of a Supervisor in this Department and it is clear that in the existing relations it would be very undesirable to allow him to return to the Nellore Division.

8. With every desire to make allowances for the difficulties of this position and other extenuating circumstances the undersigned is of opinion that the requirements of the case will be sufficiently met by (1) reducing Mr. Laskey from 2nd to 3rd grade Sub. Engineer and (2) by transferring him to the 1st Circle for employment in the Western Godavari Division in room of Supervisor Mahony who is to take up the Damagadum Sub. division.

9. For supplying

Mr. Laskey's place in the Nellore Division the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle will arrange when convenient for the transfer of Serft. Cope to the 2nd Circle. Serft. Cope will now be promoted to Supervisor 2nd Grade.

(Sd) R.H.S.

S.E. 1st & 2nd Circles.

No 750 C. a/30

March 1882

Report on Mr J W. Lashley, Sub. Engineer, Nellore Division with Executive Engineers reasons for considering that Mr Lashley is of no use to him.

1. I took charge of the Nellore Division towards the end of October 1880 and I found everything in the Division in a state of the utmost neglect. Mr Lashley had held charge of the Division for about six months, before that he was in charge of the late Cuyole Division and at one time he was in charge of the Gudur Sub. Division so he ought to have been well acquainted with the District, its necessities and resources. I did not make any special enquiry into Mr Lashley's administration but certain facts connected therewith were forced on my notice and I will state a few of them.

Answered in para 3- Mr

2. The Division Statement of Objectionable Items extended over sixty pages and contained several hundred Items, I could not find any trace of an effort to remove the Objections and reduce the List.

Answered in para 4 & 5 & Appendix B. Mr

(a) The Returns of Tools & Plant were in the greatest confusion

I had to write to the various Local Fund Boards to ascertain from them what they had received some months before as the Pools transferred were not known. Mr. Lasley had handed over large numbers of Pools in excess of the numbers authorized by Government and a large sum had to be recovered from the Guntur Circle by me in consequence. Mr. Lasley had issued orders on the subject to his Subordinates but he had done nothing towards seeing that his orders had been carried out.

(b) The condition of the valuable Machinery in the Workshops, of the Plant at the Anicut and of all the Head Works was extremely bad nothing had been done to keep things in good order. Answered in Journ: 4 C.I.

(c) There were three large Breaches in the Pennair Left Embankment, one a very dangerous one just above the Anicut, when I asked Mr. Lasley why they were open in October, he denied all knowledge of them. In 1875 nearly 1½ lakhs of Rupees were spent because the Anicut was turned at the site of this Breach. Rev. in Journ: 5.

(d) For six months Mr. Lasley had confined his travels almost entirely to the Nellore Taluq, he drew extra pay while he was in charge of the Division and Rs 5 a day Travelling Rev. in Journ: 6.

MWD 5.2.

Explained in Journ: 7.

Allowance and he simply circled round Head Quarters to earn the latter, I found no trace of any good work instituted by him. The Northern Taluqs (Ongole, Kanigiri Kandukur and Kavali) had been devastated by the Cyclone of November '79, Mr. Lasley was well aware of the deplorable condition of their Irrigation Works but he did not go near them, not a single Estimate for complete Repairs was sent in, one Overseer without a Levelling Instrument was left in charge of the four Taluqs, he was not visited and he had no instructions.

Explained in Journ: 8 & 9.

3. A very large sum was due for Emergent Repairs of Breached Tanks, the work had been done without Estimates, Mr. Lasley had simply written to the Villagers to do what was necessary and it would be measured and paid for, there was no proper Supervision, old pits were cleared out much useless work was done and when the Superintending Engineer sent positive orders to stop the work, Mr. Lasley remained in Nellore Taluq and did nothing to measure up the pits, the result was that they had to be measured up after the rains of 1880 and disputes have been endless.

Rev. in Journ: 10.

× Rev. in 12.

MWD 5.2.

4. During the six months Mr Lasley was in charge of the Division not more than three Estimates for complete repairs of non. Delta Tanks were I believe submitted to the Superintending Engineer, the result was that the working season of 1881 was almost entirely lost.

Explained in paras. 13. 9. 14.

The few Estimates and Designs forwarded by Mr Lasley show no trace of having received any attention from him, he Estimated for converting the old Barracks at Ongole into a House for the Pub. Collector, his plan of the old building is so inaccurate that the work Estimated for cannot be carried out. The old building had a coupled roof of 18 feet span, the couples had forced out the walls which were badly erected and had to be supported by Buttresses, Mr Lasley's design allowed for removing the Buttresses and putting on a new coupled roof without any ties to keep the walls together. Mr Lasley's designs for the out. buildings were so faulty that the buildings must have collapsed before the last tile had been placed on their roofs.

Do. in paras 15, 16, & 17.

WMD
S.E.

While Mr Lasley was earning his Travelling Allowance in the Nellore Taluq, the Post Office at Thavali was commenced, the floor is so low that the building is inundated in the rains, Mr Lasley was sent by me to see the Post Office and he reported favourably on it.

Referred in paras. 18.

All works were given to selected Contractors, no tenders were called for, there was no competition, estimated Rates were given. Overseers appointed Contractors to carry out large works.

Do in paras. 19.

5. When I took charge of the Division the Accounts were in such confusion that I had to write to the various Treasury Officers to ascertain the credit balances.

Do in para. 20.

The Cash and Cheque Books were kept by the Accountant who wrote out the Cheques, the Accountant had charge of a Savings Bank Book for a Contractor's Deposit of over Rs 2000, the deposit being payable to the Contractor and a Suit for the return of the Book being then pending in the District Court.

Explained in 21. and appendix F.

6. Mr Lasley carried out extensive repairs to his Office in Ongole and charged the cost of the work to a Local

WMD
S.E.

Fund Chattrum some 40 miles away, Mr Lasley had no scruples about employing extra Clerks in his Office and charging their pay to works. Explained in the 22nd Para.

7. I have not entrusted any Executive work to Mr Lasley, early in 1881 I sent him to the northern Talups to measure work and prepare Completion Certificates and he had written orders to go on to Guntur, he disobeyed these orders and returned to Nellore against my wish, he had a plausible excuse but his real reason was I am sure to avoid hard work, as Government subsequently sanctioned the omission of the Completion Certificates for Guntur works, I did not send Mr Lasley back again. *I made this observation in my No D. of the 19th January 82 to Supg. Engr. Explained in the 23d Para.

8. Since April 1880 Mr Lasley has had charge of the Revised Estimates for Sarvapalli Project, he has had an Overseer to help him and the out-door work has only lately been completed, Mr Lasley has I believe done nothing whatever himself, he gives orders and moves about to earn Travelling Allowance, I do not think Mr Lasley ? 1881 Dr W.R. Explained in my No D. of the 19th Jany. MR S.E.

Explained in Para. 24.

has levelled a mile or taken a Cross Section for years, when I pressed him on this point he prevaricated so much that I took some of the important levels myself as I saw that he could not be trusted. Owing to great pressure of work I have during my short stays at Head Quarters been unable to give more than a few minutes to the Project, I gave general orders about Levels and Cross Sections of existing Channels and when new works or designs for improvements had to be drawn I gave written or verbal orders to Mr Lasley, I find that in the following cases he disobeyed my orders

Do. in Para. 25.

1st The new floor of Stonehousepett Bridge is not to be a masonry invert

2d & 3d The new Bridges over the Sarvapalli Channel are to be of minimum dimensions.

His disobedience was deliberate, the Plans are useless and the Draughtsman's time has been wasted.

9. To sum up my reasons for thinking Mr Lasley incompetent

1st He will give orders but does nothing

to enforce them.

2ly His abilities are exceedingly slight, he muddles everything he undertakes.

3ly He is constitutionally indolent

4ly He misunderstands his orders and ends by doing just what pleases him.

5ly He is not capable of designing or superviving anything but the simplest earthwork and putting him in a responsible position can only lead to bringing the Department into contempt.

Mr Lassey's observations on this Report are submitted herewith.

C B Henderson
Lt R
Ex. Engr R.D.

Camp Pettu
28th Jan. 1882

Reports relating to

Received on the 30th January 1882 and replied to my letter dated 10th February
W Richardson
Supt Engr

Put an outside sheet
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Mr Laskey Sub Engr.

Report by the Executive Engineer Nellore, with reasons for Considering that is of no use to him.

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1876 / Kr

From

Mr. T. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To The Superintending Eng
2d Circle
Masulipat

Reply to Lt. Hendersons Report.

February 1882.

Mr. Laskey Sub Engineer

Explanation of to the Charges made against him by Lieutt Henderson R.E.

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Recd 1876 /fr

Mr Laskey Sub Engr.

Report by the Executive Engineer Nellore, with reasons for Considering that is of no use to him.

No. 7 Nellore, 10th February 1882.

Recd on 16th Feb. 1882

From

Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub-Engineer

To

Superintending Engineer
2d Circle
Masulipatam

Sir,

Enclosures 2.
Lt. Henderson's original report, and Appendix marked from 1 to 7, and printed Copy of Testimonials marked T.

Before entering into any explanation on the subject of Lt. Henderson's report against me, I have respectfully to observe that there was a rumour in the place in December that Lt. Henderson had recommended my removal from the Division on a report that conveyed very disparaging remarks and subsequently the rumour developed to your letter to Chief Engineer

gineer being one that reflected very seriously on my character.

A report of this nature going up to the Chief Engineer from an officer of your exalted position could have no other effect than to injure my reputation and prospects seriously; this thought roused, you will grant, feelings of Considerable alarm and the anguish and distress that I suffered in mind to find myself humiliated and dis-graced in this manner after nearly 27 years faithful service, created no small amount of pain to me and my family and the mis-fortune of this circumstance unhappily has plunged me into a most lamentable calamity.

2. On the 14th January I wrote to Lt. Henderson my letter (A) asking him for copy of his letter recommending my removal and to explain the particulars of the case, if any, by which I showed myself wanting in his confidence from lack of honesty or efficiency, his verbal explanation as stated in my letter (D) of the 19th January to you, was attributed to delay in getting up the Lunapally project, and in reply to my request for his covering letter forwarding my letter (D) to you, he sends me simply his endorsement No. 64 marked (A) in appendix and the next days tappal brings this report, which for the first time I find that Lt. Henderson from not making himself acquainted with matters properly has fallen into very

serious errors in stating things which will be seen from my explanation as I proceed, that some charges are the very opposite of what is represented and the others, if accepted, are trivial and are easily explained.

3 On the subject of para 2 of Lt. Henderson's report; the Division Statement of objectionable Items for September when I gave over charge of the Division in October 1880 extended over twenty-six pages containing 309 items; these items comprised works of Three Divisions; Viz, Gemtoor, Ongole and Nellore, arrangements were made, before giving over charge, to clear away 109 items vide para 1075 of Code; Chief Engineer's Memorandom No. 16 III of the 13th July 1880 came

came only in force with Superintending Engineer's Endorsement dated 9th August 1880 and the necessary lists were submitted at once in September for sanction for these 109 works.

4 The question of tools transferred to the Local Fund Boards of Masulipatam, Guntoor, Nellore was not completely settled when I gave over charge of the Division to Lt. Henderson, I heard nothing about any confusion in the matter until 12 months after I gave over charge of the Division. My reply to Lt. Henderson on the subject No. 82 dated 15th December 1881 marked (B) will explain what is my share of blame in this matter, if any at all.

"That the condition of the Machinery was bad" I really do not know in

in what way they were found to be
bad; and this is the first time I
hear of it; those in the workshop
were under the immediate charge
of the Superintendent of the Work-
shop and those at the Anicut
and Head works were in charge
of the Anicut Superintendent. I
bestowed the same care as my
predecessors did in looking after
them to see that they were kept
clean and oiled.

5 Regarding what Lt. Hen-
derson calls the three breaches
being kept open on the left em-
bankment of the Pennair, were
not breaches but mere gaps, kept
purposely open in the formation
of the Embankment in 1876-77;
the object of the two openings
right and left of the anicut
approach were kept open until
proper provision could be made for
for discharging the drainage
into the river and the third, which
is in line with the Ferry was an
opening for carts to go through dur-
ing the wet season. Mr. O'Shaughnessy
the former District Engineer, in
his arrangements for diverting
the current on the side of the extended
width of the river cut a channel
parallel with the embankment
and it was his intention to put
a bridge over this cut and to carry
the contemplated ferry road over
the embankment; when, this breach
by this arrangement, would be
closed. We had no flood in the
Pennair since 1874 that rose higher
than 7 feet over Anicut, so there
was really no damage done to the
flood bank; the bank was never
overtopped by water from either flood
in the river or drainage going
over it, so as to have breached it;
Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Captain Smart and
Kandukur

and Mr Paul purposely allowed these openings to remain unclosed since 1876-77 a complete revised estimate for the North flood bank has yet to be prepared; what has been done already in the way of earthwork was only Famine relief Work. Such being the history of these breaches of which I was perfectly aware, Lt. Henderson says that I denied all knowledge of it as if there was some blame to be attached to me if I admitted it.

6 Regarding Lt Henderson's remark that for six months I had confined my travels almost entirely to the Nellore Taluq, I have respectfully to observe that Lt. Henderson appears not to be acquainted with the changes that took place in the arrangement of Divisions; Vide G.O. No. 265 W dated 5th February 1880. para 9 and

and Chief Engineer's Memorandum paras 7 and 8 by which it will be seen that Guntoor and Ongole Divisions were abandoned and a grant-in-aid of Rs 5000 to each for the maintenance of Minor Irrigation works was allotted to the Revenue Department so that the professional Department had to cease to deal with them entirely during my incumbency in charge of this Division; all my principal works in the new Division were in the Nellore Taluq and the Delta; my knowledge of the Gudoor Sub-Division enabled me sending instructions to the Sub-Division Officer and calling for estimates and preparing them from my previous acquaintance with the requirements and details of each work there. I had consequently nothing to do with Ongole, Kanigiry, Kandukur

Kandukur, and Kavali Talugs. regarding Irrigation works.

7. I offered to complete the work on the unfinished buildings of the late Ongole Division, viz, Ongole School house, Kanigiry New Kutcherry, Kandukur Sub-Jail and Kavali Post Office, which was a new work. I was accordingly permitted to do so; hence I had nothing else in the abandoned Division than attending to these works; the overseer consequently did not require a levelling instrument and when he wanted one Lt. Henderson could not himself supply him with it until the end of March 1881. It was only on receiving Superintending Engineer's No. 1976. dated 22d. September on chief Engineer's Memorandom No. 1/14 N.L. dated 6th. September 1880 that I undertook to arrange for

for the completion of repairs to tanks that irrigate more than 200 acres. See Appendix C. From this it may be apparent that my presence in those Talugs was not necessary prior to the time Lt. Henderson took charge from me.

8. On the 3d. para of Lt. Henderson's report I beg to observe that there was certainly a large sum due to Contractors of the late Ongole Division; it was to the amount of Rs 10,000. work executed on emergent repairs to the Cyclone damaged tanks up to February amounted to Rs. 47,000 and funds were suddenly limited to Rs 37,000 in March; the consequence was that I made payments on bills only in part stopping from 20 to 25 per cent on their amounts to be adjusted in the succeeding Official year. There was also the usual stoppage on

on bills previously paid, pending my inspection of the work. Again there were some bills that the Contractors did not produce in March for payment.

9 Superintending Engineer was aware of large sums being due to contractors and application to Chief Engineer for funds was made: but the hydraulic and revenue information required by him regarding the breached tanks delayed the preparation of the statement that was asked, and when the statement was sent Col. Pendergast was away from the circle for four or five months and the Officer who succeeded him did not act as he wanted further information. The adjustment on those dues was Consequently necessarily

necessarily delayed until Chief Engineer's Memorandum 1/14 N.L. of the 6th September 1880 came to hand. See in Appendix C. Out of the 17000 sanctioned, it will be seen that 8000 was the further amount of work to be completed. I paid about 8000 in October out of the 17000 and Lt. Henderson paid the rest up to March; with these facts before you, I will respectfully ask what blame could justly be attached to me on this matter.

10 Lt. Henderson observes that I had started emergent repairs by simply writing to the villagers to do what was necessary and that it would be measured and paid for, this statement from the circular Order I issued to overseers, See Appendix D. will

will show is erroneous. The occurrence of the cyclone was reported in my No. B 20/21, dated 20th November to Superintending Engineer and he was informed that I was proceeding with the emergent repairs. See paras 3 and 4 of his letter in G. O. No. 717-I, dated 9th December 1879, E in appendix and my instructions to Overseers referred to in Appendix D. will explain that they were instructed to go on with the emergent repairs and not the villagers as stated by Lt. Henderson. Emergent estimates were prepared by the Overseers for all the breached tanks, they are all now in the Executive Engineer's Office, and the fair estimates from these were prepared and sent up to Superintending Engineer from my Office from time to time for sanction

sanction and appropriation of funds. The alterations made in the estimates received from the Overseers will show that I did not do things blindly and the reports attached to the Sanctioned Estimates by Superintending Engineer will show what was the nature of the work that I undertook to do and that there was nothing that was useless in what had been done. The overseers everywhere measured up all work and bills were given to contractors before the end of March; the works wanted only my final inspection to pay up the balances withheld on bills pending my inspection. I had finished my inspection of almost all the works with the exception of just a few that I could not possibly visit before coming to Nellore in April to take charge of this

this Division, so that I had really nothing of any Cuddapah Division — works to measure up after the rains of 1880.

11. It may be questioned why certificates were not rendered for those inspected previous to 1880. The practice of granting certificates for expenditure on an estimate in the Official year and the balances relapsing into a fresh item in the succeeding year was not in force before, and there were balances on bills for work executed in 1879 not paid up until late in 1880.

12. Several dissatisfied contractors disputed my proceeding in cutting off the rates that were promised by Overseers, and numerous petitions complaining against me went up to Superintending Engineer. Lt. Henderson answered several of those himself; in

in most cases the reason for cutting down the rates was that the contractors instead of digging deep pits carried the work far for the sake of obtaining greater lead, and it was only in two or three cases that the contractors cleared some old pits, but, I detected this on finding that the contents of the pits exceeded the quantity measured on the bank; again in two other cases some work on the instigation of the villagers was done in excess of what was authorized, this was dis-allowed.

13. On the subject of the 4th para I beg leave to observe that I sent in 7 complete estimates and 6 — others were in preparation when I gave over charge. The Mahimalore tank Estimate Rs 13880 which is still in the Executive Engineer's office is one that I sent up and the estimate alone was returned by Superintending Engineer to know if the

the 2 feet thickness to revetment could be altered to 1½. Lt. Henderson asked Superintending Engineer to return all the other papers and that he would revise the whole Estimate; when it came, he made the alterations pointed out by the Superintending Engineer in the estimate but by his stating that he knew nothing personally of the work, it was returned to him for resubmission after making himself acquainted with the proper necessity and object for the works proposed & hence the legitimate delay in this one case.

14. Prior to Lt. Henderson's arrival, I sent in estimates for Irrigation works to the amount of Rs 37,000 and buildings to the value of Rs 10,000 and the other estimates in preparation would have come up to another 30,000

30,000; if these were timely submitted by Lt. Henderson the season of 1881 could have been undoubtedly utilized. Irimaloor tank was the only one that was returned for reasons stated above, the other estimates amounting to Rs 25,000 were all sanctioned.

15 Lt. Henderson mentions that the Estimates and Designs sent up by me show that they had not received my attention; on this matter I would safely leave the question to Col. Pendergast to state if I had shown myself efficient or otherwise, and his testimonial regarding the way I conducted the duties of the Congole Division will, I trust to some degree, speak for my efficiency as an Executive in charge of a Division

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and in answer to his remarks about my design in converting the old barracks at Ongole into a house for the Sub-Collector being faulty; I have to observe that I do not see the importance he attaches to the iron tie-rods, the front wall from having had a verandah did not crack, it was the back wall that separated from the cross walls, it was quite plain therefore to decide that the verandah in front counteracted the thrust, while the back wall gave way from not having resistance enough; hence there was the necessity for buttresses to oppose the force pushing the wall out, but, the verandah now at the back with four small rooms in it

quite

quite alters the necessity for having tie-rods to keep the walls to-gether.

16. Lt. Henderson apprehends that the span from being 18 feet should necessarily have ties to keep the walls together, the timber used is Teak, with sufficient scantling; in the old roof, it was palmyra, of insufficient dimensions and not quite sound, hence in my opinion it was unnecessary. Lt Henderson is not aware that this plan was prepared on alterations made by Col. Lankey himself on the one first sent up. It was his Grace the Duke of Buckingham who, on his visit to Ongole inspected the old barracks and suggested that it should be converted for the purpose it is now being altered. His Grace

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on receiving the first plan - objected to the accommodation being too much, and the plans of the out offices were particularly looked into by the Chief Engineer and the pencilled alterations were made with his own hand; From this, it will be apparent that the very serious defects alluded to by Lt. Henderson could not have existed without attracting the attention of so distinguished an Officer as the Chief Engineer who personally made the alterations.

17. I admit that the plan of the barracks was not quite correctly drawn in all details as to the correct position of some doors and windows, for instance, an old window was shown in the position where a door is to be put, but, as the window was not

not exactly there, the window in its place had to be walled up and the new door put in the place shown on the plan; this will entail a trifle expense over the estimate, the rough plan received from the Overseer misguided the preparation of the fair one in this Office.

18. Regarding the Kavali Post Office I beg to observe that the plan was sent up from the Ongole Division by my predecessor Sub-Engineer Mr. Ottman, the basement is only a foot high, and it was built on the spot shown on the site-plan that accompanied the estimate, I heard nothing about any objection to the site until now and I do not remember Lt. Henderson ever sending me to see and report on

it, I was in Kavali in January 1881 while Lt. Henderson was there himself and he asked me to measure up the work and countersign the overseer's bill to ~~Contractor~~, so that he may ~~pay~~ up, in full without holding back a sum pending his inspection of work; my inspection of the work was immediately after what he had seen and I signed another bill for payment, about the end of March 1881, I made no report favourably or unfavourably of the building with reference to site, no more than certifying on the bill that the work executed was good.

19. Lt. Henderson observes that all works were given to selected contractors and again he says that the overseers appointed contractors to carry out large works. In the case of emergent repairs to breached tanks there was no time to be lost in calling for tenders, the Overseers it will be seen from Appendix, marked (D) were ordered to proceed with the works at once, and in the case of all other works it was the practice in the Division to allow the overseers to make the best arrangements they could and to push on with the works and finish them soon, Ongole Division was never a field where we could command competition among contractors and the plan in accepting a man as a Contractor was always a mutual arrangement between the party giving the work and the party executing it

? the Overseer

it, if the work was not good and the progress slow, the overseers were at liberty to make other arrangements at once and they were held responsible for good work and quick progress. Lt. Henderson has an instance in the case of Sub-Collector's house at Ongole, being delayed over three months waiting for tenders and when I went in there about the latter part of February 1881, he asked me to arrange for starting this work and I accordingly made the necessary arrangements immediately and set the work going so that by the Court by the end of March was able to spend over Rs 1000. Lt. Henderson now from experience finds this plan successful and has adopted

adopted it and allows overseers to appoint Contractors on works costing from Rs 2000 and upwards.

20. Lt. Henderson observes that the accounts were in Confusion and that he had to write to the various Treasury Officers to ascertain their credit balance. The present Accountant was the man that kept the accounts during my incumbency also, and he is pronounced by the Examiner to be an efficient man and as far as my knowledge goes, there was no ostensible defect that could reflect discredit on him or me, and regarding the Confusion Lt. Henderson alludes to, relates to correspondence in clearing away something about Treasury Balances which was necessarily entailed from the Local Fund Officers at the time drawing on public works Department

Department Credit. The Efficiency with which the Account Branch of the Ongole Division was conducted will be seen from Examiner's Report in appendix I.

The cash chest was, according to the practice that existed in this Division before I took charge, always kept with the accountant but the cheque Books were in my desk, I frequently got the Accountant to write out the Cheques in my presence; from this fact that the Telugu part in the cheque had to be written by some one in the office so that I could see no objection to another writing the English also, but the cheque books were never kept in his custody. The Savings Bank Book of a Contractor alluded to, was, it would seem, in 1876 1876 with the District Engineer's Clerk, Gopaldoss, and on his leaving Nellore in 1879 to join the Superintending Engineer's Office, he gave it to the former Accountant who passed it on to the present Accountant and the book was safely deposited in an iron chest.

2d. On the 6th para of Lt. Henderson's report, I have respectfully to observe that he makes a seriously incorrect statement, by saying that I carried out extensive repairs to my office in Ongole and charged the cost to a Local Fund Work, the correspondence marked $\frac{A}{2}$, $\frac{B}{2}$, $\frac{C}{2}$, in appendix F. will show how far Lt. Henderson is correct in making this disparaging statement; the outlay was incurred in repairs to a shed for

for the purpose of carrying out the timber work for the Choultry in question; the old Carpenter's shed was blown down by the Cyclone of November and was rebuilt. I had my Office in a part of the Ongole School house, a building that was then under construction and I had a sanctioned Estimate for repairs to the out-Offices of my Bungalow which is a Government building; there was consequently no ground for Lt. Henderson to make the suggesion he did to the Local Fund Board &c. to recover the expenditure from me in the absence of any explanation from me, which, I beg respectfully to submit, was the least act of kindness that Lt.

Lt. Henderson might have shown me before placing me in the awkward position he had done in this matter.

22. Regarding the employment of extra Clerks in office and charging their pay to works was a practice obtained in the Division before I joined it; but it was discontinued after Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 59. K.S. dated 29th July 1880 came to hand. So this can form no matter for a Complaint.

23. In the 7th para Lt. Henderson shows that I disobeyed his orders by not going to Guntoor to measure up work and prepare completion certificates. In reference to this I beg to state that the works I was asked to grant completion certificates for,

for, were such as were in progress.
When the Division was abolished
and when the services of all
the subordinates immediately
connected with the execution of
these works and who alone could
afford me any information
worth having regarding them
were dispensed with, moreover
the vouchers sent to me by
Lt. Henderson to enable me
to examine the works, were,
in each case, a day-book,
containing nothing more
than the last payment on
the work and most of them
had hardly anything more
than the payment to the man
in charge of materials and
tools on the work. I consequently
objected to grant certificates
on

on such documents as these; -
and wrote to Lt. Henderson that
with his permission I will re-
turn to Head Quarters and
see if I can get all that I
require in the way of infor-
mation from the records of
his office to examine each work
before granting completion
certificates and if he would
permit me I would go by
Canal from Kellore, not anti-
cipating the least objection
to this arrangement. I returned
and on my way I got his
reply telling me to return;
and on my arrival I was
deputed on other duty by
Lt. Henderson; such being
the case, you will, I think,
see, that I cannot be charged,
with

with any degree of justice, with disobedience to orders. Had I started off without the necessary information, I would, while being perfectly useless there, at the same time be drawing pay and my travelling allowance without any compensating benefit to Government.

24. Regarding Lt. Henderson's Observation on the Lunapally Project work; I have in my letter(D) of the 19th Ultimo stated particulars answering Cause for delay and shortcomings in what you noticed, but, on what Lt. Henderson says that he took some important levels himself when he found that I could not be trusted. I am really at a loss to know what those levels are, and to what purpose they were applied; if they were in connection with this work, he would have naturally showed it to me, and would have made it applicable to my work, but, whereas, I and my Overseer are up to date in total ignorance of

of them. I took every plan and detail to Lt. Henderson before inking them.

25 (a). His order, that the Stonehousepett bridge was not to be a masonry invert, was an order after seeing what I proposed when I showed him the pencilled plan for his approval; the invert you will remember on this plan was not inked.

(b) The Rungavaikulpett Bridge from being one that was to afford exchange of Communication with two large Towns, viz, Nabobpett and Nellore, the width of road was consequently kept 18 feet and I got no orders to reduce this, it was with reference to the Kondiapalem bridge that I got orders, simply to reduce the width and I accordingly reduced it from 15 to 12 and the

the gradient to approaches in the pencilled plan, 1 in 15 was altered to 1 in 10 by Lt Henderson's order. These plans were drawn by one of the Executive Engineer's draughtsmen and not by the man that I had to assist me, he was unable to do anything more than copy plans. Lt Henderson was aware of this and consequently gave me the use of one of his two men for a short time; in this respect I feel assured that you will acquit me of the charge groundlessly imputed to me.

26. With reference to the last para of Lt Henderson's report wherein he makes varied, and most disparaging remarks regarding on

regarding my ability and character, I beg to invite your attention to the very flattering testimonials granted me by Officers holding prominent positions in the Department which will in themselves answer for me and in due deference to Lt Henderson's opinion, I must draw the inference that I must have, after long experience, frightfully deteriorated (instead of gaining experience) or the opinions expressed by these gentlemen must be false.

27. In conclusion, I would most respectfully observe that since Lt Henderson is

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is so much against me it would certainly not be to my pros-perity to remain any longer under him and I would so-licit the favour of being removed from this Division.

28. I have simply noted the paras of my letter on the margin of Lt. Henderson's Report replying to the charges so that my explanation may be picked up with reference to each.

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

J. W. Laskey

Sub-Engineer

P.S. I have also respectfully to ask you the favour of sending up my letter (D) of the 19th January with this explanation to Chief Engineer.

J.W.L. S.E.

Appendix T

COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

Mr. Uncovenanted Assistant Overseer J. W. Laskey, is an able Engineer's Assistant (late Revenue Surveyor, under the old regime) in the field and in office.

He can design and plan, and estimate for works.

His bridge designs, seldom require any alteration when submitted to me.

He has had an experience of four years in his branch of Engineering, the two latter years of which have been under my observation and I am happy to signify my sense of his very satifactory acquaintance with his duties.

At present he is appointed to a post much below what I consider him qualified for, but the Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, did not see fit to comply with a request, I of late made for Mr. Laskey's promotion to a rank which it appeared to me his acquirements entitled him to and hence his present inferior position.

(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lieut., R.E.,
District Engineer.

MANGALORE, 12*th May* 1858.

Extract from Canara District Engineer's letter No. 506, *dated* 12*th October* 1850.

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2. Here is a man in this District, however now an Assistant Overseer, who is well worthy of advancement, and him I should recommend for the Overseership to be vacated on the promotion of an Overseer to the vacancy in the higher grade, I allude to Mr. Laskey, whose qualifications as a Surveyor and Draftsman, are of a superior kind, indeed he is the only man in Canara at present available for this sort of employment for though in course of time when the present system shall be in full operation, subordinates of the department will be qualified for this as for other work, yet at present this is certainly not the case.

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Mr. Laskey, was one of the old Revenue Surveyors and one of the few men whom the charge in the Department in 1857, affected disadvantageously. He has always borne a good character and in surveying and estimating work in the District especially in the Coast Canal work has done excellent service. I should be very glad to see his steady work and good conduct rewarded by promotion.

Mr. Laskey served under Captain Walker and Lieutenant Goddard, and won good opinion from them both, and to me he has been useful in surveying and assisting in the estimating of the Coast Canal from Managalore to Hossdroog, as well as many other works.

(Signed) J. N. HUNTER, Lieut., R.E.,
Acting District Engineer.

CAMP HONORE, 12 *October*, 1859.

No. 6056. *Extracts from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, under date the* 25*th October*, 1859.

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As Mr. Lowry, Sub-Engineer, has been transferred from Canara to Coimbatore, the District Engineer of Canara should nominate some others for the charge of the Ranges Nos. 1 and 2 in his District; one range should be reserved for the 1st Assistant Engineer, and the other placed in charge of Assistant Overseer Laskey, who is so well reported of in Lieutenant Hunter's letter, No. 506, dated 11th instant.

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(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Captain, R.E.,
for Deputy Chief Engineer, N. Circle.

Copy of Colonel HEMRY'S letter embodied in G.O., No. 2,418, dated 25th August 1863.

1. With reference to order of Government No. 2,283 of the 13th instant, I have the honor to submit the following remarks on the promotion of Mr. S. Howell, Taluq Overseer, Cuddapah, to act as Supervisor 2nd Class.

2. In my distribution statement of Officers and Subordinates for the quarter ending 31st July 1863, Mr. Howell's name stands fifth in the order of merit in the grade of Taluq Overseers.

3. This document was most carefully prepared, as I was under the impression that it was required by Government as a guide in making promotions to the Upper subordinate grades, and accordingly the names were arranged more with regard to good conduct and efficiency than to length of service alone.

4, Mr. Howell's conduct was, on two occasions unfavorably brought to the notice of the late Chief Engineer, once in connection with the new School House at Cuddapah and again with reference to the Anantharazupett tank, and although he has lately conducted his duties in a satisfactory manner, I do not consider him so deserving of promotion as the four men who stand before him in my statement on the 31st ultimo, and I would respectfully beg to recommend for *Promotion*, Mr. J. W. Laskey who whilst in charge of the Rayachote Range, from January 62 to April 1863, during Mr. George's absence on leave, performed his duties much to my satisfaction.

No. 517. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1863, No. 241,

Under the circumstances stated in this letter, Mr. Howell's promotion sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,283, dated 13th August 1863, will be considered cancelled, and Mr. Overseer Laskey will act as Supervisor 2nd Class, vice Campbell, and be posted to the Tanjore District.*

* See G. O., No. 2,349, dated 18th August 1863.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. J. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

BERHAMPORE, 21st June 1865.

Mr. Supervisor Laskey has been under my orders from 15th October to 20th June, during which time he has been employed in Surveying, Levelling, Estimating, and for a short time, in constructing a portion of the Soorada Road.

He has given satisfaction and he has evinced always a lively desire to make himself useful and to please.

I consider him a useful subordinate being better up in his work, as Surveyor, Leveller and Estimate Maker, than any other subordinate in the District.

(Signed) C. G. PHILLIPS, Captain, R.E.,
Executive Engineer, Ganjam.

Read the following letter :—

From the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Divison.

Here enter No. 4,355, dated 16th March 1870.

ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1870, No. 151.

The claims of Supervisor Laskey to promotion, will receive due consideration on the occurrence of a vacancy.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Extract of Examiner of Public Works Accounts, letter embodied in G.O., No. 2,727W, dated 30th October 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of Government that Mr. W. F. Barrow, Assistant Examiner P. W. Accounts inspected the accounts of the Ongole Divisional Office on the 20th and 21st September 1879, Mr. Supervisor Laskey in charge of the Division being present.

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Mr. Barrow reports that the accounts and works of this Division were kept in an exceptionally creditable manner being superior in neatness and accuracy to any he saw during his inspection of eleven Divisions. The Accountant deserves praise for the very creditabe state of the Office.

Mr. J. W. Laskey, Supervisor of the 1st Grade in the Public Works Department, has had charge for several months of a Public Works Division and has carried on duties properly belonging to an Exective Engineer. I have been well satisfied with Mr. Laskey's performance of his duties and I am of opinion that he is fully qualified to conduct the operations of a Local Fund Circle.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, BELLARY,
5th February 1880.

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From

Mr. T. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To The Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle
Masulipatam

Reply to Lt. Hendersons
Report.

February 1882.

Mr. Laskey Sub Engineer

Explanation of to the
Charges made against
him by Lieutt Henderson R.E.

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Appendix A

Covering letter sent to Superintending Engineer, 2d Circle.

" Forwarded to Superintending Engineer, 2d Circle."

/Sgnd/ C. B. Henderson Lt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

27th January 1882.

No. 64.

True Copy forwarded to Mr Laskey as requested in his No. E dated 19th Instant received on 25th Instant.

Letter
27th January 1882

/signed/ C. B. Henderson Lt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Appendix B

No. 82 of 15th December 1881.

To

The Executive Engineer, Bellore Division

Sir,

With reference to your No. 316 S of 7th Inst. I beg to report that detailed orders were sent in my Rs. 111 dated 22d January 1880 to the Gumtoor Sub Division to hand over tools entered in it to the Local Fund Board. I was in correspondence with Superintending Engineer and the Presidents of the Local Fund Boards on the subject of tools and Instruments handed over up to the time I gave over charge of the Division to you. Vide, Correspondence noted in the margin.X

Gumtoor Division was amalgamated with Cuyole in November 1879, and in January 1880 the transfer of Local Fund Works was made.

The tools relating to the old Cuyole Division were given over according to those entered in the returns as tools

X Letter No. 320 of 18th September 1880 from the President L. F. Board, Gumtoor.
My No. 525 of 25th September 1880 to the Superintending Engineer
No. 2138 from the Supt. Engineer.
My No. 800 of 18th October 1880 to the L. F. Engineer Gumtoor.

belonging to the Local Funds.

The President of Nellore was asked if he would take some of the D. P. W old tools that were in Udayagiri. Arrangements about this purchase were not settled when I was relieved of charge of the Division by you; and as for tools belonging to the former Nellore Division the transfer was completed before I joined the Division in April and as there were no distinct returns of Provincial and Local Fund tools seperately kept in this Division, this circumstance perhaps led to more being given up (by my predecessor Mr.) as Local Fund Tools than was really due to them.

I have &c,

/Signed/ J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

Appendix D

No. 671 of 25th November 1879. Cuddapah.

Orders Issued to Overseers

To C. Narayanaswamy Naoodily, Sub Overseer Cuddapah.

To S. Ainly, Taluq Overseer, Kavaly,

To Mr. T. D. Enright, Taluq Overseer, Cuddapah,
M. Rangaraw, Taluq Overseer, Kandukur.

The undermentioned tanks are reported to have breached during the recent cyclone. Overseers will make arrangements at once and proceed with the filling in of the breaches, repairing the crosians and removing sufficient bund for surplus escape. The bund so removed must be twice the length required by that given in the table viz. if 2 square miles of drainage calculated with Coefficient 562-5 requires 94 feet length of weir, and if the tanks has an escape of 54 feet already 40×2 is what must be allowed in the case of grass or grooved escape. There may not be place on one side to remove so much of bund with safety so the removal must be effected at both ends. The overseer will personally see to this and he will state in each report he sends with his emergent estimates. The length proposed to be removed at each end of bund. Form of Report is enclosed. The emergent estimate should be sent in immediately to obtain early appropriation of funds; but this will not prevent the overseer putting the emergent works into operation at once and completing them within a

a fortnight or three weeks.

Signed/ T. W. Laskey,
Divisional Officer

No 705. of 29th November 1879. Cuyolo

Circular Order.

The rates for earthwork should be as follows-

	R.	A.	P.
20 yards lead and 2 yards lift	0	1	0
30 " " "	0	1	1½
40 " " "	0	1	3
50 " " "	0	1	4½
60 " " "	0	1	6
80 " " "	0	1	7½
100 " " "	0	1	9.

Lumping at 3 pies and if the ground is hard and dry 2 pies to be added to the above rates. Lead and lift must always be stated in the Estimate against each rate

To
T. Poonian, Sub Overseer, Kanigiry
M. Ranga Rau Taluq Overseer, Kundukur
T. Subbarayudoo Sub-Overseer, Udayagiry
Mr S. Ainly, Taluq Overseer, Kavaly

Sd/ T. W. Laskey.

No. 729 of 3rd December 1879 Cuyolo.

To C. Narayanaswamy Moodelly
Sub-Overseer Cuyolo

Sub-Overseer C. Narayanaswamy
Moodelly

Moodelly is directed to proceed forthwith with the emergent repairs of the undermentioned tanks forwarding Estimates for sanction immediately. A report of progress made on each work should be sent to this office weekly.

Signed/ T. W. Laskey P.O.

No 734 of 4th December 1879. Cuyolo.

To Mr S. Ainly, Taluq Overseer
Kavaly.

Your No 295 dated 1st Instant. The rates in the table circulated to overseers, give very fair rates, and 3 pies over those rates to meet the existing difficulty or trouble in procuring labour will be ample; but if there are circumstances actually for giving higher rates than those, they can be given, but the overseer will be held responsible and handed up to the Superintending Engineer if high rates have been given from not seeing to things properly. The rates 3 to 4 annas for earth brought to the breach from distances within 100 yards is not at all admissible.

Signed/ T. W. Laskey

No 775 dated 8th December 1879 Cuyolo.

Circular.

Overseers are not paying attention in the preparation of estimates, to the instructions given

regarding rates the lift and head should be expressed and the head of water over grass escapes should be as a Common rule from 12" to 18" inches and the top level of bund should be made uniformly from 3 to 3½ feet over ch. M.L. and not 1½ feet or 2 ft. the catchment basin should be correctly expressed; a tracing on tracing cloth should be sent with their estimates, and the writing of this reports should be clear and concise as possible.

(Sd.) J. W. Laskey.

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Mr. J. D. Enright Taluq Overseer, Coyolo.
Mr. Ainly, Taluq Overseer, Kuruly
M. Ruya Rau Taluq Overseer Kanonkoo
S. Poonniah Sub Overseer, Kuinjoy
A. Loobraypdoo Sub Overseer Nedungjoy
C. Narayanasamy Moodely, Sub Overseer Coyolo.

Appendix C

No. I
14. N.L.

Irrigation Memorandom

The undersigned has the honour in reply to the letter No. 1759 of the 30th ultimo from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle to say.

1st that the amount due to contractors for work executed by them on the repairs of tanks included in the statements transmitted with the above letters should of course be paid without delay.

2dly It is observed that according to Column 7, the height above F.T.L. of the bunds of most of the tanks is less than the usual standard and that consequently the difference between F.T.L. and M.W.L. as given in column 5 is small.

3rdly It is not known what is meant to be understood by the entries in columns headed "additional means of disposing of surplus and weirs provided." It is supposed that, if the last word of the heading is correct, the ends of bunds have been removed and the ground levelled down

to F. I. L or thereabouts to allow of the discharge of surplus either as a permanent arrangement or until suitable weirs may be constructed.

2. It is observed that out of the 85 tanks included in this statement about 36 will be classed as Imperial and 49 do as minor. With regard to tank No. 75 Adlur Chapiah tank the entry in column 9. 6048 acres would seem to be a mistake. Probably 604 or 608 acres are intended.

3. Columns 9 and 10 should have been totalled in order to compare average and assessment as also average revenue with the required outlays.

The average revenue of the tanks is Rs 73,179

" amount expended or due to Contractors after end of 1879-80. } 50,480

Further amount of work required to complete the emergent repairs 3 × 8,195

Total Rupees 58675

4. It is stated that the Collector is arranging for the repair of the minor tanks and that Mr Laskey, now in charge of the Division can undertake the work to be done on the rest. The Superintending Engineer is requested to issue the necessary instructions for the early completion of the repairs and to appropriate the funds required.

Cotacammund 6th September 1880. (Signed) John Mullins Col. R.E. Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Copy

No 1976.

Appropriations to the extent of Rs 17,153 as shown in column 16 are made. The amount due to contractors should at once be paid. The Executive Officer is requested to arrange for the completion of repairs to the tanks that irrigate more than 200 acres.

22d September 1880. /Sd/ H. L. Pendergast Lt. Col. R. Superintending Engineer 1st Circle.

To The Executive Officer Nellore Division.

Government of Madras.

Public Works Department

9th December 1879, No. 717. I.

Irrigation

Read the following paper:-

No. 19. Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Poodoochutteram, 3d December 1879, No. 323. I.

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Pendergast R.E. Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Bellary, 29th November 1879, No. 3608.

I have the honor to report that I have received information from the Executive Officers of the Nellore and Guntoor-Ongole Divisions, reporting that a violent storm occurred on the 19th instant; that slight rain came on during the 18th and increased during the night, till it fell with great force, accompanied by a gale of wind, from noon till 4. P.M. on the 19th and then subsided by about 6. P.M. Upwards of 5 inches of rain fell at Nellore, and 7.6 inches were registered at Kavali. Much damage was done to houses and trees and to irrigation

works

works.

2. From the reports received up to date the following tanks have been breached:-

In the Pennér Delta.

Kudithipalem tank ..... A breach of 30 yards.

Gungapatam tank ——— Do of 50 "

Pollapuditank ... } Ring-bunds have been thrown up.

Venkanapalem tank ... }

Papireddipalem tank ——— Slight breach at end of bund

China chenkur tank ... Two breaches not large

South Nellore Taluk, beyond the Delta.

Two tanks breached.
South Nellore Taluk
Four tanks breached.

The tanks in the Delta were considerably more than half full before the storm came on and the breaches are attributed to the force of the wind raising the water over the banks.

3. In the Cuddalore division of the District the Trunk Road is seriously damaged between the Palar River in the Cuddalore Taluk and Kavali. All the tanks are said to have been filled before the height of the storm. The Tahsildars were written to at once to direct the villagers to throw up ring-bunds and

and save water as far as possible. The Kavali Taluk Tahsildar reported, on the 20th to the Collector that he had issued strict orders to this effect to the village authorities. Supervisor Mr. Laskey reports that five tanks are damaged in the Kavali Taluk, twenty-four tanks in the Kandukur Taluk, and ten tanks in the Cuddalore Taluk. The Tahsildar of Kavali wrote to the Collector that eleven tanks had breached from what he had heard on the 20th.

4. Emergent work is being carried out, and estimates will follow in the usual course. The extent of injury to irrigation works and the cost of restoration will be reported hereafter. Other reports may still come in of tanks being damaged, while some of the tanks named may have suffered but little. The devastation by the storm appears to have taken place along the sea-coast, between the Nellore and Cuddalore Taluks. No damages is reported as yet to have been done in any of the inland taluks; none is reported from the Guntoor District.

Submitted for information of Government.

2. The Superintending Engineer has been requested forwarded to Mr. Laskey

requested to ascertain whether the tanks reported to be breached were provided with adequate surplus weirs.

/Signed/ John Mullins Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. Order thereon, 9th December 1879, No. 7717-I.

Recorded, pending the receipt of the further information required to show whether the requirements of the tanks as regards disposal of surplus, had been duly attended to.

/True Extract/
/Signed/ John Mullins Col. R.E.
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.
Irrigation Branch.

Enclosure / Spare Copy

No. 4007.

To The Executive Officer Guntoor Division in continuation of letter No. 3765 dated the 9th Instant.

25th December 1879. /Signed/ H. L. Pendergast Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer

A / 2. Appendix H

No. 344 of the 18th January 1881.

From The Executive Engineer Nellore.

To The Acting Local Fund Engineer Nellore.

I have the honour to forward extracts from Cash books of late Cuyole Division relating to expenditure of Rs 740-12-4 on chaultry at Peddaatlavalapaud. A portion of the expenditure debited to the estimate appears to have been incurred for repairing the Range Office at Cuyole and it is thought that the Local Fund Board should call on Mr. Laskey, the late Executive Officer of Cuyole Division to make good the amount so expended

/Signed/ C. B. Henderson A.R.E.
Exe. Engineer
Nellore Division.

/True Copy/
No. 584, with 1 enclosure,
Forwarded to Mr. Laskey

Sub Engineer, for payment of the amount Rs 146-13-11, or for explanation in case of non-payment.

[signed] Geo. Dwyer
Acting A. F. Engineer

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To

The Officiating Engineer,
Local Fund, Galle

Sir,

In reply to your No. 581, dated 10th July 1881, I have the honour to inform you that the charges incurred in repairing Carpenter's shed and a room for storing wrought timber in the late Coyole Range Office's Compound, were debited to the Alawalapand Choultry from the fact that this restoration was for the express purpose of carrying out the timber work of the Alawalapand building.

The transfer of works from the D. P. W. to the Local Funds in January 1880 prevented this being used for the pupose they were repaired, this circumstance however should not be taken as a reason to exclude the charges from being debitable to the work, the outlay was incurred in preliminary arrangements for the Construction of the Choultry in question and must be accepted as a fair charge against the work; it was usual to prepare the timber work for buildings in the Coyole Division in the Range Office's work-yard and I accordingly made my arrangements in this instance in pursuance of the course adopted by my predecessors and I do not consequently see the fairness of Lt Henderson, without knowing anything on the matter, suggesting that the Local Fund Board should ask me to make good a sum that was spent in making necessary arrangements for carrying on a work that was under my Control. I forgot to mention that the Range Office's Quarters at Coyole is a Government Building.

I have &c.

[signed] J. W. Laskey
Sub-Engineer

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No. 786 of 2nd August 1887.

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From The Acting L. F. Engineer

To The Late Executive Officer
Cuyola Division

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the charges incurred by you on the Construction of Teak Wood Shed at the Quarters of the Late Cuyola Division Office do not appear to me unreasonable I have therefore removed that item from materials at site (as shown by the Executive Enjineer in the extract of the work Register and kept for the work under sub-head constructing shed for teak wood.

I have &c.

/Signed/ Geo Dwyer.
Acting L. F. Engineer
Inclose.

Put an endorsement that a draft like this, as Enclosure to Mr Lushey's letter to Mr Henderson Rebate. Work

J. M. Lushey
Sub. Engr 2nd Jn

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Mr. Laskey. Sub Engineer

Enclosure to Sub Engineer Mr. Laskeys reply to Lieut. Hendersons report.

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From Brevet Major 1876 /82
The Executive Engineer
Nellore

To
The Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle

Dated 23 February 1882

Laskey J.W. Mr. Sub. Engineer. Charges of want of Confidence &c. with Report on — with the Sub Engrs explanation and Exe: Engrs Remarks.

Remarks by Lt Henderson R.E. on Mr Laskey's replies to the charges made against him.

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Mr Laskey Sub Engineer

Enclosure to Sub Engineer
Mr Laskeys reply to Lieut
Hendersons Report.

Executive Engineer's remarks on explanations offered by Mr Sub. Engineer Laskey.

1. Para 2 of Mr Laskey's letter. As I sent no covering letter to the Superintending Engineer I was of course not able to supply Mr Laskey with a copy of it.
I do not think that I have made any serious errors though my Report was written under great pressure of current work when I was on Circuit some 50 miles from Head Quarters where all the records are kept.

2. The Statements of Objectionable Items had to be sent to the Examiner and also to the Superintending Engineer as they covered some 60 Pages without counting the Office Copy Mr Laskey ignores 200 Items and offers no explanation of his having made no attempt to submit Completion Certificate

3. All the Tools now with the Nellore, Guntur and Masulipatam Circles were handed over before I took charge from Mr Laskey, I have received the sum of Rs 2172-14- from Guntur Circle on account of the Tools transferred

Mr Lasley in excess of those borne on the Lists of
cal Fund Tools and I have a claim amounting to
4430 - 1 - 4 against the Nellore Circle which is
ill unsettled. A copy of Mr Lasley's No 378 of 13th May 80
which he offers to transfer any Tools in the Udayagiri
long to the Nellore Circle is attached. Mr Lasley knew
othing of any confusion because he neglected his duty.
Mr Lasley expended the sum of Rs. 1 - 10 - 10 on
bona fide repairs of all the Tools & Plant in the Division
from May to October; from November to March I
expended Rs 210 - 3 - 5 under the same head. As
Mr Lasley never looked at anything he of course knew nothing
of the state of the Machinery &c.

The Breach in Pennair River Embankment just above
the Anicut was about 30 feet wide and 4 feet below
Maximum Flood Level, through it the Chattrum where
Tools were kept was approached, the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation in his Inspection Notes printed with G. O. 4/687 I
12th March 1881 describes this breach as a dangerous one para 24.

The second Breach was just below the Anicut, through
it the Tramway was laid, it was about 12 feet wide
and 2 feet below Max. Flood Level. The third
Breach was about 50 yards further east it was about
60 feet wide and 8 feet below Max. Flood Level,
through it the drainage from 1/4 Square Mile of country
entered the river. No drainage passed through the other
two breaches. The gap in the Embankment referred to by
Mr Lasley is nearly a mile below the Anicut and it was
not very objectionable. Mr Lasley evidently still knows
nothing of the three Breaches close to the Anicut, they
were seen by me from the other side of the River
800 yards away at my first visit and I had them
closed as soon as possible. Mr Lasley spent 3 or 4
days each week in Nellore for 6 months but he
knew nothing of the state of the Anicut which is only
3 miles from his house, he certainly denied all
knowledge of the Breaches when I asked him about
them at the end of October 1880.

6. I think I quite understand all the changes which took place in 1880, Mr Lasley chooses however to ignore the fact that in addition to four important Buildings in progress he had Imperial Tanks as follows in his charge.

		No of Tanks	Revenue Rs.
In Thavati Taluq	—	29	97.000
" Thandattur do	—	23	71,000
" Ongole do	—	6	10.000
" Atmakur do	—	22	73.000

Not one of these Taluqs was visited by Mr Lasley, he cannot deny that he drew full Travelling Allowance without going outside the Nellore Taluq and yet no trace of anything done by him in Nellore Taluq can be found.

7. Mr Lasley states that "funds were suddenly limited in March '80" had he then gone round and measured up all the work done a great amount of subsequent trouble would have been saved but he did nothing though he well knew that it would be impossible to make any satisfactory measurements after the October rains set in.

8. Mr Lasley informed me with his own lips that he wrote to the Villagers to do what work was necessary.

9. I am unable to ascertain what were the 7 Estimates for complete Repairs of Tanks submitted by Mr Lasley, the only one which was passed as far as I know, has nearly involved the Government in a law suit with the Rajah of Venkatagiri, an embankment designed by Mr Lasley is not only quite useless but it must be removed to avoid legal proceedings.

10. The Estimates referred to by Mr Lasley were Emergent Estimates founded on the roughest measurements and in no case had Mr Lasley himself visited the Tanks to see if the Overseers had understood the requirements of each case.

11. Mr Lasley's designs for Out Buildings of Sub. Collectors House at Ongole are attached, I cannot believe that the Chief Engineer examined them carefully and approved of them. The idea of the Roof of a Verandah counteracting the thrust of the Main Roof is new to me.

12. There is no difficulty in getting Tenders for works, competition is rather keen. I have as far as I know always called for Tenders by notices outside my Office, I consider Mr Lasley's plan of allowing Overseers to appoint Contractors extremely objectionable.

13. When I took charge from Mr Lasley the Cash, Cheque Books and Savings Bank Book were in a Safe in the Accountants' Room and the Accountant had the Key. For months the payments in Cash by the Accountant had been very large compared with payments by Cheques.

14. Mr Lasley expended Rs 146.13.11 on repairing the old Range Office at Ongole; the Acting Local Fund Engineer (who was until lately a P.W.D. Overseer in this District) thinks this sum "not unreasonable" for a temporary shed for Carpenters, there is no shed there now and there are no materials which can be sold. All roof timbers in the late Ongole Division were delivered ready sawn to proper scantling at work site by Contractors, as all Teak comes from Madras to have it delivered in Ongole and carted thence to Pedda Alavapad would add about 20 miles by Canal and 30 miles by road to its carriage.

15. A statement of expenditure on Clerks employed by Mr Lasley in Division Office is attached, the details have been hastily pricked out by me from the Cash Books.

16. About the Levels taken by one for Sarvapalli Project, Mr Lasley was not informed because they were check levels and I found the Overseer's Levels which I had copied into my pocket book to be correct. Mr Lasley is unable to assert that he has taken a single check level himself though the matter is one of great importance.

17. I can only repeat that Mr Lasley disobeyed my orders about the Bridges, he thought and still thinks that he knows better as to what is wanted.

18. With reference to Mr Lasley's flattering testimonials I observe that the last from an Executive Officer is more than 16 years old. Mr Lasley's Service Book cannot be found and he is unable to account for its disappearance. On a Statement of Services prepared in the Examiner's Office I observe that by G.O. No 2964 of 14th Dec 72 Mr Lasley was reduced to the bottom of his Grade and transferred to the Chingleput District, his offence is not stated.

19. In order to keep this report within reasonable limits I have been obliged to omit many points about which much might be written. I must repeat that I consider Mr Lasbey unfit for any responsible position, his energies are devoted to earning Travelling Allowance and he is convinced that it is degrading for a man in his position to do any real work.

CBJ-Henderson
EMR

Camp Amalur
23rd Feb. '82

Letter from the Executive Officer, Nellore Division
to the President Local Fund Board Nellore

No 378 dated 13th May 1880

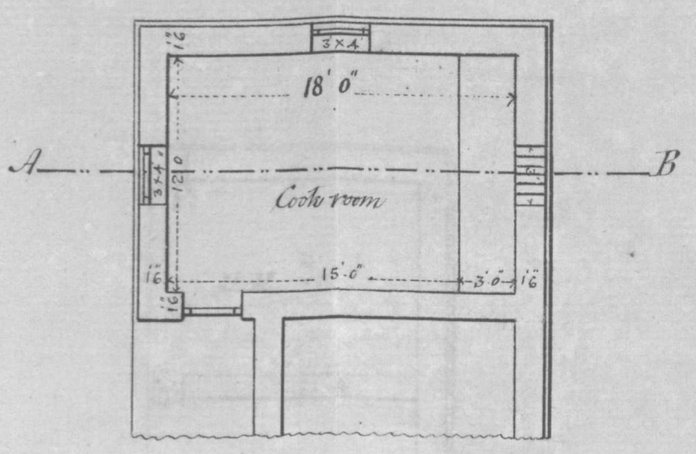
In submitting the enclosed statement of Tools in the Udayagiri Taluq, I have the honor to ask you to let me know if the Local Fund Board will prefer taking over any of these Tools. Their transmission from Udayagiri to Nellore will be at a heavy cost to Government. It would be convenient in case the Local Fund Board wish to take over any of these to have them transferred as they now stand in Udayagiri in the hands of Local Fund Overseer Subbarayadu.

(True Copy)

CBJ-Henderson
EMR

23rd Feb. 82

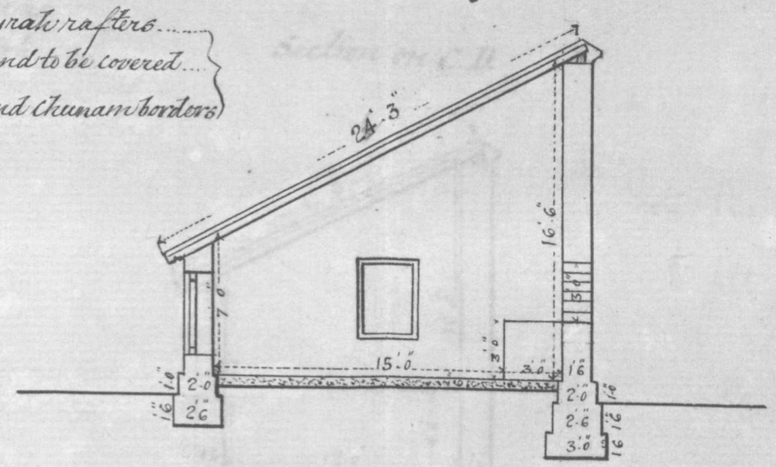
Plan of Cook Room



Note

Materials Brick in mud.....
Plastered with one coat.....
of Chunam and White washed.
Flooring Concrete.....
Roofing. Palmyrah rafters.....
Bamboo creepers and to be covered....
with pantiles and Chunam borders

Section on A B

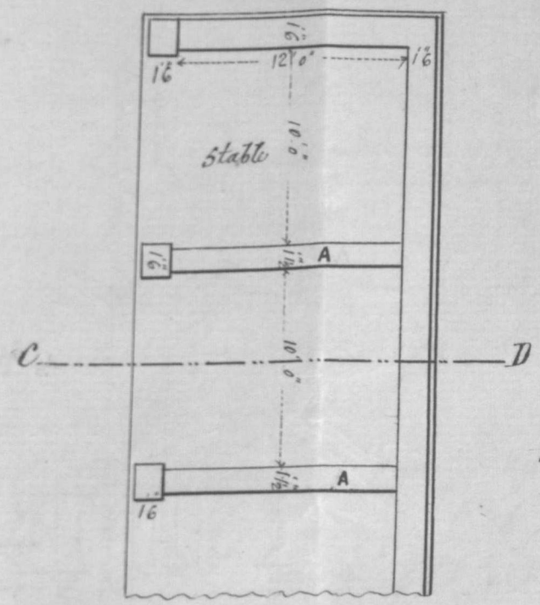


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Executive Engineer Nellore Divn

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Nellore
21st February 1882

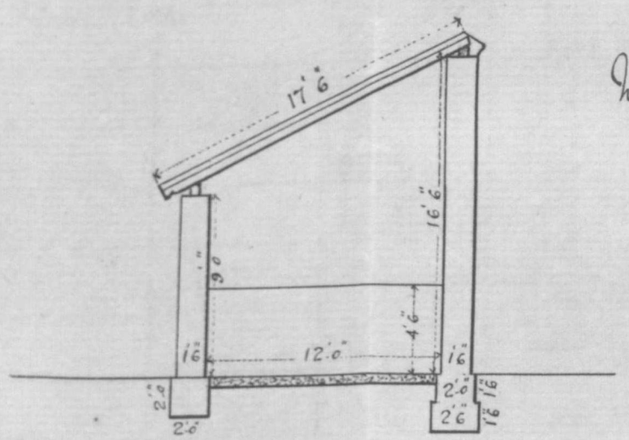
Plan of Stables



AA. Walls 4'6" high

Note
Materials same as that used for Cook room.

Section on C.D.



Note, this wall is exposed to full force of N.E. Monsoon

Ex. Engineer's office
Nellore
21st. February 1882

A B Henderson
Lieut. R.E.
Executive Engineer. Nellore Divn

Statement of Temporary Clerks Employed in Nellore Division Office from April to September 1880

Names	Date of Payment		Amount paid			Remarks
A Subba Row	3d	May	10	1	3	All these men except the last were employed as Clerks in the Division Office and their pay was charged to Works though in many cases the works had been finished long before and in other cases the works were not in progress at the time.
Venkata Charlu	4	"	10	0	0	
A Rungarow	4	"	4	0	0	
Masilamony Modelly	4	"	3	0	0	
A Rungarow	13	"	3	13	11	
Masilamony Modelly	24	"	7	11	10	
Venkata Charlu	3d	June	10	0	0	
I Venkatramaiah	7	"	8	11	4	
I Narayana Chetty	5	July	10	0	0	
Venkatachary		"	10	0	0	
I Venkatramiah		"	10	0	0	
I Narayana chary	4	Augt	10	0	0	
I Venkatramiah		"	10	0	0	
K Venkata charlu		"	10	0	0	
I Narayaniah	2	Sept.	10	0	0	
C Venkata Charlu		"	10	0	0	
I. Venkatramiah		"	10	0	0	
P. N Lazaro	30	Sept.	3	5	4	
I Narayaniah		"	10	0	0	
Venkata Charlu		"	10	0	0	
I Venkataramiah		"	10	0	0	
A. Paniah for Mach Appah		October	60	0	0	Master
		Total	240	11	8	

True Extract from Cash Book.

Nellore
20-2-82

C B Henderson
Ex. Engr

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2/3/82

From B. Inel 4 1876 /R

The Executive Engineer
Nellore

To

The Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle

Dated 23 February 1882.

Laskey J.W. Mr. Sub. Engineer. Charges of want of Confidence &c. with Report thereon — with the Sub Engrs explanation and Exe: Engrs Remarks.

Remarks by Lt Stewardson R.E. on Mr Laskey's replies to the charges made against him.

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From
Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To
Superintending Engineer
II Circle
Kristna

Dated Nellore 27th Feby 1882
Despatched 28th Feby 1882
Received.

Reply to Superintending Engineer's Remarks in a letter to Chief Engineer No 69, dated the 14th December 1881.

Mr. Laskey. Sub Engineer

Explanation of - regarding slow progress in the preparation of Plans and Estimates for Surrapalli Project

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3691 N.L

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From

The Executive Engineer

Nellore

To

The Superintending Engineer

2nd Circle

Dated 23 February 1882

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Remarks by Dt Superintendent R.E. on Mr Laskey's replies to the charges made against him.

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Original

From

Mr J. W. Laskey.

Sub. Engineer

To,

Superintending Engineer.

2d Circle.

Kristna.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 69 N.L of the 14th December, to the Chief Engineer, wherein, you observe that from what you saw of the plans and papers of the Suryapalli Project, they did not give you a favorable opinion of my Capacity, and that much time had been wasted and Essential details had been neglected in drawing up such plans and papers as were ready.

2. As your observation is a general one and does not specify to the items of work on which you found fault, nor is the nature of the faults in each case stated, I will take up each item separately, and deal with it in the order in which the plans

and papers were laid before you, and the objections raised in each case

3. The Cross Sections of Channels and banks instead of being placed on paper right and left of the Longitudinal levels were in these papers all drawn below it, this was done in obedience to Lt. Henderson's instructions, the old practice of drawing the Cross Sections as above was discontinued in his office since he came, and that the innovation was an introduction of his, will be clear from the tank-bank plans on record; those before will be seen, are drawn right and left of the longitudinal Section; and the change will be noticed only in those in Lt. Henderson's time; he distinctly told me, that he liked to see the Cross Sections shown on plan in the method that has been now dis-approved by you. See the Cross Sections on the plans submitted from this office and the others now in preparation; they are all like this, the Sections of the main Channel of this work were drawn by one of the Executive Engineer's Draughtsmen on the same principle now in use in his office. These plans and others disapproved by you, having to be redrawn, does justly admit your observation, that much time had been wasted and essential details had been neglected. Lt. Henderson was quite conversant with all the new plans of this project and they were prepared on instructions, I received from him. Under these circumstances, I hardly think you would hold me responsible for these defects. I will allude to certain circumstances to convince you that Lt. Henderson was fully acquainted with every plan and detail long before you came into Nellore.

4 When Lt. Henderson relieved me of the Division in October, he told me that Col. Prender cast directed him that I should be put in charge of the Gudur Sub-Division as that was my former charge, but Lt. Henderson did not do so; he kept me in this Division assisting him. In June

the Superintending Engineer officially directed him that I should be sent up to Gudur at once, and that Mr Stephens should be relieved. I was accordingly relieved of the Survapalli work by Lt. Henderson himself, when all the details and plans were explained and given over to him, and after my departure the overseer and draughtsman were under his orders; in the meanwhile, he wrote to Col. Prendergast for my services again for this work, telling him, that I had made myself fully acquainted with all the details of this project and that my services were, as a necessity, required on it, my appointment to the Gudur Sub-Division was consequently cancelled, and I was called back into Nellore. You will, Sir, understand by this, that I was losing Sub. Divisional allowance and getting less travelling allowance all the time, I was employed on a more professionally important work, while my junior was enjoying these advantages. When I returned, he told me that he could not possibly do any thing with the assistance of the overseer and draughtsman, that they were stupids and not fit for any thing and he wondered how I managed to get on with them at all, and he offered to give me the assistance of one of his draughtsmen; this assistance was accordingly given to me about August; I had him for a month, and Lt. Henderson was at this time away from Head Quarters, and on his return, I laid before him all plans that had been drawn during his absence, the previously ~~approved~~ pencilled plans by me and approved by Lt. Henderson were inked and those not decided by him were all in pencil, his draughtsman was present at the time. Lt. Henderson remarked on what he saw done, that a good bit of work had been done during his absence and it was on this occasion that he told me that the

the Stonehouseputt Bridge was not to have a Masonry invert. I accordingly inked the rest of the plan and left only the invert in pencil; this question was not quite decided; the floor had to be lowered 3 feet and if the piers of the bridge were founded on wells, lowering the floor to this depth and throwing in loose Stones as suggested by Lt. Henderson would not be safe. Lt. Henderson himself, at this time, was making enquiries — to obtain particulars regarding the — foundation of this bridge, the plan in the Project book shewed it to be on a block foundation, while it was generally reported that the foundations were on wells, but no one could give us any particulars correctly on this matter.

A Semicleptical invert or a deep Segment in Masonry I thought, would be the most preferable arrangement, but when Lt. Henderson said that it was not to be so; it was not drawn in ink; when I explained

that I suggested was a cemented floor, with rough stone apron.
D.W.R

the object of this invert to you, you — Suggested the plan to obviate it by — putting in Concrete on the sides of the walls by a plank-box arrangement and then throwing in the loose Stones between them. the pencilled invert on the plan not — being rubbed out, is, what Lt. Henderson characterises as disobedience against me

5 The Rungamacknilputt bridge which is of 2. Semi-circular arches, each of 30 feet Span, had 18 feet width of road way. I considered this width necessary from this circumstance, that it was for the exchange of Communication between two large Towns and where horse and billock Conveyances would frequently use it; this plan was approved and therefore inked; but on your asking if the road could not have been made of less breadth Lt. Henderson said that he ordered me to do so, and that I disobeyed the order; I told him then in your presence that his order to reduce the —

width

width was not applied to this; but to the Kondiapalem bridge, which was reduced in obedience to orders from 15 to 12 feet and the gradient from 1 in 15 was altered to 1 in 10

6 The Kondiapalem bridge, now considered, was not designed in keeping with the instructions laid down in Professional Circular No 50 &c. the sum of the Spans of the bridge Shd be equal to the mean width of the Section of the Channel; this bridge was of 2 arches of 20 feet, while the mean width of Channel was 60 feet. The circumstances for deviating from this rule will be quite clear to you now from the following facts

7 This bridge is to be built at a Site, a short distance below a point where the accumulated drainage of 6½ Square miles and the Surplus of the South escape of the Nellore Tank, falls into the Channel in floods; the discharge amounts to 3824 Cubic feet

feet; the bridge was consequently designed to discharge 1808 Cubic feet and 2016 Cubic feet was to escape over a proposed weir 212 feet long; the plan for the weir was designed according to Chief Engineer's type plan No. 4

11 8 The discharge going down this bridge when it reaches the Kamparte pand Head Sluice, a mile below it, will have to be discharged into the main drain the Capacity of which at present is equal to Carry away only 542 Cubic feet without Submerging the Surrounding Country and the Surplus Sluice can discharge only 1460 Cubic feet per second. Arrangements have to be made for disposing off 1800 Cubic feet, a bridge of 60 feet opening will place us under greater diffiently to dispose off 2800 Cubic feet x I pointed out these hydraulic results to Lt Henderson and Suggested that a bridge giving 35 feet of opening will just send down 1500 Cubic feet in floods

x By Bazin's the bridge discharge for openings will be—
For 60 feet ... 2863. cub. ft.
40 ... 1838 ...
35 ... 1559 .....

but Lt. Henderson ordered that it should be of two 20 feet

9 The main Channel now discharges on an average 1080 cubic feet, when improved to discharge the proposed 1543 cubic feet; the distribution will have to be as follows; for 100 days Supply &c. at .022 per acre irrigated and .011 to be stored in tanks viz-

	Acres	Discharge per second
Taffor Sails' channel for	21,250	701 Cft
Kistnapatam Channel for	9,360	308 "
Survapally and its branches including 5,000 acres in addition to the present cultivation	16,200	534 "
Total	46,810	1543 "

10 The quantity that is to go under the Kondiapalem bridge will be 534 cubic feet, an opening 35 feet by Kutter's formula in brick work $K.i = 0.017$, will with 5 feet depth, discharge 539 cubic feet ✳ and a Channel 45 feet, Slopes 1½ to 1 Line .000189, Hydraulic mean Depth 4.1, by Bazin's gives 556 cubic feet, 5 feet has

✳ But by Bazins formula $\frac{K.\sqrt{i}}{R^2} = .000173 (4.354 + \frac{1}{R})$ discharge of bridge with 5 feet will be 607 cubic feet

been the normal depth in the Channel at this point during this year, when the Staff in year of Head Sluice at annicut read 8 feet. The Survapally channel according to the Project was intended to carry 10 feet depth all through, but with 8 feet at the head of Channel the Depth at the Kristnapatam Bridge is 5.3 and below it 5 and in the Survapally channel, below Head Sluice it is less than 4 feet, hence the Golgamoody and Kanapartipand lands that were originally intended to be watered by this Channel were not effected and the Golgamoody Channel had consequently to be cut at a higher level

11 The above results, I trust, will satisfactorily explain my reason for suggesting a 35 feet opening and why this was changed to 40 by Lt. Henderson and the objections that now exist to having one larger. Lt. Henderson knowing these facts was silent when

you questioned him on the plan of the bridge and I could not, in my position as a Subordinate, force any Explanation when my Superior was present to answer what was required of him; from the above you will see that I had simply acted upto orders, guided Solely by alterations, now objected to by you, and at the Same time, I am Expected apparently, to take its responsibility - Similarly, the Kristna-patam bridge, altered to a Regulator was first pencilled and Submitted for his approval, he made the alterations and the plan was afterwards inked and Colored; the Kristnapatam Head Sluice and Channel were lowered on the following instructions, noted in my book by Lt Henderson:-

"Floor of Kristnapatam Head - Sluice to be cut down until it is the Same level as the proposed floor of Kristnapatam Road Bridge"

"First Drop on Kristnapatam Channel to be lowered Exactly the Same Amount as the Kristnapatam Head Sluice

this will preserve the existing fall in the Channel, which is reported to be 1-14 feet in the distance between the Head Sluice and Drop, about two miles"

12. When you looked into these - Kristnapatam Channel plans and asked why were those alterations, and for what object are they being effected, Lt Henderson remained Silent and I could not possibly give you an - answer on what was proposed by - the Executive Engineer; the omissions in the way of details and figures on the plans will be all noted, when the whole is Complete, the papers are yet in an incomplete State, the draughts-man I had to assist me is Simply a Copyist and is no Comparison with the Efficiency of the men in the Executive Engineers office - These men design every thing Connected with the tanks, and finish up plans and Estimates, noting all the hydraulic details - themselves, and the whole is turned out

in such good style, that there is really nothing professional further for any Executive Engineer to do in them, but whereas in my case, in having to work with an overseer and Draughtsman both inexperienced, was quite a different matter, the short comings in the way of omissions of the little details on plans will, I trust, from the above explanation, be ample to clear me of blame.

13. Lt Henderson considers, that I have been too long doing this work; yes, Sir, because, he was of opinion that he would have had it finished in 3 months, but his idea of the work, at first, was simply to alter the Survapally channel, regarding the proposed depth allowed in the former Scheme; which was not fully carried out and in supplying the bridges that were originally proposed; but when I took up the work in hand, I had to investigate the whole fully, and brought the defects in each case to his notice. One led on to another until the whole developed into a magnitude considerably more than what was devised in the original Scheme. I had first to find out the defects in the existing works and then devise means for rectifying and improving them.

14- The project Book shows that the irrigable area of the Pennair Delta is 64,000 acres, but what is actually under cultivation according to my figures now is only 42,000. In this project it was promised to bring an additional area of some 25,000 acres under irrigation but the outturn has realized only 10,000 acres, before this Project, 31,000 were already under irrigation and now we have 42,000. Survapally and its branch channels were to have supplied 30,000 acres, but the Actual area is abnt 12,000, the Cause why the Assumed acreage did not come under cultivation had to be looked into and decided, the figures in the project were Assumed, but in the revision at present

esent, we are working to offer correct
esults; for instance, the Wellurn
Channel and the Kanniparteipaud and
Anikapally lands are set down in the
Project as 10,000, but the best acreage
at present does not exceed 5,400

5 The Survapally Channel, it was
anticipated, would have carried 8 feet
Depth all through the discharging
seasons and on this assumption, it
was calculated to wet 4,000 acres
between Kanniparteipaud and Anikapally
but as the normal depth fell short
by 4 feet, the promised lands did not
come under the irrigation of the Survapally Branch, and the Goolamoody Channel
had consequently to be cut parallel
with the other; but owing to the insufficiency of this Channel and the defects
in its works, not more than 600, has yet
come under cultivation, and the Wellurn
Channel from defects fails to bring
more than 4,642 and the Survapally
Reservoir and its subsidiary tanks

instead of the 19,900 promised has only
6,072 under actual cultivation. The Jaffir
Sahibs and Kristnapatam Channels have
21,000 and 9,000 respectively, but there is
room yet for some improvement under
these.

16. Again the Semair supply is not
one that lasts for 150 days, the Synopsis
of the years 61 to 65 shows an average
of 61 days, flush and above crest of
Annicut, but of the last 5 years the
average is 100 days.

17 The main Channel from being
cut too wide does not give us the requisite
head and vessel and therefore falls consider-
-ably below the level of the lands, that
were to be irrigated, all these matters
have to be carefully looked into and
proper works designed in rectifying the
defects, which are numerous, every sluice
almost in the branch Channels has to be
remodelled and placed on a different
level; again, the arrangements for disposing
off the Surplus and drainage falling
at different places in the Channel

have to be carefully considered, all these important considerations make the Scheme now quite a different one to the original. Lt. J. Henderson perhaps from oversight attaches no weight to these heavy considerations, when he says that, I have been too long at this work; the original Scheme as shown in the book, could certainly be done in far less time, but the present revision involving such important considerations with an inefficient and insufficient Establishment, as I have had to work with, could not be done in the very limited period allowed me. I think it would not be out of place for me to say, that had I been left to my own resources, and my plans and Schemes unaltered, I would have certainly brought the Scheme to a proper head, and thus had done credit to the very flattering opinions of my Engineering abilities, expressed so often, by reputedly, men of note in my profession, from long and tried experience of my Service -

18 Lt. J. Henderson in his report represents, that, while I was in charge of the Division, I had done nothing important; I think my move for the short time I held Charge of this Division in bringing to the Superintending Engineer's notice the defects of the Agore Canal Channel in a professional style and the Improvements I Suggested to the Nellore Tank Supply by reexcitating a Scheme that was undertaken some 30 years ago, must Speak sufficiently in my favor, these reports were placed in a very efficient manner before the Superintending Engineer to have enabled him for mind a correct opinion of my abilities as an Executive Engineer to say nothing of the several tank Estimates which have been sent up by me in a complete form, of which I am not ambitious to Seek Credit in Such work, for the little merit in them is really due to the Draughtsmen, who prepare them in the Style they go up from this office

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In placing the above facts before you I have respectfully to submit that you will do me justice by removing the imputation of inefficiency from my character.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
J M Caskey
Sub. Engineer

Nellore
27th February 1882
Recd 28th "

P. S. As it is extremely urgent that this letter should be before you in disposing off my case, I am forced to send you a copy direct, the original is transmitted in its usual course. I will here respectfully observe that Lt Henderson, although asked, has not given me copies of his observation accompanying my explanation. I have applied for 3 months privilege leave from being forced to it from necessity but I shall remain in Nellore until my case is decided and I will be prepared to answer or clear away any further representation made against me by Lt Henderson.

J M Caskey S.E.

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From
Mr. T. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To
Superintending Engineer
II Circle
Kistna

Dated Nellore 27th Feby 1882
Despatched 28th Feby 1882
Received.

Reply to Superintending Engineer's Remarks in a letter to Chief Engineer No 69, dated the 14th December 1881.

Mr Laskey Sub Engineer

Explanation of - regarding slow progress in the preparation of Plans and Estimates for Swarapalli Project

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Mr Laskey Sub Engr

Remarks by D Henderson R.E. on the Statements contained in Mr Laskey's letter to S. Engr dated 27th Febuary 1882.

Mr. Lashley's figures of the Areas cultivated appear to be incorrect, I view them with grave suspicion.

To re-build every Sluice and Regulator is out of the question and the Main Works which alone were detailed in the Original Project need alone be detailed in the Revised Estimates, the Report can contain notes on the smaller works.

9. Mr. Lashley's share in anything done for the Golagamudi and Shellone Tank Channels was exceedingly small, the Delta and Ancient Superintendents took Longitudinal and Cross Sections which I have since found useful as a basis for investigations.

A B Henderson
Lt R
Ex. Eng. N.D.

Camp Muttukur
12th March 1882

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Wr Laskey Sub Engr

Remarks by Lt Henderson R.E. on the statements contained in Wr Laskey's letter to S. Engr dated 27th February 1882.

utterly condemned Mr Laskey's proposed new Masonry Invert he brings his Plan of a Masonry Invert to the Supt Engineer for approval and in his letter he attempts to show that my design for a dry stone flooring is a mistake though I had explained to him that Baling to get in a Masonry floor would probably bring the Bridge down.

5. Mr Laskey certainly had orders to make the Ryepanaikulupett Bridge of minimum dimensions and his reasons for an 18 foot roadway are absurd. A Bridge of 35 ft span cannot be built at Thondiapalem without very expensive approaches and a 40 foot waterway will probably suffice. The depths of the Channels will be quite different when they have a proper fall, at present the Main Channel has a rise of 2 feet in the first mile.

6. My proposed alterations of the Thirtapatam Channel were subsequently generally approved of in writing by the Supt Engineer and the construction of a new Regulator instead of the conversion of the Thirtapatam Road Bridge into a Regulator was a doubtful point on which I consulted the Supt Engineer, the conversion of the Bridge would probably cost less.

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Wr Laskey Sub Engr

Remarks by Dr Stevenson RE. on the statements contained in Wr Laskey's letter to S. Engr dated 27th February 1882.

Executive Engineers Remarks on Mr Lastley's letter to Superintending Engineer 2d Circle of 27th Feb. 1882

1. When Mr Lastley was placed in charge of the Sarvapalli Project Estimates he had clear orders from me to prepare all Plans in accordance with Circular Orders or other instructions which had from time to time been issued by the Chief Engineer, I impressed on him the importance of using the proper scales &c and told him to be guided by the printed Rules on the subject. During my absence from Head Quarters Mr Lastley commenced the Plans of the Channels and put the Longitudinal and Cross Sections on different sheets, I objected to this and ordered him to have the Plans drawn over again. If there are any orders about Plans which were not attended to, Mr Lastley is responsible; I saw the rough plans and I had been absent on Field Service for two years during which time orders may have been issued which it was Mr Lastley's duty to have brought to my notice if my instructions to him were to the contrary effect.

2. Before I took charge of the Division I asked Col. Prendergast in

in Madras who should have the Sub. Division and he left it to my discretion, saying however, that as Mr. Lashley was senior to Mr. Sub. Engr. Stephens he had a sort of claim on it. Within a week of my arrival at Nellore I came to the conclusion that Mr. Lashley was unfit for executive charge and that it was essential for him to clear off the arrears of measurements and Completion Certificates which he had allowed to accumulate, it took him about 5 months to do this and then I put him in charge of the Project as he could not be trusted with any works. My Quarterly Reports on Mr. Lashley's qualifications have been from the first consistent with the above opinion.

3. About June 1881 Mr. Stephens owing to his good reputation was transferred to Sangam Project Division and I had orders from the Sup.g Engineer to send Mr. Lashley at once to relieve Mr. Stephens of his Sub. Division, Mr. Lashley was accordingly sent to Gudur after handing over to me in about ten minutes all the Project Plans and papers, at the same time I wrote demi-officially to the Sup.g Engineer to remonstrate against the transfer of Mr. Stephens and to say that rather than allow Mr. Lashley to hold the Sub-Division for which I considered him unfit I would do without a Sub. Division Officer. I also pointed out that it was essential to complete the out-door work of the Project be the Channels and Tanks filled and that I had no time to go over the numerous Channels with the Overseer to point out where Levels should be taken. On receipt of my letter the Sup.g Engineer managed to get the transfer of Mr. Stephens cancelled and Mr. Lashley returned to Nel after an absence of about ten days. During Mr. Lashleys absence I had employed the Overseer on plotting the Cross Sections of the Main Channel but I found that he was slow and inaccurate, progress was therefore slow.

4. The lowering of the flow of the Stonehousepett Bridg is a very important matter, it must be done, but Mr. Lash has evidently taken no trouble to ascertain if the Bridge is founded on Wells or not, I asked him to collect evidence as the Bridge was built only some 12 years ago but he has done nothing. Six months after I had utterly

utterly condemned Mr. Lasley's proposed new Masonry Invert
he brings his Plan of a Masonry Invert to the Supt Engineer
for approval and in his letter he attempts to show that
my design for a dry stone flooring is a mistake though I
had explained to him that Baling to get in a Masonry
floor would probably bring the Bridge down.

5. Mr. Lasley certainly had orders to make the Nungavaram Mulapett
Bridge of minimum dimensions and his reasons for an 18
foot roadway are absurd. A Bridge of 35 ft span cannot
be built at Thondiapalem without very expensive approaches
and a 40 foot waterway will probably suffice. The depths
of the Channels will be quite different when they have a
proper fall, at present the Main Channel has a rise of
2 feet in the first mile.

6. My proposed alterations of the Thotapatam Channel were
subsequently generally approved of in writing by the Supt. Engineer
and the construction of a new Regulator instead of the
conversion of the Thotapatam Road Bridge into a Regulator
was a doubtful point on which I consulted the Supt. Engineer,
the conversion of the Bridge would probably cost less.

Ltr. No 21 a/ 6-1-82

Vide Bk 1925 W of 10-7-80

10/2/1

Intd. in Receipt Regr.

6th Jany/82

No. 21. of ~~Jany/82~~

P.W.D.

Memo

Letter from the Supt.g. Engr. second circle No. 69. N.L. of 14th December/81.

The Chief Engr. remarks that before this can be dealt with, full and sufficient enquiry under Code rules should be made by the Supt.g. Engr. and the case submitted with a clear expression of his opinion.

2. The statement that Mr Laskey is of no use and that confidence cannot be reposed in him conveys charges of the gravest character, which must be fully investigated and disposed of in the manner laid down in para 834 of the Code.

Sgd/ R.H.S.

C.E. P.W.D.

(by R.P.

To

The Supt.g. Engr.

2nd circle

√ Desd 5-1-82

P.W. 188 Dept.

C No 7601

From

The Superintending Engineer

2nd Circle

To

The Chief Engineer

P.W. Dept.

Dated 14th December 1881.

Rec. — 23

C.E. No 21 of 6-1-82

No 69 N.L.

Laskey Mr. Sub Engineer. Reports that the Exc: Engr. Nellore Dn. asks him to arrange for the transfer of — from his Dn., as per reasons within stated.

E.E. Unit

Rec 4/1/82

SP 6/1/82

6th Jany/82

No. 21. of ~~Jany/82.~~

P.W.D.

Memo

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The Chief Engr remarks that before this can be dealt with, full and sufficient enquiry under Code rules should be made by the Supty. Engr, and the case submitted with a clear expression of his opinion.

2. The statement that Mr Lasky is of no use and that confidence cannot be reposed in him conveys charges of the gravest character, which must be fully investigated and disposed of in the manner laid down in para 834 of the Code.

Sgd/ R.H.S.

C.E. P.W.D.

(by R.P.

To

The Supty. Engr

2nd Circle

√ Desd 5-1-82

No. 69 N.L.

Superintending Engineer's O
2nd Circle, Camp Jalad
Nellore District.
14th December 18

From

The Superintending Engineer,

2nd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Departme

Madras.

Sir,

The Executive Engineer, Nellore D
has applied to me, to arrange if possible
the transfer from his Division, of Mr Laskey
Engineer.

2. In making this application, Lieut Hend
states, that Mr Laskey is of no use to
and that he has no confidence whatever
him.

3. I cannot arrange for Mr Laskey
transfer to either of 3 other Divisions in
Circle, as a subordinate of his standing
not required. I therefore bring the m
to your notice in case Mr Laskey's servi

Can be utilised elsewhere.

4. As regards Lieutenant Henderson's State-
ment that Mr Laskey is no use to him
and that he cannot trust him, I am not
able personally to give any opinion. I saw
Mr Laskey for the first time at Nelson
recently. He has for some months past been
employed on the revision of the Darvépilly
Project Estimates. I went through his plans
and papers, and the examination of these did
not give me a favorable opinion of his capa-
city; much time had evidently been wasted
by him and many essential details had been
neglected by him, in drawing up such plans
and papers as were ready.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obt Servant.

J. W. Rundall

Superintending Engineer,

2nd Circle.

Public Works Department

No 2,300 dated 8th October 1881.

Circular Memorandum.

The following promotions are made in the Upper Subordinate Establishment of the P.W. Departt

Name.	Present Grade.		Grade to which promoted.		With effect from.	Nature of promotion.	Remarks.
Conductor J. Fitz. Gibbon	Sub Engineer	2nd	Sub Engineer	1st	1st October 1881.	Permanent.	
" J. Nicholson	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
" R. Lennon	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Mr W. V. Baker	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Conductor A. Milne	do	2nd	do.	1st			
Sergeant F. Heinig	Sub Engineer	3rd	Sub Engineer	2nd			
Conductor J. Keenan	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Mr J. W. Laskey	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Sub Condr J. B. Sanderson	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Mr G. H. Stephens	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Sub Condr J. Cormac	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Conductor J. Lalor	do	3rd	do	2nd			
S. Mahadava Iyer A.C.E.	Supervisor	1st	Sub Engineer	3rd			
Mr H. M. Bond	do.	1st	do.	3rd			
" J. E. Lafrenais B.C.E.	do	1st	do.	3rd			
T. T. Ragavacharriar	Supervisor	1st	Sub Engineer	3rd	1st October 1881.	Permanent.	
Mr W. A. Mathews B.C.E.	do.	1st	do.	3rd			
P. W. Subbiah Naidu	do.	2nd	do.	3rd			
Sub Condr H. Frankland	Supervisor	2nd	Supervisor	1st			
S. Venkataramania Pantulu B.A. & B.C.E.	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Vytheanatha Iyer B.C.E.	do	2nd	do.	1st			
Mr J. Mahony	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Conductor J.H. Littlewood	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
V. Kothandapani	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Sub Condr R. A. Bragg	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Sergeant A. Temple	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Abdool Kareem Khan Saib	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Mr E. A. French A.C.E.	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Sub Condr A. C. Lord	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Sergeant R. Mac Alister	do.	2nd	do.	1st			

Public Works Department

No 2300 dated 8th October 1881.

Circular Memorandum.

The following promotions are made in the Upper Subordinate Establishment of the P.W. Departt

Name.	Present Grade.		Grade to which promoted.		With effect from.	Nature of promotion.	Remarks.
C. Veloythum Mudali	Supervisor (Temp.)	2nd	Supervisor	2nd	1st October 1881.	Permanent.	
S. Krisnamachari B.E.	Overseer	2nd	do.	2nd			
M. Gurusawmy Mudali	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
S. Soobramania Pillay	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Mr J. C. Dennehy	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Mr L. Pereira	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
T. Viadialingum Pillay	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Mr J. M. Taylor	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Sergeant T. B. Smith	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
R. Kalianarama Iyer	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Mr E. Dady	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Sergeant J. Patton	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Mr E. Taylor	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Sergeant T. Humbly R.E.	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
Sergeant D. Mackintosh R.E.	do.	1st	do.	2nd			
S. Aservathum Pillay	Overseer	2nd	Overseer	1st	1st October 1881.	Permanent.	
Mr W. N. Joyce	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
T. Ramanujam Pillay	do.	2nd	do.	1st	1st October 1881.	Permanent.	
Mr S. Frutwein	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
P. Murugasam Pillay	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Vejearagavaloo Dos Naidu	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
A. Murugasa Moodly	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Mr T. Enright	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Abdul Latcef Saib	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
S. Ragava Iyengar	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
M. Arumanayagum	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Mr C. H. R. Morton	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Mr J. R. Hendrick	do.	2nd	do.	1st			
Narsimha Row Pantulu	Overseer	3rd	Overseer	2nd			
M. Raju Moodelly	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
M. Munisawmy Mudali	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Mahomed Jaffer Hossain	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
P. M. Arumugam Pillay	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			
Mr J. Pereira	do.	3rd	do.	2nd			

Public Works Department

No 2,300 dated 8th October 1881.

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I. Gnanasumbunthum Pillay	Overseer	3rd	Overseer	2nd	1st October 1881	Permanent	
M. Runga Row	do	3rd	do	2nd			
P. Punchapragasa Iyer	do	3rd	do	2nd			
C. Masilamani Mudali	do	3rd	do	2nd			
W. Masilamani Mudali	do	3rd	do	2nd			
C. Soobramania Iyer	do	3rd	do	2nd			
V. Soobroya Pillai	do	3rd	do	2nd			
N. Coomarasami Achari	do	3rd	do	2nd			

/By Order/

J. Penny Major R.E.

Dy. Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To,
Supg. Engineers
Supts of Works
Comg. Architect to Govt.
Exr of P.W. Accounts

ON TRANSFER BY V.VARDARAJAH MOODE AND LITHO BY R.BALDREY GOVT LITHE DEPT OCTR 1881

CG lw 2300 98.10.21

Chief Secretary's Office
Received 30 Aug 93

Revenue
Settlement
Dy 13 Sept 93

D/ G.O. No 1925 dd/ 16 July/93

(I have looked very carefully through the papers connected with this case and have come to the conclusion that Sub Engineer Lackey's petition should be returned herein with the undermentioned final)

" It appears from the papers
" connected with this case
" that Mr Lackey has on more
" than one occasion failed
" to give satisfactory in the dis-
" charge of his duties and
" that it has twice been found
" necessary to degrade him.
" No such appears therefore
" to call for consideration at
" the present time. I of the Chief Engineer
" he has verbally made
" the said Mr Lackey
" arrangements for his
" being reinstated in his
" former grade [illegible] year
" provided that in the
" meantime he conducts

For orders

The annexed file is connected with a very troublesome personal case which was decided by me in No 750 Ca of 30/3/82

Mr Lackey, the petitioner, was reduced by that decision from Sub-Engineer 2nd Grade to Sub Engineer 3rd Grade and removed from Nellore to the Godavari

I gave the matter the fullest consideration at the time, and am still of opinion that I could have arrived at no other Solution

The punishment carried with it removal from the Circle in which he considered himself unfairly

I have the honour and
Secretive Superiors gave
him practically a new
start, and although
fully persuaded that
the man had originally
been promoted into a
Grade, the responsibilities
of which were beyond
his Capacity, I was still
perfectly willing to give
him a perfectly fair trial
in an entirely new field

The Lab Engineer sent
in Subsequently a letter
addressed to me offering
to re-instatement, and
willing as I was to give
him any chance I re-
mitted the whole to
the Asst. Chief Engineer
for his Opinion

Major Bowers view
of the case (See his
Ltr of the 12th inst.) was
more favorable to the
Lackey than mine

= tion of the Cap[t] Engineer before
Circle relieved them
transferred -
Without waiting until
his application & the Chief
Engineer's recommendation
had been disposed of the
Lackey took the matter
and thereupon directly stopped
& addressing the Govt direct
on the subject of his alleged
grievances, an irregularity
of which he was guilty on
previous occasions and which
was noticed with displeasure
in G.O. of 16th Feb: 1872 - In conse-
=quence of this breach of rules
and of the disrespectful
remarks which he
regarding his superior
officers which he repeated
in the memorial the
Govt was pleased to
Take W Lackey's repre-
sentations into consideration
and he will be informed
accordingly"
A.G.S.

30/6

I think the proposed [illegible]
A.G.

I agree
MP
July 3/85.

To The Supty Engr
1st Circle

Ltr
1887

he observed on C.A.
1188 I accepted this and
a memo has actually
issued on the 23d inst.
which gives I consider the
man a guarantee of
reinstatement on 1st April
last if he can show that
he has behaved well
under the Walsh

So far good - But
now comes a point which
as it concerns the discipline
of the Department I must
ask the order of Government

As will be seen on the
limited file the Lackey
assumes as I presume to
just-pressure upon me
but in direct contravention
of Codal rules has sub-
-mitted a memorial
dated 13th June 1883 direct
to H.E. the Governor

This I must submit
is in itself a very grave
breach of discipline and

the necessity of (1) recalling by telegraph the favorable order (above alluded to) and (2) of seeking the instructions of Government

In his present memorial Lt. A. in the most unwarrantable manner Mr Bagley accuses Lt. Henderson of being "in the "habit of uttering false "statements and disparaging "observations secretly in "official documents with "malicious intent &c.."

Further on he makes much the same charges in the most reckless and insubordinate spirit against Mr Rundall the Superintending Engineer of his Circle —

In any other case in the least acquainted with the Forms mentioned it is needless to say that these charges are utterly frivolous, and I am

1042. No Officer should correspond direct with an authority superior to the Officer under whom he is immediately serving or with the Govt. or with the Govt of India out of the regular course unless in a case of extreme emergency in which case he must send copies of his communications to his immediate superior -

conclusion that Mr Bagley by the memorial to his Excellency had no other object in view than to bring undue pressure on me as Head of the Department while his case was "Sub judice"

I venture to think that he has very clearly put himself out of court and that he will be informed that in consequence of his disregard of the known rules of the Department in submitting his petition direct instead of through his immediate Superior (See para 1042 of Code), and particularly in consequence of the manifestly false accusations which he has brought against Lt. Henderson & Mr Rundall in his petition, his case will not be

the next. Six months
and then only on
his obtaining his
discharge in the
manner in which he
has acted

27.6.83

F.C.

23 C 7-4-84.

Bmo 1925 x 10-7-84

To

The Honorable Col. J. H. M. Shaw-Stuart
R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Honorable Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to address you on the subject of G. O. No. 1925 W. dated 10th July 1883 and to represent that it was a mistake to say that I addressed the Government direct in the case of my memorial — I addressed His Excellency the Governor through the Private Secretary, and it is His Excellency who sent it to the Government for disposal through the Chief Secretary, the Governor being absent from Council at the time but the Government apparently to understand that I had taken an irregular and unsubordinate course in addressing it direct, and in consequence of conduct viewed as such, Government have refused to give my representation of grievances in the Department consideration.

My memorial, I respectfully beg

been expend in the Service and I
craved that His Excellency would kindly
look into both the cases under which I
had been degraded. viz that of 1872 from
the top of the list of Supernumerary 1st Class to
the bottom, by which my promotion was dela-
-yed for 10 years, and the case of my recent
degradation from 2nd to 3rd class Sub. Engineer.
vide Chief Engineers No. 750 of 30th March
1882. In the matter of the latter case it
would seem that my appeal against it had
received the favourable consideration of the
late Chief Engineer and that he intend-
ed to reinstate me in my late grade in
the course of last year, but this intention
of the late Chief Engineer to favour me has
also been barred apparently by mistaking
my conduct in the case of my memorial
as unsubordinate. I have, Sir, through
you, respectfully to ask Government to
pardon me for what may have seemed
unofficial and objectionable expressions
in my memorial, and I trust that a
generous Government will not refuse
to take into consideration the extenuating
circumstances of my labouring under the
affliction of severe calamity.

I have 29 years Service and I
am now bordering on 52 years in age.
I have consequently very little time yet
to spend in the Service and I have hard-
-ly any prospect before me to secure an ad-
-vantage on my pension on retiring. The
punishm ts inflected on me by both the
degradations will affect me by a loss of
Rs 75 a month, so that I would instead
of drawing Rs 200 get only Rs 125 on ret
This small allowance will be a hard bri
on me in my old age to maintain a large
family. I appeal, therefore, Sir, to yo
humanity, your generosity and in
justice to give my case in both the
impa

circumstances of such violation, your favourable consideration. I was, vide G.O. No: 151 dated 16th March 1870, promised promotion, ie to Sub. Engineer 3rd grade on the occurrance of a vacancy, I will respectfully observe that there was no cause for its being withheld other than those that came from circumstances of misfortune as I have stated and explained in my appeal.

I beg to remain
Honorable Sir,
Your most obl. Servant
J. M. Crabbe
Sub. Engineer

Sub. Engineer's Office
Athanesium
12th March/84

J 446 G A/8

Dft No 2772

G.O. 2066 W d/ 29.8.72
" 2964 W d/ 14.12.72
" 1503 W d/ 25.3.75
C.E. 622 d/ 11.2.79
" 2300 d/ 5.10.81
" 21 d/ 6.1.82
" 750 C d/ 30.3.82
" 761 C d/ 31.3.82
" 899 C d/ 20.4.82
274 B d/ 8.2.83
" 1925 W d/ 10.7.83
" 1443 B d/ 27.6.83
" 1188 C d/ 22.6.83
" 1925 W d/ 10.7.83.

Pwt Yarrah 3849
15-4-91

Rec 27/3/84.

No 561 G. N

Forwarded & requested to the Chief L.
P.L. 8-

Comptroller
Off^g Sup^g L.

1st Circle

27/3/84

Disp^d 27/3/84

To W for orders

CS
28-3-84

No 836 Ca/7-4-84

Circ: 3/4/84 R 3/4/84

with a disposal with.
No 561 G. N

Letter from W. Laskey
Dist. Engineer. 3. Gra
dated 12-3-84.

For orders.

Under ordinary circum
stances this is a matter
that would be disposed of
by the Chief Engineer,
— but on a Memorial
submitted by W. Laskey to
H.E. the Governor direct,
an order was passed on
10.7.83, to the effect
that, in consequence of
breach of rule, and of
disrespectful remarks
upon his Superior Officers,
the Govt. were precluded
from taking his representa
tion into consideration.

Appeal
H.V.

It will be seen that W. Lackey has now expressed contrition for his errors, and with the sanction of Govt. I propose to take an early opportunity to reinstate him in the 2d. grade of Sub. Engineers. He has already suffered a longer term of penance than was proposed by General Lankey in his Note for orders dated 27-6-83.

V. Macdonnell

26-3-84

No. 5614 A

E. Sullivan -

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 APL 84
DEPARTMENT

Works Department.

Letter from Mr. Laskey. Sub. Engr. 3d Grade thro' the Supdg. Engr. 2d Circle dated 12th March 1884.

Mr. Laskey having expressed contrition for his breach of rule in addressing Government direct and for the disrespectful remarks upon his superior officers contained in his Memorial of the 13th June 1883, the Chief Engineer, considering that Mr Laskey's punishment has now lasted sufficiently long, obtained the sanction

of Government to re-instate
him in the 2d grade of
Sub. Engineers ~~when~~ as soon as vacancy
opportunity offers.

The Superintending
Engineer may communicate
this decision to Mr. Laskey.

CM.
4-4-84

4-4-84

No. 836 Capt. 4th April 84

Side Light Track nos. on the back
of the C. Rodriguez Pass Off —

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To

I Circle.

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2½ Yrs Expiry

3rd Circle

No. 599.

~~Chingleput~~ Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 6th February 1879.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
~~Chingleput.~~ 3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

As requested in your Memorandum No 452 dated 29th January 1879. I have the honor to return herewith the papers relating to Mr. Laskey's case therein referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

M Clister Major R.
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

From the Supt. Engr. &c.

№ 599.

dated 6th
Rec'd } Feb'y 9/79.

Papers relating to
Mr. Lasky's case —
Returns the —

№ 622 of 11th Feby: 1879

C. Engineers Office.

The Chief Engineer again
draws reference to the
Supt. Engineer's third
Circle where was formerly Asst
Engineer Mr Lasky and
carefully reconsidered
the Superintendent Darley's
case and regrets that
he is unable to any
way to alter the decision
already communicated
to the Darley as that
he has been in the
Army throughout —
Mr Lasky would keep do
his best to reestablish
his character and if
is hoped in time
he may again advance
himself in the Dept —

WK
10.2.79

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

3.9.C

No 622 dt 11-2-79

From

The District Engineer
Nellore.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Madras.

Dated 9th November
Despatched 11 —— do } 1878
Received 13th —— "

No. 1987

Enclosures: 21 20

Submitting Mr Laskey's explanation regarding his liability for certain amount, in Chingleput District.

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

No. 1987
Encl(21)

From

District Engineer's Office,
Nellore
9th November 1878.

The District Engineer,
Nellore

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Supervisor Mr Laskey's explanation called for in your Memo. No. 4160, dated the 16th Ultimo.

The original papers received with your Memo. are returned as directed.

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

J. O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer

LS.

No 524

Sorlorpett
28th October 1878.

W Ch E

To

J. O'Shaughnessy Esquire
District Engineer
Nellore.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1817 dated 21st Instant I beg leave most respectfully to state that I paid Rs 10-0-0 to Sashachellums work people and recovered from them 9 hammers and 1 Crowbar and purchased new tools for Rs. 46-2-0 viz 12 Monnaties at 1-15-0 and 12 Crowbars at 1-14-6 total Rs. 56-2-0 the balance Rs. 3-14-0 is what I hold in his favour- I made no book entries of the whole of this transaction - holding the deposit for my own security and disposing of it as I had done was the irregularity in my proceeding for which I am found fault, but I committed this as I have explained in my letter to Chief Engineer from ignorance and accordingly threw myself on his mercy.

From the omission of a sentense in a para of my letter the expression read a little harsh I have now altered this

this - Smarting as I am sir, under a severe stroke of injustice
I have given way to the heat of my feelings in expressing my
statements undisguised in an open and free-spoken style and
I trust to Chief Engineers humanity and to his noble generosity
to pardon me for any thing that he may see amiss in my tone,
but I assure you, sir, that I am presenting my appeal to his
tribunal with the highest deference and with that veneration
to it as being the seat of justice where I now seek redress
against the injury done to my reputation and prospects.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

W H Castley

Sub Division Officer.

No 295

Forwarded

Capt

30.10.38

31-10-38

PW 12/7/1/8

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PW 12/7/1/8

this - Smarting as I am, sir, under a severe stroke of injustice I have given way to the heat of my feelings in expressing my statements undisguised in an open and free-spoken style and I trust to Chief Engineers humanity and to his noble generosity to pardon me for any thing that he may see amiss in my tone, but I assure you, sir, that I am presenting my appal to his tribunal with the highest deference and with that veneration to it as being the seat of justice where I now seek redress against the injury done to my reputation and prospects.

PW 12/7/78

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Caskey

Sub Division Officer-

No 295

Forwarded

Rec'd

30.10.78

31.10.78

No 2

No 2

Memorandum No 1817.

The correspondence received with the Executive Engineer's foot note No 284, dated the 17th instant, is returned with the following remarks.

Mr Laskey has not given a direct answer to the Chief Engineer's memorandum No 4160, dated the 16th September 1878.

Mr Laskey acknowledges to have received the 60 Rs in dispute, and the question is, what has he done with the money.

Did he purchase the Tools specified in his memo. No 34, dated the 20th June 1877 addressed to the contractor, and did he record the transaction in the books of his office.

Did he refuse and pr account therefor for Rs. 1-9-9 the difference between the amount deposited, and the cost of the Tools.

A simple yes or no to these questions seems to be all that is required.

The District Engineer considers the tone of Mr Laskey's letter to the Chief Engineer highly improper, and his lengthy arguments seem to be irrelevant to the question at issue.

Mr Laskey is therefore advised to give this matter his most serious consideration before he ventures to address the Chief Engineer, in the terms of the letter now returned; he should, however, reply immediately to the questions specified in paras 4 and 5 of this memorandum, and if he still desires to have his letter to the Chief Engineer forwarded, he should return it without delay for that purpose.

District Engineers Office, Sullodi 21st October 1878.

/signed/ J. O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer.

To

The Executive Officer,
Southern Division.

(Prime Copy.)

J. O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer.

E. H.

P.W. 12/4/1/78

No 841 /78

Auditangal
22nd March 1878

To,

The District Engineer
Chingalput.

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to submit the enclosed papers with a view to show that Mr Donaghue from an incorrect knowledge of things or other cause rushes into reports damaging my reputation very seriously. In this instance Mr Donaghue's report, as you will observe, is of a character exposing me to very serious injury, but my explanation is the clearest refutation to his charge. It would appear from his No 3383 of 1st March 78 (copy enclosed) that the matter is not yet settled - I am anxious therefore that it should be cleared up, lest it may at some future day be put against me. This is an additional reason for my now troubling you on the subject. I regret, Sir, that I should thus encroach upon your time, but these are matters which cannot but create alarm in one who is already an unfortunate subordinate.

I have &c
(Sd) J. M. Parkey
Superintendent

Encloses 2.
Copy of Ex. Dist. Officer's No 790 of 26/2/78
P.W. No 3383 of 1/3/78.
Ex. Dist. Co. No 799 of 4/3/78
do do No 824 of 14/3/78
B.
Copy of S.O. No 471 of 28th Sept 77

Mr

P.W. 12777/78

No 855 L Auditangal
29th March 1878

To, The Chief Engineer

Sir,

With reference to Superintending Engineer's No 1186 of 21st instant, on your Memorandum (without any date) on the Dryoor Question, I request you will be good enough to send me the papers B. and the Overseer's No 192 alluded to therein.

A Copy also of your letter with date forwarding your Memo to the Superintending Engineer; and further the date when you Counter-signed the Completion Certificate are essentially necessary.

2. Your Memorandum without any date leaves me at a loss to know when these remarks were written.

3. I beg that these papers and the information may be furnished me within an early date.

(Sd) J. W. Larkey
Superior.

Note.

This information was not given. Col. O'Connell and Mr. Donaghue were perfectly silent, to my repeated

No 1027 . District Engineer's Office,

calls, how could I then clear away the charges satisfactorily.

J W Lastley Esq

PW 12/7/75

Rustabroon

No 1471

Memorandum

Mr Lastley is informed in reference to his No 352 dated 13th Instant that the proposal therein made is approved.

Instructions have been already issued to the Kango Officer in regard to the work being out of the new alignment of the Ukhamcher Channel which is to have a uniform width of 60 ft and to have the banks pitched so as to have a berme of 15 above its slope 1½ to 1

(sd) F. G. Moberly Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer Chunglepet

Superintending
Engineer's Office
Chunglepet
Sd Thomas Cromb
2nd July 1877

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Mr J. W Lastley
Supervisor D. P. W.
Sub Dt Officer No 3 Kanga

Wks

No. 1084 . District Engineer's Office,

No

Rupaspur
29th June 1878

From,

Lieut. J. W. Daskey
Supervisor D. E. W.

To,

Lieut. Col. D. Cornell R. E.
Superintending Engineer
Chingalpet

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to inform you that the written instructions I received from Col. Drobely regarding the Uttaralum Channel having its banks put back with a berm of 15 ft. was given in his number 1471 dated 20th July 1877. Col Drobely inspected the work when Lieut. Hayes came in September to relieve me and if my proceeding was contrary to his plan, i.e. throwing the earth on both sides he would have told Lieut. Hayes not to do so. Col. Drobely inspected the new alignment of the channel, it was marked out with a 15 ft. berm on both sides - in fact he was angry with me for some earth that was by mistake thrown within the line of the berm, he inspected the Channel only along the right bank. Lieut. Hayes was with us at the time.

The cross sections showing banks on both sides with a 15 ft. berm was sent to Mr. Donaghue and he sent it up to the Superintending Engineer in Octr and the revised sections submitted in November showed them again. Mr. Donaghue with reference to these sections asked me to send Mr. Hayes a copy for his guidance, this fact leaves Mr. Donaghue no room to say that he was not aware that the arrangement by the plan was to form banks on both sides.

The heavier cutting being on the right and the Channel carrying water all the time Mr. Hayes was at work accounts for his season in throughing so much on the right and overlooking the necessity for strengthening the left bank.

On the subject of the breach Cut in the bank bund in 1874 being kept open all this while becoming so serious a question now, forces me offering you the following explanation.

The surface level of this Cut was 3½ ft. over Crest of the Calingulah — the known maximum flood level during the past 20 years was not more than that in the flood of 1874 which was 24 inches over Crest. Consequently no water would have gone over the surface of the Cut, unless a higher rise occured. The bund at the Centre of the bank is only 3½ ft. over the flood rise of 1874. Should a flood rise so high as to reach the height of the surface of the Cut, the bank must certainly breach at the Centre. hence the ex-

expedient for preparing a site for it to breach at the end appeared to my humble idea a very judicious plan.

I would respectfully submit the following notes for your favorable Consideration in this matter. The length of bank from Calingulah to end at F. T. L. is about 600 ft. the ground at the back, at the end is high, fully a yard over F. T. L. It falls in line with the bank. The fall is about 1 in 100. The length of escape to discharge 16 Square miles of drainage Co-eff Since recently fixed by C.E. is ↑ 314 for Gross escapes, with 2 ft. head, ↑ mile require 840 ft. Take away 140 for existing length 700 ft. has to be provided — a 200 ft. Cut flush with F. T. L or 2 ft. below it will be no relief to the bank in danger — allowing it to breach where the depth is 5 ft. was an expedient to save it breaching where 25 ft. or more would be the depth of water lost.

The extension of the Cut in last year being cut on the south instead of its being carried on the other side, and the depth being lowered were mistakes that occured from the work in its execution — not seeming the necessary supervision. On this matter my letters Nos. 987 and 862 contain full explanation

Col. Ruberly taking away my authority as a Ranger Officer in the entire Division was you will see from his letter on the subject, purely a mistake — that it

No. 1087 District Engineer's Office,

was a local assignment and Mr. Donaghue was in consequence throwing inconvenience in his way by refusing to Countersign Completion Certificates for works in the Sub Division.

As for the incorrectness of Mr. Donaghues complaints against my works - I am happy that you have now seen what they are.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your Most Obdt. Servt.

(Sd) J. W. Laskey

Supervr. D. P. W.

J. W. Laskey

Relative to C.R.

Extract from letter from the District Engineer to Chenglepet No. 2416 dated 5th July 1878.

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Para 6. Case of a sum of Rs 100 which Contractor Sachachella Naidu asserted that he deposited with Mr Laskey as a guarantee that he would return certain Government tools lent to him for use on the work, but which Mr Laskey refused to return now that the Contractor was prepared to return the tools.

On the 22nd June I received from Mr Donaghue a letter No 492 dated 22nd June 1878 at Camp Nellore enclosing a petition from Sachachella Naidu Contractor Uttramalur Road.

The portion of this petition which

refers to Mr Lackey is the second para: in which he refers to the amount Rs: 100 which he deposited with Mr Lackey for the tools which were entrusted to him. He is now ready to deliver the tools - Viz:- 8 small hammers and 11 crowbars, and has offered them to Mr Lackey, but Mr Lackey refuses to give him back his money.

From the Sub Divisional Officer's Cash Book, it appears that Mr Lackey, who was then the Sub Divisional Officer, paid away on the 12th December 1876. three cheques in No 263 for Rs 754-10-10.
264 " 195-11-11
265 " 100 — "

The Contractor asserts that he received the last cheque from Mr Lackey and after endorsing it over to Mr Lackey's Lascar he went away and never again saw the cheque or the money drawn on it.

Mr Lackey asserts that the Rs: 100 drawn on the cheque was brought from the Treasury counted out in the presence of Mr Lackey, the contractor and the lascar, and that Mr Lackey retained Rs 60 as a guarantee for the return of the tools, which the man promised to bring back in two or three days but which he kept putting off doing. He gave however names of coolies to whom some of the tools had been handed over by him. Mr Lackey has at my request given his explanation in writing - this is attached. He complained that the lascar refused to corroborate his statement about the payment of Rs 40 made to the contractor out of the Rs 100. There is thus only one man's statement against another.

According to Mr Lackey's own account he acted very improperly in receiving a deposit and not recording it in his accounts. likewise in not recording any of the payments which he says he made for loads which he says he recovered from other parties.

In the latter portion of his written statement Mr Lackey endeavours to shelter himself for not discovering the seamy work done to the foundations of the culverts in the Ulramahr road by asserting that Mr Lowry was deceived as well as himself. I have never seen Mr Lowry and cannot say what reliance should be placed upon this statement of Mr Lackey's. referring to what he says about Mr Donoghue, I believe that Mr Donoghue has acted throughout from a sense of duty and as to his having been put on his guard by the discovery of one case of seamy work, and having thereby been led to re-examine works already seen by him with the view of discovering bad work, it is to his credit that he did so. It in no way affords an excuse for Mr Lackey's carelessness and consequent failure to detect what Mr Donoghue afterwards discovered.

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E. R. S.

No. 1000.

No 3 Range Office
Chinglepet
23rd August 1878.

Return to Ch Sec

From

The Executive Officer
No 3 or Chinglepet Range.

To

The Superintending Engineer
Chinglepet.

Sir,

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With reference to your No. 2651 dated 22nd instant, I have the honor to inform you that, ex. contractor Seshachalam Naidu delivered in my absence at the Range Store, the following tools.

Crowbars: 10
Hammers: 8.

2. The above tools I believe have been picked up here and there in the bazaar and I am confident are not the tools originally given to the Contractor. I have therefore declined to receive them, the tools especially the hammers are mere rubbish.

3. The Chief Engineer directs, that if the tools are not forthcoming, their value should be recovered from the sum due to the Contractor. The sum claimed by the Contractor is Rs 1000/-

this sum he is to get Rs 40, since Mr Laskey can produce no proof of having paid the Contractor this amount. the remaining sum Rs 60 was partly spent by Mr Laskey in the purchase of bazaar tools, and as the transfer certificate and list of outstanding tools* signed by Messrs Smith and Laskey do not show any balance of tools in Seshachalam's custody and as the 60 Rs have not been accounted for in any way, I am at a loss to know how the Chief Engineers orders contained in para 2 can be carried out.

I will await your instructions before paying the Contractor the 40 Rs adverted to in the foregoing para.

I have &c
(signed) W. H. Donaghue
Sub Engineer D.O.M.

(True Copy)

P Hommell Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer, Chingleput

* enclosed

No. 3202.

CHINGLEPUT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT, 5th Septr 1878.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
CHINGLEPUT.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Encl 1.

In reference to your Memorandum No 3112 dated 13th July 1878 in which the recovery of only Rs 40 out of the Rs 100 said to have been deposited with Mr Laskey by Contractor Seshachalam Naidu, is ordered to be recovered from Mr Laskey, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No 1000 dated 23rd August 1878 received from the Range Officer from which it will be observed that the remainder Rs 60 has not in any way been accounted for. I request therefore your instruction on the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
P Hommell Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer Chingleput

From the Supt Engr Chingl

No 3202.

dated 5th
Recd } Septr 78.

Enclosure 1.

Recovery of Rs 6s ——
Requests instructions
regarding the —— from
Mr Lastey for the
reasons stated in—

To Roy. 7.9.78

No 462

Gudur Sub Dn Office
Naidupett
16th October 1878

To.

J. O'Shaughnessy Esquire
District Engineer
Nellore.

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to forward my explanation addressed to Chief Engineer in reply to Proceedings of No 3112 dated 13th July 78 and 4160 dated 15th September 1878— the enclosures received with your Office issue 1550 are respectfully returned.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most Obedient servant

J M Cowley
Supervisor

Rs 284
forwarded
Recd
17.10.78
Dpd 18—

No 1692. F

Camp. Lemairy.
Dt 7th September/77
Desp. 8th " "

Before submitting the Sub Divisional Officer's Completion report on repairing Ramarayer Madday the following explanation is required.

The estimate provides 12,500 Cyds earth and sand work taken together, the quantity charged in the Accounts is 19,742 or a difference of 7,242 Cyds or nearly 60 per cent over estimate.

2. The quantity of naval planting entered in the Completion certificate is 180,000 Square Yards the work performed amounts to only 40,215 including scattered grass, the difference in quantity is 139,785 Square yards and the excess in Cost is Rs. 190 · 9 · 7.

3. The naval planted in baskets according to estimate should have been 3,210 Syds work charged for in Completion certificate is 8,000 & the work done does not exceed 1,600 Syds.

4. The following charges appear in the accounts

Palmyrah or jungle wood posts	- -	Rs 190 · 0 · 0
Large Bamboos	- - - -	" 200 · 0 · 0
Coir rope	- - - -	" 14 · 0 · 0
Palmyrah posts	- - -	" 40 · 0 · 0
Coir rope	- - -	" 3 · 0 · 0
Total Rs.		447 · 0 · 0

Deduct the following:-

Sold by public auction.

123 Bamboos	Rs.	12·9·0
115 Posts jungle	"	6·9·0
40 bamboos transferred to some other work	"	12·8·0
Total	Rs.	31·10·0

The difference to be accounted for ~ allowing Rs 50 for the materials at site ~ amounts to Rs 365 or thereabout.

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(signed) W. Donaghue
Sub Engineer D.P.W.

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To. The Sub Divisional Officer

Note.

Mr. Donaghue's No. 69 B. wholly Condemns him, now he called on me to explain away so large a discrepancy as is shown here, and before getting any explanation he furnishes the Completion Certificate (which was in October) and starts up with a deadly lie himself, when he tells Col. O'Connell in his No. 3608 that I very ingeniously start with a falsehood in pretending to be surprised, that the matter was not settled 7 months ago; in a law Court I would have had redress against such false charges made to the detriment of my character and prospects. On the date of his inspection, there was not a list of any of the material to be seen, they were all buried in the bank in 7's rotted and gone, how then did he arrive at their value, being Rs 50. A public Officer makes such false charges and if I get no redress it would be a hard case indeed.

M Casbon

No. 546. G. Anuradhapura 26-3-78

To. The Sub Engineer.
Chinchalpet Range

Sir,

With reference to your No. calling on me for reply regarding the Ramarayer Muddy I have to observe that from what you told me at the Madrantiecam station in October last I understood that the matter was settled for you said that you signed the certificates on ~ receiving my explanation on the Mayoor channel and sent them off - Your call on me now for a question said to have been ~ settled 7 months ago is surprising indeed.

Permit me observing that you will allow that the figures in your letter cannot be correct, for you were not at all conversant with the previous history of this work. and your examination was made in the absence of any one acquainted with the work to shew and explain what was done.

It was the circumstance of not having any one with you to explain things that led you falling into all that unpleasant error pointed out in my letter No. 4717 of the

the 28th September 1877 on the Mysoor question.

To enable me explaining the discrepancy of your figures I must ask you to furnish me with the details of your measurement, the Register of works, Station Books &c from your Office.

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(signed) J. W. Laskey.

Note.

The information asked was not furnished. I represented the matter to Col. O'Connell and Mr. Donaghue simply telling him that the Station Books &c were in the Sub Div. Office and there was consequently no occasion to his complying with my request was taken for granted, and no notice taken of my reminders both to Mr. Donaghue and Col. O'Connell on this and regarding the covering letters. Col. O'Connell in justice to me should have given all the information I wanted.

J W Laskey

No. 69

From The Sub Engineer
Chingleput Range.

To, Mr. Laskey.

Station Chingleput
Dated 11th } April 1878
Recd. 14th }

Your letter No. 3 dated 5th April.

The Range Officer sent a fresh Completion certificate for the Ramarayen Mudday. The Bill Book is just as much at Mr. Laskey's disposal as was before. - if he wants to refer to it he can write for it and it will be sent to him.

(Signed) W. Daunghue.
Sub Engineer

Note.

Here now is his admission that he rendered the Completion Report before getting any explanation on the subject of his No. 1692 - A Bill book is not a thing kept in Sub Div. or Ranger Office, I kept this for my convenience and it was taken away to prevent me having reference to dates &c of transactions it was through its aid that I answered Mr. Donaghue's several Reports - Col. O'Connell was told by Mr. Donaghue that it was wanted by the Overseer and he ordered me in March to give it up - this will explain how easily

* Mr. Donaghue was proceeding to Trichinopoly, Col. O'Connell's presence.

No 7 Auditaugh 6
6th April 1878

To

The Superintending Engineer

Sir.

I beg leave respectfully to submit the Enclosed Copy of a letter to the address of the Sub Engineer with a view to Explain that the delay in submission of my reply on the subject of the Mayor Channel question arises from the absence of the required information which is Essential to every material points that I am to answer-

Col Mowbray would not have Countersigned the Completion Certificate for the work- If the Range Officers Memorandum (only now furnished me) Carried any conviction or weight with it as I am prepared to show it does not- How this important matter remains unsettled, how nearly a year, is singular.

(Sd) J.W. Lashley.

JWL

PW 2777/78
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No B. I Camp Bowdore 16th April 1878.

To

The Superintending Engineer
Chanonpet District

Sir

With reference to your No 1405 forwarding the Range Officers 3608 dated 28 March 78, I beg leave respectfully to submit the Enclosed Letter my No 30 of the 5th April 78 Calling on the Sub Engineer for "the date or month when he Countersigned the Completion Certificate for the Ramtrayer Bundy and his reply No 69 that he furnished a fresh Completion Certificate- this Statement of his Conclusively proves that the matter was settled and that the objections raised by him were groundless for otherwise how in the face of them did he render a Completion Certificate-

2. I would respectfully ask the favor of your Calling on the Examiner of P.W. accounts for the Completion Certificate of both this and the Mayor Channel work- as with them I should be able to support my Statement with Evidence and vindicate myself from the foul reproach of falsehood which Mr. Donaghue has imputed to me by denying my Statement of his having

told me in October last that the matter was settled

3. Regarding the Mayor question it is not obvious how Mr Donaghue while prepared to maintain his statements did sign the Certificate and further if my Explanation had not been satisfactory Col Rochenlay would not have Countersigned the Certificate.

4 As for the arguments in Mr Donaghue's Memorandum, I must say that they are handy and untenable. I shall Explain the Several points on receiving the information asked for in my letter No 855 of the 29 November 78.

5 The Station Books referred to are not in the Sub Division Office. Station Books are never retained in the Sub Division Office

I beg to be &c
W Rowsley
Sub Insp

Note It is surprizing how Mr Donaghue succeeded in making Col Connell believe anything he state to suit his own purpose in all these reports: Col Connell would not do me justice by looking for facts any further than Mr Donaghue statements. this

Letter was not sent up to Chief Engineer which in justice to me should have been sent.

W Rowsley

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Boodur.
17th April 1878.

To.

The Sub Engineer
Bungalpur.

Sir,

I beg most respectfully to report that from a Communication received this day from the Range Officer it appears that my letter No. 845 of the 20th March 78 in Continuation of the Dhoiradwar Sluice question has not yet been submitted. This letter is one of very material importance. I am prepared to prove the statements in that letter.

2. With Mr Donaghue's covering letters on this and other subjects I have not been furnished. As these being referred to me I beg that I may be allowed access to the records of the S.D.O as I shall necessarily need reference.

3. Memorandum No. 1791 from Ut:Secy: to Govt. stopping my removal occasioned the greatest alarm. I do not know what the character of the impending case against me is and if any thing further is required of me in the way of explanation.

I beg Sir
(Signed) J. W. Lackey.

Note-

This letter will show that some of my letters were not submitted and that I was kept ignorant of what I was reported about, and that I was consequently not in a position to clear away satisfactorily the charges preferred by Dr Donaghue against me, my letters were only explanations to those of Dr Donaghues first letters - his covering letters on my explanations that I asked for, were not given -

W H Caskey

POR 12/7/18

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is not the case -

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Translation of Bill No 34 to Contractor

Khankattlam Anicut

No 34

Contractor Khankattlam Anicut.

20/6/77

Although I have written to you strictly in the Yakeed of February last - No 13 that you should deliver into the stores the undermentioned number of tools and receive back from Superintendent Myaungmya your deposit money you have not done so up to this:

12	Mammatties	@ 2 Rs each	24 — 0 —
12	Crowbars	@ 2 Rs 4 As each	28 — 0 —
13	Crowbars	@ 2 Rs 3 As each	29 — 6 —
13	Hammers	@ 2 Rs — As —	26 — 0 —
			107 — 6 —

the value of above mentioned tools as per agreement. Rs 58 — 6 — 3 is to be deducted from your deposit money and this amount will be debited from your pay bill.

Signed J. W. Laskey

J W Laskey

No 471

Sub Divn Office
Camp Auditongal
2nd September 1877

No 1446

From 3 Range Office
Camp Sadras 26th August 1877

The Sub Engineer
Chengleput

To

The Supdg Engineer
Chengleput

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Sub Divisional Officers Completion Report on clearing the Myur Channel and to inform you that I have not countersigned it for the following reasons -

1 Mr Laskey states that the work was executed in accordance with the details given in the sanctioned Estimate vide Voucher No 43 dated 15th March 1877 and Completion certificate dated 11th May 1877 - This is claimed in the 6th para of my letter

Mr

2 The quantities was executed entered in Mr Laskeys Report corres-pond exactly with the Estimate.

From actual ~~~~ measurements taken by me I find a considerable difference.

3 On his own responsibility and without any reference to me, the Sub Divisional Officer increased the rate by 1 pie on 115 00 Cy ds and paid away Rs 59=14=4 to which the contractor had no claim.

The Estimate did not provide for Carrying all the Earth on the right bank alone, and forming it into an Embankment and 9 pie per Cy ft for lift 4½ yds was accordingly low, the item for Contingencies in the Estimate was consequently found for this additional work. as S.W.O. I did not see the necessity for applying to B.O. for permission

JWL

2 Now for the proof the length of the channel to be cleared from the Hd sluice to a point of the 2d aeqeduct is 6181 ft.

Length of clearing according to Taluq Overseer Vadaghery Modely-made measurement and contract certificate 26 June 76 and checked by Sub Divl Officer on the 6th January 1877 is 15429 feet

Explained in para 4 & 6 of my letter. JWL

Length of clearing as shown by Taluq Overseer Vashachela Modely made measurements and contract certificate dated 20th January 1877. and checked by Sub Divisional Officer on 15th March 1877 is 11209 feet.

2 Length of clearing as shown by Mr Laskey made vouchers No 43 and checked by him on the 13th March 1877 or 3 days after the last measurement furnished by Overseer is 6181.

Length of channel measured by me from the Hd Sluice downwards in feet is 3,555

2 The total quantity of clearing according to Estimate is in Cy ds 47673

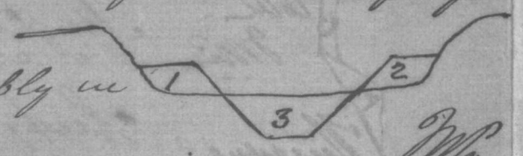
The quantity measured and accepted by me is in Cy ds ——— 46,330

The difference is in Cy ds 1343

3 But a large quantity of clearing has been done in the bed of the River above the 4th Sluice which is not provided for in the Estimate and if to this be added the scraping of the channel sides and some spoil taken out of the bed of old channel and shot on the margin the quantity of work performed is considerably in excess of the difference noted in the foregoing para.

All this was done by villagers and forms no part of the Estimate JWh

The Spent where the channel was cleared from 3 to 4' deep works thrown in the form of a bank See Section below- 1 and 2 are the Spent-73

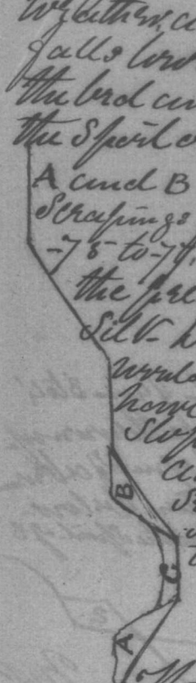


JWh

4 A glance at the cross sections taken by me will shew at once that the work was never carried out according to the sanctioned Estimate in fact no attempt has been made to lock spit or mark out works for the new cutting in very tortuous the slopes exceedingly

Sent Sections taken after Mr Kennaghan the Slopes and Size of Section was larger than the Section in Estimate Contractor was to blame, he was the owner of the lands and was consequently and paid for the excess work JWh

The original steep - and the whole work most disgraceful
Figure when cut was as shown in the diagram below the Rocks in the bed to be removed and yet the work was left as low as the Spring level and Sent reported complete in March last.
A and B are the Scrapings from -7- to -7, C is the present Silt- Very Small in hand Two men this should have would not have been sufficient to complete a work Sections of this nature should be-



JWh

I enclose Mr the Lackeys of Explanation

This was also the following papers in support of Cumming Trick of Mr Kennaghan's Sanctioning letter as my Explanation that was not referred to the Subject of this Report JWh

the statements made in this letter

Copy of Estimate
Bill and measurements submitted by Overseer Vadgery made
Do Sashachelamadey
Mr Lackeys bill and certificate of measurement Completion Report

I have &c

(sd) Daingerfield
Sub Engineer D P Wks

allowed in the estimate, which was

(Truce dy)

(Sd) W. Daunghue

Sub Engineer Dº St.

No 471

No 2160 D. Chengt Supg Engr offe
St. Thos Mount 5 Septr 77

From

The Supg Engineer

Chengulput

To

The Sub Engineer

Chengulput Range

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* Certainly it was only
it was a Cursory Check
of Mr Bruce's Quarters in Standing
it was such Jnr

Sir

Referring to your No 1446 of 26th
August I have the honor to observe
that Mr Lasker's explanation as enclo
sed No. 393* does not appear to me addresse
to the matter in question

His Statements in that letter tha
he has not got the Sections, that the
Slopes are 1 to 1 when the estimate prove
for 1½ to 1 that the quantity of earth
work was largely in excess of that
allowed in the estimate, that it w

anything but Corrected depth not at all right and length of channel cleared very much in excess of the estimate show a very extraordinary appreciation on Mr Laskey's part of the intention of a certificate that "work was executed in accordance with the estimate;

The submission of an estimate and 3
its sanction is made useless and absurd if the execution agent can utterly change the details and cut a quantity of channel in the bed of the river from money granted for its clearing within the head

Mr Laskey does not explain and 4
endeavour to reconcile the different lengths given by himself and the 2 overseers it may be that these include the length in the river bed in which case Mr Laskey should explain how with about half the length he has as many Cubic Yards as they. The discrepancy in length as stated by Mr Laskey and yourself further requires explanation as does also the condition of the slope which Mr Laskey states was increased whereas the sections show that it was rarely more than 1 to 1.

5 Mr Laskey has also overlooked G.O. No. 2004 of 24 July 1874, which limits the final measurement of works by Sub Divisional officers to Rs 2500 and that only in cases when Range officers obtain the permission of

the District Engineer and communicate it to the Sub Divisional officers

I have the

(Signed) F. J. Mallerly Col RE

Supt Engr Chunglepet

No. 1589

Copy forwarded to the Sub Divl. officer for explanation a Copy of Range officers No 1440 is also forwarded.

PW 12777/78

(Sd) H Donoghue

Camp . Sub Engineer

7th September 77.

HD

No 471

Sub Divl Office
Camp Anditongal
28th September 1877

To

The Range Officer

Sir,

With reference to Superintending Engineers No 2160 dated 6th instant, and its enclosures (which I received only after my application to you for them) I beg leave respectfully first to observe that my letter No 393 which you sent up as my explanation against what you had to say of the Dugur Channel work, was not at all addressed to the matter in question - You simply asked me to send you the original sections and to explain why the cutting between Head Sluice and aqueduct differs from the estimate - I naturally concluded from this that you were questioning me as to why it was cut larger; my reply consequently was that greater width was necessary owing to slopes 1½ to 1 not being sufficient in sand (1 to 1 expressed in the letter was a clerical error) 2 to 1 is what we allow in sand.

2- I send you sections that I took on the 21st instant plotted to scale; the bed of the Channel at present is more than 2 ft. over Summer level; the sides below berm

has had the scrapings of 2 Summers thrown on it; this accounts for the slopes being steep; wet sand containing a slight admixture of allunial matter will stand a slope less than 1½ to 1; but in the operation of work in dry sand, it proved quite insufficient.

(3). The estimate was sanctioned in June 1875 and the work was put in hand at once; the first payment was made in October that year.

(4) Regarding discrepancy in lengths, I beg to observe that you have fallen into an error in saying that Vathaghery Moodliar's measurements dated 23rd June 1876 (No 3) exhibits 15,429 ft. of Channel cleared. You have taken the total length of his pits to express this; if you will kindly look over the thing again you will find that you have totalled up the lengths of top and bottom pits and of taks measured right and left of Channel; the aggregate length of taks deducted by two would give you the lengths as below;

North of Head Sluice —— 100 ft.
From Head Sluice to Aqueduct 2850
From Aqueduct to point cleared 5200
Total length cleared . . 8,150

The estimate details are as follows.

North of Head Sluice —— 203
From Head Sluice to Aqueduct 2788
" Aqueduct to a point down the Channel 3190
Total length ft. 6,181

In Seshachellam Moodly's measurement, the last item 9,000 ft. is the double length of spoil thrown up on both sides of Channel, the details of his measurement are as follows.

North of Head sluice —— 300
From Head Sluice to Aqueduct 1,700
" Aqueduct to a point below 4,500
Incomplete work not measured from Head Sluice to Aqueduct 1165
Total —— 7,665

The detail of your measurement I see is from Head Sluice to Aqueduct 2,865 and below Aqueduct 270
Total —— 3135

That the Channel was damaged by the flood of 1874 and cleared of silt down to a point 5,000 and odd feet below Aqueduct cannot be disputed.

Vathaghery Moodly's measurement shows this, and the Ryots of Kanuthandalam and Osakadapettah villages in the immediate vicinity

of this portion of the Channel readily affirm to this fact. I am told that you have not seen any portion of the Channel beyond the Aqueduct; if you informed me of your intention of visiting this work, I should have accompanied you and been perhaps the means of averting such an amount of unpleasant errors in this matter.

(5) Regarding the quantity of silt removed; the estimate allows 47,674 Cyds, the details are as follows.

In river North of Head Sluice
200 ft. length of clearing 2450 Cyds

In Channel from Head Sluice to Aqueduct. 35,892 Cyds

From Aqueduct to point that was to have been cleared 9,332 "

Total 47,674 "

(6). The Contents of silt cleared from 5,200 ft. length of Channel below Aqueduct according to Cathagiry Mondly's detailed measurement is 7,940 Cyds; if this is added to the quantity admitted by you in the portion from Head Sluice to Aqueduct Viz 46,330 Cyds, the capacity comes up to 54270 — 2450 of Channel cleared North of Head Sluice in the River-

(7). Now in the place of what you complained of a deficiency of 1344 Cyds you see you have an excess of 9046 Cyds over the quantity in the estimate, and your apprehension that I had paid for a considerable quantity of work done in the river not in the estimate was, you will also perceive, without any grounds.

(8) The excess work was done at the Contractor's risk; he is the Dewaniff and an influential Dihafidar in the village; his share of interest in this work is considerably large; he was consequently anxious not to have any delay in the opening of the Channel; the length cleared North of Head Sluices beyond 203 ft. allowed in the estimate was all done through his influence by village labour; 200 yards of Channel from Head Sluice to join the Pyat's Channel in the bed of the river has been the Channel hitherto repaired by Government when damaged by floods, the spoil caused by the flood of 1872, was accordingly repaired, but in this instance the estimate provided for repairing

out 67 yards.

(9). The Contractor worked anticipating excess; so the Cutting being made broader and deeper was his own look out. I paid him only for what was de-tailed in the estimate and ac-cordingly superseded all other measurements by particulars given in the estimate.

(10). You are aware that I told you more than once and the last was in November when you came in Kasargody about my difficulty in getting the Contractor to trim up the slopes properly; he had done excess of work, and was indifferent about attending to the requisite nicety in forming the slopes and removing some little earth that had yet to be taken away and that I was Conse-quently keeping this work at that time unnecessarily long on my hands.

(11) On the subject of the 3d paragraph of your letter, I beg to observe that you never before this instance objected to my giving Contractors Gundries, if there was necessity for it, I was in several instances asked simply to explain why it was given and nothing more.

(12) I received no order regarding the subject of G.O. referred in Superintending Engineer's letter which limits the final measurements of work by each Divisional Officer to Rs. 2500 with the exception of your No. 346 dated 14th May 1877 forwarding Copy of Contractor's letter No. 56 C.R. dated 5th October 1875.

(13) Regarding the difference of 485 ft. in the 2 Overseer's measurements, the reason is simply that the one measured the spoil on the sides in detail from Aqueduct down to point cleared, whilst the other arbitrarily accepted 4500 ft as the length cleared.

(14) When you called on me for the original sections, I thought they were in the Overseer's Office and accordingly applied to him, his reply I now send with a view to shew that from the information he received which was nothing more than what the Villagers of Kanithandlam and Orakadumpett told him (men who had no interest whatever in the work) that the Channel was completely silted up by the flood of October 1874

(15) I returned all the papers received on this subject.

(Issue copy) (Sd) G. W. Lasky
Super-in-dy-Cub Div.
No. 3 Bangr

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PDR 12.11.22/48
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No. 343.

3rd circle
~~Chingleput~~ Superintending Engineer's Office,
Madras
~~Saint Thomas' Mount,~~ 22nd January 1879.
Despt 23rd

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

~~Chingleput.~~ 3rd Circle.

To

Colonel E. A. Foord R.E.
Chief Engineer
for Buildings and Roads.

Sir,

I have the honor to return Mr Laskey's letter to your address with the following observations.

Encl 1

Paras 1 to 11 refer to Contractor Seshachala Naidu's case reported on in my letter to the Chief Engineer No 2416 dated 5th July 1878. There is nothing in the present letter which makes the matter any clearer than before. The evidence is still, as it was before, conflicting.

1st As to documentary evidence

Cheque No. 265 for 100 clearly shows that the sum of money drawn from the Treasury was Rs (100) vide para 6 of my letter. Takeed No 13 quoted by Mr Laskey in his letter to Colonel Foord dated October 15th 1878 shows that the contractor only deposited

Rs (60) sixty with Mr Laskey.

2. This leaves Rs (40) forty to be accounted for in some way.

3. Mr Laskey asserts that he gave this sum of Rs (40) to the Contractor.

4. The Contractor denied having received this sum and declared that Rs (100) was the sum deposited by him with Mr Laskey.

5. Had the sums paid to Mr Laskey as a deposit and taken away by the Contractor been recorded at the time and receipts been given and taken the procedure would have been regular and there would probably be no difficulty (in understanding) now what really took place.

6. In para 11. Mr Laskey says that he has made good the missing tools in Store. On this point Mr Donaghue may be called upon to report.

7. Para 12. attacks Mr Donaghue and asserts that the matter had already been fully enquired into by Colonel Mahony. of this I have no knowledge.

Para 13. Mr Laskey asserts that I did not allow him to give the explanations he desired to make. The fact was that instead of offering explanations Mr Laskey attacked Mr Donaghue and his witnesses asserting in strong language that their evidence was false and that I was obliged to stop him several times in order to prevent both waste of time and equally worthless rejoinders, throwing no light upon the question at issue, from the particulars he accused.

8. Paras 14 to 15 contain Mr Laskey's statement of cases in dispute between Mr Donaghue and himself. These were not gone into. As it was, Mr Laskeys case occupied much time which might have been better employed. It is in fact almost impossible to make out what is the truth about cases of some years standing.

From 15 to 19. These are about the Dotramalee Tank Escape case.

In para 15. Mr Laskey asserts that Mr Hayes an Assistant Engineer from Bengal extended the cut in the Tank Bund. On this point I would

refer the Chief Engineer to my letter to his address No 1421 dated April 8th 1878. Mr Laskey certainly ordered it to be done and he has no right to throw the blame on Mr Hayes.

9. In my letter to the Chief Engineer No 2416 dated 5th July 1878 para 4 I explained that nearly 8 feet in depth of water would have been lost if the escape had been left open. In his 18th para Mr Laskey asserts that only 5 feet would be lost; He also asserts that Colonel Moberly saw the site for the cut in 1877 "said nothing against it but on the contrary re=commended that it should be en=larged". He thus represents it as a case in which Engineers differed in opinion. That this is a misre=presentation can be made clear even to the inexperienced by show=ing that as a matter of fact it is quite unusual to permit so great a depth of water as 5 feet to flow over a masonry waste weir. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation or his Deputy could easily show that the difference between Maximum Bank Level and Full Bank Level, which difference represents the depth of water flowing over the waste Weirs of Banks. Seldom exceeds 3 feet. If therefore this limit is adhered to in a case in which the earth of the bund is protected by masonry, it is evidently exceedingly dangerous to allow a depth of five feet to flow over earth quite unprotected by masonry. Mr Laskeys assertion that I did not consider the Hy=draulic details in this matter nor examine the site to see if it were practicable to make the escape nearer to the end of the bund is so extraordinary that I cannot understand how he ventured to make it. For I certainly did con=sider the question as an hydrau=lic one and I stood on the bund not far from its extremity and saw all that was to be seen of it.

10. Para 19. Mr Laskey asserts that I enquired into matters from Mr Donaghue in Mr Laskeys ab=sence and so to use his own ex=pression allowed Mr Donaghue to stab him in the dark. In this Mr Laskey is quite mistaken. I received no evidence in Mr Laskey's absence. On the occasion

that I directed Mr Laskey to put down what he said in writing, I did so because his verbal state-ments appeared contradictory.

11. I can throw no further light upon the rest of this long letter of Mr Laskeys. With the view of strengthening his own case he freely accuses both Mr Donaghue and myself. I can only say that I conducted a difficult enquiry to the best of my ability and I communicated that my report to Government has not done Mr Laskey injustice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

R H Connell Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer 3rd Circle.

From the Supt. Engr 3d C.

No. 343.

dated 22d
Dispt. 23d
Read.
Jan 1/79.

Enclosure 1.

Mr. Laskey ——

Returning with certain observations correspondence from —

No 452 of 29th Jany/79.

Letter from the Supt Engr Third Circle No. 343 dated 22d Jany/79.

The Supt Engr. Third Circle is requested to be so good as to return all the enclosures which were sent to him under cover of endorsement No. 5187 dated 16th November 1878.

pby W.T.

Dy. C.E.

The Supt Engr Third Circle

Dy R.P.

No. 1851

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 15th May 1878.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

In reference to your Memorandum No 2084 dated 10th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I much regret the delay that has occurred in the disposal of Mr. Supervisor Laskey's case and to observe that the matters connected with it cannot be settled by calling Mr. Donaghue and Mr. Laskey to my Head Quarters.

2. Mr. Laskey has been charged by Mr. Donaghue with endangering the safety of certain tanks by cutting down the bunds to levels considerably below the maximum water surface in order to form escapes. Mr. Laskey has denied that this is the case. The dispute can only

be settled with some difficulty by local enquiry and the taking of fresh levels I had arranged to proceed to the Madrantikam Tahug on this duty a fortnight ago. During my late absence on Special duty, my office work has accumulated to such an extent, that I cannot undertake to say when I shall be free to attend to this dispute the complete settle=ment of which within a reason=able time would require the service of a Special Officer, there being none to spare in this District at present for any extra duty. As soon as practicable I hope to pro=ceed to the Madrantikam Tahug.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

R Connell Colonel R.E.

Supg Engineer, Chingleput.

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From the Supg Engineer
Chingleput Dt
No 5644

No 1851

Dated 15
Recd 17 } May 1878

C.C. Lr 3112 d/13 July 78

Mr Supervisor Lasker's case — Informing that he will proceed shortly to Madrantacum Talug to settle.

Coty. 17. 8. 78.

List of Files forwarded with

Superintending Engineer's Lr dated

relating to the five Cases therein reported upon.

No.	Date.		From & to whom.
	1877		Myur Channel Case.
1446	August	26	From Sub Engr to Supg Engr.
2160	Septr	5	From Supg Engr to Sub Engr
471	"	29	From Sub Engr to Supg Engr
1872	Octr	2	From Sub Engr to Supg Engr with Enc: 14
1966	"	8	From Sub Engr to Supg Engr with Enc: 2
3457	March/78	6	" with Enc: 3
841	"	22	From Superr to " with Enc: 2
1186	"	21	" Supg to Superr
7	April/78	6	" Superr to Supg Engr
	1878		Cottamulloor tank escape Case.
606	Febmary	12	From Supg Engrs to Sub Engr
812	March	8	" Supr to Supg Engrs
378	Febr	28	From Talug Overseer to Sub Engr with enc: 2
1283	March	27	" Supg Engr to Superr
1082	"	12	" to Sub Engrs
A	"	14	" Sub Engr to Supg Engr with Enc: 1

he is unable to countersign the comple-

	1878			
3525	March	16	Sub Engr to Supg Engr with Enc 2.	ineer
863	Apl	4	From Supt to " with Enc	t DC
30	"	6	" Sub Engr to " " 1 enc	4
1421	"	8	" Supg Engr to Ch: Engr	
"	June	22	" Supt to Supg Engrs	
			Ramarayar Maday Case.	
	1875			
3402	March	2	From Sub Engr to Supg Engr	
1100	"	16	" Supg Engr to Sub Engr	
3608	"	28	" Sub Engr to Supg Engr with Enc 1	
A.	April	16	" Supervr to Supt	
			Contractor Seshachella Naidoo's Case	8
492	June	22	From Sub Engr to Supg Engr with enclosures 2	
"	"	25	From Supervr to Supg Engr	
802	"	28	" Sub Engr to Dc with Enc: 1	
			Parayancolathoor Tank escape Case.	
3375	February	27	From Sub Engr to Supg Engrs	
1026	March	9	" ~~Supg~~ Engr to Chief Engr	
850	"	27	" Supervisor to Supg Engr	
3623	"	30	" Sub Engr to with Enc: 10	Reys
1552	April	16	" Supg Engr to Sub Engr	that

P Hannell Capt RE
Supg Engineer Chingleput

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No 2416. Chingleput Supg Engrs Office
Saint Thos Mount 5th July 1878.

From

The Superintending Engineer
Chingleput.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Encl 1 List
with files—

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government the results of my late enquiries on the spot into the following matters in dispute between Mr Donaghue Sub Engineer and Range Officer of the No 3 Range Chingleput District and Mr Lashey Supervisor and Sub Divisionall officer under Mr Donaghue

2. I have termed them.

1. The Myur Channel case
2. The Uttamelur Tank Escape case
3. The Ram Royer Maday case
4. Contractor Seshachala Naidus Case
5. The Parayankolathur Tank Escape Case

3. The Myur Channel case.

In his letter No 1446 dated 26th August 1877. Mr Donaghue reports that he is unable to countersign the completion

=tion report on this work signed by Mr Laskey for the following reasons.

1st Mr Laskey reports that the work was done in accordance with the estimate whereas Mr Donaghue found that the work as executed differed considerably from that estimated for.

The length of the channel above head sluice according to the estimate is ——— 1/4 203

The length of channel between the head sluice and aqueduct is according to the estimate ——— 2788

and below the aqueduct ——— 3190

Total ——— 6181 ft.

Vedagherry Mudaly measured the work done in June 1876 and made the lengths of channel cleared to be as follows. . . .

Above head sluice ——— 99 feet

Between head sluice and aqueduct 2826 or 2853

Below aqueduct ——— 12069

14,994 or 15,021

Seshachala Mudaly's measurements in November 20. 1876, gave the following lengths of Channel cleared.

Above head sluice ——— 300 ft

Between head sluice and aqueduct — 1700 measured

Not measured because incomplete 1165.

Below aqueduct ——— 9,509 feet

12,674 feet.

Out of the last 9509. Mr Laskey asserts that 5000 was double the real length of 4500 feet the silt have been laid on both sides and the length doubled.

Mr Donaghue asserts that the clearing at the lower end of the channel is very badly done and to only a small extent and ought to be considered to be Kudi-maramat and not paid for as it was not esti=mated for. Mr Laskey agrees that the length of channel cleared ex=ceeds that estimated for. Mr Donaghue points out in para 4 of his letter above quoted that the portion of the work which most nearly agrees with that estimated for is still left some=what unfinished.

On the morning of the 18th June I walked from end to end of the channel which has been measured and from my observations and the measurements taken, in the presence of Mr Donaghue. Mr Laskey. the Contractor and the two Tahsildar Overseers Vedagherry Mudaly and Seshachala Mudaly I find that Mr Donaghue

report of the state of the work as compared with the estimate is correct.

The total length of the channel from the Head Sluice to its entrance in the tank is one 15170 feet. Of this length the estimate provides for the thorough clearing out of the first 5978 feet leaving the remainder to be cleared by the villagers by the usual Kudi-mara=-mat or village labour clearing.

The thorough clearing out has not been quite completed even in the length of 2760 feet according to my measure=-ments or 2788 feet according to the estimate between the head sluice and the new aqueduct. Below the new aqueduct the estimate provides the following.

Length.		breadth.		Depth.
Ft				
990	×	15-10½	×	6-7
2200	×	13-6	×	5-0

The first of these two provides for a bottom breadth of 6 feet and a top breadth of 25 feet 9 inches and the second for a bottom breadth of 6 feet and a top breadth of 20 feet 6 inches. the side slopes being 1½ base to every 1 in length. There are no signs of these excavations having ever been executed. The existing channel varies from 6 feet to 10 feet in width and has been formed merely by removing in the manner usual with the villagers in executing Kudi-maramat. the sand from the bed and throwing on to the sides close by, whence the first floods will wash it back into the channel.

The total quantity of work done is allowed by Mr. Donaghue (vide para 3 of his letter) to exceed that estimated for. But this total is made up of two distinct portions. viz: work estimated for by the De=-partment of Public Works and work executed by village labour. It is not proper to put these together and to pay away the whole of the esti=-mate to a Contractor. There might have been no objection to paying it all away to Jaffna coolies but that is not what was done by Mr. Laskey and I consider Mr. Donaghue's ob=-jections to Mr. Laskey's proceedings to be quite sound.

4. The case of the Uttamelur Tank Escape.

In his letter No 3401 dated 2d

× Sent with this Office No 1421 of 8th April 1878.

March 1878. Mr. Donaghue charges Mr. Laskey with endangering the safety of the Ultramelar Tank by having an escape made where the level of the fields in rear of the mound was 8.95 feet below the maximum water level of the Tank.

In order to examine into this case I visited the site of the escape on the morning of June 20th and took the relative levels of the crest of the caligula, which is 231 feet distant from the escape. Mr. Laskey acknowledged that he himself ordered the commencement of the cutting of the escape after the heavy floods of 1874, but he could not remember in what month this order was given.

When we were at the Caligula Mr. Laskey asserted that the maximum water level was lower than that of the Full Tank. that the latter meant the level of the surface of the Tank when a bank 3½ feet in height stood uninjured on the crest of the Caligula whereas the former meant the highest level to which the water ever rises after the bank on the Caligula has been clean swept away and the water is flowing freely out between the damstones and this maximum level, he asserted was never more than about 2½ feet over the crest. This is of course an absurdly inaccurate statement. For even if the temporary mound were swept away in an instant, the surface of so large a tank as the Ultramelar would take some time to lower itself one foot. I found by levelling that the ground in rear of Mr. Laskeys escape was 7.82 feet below Full Tank level and that the crest of Mr. Laskey's escape was exactly 2 feet below Full Tank level.

Mr. Laskey originally made this escape 18 yards in length. but it was afterwards after an order from Mr. Laskey to lengthen it, made 60 yards in length.

I certainly agree with Mr. Donaghue that this escape endangered the Tank in as much as of the water had ever passed over the escape a breach would have been made and nearly 8 feet in depth of water would have been lost. The site was badly chosen, The ground rises towards this end of the tank [illegible]

and a very good site might easily have been chosen within 200 yards of the one preferred by Mr Laskey.

5 The Ram Royer Maday case.

At the head of the Kramelu channel (through which the tank of that name is supplied with water from the Cheyar and from the drainage intercepted between the river and the tank) there is a work which is locally termed the "Ram Royer Maday". It is a head to the channel bank consisting of an earthen embankment carried some way into the river and protected by a masonry tip. The earthen portion of the head is liable to be breached during high floods in the Cheyar. It was so breached in the year 1872 and 1874. An estimate was prepared for its repair the execution of which was reported by Mr Laskey in a completion certificate to be finished as per estimate. Mr Donaghue after measuring the work on his third visit in Mr Laskey's absence, Mr Laskey having been present on Mr Donaghue's two first visits, found that the work ever seen

work was not completed, and that a small sum only was realised by the sale of materials such as gabions baskets &c which had cost upwards of Rs 400. These materials were not seen near the work by Mr Donaghue. Mr Laskey says that they were at a little distance from it, but that having been exposed to the weather for a year they were worth very little. He also asserted that the difference between the estimated quantity of work and that measured by Mr Donaghue is accounted for by much of the earth work washed away in 1872 and 1874 and replaced finding no place in Mr Donaghues measurements.

At this distance of time I find it impossible to give any decision in this case.

6. Case of a sum of Rs (100) which Contractor Seshachala Naidu asserted that he deposited with Mr Laskey as a guarantee that he would return certain Government tools lent to him for use on the work, but which Mr Laskey refused to return now

that the Contractor was prepared to return the Tools.

On the 22nd June I received from Mr Donaghue a letter No 492 dated 22nd June 1878 at Camp Nellur enclosing a petition from Seshachalla Naidu ex Contractor Ulundurpet Road.

The portion of this petition which refers to Mr Laskey is the second para in which he refers to the amount Rs 100 which he deposited with Mr Laskey for the tools which were entrusted to him. He is now ready to deliver the tools viz: 8 small hammers and 11 crow bars and has offered them to Mr Laskey, but Mr Laskey refuses to give him back his money.

From the Sub Divisional Officers Cash book, it appears that Mr Laskey, who was then the Sub Divisional Officer, paid away on the 12th December 1876 three Cheques in No 263 for Rs 754-10-10

" 264 " 195-11-11

" 265 " 100-0-0

The Contractor asserts that he received the last Cheque from Mr Laskey and after endorsing it over to Mr Laskey's Cooly he went away and never again saw the Cheque or the money drawn on it.

Mr Laskey asserts that the Rs (100) drawn on the cheque was brought from the Treasury counted out in the presence of Mr Laskey the Contractor and the Coolie and that Mr Laskey retained Rs 60 as a guarantee for the return of the tools, which the man promised to bring back in two or three days but which he kept putting off doing. He gave homme names of coolies to whom some of the tools had been handed over by him. Mr Laskey has at my request given his explanation in writing - this is attached. He complained that the Coolie refused to corroborate his statement about the payment of Rs (40) made to the contractor out of the Rs (100) There is thus only one mans statement against another.

According to Mr Laskeys own account, he acted very improperly in receiving a deposit and not recording it in his accounts. Likewise in not recording any of the payments which he says he made for tools which he says he recovered from other parties.

In the latter portions of his

written statement Mr Laskey endeavours to shelter himself for not discovering the seamp work done to the founda=tions of the culverts in the Ittamelur Road by asserting that Mr Lowry was deceived as well as himself - I have never seen Mr Lowry and cannot say what reliance should be placed upon this statement of Mr Laskey's - referring to what he says about Mr Donaghue I believe that he has acted throughout from a sense of duty and as to his having been put on his guard by the discovering of one case of seamping work and having thereby been led to re-examine works already seen by him with the view of dis=covering bad work, it is to his credit that he did so; It in no way af=fords an excuse for Mr Laskeys carelessness and consequent failure to detect what Mr Donaghue after=wards discovered.

7. The Parayankolathur Tank escape case -

This is another case in which Mr Donaghue and Mr Laskey differed as to an escape cutting made by the latter. the former considering it to be dangerous to the tank and the latter having made it with the view of saving the tank.

The cut is at the south end of a tank supplied partly by direct drainage and partly by a channel from the Cheyaur River. It is on a level partly one foot above that of the calingula crest and partly about two feet above it. It is from 3 to 4 feet above the level of the ground in its rear. It is in hard gravel and would only yield slow=ly to the action of water and even if a breach occurred the surface of the tank would only be reduced to a level two feet below that of the crest of the calingulah.

The files relating to the above cases as per enclosed List are herewith forwarded and I re=quest that they may be returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
P Hommell Colonel RE
Chief Engineer Chingleput

C.E. No 1069 d/ 1st March 78
" " 1360 " 14th " "
" " 1540 " 27th " "
" " 1565 " 28th " "
" " 1791 " 11th April "
" " 2084 " 10th May "
" " 2641 " 17th June "

From the Supt Eng. Chingleput

No. 2416.

Dated 5th
Rd 6 } July 1878.

C.E. No 3112 d/ 13th July

Rt 38 returned to C.E.
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Enclosures - one List
with files -

Mr Laskey Supervisor

Forwards report relating
to the cases complained
by the Range Officer
Chingleput against.

To Acty 8-7-78

P. W.

No. 3112 d/ 13th July 1878

Memorandum

Letter from the Supt Engineer Chingleput
No. 1857 dated 15th May 1878 and
No. 2416 dated 5th July 1878 and enclosures

From these papers it would
appear after careful inquiry that the
charges preferred by the Divisional Offi
against Mr Supervisor Laskey are fully
borne out and are by no means satisfactor
explained away by Mr Supervisor Laske
whose irregularity and general careless
ness have nearly resulted in his remova
from the Public Works Dept. He has n
been removed to the Nellore District and
the Chief Engineer takes this opportuni
of warning Mr Laskey that unless bet
reports are received from his new distric
of the mode of his conducting his dutie
his reduction in the Dept. will surely
follow.

The Chief Engineer presumes th
the 60 Rupees retained in deposit by
Laskey have been duly recovered and
brought to account. As Mr Laskey

roduce no proof of having paid the Contractor
the 40 Rupees in question, the irregularity of
which transaction from beginning to end
reflects most reprehensibly on Mr Laskey's
nduct as a Sub Divisional Officer; the
Chief Engineer directs that this amount
be recovered from Mr Laskey, in two monthly
istalments of Rs 20 each, and that the
District Engineer of Chingleput will issue
nstructions for the Contractor's claims being
finally adjusted so soon as he shall
have delivered up all the tools entrusted
to his charge; and to admit of his collect-
ing the same a certain fixed time shall
be given him, after expiration of which,
if the tools are not forthcoming, their value
should be recovered from the sum due
to the Contractor, and his accounts at
once adjusted, and a receipt in full of
all demands obtained from him.

(Sigd) E. F. Foord Col: R.E.
Chief Engr: P.W.D.

To
The District Engr: Chingleput.
D.E. Vellore dep. no 15 dt July 78 Despd 13-7-78

P.W. Dep

No. 4160 d/15th Septr 1878.

Memorandum.

Letter from the District Engineer Chingleput No 3202 dated 5th September

Three papers together with Extract para 6 of the letter from the District Engineer Chingleput No 2416 dated 5th July 1878 will be forwarded to Mr Laskey through the District Engineer Vellore for explanation, and to show cause why he should not be held liable for the sum in dispute

(By order)

(Signed) F. W. Farewell. Col.
Deputy Ch: Engr: P.W. Dept.

Examined
15th Septr 78 3.

To
The Dist Engr. Vellore.

Cho 1277

No. 5187 Dy 16th Nov 78-

Letter from the District Engineer
Nellore No. 1987 dated 9th Novr 1878

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Forwarded to the Superintend-
-ing Engineer 3rd Circle for comment

S/E A Foord Colonel RE
Chief Engr: PWD

To

The Supg: Engr: Third Circle with
papers in original to be returned

C.E. Lr. 5187 dd 16th Nov 78

Enclosures 13 marked in red
Letter from A.E. 16.

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Colonel. E. A. Foard R.E.
Chief Engineer
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No 4160 dated 15th September and its enclosures I beg leave most respectfully to state that the whole case I see has been very imperfectly represented to you by Colonel AConnell and he has left out some very weighty facts which in justice to me should have been laid before you; Colonel AConnell says that in the matter regarding the amount deposited by Sashachellum, "that there is only one man's statement against another", this is incorrect. when Col. AConnell had the records of the Sub Dn Office to prove that the deposit was only Pgs 60:- I now enclose copies of Pakeeds ckt 13 and 34 - these papers and the man's reply to the last one, which is filed in the Sub Dn Office were quite enough in any Law Court to convict the man for false charge.

2. The points for consideration are first to see the date of the transaction which is December 76

Lakeed Ckt /3 was written soon after the transaction- its purport is that if he does not return the tools within a week I would either deduct their value or purchase tools from the sum Rs 60 deposited. Sarhachellum at the enquiry to suit his purpose denied having received this Ckt /3, but there was his reply to my Ckt 34, which was written you will observe with reference to the former Ckt /3, — Sashachellum said that he received nothing in the shape of a Receipt acknowledging the deposit, but I remember giving him one - The Lascar's statement under tuition was simply that if he got any Cheque to cash he must have brought and given the money to me and knows nothing about this case, but I remember the Lascar was present in my room when Sashachellum took his 40 out of the Rs 100 that was brought.

3 The moment I went into Lieut. AConnelli's tent I told him at once in presence of Mr Donaghue that I was told more than 3 weeks ago that Mr Donaghue was plotting something with Sashachellum against me. Sashachellum at the enquiry said that he endorsed the Cheque in favour of my Lascar and went away. but this statement was confuted by Shanmugham Modaly the Sub Dr Accountant who immediately told

him ah. no! I remember you were there all the next day! he in reply said, no! you are mistaken, I went away the same day - Shanmugham Modaly I know would have brought some facts to prove his assertion but fear of displeasing Mr Donaghue has kept him back from saying anything more on the subject. I was relieved of the Sub Dr by my successor in April and I was consequently not in a position to refer to my records and bring facts home so as to disprove assertions, and as for my late Office people coming forward to give me any aid in this way was quite out of the question - they were so frightened of being suspected by Mr Donaghue that not one even down to the Lascar would attempt to come near my tent.

4. Sashachellum's bills on the date of settlement December 46 amounted to Rs 1,050 · 6 · 9, out of this sum Rs 754 - 10 · 10 was the recovery for rectifying his fraudulent work in the construction of Culverts on the Uttramallur Road before I took charge of the work from Mr Executive Engineer Lowry - Cheque for this amount was accordingly drawn in favour of the Range Officer. the balance Rs 295 · 11 · 11 was paid in two cheques, the one for Rs 100 was given first to enable him obtaining funds for placing the necessary deposit with me for the security of the 34 tools mentioned in

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my takeed Ch№ 34 which he promised he would return within a few days - After receiving the deposit I gave him the other Cheque for Rs 195. 11. 11

5. Sashachellum before his accounts were settled returned most of the tools given to him, but he then still had a balance of 12 Monatties, 13 Crowbars, and 9 hammers to return - the value of these tools as per rates entered in my takeed Ch№ 34 you will see comes up nearly to Rs 60 and hence his reason for depositing that sum as security - Lcol. AConnell and Mr Donaghue in the papers now received shew that it is 10 Crowbars and 8 hammers that Sashachellum has to return to me - well sir, if this is to be admitted you will see that their value comes up to Rs 32-7-0 why was then the deposit that was given so large as Rs 100 - here is a strong proof to shew you that the whole thing is false.

6. From the circumstance of the Madrantiam Lalugy Treasury being two miles away from my office it was a very usual thing for Contractors to endorse the Cheque in favour of a Lascar or Head Coolg to cash it for them and in this case the money being brought to me has given occasion for my conspirators to build this fabric of falsehood with material that they conceived was strong in their hands to effect my ruin and that of a large family.

7. Lcol. AConnell says that Sashachellum in his pitition says that he offered the tools to me and that I refused to give him back the money - I told Lcol. AConnell at the enquiry on the 24th July that the man only came to me on Saturday the 22nd July while we were camped in Velvoy at half past 4 in the evening direct from Mr Donaghue's camp - Lcol. AConnell you will see from this was in receipt of Mr Donaghue's letter Ch№ 492 enclosing Sashachellum's pitition on the same date, so that he was really in receipt of a complaint from Sashachellum that I refused to pay him his money evidently before the man ever made his appearance in my tent and asked me any thing about the money -

8. When he came to me I told him plainly that I know all that is going on between him and Mr Donaghue; the deposit is not Rs 100 but 60 and that as he had not returned the tools within the limited time I paid the parties to whom he owed money and recovered some tools and purchased new ones in Madras and made good the missing number long ago - and that I have a small balance in his favour to return -

9. I received and held the deposit for my own security and not as a security in behalf of Govt. for lost tools, for the tools were in the Range and the man

I believed would return them any day. I viewed the proceeding simply in this light - the stores were directly under my charge and if any tools were missing and could not be accounted for I would have to make them good. I only discovered the impropriety of my proceeding on Col. AConnell telling me that I should have made a book transaction of it. I never before had any transaction of this kind; to convince you that I was ignorant of the course to be followed in proceedings of this kind; I will give you an instance - In January last I relieved Mr Assistant Engineer Hayes of the Uttramallur Channel work. he had some money in his chest which he received from Contractors for lost tools - he made no book transaction of it but simply handed it over to me and as I and my Accountant knew no better I remitted the money straight to the Range Office - the Sub Dr Office had no Code nor was it supplied with Examiner of P. W. Accounts circulars for its guidance - the Range Office did not correct the irregularity of this proceeding in the Sub. Dr Office remitting the money which should have been adjusted in the Sub Dr Book.

10. My proceeding when I discovered from Col. AConnell telling me what should have been my course I confessed was irregular and I accordingly threw myself on your mercy - Col. AConnell at the enquiry remarked to Mr Donaghue that from the takeds it would appear that

that the deposit was only Rs 60 and not 100 and further that he did not see why this case should crop up now after the elapse of 18 months and as the case has only one mans statement against the other he could form no judgment on the matter and must simply throw it out, the man must go to the Court and get cleverer Lawyers to settle it for him, this observation was explained in Tamil to the man by Shanmugham Modaly the Sub Dr Accountant, whey then may I be permitted respectfully to ask you was this case brought in Col. AConnell's report which did not form part of what he was ordered to enquire into and report.

11. I see now from Col. AConnelli report that the case being imperfectly represented led you to make me pay the Rs. 40 and now in answer to your question why I should not be held liable for the Rs 60; I beg to say that if you order its payment it can be stopped from my pay but since I have made good the missing tools in store the man has no claim on Govt. but must settle it with me, if he gives me the tools according to my taked No 34 I will pay him the money - My proceeding in this matter in principle governed by rules may be incorrect, but according to the laws of equity it is not at all derogatory; a man deposits a security to answer a certain demand on a certain day if he fails to appear on that day the holder of the security is

is at liberty to use it in making good the demand.

12. The scamp work executed in the foundation of Culverts built on the Kittramallur Road before I took charge from Mr Lowry in 74 was so deceptively practised that it was impossible for one to detect it without breaking up the work, the parts kept open for examination exhibited the proper depth; Mr Donaghue was led to the discovery by information received in annonymous letters suspected to have been written by the Maistry who was on the work and Connived with the Contractor in the frand; Ieol. Inchesly went into the details of the case very carefully and his enquiry ended in his recommending to the Local Fund Board the dismissal of the Maistry. Pensioning the Overseer and recovering the cost of rectifying the Culverts from the Contractor - it was discovery obtained in this way that led Mr Donaghue to re-examine works in his own section of the Range and to pull down and rectify many that were completed - this pulling down and rebuilding of works was after they had received this very careful Officer's examination, the proof is that the final payments had been made - What I pointed in this matter was not to shelter myself for not discovering the frand in the foundations of my work but it was to shew that Mr Donaghue in trying to hold up to light what occurred under his predecessor, profited. I said by the discovery and

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that although there was a good deal of breaking up and rectifying there was no noise made about it and every thing was carried out very quietly and hushed up - I only went to expose his unchartableness and to shew that what is often pointed as crime in one passes as virtue in another -

13. Ieol. OConnell says that he believes that Mr Donaghue has acted throughout form a sense of duty, but permit me, Sir, with due deference to Ieol. OConnell's position to observe that the enquiry conducted by him in the cases reported by Mr Donaghue was anything but in equity and justice; his proceeding all through was arbitrary, he was exceedingly partial to Mr Donaghue and was strongly prejudiced in mind against me - When ever I opened my mouth to say anything I was told to hold my tongue and answer only what I was asked - I was very asked little and he accordingly got hardly anything in explanation from me - his report was one I assure you based on his own will - It is not probable, Sir, that Ieol. OConnell could in justice to himself admit that Mr Donaghue's reports were all disproved for he reported me simply on Mr Donaghue reports and recommended my removal from the Range before making himself acquainted with the facts of the case. I will now respectfully explain in detail each of these cases seperately and shew

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you that there was not a particle of truth brought to bear in any one case to support that the charges prefered by Mr Donaghue against me had been fully born out.

14. In Mr Donaghue's No 3410 dated 3rd March he reported that I carried out the works numerated in his Memorandum without authority and that Lol Mulcahy's No 3991 of the 16th February sanctioned only earthwork, my letter No 852 dated 28th March proved the whole of his statement to be false - Lol. AConnell asked not a word on this subject so where is the proof that the Range Officer's charge in this case was in any way proved, contrary to my assertions I supported what I said with documents on records.

15. In his report No 3354 dated 25th Feb. Mr Donaghue reported that the walls of the Sluices of the Trinadoor two tanks repaired in 1875-76 owing to scamp work had fallen and that I was responsible for it because the work was under my sole charge and that the Overseer had nothing to do with their construction - In my letters No 803 of the 7th March and 845 of the 26th March I shewed plainly that Mr Donaghue's statement was a malicious falsehood - the "walls" (as he says) that fall was simply the back retaining wall of the sluice of the large tank; it was not supported with

with wingwalls and it was due to this circumstance that the pressure of the earth pushed it down and as for the damage in the other sluice it was simply that it sprung a leak in the old work that was not repaired, and regarding the Overseer having had nothing to do with these works the bills rendered by the Overseer contradicted this assertion - there was no enquiry made regarding this case; so there was consequently no proof that his statement was in any way correct.

15a Regarding the case that I had done some unauthorised work to the Uttramallur tank bank and that the escape breach in the bund was cut in a wrong place my letters No 787 dated 23rd Feb. and No 862 dated 4th April 1878 clear away these charges very satisfactorily and regarding the widening of the breach; Mr Donaghue by thwarting statements and getting his Overseers and Maistries to say one thing and another in his favour to disprove my assertions you will see were vain attempts, for you have in my letter No 862 the extract from Mr Assistant Engineer Hayes transfer certificate which plainly shews that the widening of the old cut was by him and not by me; the mistake in extending the cut on the North and cutting it down deeper occurred in work executed under Mr Hayes orders, blaming me for it is anything

thing but right. The extract runs as follows:—
is "Oppara Kristadu had also to be killed for some
12. work executed in widening the Temporary escape
of "cut in the Vettramallur tank bank, the measurement
to gives some 700 odd cyds @ 1½ anna = Rs 67·2·0 but
pr as I have not had time to check it I leave it to be
wi checked by Relief Officer": from this you will, sir,
fo see that it is quite clear that the transaction was
w Mr Hayes and Mr Conaghue in the face of it trying
a to prove that it was done under my orders only
b explains his readiness in falling in with sub-
u ordinates and getting them to support him in
i incorrect statements.
e 16. You will see that I admit in my
letter No 787 that I gave the Overseer instructions
and Oppara Kristadu a talked in the early part
of November to widen the breach and fill in
some dangerous gaps in the bund; this however
was not noticed by the Overseer and the oppara
in consequence did not give heed to my order. I
accordingly reported the matter on the 22nd November
to the Range Officer and left it at his disposal. Why
did I give the orders and why did I not see to its
being done were questions but as Col. O'Connell would
not listen to anything that was in the slightest way
put against Mr Conaghue and as I was further cautioned
to hold my tongue and answer only what I am asked;

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my replies were short, the answer to these questions
hang on a long tale which must be told to make
things clear — Up to July 27 I was the Sub. Dn Officer
with an allotted portion of the Range under my imme-
diate charge; in August last, Moberly passed an
order that Sub Dn Officers were not to confine their
charge to a limited topographical areas in the Range
but should be employed as Assistants to the Range
Officers. The Range Officers under the operations of
the old system had the countersigning of Completion
certificates for works over Rs 2,500 in the Sub Division
Mr Conaghue accordingly from bearing me an ill-feeling
was throwing difficulties in Col. Moberly's way by
refusing to countersign certificates and in fact in
one instance asked the District Engineer to relieve him of
the responsibility of works in the Sub Division. Col. Moberly
apprehending from this that the authority with which
I was invested as a Sub Range Officer was local, imme-
diately changed it. His letter on this subject runs thus:—
"I always apprehended that an assignment of local
authority to a Sub Dn Officer would be attended with
inconvenience."

17. From the date of this change Mr Conaghue
took over the Sub Dn under his own charge and I was to
do simply what he ordered me. Things went on like this
until October when we both had an interview at the

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i Madrantiecam Railway station; we explained things regarding
/ our misunderstandings and made friends - he told me that
of he will explain matters and arrange with the District
t Engineer so as to bring back the old state of affairs and
/ that I can continue as usual holding charge of the Sub Dn. -
he immediately wrote a private letter to Asst. Maberly and
I wrote one also telling him that as we had made friends
we would get on well hereafter - Asst. Maberly previous to this
wrote to me promising that he would remove me shortly
from Mr Donaghue's Range, but unfortunately for me the
change of District Engineers took place in November and
everything was completely upset and Mr Donaghue very soon
showed me by his Conduct that he does not intend following
up what he promised which was only a policy to please
Asst. Maberly while he was in the District - I accordingly
gave my order for what was urgently to be attended to on
the Uttramallur tank early in November under the belief
that I was restored to my old position as the offer of the Sub. Dn. -
but when I found that things had altered I simply
reported the matter to the Range officer and withdrew
my interferrence with the work - the Appara seeing that
I had nothing to do with the Sub Division simply went to Mr
Hayes and asked him that if he intended ~~to add~~ widening
the breach to give him the work - Mr Hayes remembering
that Asst. Maberly when coming with him in September had
seen the breach and suggested that it should be enlarged,
gave the order; this is the whole upshot of the story, the

work

work was done in December and I relieved Mr Hayes in the
middle of January; Asst. O'Connell had none of these facts to
enable him forming a correct opinion of the case -

18. Asst. O'Connell blames me for having made the first
cut after the flood of 74 and leaving it enclosed all this
time, he said that I was a stupid and utterly unfit for
any charge - I offered him no explanation because I found
he was going about this enquiry with a strongly prejudiced
feeling against me and evinced a disposition to take no
argument that would go against Mr Donaghue - if I pressed
any thing in my favour the rejoinder was "I don't believe
you" - I anticipated from all this that Asst. O'Connells report
would be a partial one; Asst. O'Connell thinks that the cut is
in a bad place, but Asst. Maberly who saw it in September
said nothing against it but to the contrary recommended
that it should be enlarged - Here is a case where Engineers
differ in opinion - see my letter No. 787; I do not deny that
if water went over the breach and if it was cut down to ground
level at the back the tank would have lost 5 ft depth of
water (!!) - this would be an evil certainly but of far less disaster
to what the consequence would be if it breached in the centre -
the tank in that case would have lost 25 to 30 feet depth
of water and would have perhaps swept the village
Uttramallur clean away - Asst. O'Connell says that the cut

should have been made at the end of the hand but he would
is not even walk up to it to see if it could be done - nor did he
12 consult the hydraulic details in this case to see if it was prac-
of ticable, apprehending that he was likely from not knowing things
to properly to report unfavourably on this matter; I wrote to him
from Madras on the 30th June, I enclose copy of this marked N- you
will, sir, see from it that it was not practicable; Ld O'Connell's
examination was simply in seeing if the ground at the back of
the cut as Mr Donaghue asserted was low - I no where in my
letter deny this fact and it was I who suggested in my letter
No. 787 that the surface of the cut should be raised above exact
level of Sakrigulah, so what was there I respectfully ask in
this enquiry that proved any thing contrary to my statements;
there was nothing sir as far as I can see in the whole matter -

19. The 4th charge relates to the Ultramallur
channel work - I was perfectly ignorant of any fault
being found with me regarding this work nor was I
informed or asked any explanation on any complaint
regarding it from Mr Donaghue - I was surprised when Ld.
O'Connell questioned me on the spot about all that earth that
was thrown on the right bank - I had just started work
in August and hardly done much when I was relieved by
Mr Hayes in September; I understood Ld. Inchcape from his No. 1471
marked M- that embankments

embankments were to be formed on both sides and I
accordingly levelled the lines shewing berms on both
sides and the sections were also drawn shewing banks on both
sides of the channel; the earth I threw up on the right bank
up to date; I gave over charge to Mr Hayes was inspected by
Ld. Inchcape, if the proceeding was wrong he would have
stopped it, but he said nothing against it - Mr Hayes worked
on the channel from September to 15th January, the quantity of
work done by him is 270,000 Cyds and what I done after
relieving him in January is 50,000 Cyds; all this earth was
thrown on the left - The Maistry on the work a dismissed Sub
Overseer and a dependent of Mr Donaghue's who lost his
situation in Cuddapah through Mr Donaghue making him
the scape-goat in a case asserted contrary to what was true
i.e. throwing the earth on the left bank was only after
Mr Donaghue visited the work and gave orders-allowing this
to be so, you will, sir, see that I took charge on the 15th Jan.
and Mr Donaghue visited the work on the 1st February; so there
could have been only a fortnights work in the interval;
if 50,000 was the quantity executed in 2½ months the quantity
in the fortnight could not have been over 10,000 Cyds; but I
can disprove the Maistry's statement by the men of the Sappers
who were on the work up to the middle of February that after
I took charge all the earth was thrown on the left

bank

Mr Donaghue told Ld. Inchcape that it was partly placed on the right bank

bank I ordered this because I found it was not strengthened sufficiently; a few of the Ryots I am told under tuition came forward to state that it was I who threw all the earth on the Right bank: these men in hopes of getting back the lands taken up on the Right readily came forward with a lie to support the Range Officer; the quantity on the Right bank is ⅔ of the whole excavation: the figures given here are quite enough to enable you to ~ arrive at the requisite conclusion as to what was my share of the earth thrown on the right bank, this is a case sir, you will see was one in which Mr Donaghue stabbed me in the dark and the enquiry by Lcol. OConnell in the matter was conducted without my presence; all that I knew of the case was when Lcol. OConnell found that Mr Donaghue was defeated in the Ramarayer Mudday case; he abruptly turned round to me and asked why then did you throw all that earth, I said I did not - Lcol. OConnell on this said put down what you have to say in writing - I accordingly wrote to him on the subject at Calvoy on the 22d July and the enclosed marked N. from Madras on the 30th; the subject in this letter, I thought, would clear away doubts better, but Lcol. OConnell keeping it back was certainly an injustice to me.

20. The 5th Case relates to the Parreancalattoor tank - Mr Donaghue reported that large sums had been expended

expended on this work and that it was not completed properly and that cutting the escape breach in the wrong place made matters worse - my letter C/o 849 dated 26th February explained this question very satisfactorily and shewed that Mr Donaghue from his ignorance of past transactions fell into most egregious errors in stating things that were quite untrue and misrepresented matters. The work that was in operation in 1875 was suddenly stopped - vide Executive Engineer's C/o 673 dated 12th June 1875 i.e. to stop doing anything further in the way of urgent repairs - it was due to this that the sum Rs 1,500 sanctioned by District Engineer was not worked out fully and the work in consequence remained incomplete; an estimate for putting the tank into thorough order was required and the District Engineer accordingly ~ addressed the Collector on the subject of the prickly pear clearance on the bund of this tank - a matter that has been under discussion even since Mr Donaghue joined the Range and was settled only recently.

21. Regarding the escapement I asked Lcol OConnell on the spot if he could point out a better place he admitted that there was no other and told Mr Donaghue that it was the best place; I am sure, sir, that if you had

had a clear and impartial report before you you would not have seen the spirit of Mr Donaghue's reports against me and would not have certainly condemned me.

22. The Mayoor question was one that I brought forward against Mr Donaghue to shew his disposition for making false charges from malicious feelings but from the matter not being understood properly by Col. ACornell it was treated as a charge preferred by Mr Donaghue against me - From the papers now enclosed marked C D E & F — you will see that Mr Donaghue in August refused to countersign the Mayoor channel completion certificate for reasons explained in his letter No 1446 C. Col. Maberly called on me for my explanation and my reply was the clearest refutation to his charge - On receiving my explanation Mr Donaghue had no alternative left but to countersign the certificate and the matter with that ended - Col. Maberly from possessing a strong mind and having a remarkable keenness for perceiving and grasping at things detected at once you will see Mr Donaghue's cunningness in passing a letter of mine as an explanation which was not at all addressed to the subject of his report - this incident with

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my explanation were quite clear to Col. Maberly that Mr Donaghue's report was based on feelings of the existing misunderstanding between us - I heard nothing further about it, but Mr Donaghue in October at Madrantecam told me that the matter was settled and that the certificates for this and the Ramarayer Mudday were signed and sent away, but when we met in February he led me to understand that the question about the Ramarayer Mudday was not yet settled - I saw by this that he intended bring up these matters before Col ACornell I consequently called on him to let me know what was the end of his report about the Mayoor Channel - his reply was that it is not yet settled - I accordingly addressed Col. ACornell my letter No 841 dated 22nd March marked G - but Col ACornell misunderstanding the whole thing and not looking for information beyond what was given by Mr Donaghue personally and in letters turned the case I see completely against me.

22. Col ACornell's enquiry in this case I must respectfully say was not at all conducted with that requisite proceeding and care to discover things for himself Col. ACornell in the first place appeared to know very little

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about the case and absolutely nothing about Mr Donaghue's letter No 1446 and Lcol Maberly's rejoinder No 2160 he simply had my letters No 471 of 21st Sept and Mr Donaghue's reply to this with him at the enquiry.

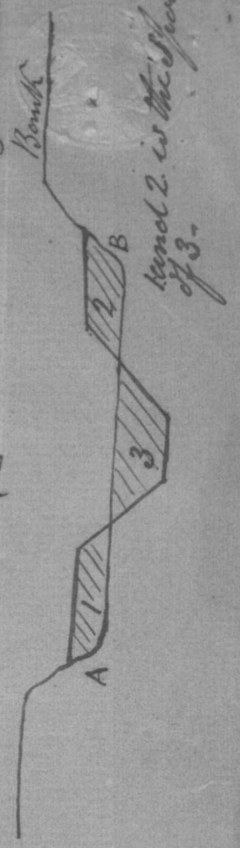
23 Mr Donaghue in his report pointed out that the estimate provided for clearing channel to a length of 6,181 ft and that by one Overseers measurements it seemed to him that 15,429 Rft was cleared and by another Overseers measurement it was 11,209 ft and by what he measured he admits 3,555 ft to have been cleared and that the rest of the work should have been done by the Ryots themselves and the contents of the silt removed in the length he measured shews only 46,330 Cyds by which he explained that the work was short of 1,343 Cyds of sand which @ 9 pies would be Rs 62·15·3; from my explanation you will, sir, see that instead of a deficiency of 1,343 Cyds there was actually an excess of 9,046 Cyds cleared within the 6,181 ft length allowed in the estimate exclusive of the contents 2,450 Cyds of Taks 100 ft in the River North of the Head Sluice - Col. A Connells enquiry consisted in simply ascertaining by actual measurement whether the length of Channel represented by Mr Donaghue to have been measured by the Overseers was correct - so he started from a point at the tail and measured up to the head of the channel and found that the Sub Engineer's assertion was perfectly correct - I would on this point respectfully ask you how could Lcol. A Connell receive this simple test as sufficient proof - when the Overseers were under my orders they stated one thing and now under Mr Donaghue they state another story - I was told that the Overseers in March measured up their respective lengths and fixed their points - is this not possible? Lcol. A Connell will remember that Vathagiri Modaly on the day before coming to the channel was questioned in the Travellers Bungalow at Chingleput if the lengths entered in his measurement paper expressed the continued length of channel from aqueduct or was it the total of spoil thrown up on the berms right and left - he very cunningly asked first to see the paper, he said that it was over three years and could not well remember, but to the best of his recollection he thinks it was continued length and does not think it was of Taks right and left - Lcol. A Connell on hearing

this said, this man's statement is worth nothing, he seems to be a fool - The man saw me before I left Chinglepet and explained all - I will ask Mr Donaghue to explain why did he obtain a written statement from Overseer Vathaghiri Modaly some months before the enquiry to say that the length in the paper of his measurement was not of taks right and left, but along a continued length of channel.

24. Overseer Vathaghiri's measurement according to Mr Donaghue's acceptance is 15,429 and Overseer Sashachellum's is 11,209 ft. when starting the measurement with Lieut. O'Connell Sashachellum picked up what was Vathaghiry's point - Vathaghiry in a sufficiently audible voice kept telling him " I say you made a mistake that is my point; yours is at the other tree, the chaining was however going on and after coming 3000 ft Sashachellum discovered his point which was as Vathaghiry said - at another tree and not the one he started from, Vathagiry Modaly who the day before at the Bungalow gave his evidence with doubt regarding his measurement being continued length of Channel or of spoil right and left evinced a most lively recollection as to which was his point

point and of his successors; to have known where Sashachellum's measurement terminates - they must have been together on the day they fixed their points when it was measured; any evidence of Sashachellum against me must be received with caution, Col. Moberly you will see among the enclosures in my letter C/o 862 ordered his dismissal on my report - What is most questionable in the proceeding of this enquiry is that the Overseers were not asked as to why did they measure a length of Channel not in the estimate - Vathaghery was the Overseer who made the estimate from actual levels and cross sections taken by him; not a word on this subject was asked; Lieut. O'Connell should have had the estimate and sections and levels with him to ascertain if the channel that was silted up was cleared; from not having them in his hand, his enquiry was reduced to a mere superficial one - i - e - by simply running the chain along the channel he determined one point in favour of Mr Donaghue - the 2d was that seeing no spoil thrown upon the bank in the portion below aqueduct - he concluded perhaps that Mr Donaghue was right - I have to explain, that from

this from the absence of the necessary papers to guide Lieut. see A'Connell in his enquiry he fell into a very serious Lieut mistake; the channel in this portion is from 40 to to 45 ft wide at the top and 10 to 12 ft deep - the Capt silt removed was only 6×3 and it was thrown up to up right and left on the berm - if Col. A'Connell had the sections he would have seen at a glance how things stood; in the portion from Head Sluice to aqueduct - the removal of silt was 12 to 14 ft deep and consequently there was a considerable quantity of spoil thrown up on the bank - The channel down to point cleared is sand. The Palar in the flood of October 74 rose from 3 to 4 ft over the banks of channel and ran across it, this effect on the channel must have filled it up with sand and its being opened now is proof that it was cleared; Lieut. A'Connell not looking into these simple facts and going entirely by what Mr Donaghue stated fell into error in reporting things different to what they really were.



Legend 2: is the Silt removed of 3.

25 Lieut. A'Connell was quite ignorant of another fact, i-e- that the matter was settled after my explanation was received by Lieut. Moberly in August/77 and that

that Mr Donaghue had countersigned the completion certificate - I mentioned this at the enquiry when Lieut. A'Connell asked him if he granted the Completion Report, he said, yes, under protest., where is your protest, he said in your Office - Lieut. A'Connell on this said, oh: I see Lieut. Moberly appears to have hushed up the affair, Mr Donaghue with a very complaisant smile answered, yes: - permit me, sir, observing that if it was hushed up, it was with regard for Mr Donaghue and not for me - if this was reported it would have been only to expose Mr Donaghue making a false charge and this matter would have brought to light the matter of an irregularity practised by Mr Donaghue in the Range in 76/77 - i-e- paying away Govt money to his Contractors on receipts taken on the I.I. form on pretence of having seen their work and that the payment was in sums below the value of what he roughly guessed was turned out by them - I mentioned this in my letter C/No 420 dated 29th August/77 in explanation to a question, that if I measured my own works and made bills in the absence of the Overseer it was to get through my credit and that I could not

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do what was easy with him to clear off his credit every month by giving it to Contractors on I-I- receipts Mr Donaghue explained this question to Lcol. Inoberly, saying that he paid them after inspecting their work; but to pay them without proper measurement of work when there is an Overseer in the Zalug was an ~ irregular proceeding - in any case it was wrong and indeed serious -

26. Regarding the Ramaroyer Mudday case Mr Donaghue from a spirit of rancor called on me in his c/z 1602 dated 7th September 77 to explain certain discrepancies between quantities entered in the ~ Completion Certificate and estimate and his ~ measurements - I was prepared with an answer which would have been a very unpleasant one to him, it would have brought out very unpleasant disclosures. Our meeting in October at Madrantcam however averted this for on speaking over the matter of our misunderstandings - I alluded to his call about this ~ work and the Mayoor Channel question, he complained that I tried to injure him and he was consequently doing me harm - Well he said, it is all settled now,

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I have signed the certificates and sent them away - in February when he came to visit the Vettiamallur channel he told me that I have not answered the Ramaroyer Mudday question as yet - I saw at once what he was aiming at, it was to bring up the question before Lcol. OConnell; I told him I understood him distinctly telling me in October at Madrantcam that it was settled and that he had signed and sent the certificates away - I am sorry now that I did not send him my reply, he said. Oh No! you are mistaken, the question is not yet settled, I told him well, call on me Officially and I will give you a reply - I did not for a moment believe that he would have had the boldness to do so, but to my surprise I got an official call in March - I accordingly replied to this in my c/z G. 846 dated 26th March that I understood from what he told me in October that it was settled and that his call on me now on a question said to have been settled 7 months ago is surprising - In sending up this letter with his c/z 3608 he says that my reply is ingenious, I start with a falsehood and pretend to be surprised that the question was not settled 7 months ago - You will see from this understand that my statement of his having

having told me that the Completion Certificate was rendered is not correct - Here is a bold lie against a standing fact and yet his statement is to be accepted. Lieut. O'Connell could have ascertained the truth from the Examiner of P. W. Accounts if the certificate was rendered or not - Mr Donaghue taking advantage of Lieut. O'Connell's great partiality for him and having a certain amount of assurance in himself that the District Engineer will not look for information beyond his statement rushed into assertions that do not carry a particle of truth with them - please look at his No 69 dated 11th April H. you will see that he at last admits having granted the Completion Certificate, how does he reconcile this with all his previous assertions denying that the matter was settled 7 months ago - I asked Col O'Connell in my letter C/No B 16th April I. to call on the Examiner of Accounts for verification of this matter; Mr Donaghue could not hold on longer to his denial when he found that I had reliable information that the Completion Certificate was granted in October 1877 - here is a plain case that goes against the man himself - how did he render the Completion Certificate before clearing up the discrepancy that required explanation by his

C/No 1602 if this only explains his readiness to fall into a voluntary blindness and conceal acts of fraud and dishonesty by his subordinates - Lieut. O'Connell brought none of these facts before you -

26 I shall first give you a short history of this work and then explain what took place at the enquiry - The estimate for this work was for repairing damages caused by the flood of 1872, it was sent early in 1874 and before it came sanctioned we had the flood of October that went over it which enlarged the previous damages considerably, so instead of having to fill in one large breach there were two - Materials were collected and work was started in anticipation of sanction some months before the flood - the plan for narrowing the River to direct the Current in the centre was altered by order of the Superintending Engineer and the savings effected by this change was applied for additional repairs not provided in the Estimate - the canal grass planted in the bed of the river after every slight fresh was renewed -

27. Ramarayer Muddy is a sand bank in the Vehayair seperating the channel, the canal planting was 1500 × 100 yards in the river bed at the back of

d back of this embankement and east of Dam.
e Mr Donaghue by questioning me to explain the differ-
f rence in figures between those in the estimate and
completion Certificate only exposes his ignorance of
what he should have been acquainted with long
ago- the authority for deviating from the estimate
came through the Range Office - this was a work
over Rs 2,500 he was bound to look into all its
details when he relieved Mr Lowry, he inspected the
work in its progress in May 1876 when nearly 2/3 was
done - his examination of the work after all turns
to be a mere matter of form, since he failed to
discover that the work was not going on according to
the details in the estimate, if his inspection was not
to check such things, what was the use of it! Now, Sir,
you will see from this that the man with all these
shortcomings on his side rushes from a spirit of
rancor into statements which if treated in justice
to me would condemn him.

27 As for facts that were brought forward
at the enquiry, what was there, that disproved my
assertions? they only proved that Mr Donaghue made
a malicious false charge in this matter - he denied
having seen any gallions, bamboos and posts and
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that he knew nothing about there being two breaches.
I refuted this lie of his by producing an extract
from his observations in Diary for the month of May
1876 wherein he alludes to the two gaps and says
that he disapproves of the plan of securing them by
gallions, bamboos and posts - the banal planting
being renewed three or four times was satisfactorily
proved by Lieut. A Connell asking the Villagers who
collected round us; and Mr Donaghue's denial of
knowledge about some of the materials that were
not used owing to the change in plan decaying in
the adjacent tope being sold by public auction;
were by his orders this could be supported by records
in the Sub Dr Office -

28. I asked Lieut A Connell at the enquiry, where
is the use of this man bringing this charge now! he
granted the completion Certificate, it ~~not~~ only condemns
him, if he really believed that there was discre-
pancy of 500 or 600 rupees not satisfactorily
accounted for - why did he render the Completion
Certificate before getting my reply; he only explains
by this malicious proceeding of his that he rendered
a certificate that was in his opinion false.

29 Lieut. A Connell as a just and impartial
judge

judge should have laid these facts prominantly before you - but his regard for Mr Donaghue was so great that he would not stand for a while even to hear it uttered, the moment I mentioned this, he put his head down and turned the subject very quickly on some matter of business with Mr Donaghue and thus ended this enquiry, so if he has reported any thing contrary to what is stated here - I must then respectfully say that he has not done me justice

29. I am not surprised that you were from Lod. OConnell's report led to the conclusion that all Mr Donaghue's reports preferred against me were fully born out but I assure you that Col. OConnell's enquiry was not at all a careful or impartial one, it was conducted with the strongest feelings opposed to me, Col. OConnell says that he believes that Mr Donaghue acted throughout from a sense of duty but I assure you that it was from feelings of the bitterest hatred which arose from his sending some of his Contractors into the Sub Division; and I certainly shewed my disinclination to employ his favoured men and these men had carried him tales, among some of these stories, one was about his getting into very serious trouble in Tanjore for fraud and dishonesty and was nearly being dismissed; another tale was that I insinuated some thing in my remarks in his connection with Contractors reflecting on him; these sort of stories kept fermenting in his breast and he kept on worrying me until he consummated it by the injury he has now done me and a large family -

30. I must in justice to myself shew you that Mr Donaghue is not so conscientious and faultless in his own transactions as Lod. OConnell makes him out; for instance, Mr Donaghue obtained sanction for Rs 75 for repairing the Overseer's shed in Shinglepet, this building instead of being simply repaired was enlarged and improved at a cost of some Rs 400 for his own use, the excess certainly is his own money no doubt, but how will he explain the principle on which this was done, improving a Government building without sanction for his own convenience and making use of the Rs 75 sanctioned for its repairs, if he had to grant a Certificate for this work, how would he certify that it was executed according to the details in the estimate

estimate - another irregularity is in his getting this work done by a Contractor who is working under him - this man has furnished him, it is said, with some vouchers to support that he was paid, but the Range Officer employing a Government Contractor on his private work is an objectionable proceeding - the Construction of the Kalavoy tank Caligulah estimate Rs 2,500 was given to this contractor at this time - Timber purchased for the Kavalon bar in 75-76 was used and carried away by the sea; but some 31 planks measuring from 15 to 18 ft long by 12" to 15" broad and 6" thick were afterwards recovered, these were laying quiet for a long time in Sadras. Mr Power, the Supervisor of the Canal was ordered to send them into the Chingleput Stores; they came in, but not into the Stores; they were cut up into planks, rafters and door frames for the improvement of this building - why were these planks not brought on the stock account or exhibited in the store accounts; a few rafters I am told were used in the repairs of the Palug Kutcherry but the rest were all utilized in this building of his -

31. Road Funds at the end of last year were used in buying articles of paint, some of these were

were used in this building - old materials in the Store such as door and window frames &c were taken away and used - Another very serious proceeding is in his pulling down a strong tiled roof building which was built for the use of a Police Station, some 10 or 12 years ago on Trunk Road near the Palar without any authority merely for the purpose of making use of the materials for his building, this building must have cost the Government some Rs 1,200 or 1,500 - all these irregular proceedings of Mr Donaghue's were after the change of District Engineers - Mr Donaghue it would appear had some misgivings in the matter of his demolishing this building, for after ordering the Contractor to pull it down, he went away, but suddenly wrote again not to do so - but before this came it was pulled down - I mention these facts only now, to shew you that he is not such an upright and straightforward and conscientious man and that his reports against me were not made with that pure spirit of duty -

32. I was from 72 to 77 under Col. Moberly and he placed me in the capacity of a Range Officer in

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the Sub Division, his favourable opinion of me was from his personal knowledge, he was a strong and active Officer and travelled every year over the whole of the Sub Division and saw things and judged for himself- Lod. O'Connell has had no opportunity of forming an opinion of me; he was prejudiced by simply Mr Donaghue reporting unfavourably of me and has done me and a large family the most serious injustice -

33. Lod. O'Connell would give me no information as to what I was reported about - I was kept quite in the dark, see my letter of 17th April expressing that I have not received Mr Donaghue's covering letters to my explanations nor was I aware as to what were the particulars of his reports to you - I never knew an instance in the whole career of my service of a proceeding similar to that adopted by Lod. O'Connell - he seemed determined to crush me without placing me on my defence - Mr Donaghue it would appear was reporting me in my Inspection Reports but he never called on me for any explanation - and on the occasion of my request to cancel the two months leave in March Mr Donaghue wrote some very disparaging remarks in a letter - this was sent up to you without hearing anything in explanation from me - I called for a copy of this but could get no reply - You will, Sir, see from all this that I have been dealt, with most cruel injustice - I now with my lamentable case throw myself before your tribunal and trusting in God's mercy and looking up to Him as the only true dispenser of justice, appeal to you to reconsider my case and do me justice.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most Obedient servant

Chaidupett

15th Oct. 1878

Wm Crabbe

Sub Dn Officer.

Copy of the Service Telegram from the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput to the District Engineer, bellary, dated the 10th instant.

Lasbury will leave early next month.

True Copy

P. Bhimasenrao
District Engineer

No 6727

From

The District Engineer
Nellore

To The Chief Engineer
D. P. W
Madras

No 634
Dated 12th June 1878
Recd

Enclosure-1

Under Sub-Division—
Requesting to send
at once Mr Laskey
or any other Officer
to take charge of

NELLORE,

No 634 Encl 1 District Engineer's Office,
12th June 1878

FROM THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF NELLORE,

TO The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department,
Fort St George.

SIR,

In reference to the notification published in the Fort St George Gazette, dated the 14th May 1878, page 755, I have the honor to draw your attention to the enclosed copy of a Telegram, in which the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput informs me, that Supervisor Mr. Laskey will leave Chingleput early next month.

I have over 17,000 people still at work and at the present moment

I have not a single officer or Subordinate above the rank of Overseer in excess of the permanent establishment.

On the removal of Asst. Engineer Wm. Green, I have been obliged to place the Qúdúr Sub-Division of the Southern Division, in charge of a Salug overseer in addition to his other duties. Owing to the incapacity and neglect of the Bengal Officers Messrs. Roberts & Green, who had charge of this unfortunate Sub-Division since October 1877, the works and accounts are in a very unsatisfactory state.

A fairly good and energetic

P. W. D.

Officer might set matters right in a month or six weeks, and I beg you will be pleased to order Wm. Laskey or some other competent officer or Subordinate to be sent to me at once for this Sub-Division.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
D. Thompson
District Engineer

copd

CE No 17918/11 April/78
" - " 1565 " 28 March/78

D. W. 892 Dept.

No. 6427

D. E. Nellore

Rec'd. 15 June

E.I. No. 634.

Cont 2541 d/17th June 78

D. E. Chingleput Bdn
requested that he
should send Lasker
as soon as possible
as his services are
urgently required

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7/6

To Acdy 18-6-78

P. W. D.

No. 2641 d/17th June 1878.

Memorandum.

The District Engineer Chingleput is requested to be so good as to relieve Mr. Supervisor Lasker as early as possible, with the view to his joining the Nellore District to which he stands posted, and where his services are urgently required.

(Sgd.) E. A. F. Col. RE.
Chief Engr. PWD.

To,
The Supdg. Engr. Chingleput.

To Badon Esquire

You are directed only
to open the two extremities
of the Ootramauk bund
to an extent sufficient to allow
including the 2 already
existence, but to refrain
the injured portions of the bund
of Ootramallock Lake near
the Kattoopaka Sluice by
throwing Earth

A report should be made to
me on Completion

/ signed / W. Lockan
Dep. Com. Gen.

5th November 77.

2 cwt
Dft Officers

Received on the
7th March 1878.

Memo No 733

The Overseer were instructed
in Memo No 542 to see to the widening of
the Ultramontane tank grass Escape
and to the repairs of a portions of
the tank bank in places where
it were said to be so bad as to
endanger the safety of the tank,
no notice appears to have been
given to this order, his reason for
not attending to it is required to
enable the Undersigned perfect
an Estimate for what was done
under his the S.H.O' orders aforesaid

W Marshall
Sub D. Officer

L D Office
21/1/78

To L.D Cashu chella Ground

No 3 Range Office
Chinglepat
2 March 1878

No 3401

From

The Sub Engineer
No 3 Range,

To

The Supg Engineer
Chinglepat District

Sir.

1 Respecting Report for January 78.
1 Mr Lackey's No 707 of 23 Feby 78
1 Do 588 of 23 Nov 77
1 Seshachella Mod's letter No 378 of 28 Feby 78
1 Mr Lackey's Surveyor to Mr Lackeys Instruction report for January 1878
1 Seshachella Mod's No 3140 of 9 Jany 78 with enclosures
1 Mr Lackey's Despo No 733 of 21/1/78 to Seshachella & Do
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With reference to your No 606 of 12 Ditto. I have the honor to forward herewith Mr Lackeys letter of explanation, also Overseer Seshachella Moodys report on Mr Lackeys letter.

I will now offer my remarks on Mr Lackeys letter, commencing with his:—

Para 1. The irrelevant remarks made in this paragraph are not to the point, Mr Lackey is accused of having carried out unauthorised work on the Ultramboor tank, that he did carry out such work is proved by his own order to the Contractor, and by his memo No. 733. dated 21 January to the overseer address: In endeavouring to shirk the responsibility by shouldering it on the overseer, Mr Lackey aggravates the offence.

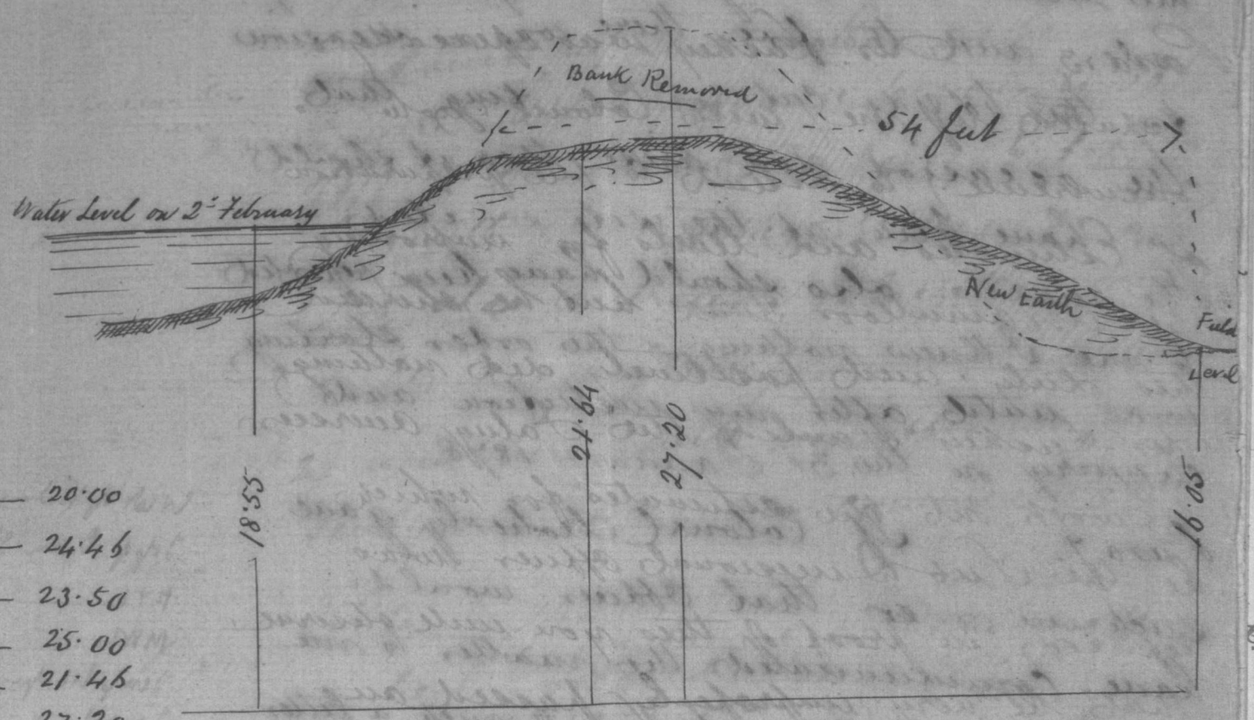
Para 2. It is very improbable that Mr. Hayes would have taken up Mr. Luskeys duty. Mr. Hayes came here in September Mr Luskey admits having issued an order to the Contractor some time in November, and his No 738 conclusively proves that Mr. Hayes had nothing to do with the work.

In January 1878 PM

Para 3. Mr. Luskey was specially deputed by me (with Colonel Moberly's concurrence) to attend to the preparation of Estimates and levels for improving the Ottramalloor tank, but he shirked this duty and positively did nothing. Mr. Luskey wanted the Taluq amuseer to work out the estimates for which he the Sub Divisional officer was deputed, in proof of this you will observe that, he very improperly passed an orders sent to him, to the Taluq amuseer, for the latters attention, See letters marked A.B.C.

Colonel Moberly had good and strong grounds for issuing his order No 1897 of 16th August 1877 this order has so. Soured Mr Luskeys temper, that his Inspection Reports wide show that he has become exceedingly idle and indifferent to his work.

Para 4. Mr. Luskey holds singular views about the position that a temporary escape should occupy at the tail end of a tank bund. The section of the bank where the breach or gap is cut is given below.



Crest of Vadinguddy	20·00
Top of Bund Stone	24·46
FTL	23·50
MWL	25·00
Temp Escape	21·46
Top of bank	27·20
Field in rear	16·05

21·64
16·05
5·59 ft.

From the above it will be seen that, a gap in a bund, at a place with the above section, 60 yards long and 18 yds wide, with cultivated ground in rear 5½ feet ft. below crest of temporary escape, and situated nearly opposite, and in close proximity to the Ottramalloor supply Channel, would be quite enough to cause all the damage that Mr Luskey foretells would follow in the event of the breach occurring elsewhere -

Para 5. The difference of level as I found the escape on the 2nd February was 1.64 and not 2½ feet. See above section taken by me in the presence of Mr. Laskey.

Para 6. Comparatively small, or large damage, is not the question to decide, the bank was strengthened by Mr. Laskey's order, and therefore there was no occasion for the 60 yds cut. Admitting that the occasion did arise, then it should not have been at the site selected, the matter also should have been reported to me, I knew nothing of the order starting work, until after my inspection and enquiry on the 31 January 1878.

Para 7. If Colonel Cloberly gave such an order that Officer would have communicated the matter to me by letter, in the absence of such a letter I must be allowed to accept the statement for it is worth. The site selected cannot be considered suitable when a better site can be found not far off, and I beg again to state that, the bank should be restored to its original section, and a puddle wall built in the centre of the opening stretching from one end to the other, with its foundation sunk 3 feet into the solid bank or surface of cut.

Letter No. 735 was sent to the Supt Engineer on the 7 February 1878, and since Mr. Laskey has not yet furnished the details or estimates on which he has been specially employed for the last 7 or 8 months. It is clear that he does not intend carrying out the instructions sent to him, as he wishes to get away on two months leave on plea of illness. The orders have been repeated several times, and it is this circumstance that induces me to bring his neglect prominently to notice. I will here quote a few of the orders sent to him.

Letter No. 1423 of 17 July in which Col. Cloberly ordered Mr Laskey to take up the estimate for Repairing Ultra-marine Channel (Rs 375.15-9 were spent by him on Surveyors and Lascars for this purpose.)

Letter No. 1541 of 3 Sept. from Range Officer directing Mr. Laskey to take up the Ultramarine tank estimate himself.

Range Officers letter No. 1755 of 25th Sept. the Sub Divl Officer again urged to prepare the estimate for Ultramarine tank at an early date.

Mr. Luskey Thalweg suffers from fever and is not able to work in consequence, he should obtain the leave asked for which I have strongly recommended, and a person sent to relieve him of his present charge as soon as possible.

I have the honor &c

Sir

Your most obed. Servt.

Asst Engineer D&W

No. 3752

Camp: Cheroonmulay
February 1878.

From

The Sub Engineer

No 3 Range

To.

The Supdg Engineer

Chinglepet

Dated 24 March 78

Rec'd 5-4-3

No 3401.

Encls. 6.

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Inwards. Has Lastkey explanation regarding the Ubramallum Tank, unauthorized work.

Rec'd 26/2/78

No 787. Sub Divisional Office
Camp Auditangal
23rd February 187

To

The Sub Engineer
In charge of Chinglepet Ro

Sir

Encl 2, 1

On the subject of your letter
to Superintending Engineer reporting th
I carried out some unauthorized repa
to the Ubramallum Tank bund, I beg
to observe that you have fallen into
mistake in saying so; and if you ma
to hold that I gave the Overseer orde
and Uppara Kistadu a "Saked" on
this matter you have my No. 388
telling you of the Overseers total de
regard to my orders and asking yo
to issue the necessary instructions dir
to him. With this my connection w
this matter, I may say ceased (the
letters alluded to, 1 and 2 form enclosu

2 A Saked as you are aware is a
genral authority given to a petty contra
to undertake works under the instruc
of the Overseer which in this instan
not having been given by the Overs

the Uppara in question could not and did not give effect to the Tahsildar's instructions to the Overseer was dated 2nd November - my letter to you, the 23rd November - I wrote this on learning from the Uppara that he was not doing the work, because Overseer did not show him what to do. What he did afterwards in the widening of the temporary Escape was under Mr. Assistt Engineer Hayes orders and even appears in that Officer's transfer Memo: as a transaction of his own.

3 As for the repairs done along the whole of the tank bunds they were perfectly without any authority whatever - apparently done by the Uppara in the belief of getting payment - The parts pointed out in my Memo to the Overseer as demanding his immediate attention were near Maruluru and Kotapakam - The deep hollows at these places really endangered the safety of the tank - The Overseer in his proper course of duty ought to have visited the tank, started work and put in the necessary Estimate to you - I should have attended to this myself but as the Taluq Overseer was by recent arrangements in August placed in direct charge of all irrigation works in the Sub Division and rendered virtually independent of the Sub Dn Officer the matter as it was of an urgent character was consequently pointed out to the Overseer and left to his disposal in conjunction with the Range Officer - I may here add that the recent change which deprived the Sub Dn Officer of his allotted portion of the Range and left him with no proper sphere of duty is attended with many and serious shortcomings - The Code prescribes that all works and the subordinates in the Sub Dn be under the immediate control of the Sub Dn Officer who in his turn is responsible to the Divisional Officer; but under existing state of things the case is for otherwise

4 Returning to the subject of the breach, this cut was proposed by Colonel Moberly but the mistake is in its being cut below F. S. L. which occurred from want of proper supervision

you seem to overlook the object of this Escape. it was calculated more with the view of affording a ready Site for a breach in the event of any imminent danger threatening the tank at the centre. An accident of the kind occurring would prove most disastrous. Ultra annalus is directly in line with the deep vally of the tank, the calumnity of a large body of water rushing out with a depth of 30 or 40 feet through a breach in the centre of the tank would sweep away the village with its 10,000 inhabitants. A breach at the end even of 300 yards as Colonel Mullins observes in one of his reports would be of little consequence and for this reason suggests that the height of the bund should be reduced after some little distance from a Masonry Weir, carrying it down with a gradient of 1 in 150 until it is brought to M. W. L.

5 The surface of the breach as it now stands is 2½ feet over crest of Calingulah and F. T. L. in the case of this tank stands 3½ feet over crest, the Tank you seem not to be aware

could

could not fill to F. T. L. unless the Calingulahs are dammed up, the Ryots are allowed to do this only after November, and not before; the head of water that generally runs over Calingulahs in ordinary good seasons of rain is never more than 18 inches over crest, and in the heavy floods of 1872 and 1874, it rose to only 24 inches. The bank along the bank along the deep bed of the tank is frightfully low, having hardly a margin of 3 feet over F. T. L. The high winds in Cyclones swell the waves to nearly the top of the bund and their spray to my knowledge washed clear over it in many places in the Cyclone of 1874.

6 If the tank did fill by the chance of a heavy flood so as to have allowed say 12" in place of 30 or 36 inches of water to pass over the crest the consequences instead of being very serious as you observe would have been rather comparatively small and not so disastrous and lamentably calamitous perhaps as would have been a breach if it occurred at one of the places I pointed out to the

No. 3136

No. 3 Range Office.
Camp, Ahmednuggur
1870.

Overseer and subsequently represented to you as demanding urgent attention

I. Colonel Moberly when coming into Ahmednuggal with Lt. Hayes in September, saw the old breach and suggested that it should be widened by 100 feet or more. The existing cut is the best situation for building a Masonry weir and until the repairs of the tank are taken up and finished I would say that its surface should be raised so as to keep it 3/2 feet over crest of Caliguda or a less thick bund than its former, may be easily raised with the spoil-earth lying by its sides at a very small cost. This might be done by Famine Relief labor.

As matters in a manner relative to this subject are dealt with in my letter No. 735 dated I would ask you submitting that letter in original to the Superintending Engineer.

I request you will favor me with a copy of your remarks that may accompany this letter.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt
J. Moberly
Sub Division Officer

No. 3136

No. 3 Range Office,
Camp, Chechenonah
February 1878.

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No. 588

Sub Divisional Office
Cacabanguli, 23rd Nov.
1877

To W. F. Donaghue Esqre
Sub Engr No 3 Range
Chingleput District

Sir

I beg to forward the enclosed and request the favor of your giving instructions to Saluq Ameer on the matter of my instructions to him, there is difficulty I experience to my orders receiving attention.

Encl 3

I am Yrs.
(Signed) J. B. Lasky
Sub Dn Officer

(True Copy)

W Donaghue
Sub Dn Officer

From
The Superintendent
Trichinopoly

To
The Sub Engineer
No 3 Range
Chingleput District

No 232 } Dated 6/2/78

No 787
Encl 2

Applications for leave
as required the cost in
the Office allowance
hand.

8/1318/78

No. 3136

No. 3 Range Office.

1 encl. Kotcherouvik

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To

Memo. No. 542

Taluq Overseer Sarbachella Anda will bee good enough to see, if the undermentioned tanks are provided with proper Escapes for surplus discharge as detailed in their respective Estimates; in the absence of dry stone or Masonry Escapes, the requisit lengths of bund should bee removed down to F.S.L. and a stone placed to mark F.S.L. so that the ryots may not beg temporary bunds, fill the tanks above that level; if the Overseer finds Escapes dammed, they must be forthwith removed, the cost for doing this together with a report should at once bee submitted for transmission to the Range Office, through whom the matter will be reported (against villagers) to Collector.

In November we generally have floods and it behoves the Taluq Overseer to bee very vigilent in the matter of looking after the safety of tanks - the Overseer has a lot of Maistries, doing nothing, they must bee sent round to see that the ryots do not put ring bunds and dams across Escapes of all the tanks repaired last year.

Engineer

No. 3136

No. 3 Range Office.
Camp, Uttucherunk
February 1878.

From

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
No. 3 on Chingleput Range.

To

THE Supg Engineer
Chingleput District

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Mr Laskey has carried out some repairs to the Utramallur tank bund without authority. He has also removed 60 yards of the bund at a place where the crest of his temporary cut is 5.68 feet above the ground in rear. Fortunately the tank did not fill this year to FT2. If three or four inches of water passed over this cut, the consequences would have been very serious. Mr Hayes mentions this matter in his transfer memo; but is silent over the mistake, the cut in my opinion should be closed at once.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

The Escape breach of the Utramallur Tank at the north must be lengthened 60 yards, this must be attended to at once and there are some parts of the bund near Mannallur and Katpakam very unsafe - this should also be attended to at once, otherwise the tank filling suddenly will be endanger its safety.

That the Arcapakam tank is left with no escape was pointed out to the Overseer, this should be now attended to at once.

(Signed) J. B. Laskey
Sub Dn Officer

(True Copy)
J Whaskey
Sub Dn Officer

To R.O. No 606 d/12/2/78

1. 14/8/8 No 751.

From

The Sub Engineer
Chingleput Range

To

The Supdg Engineer
Chingleput Division

Dated 4th February 1878
Rec'd

No 3136

Reports that Mr Laskey has carried on certain repairs to the Uttramelur tank bund without authority

No. 1421

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 4th April 1878

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Chingleput

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enc: 8
(to be returned)

In continuation of previous reports submitted on Mr Laskey's irregular proceedings in the execution of works, I have the honor to bring to your notice an instance of unauthorized work carried out by him on the Uttramelur Tank in addition to having an escape made in its bund at a point where the level of the fields in rear of the bund was (25–16.05) or 8.95 feet below maximum water level of the Tank - thereby endanger=ing its safety.

2. Mr Laskey having been called upon to furnish explanation relative to the matter, states, in his defence that he did not order the provision of the escape in question

question - that an order which he gave to the Overseer - said to have been dated the 2nd of November 1877. No 542. to lengthen the escape weir of the Ultramelur tank 60 yards at the North end, was not attended to, and that he having thereupon requested Mr Donaghue to issue orders himself to the Overseer, his connection with the matter ceased, and he could therefore have had nothing to do with the work. and he adds that what was done in the widening of the escape was under Mr Assistant Engineer Hayes orders. and that the same appears in that Officer's transfer Memo as a transaction of his own. The transfer Memo states. "Upra "Kistnadu also has to be billed for "some work executed in widening "the temporary escape-cut in the "Ultramelur tank bank. The mea- "-surements give some 700 odd Cubic "yards but as I have not checked "it, I leave this Bill also to be "paid by my successor". This does not prove Mr Laskeys case at all for the work was ordered by him and never seen by Mr Hayes.

3. Mr Donaghue asserts that the fact that Mr Laskey did carry out such work is proved by his own order, dated 5th of November 1877 to the Contractor (translation enclosed) in which the Contractor is directed to open the Northern extremity of the Tank bund to 60 yards in all including the breach already in existence.

4. There can be no doubt about Mr Laskey having ordered the execution of the work. for besides his orders to the Overseer and the Contractor, dated the 2nd and 5th November 1877 - above alluded to - he in his Memo No 733, dated 21st January 1878 - i.e. long after he wrote to the Range Officer on the 23rd November 1877 requesting him to issue orders to the Overseer. again ordered the Overseer to have the work carried out.

5. It is to be noted moreover that the work at this escape, had there been any necessity for it, could have been done easily by Jamma coolies

as it appears to have been all earth work instead of by Contract.

6. I have now requested Mr Donaghue to raise the temporary escape, so as to prevent any danger of a breach occurring.

7. In consequence of the above and other matters reported, I request that Mr Laskey be removed from this District, and as he is a man of a large family and of long service and appears to be inefficient partly from ill health, I would suggest that in consideration of the same, he be merely transferred to another District.

8. The following original papers are enclosed — to be returned.

1. Letter from Range officer No 3136 dated 7th February 1878.
2. Letter from Mr Laskey No 787 of 23rd February 1878. with two enclosures.
3. Letter from Range officer No 3401 dated 2nd March 1878 with original Memo No 733 dated 21st January 1878 — from Mr Laskey to the Overseer and original order No 80, dated

5th

5th November 1877 from Mr Laskey to Contractor with a translation.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

R T Lomax Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer, Chinglepet.

over

No. 1964 d/ 2nd May 1878

Mems:

The Chief Engineer desires that the explanations and report called for in Memorandum No. 1668 d/ 4th April 1878 may be submitted as early as practicable.

(By order)

(Sig.) W. Farewell Col.
by Chief Engr. P.W.D.

To
The D.E. Chingleput.

desp. 2-5-78

G.O. 2964 d/ 14th Dec. 1872
" 2166 — " — 18th Aug. 1876
" 1503 — " — 25th March 1878.
C.E. 1565 — " — 28th — " — "
" 1653 — " — 4th April — "
" 1668 — " — 4th — " —

D.E. Chgl. 22 MD.

From the Sup. Engineer
Chingleput Dt.

No. 1421

Dated 4th
Recd } April 1878

C.E. No. 1954 d/ 2nd May 1878

No. of Enc: 8

Mr. Supervisor Leeskey — Brings to notice an instance of unauthorized work carried out by — on the Utramelur Tank and recommends his removal from this to some other Districts.

With Memo:

Carangulé
28th April 1878

To

Colonel P. O'Connel R.E.
Superintending Engineer
Chinglepet District

Sir,

As my health is seriously failing me. I beg that I may be permitted availing myself of the leave recently granted me. I respectfully solicit the favor of your recommending me for the same.

I beg to remain
Sir
your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. M. Casserly
Supr. in ch. of S. Dr.

P.W. 5133/78

20295

From

The Superintending Engineer
on Leave, and
Do. Do. Acting

To

The Superintending Engineer
Chingleput Division

No. 2811 } Dated 28th April 1878

Solicits extension of leave of absence on account of ill health

Forwarded for orders.

No. 1747

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,
Saint Thomas' Mount, 3rd May 1878.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your favourable consideration, the enclosed letter, dated 28th ultimo from Mr. Supervisor Caskey soliciting that he may be allowed to avail himself of the two months privilege leave granted to him. The leave in question does not appear to have been cancelled as suggested in my No. 1164 dated 20th March 1878, and I would recommend that he be allowed to avail himself of the same, as it is advisable that I should at present remain at head quarters and it will be more convenient if the matters in dispute between himself and Mr. Donaghue

Enc: 1
1 Letter from
Mr. Caskey
28th April 1878

× It cancelled itself
○ wrongly

be investigated after his return from leave.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

R. P. Harnett Colonel R.E.
Supt. Engineer, Chinglepat.

6th

C. E. 1069 - 1 - 3-78.
" — 1300 - 14 — " —
" — 1540 - 27 - " - "

Pub. W. D. 1878 Supp
No. 5133
From the Supg. Engineer
Chingleput Dc.

No. 1747

C. E. No. 2084 d/10th May 1878

Dated 3rd
Recd 6th } May 1878

No. of Enc: 1

Mr. Supervisor Laskey — Recommends that — be allowed to avail himself of two months leave already granted -

To Coll. 7-5-78

P.W.D.

No. 2084 d/10th May 1878

Memorandum.

Letter from the Supg. Engr. Chingleput
No. 1747 d/3d May 1878.

The time that has been permitted to elapse in disposing of Mr. Supervisor Laskey's case is most inconvenient to the public service. His services are much required in Nellore to which Mr. Laskey appears to have been desirous of going; and it is very desirable that his case be attended to and disposed of as soon as possible. The District Engineer should order the parties concerned to his Head Quarters, if he himself is unable to leave them -

2. The leave granted in Fort St. George Gazette d/5th March 1878 must be cancelled. No leave can be given to any member of the Dept. except on Medical Certificate -

(Sgd.) E. A. Foord Col. R.E.
Chief Engr. P.W.D.

To, The Supg. Engr. Chingleput.

C. E. No. 2084 d/ 10th May 1878

C.E. No. 2084 d/10th May 1878

Extract from the Quarterly Statements for the last 3 years on the Conduct of Mr. W. Lasky

Quarter ending	Remarks
31st March 1875	Slow.
30th June 1875	Slow
30th Sept. 1875	Has worked very satisfactorily in Madras during the Cyclone and shown intelligence and zeal.
31st December 1875	Has shown much intelligence in preparing estimates and worked diligently and well
31st March 1876	Slow
30th June 1876	Slow
30th Sept 1876	Slow
31 Dec. 1876	Has shewn much intelligence in preparing Estimates and worked diligently and well
31 March 1877	Has worked very well under considerable difficulty from heavy damage Irrigation works by Cyclone of 1874
30th June 1877	Slow
30th Sept 1877	A good steady man and recommended for promotion
31st Dec. 1877	Slow.

Extract from the
Quartly reports
on the conduct
of Mr J W Laskey
for the last 3 years

The recommendations
are not very strong
Her claims will be
taken into consideration
when there is a
vacancy

Glt
6-2-78

Estab:

Bring forward when promotions
are due -

RP
7/2

Mr J. W Laskey entered the P. W Deptt on the 9
July 1855 & was posted to the Chinglepet District
in January 1873.

Extracts from Quarterly Returns

1873	1st Quarter	Nil.	
	2d do.	Nil	
	3d do.	Nil	
	4" do.	Works very Satisfactorily.	
1874	1st do.	Recommended for promotion. Hard working & anxious to do well.	
	2d do.	Nil	
	3d do.	Nil	
	4" do.	Nil	
1875	1st do.	Nil.	
	2d do.	Nil	
	3d do.	Recommended for promotion. Has worked very Satisfactorily in Madrauticum Taluq during 2 Cyclones & Shown intelligence & Zeal.	
	4" do.	Recommended for promotion. Has shown much intelligence in preparing Estimates & worked deligently & well.	

1876. 1st Quarter. Recommended for promotion. Has shown much intelligence in preparing Estimates and worked diligently & well.

2d. do. ——— Nil ———

3d. do. ——— Nil ———

4th do. ——— Nil. ———

1877 1st do. Recommended for promotion. Has worked very well under Considerable difficulty from heavy damage to Irrigation works by Cyclone of 1874.

2d. do. ——— Nil ———

3d. do.

4th do. A good & Steady man recommended for promotion.

No 3354.

No 3 Range Office
Camp Manikaram
25th February 1878.

From
The Executive Officer
No 3 or Chingleput Range

To The Superintending Engineer
Chingleput Distt

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the undermentioned sluice estimates sanctioned in G.O. No 2166 dated 18th August 1876 were carried out by contract; but owing to seamp work have partly fallen, and in consequence are sources of danger to the tanks.

Tirunadur Chittery Repg Sluice Estimate Rs. 55
Expenditure — " 57

Do large tank — " 110.
Expenditure — " 104-4-0

2. Both sluice repairs were carried out under Mr Caskey's direct supervision, the Madrantikam Salary Overseer states, that he had nothing to do with them. A completion Certificate for the first of the above was sent by Mr Caskey on the 25th May 1877 and the final payment for the second was made by that officer on the 14th August 1877.

3. I have this day called upon the Contractors commenced & resumed at once the monies paid & them. on their doing so, they will be permitted & rebuild the sluices properly.

4. The failure of the sluices was it appears brought to Mr. Laskey's notice in the month of November last but that officer did not report the matter to me.

I have &c
(Signed) W. Donaghue
Sub Engineer D.P.W.

(True copy)

P Hommell Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer, Chingleput.

× Vayagopalam & Kumarakkam Mds

No. 896

CHINGLEPUT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT, 1st March 1878

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
CHINGLEPUT.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information the enclosed copy of letter from Mr Sub Engineer Donaghue in charge of No 3 Range of this District bringing to notice certain instances of seamy work which are said to have been passed by Mr Supervisor Laskey. I have called for such explanation as Mr Laskey may have to offer on the matter and the same will be transmitted to you in due course when received.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

P Hommell Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer Chingleput.

Enc:
1 Copy of a letter from Exec. Officer No 3 Range to Supg Engr Chingt No 3354 dd 25 Febry 78

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Bal.

From the Supt Engineer
Chinglepet D.C

No 896

Dated 1st
Recd " } March 1878

No. of Enc: 1

Mr. Laskey Supervisor — Forwarding copy of report from the Range Officer regarding certain irregularities in works executed by.

No 3375.

No 3 Range Office
Chinglepet
27th February 1878

From
The Executive Officer
No 3 or Chinglepet Range.

To The Supt Engineer
Chinglepet District

Sir,

Enc 6

*also his letter of explanation which is no reply to my No 3328 on the subject (copy enclosed)

In forwarding the Sub Divisional Officers Completion Certificate amounting to Rs 1153-8-3 for filling breaches in the Parayanedattur Tank for the year 1876 I have the honor to inform you that a Completion Certificate for Rs 870-7-10 signed by the same officer and sent to you on the 6th instant is meant for the same tank.

2. An estimate amounting to Rs 1032 in supercession of one for Rs 258 was sanctioned for filling breaches in the Parayanedattur Tank in the month of April 1874, this work was kept in hand for 13 months and on the 6th May 1875 the work executed on this estimate amounted to Rs 870-7-10.

*Enclosed

3. On the 1st May 1875 an allotment of

of Rs 300 was made on account of this tank. but work was carried out exclusive of the 870-7-10 to the extent of Rs 1153-8-3 up to August 1875 It is for this work that Mr Laskey now sends his estimate and completion report for Rs 1153-8-3.

4. I inspected the tank lately and I certainly do not agree with Mr Laskey that the work executed by him has been satisfactorily performed.

5. At the south east end of the tank Mr Laskey has opened out the bund to a length of 90 feet which he calls a "temporary escape" a more appropriate term would be a gap made to cause a breach, a longitudinal and transverse section of this opening are given in the accompanying paper, a large "thoondoo" yet remains to be removed, and the surface of the so called escape is anything but horizontal.

6. The work was carried out by contract under Parthasarady Pillay a Local Fund Overseer (lately pensioned) who acted under orders from his Sub Divisional Officer, I was not aware that Mr Laskey utilized the services of his Local Fund Overseer on Irrigation work.

7. There are several tanks in the Madukkamtikam Tahug with their Temporary escapes cut in wrong places, these escapes will prove disastrous and must be closed for the greater security of the tanks in question.

8. Parayanealtur is a large tank at the bottom of a group, there are several unrepaired tanks above, that also require attention, large sums have been wasted on Parayanealtur in past years, and Mr Laskeys action in cutting the bank in the wrong place, has, instead of improving, made matters worse, His estimates as you will observe do not provide for this cut, so that, his completion certificate is not quite correct.

I have &c

(Signed) P. Donaghue
Sub Engineer D.P.W.

(True copy)

P. Connell Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer, Chingleput.

No. 1026

CHINGLEPUT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.
Camp Lemoine
~~SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT,~~ 9th March 1878

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

CHINGLEPUT.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my No. 896 of 10th instant, I have the honor to forward copy of another report received from the Range officer bringing to notice further instances of irregularities in the execution of works by Mr. Supervisor Laskey and would recommend that some other Subordinate be sent to this District in Mr. Laskey's place. as he appears to be wanting in judgment and to be doing harm instead of good where he is.

2. Mr. Laskeys explanation in connection with the matter now under notice has also been called for and will be submitted to you when received.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient servant
R. Tonnell Colonel R.E.
Supg Engineer, Chingleput

Enc:
1 Copy of letter from the Sub Engineer No. 3 Range No. 3375 d/ 27th Feby/78

From the Supt of Engineer
Christchurch District

No 1026

Dated 9th
Recd } March 1878

No of Enc: 1

Mr Lees Key Supervisor
— Forwards Copy of
another report received
from the Rouge Officer
bringing to notice further
instances of irregularities
in the execution of works
by.

1/2272/78

No. 823.

From The Sub Div. Officer

To The Range Officer
Chingleput

Camp Andietangal
Dated 13th
Rec'd } March/78

W. 6014/
5/78

Enc 2

As the Range Officer is now in the Conjeeveram Taluq the undersigned begs to return the enclosed 2 references.

Letter relating to Magaral Tank.

Petition relating to Caurajapuram Village enlargement

M Rasklay
Sub Divisional Officer

if my establishment, Sir, was large and all

No. 3581.

No. 3 Range Office,
Chingleput
26 March 1878.

From

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
No. 3 or Chingleput Range.

To

THE Supg Engineer
Chingleput

Sir,

Enc 1.

On the 30th November 77 I sent Der Laskey some papers relating to the Magaral tank, and on the 21st February I sent him a letter regarding a breach in the left bank of the Cheyar for attention and report. Magaral is situated about 4 miles to the north of Der Laskeys Camp at Andetongal, & the site of the breach is about 4½ miles further off to the east of Magaral Village, and there was no reason why these papers should not have received Der Laskeys immediate attention. I can only attribute his conduct to incorrigible idleness coupled with a desire to give as much trouble and annoyance as possible. I enclose Der Laskeys reply to my call.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Asst Engineer.

To Chf Engr M.D. No 1349 dy 30/3/78

From

The Executive officer

Chunglepet Division

To

The Superintending Engr

Chunglepet

Dated 26 March 78
Recd 27 78

No 3581.

En 1.

Encloses Mr Lashley's reply to the Range officers Call on the subject of Ma-goral Tank and draws attention to his absence

No. 3580

No. 3 Range Office,
Chunglepet
the 1878

No 821

No 3171. Chunglepet
11 Feb 1878.

The Sub Divil officer is informed that the estimate for the road between 41 mile Stone S.I. Road and Lotery after deducting 4000 Rs compensation amounts to Rs. 46640. If to this be added Rs 754-10-10: the amount available is Rs. 47394-10-10 but the expenditure up to date is Rs. 47562-15-10. showing an excess over estimate of Rs 168-5-0 for which an explanation is called for by the Supdg Engr †.

It is believed that there are still balances due to Contractors, the amounts of the Kurnool balances are noted in the margin the bills for these balances are here-with forwarded to Mr Lashley.

Lucas W.D

† No. 503 M.K. 5 Feby 78

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No 821

From

The Sub Dn Officer

To

The Range Officer

Chunchupet

Camp Auditorygal

Dated 13th } March 1878

Rec.d 15 }

Your No 3171 dated 11th February 1878

The expenditure on Ultramallur Road up to time it was under the Sub Dn Officer was Rs. 1020-8-4, the excess payment was made by Range Officer

Enclosures. 6 Bills

Soobba Reddy	Rs.	9-8-0
Cumarasawmy Naidu		22-9-4
Do	Do	11-0-0
Muriamma Naidu		7-13-0
Do	Do	27-9-8
Comarasawmy Jemdy		3-15-9

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47 350-7-10

To Ch: Supt. M.D. No 1349 dy 30/3/78

Chunchupet
11 Feb 1878

No 3171.

The Sub Divl Officer

Is informed that the returns for the road between Ultramallur & Chunchupet 1000 Cs Contractors amounted to Cs 1020-8-4. of the latter Cs 252-4-10: the amount available is Cs 747-3-6 that the expenditure of 8 Cs Chavadi on account of Cs 198-2-6 to date is Cs 747-12-0. Whereas the returns are returned Cs 198-2-6 to make up the expenditure to Cs 747-12-0. Collns for by the Supply Dept.

It is observed that there are still balance due to Contractors for the amount of the Timber balance due to the Contractor for the material to the Contractor for the Supply Dept.

† Rs 313 Bulk Stores

1/22/1/78

himself, another shortcoming resulting from mismanagement caused by the change introduced by Range Officer taking the management of the Sub Dn on himself.

The bills sent to the Sub Dn Officer to pay the bal amts to contractors after inspection is now returned.

J W Rowlatt
Sub Dn Officer

No. 3580

No. 3 Range Office,
Chingleput
26 December 1878

From

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
No. 3 or Chingleput Range.

To THE Supy Engineer
Chingleput

Sir,

I have the honor to draw your attention to the enclosed memo No 3171 of 11 Inst 78 and the Sub Engs unsatisfactory reply to the same.

Enc 2.

2. The Estimate for the Utramallore road excluding Compensation amounts to Rs. 46640, the payments made by the Sub Dnl Officer aggregate Rupees 46593-5-4 and those made by me only Rs 215-4-0 Mr Lashley was invited to settle up all outstanding debts and to report cause of excess on estimate, the work in question is not far from Audiyanpl, and his action in this matter shows how useless he is to me, and that he is doing his utmost to retard and obstruct work in the Range

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Sub Engineer.

To Ch. Engr. W.D. No. 1349 d/30/3/78

From
The Executive officer
Chingleput Division

To The Supg Engineer
Chingleput

Dated 26 March/78
Recd 27

No 3580
Encls 2
Drawing attention to
His Memo No 3171 of 11
Feby/78 and Mr Laskey's
unsatisfactory reply thereto
on the subject of settling
all debts on the Kotta-
-mallore Road Dew Work

No. 1349

CHINGLEPUT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT, 30th March 1878.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

TO

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Enc: 5.

SIR,

In continuation of my letters noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward in original (to be returned) two Reports No. 3580 and 3581 dated 26th instant and their enclosures, received from the officer in charge of No. 3 Range, and to inform you that of late Mr. Laskey has given much trouble by his persistent refusal to act up to instructions issued to him- as shewn by the instances brought to notice in the enclosed papers. I consider that Mr. Laskey's re- -tention any longer in the District will only prove obstructive to the

No. 8960 of 1st March 1878
No. 1026 of 9th Do
No. 1165 of 20th Do

the business of the Corps.

I have the honor &c
Sir
Your most obedient servant

R Pennell Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer Chief Deputy.

Ch. Engr WD No. 1349 d/30/3/78

The Assistant has evidently quarrelled with his superior. Although he might be removed he is a good Surveyor and Draughtsman. I would recommend his being removed to some district where Capt Plummer or Lieut Bottsford as Assistants know his character & can watch his movements

WK
2.4.78

From the Supt. Engineer
Chuzlepet Dt.

No. 1349

Dated 30th
Recd } March 1878

No. of Enc 5

Mr. Supervisor Laskey's retention any longer in the District — considers that — will only prove obstructive to the business for reasons stated within.

This person must await result of S. Engr report & Mr Laskey's explanation. Must however call for

WK
1.5.78

Please let me know if Mr Laskey's explanation has been received & if not when it is likely to be received

WK
9/4

There is no report of Mr Laskey's explanation

WK
10/4

D.W.

No. 1668 d/4 apl/78

Memorandum.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer, Chuzlepet No. 1349 dated 30th March 1878 & No 896 dated 1st Apl/78 and No 1026 d/9 March 78

Though quite willing to remove Mr. Supervisor Laskey, an arrangement which is convenient and more especially so as his place in Chuzlepet District has already been supplied by Sub-Conductor and acting Supervisor J. Smith, the Chief Engineer obj. Jects, on principle, to move any member of the Department from one district to another simply on vague statements and unsupported charges preferred against them. In the present instance it is remarked that nothing tends to shew if the Supt. Engineer by personal inspection has verified the truth of the allegations made by the Divisional or Range Officer, nor has any explanation been submitted from Mr. Supervisor Laskey, nor does such appear to have been called for; in fact the

the Engineer has merely made himself a means of communication between the Divisional Officer and the Chief Engineer, ~~&c &c~~ taking no steps to ascertain the real facts of the case, and by communicating his comments to be thus enable the Chief Engineer to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in the matter - Mr Supervisor Lackey has been in the Chingleput district from January 1873. The Registers show him to be an intelligent, hardworking, steady servant of Government. He entered the Department in July 1855: and, with the exception of the question dealt with in G.O. 2964 of the 14th Dec^r 1872, has apparently conducted himself creditably. So far as the Chief Engineer is capable of judging from the papers before him some personal quarrel has taken place between the Division and Sub division officers or at all events some difference has arisen in respect to certain changes inaugurated by the Divisional Officer and thus complaint has been made, but if justly or not cannot be determined upon the papers submitted. The statements made by the Division Officer should at once be supplied to Mr Supervisor Lackey whose explanation should be called for, & with both stated personally by the Superintending Engineer, carefully considered upon by him, and supplied to the Chief Engineer at an early date that the supervisor's services may be utilized as soon as possible.

S^d R. A. Ford Colonel R.E
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To,
The Supt^g Engineer Chingleput.

if my estab.t

Telegram to Dy. W
dated 26th May 1883.

Suspend action on
Laskeys' case and send
up papers to me x If
orders already issued
cancel and recall them
by wire.

Telegram desp.d
26/6

Att

29.6.83

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Rs 1444 D dy 27th June 83 P. W. D.

Telegram.

To the Supdg Engr First Circle

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Please return my
Memo. 1188C of 23d
Instant with enclosure
Lashey's case -

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if my establishment, &c, was large and ell

(1883) DEPARTMENT.

P.W.C. No. 5787

From

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

TO THE RIGHT HON. THE GOVERNOR,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT.

Dated 22d } June 1883.
Recd. 27 }

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PETITION from J.W. Laskey

Dated 18th June 1883.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Secretary to Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

A. Awdry. Captain, R.E.,
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ootacamund,
22d June 1883.

Chuttiputt 14th June 1882

Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer
Fort St George.

Appeal to Chief Engr

Sir,

With reference to your Memo- No. 750 of the 30th March 1882, degrading me from Sub Engineer 2d Grade to 3d Grade, I beg leave most respectfully to observe that I do not really deserve this punishment, the circum- -stances of there being unfavorable remarks- against my previous service on record, has- seemingly led you to form an unfavorable- opinion of me, but Sir, if you will take the particulars of the cases on which I had been reported before into Consideration, you will see that I have been the victim of misfortune and nothing more, my name being placed at the bottom of the list of Supervisors 1st Grade vide G. O 2964 dated 14th December 1872, was really a case of merit that was unfortunately turned into demerit, and I was unjustly pu- -nished. I was found fault with in this Case for going to a distant hill for stones for the Construction of the yellamanchilly Cuteherry, instead of quarrying for it at a hill close by the work, by which it is said that I would have saved heavy charges of Cartage and for not doing so, it was represented that I had failed to Consult the interest of Government

and Coll Fischer for this reason recommend-
-ed my removal from the Range.

(2) My reason, Sir, for going to the distant hill was to obtain good stones; those from the hill near, were not good. This fact was afterwards borne out by Major Beatty, sending Mr. assistant Engineer Turner to inspect and report on the quality of the stones of both hills and the assistant Engineer's report was sent to Coll Fischer to support my reasons for going to the distant hill. My Successor Mr.- assistant Engineer Brickwell obtained his further supply of stones for this building from the same hill and Major Beatty Overseer who was then building a bridge a mile beyond my work, had recourse to the same hill for his material; these facts, Sir, will convince you that I was not regardless to the interest of Government, when my proceeding in this matter was directed with the object of obtaining- good material for their building. My printed appeal of January 1873, will, Sir, explain away all the other minute points observed in Coll Fischer's letter against me.

3 Coll Fischer's letter in the G. O under reference, para 5 will shew you, Sir, that he was displeased with me from an erroneous belief that I had misinformed Messrs Thornhill, Melville and Kelsall, on the matter of the cost of the work that was Blue pulled down and their action in writing to Government against the measure from what they-

personally saw of the building, created an unpleasantness to him to find that the Government were led to think that he had misled them, because the Government sent a telegram to Major Beatty, to stop the demolishing of the work and to arrange with the Officer of the Range on the measures necessary for- retaining the old walls, but, before this Telegram reached us, the brick walls were pulled down and the stone walls were built up a couple of yards high.

(4) In this G. O it is said that my unfitness for charge of a Range was noted in Coll Fischer's letter of the 14th March and 21st December 1871 and again in G. O 2006 of the 29th August 1872, you will, Sir, from copies of two G. O's, which I enclose now, see, that I was cleared and exonerated of the blame- referred to in the G. O's quoted above. Referring to these and pronouncing my unfitness for charge of a Range and stopping my promotion for ten years by degrading me in 1872, will be clear, Sir, to an officer of your impar-
-tial justice to see that my case, was an extremely hard one.

(5) The proceedings of Government in No 449 dated 16th February 1872 relates to my remonstrance on what Coll Fischer remarked of my Range, in his letter of the 14th March 1871 in reporting on the unfitness of Mr Supervisor Hamnett for charge

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of a Range. He said nothing of my unfitness and the fault he found in my Range, was nothing more than some Earthwork not being spread out and watered and rammed properly and in the case of G. O 2006 of august 1872, I was Censured for want of alacrity in respon-ding to an urgent call of Government in marking out the line for the Pentoreola Salt Road; this Censure was brought on me by Coll Fischer making a mistake in sending up a letter of mine, addressed to a different purport and the Government were led to think that I delayed giving attention to their order. The line was marked out immedi-ately on receipt of the G. O, but it was a Survey to shew the rectification of the line to Superintending Engineer, that I delayed a fortnight owing to the inclemency of the weather and other pressing duties in the Range.

(6) I Could not appeal to Col Walker as I was laboring under his displeasure; In 1860, when he was District Engineer of Canara, he Subjected my pay to a deduction of 10 per Cent for not going up for an examination in the Canarese language. I applied for time shewing that the Canarese language was not spoken Commonly in the North, it was Mahratta and Konkani and I Could not pick up the language Colloquially and had Consequently to learn it literally, the District Engineer would not grant my request and I was forced to

to ask him to lay the matter before the Chief Engineer, but he refused to do so, and I sent it up direct. I was, on this removed to Cuddapah; Chief Engineers reply at 9063 of the 21st January 1861 to my appeal is enclosed, so that, you may, Sir, see what was Col Walkers displeasure against me.

(7) My removal to Chingleput was in December 1872 and I was up to the end of 1877 under Coll Moberly; he used to go over works twice a year in my sub Division and saw things personally for himself; his quarterly statements of my service always bore very flattering reports and I was pointed out in his Statements of 55 & 56 as a hard working intelligent and very efficient man and he particularly mentioned that I worked in 2 Cyclones in difficulties. My Division Officer was Mr Executive Engineer Lorrey; he was relieved in 1876, by Mr Sub Engineer Donoghue, a junior, who superseded me by my reduction in the grade of Supervisors; we soon had misunderstandings and I could not get on well with him, his feelings were growing awfully inimical to me. Col Moberly saw this and promised to remove me from under Mr Donoghue, but unfortunately he left the District suddenly and Col O'Connell Came to the District in December 1877; Mr Donoghue served under Col O'Connell before and was high in his favor; he lost no time in doing

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all he could to injure me; he brought up a series of faults to shew irregularities such as exceeding estimates, deviating from them &c; all these would have been cleared away, had he brought them up when Col Moberly was in the District; some works were altered from what was detailed in Estimates by order of Col Moberly given to the Executive Engineer more than a year before Mr Donoghue took over the Range and for excess on estimates, Col Moberly to start famine relief works ordered that I should proceed with the works according to the details in Estimates sent up to the Chief Engineer, but they were altered by Col Mullins and when they came with his sanction after some 3 or 4 months, the works in the meanwhile were completed, according to the details sent up; hence cause for these excesses occurring, but Mr Donoghue maliciously laid them all to my charge; it will be enough, Sir, to shew you, what Mr Donoghue's feelings against me were, when he brought up questions about certain works on which he had previously inspected and rendered their Completion Certificates 7 or 8 months back through Col Moberly. My letter of the 16th October 1878, fully cleared away all charges brought against me by Mr Donoghue. I was removed to the Nellore District in June 1878 and I do not know of anything else that turned up against me after I left the District, as to have forced the Chief Engineer in February 1879 to place serious remarks on record against me; but nothing to the purport, Sir, was Communicated to me through Col Prendergast. I leave the case, Sir, of Mr Donoghue's reports standing against my prospects and reputation for your Consideration and impartial justice.

(8) In the present case of Lieut Henderson's Complaints, I beg leave respectfully to observe that I cleared away every charge in my letter to Superintending Engineer, dated 10th February 1882 and supported my statements by documents on official record; if any of my statements were groundless or incorrect, I have had nothing given to me, to shew that they were so. I asked Lieut Henderson for copy of his report forwarding my explanation on the charges he preferred against me and I urged this request, even to the Superintending Engineer, but they have not complied with it, so that I am at a loss to know what could have been put seriously against me, as to have brought so severe a punishment as to degrade me.

(9) Lieut Henderson had been bearing me a feeling of displeasure ever since he took charge of the Division. I cannot explain this effect to any other

Cause.

the Engineer

Cause than that I was on the next day of his arrival under the belief that I was in the course of giving over charge to him, while he Considered that he had by taking over the Cash and book the evening previous, taken over the Division.

(10) Lieut Henderson relieved me of the Division late in October 1880 and up to april/81, I was engaged in going about the District inspecting works to grant Completion Certificates. I had no executive works, but Lieut Henderson in the printed annual Register of my service which was sent in april 1881 noted the following remarks viz against question 8 "whether a good man of business" said "No" and against question 9 "If Successful in arranging for and pushing on work, said "Succeeds well at first and fails afterwards for want of forethought" and against question 11 "any qualifications" said "No - of the old school, not fit to hold charge of a Division. You will, Sir, from this observe that as I had no executive work under Lt Henderson, he had Consequently no opportunity of judging of my Capacity as an executive, but, yet, he passed such a detrimental opinion against my efficiency in april 1881, and at the same time, he deputes me on an important Engineering work, as revising a project that has proved defective in its original scheme. Again in June Lieut Henderson without asking me for any explanation placed me in a very awkward and humiliating position before the L. F. Board by writing to their Engineer to recover from me a certain

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Sum which he thought was spent on repairs to the Range Office at Ongole and that I had charged the cost to a L. F. Choultry, when nothing of the kind was done, the repair related to a shed for Carrying out the wood work of the Choultry in question and the cost was justly debited to it; when the matter was explained to the L. F. Engineer, he said that he saw nothing unreasonable in my proceeding and withdrew his demand. When Col Prendergast Came into Nellore in August 1881, I showed the Correspondence to explain to him that Lieut Henderson was bearing me a bad feeling.

(11) In December last Lieut Henderson immediately after Mr Rundall had come and gone from Nellore, writes to him asking my removal from his division on a grave statement, as having no Confidence whatever in me, and that I was of no use to him. Information that the Superintending Engineer had reported this matter to you in asking for my removal and your reply to deal with the Case according to the Code in Cases of charges of dishonesty and incompetency brought against subordinates reached me by what was rumoured in the Place on the 7th of January and I was very much distressed over it and one of my sons, a lad about 18 years of age, feeling the humility and disgrace to which I was being reduced, after once holding the position of Offg Division Officer in Nellore, shot himself through the heart the next morning. It was under the heat of this affliction, Sir, that I wrote my letters to the Executive Engineer

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and Superintending Engineer in a distressed and warm tone.

(12) The faults pointed against me by Lieut. Henderson, you will, Sir, observe from my explanation to them arose from his misconception and from not knowing things properly. My transaction in the Cuyole Division after December 1879 came under control of Mr Paul; he was my Division Officer for 4 months until I relieved him in april; he would have certainly noticed any thing wrong or slack in my proceedings in the Cuyole Sub Division.

(13) My Conduct in Charge of the Nellore Division, I must respectfully state, was, pursued with the most earnest intentions to win a character for efficiency; you must, Sir, take into Consideration that I took over the Nellore Division with Cuyole and Guntur Division affairs not being quite settled and the Office Establishments of these Divisions were then dispersed and I was left all to myself in the matter of disposing off questions on all points connected with these abandoned divisions and in Communicating with the various L. F. Boards on the previous transactions in these Divisions; so I had a difficult task and it is painful to find that after rendering it in a highly satisfactory manner, I should be pronounced now unfit, and what I would, Sir, ask your Consideration further in this matter, is, that the faults brought against me relate to transactions that took place under the administration of Col Prendergast in 1879 and

that the scheme was and/80 and I would leave it to you to Consider why were they not brought this notice; he came into Nellore once in February and again in august 1881, he would have cleared away things Satisfactorily because he was aware of all the circumstances and all the Correspondence that I put forward in Support of my statements against Lieut. Henderson's report, they would have been quite clear to him. Col Prendergast would have certainly cleared me of all the faults that were put against me by Lieut. Henderson and he would have showed you that I distinguished myself Sir by my prompt action in repairing 90 old tanks that breached by the Cyclone in November/79; I saved revenue over a lac of rupees in the succeeding year and a length of 60 miles of road that was severely damaged was repaired and rendered passable for a Battery of Artillery that I was warned would pass over it early in February 1880.

(14) Regarding Mr Rundalls opinion, as to my unfitness to prepare a project, I beg leave respectfully to bring to your notice that I have planned and prepared some projects before this; Mr Melville, the Madras sea Customs Collector will vouch to a fact that when he was Collector of Vizagapatam in 1870-71, I prepared a very important scheme known as the Kondakerla Ava Project; it was a Scheme that was under discussion for some years by successive Collectors and the Revenue Board

Board at last asked that the Project should be looked into and investigated by an Engineer officer; a question of such importance was entrusted bme by the Superintending Engineer, and when the field work was finished, Captain Dorward No 2 Range officer was asked bgo over the ground with me, and to look into the details of the scheme, and report to Superintending Engineer his opinion on the Project; he made a very favorable report and he afterwards gave me the assistance of his Draftsman to aid me in the preparation of the fair plans; I finished the whole in good style and sent it up bSuperintending Engineer. Col Fischer was quite satisfied with the scheme and returned it bme to explain the details of the Project to the Collector and to obtain some further information regarding the Revenue details, but as Mr Melville was not in Vizag; at the time, I sent the whole of the papers bhim by post, so that he would have returned them bme with the required information, but he signed the papers and sent them straight to the Superintending Engineer; it was due to this circumstance that Col Fischer's displeasure occurred against me in 1870; he told me that I had no business to send the Project through the Collector.

(15) Prior to this scheme, I planned one in 1866.67 very successfully. Mr Bliss, the present Commissioner of salt Revenue, was then the sub Collector and he supported the scheme known as the Narsipatam Gubbada Project; Major Rynes, then Superintending Engineer replied

replied to the Collector that the scheme was a very good one and was very satisfactory in all its details, but the only thing against it, was the uncertainty in getting ryots to take up so much of land in a tract of Country so unhealthy as Narsipatam. I was after this ordered by Major Rynes to investigate the Uratla scheme.

(16) In 1877, Col Maberly appointed me to investigate the "Chayair, Uttamullore and Cambrical scheme in Chingleput and it was on this work, that one of my surveyors left me abruptly for an appointment on more pay under Mr Rundall on a project investigated in Vellore at the time and I had some correspondence with him on the matter of the Surveyor which displeased him & he reported me bCol Maberly.

(17) There was nothing original as bhave rendered the revision of the Sarvapalli project difficult; I had simply bfollow what had been already done; I had only bSee bwhat the defects were and plan measures b rectify them; but I had b go over more ground than the original work in Surveying and Leveling; had I been allowed 3 months more and an efficient establishment given me, I would have finished the whole, the original project with less field work took over 18 months and it was impossible for me b complete the revision of the scheme in the limited time, viz; 7 months, that Mr Rundall Considers should have been enough;

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if my establishment, Sir, was large and efficient, I could have finished the work in 6 months.

(18) Lieut Henderson had my office opening into his and he looked into things and gave his instructions from time to time; it was in his power to have checked delay, if there was any; he noticed more than once that I would delay the project if I went into so many hydraulic details, but I told him the delay was in not having sufficient and competent establishment for the work.

(19) Sir, I submitted a printed paper marked F in the appendices that accompanied my explanation & Superintending Engineer, Containing Copies of certificates and official documents to prove my efficiency. I now enclose one for your perusal from which you will see, Sir, that in 1859 I was by order of the Chief Engineer, on Canara District Engineers favorable report of me appointed to the charge of a Range. I was since then to 1872 either in charge of Ranges or on some large work. Col Hemarys letter embodied in G.O 2418 dated 25th August 1863 on which I was promoted to Supervisor 2d Grade, will shew you that I succeed an Assistant District Engineer in charge of the Royahoty Range, a very important one in Cuddapah and held charge of it for 15 months and performed my duties to the Superintending Engineers Satisfaction — and the last Certificate is from Col Prendergast; he states that I Carried out the duties properly belonging to an Executive Engineer to his satisfaction; the Extract from Examiner of Public works Accounts' letter was copied to shew that the Range duties in the account Branch were not in fault while I held charge of the Cuzole Division.

(20) I obtained Col: Prendergasts testimonial with the object of retiring from the service in 1880, but as I was assured by Col Prendergast that I was not likely to be asked to retire, I did not on that account accept an appointment of Rs 400 under the Local Fund Board; at that time considered that my prospects in the Department would enable me retiring on a pension eventually which would enable me spending my days in old age with some Comfort, but the misfortune that has overtaken me now, has created a sad disappointment.

I have 27 years service and I am bordering on 50 years of age, and I have now nothing to look forward to, but to grieve on the loss that I have undeservedly sustained, both in prospect and reputation in this Department. I leave my case, Sir, entirely to your humanity, generosity and impartial justice to do with it what pleases you.

I beg leave respectfully to remain Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J Wheatley
Sub Engineer

14th June 1882.

12/6/83

In

Godavari District
Ellore. 23d may 1883.

From

Mr. J. W. Lashley
Sub Engineer.

To

The Honorable Col: RH Sankey
C. B. RE
Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

Honorable Sir.

I beg leave most respectfully to call your attention to my appeal of the 14th June 1882, on the matter of my degradation from 2d grade Sub Engineer to 3d grade vide your Memo No. 750 of the 30th March 1882 and my appeal of January 1878, which was returned by Chief Engineer with his memo No. 594 dated 1st February/78 declining to reopen a subject said to have been settled in December 1872 five years previous to date of my appeal. By this degradation in 1872, I was superceded by 20 juniors and my promotion kept back for 9 years, without any just cause.

In my appeal under review now, I have shewn that General Walker acted from feelings of displeasure in punish-ing me and that there was nothing whatever in the Case under which I was degraded then. Calling for such severe measure against me and the Cases of previous misconduct represented to Government by the Secretary in disposing Col: Fischer's last Complaint against me were fully cleared vide the G. O. noted in the margin, by which I was exonerated of all blames.

G. O. No. 449 of 16/2/72
G. O. No 2577 of 2/11/72.

The Case on which I was degraded in March 1882 vide your memo under reference on Sup.g Engineer Mr. Rundall and Lieut. Henderson's reports. I beg leave, most respectfully to state, Sir, bear charges you will observe from my explanation that have not been borne out and have been fully cleared away so that I can see no grounds, nor have any been given me for injuring my reputation and prospects as seriously as they have suffered; the

the Career of my service has been all through without any fault, and that I have always shewn intelligence and abilities more than ordinary to a subor-dinate in the Department will be seen from Copy of my testimonials &c that I have submitted with my appeal and that I have since 1859 vide Chief Engr's proceeding dated 25th October placing me in charge of a Range, given Government my service in the Capacity of an efficient Executive Engineer and the last testimonials from Sup.g Engineer Col: Prendergast dated 5th February 1880, bears out this fact; and this distinguished Officer subsequently selecting me for charge of the Nellore Division, and having me Gazetted as Off.g Executive Engineer in 1880, Contrasts strongly against the Contrary reports by those of my superiors, whose dis-pleasure, I had had the misfortune to have incurred and which reports therefore, I beg respectfully to observe, eminated from private feelings of resentment.

There was a rumour afloat in Nellore
since December last that my appeal had
received your favorable Consideration and
that I was soon to be restored to my dew
position in the service, but as nothing up
to the present moment has been effected
to this end, and as the anxiety in living
under this Suspense after the Serious
Calamity that I have sustained is more
than the mind and human frame
Can possibly endure, I am from this
Circumstance and others now Constrained,
Sir, to solicit your early orders on
my appeal.

I beg leave most respectfully to remain.
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J Maskey
Sub Engineer —

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13/6/83

Chief Engr's Memo
Acknowledging Memorialist
in 1882-

Public Works Department
Chepauk 30 March 1882
No 750. C.

Official Memorandum

In his No 420 A. L of the
16 instant, the Superintending Engineer
has dealt carefully and in an impartial
spirit with the Complaints urged by
Lieut Henderson against the proceedings of
Mr Sub Engineer Laskey.

(2) As stated in para 14, Mr Laskey
was clearly in a charge he was not equal
to, and very few Subordinates would
have been equal to, every allowance on
this account should therefore be made.

(3) On a broad view of the case, however,
it is not too much to say that many
of the faults brought home to Mr Lasker,
should not have been Committed by
any earnest or energetic man having
the high position of a Sub Engineer in
the Department and Mr Rundall's

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observation, para 18, is clearly borne out that Mr Laskey has been promoted beyond his merits.

4 This is clearly exemplified by the statement made in para 17 that if a capable man, he should have been able to complete the Surveyalli Estimate in 7 or 8 months, but which Mr Rundall states, he has failed to do primarily "because he is not equal to it".

(5) As shewn by Mr Laskey's Quarterly statement of Services he has no doubt at times shewn intelligence and worked well, but this has not been uniformly the Case.

(6) Under G. O 14th December 1872 No 2964 his unfitness for the position of Range Officer was declared and his name was placed at the bottom of the Supervisors 1st Grade and again so late as February 1879, the then Chief Engineer was obliged to place on record serious remarks regarding his Conduct.

(7) It is extremely doubtful whether viewing

viewing Mr Laskey's Career, taken with the occurrences now under review, he is fitted for any higher position than that of a Supervisor in this Department, and it is clear that in the existing relations, it would be very undesirable to allow him to return to the Nellore Division.

(8) With every desire to make allowances for the difficulties of his position and other extenuating circumstances, the undersigned is of opinion that the requirements of the Case will be sufficiently met by

(1) Reducing Mr Lasker from 2d to 3d Grade Sub Engineer and

(2) by transferring him to the First Circle for employment in the western Godavari Division in room of Supervisor Mahony, who is to take up the Dumagudiem Sub Division.

(9) For supplying Mr Laskey's place in the Nellore Division, the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle will arrange when Convenient

There was a rumour afloat in Mellore
Convenient for the transfer of Serjt
E. Cope to the Second Circle. Serjt
Cope will now be promoted to Super-
visor 2d Grade.

(Signed) R.H. Lankey Col. RE
Chief Engineer PW dept.

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APPENDIX.

A.

No. 9,063.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Under date the 21st January 1861.

Read the following letter from Mr. Overseer J. W. Laskey, to the District Engineer, North Canara.

(Here enter No. 149, dated 19th December 1860.)

As Mr. Laskey has already been removed to the Cuddapah District, no separate orders upon the foregoing letter appear to be necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed.) E. LAWFORD, LIEUT.-COL.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, C. C.

To

MR. J. W. LASKEY,
Overseer, D. P. W.

F.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, Public Works Department, 16th February 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 279. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

(Here enter No. 2,806, dated 7th December 1871.)

No. 280. From the Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, Vizágapatam.

(Here enter No. 520, dated 19th December 1871.)

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1872, No. 449.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

IN his letter of the 14th March 1871 No. C. C., the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division in reporting on the unfitness of Mr. Supervisor Hamnet for the charge of a Range, remarked that he was not quite satisfied with the state of affairs in No. 1 Range of the Vizagapatam District, and that he had warned Mr. Laskey, the Supervisor in charge.

2. No specific grounds of complaint were then urged, but having, by some means not stated, perused not only Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's letter quoted above but the one which gave cover to the Supervisor's remonstrance, Mr. Laskey submits detailed explanations.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer had doubtless some reason for being dissatisfied with Mr. Laskey's conduct, but as he observes in paragraph 6 of his letter of the 7th December last, No. 2,806, that the matters to which Mr. Laskey adverts "have long since been forgotten" the Government do not consider it necessary to further notice the papers above recorded.

4. Mr. Laskey's addressing Government direct instead of through the Superintending Engineer was improper.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, COLONEL, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To

The Acting Superintending Engineer,

1st Division.

of the 29th August 1872. Collector's Letter Dy 6 thus Each and with his Letter No 2577 of 2nd November 1872 to Government to which the Memorialist

H.

No. 368.

No. I, or Golgonda Range Office,
Vizagapatam District,
Yellamunchilly, 30th September, 1872.

From

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE of No. I, or Golgonda Range.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
1st Division.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 2,066, dated 29th August, censuring me for not giving prompt attention to the Order of Government regarding the rectification of the Tuni and Pentacota line of Road, and my letter embodied in the G. O. being taken as explanation for delaying the work for two months must say, has taken me quite by surprize. My letter, you will observe, from what I will explain, was not intended as an explanation for not attending to the marking out of a trace, for a line, you will remember, was marked out in the middle of April, (vide your instructions in No. 3,828, dated 14th March, forwarding Collector's letter requesting that I be instructed to do so,) which was a month after Messrs. Thornhill and Melville visited Tooni, so that when the G. O. came to my hand, the question was already answered.

2. When Messrs. Thornhill and Melville went to Tuni (which was the 15th of March) they could have had nothing more than the direction in which the survey was taken shown to them. Their objection to the 2nd line was only with reference to a bit in the last mile near Tuni, which from going through cultivated lands, whilst a track leading into Tuni existed, led both the gentlemen to view this, disregarding an existing track, as unnecessary and objectionable. A better line you would have seen from my report and survey, could not have been chosen, and the impracticability that presented itself to the adoption of the line desired by the Collector, was really the circumstance that forced me deciding on taking a Survey when the question of the required report was referred to me by the Executive Engineer.

3. The order of Government required that the marking out of the line be taken on hand at once; this was already done, but what was wanted by your Memo. which accompanied the G. O. was a report from the Executive Engineer as to the measures taken in the rectification of the line; this question was referred to me by the Executive Engineer which came to hand about the middle of May. This I could have furnished at once, but delayed it on account of the Survey, and as nothing was being done at the time on the road, I thought I could effect some little change in the line, which, you must have noticed on the plan, was not to any advantage.

4. As regards the delay in answering this question, you will remember that about the time I got the Executive Engineer's instruction, I had my hands filled with business, and that I was not in a position to attend to it at all. I had Rs. 15,000 for Famine Relief to be expended on irrigation works; this was quite a difficult task, not such as spending grants given for roads. I had to attend personally to every work. I had to see first what was to be done, and then start work,

and send in estimates afterwards, I had to see to these relief works being so portioned out as to their giving work to the distressed poor all over the Taluqs.

5. I had no Overseer at this time to assist me, Mr. Kelly went away on leave in May, and Mr. Jeffery, the Local Fund Overseer who was appointed to act for him, relieved me of the Overseer's duties only on the 26th of June.

6. By the 15th June my arrangements in carrying out Famine Relief works had received all that was necessary in attention and were going on satisfactorily. Hence it occurs you will observe for my stating in that letter which is dated 2nd July, that I had been awaiting a fortnight past to attend to the question, and that it was the inclemency of the weather that prevented it. My letter was an explanation not called for, I was simply told in your Memo. No. 1,130, dated 21st June, that the Executive Engineer in charge of No. II. Range having reported that I had been asked to report direct to you on the Tuni and Pentacota Road, I was accordingly requested to expedite the same.

7. Explaining that the weather interfered in my taking a Survey owing to its being wet and showery, was not meant, that it would bear simply as much as my words expressed, for you must be aware that the S. W. Monsoon this year broke in about the middle of June with great violence. A fact that I concluded must have been felt even in the Godavery District.

8. My letter from all the facts now brought forward, taking the place of an explanation against so serious a question as to a want of alacrity on my part in not responding to a call, that required prompt attention, and receiving my condemnation as being incompetent for the charge of a Range has taken me, I must most respectfully say quite by surprize.

9. That I have been a subordinate working with energy, and perseverance, and have always evinced an amount of emulation to distinguish myself, and to rise in the service by merit, will not, I know, be denied to me when the several large irrigation schemes that were brought to notice receive consideration. I have been 17 years in the Department, 12 of which have been in the capacity of Range Officer. I have always, I must respectfully say, worked with determination and never allowed reverses that have occurred to my prospects discouraging my spirit, nor weakening the hope that industry and perseverance would some day receive their reward.

I have, Sir, a large family, and to have me superseded, would be a measure to stop my future prospects in the Department. I will say nothing further, but submissively throw myself on your mercy, and beg that you will give my case your favorable consideration.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. W. LASKEY,

Range Officer.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, Public Works Department,
2nd November 1872.

No. 25. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 5th October 1872, No. 2,452 :—

With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,066, dated 29th August 1872, I have the honour to state that I called upon Mr. Supervisor Laskey for any explanation he may have to offer in connection with the delay in responding to the call made on him for a proper trace of the Toonee and Pentacottah road.

2. Mr. Laskey has sent in his explanation, from which I observe that he states his letter embodied in the above G. O. was not intended as an explanation for not attending to the marking out of a trace which had already been marked out by him, and this, I must observe, is correct; but Mr. Laskey further states, it is only in connection with the report called for as to the measures taken in the rectification of the line that the delay occurred, and this too at a time when he, without the aid of the proper number of Overseers, had to expend 15,000 Rupees on famine relief irrigation works, which he had to see so portioned out as to their giving work to the distressed poor all over the taluqs.

3. Mr. Laskey, moreover, states that explaining that the weather interfered in his taking a surevy, owing to its being wet and showery, was not meant that it would bear simply as much as his words expressed, for the south-west monsoon this year broke in about the middle of June with great violence. A fact I can bear him out in.

4. As, under the foregoing circumstances, I trust Government will exonerate Mr. Laskey from blame in the matter of delay, I beg to state in conclusion that a survey of the proposed line of the Salt road from Toonee to Pentacottah was forwarded on the 1st August last to the Collector of Vizagapatam for approval, and I have not yet been favored with a reply from that officer, although again on the 23rd September 1872 I invited his attention to my letter of the 1st August.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1872, No. 2,577.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Major, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer,
1st Division.
No. 2,883.

Communicated to Supervisor in Charge,
No. I, or Golgonda Range.
By order.
JAS. WAKEFIELD, Manager,
Suptg. Engineer's Office, 1st Division.

Dowlaiswarum, 13th November 1872.

To the Officer in Charge,
No. I Range, Vizagapatam.

J.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, Public Works Department,
14th December 1872.

No. 295. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 19th November 1872, No. 2,970 :—

I REGRET to have occasion to bring to the notice of Government the very unfavourable opinion I have formed of Mr. Supervisor Laskey during my recent visit to his Range in the matter of rates for the Taluq Cutcherry at Yellamunchelly, and which Government will be convinced of on perusing the papers which accompany this report.

One copy of a report, No. 112, dated 7th November 1872, from Major Beatty, R. E.
One copy of data for rubble masonry per cubic yard at Vizagapatam and Yellamunchelly.
One copy of list of rates for rubble masonry.
Mr. Supervisor Laskey's explanations regarding rates of material, No. 449, dated 13th November 1872.
Mr. Supervisor Laskey's letter, No. 487, dated 29th November 1872.

2. It will be observed from paragraph 3 of Major Beatty's report on this subject, that Mr. Laskey pleads inexperience as the cause of his providing such a high rate as 3 Rupees per cubic yard of rubble masonry. This plea should not hold good when I mentioned that I had personally instructed Mr. Laskey to get his rough stone by opening a quarry on the hill side close by, which instructions he has set aside, or did not give effect to, from a spirit of obstinacy, and by which the cost of the building will be greater than otherwise—Rupees 3,000. instead of Rupees 1,750, as per paragraph 5 of Major Beatty's report.

3. Mr. Laskey has also put forward another reason for not having quarried for stone at a much shorter distance than he had, namely, that Major Beatty's subordinates had gone to the distant hill, and it follows consequently he allowed his men to go to the same place. It will be evident from this that Mr. Laskey did not look to the interests of Government, as he ought to have as a Range Officer, by opening out a new quarry at the place pointed out by me, when, as Major Beatty observes, he would have saved nearly all carriage.

4. I beg to state that, as I have every reason to think Mr. Laskey has not consulted the interests of Government at all in this matter, I have directed Mr. Assistant-Engineer Turner to relieve Mr. Laskey of charge of the Range. The latter will for the present be under the orders of Mr. Turner on sub-divisional duties.

5. I have further to add that whilst I was lately at Waltair, Mr. Laskey informed me for the first time that he had disobeyed my orders to get his stone material from the adjacent hill at Yellamunchelly. I went to that place with Major Beatty and Mr. Turner, and was surprised to find he was paying 7½ Annas a cubic yard for stone material, of which 4½ Annas was for carriage alone, when he had an abundance of good stone at hand. I then directed Major Beatty to send me a comparative statement of his rates for similar work, and the enclosed is his report. It was Mr. Laskey who informed Messrs. Thornhill, Melville, and Kelsall that the outlay on this Cutcherry had been Rupees 9,000 and omitted to show what the actual loss would be, and they took no trouble to inquire further, but led the

Government to suppose I had misled them; and it was Mr. Laskey who would insist upon using brick of the worst quality when splendid stone at far cheaper rates was available at hand. I have, therefore, removed him from charge of a Range after the fullest and most careful inquiry and investigation.

6. I beg to forward some explanations Mr. Laskey has sent in since he was furnished with a copy of Major Beatty's report, and on these I have made some notes. I have only to add Mr. Laskey totally fails to explain why he had kept this office in ignorance of his proceedings though he had been called upon to explain the excessive rates he was charging, and it was only on finding I was in Waltair and likely to visit his Range, he admitted he was using other stone than I had directed him to take, and for which he had no authority, and I do not consider he had any sufficient reason.

See his letter, No. 487.

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1872, No. 2,964.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

MR. TURNER'S services being required elsewhere, and the importance of the Golconda Range not such as to allow of a Sub-Divisional Officer being entertained in it, other arrangements for its charge than those proposed by the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, must be made. That which commends itself most to the judgment of His Excellency the Governor in Council is Mr. Laskey's removal to the Chingleput District in place of Supervisor Ramiah Naidoo. The unfitness of Mr. Laskey for charge of a Range having been already noted in Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's letters of 14th March and 21st December 1871, and in G. O., No. 2,066, of 29th August 1872, his name will be placed at the bottom of the list of Supervisors of the 1st Grade. And he will be warned that further bad report of him will lead to his reduction to the rank of Overseer.

2. It is incidentally brought to notice by this and former correspondence that a practice has arisen in the 1st Division of giving a Range Officer charge of special works beyond the limits of his own Range. The practice is contrary to the system of the Public Works Department of this Presidency, and is strictly prohibited for the future without the special sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, COLONEL, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
To all other District Engineers.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No. 113.

Communicated to Mr. Laskey, Supervisor, for his information.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, MAJOR, R. E.,
District Engineer.

Vizagapatam, 27th December 1872.

(True Copies.)

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(1)

The Humble Memorial of Sub-Engineer J. W. Laskey.

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable, the Governor of Madras.

Sheweth,

That your Excellency's Memorialist was unjustly degraded by Chief Engineer vide his memorandum y 50 of the 30th March 1882 from 2d Grade to 3d Grade Sub Engineer and that the cause for this degradation, was simply from incorrect reports made by Lieut Henderson and Mr Rundall, the Superintending Engineer. Both of these Officers acted from feelings of enmity and resentment against Memorialist.

Memorialist has clearly shewn in his appeal to Chief Engineer in paras 9 & 10 that Lieut Henderson bore Memorialist all along a feeling of strong enmity and that he was in the habit of making false statements and disparaging observations secretly in Official documents with malicious intent to injur Memorialist both in reputation and prospects. Memorialist had given no Cause whatever in the discharge of his duties in Connection with Mr Henderson as his Superior for creating so strong a feeling of ill will in him against Memorialist, but there are a few instances of a private character that gave him serious offence and the misunderstanding on these points between him and Memorialist remains yet unexplained.

That

That the Nellore District in the re-
-organization of the Department in
November 1881 was transferred from
Colonel Prendergast's Circle to Mr
Rundalls; this Officer also had an old
displeasure against Memorialist as stated
in his appeal para 16; Mr Rundall
visited Nellore in December, and he was
hardly gone out of the District, when
the Executive Engineer sends him his letter
asking that memorialist be removed
from the District observing that he,
Lieut Henderson had no Confidence in
him and that he was of no use Thim.
Superintending Engineer Mr Rundall sent
up this grave and defamatory Statement
to Chief Engineer with his disparaging
remarks regarding the plans and papers
Connected with the Parvapalli Project.
He said that they did not give him a
favorable opinion of memorialists Capacity.
What Memorialist has Submit for your
Excellency's Consideration, is, that all these
grave statements were made by these two
Officers in their exalted and responsible
positions under Government, in simply
asking Thame a subordinate, whom they
disliked, removed out of the District; and
it was the Chief Engineer, on seeing the
gravity of the statement, observed that they
that memorialist is of no use and that
Confidence Cannot be reposed in him,
Conveys charges of the gravest character,
which must be fully investigated and
disposed

disposed in the manner laid down in
the Code against charges of moral disquali-
-fication brought against members of
the Department; these Officers on this
found themselves thrown suddenly on
the horns of a dilemma to bring for-
-ward charge to support their grave
statements against memorialist; and
Mr Henderson from having nothing to
bring forward, put together a lot of
petty transactions of memorialist when he
was Division Officer of Cuddapah and Guntur
in 1879 and Offg Executive Engineer of
Nellore from April to October 1880, matters
that did not Concern Mr Henderson.
Memorialist was responsible to Col:
Prendergast who was his Superintending
Engineer and Mr Henderson had 12 months
after he relieved memorialist Thame
represented any irregularity or shortcomings
in the acts of his predecessor to the
Sup:g Engineer Concerned, and should not
have waited 14 months from October 1880
to December 1881 until Mr Rundall Came on
the field Thelp him to make such a deadly
slash on memorialists reputation and
prospects. It was due to this deplorable
proceeding of these Officers in endeavouring
unjustly to ruin memorialist, that a son
of his, a lad about 18 years, most sensative
in his feelings, felt distressed to find
that his father was being dragged into disgrace
and humility, shot himself through the
heart, on hearing that Chief Engineer had
ordered the matter Thee investigated
and disposed according to the Code and

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that Mr Rundall, the Superintending Engineer, one of the inimical party to memorialist, was the judge and he was to represent matters with his opinion in the Case to Chief Engineer.

Mr Henderson's statements of memorialists' transactions as Division Officer in 1879 and 1880 being irregular and questionable, were all exaggerated and misrepresented; memorialists' explanation dated 10th February 1881 to Mr Henderson's charges was a clear and full statement Completely exonerating memorialist and showed up Mr Henderson's statement to have arisen from insufficient acquaintance with matters and a misrepresentation from feelings inimical to memorialist. In the face of an explanation so clear, it is questionable how Mr Rundall led the Chief Engineer to believe that many of the faults put against memorialist by Mr Henderson were brought home to the accused.

That Memorialist asked Messrs Rundall and Henderson for copies of their observations forwarding memorialists' explanation to Chief Engineer, but they did not Comply with this request and remained perfectly silent on the matter, and again on memorialist Coming to the Godavari District, he applied for these documents through Mr Larminie, the Officer in charge of the Circle at the time; the reply from Mr Rundall to this call was that no copies were

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kept and that the originals were sent up to the Chief Engineer. Memorialist was in February 1882 doing duty in Mr Henderson's Office when he, Lieut Henderson, wrote his letter Conveying memorialists' reply to his charges; he wrote the fair one himself, put it in Cover and sealed it himself; he most cautiously guarded against any one in his Office reading his letter; both Messrs Rundall and Henderson were decidedly reluctant to let memorialist see what they had to state further on memorialists' explanation. Memorialist must therefore beg of your Excellency not to receive any statement of theirs in evidence beyond those that are explained by memorialist.

Regarding Mr Rundall's statement that memorialist was in charge of a work that he was not equal to, and very few Subordinates, would have been equal to, is an unfounded assertion which arises simply from feelings of prejudice against a subordinate and memorialist; an East Indian being deputed to such an important Engineering Work. Mr Rundall has not put forward his proofs for saying so. He simply relied on his position as Sup^g Engineer in making the assertion with the object of doing memorialist serious harm. Memorialist in his appeal to Chief Engineer in paras 14 & 15 has

shewn

shewn that he was entrusted with the preparation of projects by Engineers of some renowned, before this instance and that he had investigated and planned such works with success since 1862. Colonel Henry on noticing Memorialists abilities in Hydraulics and Irrigation works, deputed him in Cuddapah to investigate the Cases of ruined old tanks that went out of use more than a century ago. Major Ryves, a renowned Hydraulic Engineer, on viewing Memorialists' efficiency in the Case of the Gubbada scheme in the Vizagapatam District, which was supported and sent up to him by Mr Bliss, the present salt Commissioner who was in 1877 Sub Collector of Vizagapatam.

This Circumstance induced the Sup.g Engineer to depute memorialist to investigate another project known as the Uruttla scheme; these facts and those enumerated in his appeal, will shew your Excellency that Mr. Rundall was not Correct in pronouncing memorialist incompetent, for a project that was less intricate in its nature than those he had planned and prepared very successfully before.

Memorialists' letter of remonstrance dated 27th February 1882 against Mr Rundall's remarks in his letter No 694.2 of the 14th December to Chief Engineer will explain to your Excellency that there

there was nothing wrong in the planning of the revised works of the Sarvapalli project that Could justly reflect discredit on memorialist; a certain arrangement in the case of a Channel which was planned on the Executive Engineer's written instructions, was one that was disapproved by Mr Rundall and another objection that Mr Rundall pointed out, was, drawing cross section below the Longitudinal sections instead of placing them alternately right and left of the Longitudinal line of levels; this is not a hard and fast rule; it is followed according to taste and Convenience in drawing; the way memorialist had them drawn, was from instructions he received from the Executive Engineer, but on Mr Rundall making a noise about it, being out of principle and form of doing things, Lieut Henderson kept quiet and the blame was thus allowed to settle down on memorialist. There is nothing very significant in this case, but when Mr Rundall resolved to have all the fair plans redrawn the other way, it became then a "matter for saying what he did i.e "that much time had been wasted and essential details had been neglected in drawing such plans". your Excellency will observe from this that memorialist was not left to himself in the preparation of

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this project ; he was guided by alterations on plans and instructions from the Executive Engineer. It is questionable therefore that the Superintending Engineer who had this fact clearly put before him in two letters i. e the one referred to above and another dated 19th January 1882, should have reported memorialist as incompetent for the work.

That the case referred to by Chief Engineer regarding memorialists name being placed at the bottom of supervisors 1st grade vide G. O No 2964 of the 14th December 1872, Your Excellency will observe, was an act of a most flagrant injustice done to memorialist by General Walker, who, from bearing memorialist, an old feeling of displeasure, because memorialist when he served under him in Canara in 1860, appealed against him and refuted certain statements made by the District Engineer against memorialist, and asked the removed from his District stating that memorialist was sure to be ruined by being under him. Chief Engineer accordingly removed memorialist to Cuddapah and thus released him from paying the stoppage at 10 per cent on his pay which the District Engineer from severity, had unjustly subjected memorialist for having failed to go up for

for an Examination in Canarese. Chief Engineer's reply to memorialist on this appeal, was sent with memorialists recent petition to Colonel Saukey in - June 1882.

It will be seen from memorialists petition to Chief Engineer that Col: Fischer from a spirit of displeasure, sought to punish memorialist simply by having him removed from holding charge of a Range and the Sup[t] Engineer represented nothing more serious than that memorialist by going to a far hill for stones, entailed higher charges for carriage, which would have been saved, had he opened a quarry at the hill near the work and it was due to this Circumstance that he pronounced memorialist incompetent for charge of a Range, which memorialist held for 8 years since 1865 and Conducted it most efficiently and during this period investigated several projects and planned and Carried out various improvements to existing works and increased the means of irrigation Considerably during his incumbency as the Executive Engineer of that Range. Memorialists reason for going to the distant hill was to obtain good stones ; Major Beatty the Range officer of No 2 Range had recourse to

to the same hill for his supply of stones for a work a mile beyond memorialists' work; and assistant Engineer Mr. Brick-well, who relieved memorialist, continued to get his further supply for this building from the same place, disregarding the hill near, because the stones from it were decidedly bad. But General Walker put a case so blameless before Government and had memorialists name brought down to the bottom of the list, by which 20 juniors superceded him, and his promotion was in consequence delayed for 9 years; the Secretary led Government in this case to understand that memorialists unfitness for charge of a Range was noted in Lieut Colonel Fischer's letters of the 14th March and 21st December 1871, and in G. O 2066 of 29th Augt 1872. Memorialist now respectfully encloses Copies of 2, G. Os No. 449 dated 16th February /72 and No. 2577 dated 2d November /72; from which it will be seen by your Excellency that memorialist had fully cleared himself of all blame, and was exonerated by the Supt Engineer in the case of G. O of the 29th August and memorialists' letter No. 368 of 30th September /72 pinned to the G. O on this subject, will show your Excellency, how differently, from the true state of affairs, things had been represented to Government, by which memorialist had been unjustly blamed and

and pronounced incompetent by report that had emanated purely from feelings of individual enmity and resentment.

In the case of the Lake-Chief Engineer placing serious remarks on record in February 1879, regarding memorialists' Conduct is very strange, that, when in his reply to memorialists remonstrance dated 16 October 1878 against his decision, being on the side of the Dist Engineers report, which was from partiality in favor of the subordinate, who was high in his esteem. Memorialist in this letter shewed Chief Engineer that facts were left out and things misrepresented & that he was led from the case being wrongly shewn up to him, to cause Rs40 to be arbitrarily stopped out of memorialists pay; and after the elapse of a couple of months, it was represented that the liability in that case was Rs100 and not 40, and memorialist was called on to pay the other Rs60. It was in reply to this call in C. Es Memo No. 4160 dated 15th September 1878 that he, memorialist, protested against the whole Proceeding of the Chief Engineer in this matter. The reply to memorialists remonstrance in this case came in February 1879 just

just a few days before Colonel Lord retired from there service, saying that memorialists' letter was sent to the District Engineer Concerned, and on his reply Chief Engineer regretted that he could not alter his former decesion, but he said nothing about the Rs40 that was stopped nor anything further about the Rs60 that was said to have been still due. This letter of memorialists evidently gave the late Chief Engineer offence, but your Excellency will see the injustice of the late Chief Engineer placing serious remarks on record against memorialist and not to have communicated it to him.

Memorialists appeal in 1878 against his degradation in 1872 gave General Walker's friends, displeasure, and whilst memorialists' name was on the top of the list, he was superceeded by junior men who had previously served under Col. Farewell the late Deputy Chief Engineer.

That memorialist in March 1870 represented his grievance to Government that he was then a 1st Grade Supervisor since 1865 and that men who had entered the service with him from the same institution were then holding high positions. Mr. Stoddard was then Executive Engineer, Mr. Lee, the Municipal Engineer of Madras and Mr. Ottman, a 1st grade sub Engineer and

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Your Excellency giving this appeal the grave Consideration due to it, and redressing memorialist of his grievance, will be an act of generosity, for which memorialist will, in duty bound, ever pray.

Dated 13th June 1883

B Whitelaw
Memorialist.

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The Humble Memorial
of Sub. Engineer
J. W. Laskey.

To
His Excellency the
Right Honorable
the Governor of
Madras.
Godavari District
Dated 13th June 1883.

Submitting his grievances for favorable
Consideration and
Soliciting redress.

COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

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He has had an experience of four years in his branch of Engineering, the two latter years of which have been under my observation and I am happy to signify my sense of his very satifactory acquaintance with his duties.

At present he is appointed to a post much below what I consider him qualified for, but the Chief Engineer, Fort Saint George, did not see fit to comply with a request, I of late made for Mr. Laskey's promotion to a rank which it appeared to me his acquirements entitled him to and hence his present inferior position.

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District Engineer.

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CAMP HONORE, 12 *October*, 1859.

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I consider him a useful subordinate being better up in his work, as Surveyor, Leveller and Estimate Maker, than any other subordinate in the District.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, BELLARY, *Superintending Engineer,*
5th February 1880. *2nd Circle.*

D: W.

Jane can I can
in no objection
review the proceed
pending in this ca
tribunal I must
decline to rehear
Question regarding
Dashaways dispensation
in 1872

If I remember aright
the charges brought by
D. Henderson regarding
the Dashaways influencing
and corrupting were
fully borne out by the
facts as by the opinion
of the Lodge of Inquiry

If his previous depre-
-dation was so condemned
and his abilities and
energy such as he
himself describes, it
is clear that in the
interval bet 1872 he
has had ample time

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~~to do~~ so you can
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latter merely acts as
a Asst Adjt - the
can at least - in a
position to say what
Mr Lashley had done
under him & thus I
think might be Sandiss
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SECRETARY.

CHEPAUK, . . 12 June 1883.

OFFICE NOTE.

To W.

Mr Lashley's case.

I have looked into the case "with fresh eyes" & have given some 3 hours perusal & consideration to the whole correspondence.—

I am inclined to think the "degradation" from Sub-Insp 2nd Grade to 3rd Grade was too harsh a sentence under all the circumstances — a severe reprimand & an order that he should not again be entrusted with the independent charge of a Division would have met the case.

My reasons for this opinion are that the exigencies of the service compelled us to put the Sub Inspectors in a responsible & difficult position which he might not have held. He was quite unused to the work, but having failed in a charge beyond his powers not usually entrusted to a Sub to make the failure (so long as his

was no dishonesty or very serious
(laches) should not be punished
with the loss of a step as a subor-
dinate.

Further some of the charges brought
by Lt Henderson were not substantiated.
The S.E. Mr Rundell admits this &
the correspondence makes it plain to
me. Probably Lt Henderson never
thought that the case could lead
to Mr Laskey's loss of position in
his subordinate grade. And some
of the charges, not very grave ones,
might perhaps be made with equal
justice against many other Divisional
officers.

An important point is Mr Laskey's
"making tatta" by simply circling round
believe. I have had the advantage
of getting from C. his journals for 6
months & reading them. They certainly
imply that he thought too much of
his travelling allowance & far too little
of his outlying works. I think he
did not realise his position, excepting
the events of it. But the Supt Engr
raised no objection to these journals.
the countersigned them. The same S.E.
Mr Vandeyart in previous years had
notified to Mr Laskey having performed
his satisfaction, when in Kellary Circle,
duties of an Executive Engineer.

Mr Laskey was placed in a sphere
and his capacity, did not realise
it was expected of him as an Ex. Engr,
in my opinion also was much to
one in many things, to the extent of
promotion to the Supr Establt being barred
and to his being put back as a Subordinate.

Whatever the final decision I
shall point out to S.E. that
something more can reported
from him to enable W. to arrive
at a fair conclusion in a contro-
verted case.

D: W

Do so please adding
that if enabled to
form Mr Laskey a good
Character since his trans-
fer to his circle I will be
prepared to consider
a recommendation for his
reinstatement in his
former Grading

Such reinstatement
might have effect from
either 1st April or be
any later date according
to the character of
Mr Waleli's recommendation

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S.O.W.
Draft please
C.J.
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C. No 4893

P.W. Secrt
Madras 23 June 83

No 1188 C

Memorandum

Endorsement from Supt Engineer, First Circle No 657 Gt dated 30th May 1883

In returning the paper above quoted the Chief Engineer has the honor to point out that the Superintending Engineer, First Circle has merely "forwarded" Mr Laskey's appeal without any remarks as to the Sub-Engineer's conduct and work since his transfer to the First Circle, and that something more than such an endorsement is expected, to enable the Chief Engineer to arrive at a fair conclusion in the case

2. If the Supt Engr is enabled to give Mr Laskey a good character, the Chief Engineer will be prepared to

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for his reinstatement in his
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3. Such re-instatement
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Recommendation.

(B. O.)

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To the Secretary to Govt Public
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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, BELLARY,
5th February 1880.

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No. 9063

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 21st January 1861.

Read the following letter from
Mr. Overseer J. W. Laskey to the District
Engineer North Canara.
Here Enter N° 149 dated 19th December 69

As Mr. Laskey has already
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no separate orders upon the foregoing letter
appear to be necessary.

True Extract

Lieut. R.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer C.C.

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To
Mr. J. W. Laskey
Overseer D.P.W.

E.W.C.

The Acting Superintending Engineer,
1st Division.

No.

From

Lieut. Colo. E. Lunsford R.E.

Deputy Chief Engineer

C. D.

To

Lieut. J. T. Laskey,

Overseer P. W.

Dated 21st January 1861

Rect.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, Public Works Department, 16th February 1872.

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No. 279. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

(Here enter No. 2,806, dated 7th December 1871.)

No. 280. From the Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, Vizagapatam.

(Here enter No. 523, dated 19th December 1871.)

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1872, No. 449.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

IN his letter of the 14th March 1871 No. C. C., the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division in reporting on the unfitness of Mr. Supervisor Hamnet for the charge of a Range, remarked that he was not quite satisfied with the state of affairs in No. 1 Range of the Vizagapatam District, and that he had warned Mr. Laskey, the Supervisor in charge.

2. No specific grounds of complaint were then urged, but having, by some means not stated, perused not only Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's letter quoted above but the one which gave cover to the Supervisor's remonstrance, Mr. Laskey submits detailed explanations.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer had doubtless some reason for being dissatisfied with Mr. Laskey's conduct, but as he observes in paragraph 6 of his letter of the 7th December last, No. 2,106, that the matters to which Mr. Laskey adverts "have long since been forgotten" the Government do not consider it necessary to further notice the papers above recorded.

4. Mr. Laskey's addressing Government direct instead of through the Superintending Engineer was improper.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, COLONEL, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To

The Acting Superintending Engineer,

1st Division.

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Lieut. Col. E. Lawford
Deputy Chief Engineer
S. C.

To

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Overseer D. P. W.

Dated 21st
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I could not, while General WALKER, I saw was so seriously displeased with me, appeal to Government to reconsider their order degrading me; I accordingly waited patiently for time in the hope of meeting with justice some day. I have been now 5 years in this District, and I understand that Colonel MOBERLY has been recommending me for promotion for the last 3 years in his "Quarterly Statement of distribution of officers and subordinates." I venture therefore to ask Government to reconsider my case and to do me justice.

In 1870, I addressed Government through Colonel FISCHER, representing my grievance; that I was far behind men in the Department who entered the service with me; their reply appended to my letter **C** No. 502, recognised my claims and promised that it would receive due consideration on the occurrence of a vacancy.

I have 22 years service, and I have served Government faithfully, and it is distressingly painful to find that I should have met with such severity without any cause whatever.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W Laskey

Supervisor, 1st Grade.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT,
CARANGULI, January 1878.

No. 594 Memorandum

Letter from the Supt. Engineer Chingleput No. 305 dated 23d. January 1878.

The Chief Engineer cannot reopen a question settled six years ago or resubmit it to Government.

2. Mr. Laskey's promotion must depend on subsequent reports on his Conduct and qualifications.

3. The petition is returned.

Fort St George,

[Signed] E. A Goodwyn
Chief Engineer

responding to an urgent call in marking out the line of road required by Government, was not at all addressed to the matter in question.

Government under this mistake ordered that I should be forthwith replaced by some one more competent for charge of the Range. On receiving this G. O., I sent in my explanation **H**, No. 368. Colonel FISCHER then wrote his letter **I** No. 2,452 embodied in G. O. No. 2,577, dated 2nd November 1872, explaining particulars and asking Government to exonerate me from blame. Under these circumstances, it is not clear why those complaints of Colonel FISCHER's, should have been summed up in disposing his last report against me.

Colonel FISCHER's last report was that I had provided Rupees 3 per cubic yard of rubble masonry in the revised Estimate of the Yellamunchilly Cutcherry, and that the work was being done for less, and that the rate on Major BEATTY's works was still less ; and that instead of quarrying stones at the hill close by the work, I had gone to one, some miles away from it, by which the cost of the building would be greater than otherwise.

On this subject I respectfully refer Government to my letter **B**, No. 484, dated 8th November 1871, in reply to G. O. No. 2,400 dated 20th September 1871, from which it will be seen that in reply to Superintending Engineer's question, I stated that stone work laid in courses with rough dressing would cost Rupees 7-8 per cubic yard, and that the rate in the Taluq for random rubble in building thick and low walls was Rupees 2-8-0 per cubic yard ; but in the case of thin walls carried up 12 or 14 feet high, the rates increase, and that I accordingly fixed Rupees 3 as the average in this Estimate ; this explanation was accepted, and the estimate was sent up and passed in G. O. No. 2,500. My letter was before Government in their Proceedings on this matter, and I do not therefore see the justice of being found fault with now for having used this rate.

The actual cost of work being less than the rate allowed in the Estimate, was the result of my care—I was personally superintending this work.

Major BEATTY's rubble Masonry costing less than mine was due to this circumstance, *i. e.*, his work related to filling in foundations and carrying up low abutments and piers of small bridges, while I was building high walls with greater care to bond.

Major BEATTY kindly pleading that it was inexperience on my part for using the higher rate, was simply to show that rubble masonry for work of this description was never before this instance used in the taluq, and that I had consequently erred in using a rate that proved higher than was actually necessary.

Major BEATTY had charge of the Trunk Road running through my Range, and he was building some bridges at this time. His Overseer, I stated, went to the distant hill for stone for the same reason that took me to it, *i. e.*, the stone at the hill near the Cutcherry was bad, and we both consequently went to the further hill for good material. Mr. Assistant Engineer TURNER was sent by Major BEATTY to report on the quality of the stones of both hills, and his statement fully supported my reason for going to the distant hill.

Colonel FISCHER says that I disobeyed his orders to get my stone from the hill near Yellamanchilly, and admitted the fact of using other stone than that, only on finding that he was in Waltair and likely to visit my Range.

When I met Colonel FISCHER in Waltair, he accused me of having given Messrs. THORNHILL, MELVILLE and KELSALL wrong information on the matter of the Cutcherry, which caused a great deal of unpleasantness to him, and said, that I was much to blame at the very first for having used brick when splendid stone was available at hand.

In answer to this, I mentioned that he was mistaken about my having given these gentlemen any information at all, and on the matter of the stone from the hill near Yellamanchilly, it was, I said, not suited for building, and that I was in consequence now obliged to go 3 miles for good stone, and that Major BEATTY's Overseer was for the same reason going to the distant hill for his material for a work a mile beyond mine.

Regarding the bricks used by me on this work being bad, Colonel FISCHER explained this to the satisfaction of Government, in reply to their Proceedings, No. 2,400, dated 20th September. His former remark about the material and workmanship in this building being inferior to bear a tiled roof was, he said, meant to express that a wall $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick thick in this country was not suited to sustain the weight that an English wall of that thickness would.

Colonel FISCHER says that I kept his office in ignorance of my proceedings, though I had been called upon to explain the excessive rates I was charging. I do not remember receiving any call of the kind from the Superintending Engineer, nor was there occasion given for a question of the sort, I was working below the rate allowed in the Estimate. When I handed over charge of the Range to Mr. Assistant Engineer BRICKWELL, I showed him by detailed accounts that there was a saving of Rs. 1,895 on this work.

My letters sent up with Colonel FISCHER's were certainly no explanation against the matter reported. I had no conception whatever that Superintending Engineer was obtaining them for the purpose of making a report to Government against me.

Major BEATTY assured me that he sent Colonel FISCHER, Mr. Assistant Engineer TURNER's letter reporting that the stones from the distant hill were superior to those of the hill adjacent to the work ; this then must convince Government that I consulted their interest by using good material in their building.

This order of Government degrading me came to hand just a few days before I left Vizag for Madras. I was first by Demi-Official orders and Telegrams from General WALKER to District Engineer, relieved of charge of the Range, and told to hold myself in readiness to proceed to Jeypoor, and while in Vizag I received this G. O., so I could not reply to it, and when I came into Madras I saw General WALKER, and attempted to explain my case to show that I was very unjustly dealt with, he stopped me at once by saying " Remember you did not give me satisfaction while under me in Canara."

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General WALKER's displeasure against me relates to a matter that took place 17 years ago. I appealed against his treatment to the Chief Engineer, and asked for my removal from the District; General WALKER (then Captain) objected to send my appeal; I consequently sent it up direct and got my removal. **A** is Chief Engineer's Proceeding on the subject of my letter against Captain WALKER's treatment.

I could not, while General WALKER, I saw was so seriously displeased with me, appeal to Government to reconsider their order degrading me; I accordingly waited patiently for time in the hope of meeting with justice some day. I have been now 5 years in this District, and I understand that Colonel MOBERLY has been recommending me for promotion for the last 3 years in his "Quarterly Statement of distribution of officers and subordinates." I venture therefore to ask Government to reconsider my case and to do me justice.

In 1870, I addressed Government through Colonel FISCHER, representing my grievance; that I was far behind men in the Department who entered the service with me; their reply appended to my letter **C** No. 502, recognised my claims and promised that it would receive due consideration on the occurrence of a vacancy.

I have 22 years service, and I have served Government faithfully, and it is distressingly painful to find that I should have met with such severity without any cause whatever.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W Haskey
Supervisor, 1st Grade.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT,
CARANGULI, January 1878.

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No. 594 Memorandum

Letter from the Supt. Engineer Chingleput No. 305 dated 23d. January 1878.

The Chief Engineer cannot reopen a question settled six years ago or resubmit it to Government.

2. Mr. Haskey's promotion must depend on subsequent reports on his Conduct and qualifications.

3. The petition is returned.

Fort St George
1st February 1878

[signed] E. A. Goodwyn
Chief Engineer
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, Public Works Department,
2nd November 1872.

No. 25. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 5th October 1872, No. 2,452 :—

With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,066, dated 29th August 1872, I have the honour to state that I called upon Mr. Supervisor Laskey for any explanation he may have to offer in connection with the delay in responding to the call made on him for a proper trace of the Toonee and Pentacottah road.

2. Mr. Laskey has sent in his explanation, from which I observe that he states his letter embodied in the above G. O. was not intended as an explanation for not attending to the marking out of a trace which had already been marked out by him, and this, I must observe, is correct; but Mr. Laskey further states, it is only in connection with the report called for as to the measures taken in the rectification of the line that the delay occurred, and this too at a time when he, without the aid of the proper number of Overseers, had to expend 15,000 Rupees on famine relief irrigation works, which he had to see so portioned out as to their giving work to the distressed poor all over the taluqs.

3. Mr. Laskey, moreover, states that explaining that the weather interfered in his taking a surevy, owing to its being wet and showery, was not meant that it would bear simply as much as his words expressed, for the south-west monsoon this year broke in about the middle of June with great violence. A fact I can bear him out in.

4. As, under the foregoing circumstances, I trust Government will exonerate Mr. Laskey from blame in the matter of delay, I beg to state in conclusion that a survey of the proposed line of the Salt road from Toonee to Pentacottah was forwarded on the 1st August last to the Collector of Vizagapatam for approval, and I have not yet been favored with a reply from that officer, although again on the 23rd September 1872 I invited his attention to my letter of the 1st August.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1872, No. 2,577.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Major, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer,
1st Division.
No. 2,883.

Communicated to Supervisor in Charge,
No. I, or Golgonda Range.
By order.
JAS. WAKEFIELD, Manager,
Suptg. Engineer's Office, 1st Division.

Dowlaiswarum, 13th November 1872.

To the Officer in Charge,
No. I Range, Vizagapatam.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT, Public Works Department, 16th February 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 279. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

(Here enter No. 2,806, dated 7th December 1871.)

No. 280. From the Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, Vizagapatam.

(Here enter No. 523, dated 19th December 1871.)

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1872, No. 449.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21. IN his letter of the 14th March 1871 No. C. C., the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division in reporting on the unfitness of Mr. Supervisor Hamnet for the charge of a Range, remarked that he was not quite satisfied with the state of affairs in No. 1 Range of the Vizagapatam District, and that he had warned Mr. Laskey, the Supervisor in charge.

2. No specific grounds of complaint were then urged, but having, by some means not stated, perused not only Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's letter quoted above but the one which gave cover to the Supervisor's remonstrance, Mr. Laskey submits detailed explanations.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer had doubtless some reason for being dissatisfied with Mr. Laskey's conduct, but as he observes in paragraph 6 of his letter of the 7th December last, No. 2,106, that the matters to which Mr. Laskey adverts "have long since been forgotten" the Government do not consider it necessary to further notice the papers above recorded.

4. Mr. Laskey's addressing Government direct instead of through the Superintending Engineer was improper.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, COLONEL, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To

The Acting Superintending Engineer,
1st Division.

No. 1

Colonel R. A. Laskey C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 750 of the 30th March 1882 degrading me from Sub-Engineer 2nd grade to 3rd grade, I beg leave most respectfully to observe that I do not really deserve this punishment, the circumstances of their being unfavourable remarks against my previous service on record has seemingly led you to form an unfavourable opinion of me, but, Sir, if you will take the particulars of the cases on which I had been reported before, into Consideration, you will see that I have been the victim of misfortune and nothing more; my name being placed at the bottom of the list of Supervisors 1st grade vide G. O 2964 dated 14th Decbr 1872 was really a case of merit that was

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was unfortunately turned into demerit and I was unjustly punished. I was found fault in this case for going to a distant hill for stones for the construction of the Yallamunchally Cutchury instead of quarrying for it at a hill close by the work, by which it is said that I would have caused heavy charges of Cartage, and for not doing so, it was represented that I had failed to Consult the interest of Government, and Colo Fischer for this reason recommended my removal from the Range -

2. My reason Sir, for going to the distant hill, was to obtain good stones, those from the hill near were not good, this fact was afterwards born out by Major Beatty sending Hm. Apistant Engineer Turner to inspect and report on the quality of the stones of both hills, and the Asst. Engineer's report was sent to Colo Fischer to support my reason for going to the distant hill, my successor Hm. Apistant Engineer Brickwell obtained his further supply of stone for this building from the same hill, and Major Beatty's Overseer who was then building a bridge a mile beyond my work, had recourse to the same hill for his material; these facts Sir, will Convince you, that I was not regardless to the interest of Government, when my proceeding in this matter was directed with the object of obtaining good material for their building. My printed appeal of January 1878 will Sir, explain away all the other minute points observed in Colo Fischer's letter against me.

3. Colo Fischer's letter in the G. O. under reference para 5 will show you, Sir, that he was displeased with me from an erronious belief that I had misinformed Messrs. Thornhill Melville and Halsall on the matter of the Cost of the work that was to be pulled down and their action in writing to Government against the measure, from what they personally saw of the building erected

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errated an unpleasantness to him, to find that the Government were led to think that he had misled them; because the Govern^{t} sent a trlgram to Major Beatty to stop the demolishing of the work and to arrange with the Officer of the Range on the measures necessary for retaining the old walls, but, before this telegram reached us, the brick walls were pulled down and the stone walls were built up a couple yards high.

4. In this G.O it is said that my unfitness for Charge of a Range was noted in Col^{o} Fischer's letters of the 14th March and 21st Decbr 71 - and again in G.O No. 2006 of the 29th August 1872. You will Sir, from Copies of 2 G.Os. which I enclose how, see, that I was cleared and exonerated of the blame referred to in the G Os quoted above - referring to these and pronouncing my unfitness for Charge of a Range and stopping my promotion for 10 years by de= =greading me in 1872 will be clear, Sir, to an Officer of Your impartical Justice, to

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From St George
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see that my case was an extremely hard one.

5. The proceedings of Government in No. 449 dated 16th February 1872 relates to my re= =monstrance on what Col^{o} Fischer remarked of my Range, in his letter of the 14th March 1871 in reporting on the unfitness of Mr^{r} Supervisor Hannett for charge of a Range, he said nothing of my unfitness; and the fault he found in my Range was nothing more than some Earth work not being spread out and watered and rammed properly; and in the case of G.O 2006 of August 1872, I was censured for want of alacrity in not responding to an urgent call of Gov^{t} in marking out the line for the Pentacola Salt road; this censure was brought on me by Col^{o} Fischer, making a mistake, in sending up a letter of mine, addressed to a different purport; and the Government were led to think that I delayed giving attention to their order - the line was marked out immediately on receipt of the G.O - but, it was a survey, to show the rectification of

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of the line to Superintending Engineer that I delayed a fortnight owing to the inclemency of weather and other pressing duties in the Range.

6. I could not appeal to Col. Walker, as I was laboring under his displeasure. In 1860 when he was District Engineer of Canara he subjected my pay to a deduction of 10 per cent for not going up for an examination in Canarese. I applied for time showing that Canarese was not spoken commonly in the North, it was Mahrata and Konkanee and I could not pick up the language colloquilly and I had consequently to learn it literally; the District Engineer would not grant my request and I was forced to ask him to lay the matters before the Chief Engineer; but he refused to do so, and I sent it up direct. I was on this removed to Cuddapah, Chief Engineer's reply No. 9063 of the 21st January 1861 to my appeal is enclosed, so that you may Sir, see what was Col. Walkers displeasure against me.

7. My removal to Chingulput was in Decbr 1872 and I was up to the end

t[illegible] about certain works, on which end of 1877 under Col. Moberly he used to go over works twice a year, in my Sub Division and saw things personal for himself, his quarterly Statements of my Service always bore very flattering reports, and I was pointed out in his Statements of 55 & 56 as a hard working intelligent and very efficient man and he particularly mentioned that I worked in two Cyclones in difficulties. My Division Officer was Mr. Executive Engineer Lowry, he was relieved in 76 by Mr. Sub Engineer Donaghue, a junior who superceded me by my reduction in the grade of Supervisors We soon had misunderstanding and I Could not get on well with him, his feelings were growing awfully inimical to me, Col. Moberly saw this, and promised to remove me from under Mr. Donaghue, but unfortunately he left the District suddenly and Col. O'Connell came to the District in December 1877. Mr. Donaghue served under Col. O'connell before, and was high in his favour he lost

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no time in doing all he could to injury
me, he brought up a series of faults to
show irregularities such as exceeding
Estimates, deviating from them &c; all
these would have been cleared away, had
he brought them up when Col. Moberly was
in the District; some works were altered
from what was detailed in Estimates by
order of Col Moberly given to the Execu-
tive Engineer more than a year before
Mr. Danaghur took over the Range; and
as for excess on Estimates, Col Moberly
to start famine relief works ordered
that I should proceed with the works
according to the details in Estimates
sent up to Chief Engineer, but, they were
altered by Col. Mullins and when they
came with his sanction some 3 or 4 months
after, the works in the mean while were
completed according to the details sent up;
hence cause for those excess occurring
but Mr. Danaghur maliciously laid them
all to my charge it will be enough Sir,
to show you what Mr. Danaghurs feelings
against me were, when he brought up

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questions about certain works, on which
he had previously inspected and rende-
red their Completion Certificates 7 or 8
months back through Col. Moberly. My
letter of the 16th October 1878 fully cleared
away all charges brought against me
by Mr. Donaghur, I was removed to the
Nellore District in June 1878 and
I do not know of any thing else that
turned up against me after I left the
District as to have forced the Chief
Engineer in Febry 1879 to place Serious
remarks on records against me, but no-
thing to the purport Sir, was Communicated
to me through Col. Pendergast, I leave
the case Sir. of Mr. Donaghurs reports
standing against my prospects and
reputation for your Consideration and
impartial Justice.

8. In the present case of Lieut Henderson
Complaints I beg leave respectfully to observe
that I cleared away every charge in my
letter to Superintending Engineer dated
10th Febry and supported my statement
by

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by documents on official record; if any of my Statements were groundless or incorrect I have had nothing given to me to show that they were so. I asked Lt. Henderson for Copy of his report forwarding my explanation on the charges he preferred against me, and I urged this request even to the Superintending Engineer, but, they have not complied with it so that I am at a loss to know, what could have been put seriously against me, as to have brought so severe a punishment as to degrade me.

Sent in original to the Chief Engr from the 2nd Circle - copy not available

9. Lt. Henderson has been bearing me a grirling of displeasure ever since he took charge of the Division I cannot explain this effect to any other cause than, that, I was on the next day of his arrival under the belief that I was in the course of giving over Charge to him while he considered that he had by taking over the Cash and book the evening previous taken over the Division

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10. Lieut. Henderson relieved me of the Division late in October 80 and up to April 1881 I was engaged in going about the District inspecting works to grant Completion Certificates I had no Executive works, but Lt. Henderson, in the Printed annual Register of my service which was sent in April 81, noted the following remarks Viz against question 8 "whether a good man of business"? said "No" and against question 9 "If successful in arranging for and pushing on work said Succeeds well at first and fails afterwards for want of forethought, and against question 11 "any qualifications"? said "no, of the old school not fit to hold charge of a Division". You will Sir, from this observe that as I had no executive work under Lt. Henderson he had consequently no opportunity of judging of my capacity as an executive, but yet, he passed such a detrimental opinion against my efficiency in April 81 and

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at the same time he deputs me on an im=
portant Engineering work as revising a
Project that has proved defective in its
original schime; Again in June Lt. Henderson
without asking me for any explanation,
placed me in a very awkward and
humiliating position before the Local
Fund Board, by writing to their Engineer
to recover from me a certain sum which
he thought was spent on repairs to the
Range Office at Ongole, and charged the
Cost to a Local fund Choultry, when
nothing of the kind was done; the
repair related to a shed for Carrying
out the wood work of the Choultry in
question and the Cost was justly debited
to it. when the matter was explained to the
Local Fund Engineer he said that he
saw nothing unreasonable in my proce=
ding and with=drew his demands. When
Col. Pendergast came in to Nellore
in August 1881 I showed the Correspon=
=dence to explain to him, that Lt.

Lieut. Henderson was bearing me a bad
feeling.

11. In December last Lt. Henderson im=
=mediately after Hon. Rundall had come
and gone from Nellore, writes to him
asking my removal from his Division
on a grave Statement as having no
Confidence whatever in me and that
I was of no use to him. Information that
the Superintending Engineer had reported
this matter to you in asking for my
removal and your reply to deal with
the case according to the Code in cases of
Charges of dishonesty and incompetency
brought against subordinates reached
me by what was removed in the place
on the 7th of January and I was very
much distressed over it, and one of my
sons a lad about 18 years of age feeling
the humility and disgrace to which I was
being reduced after once holding the
position of Officiating Division Officer
in Nellore. Shot himself through the
heart the next morning; It was under
the heat of this affliction Sir, that I wrote
my

my letters to the Executive Engineer and Superintending Engineer in a distressed and warm tone.

12. The faults pointed against me by Lt. Henderson you will Sir observe from my explanation to them, arose from his misconception and not knowing things properly. My transaction in the Ongole Division after December 1879 came under Control of Mr. Paul, he was my Division officer for 4 months until I relieved him in April, he would have certainly noticed any thing wrong or slack in my proceedings in the Ongole Sub Division.

13. My Conduct in charge of the Nellore Division I most respectfully state was Sir, pursued with the most earnest intentions to win a character for efficiency, you must Sir, take into consideration that I took over the Nellore Division with Ongole & Guntoor Division affairs not being quite settled, and the Office Establishments of these Divisions were then dispersed and I was left all to

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to myself in the matter of disposing off questions on all points Connected with these abandoned Divns. and in Communicating with the various L. Fund Boards on previous transactions in these Divisions, so I had a difficult task, and it is painful to find that after rendering it in a highly satisfactory manner I should be pronounced how unfit, and what I would Sir, ask your Consideration further in this matter is, that the faults brought against me relate to transactions that took place under the administration of Col. Pendergast in 1879 & 80, and would leave it to you to Consider, why were they not brought to his notice? he came into Nellore once in February and again in August 1881 — he would have cleared away things satisfactorily, because he was aware of all the Circumstances and all the Correspondence that I put forward in support of my statements against Lt. Hendersons report, they would have been quite clear to him. Col. Pendergast would have certainly cleared me of all the faults that were

were put against me by Lt. Henderson and he would have showed you that I distinguished myself; my prompt action in repairing 90 odd tanks that breached by the Cyclone of November 1879 and thus saved revenue over a lac of rupees in the succeeding year, and a length of 60 miles of road that was severely damaged was repaired and rendered passable for a battary of artilary that I was warned would pass over it early in Febry 1880.

14. Regarding Mr. Rundalls opinion as to my unfitness to prepare a Project, I beg leave respectfully to bring to your notice that I have planned and prepared some projects before this; Mr. Melville the Madras Sea customs Collector, will vouch to a fact that when he was Collector of Vizagapatam in 69-70, I prepared a very important Scheme known as the Mondakirla Ava Project; it was a scheme that was under discussion for some years by successive Collectors and the Revenue Board at last asked that the project should be looked into and investigated by an Engineer Officer; a question

question of such importance was entrusted to me by the Superintending Engineer; and when the field work was finished, Capt. Dorward No. 2 Range Officer was asked to go over the ground with me and to look in to the details of the scheme and report to the Superintending Engineer his opinion on the project; he made a very favourable report, and he afterwards gave me the assistance of his Draughtsman to aid me in the preparation of the fair plans, I finished the whole in good style, and sent it up to Superintending Engineer, Col Fischer was quite satisfied with the scheme, and returned it to me to explain the details of the Project to the Collector and to obtain some further information regarding the revenue details, but as Mr. Melville was not in Vizag at the time, I sent the whole of the papers to him by post so that he would have returned them to me with the required information, but he signed the papers and sent them straight

straight to the Superintending Engineer;
I was due to this circumstance that Col.
Fischer's displeasure occurred against
me in 1870, he told me that I had no
business to send the Project through
the Collector -

15. Prior to this Scheme I planned
one in 1866-67 very successfully Mr.
Bliss the present Commissioner of
Salt Revenue was then the Sub Collector,
and he supported the Scheme known
as the Narsapatam Cubbada Project;
Major Rynes, the Superintending Engineer,
replied to the Collector that the Scheme
was a very good one, and was very
satisfactory in all its details but
the only thing against it, was the un-
certainty in getting Ryots to take up
so much of land in a track of Country
so unhealthy as Narsapatam, I was after
this ordered by Major Rynes, to investigate
the Uruttla Scheme -

16. In 1877 Col. Moberly appointed me
to investigate the Chayair Uttramullore

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Cumbacal Scheme in Chingulpuh, and I
was on this work that one of my Surveyors
left me abruptly for an appointment
on more pay under Mr. Rundall on a
Project investigated in Vellore at the
time, and I had some Correspondence
with him on the matter of the Surveyor, which
displeased him, and he reported me
to Col. Moberly.

17. There was nothing original as
to have rendered the revision of the Sur-
vapally project difficult I had sim-
-ply to follow what had been already
done, I had only to see what the
defects were and plan measures to
rectify them, but I had to go over more
ground than the original work in
Surveying and levelling; had I been
allowed 3 months more, and an
efficient Establishment given me I
could have finished the whole - the
original Project with less field
work took over 18 months and it
was

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as impossible for me to Complete the revision of the Scheme in the limited time 7 months that Mr. Randall Considers should have been enough; if any Establishment Sir, was large & efficient, I could have finished the work in 6 months -

18. Lt. Henderson had my office room opening into his and he looked into things and gave his instructions from time to time it was in his power to have checked delay if there was any. he noticed more than once that I would delay the project if I went into ~~too~~ so many hydrantic details, but I told him the delay was in not having sufficient and Competent Establishment for the work -

19 Sir, I submitted a printed paper marked F in the appendices that accompanied my explanation to Superintending Engineer, Containing Copies of Certificates and Official documents to prove my efficiency

efficiency. I now enclose one for your perusal, from which you will Sir, see that in 1859 I was by order of the Chief Engineer on Canara District Engineer's favourable report of me appointed to the charge of a Range. I was since then to 1872 either in charge of Ranges or on some large work. Col Henry's letter embodied in G O 2418 dated 25th August 1863 on which I was promoted to Supervisor 2d. grade, will show you that I succeed an assistant District Engineer in charge of the Ryadroog Range, a very important one in Cuddapah, and held charge of it for 15 months and performed my duties to the Superintending Engineer's Satisfaction and the last Certificates is from Col. Pennycuick, he states that I carried out the duties properly belonging to an Executive Engineer to his satisfaction; the extract from Examiner of Public Works accounts letter was copied to show that the Range duties in the accounts branch were not in fault while I held charge of the Cuzole Division.

Pennycuick, as the Superintending Engr

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20. I obtained Col. Pendergast's testimonial with the object of retiring from the Service in 1880, but, as I was assured by Col. Pendergast that I was not likely to be asked to retire I did not on that account accept an appointment of Rs 400 under the L. Fund Board, I ask that time considered that my prospects in the Department would enable me retiring on a pension eventually which would enable me spending my days in old age with some comfort, but the misfortune that has ever taken me now has created a sad disappointment. I have 27 years service, and I am bordering on 50 years of age, and I have now nothing to look forward to, but, to grieve on the loss that I have undeservedly sustained both in prospect and reputation in this Department. I leave my case Sir, entirely to your humanity, generosity, and impartial

impartial justice, to do with it what pleases you -

I beg leave respectfully
to remain Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. McCaskey
Sub-Engineer D.P.W.

Chettipett
11th June 1882

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No. 24/de

G. D. Walch Esquire M.d C.E
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle Dowlaiswm

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to submit the enclosed appeal to the Chief Engineer on the subject of his Memo No. 750 C. degreading me from Sub Engineer 2d grade to Sub Engineer 3d grade, my appeal will show you Sir, that I have been a victim of misfortune all through my service, and in the present case of Lt. Hendersons report against me, I really do not know how Mr. Rundall, led the Chief Engineer to believe, that I was in fault in the discharge of my duties, as Officer incharge of the Cuncole Division in 1879. and as Sub Division Officer under Mr. Paul from January to April, and subsequently up to October 1880 as the Nellore Division Officer, whilest my transactions incharge of these Divisions were under the responsibility of Col. Pendergash, as the Superintending

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Engineer; he visited Nellore in February & again in August 1881, and if there was any thing against my character or efficiency it should have been represented to him. I know nothing of their bring any thing against my proceedings as the late Division — Officer of these Divisions; I was on special duty since giving over charge of the Division to Lt. Henderson and I hade no Executive work; and since — June 1881 I was on the revision of the Survapally Project. I was never found fault by Lt. Henderson, no more than his remarking, that I was going into too many details, and the Project would be delayed in Consequence, I was not a little surprised when Chief Engineer directed, that, as Mr. Rundalls report was a grave one, in asking for my removal on the grounds stated by him. The case should therefore necessarily be dealt according to Code Para 835. Lt. Henderson's report was then prepared

to answer what was required by Chief Engineer to support the grave Statement he made by saying that he had no Confidence in Mr. I have Sir, to crave, Chief Engineers Consideration only to the following facts, that Lt. Henderson allowed my Conduct with so many grave faults to have gone on without bringing them to the notice of the Superintending Engineer under whose administration they occured for 14 months after he assumed charge of the Division -

As far the case of my reduction to the bottom of the list of Supervisors 1st. grade, in 1872 - will Sir, be quite clear to you from my explanation now to Chief Engineer; that it was a case of injustice.

Regarding Chief Engineer in February 1879 leaving Serious remarks against me, — appears strange; Col Moberly left the Chingulput District in December 1877, his

reports

reports were up to the last, favourable of me, Mr. Sub Engineer Donaghue bore me strong feelings of enmity, and as he happened to have served under Col. Oconnel. the new District Engineer, before he came into Chingalput, and was high in his favour; Mr. Donaghue took advantage of this circumstances and Communced reporting me, and misrepresented matters seriously against me and I was consequently removed to Nellore in June 1878. I sent up a full explanation to Chief Engineer in October 1878, on seeing that things were very incorrectly and im-perfectly represented to him, on Mr. Donaghues Complaints, from which he arrived to a decision that I was certain he could not have come to, if the whole of the case was clearly put before him, His reply that came to me through Col. Prendergash in February 79 was, that my letter of the 16th October was sent to Col. Oconnell and on

on his reply, the Chief Engineer was sorry he could not alter this decision in my case. My letter was an appeal against Col. Oconnell's representation of things not being as they really were, had they been represented as my explanation of 16th Oct. showed up the cases brought against me, there was every thing in them that would have gone seriously against Mr. Donaghue; this letter of mine will even now explain that I was the victim of Conspiracy and misrepresentation of things by Mr. Donaghue.

I submit Copies of Lt. Henderson's report and my explanation, from these it will be quite clear to you Sir, as an impartial Judge, to see that there is hardly any thing that can seriously be laid as fault against me; I asked for Copy of Lt. Henderson's report forwarding my explanation and I also asked Mr. Rendall for it; but my request had not been complied with, by either gentle-men, and I am Consequently at a loss to

etc.

to know how Mr. Rundall represented to Chief Engineer, that many of the faults in Lt. Henderson's report, were brought home to me; My case Sir, is an extremely hard one. I have 27 years service and my character has been all through good. I am now bordering on 50 years of age, and it is most lamentable to me to find that my reputation and prospects has been so seriously injurred; your kind Consideration in forwarding the papers addressed to the Chief Engineer and this letter will be a generous act to an unfortunate Sub-ordinate with a large family who will suffer seriously on retiring from the Service by the result of this degradation

I beg respectfully to remain
Sir,
Your most Obedient Sv.

Shettleston
9th June/82

J. McCarthy
Sub Engineer

1. 5559 1/1882.

No 1125 G.D.

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It is believed that a [illegible]
Mr Lathy's reply to Mr Thomas's
letter on Plan (Ref. C) had already
been submitted to the Chief Clerk,
a copy [illegible] with Mr [illegible]'s
letter forwarded.

The delay in submission of this
claim has been caused by
correspondence with the Engineer
in Chief, to obtain a copy of
Mr Thomas's observations on
Mr Lathy's reply to the Charges
made against Mr Lathy.
These observations were sent in
[illegible] to the Chief Engineer
& copy was supplied to the
Resident Engineer.

Received 18th August

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A. No	2066-29-8-72.
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D. W

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of the correspondence and
Dept. ats am quite unable
to give any other decision to
so intricate a matter
opinion should upon
on looking over the
case again note any
Salient point in
which we think re-
consideration desirable
I shall be prepared
to give it to the matter

28/8/82

Recd from
R. J.
6.2.83

No 2742 of 83 Felixstowe

No 761 C of 31-3-82

Plans

etc.

No 761. C of 31st March/82.

Public Works Depte.

Memorandum.

The following transfers are ordered.

Mr. Sub Engineer J. W. Lasker from the 2nd to the 1st Circle, and Sergt. Jeant E. Cope from the 1st to the 2nd Circle.

R/S The letter to join at the public expense.

R/S

Att

To
The Supt 1st Circle ✓
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30/3/82

Copied 1-4-82

No 750 C. d/30th March 1882

Statement of Promotions &c. of Mr. Lashley Sub Engr.

Name	Date of promotion to — Superintendent 2nd Grade	Superintendent 1st Grade	Sub Engineer 3rd Grade	Sub Engineer 2nd Grade	Remarks.
Appointed in July 1855 R.S.	Sept. 1863.	March 1866.	March 1880.	October 1881.	Officiated as E.E. vice Lt. Dowse on Field Service in April 1880. Gazette of 27-7-80. Part I. Page 318.

S.P. 28/8/82.

No. 420 N.L. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE 2nd CIRCLE
STATION Mamlipatam, 16th March 1882.

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
2nd Circle.

TO,

THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

SIR,

I have the honor, with reference to your Memo No 21 of the 6th January, to forward herewith, the papers noted in the margin, relating to the Charge of inefficiency and untrustworthiness brought by the Executive Engineer Nellore Division against Mr. J. W. Laskey Sub Engineer attached to that Division.

2. On the receipt of the above, I informed Lieutenant Henderson that, if he Considered Mr Laskey unfit for the post he holds, specific instances of his unfitness or untrustworthiness, should be formulated and Mr Laskey called on for his defence.

3. Lieutenant Henderson's Charges are

Five Enclosures.

1. Letter from the Executive Engineer
2. Mr Laskey's letter
3. Memo with 2 Enclosures
4. 6 Enclosures to the Laskey's reply
5. Remarks from the Executive Engineer with its 4 Enclosures
6. Mr Laskey's reply dated 27th Feb. 1882.

By Parcel Post -

Contained in the paper marked 1, Mr. Laskey's replies on the paper marked 2 and Lieutenant Henderson's rejoinder in No 3

4 Taking now the paragraphs of Lieutenant Henderson's Report seriatim, I will state my opinion on the Charges made and explanations given.

5 In Lieutenant Henderson's para 2, he cites the objectionable Item list, which covered 60 pages, as an instance of Mr Laskey's neglect. This list was however unduly swollen, by the transfer to Nellore for the purposes of account, of items from the abolished Guntur and Ongole Divisions. Making every allowance for such items, I am convinced, from what I have seen, since I have been officially connected with the Nellore Division, that Mr Laskey did fail to adjust many items and to inspect work in the Nellore Division proper. This has thrown a great deal of work on Lieutenant Henderson who succeeded Mr Laskey in charge of the Nellore Division.

6. Para 2 (a). It is clear that Mr Laskey could not have intelligently carried out the Transfers of Tools to the Local Fund Boards, and Lieutenant Henderson's opinion as to the condition of the Machinery when he relieved Mr Laskey, must be accepted as showing that it had not been properly looked after.

7. As regards 2 (c) and the breaches in the Penner embankments; the temporary cut left open in the left Bank, above the anicut, was undoubtedly dangerous in October, though permissible during the working season. But the breach had been left open the previous season, and thus Mr Laskey was not the only one to blame. Fortunately there were no heavy floods during the time this cut was left open. Lieutenant Henderson promptly had it closed, and was of course right in doing so.

8. As regards 2 (d), Lieutenant Henderson's Charge, broadly stated, is that Mr Laskey travelled for the sake of his Travelling allowance and not for bonâ fide inspection purposes and in the interests of the State. This is distinctly

stated in Lieutenant Hendersons Rejoinder.
I have not Mr Laskey's journals to refer
to, but the fact that, while in charge of
the Division, Mr Laskey never went out
of the Nellore Taluq, supports Lieut Hendersons
Contention. Considering that a large num-
-ber of important Tanks in other Taluks
were still left in charge of the Public Works
Department, that many of these had been
damaged, and that complete estimates were
in many Cases necessary, also considering there
was a large quantity of uninspected work,
I think Mr Laskey's failure to visit any
of these works during 6 months, while he was
Constantly travelling in the Nellore Taluk,
does show neglect of duty.

9. As regards Lieutenant Hendersons
para 3, Mr Laskeys' explanations are I think
more satisfactory. His instructions regarding
the repair of breached Tanks show, that the
Overseers received proper orders; but as before
noticed, there was undoubtedly a failure
on Mr Laskeys part to check-measure
unadjusted works.

10. As regards Lieutenant Hendersons
para 4, I believe that gentlemans Contention
to be right. Mr Laskey did forward
numerous "Emergent Estimates", but very few
for the Complete repairs of Tanks in the
manner now required.

11. As regards the Buildings at Ongole
Mr Laskey admits having sent in, an
inaccurate plan. When the walls of a
building had been thrust out by the failure
of a Couple roof, it would certainly be
advisable, if Couples are again put up, to
use tie rods: 18' is an ordinary span for a
Couple roof, and Mr Laskey might have
failed to see the advisability. As regards
the Outhouses, a tiled roof 18' span, carried
by single palmyra rafters 24' long, can
hardly be considered safe. Mr Laskey
does not appear to be responsible for
the site or design of the Kavali Post Office

12. As regards Lieutenant Hendersons
para 5, I Consider that Mr Laskey dis-
-obeyed a standing rule in allowing the

stated in Lieutenant Hend... [illegible]

Accountant to write out the Cheques; and evinced great want of Care, in not keeping any important papers under his own Lock and Key.

13. As regards Lieutenant Henderson's para 6, viz: that Mr Laskey charged to the construction of a Local Fund Chattram, the Cost of a shed attached to his Office at Ongole, I think that the charge would be fair, provided the Timber work was actually Carried out in the shed in question. It is not quite clear whether or not this was done. Lieutenant Henderson is however right in stating that the proper plan would be to obtain the wood work, cut to proper Scantling from Madras. Mr Laskey seems habitually to have disobeyed a long standing rule, viz: that men employed on general duties, shall not be charged to Estimates. During Mr Laskey's incumbency Rs: 180 were thus spent in the Nellore Division.

14. The above all relate to Mr Laskey's work while in Charge of the Nellore Division, and show in my opinion, that Mr Laskey is in many instances deserving of blame. He was however in a Charge he was not equal to, and that very few Subordinates would have been equal to. At the particular time Mr Laskey held Charge of the Nellore Division, the changes in the Public Works Department itself, the transfer of works to the Local Fund Board, and the recent Cyclone damages, combined to make the Charge a difficult one. Had Mr Laskey been more Capable, and more energetic, some of the Confusion and arrears might have been avoided. Lieutenant Henderson, upon whom the task of setting things to rights devolved, and who has had very hard work in Consequence of the heavy arrears, naturally feels annoyed with Mr Laskey.

15. As regards Lieutenant Henderson's para 7, this gentleman admits that Mr Laskey had a plausible excuse for returning to Nellore, instead of proceeding to Guntur, and I think Mr Laskey's explanation on

stated in Lieutenant Henderson's R. . .
this point is satisfactory.

16. The other Charges relate to Mr Laskey's Conduct while employed in preparing the revised Estimate for the Surmepalli Project. There is a great deal of Correspondence on this matter, and I regret to say a great deal of recrimination. In addition to Lieutenant Henderson's original report, and Mr Laskey's reply, there is a long letter to my address from the Sub Engineer in which he attempts to justify himself for the faults which I found regarding his work on this revised Estimate.

17. A Capable man, knowing what he had to do, and how to set about it, would certainly have been able to complete this revised Estimate in 7 or 8 months. This Mr Laskey has failed to do, primarily I believe, because he is not equal to the task. Lieutenant Henderson's time was fully occupied in current work, No Doubt he saw Mr Laskey's plans from time to time and gave him instructions, but Mr Laskey made many mistakes.

Mr Laskey's references to Kutters formula and Bazins formula (in paras 7, 8 and 9 of his letter of the 27th February) to determine the Span of a Bridge across the Main Canal, show what a Complication of ideas he has on such an elementary subject, and how tiresome it must have been to work with him. The whole work of this revised Estimate will, I believe have to be undertaken de novo. It remains to be proved, whether the field work is reliable. Lieutenant Henderson asserts that Mr Laskey has not himself checked any of the levels. This charge Mr Laskey does not deny, and he has certainly omitted one of the most important of his duties.

18. On the whole therefore I think, that Lieutenant Henderson has not proved untrustworthiness against Mr Laskey, but has proved some instances of neglect and incapacity. Judging by other Subordinates of Mr Laskey's rank and standing, I should say he had been promoted beyond his merits and

deserts.

19 It will be quite impossible for Lieutenant Henderson and Mr Laskey to work together with advantage to the State, and therefore Mr Laskey will have to be removed from Nellore.

20 As I do not see where I could usefully employ him in the Kistna, I would beg to recommend Mr Laskey's transfer to another Circle, where if placed under a strong Officer he might still be of some use.

21. Mr Laskey is now on Privilege leave which he claimed on the score of a recent domestic Calamity, and which I granted from the 1st Instant.

22. I have no Copy of the G.O. No 2964 of the 14th December 1872 quoted in Lieutenant Henderson's Rejoinder para 18, regarding Mr Laskey's having been punished by being reduced to the bottom of his Grade, nor have I Mr Laskey's Service Book to forward, as he has never had one written up, in spite of the rules on the subject.

I will however give orders for the preparation of a Service Book.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obt Servant

J. W. Rundall

Superintending Engineer,

2nd Circle.

Compt'd

G.O. № 1503 dated 25-3-78
G.O. № 2964 dated 14-12-72
Cr. № 21. dated 6-1-82
Cr. № 2300 dated 8-10-81.
Cr. № 622 dated 11-2-79.

P. W. D. № 1876

From,

The Supg. Engineer
Coast Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.

Dated 16th March 1882
Rec'd 22nd

№ 420. A. L.
Encls. 5. 6.
№ 750. C dated 30-3-82

Mr. Laskey Sub Engineer in charge brought by the Executive Engineer Nellore Division against Forwards papers relating to the —

Entd. in Receipt Regr.

but Mr. Laskey made many mistakes.

Grade 28/3/82 sent to

Encls.

A.E. 1st & 2nd Circles. A.

Rec'd 30/3/82

Supervisor 2nd

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to the Walla Walla division

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the difficulties of his position
and other extenuating
circumstances the U.S.
is of opinion that the
requirements of the case
will be sufficiently met
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from 2d to 3d grade
Life Engineer, and (2) by

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to it"

As shown by Mr Lackey's
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well, but this has not been
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take off the Municipal
Subdivision

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Supervisor in this dept.
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Memo

In his letter of 20 Nov. to the 16 inst. the SE has dealt carefully and in an impartial Spirit with the Complaints exhibited by D. Anderson against the proceedings of the Sub Inspector Lackey

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No. 750C d/30.3.82.

Official Memo.

In his No. 420 A. L. of the 16th Instant the Supt. Engineer has dealt carefully and in an impartial spirit with the Complaints urged by Lt. Henderson against the proceedings of Mr. Sub Engineer Laskey.

2. As stated in para 14 Mr. Laskey was clearly in a charge he was not equal to and very few subordinates would have been equal to, every allowance on this account should therefore be made.

3. On a broad view of the Case however it is not

not too much to say that many of the faults brought home to Mr Laskey should not have been Committed by any carefull or energetic man having the high position of a Sub-Engineer in the Department and Mr Rundalls observation para 18 is clearly borne out that Mr Laskey has been promoted beyond his merits

4. This is clearly exemplified by the statement made in para 17 that if a Capable man he should have been able to Complete the Survey all estimate in 7 or 8 months, but which Mr Rundall states he has failed to do primarily "because he is not equal to it"

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but Mr Laskey made many mistakes.

Mr Laskeys Quarterly Statement of services he has no doubt at times shewn intelligence and worked well, but this has not been uniformly the case

6 under G. O. 14th. December 1872 at. 2964 his unfitness for the position of Range officer was declared and his name was placed at the bottom of the Supervisors list grade and again so late as February 1879 the then Chief Engineer was obliged to place on record serious remarks regarding his Conduct.

7 It is extremely doubtful whether viewing Mr Laskeys career taken with the occurrences now under review he is fitted for any higher position than that of

of a Supervisor in this Department and it is clear that in the existing relations it would be very undesirable to allow him to return to the Nellore Division.

8. With every desire to make allowances for the difficulties of his position and other extenuating circumstances the undersigned is of opinion that the requirements of the case will be sufficiently met by (1) reducing Mr. Laskey from 2nd to 3rd grade Sub. Engineer and (2) by transferring him to the 1st Circle for employment in the Western Godavari Division in room of Supervisor Mahony who is to take up the Dumagadum Sub. division.

9. For supplying Mr. Laskey's place in the Nellore Division the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle will arrange when convenient for the transfer of Serjt. E. Cope to the 2nd Circle. Serjt. Cope will now be promoted to Supervisor 2nd Grade.

(Sd) R.H.S.

S.E. 1st & 2nd Circles.