~

Dated 18.
Recd 19 } April/81

~~Account of 1st 1st~~
~~Exhibit 10 of 4th 4th~~

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B h. 901 w of 5 April/82

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Laded, the
subject having been
separately disbanded of
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Explanations to the
structures passed in C. O. M.
642 H of 11 March/81

Forwards Mr Bell's
& states that the Surg Eng's
opinion has been given in
No. 146 of 29 March/81

Account of 1st 1st
Exhibit 10 of 4th 4th
No. 901 w of 5 April/82

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Encl. in Receipt Capt. W. Thorne