Accepting the Service has ~~not~~ forfeited claim to pension.

contrary to rule - vide P.W. Code para 1042.

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is ~~not~~ been dealt with the Supty Engineer himself, there is sufficient evidence to prove disregard of departmental rules, neglect of duty, want of judgment, and generally bad management.

It is moreover clear to the Govt that Mr Laskey is ~~unfitted~~ unfitted for the charge of a subdivision, which, by his position in the Dept, he should be competent to hold.

The Govt accordingly direct that he be again relegated to the position of Sub Engineer 3rd grade, to which he was reduced in 1882; the reduction to have effect from the date of his suspension, ~~as recommended by the Supty Engineer.~~

Mr Laskey will also be called upon to retire from the service from such date as he may become eligible for pension.

It will be pointed out to Mr Laskey that, in addressing the Chief Engineer direct in his letter of the 28th March 1885, he acted contrary

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would it not be better to say here that Mr Laskey's resignation be accepted from such date

P.W. If Mr Laskey has to his knowledge, as seems likely, sent in a resignation the intention in such case is supposed to be taken by

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Ex P.W. Accts.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No 1067 W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 7th May 85

READ the following

Letter from the S.E. I Circle (H.E. No 3 G.N. dt April 2nd 1885)
-Do- from -do- (" " 4 G.N. dt " 4th ")
Letter from Mr. J.W. Laskey, Sub Engineer (" " dt March 26th ")
-do- -do- (" " dt " 28th ")
-do- -do- (" " dt April 13th ")
Office note from C — No 74 dt 28.4.85

After careful consideration of the voluminous correspondence submitted in connection with the complaints preferred against Mr Laskey, Sub Engineer 2nd grade substantive pro tem, including the Explanations offered by him, the Government are of opinion that, though some of the charges have not been fully substantiated, and others are of a nature which

to them, given by Mr. Laskey, that they would get the buildings on contract, was not sufficient to justify this proceeding, which it seems to me was entirely irregular & conducive to complications and difficulties. Mr Laskey's explanations on this point (para 2 of his No 425 of 30 Dec 84 to S.E.) are lame & indicate laxity of management.

That Mr. Laskey opposed & obstructed a much needed reform — viz: the execution of masonry works by Departmental labour — as stated by S.E. is hardly, so far as I can see, borne out by the record, unless in a small matter of a stone settlement on a channel, alluded to in connection with work on the channels. But doubtless there was other evidence of this to the officers on the spot — evidence perhaps difficult to explain in a report & difficult to bring home to the Sub-divisional officer.

2nd Charge :— Carrying out earthworks during wet season, when proper measurements and check of work became an impossibility, and paying for earthwork which had not been done.

(1). On the Wadala channel Mr. Laskey paid for work which had not been done — para 3 of Capt. Langley's No 206 of 27th November, 84. The Sub. Engineer measured and paid for 29,400 cft.; the E.E. check measured 17,808 cft. Difference at Rs. 2-6-0 per 1000 cft. = Rs. 27-1-2.

Mr. Laskey attributes short work found to the channel having silted up, owing to contractors having left barriers standing. This seems possible, but the fact remains that he put the work

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in hand during the wet season, when proper measurements were impossible. His excuse for this — that his superior had ordered that the rainy season would not be accepted as an excuse for not showing steady progress on earthworks — is plausible, and indeed Capt. Langley, in his No 728 of 19th November /84 to the Sub. divisional Officer, exonerated him in some measure from blame in this respect. My opinion is that it was Mr Lashley's business not to have undertaken silt clearances during the irrigation season. —

(2) On widening & repairing the Uruvalli channel the work had not been properly done, & an overpayment of Rs. 121 had, according to the E.E., been made. Mr Lashley's measurements amounted to some 115,000 cft; Capt. Langley's to 60,000. —

In para 5 of his No 415 of 23rd Dec. Mr Lashley endeavours to show why Capt. Langley could not trace the whole of the earth excavated. Much of the earth, he explains, was thrown on the fields, and discrepancies between the lengths measured by himself & the E.E. were due to his own measurements not having been taken in successive lengths, but in the order of completed tasks. Capt. Langley measured right along from beginning to end. An attempt to verify actual work done by comparison of plan sections with existing sections of channel was effectually not made. —

It is difficult to pronounce on the point here in dispute, and you will observe that the S.E. states that the charges about over-measurements cannot now be readily substantiated.

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(3) Clearing Mutka Katti and other small channels — On the works there was great discrepancies between Mr Lashley's measurements and Capt. Langley's check-measurements, so great that Capt. Langley opines they cannot be due to carelessness only.

The first of ~~Capt~~ Mr Lashley's explanations on these differences (paras 7, 8, 9, 10 of his No 415 of 23rd December) is that the stuff taken from the channels was wet + dissolved & was trodden down, + that parts of the excavations had been silted up. The E.E's measurements were taken from the spoil he observed on the banks. How far the Sub Engr's explanations can be accepted, it is impossible, it seems to me, to decide. — ✓

(4). Javibulla Jedda channel — The papers concerning this work only came in this morning (10th), after what I had written above. S.E. forwards them with his No 4 of 4th April, & reiterates what he said about the other channels, that it is impossible now to substantiate the charge.

In this particular case it seems to me very very likely that Mr Lashley never measured the work at all, but simply accepted the work shown as executed by his predecessor, Mr Venkataraya, in his instructions to the contractor, as having been actually executed. There is strong evidence of this and Capt. Langley's strong assertion that he could not find the work. Mr Lashley's explanation is dead lame. —

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3d Charge :— Making provisional payments to contractors on irregular measurements, or rather on no measurements at all.—

I gather that Mr Lockley was in the habit, when a contractor had done part of his work, of estimating roughly the value of it, and making what he calls "provisional payments", retaining a certain sum to cover possible shortcomings when the accounts came to be properly adjusted.

It is needless to say that such procedure was wholly irregular & likely to lead to waste in the accounts & eventual loss. Mr Lockley must have been aware that he had no authority for making disbursements in this fashion. His desire to show expenditure against sanctions is no excuse, & the system savours of deliberate cooking of the accounts.

4th Charge. Disobedience of orders and prevarication.

The disobedience of orders complained of appears mainly to consist in Mr Lockley's neglect to accept implicitly the distinct order of the E.E., conveyed in Letter docket No 729 S. of 21st November, to stop all earthworks in progress.

Mr Lockley tries to get out of this by citing E.E's note of 19th November, in which Capt. Langley, referring to the Gandaka channel, stated that he would not inspect the channel again under two months from date, which would give Mr Lockley ample time to finish the work by the next inspection, &c. And with regard to other channels Mr Lockley bases his

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disregard of the plain docket of 21st Nov[r] on the argument that these works having been provisionally paid for & requiring only trimming up, &c. he took the order as not applying to them.

It is possible that Mr Lockley did thus act in good faith, but as he must in reason have had some doubts about the applicability of the order, why did he not ask for further instructions? It seems to me he acted rashly, to say the least of it, & took too much on himself in interpreting the very concise docket in the irregular did. That the whole tenour in the accom[p] used seems to show that must have avoided getting plain instruc[tions] doubtful points, & kept the E.E. a good deal in the dark as to his proceedings.

To sum up, it appears to me that in regard of the 1st charge Mr Lockley exhibited want of judgment.
On the second count he was not guilty of corruption, but showed great laxity of management & carelessness.
On the third — the same, with disregard of rules & regulations superadded.
On the fourth — neglect of duty.
On the whole, Mr Lockley showed himself unfit for the responsible post he held.
I think Mr Lockley should be sent back to Sub. Inspector, 3rd grade, & be allowed to resign as he wishes to do.
The case is a complicated one, with many "pros & cons", & has not been sent in clearly by S.E. I have formed the above opinion after careful scrutiny of all that has passed.

CJ.

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C.A.W.

Has reply been received from C respecting Mr Laskey's service for pension.?

If not. Please write reminder.

27-4-85

SOW

No reply has been received.

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Q. 11-4-85 A. 4-8-85

To W

It would appear from Mr Lashley's Service Book that he was first entertained on the 9th July 1855 - but whether all his subsequent service counts for pension there are no means of knowing in this office. It was written to with a view of having the service verified that the reference to C was made. It was thought that the information was available in his office - The Service Register can be sent as it is asked for.

It has taken 8 days to ask for the book -

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I have explained to the
Hon: Member that I
think it desirable to
reduce W. Lasky, in
accordance with my
suggestion, from date
of his suspension.

He has accordingly
modified his remarks,
& orders can now be
sent as suggested by
me.

W.L.

24.4.85

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To W.

Case of Mr Sub. Engineer Laskey.

The charges against Mr Laskey & his explanations are somewhat complicated & difficult to follow. I shall endeavour to deal with them "seriatim" & throw what light I can on the subject —

1st Charge:— Carrying out all his masonry works by contractors and placing himself entirely in their hands.

In his report No 208 of 27th Nov 84, (para 3) Capt Langley objects to Mr Laskey's system of giving out all his masonry works on contract. Mr Laskey's excuse was that this arrangement had the approval of Mr Rayfor, & he thought Capt Langley would continue the system. —

I do not myself see any very grave error here, provided the works were properly executed. Neither Capt Langley nor S.E. has stated whether Mr Rayfor had recognised the system pursued, so the presumption is that he had. Capt Langley, however, disapproved of it, and it seems to me it would have been sufficient if he had simply prohibited it in future, & dropped that part of the business, unless of course Mr Laskey had then disregarded the prohibition.

But in connection with this item is certainly the serious error in Mr Laskey's part of getting contractors to collect materials without any agreement as to rates & prior to any contract. A promise

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

~~POST~~ COPY OF SERVICE MESSAGE.

Urgent.

From Ootacamund

From Madras Works

To Madras

To Ex. Works.

Ootacamund, 27th April 1885.

My number 4 E dated fifteenth × Laskey's service for pension × Early reply requested.

(Sigd.) J.L.

Hon. H. E. Dobbeen.

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Reference
awaits 20/4/85
made by C.M.
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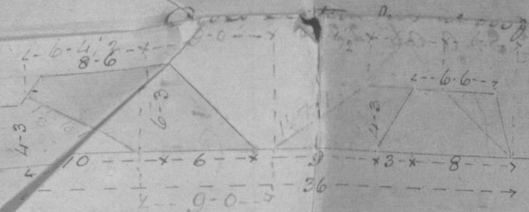
Chicacole Subdivision

Section showing the Proposed Improvements to Buraselly Channel — viz.
Altering the position of the Present Channel and Straightening between the Branch and the Main Channel with top Sides to bank and Sea slopes 1½ to one

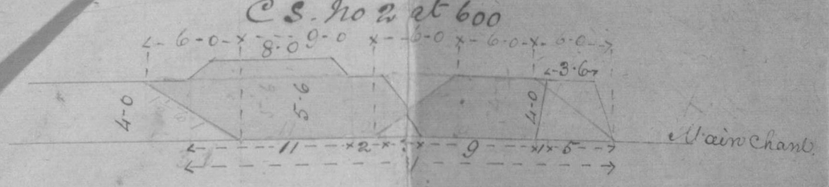
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Bypur Para River
Main Channel

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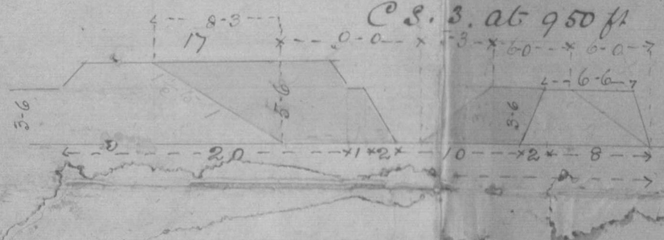
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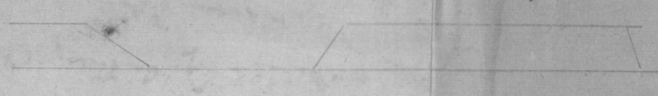
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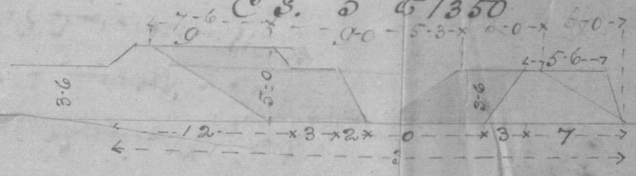
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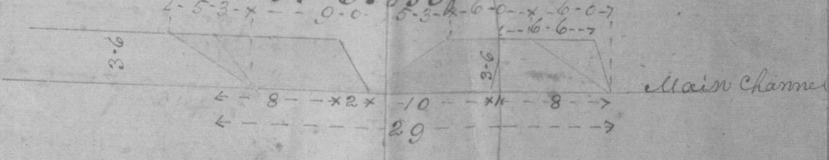
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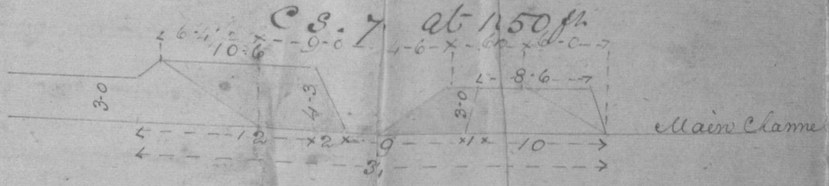
C S. 5 at 1350



C S. 6. at 1650 ft



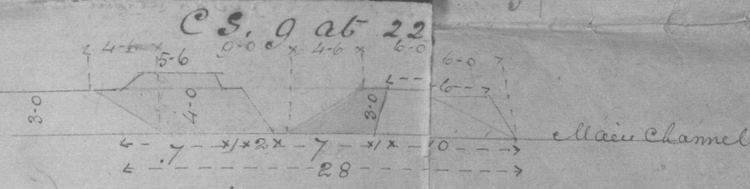
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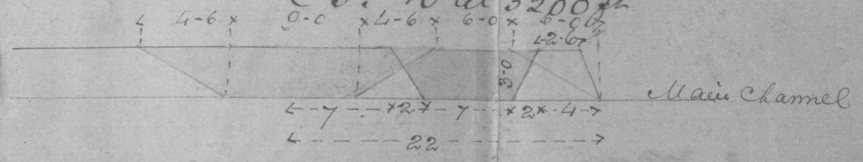
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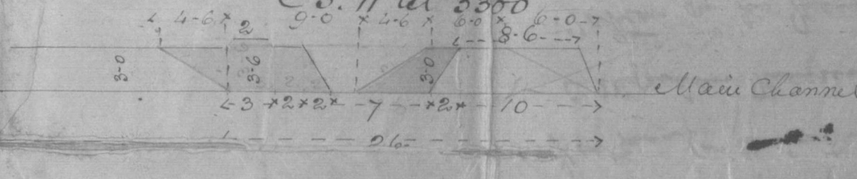
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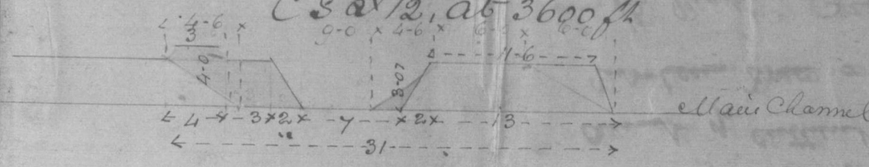
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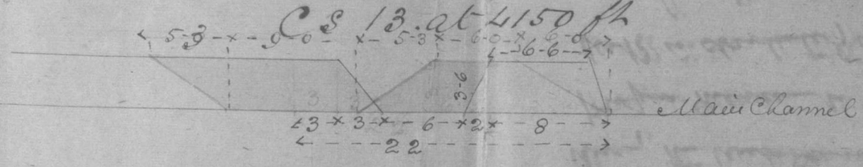
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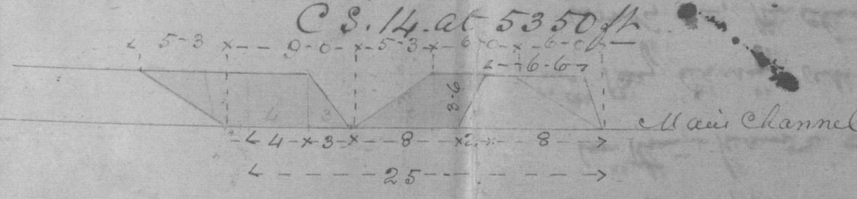
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C S. 13 at 4150 ft

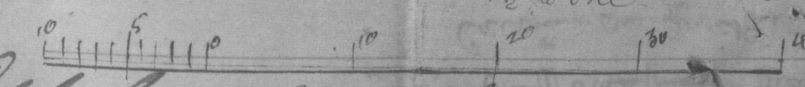


C S. 14 at 5350 ft



Reference.

Denotes New Cutting to Burasselly Channel
Do Filling
Do Proposed Section of Channel
Bottom Width 9 ft Side Slopes 1½ to one



Chief Engineer
20/3/84

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
E. W. D.
24 MAR 84
REGISTER NO.
CIVIL DIVISION

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VOL — I.

Mr. Lasky's

Mighty irregular Methods

Carrying on Work in the

Clutha Sub-Division

1st By Carrying out all Measurements of Contractor & Superintendent by Contractor and doing himself Contractor's Work with their hands =

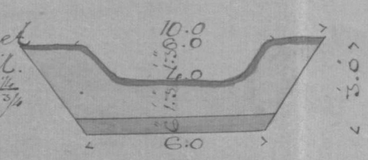
2d By Carrying out such Measurements of Work as the Clerk of Works during the Wet Season — when proper Measurement & Check of Work is absolutely impossible and [redacted] paying for a large Amount of Earthwork which has not been done =

3d By Making provisional Payments to Contractors on Irregular Measurements or Rather on no Measurements at all =

Sections
of
Chandleeswary Kark Channel.
commencing from Tank to Dividing Sluice.

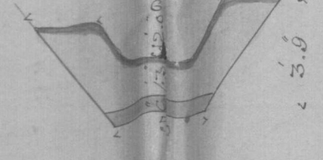
Section at 150ft from Tank

No 1



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" old channel. 6¼
" Cutting. 17¾

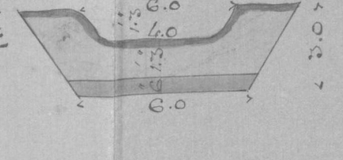
Section at 260ft from Tank



Area of present ch! 28
" old ch! 9½
" Cutting. 18½

Section at 400ft from Tank

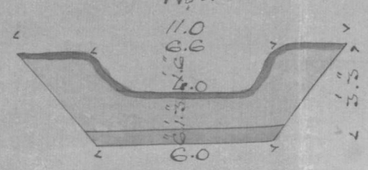
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" old " 6¼
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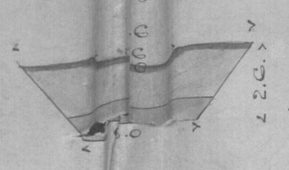
Section at 590ft from Tank

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" old " 8
" Cutting. 19½

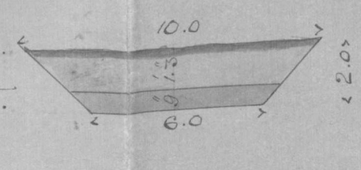
Section at 1ft from Tank



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" Cutting. 18½

Section at 1040ft from Tank

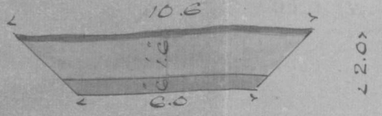
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" old ch! "
" Cutting. 18.

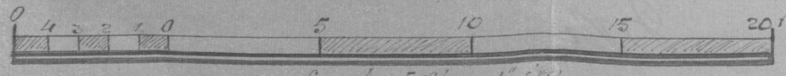
Section at 2500 ft from Tank

NoT



Area of present ch! 18½
" old " "
" Cutting. 18½

Reference.
Green is the old Channel.
Yellow is the new cut
Neutral tint is the silt come into it since cut.



Length of Channel excluding length of Canal from tank to Dividing Sluice is 2570ft Captain Langley measured 1694ft. Work was to a length of 2200ft including 170ft in Tank & 500ft the bits in Tank and on both ends of Canal left filled up completely.

J M Cockburn
Sub Engineer.
Chicacole Sub division.

Of Spoil at the bank without any allowance for the wet slush that was thrown up during

Section from Ascape pveir

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old Channel

Section from Ascape pveir

old Channel

Sec of Small

Extend as 2650ft.

Extends
of
Channel

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Reference to Color.

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Cutting

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M Conkey

Sub Engineer

Chicacole Sub division

the Channels to the depths cleared and the
clearance was slush and lifted up in boats
while your measurement is of the bank
of Spoil in the bank without any allowance
for the wet slush that was thrown up
during

Detailed measurement of work done on the Madapam Channel.

Cutting Channel as per

Sec No 1.	600×7 3/4 ×2 1/2 =	11625
do No 1&2.	600×7 ×2 =	8400
do No 2&3.	450×7 1/2 ×1.9 =	5906.2
do No 3.	450×7 1/2 ×1.6 =	5062.6
do No 3&4.	450×7 1/4 ×1.3 =	4078.1
do No 4.	100×6.6×1. =	650.
Total of channel		35721.10

Small Ch! as per sec.

No 5.	140×3×1.3 =	525.—0
Total of additional work.		525.—0
" of work done upto date		36246.10
Deduct—paid for.		27027.6
		9219.4

So that the Contractor has yet to get for Ch!. 9219.4

@ 2.6—4 per 1000. Rs 21.14.4

J Mowbray
Sub Engineer
Cheranmahadevi 8.4.85

No 381

Cheranmahadevi Sub Office
6th December 1884

Folio 613
8-1-85

From
The Sub Engineer
Cheranmahadevi

To
The Executive Engineer
Tanjore

Sir,

With reference to your Nos 7308 & 7488 dated 21st & 27th Ultimo respectively, I beg to report that in obeying your orders I have recovered Rs 3-9-0 on the Ramanadapuram Bottu and Rs 7-13-3 on the Jala Bottu as shown in part III of Petty Contract account for November 84 and Nothing on the Palavanatham as you accepted the quantity of work on this Channel as agreeing with your measurements.

2. In carrying out your orders on this matter I beg respectfully to observe that your measurements, not agreeing with mine, is due to this fact. I measured the Channels to the depths cleared and the clearance was slush and lifted up in waters while your measurement is of the bulk of spoil on the bank without any allowance for the wet slush that was thrown up

during

during Exam not appearing in the wet field Nov.

Mug &c
c/f J W Lashley
Asst Engr

/Fuccaspy/

J Mawdsley
Asst Engr

Checked Asst Engr

Widening and repairing Bonarelly channel a branch from Byree main channel Estimate Rupees 3207

Extract from measurement Book in the order of tasks as measured from time to time

Nature and Situation of work	№	measurements L	B	D	Contents
Commenced from Head of channel	3	145-0	13-6	4-6	8808-9
Widening	6	70-0	15-0	3-9	3937-6
	4	35-0	15-0	5-0	2625-0
do	11	140-0	15-0	2-3	4725-0
do	5	116-8	15-0	5-3	9187-6
New cut-	1	40-0	10-0	3-0	1200-0
Removing bank	2	220-0	6-0	1-6	1980-0
Widening	15	200-0	10-0	1-9	3500-0
do	19	230-0	6-0	1-3	1725-0
do	14	190-0	6-0	1-6	1710-0
New cut-	18	110-0	12-6	2-6	3437-6
Widening	23	220-0	3-0	1-3	825-0
do	22	200-0	2-0	1-3	500-0
do	17	220-0	10-0	1-6	3300-0
do	21	165-0	3-0	2-0	990-0
do	25	290-0	3-0	1-0	870-0
New cut-	24	140-0	12-0	2-6	4200-0
	20	313-4	6-0	1-6	2820-0
New cut-	28	230-0	12-0	2-3	6210-0
	26	420-0	1-6	0-6	315-0
	27	180-0	3-0	0-6	270-0
	29	660-0	2-0	1-6	1980-0
Widening	13	340-0	13-0	2-0	8840-0
	16	320-0	10-0	1-6	4800-0
	7	233-4	15-0	4-0	14000-0
Widening	10	35-0	15-0	4-0	2100-0
New cut-	9	40-0	10-0	3-6	1400-0
	8	145-0	15-0	4-9	10283-9
	2	165-0	12-0	2-6	4950-0
	30	600-0	9-0	0-8	3600-0

Tasks placed in the order of successive numbers

Nature & Situation of work	№	measurements L	B	D	Contents
Commenced from Head of channel	1	40-0	10-0	3-0	1200-0
Removing bank	2	220-0	6-0	1-6	1980-0
Cutting channel from № 2	3	145-0	13-6	4-6	8808-9
Widening	4	35-0	15-0	5-0	2625-0
do	5	116-8	15-0	5-3	9187-6
do	6	70-0	15-0	3-9-	3937-6
do	7	233-4	15-0	4-0	14000-0
do	8	145-0	13-0	4-0	7540-0
New cut-	9	60-0	10-0	3-6	2100-0
Widening	10	35-0	15-0	4-0	2100-0
do	11	140-0	15-0	2-3	4725-0
do	12	165-0	12-0	2-6	4950-0
do	13	340-0	13-0	2-0	8840-0
do	14	190-0	6-0	1-6	1710-0
do	15	200-0	10-0	1-9	3500-0
do	16	320-0	10-0	1-6	4800-0
do	17	220-0	10-0	1-6	3300-0
New cut-	18	110-0	12-6	2-6	3437-6
Widening	19	230-0	6-0	1-3	1725-0
do	20	313-4	6-0	1-6	2820-0
do	21	165-0	3-0	2-0	990-0
do	22	200-0	2-0	1-3	500-0
do	23	220-0	3-0	1-3	825-0
New cut-	24	140-0	12-0	2-6	4200-0
Widening	25	290-0	3-0	1-0	870-0
do	26	420-0	1-6	0-6	315-0
do	27	180-0	3-0	0-6	270-0
New cut-	28	210-0	12-0	2-3	5670-0
Widening	29	660-0	2-0	1-6	1980-0
do	30	600-0	3-9	0-8	1500-0

J Mawdsley
Asst. Engineer

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Chicacole Camp 20th December 1784

From

Mr J. W. Lindsay Esq
Chicacole Camp

To

Col P. Montgomerie
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
Dowlaishwaram

thro' the Executive Engineer Samulcotta

L. L. 8/1/85.

No 1

My leave most respectfully to address you a preliminary letter on the subject of Captain Langleys report against me in his letter No 2085E dated 27th November and to state that Captain Langley from feeling strongly prejudiced to me has fallen seriously into error in reporting me as he has done and representing to you that large recoveries are to be made from me. You will see shortly from a clear and detailed explanation of his charges which I will submit that the Executive Engineer has done me the most serious injustice in holding up my character

to

to such disgrace and humiliation.

Captain Langley's mode of Check measuring slushy silt cleared from the small irrigation Channels and deciding on the quantity of work done from seeing only a part of the spoil earth after exposure to heavy rains seems to me in my 30 years experience in the Department the most arbitrary and a mistaken method of judging work and as for the discrepancy pointed against the Boorawelly Channel, on which he shews by his tally judgment that the work done is short to the extent of Rs 121, and thus casts a serious reflection on my character which is a painful incident in the career of any Engineer;

he is quite mistaken to say that the earth taken out in the widening of this Channel was to be all thrown up on the right bank, this according to the sections was neither intended nor was it practicable the improved bank at a given height was to be 6 ft wide at top and to do this I was required to use only about one third of the cutting to fill up on portion of the old Channel and the earth you will see from the figure in the margin was to be placed on the top; the surplus earth was to be disposed off in some



Reference
Yellow Colour Earth cut
Pink " Filling up the old Chl.
Pink Colour Banks of the supplies used in filling up the old Chl.

some way; to use it in forming a bank on the left would have resulted in many paddy lands which could not be done and the surplus earth to some extent was therefore with the Cultivators Consent thrown into the field which spoil was levelled down by the Cultivators ploughing up the fields in July.

The order in which the tasks were entered in my measurement book were not in succession but were noted in the order of completed tasks on which the work was done and again measured in June July I could not after 5 months pick them up readily for Captain Langley's Check measurement, and hence gave him the estimate and sections to enable him to check the work done. This circumstance unfortunately became the ground for Captain Langley using very harsh language and telling me that he will have me removed from the Division. He said that he would not be astonished if I was turned out of the Department and he further observed that you were not much disposed to favor me. I appeal to you, sir, against a young officer treating me in the harsh way that he has

Clucia cole Sub Collr
No 415 23d December 86

From
The Sub Engineer
Clucia cole Sub Dn
To
The Executive Engineer
Sanjicum Dn

Sir, With reference to your No 8238 dated 19th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that a clear and detailed report will be submitted shortly on the charges preferred against me. I don't really understand your saying that copies of the letter with copies of Comparative statements will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer immediately after the Xmas holidays, when in fact the letter you sent me seems a copy of what has been already reported made against me to the Sup'g Engr. The course you adopted in reporting a Sub Division officer without first obtaining his written explanation in each case was a course

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that done and to his observation in his report that he does not consider the over payments made by me to be due to Carelessness. I must observe that he seriously reflects on my character in saying so and aims to do me injury, I do therefore throw myself on your protection against his severity of treatment and his endeavouring to ruin me.

2. As I am anxious that this letter should reach you soon I am sending a Copy direct while the original is being sent by you through the Executive Engineer.

3. If Captain Langley's report has already been laid before Government I would solicit your doing me justice to lay this letter also pending my full explanation to his charges.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obt Servant

Wm Cosby Sub Engr
Clucia cole Sub Dn

Executive Engineer's office
Sanjaun &c
Barbampur

No 8238

From
The Executive Engineer
Sanjaun &c
To
The Sub Divisional officer
Chuccalo

Dated 19 & 12 / 1884

Enclosure
Reference
Subject

No answer has yet been received from Mr Lashy to this office letter No 7798 dated 10th December 84. a copy of the letter with copies of the Comparative statements will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer immediately after the Xmas holidays whether an answer has been received from Mr Lashy or not.

Sd/ L. Langley Capt R.E
Executive Engr

/ True copy /

W Thornton Sub Engr

derogatory to the same laid down by Government in cases where an officer reports against a subordinate as you have done in this case without any good ground for doing so and you based your report &c, simply from an absolute will to ruin my character and prosperity. Send the same of your sending this letter and the enclosed copy of your docket under reference to the Superintending Engineer so that he may see the harshness of your treatment to an old servant of Government. I have done nothing wrong to be recommended for removal from this Sub division

Sd/ &c
C/ Mr Lashy
Sub Engr

/ True copy /

W Thornton Sub Engr
Chuccalo Sub Div
31/12/84

Put with this with the Report
against Mr. Lasky
when received =

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Encls. 1 Letter from Chief Engineer Chd.
" 1 " " Marshal Chd.
" 1 " " Bonsanlli Chd. (original)
" 1 Letter No 381 of 6/12/84 to the Sx Engr
" 1 Petition of Government Contractors Chd.
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No 425

Chicacole Sub Division
30th December 1884

Rgt. 00 6/3
8-1-85
From

Mr. J. V. Lasky Sub Engr
Chicacole Sub Div
Sampan Division

To

Col P. Montgomerie
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle
Dowlaishwaram
thro' the Executive Engineer Sampan Div
L. L. 8/175.

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to submit my explanation to the charges preferred against me by Captain Langley in his letter to you No 208. S.E. dated 27th November 84.

But before entering into my explanation I deem it necessary to show you the arrangement that exists in the management of the works in this Sub Division; this Sub Division has 2 sections, the works between the 2 Rivers Nandigudia and Vamsadara are under my immediate charge, and those North of the Vamsadara are under an Overseer subject

subject to my supervision.

The Parachula Godda Escape wier in Construction is one in the Overseers section; the latter of the body wall of this work being built wrong, does not relieve me as the Sub Divisional Officer of my share of blame, but without attempting to take myself out of blame in this matter I will explain what is due to my neglect.

The execution of this work to the top of the foundation walls had received my careful attention and on my subsequent inspection of the work, when the walls had been raised up to the height of 4½ ft. I neglected to gauge the slope, seeing that it was carried up with a batter. It did not occur to me to examine if it was correct, and hence the absence of a batter board on the work did not come to my notice until I revisited it again with the Executive Engineer on the 10th November when the walls were up to their full height.

The mistry on this work is an old experienced brick layer and I could not have doubted for a moment that he would have gone wrong in the matter of building a wall with proper slope: the mistry afterwards pleaded that the figure on the plan, 2'-6" on the top of wall was written as 2'-0" and he consequently went wrong; the start of the slope from the bottom does not show that this was really the mistake, and again there is the Overseers instructions to prepare the cut-stones for the top of body wall 2½ ft remove this plea on his part. In stating these facts I do not mean to offer it as holding out any extenuating circumstances for my neglect of duty in not gauging the wall when I inspected it. I plead that I am to blame and regret the circumstance of such a mistake occurring on my work, & I can from the anxiety of mind I have suffered on account of it, assure you that another instance of similar neglect will not occur on my work and I trust to your generosity to be pardoned in this instance.

2 Regarding my action in the Collection of Materials for the Construction of the Sub Registrar's office at Narasanapet, and the School house at Raghoonathapur, without arranging with the Contractors as to the Rates they were to be paid for the materials – Such an arrangement with men who undertook to Construct the buildings

buildings you will observe, Sir, was unnecessary.
The Contractors were not of the superior class
of men who undertake to supply stone Chunam &c,
they are of the class of men now coming in
gradually into the Department answering the
requirements as to qualification, Capital
and respectability, and the men in these
instances are borne on the Division List
as Contractors - The man of the Narasanapet
Work is the Contractor of the Jadupally Police
Station House, who has bound himself
under an agreement with the Executive
Engineer and he has deposited a sum of
money as security for the due fulfilment
of his Contract - Similarly the other man
of the Rajhomundapur School is the Contractor
building the Kotabommally Police Station
House and the Jasumbula goda Escape
Weir - He has been before this doing several
other large works in this Sub Division -
The Polaky Weir was Constructed by him in
last Year - This man was at the head
of a Mercantile firm in Calingapatam -
some few years back dealing direct with
France and England and I leave it to you,

Sir,

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Sir, to judge if such men would have come
forward to supply stone Chunam &c; the arrange
-ments with these men, in the cases of the 2 Police
Station Houses alluded to above, were by order
of Executive Engineer Mr Norfor given as
Contract at the rates in the Revised Estimate,
and the Contract agreements in pursuance of
his instructions were submitted for his acceptance,
and he accepted and signed them; and when
the materials were in the course of collection,
provisional payments were made at Nominal
rates, and adjusted afterwards when the works
were executed - This was done to aid the Contractors
with funds and to screen the object further,
in shewing expenditure on these works, for
Mr Norfor was always anxious to see
expenditure on works the moment they were
put in hand.

The same course as in the case
of these Police Station Houses was being
pursued regarding the Sub Registrar's office
and the School House, not for a moment
anticipating that Captain Langley would
upset any arrangements in wishing to cass
them

them out under departmental agency.
I told Captain Langley that it was the practice
in this Sub Division to carry out all works by
Contract, and that my proceeding in this matter
was pursued according to this practice, with
the Non Com's approval here, and had Engagement
No excuse whatever to offer Captain Langley for
my action in this matter, no more than telling
him what I am, sir, now telling you -

3 On the subject of the Jaora Police
Station House not being inspected by me,
was a matter, that I told Captain Langley
at Chica old when he was drawing out
his list of marches returning to Berhampur.
He was warning about inspecting this work
from not having time he said to do so and
intended sing off from Rajmahal Papers -
I then told him I would after leaving
him there go up to see it, as I had not
inspected this work as yet; and not to have
trusted the Non Com's carrying out so
small and simple a building as a
3d Class Police Station House would
amount to reflect that he has not the
qualification of an Overseer -

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I could not certainly for a moment
entertain doubt of a man who holds a
Civil Engineering College Certificate
as an Overseer and with 5 or 6 years
experience including his present and
past service, as not to be capable of
so simple a task as to look after the Construction
of a small building - I had further this assurance
that he had laid out masonry works himself
and built them before this instance very
successfully - I allude to his having
built the Comptt Post office in the Berhampur
Taluq and the Palaky Weir and several
other works in this Sub Division - I gave
him my instructions and cautioned him
on all points that he had to observe
care in Concrete and rubble work: this
I am satisfied had been carefully carried
out and I must further add that the Contractor
of this work is a practically qualified man
so there was nothing to fear under these
arrangements of mine that the work would
not have gone on well -

I could not from my attention
being called now and again at the head

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of the Wadada and Doss Channels, to see that they were kept well supplied by clearing the "Dhonies" Cut in the River bed - These are two very important Channels bearing assessment Rs 40,000 something like on both - I could not consequently undertake a journey taking me about 40 odd miles from the head of these Channels when the water in the River this year was soon after a flood falling as low as summer level, and the "Dhonies" therefore had to be cleared constantly to keep these channels well supplied for the large acreage of land irrigated under them - I send not therefore visit Jaffna fully in September and October -

4. Regarding the alteration to the Wadada Channel at the village Liddipila Est Rupees 80/, I beg leave respectfully to observe that I paid Rs 60/ on this work and withheld Rs 10/ until the final Completion of the work - The Contractor from not removing the bassies, allowed the Channel to silt up to a depth of 1/2 a yard - This fact can be learnt by Captain Langley for the Lascar who went down the Channel to

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to measure it - can't know dup into sluck: this will explain the difference in the contents between my measurement and Captain Langley's; the payment was a "proviencial one to the Contractor. The man in this case is one of capital and respectability and he has large sums still due to him. He is the man that signed an agreement to build the Wadada Head Sluice and open the new cut Est: Rs 3620/ 2/3 of the work on the latter is almost done, so there is nothing to apprehend in giving this man a proviencial payment, and withholding Rs 10/ was to show that the work is not yet Completed, and it wont be practicable yet to complete it fully before January or February. What remains to be done is to finish the slopes and to throw in the spoil earth into the old channel - The moment the season permits it being done; Captain Langley must have noticed that all the earth taken out of the new cut is piled up at the 2 ends of the old channel with the object to it being thrown in easily the Contractor to my knowledge had made arrangements with the villagers of Liddipila

* This refers to the new cut. Estimate Rs 1080. L.L.

Liddipeta and have advanced them
money for the purpose and the Ryots are
themselves anxious to reclaim part of the
old Channel for Cultivation, and have
gladly accepted the work from the
Contractor, and as for the clearing of the
silt that has come into the Channel,
the Contractor is quite sensible that it is
due to his fault for leaving barriers which
caused it to silt up, and he is accordingly
prepared to do this part of the work also
at his own cost - Captain Langley blamed
me for doing work in the wet season
and measuring work under water.
I explained the Circumstances that
urged me to do so, and shewed him his
predecessors remarks that daily & monthly
progress on works must be shewn
and that the rainy season will not
be received as an excuse; otherwise
arrangements will be made to
replace me - Captain Langley in a
docket that day wrote to say that it
would be sufficient if I got the work finished
by the time he next visits this Sub Division

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ie. 2 months hence, and I do not therefore
understand his reason now for putting it
in so strong a manner against me -

5. Regarding the Burnell Channel
Ext No 320/ a work sanctioned by you on sections
shewing what was to be done - Captain Langley
you will observe from the sections is quite
mistaken in saying that the earth taken out
in widening this Channel was to be thrown
up on the top of the right bank, this was
not intended, it was only to use a part
of the earth in filling up the old Channel
and disposing off the surplus earth in some
way or another - If all the earth was
thrown up on the top, it would carry the
bank up to a point, while the arrangement
was to use as much as would make
a bank with top width 6 ft, at given
heights of, from 2½ to 4 ft - Some of the
surplus earth was consequently used in forming
slope on the Byrne Channel and the rest
was thrown away into the fields - This was
done with the Consent of the Cultivators,
for to use the earth in forming a bank

or

on the left would have resulted in taking up wet lands and the villagers were opposed to my doing this; the earth thrown in the fields was levelled down by the Ryots in July when ploughing up their fields, but then is quite 2/3 or more of the contents excavated, on the work, to shew that Captain Langley's measurements by arbitrarily dealing on small areas per Rft: to the contents, is quite a mistake.

The measurements in my measurement-book did not run on in the order of successive numbers from the head of Channel, but were in the order of completed tasks measured from and again between June and July, I was consequently unable suddenly on the 20th remember to pick them out easily for his check measurement and consequently gave him the Estimate and sections for his examination of the work; had he compared the former width and height of the bank with the present and the space from old bank on the left-he could have arrived at an easy conclusion as to the amount of work that was

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Navigation Channel

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done, but Captain Langley urged to observe was extremely hasty and unnecessarily harsh. He would take no explanation. It was enough in asking me over and over "damn it-where is the earth?" When I shewed him the parts of the old Channel filled in, which from the soil holding a large admixture of sand in clay & being well rammed and the work in its progress & since July being exposed to the alternate actions of wet and dry presenting quite a consolidated appearance misled him to judge correctly of this work. Captain Langley observes that there was not much fault to find with the upper part of the Channel but in the lower part scarcely any work was done: it will be quite evident to you, Sir, that if Captain Langley looked for 40 to 50 cft. of earth per Rft. where only 2 to 3 ft. per Rft. was taken out. He must have been no mistake sadly disappointed but what could I have done against an officer so irritable and absolute as Captain Langley who would not listen to explanation nor give me time to think over the matter for awhile and pick out the tasks

tasks, it would not have been easy either
to do so in the absence of Harrison, or Captain
Langley absenced, and these you will admit,
Sir, could not have been retained, when the Chf.
after the work in July had to be given up
for irrigation. Captain Langley's harsh questions
and severe remarks such as "damn it where
is the earth"; "I will have you turned out of
this Division"; "Don't be astonished if you
are turned out of the Department"; "the Supt.
Engineer is not much disposed to favor
you either. Such severity as this quite
disturbed the composure of my mind and
put it out of my power to bring to recollection
the order in which I measured the tasks
5 months back.

The attached measurement list shews
the order in which the tasks run in succession
and the order in which they were entered
in my book, and the inclosed sections
that accompanied the Estimate will shew
what was the nature of work proposed to be
done.

The slope formed on the side of Bryce
Channel was simply those some of the

to stand against the action of a current
in a 30 ft Channel running when full with
a velocity from 2 to 2½ ft per second.
It however served slightly to arrest the action
of the current working outside against the old
bank and thus prevented greater erosion
than what took place this year.

I will note a circumstance in my
favor on this work i.e. the Estimate provides
widening 5350 ft length but the length
I worked down to, is 6200 ft; in the face of
such a result - You will, Sir, observe
that Captain Langley has done me the
most serious injustice in holding me up
to such disgrace and humiliation by
reporting this matter in the strong words
he has used against me.

6 Clearing silt from Kowanky Channel
Est Rs 1257. Work executed in Rs 109-11-7. Slippage
on payment Rs 84-2-0 pending full Completion
of work i.e. the Channel at the end from terminating
into flat and swampy ground, silted up since
work was done in August to the length of
a couple Chains, and I asked the Contractor
to remove the silt so as to give the whole

was being done at the time Captain Langley inspected it.

The Estimate was for clearing 1½ ft depth of slimy silt; this was done in August, and the Channel was rendered at once effective for irrigation which it could not have served before without the Ryots having recourse to a temporary dam across the Byrne Channel, and this is proof that silt was cleared this year, and in addition to the silt removed the slopes were trimmed, the latter work was not a provision in the Estimate and the Contractor got nothing for it. Captain Langley made no allowance for wet silt when dry not producing its equivalent bulk nor did he take into consideration that from exposure to 2 months rain some portions must have dissolved; he on his plan of measuring the spoil on the bank determined that the work was short by Rs 3-9-0 and ordered that I should refund this sum, but I adjusted it in the accounts from the amount due to the Contractor. He protested

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against it saying that in the face of his having done more work it was injustice to say that he has done work short of payment made to him and to cut down his bill in this arbitrary manner, but Captain Langley has since hearing from me on the subject of the adjustment has written to impress on me that the refund he ordered is to come out of my pocket & not from the Contractors.

Y. Palavala a Butla Cut No 857, and Rs 70-2-6 was paid for work, stopping Rs 5-3-0. This Channel was cleared of silt together with the Romunky Channel in August. It takes off from the Byrne Channel opposite to Romunky. The usual dam put across the Byrne served both Channels and this year as I have mentioned in the case of the Romunky Butla the temporary dam was not put up, from this fact, that these Channels were cleared of silt to the depth of 1½ ft. Captain Langley in his report shews that work according to his measurement i.e. taking the spoil on the bank was

short

short of Rs 20-15-1.

Captain Langley on the date he measured the Rosunahy and the Channel sent for me to his tent in the course of the day, and in giving back my measurement book told me, that he had to recover Rs 3-9-0 on the Rosunahy Channel but on the Channel he would make no recovery as he was inclined to accept my measurements as it was pretty fair. On returning to my tent I worked up his figures and went back and asked him to alter his figures telling him that if they are to be kept as they are, they show a difference of Rs 15-13-0. He said "I do not know; it may be so." I was impressed first that it was from a connection in his mind, that his figures were not quite the thing, that he had told me what he had first said; for with the book in his hands and with his figures in it i.e. 4×1½, 4×1 and 3×1 against my figure 4½×1½ he could not have come to such a conclusion from anything else but from connection, that his figures were not correct when he told me that he would make no recovery on it, and considered that my measurement was fair enough. Captain Langley took my measurement book away with him to Berhampur and returned it from there, and now to my surprise I find he shows that there is a difference of Rs 21-0-0.

Captain Langley in his measurement of spoil earth on the bank makes no allowance for silt taken up in water, and exposed to 2 months rains especially of September rain, when we had 11 inches of fall, that much of its bulk must have decayed and in any case wet silt will not produce its equivalent in bulk when dry; most part of the spoil earth measured by Captain Langley was the scrapings of the sides of the Channel in forming its slopes, an item not provided in the Estimate, and this was really an additional work for which the Contractor got nothing.

I told Captain Langley this on the work and I further suggested to him that since he

he is ignorant as to what the state of
the Channel was before. He should take any
Estimate for it, or ask the Ryots Concerned
if the Channel was cleared of silt all
through its length, to the depth of 1½ ft,
or not.

This Channel as in the case of the Ronnuky
Eadoor a bit of flat and swampy ground
and the silt that Came into it since August
was being removed at the very time
Captain Langley was on the work.
The Rs 5-3-6 kept back from the Contractor
was with the object that the slopes at
the end, to a length of 2 chains would be
done after the irrigation season. There
was nothing wrong in my proceeding
in this matter, but Captain Langley,
I am sorry to observe has put the thing
in a very strong way to injure me.

In a letter to Captain Langley Copy of which
I put to this, will shew you that Captain
Langley did tell me that there was no recovery
to be made on this Channel, and Captain
Langley in reply to this letter did not dispute

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my Statement to this effect, so I cannot
to you, sir, to judge from this, if Captain
Langley is justified in representing me to you
as he has done, and if his representation in
the cases of the other works are not equally
unjustifiable.

8 Jola Butta Est Rs 90/ Paid Contractor
Rs 70-0-0 and withheld Rs 5-11-3.

This Channel similarly as the Ronnuky
and Valavala was cleared of silt in
August and the slopes were as in the case
of the other Channels trimmed in October
this item was not a provision in the Estimate,
this Channel runs through wet-fields and
the liquid silt removed was mostly thrown
into the fields, the banks are small and if
the wet silt was piled on these the silt
would have dissolved and Come into the
Channel. See the Section in the margin.
It was mostly the spoil earth in cutting the
slopes that Captain Langley could have
seen on these banks and he based his
Conclusion from it, and thus wrongly judged
this work to be short. This Channel was actually
cleared to an additional length of 200 ft and



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in them and in the case of the other 2 channels also the sloping of the sides entailed extra work so that in reality there was 20 per cent more work done; and this fact will be known out by the Ryots of the Channels concerned, and it is therefore a matter seriously to be lamented by one to find Captain Langley representing things so differently to you.

Captain Langley caused a recovery of Rs 7-13-3 to be made, intending that I should pay it, but as there was a stoppage due to the Contractor, I disputed it in the accounts and recovered the difference from him; the Dean protested against it, saying that it was the extreme end of injustice to get him to do more work and then cut his bill down in this manner, by merely saying that the work is found to be short of the amount paid, by inspecting the work.

I do as the Sub Division officer certify that the work was done to the extent of 20 per cent more than the Estimate allowed and I leave it to you, Sir, to judge if Captain Langley who is ignorant as to what the state

Langley's measurements were not taken from

state of the Channel was before and in the absence of basson is capable to decide from the pork cattle on the bank, how, as to what was the quantity of work really done

9 Chendrapunani Channel Est Rs 110/
Amount paid to Contractor Rs 76-0-0.

There was nothing of a channel at first, beyond the last 620 ft joining the Chendrapunani Tank, and this was in size as shown in Sections Nos 1, 2, 3/4 and 5. The work in deepening was done as shown by yellow color on the section, and the rest of the Channel to 1950 ft was entirely a new cut. The Estimate provided for opening 2600 ft, viz 1040 ft from Division sluice to a pond, which is 330 ft in length, and from the other end of this pond to a length of 810'. and the first 1040' the Channel was as stated before a new cut and which was cut according to Sections Nos 6 & 7

The aggregate 2600 is, in going from the Division sluice, i.e. 1040' + 810' + 620' + 130 in tank. The length of Channel that was opened is 2190 ft and work as 410' remained still

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to be done, when I made a provisional payment to the Contractor, taking the dimensions given in the Estimate for 2000 ft of Channel - Captain Langley's length is 1694 ft, he left out the bits in the swamp at both ends of the pond, because they were silted up completely; the pond is across a line of drainage washing over fields, and to your superior experience it will not be a matter of doubt that by September heavy rains, thunder in that month washing down from land recently ploughed, must have resulted in filling up a channel in the hollow of the valley and silting the portions joining it on both sides; and as the channel was bunded up at the tank end, to prevent the tank water running out into the channel it becomes quite a silt trap, in floods and it will be easy for you, &c, from this fact to accept that the Channel must have silted to some extent.

Captain Langley in his measurements makes no allowance for the silt that is now present in the Channel - Captain

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Langley's measurements were not taken from the width and depth of cutting but he decided this by looking at the recently removed spoil earth on the bank. The channel at the tank end was first cut to a narrow section to send down water to the tank to supply the lands under it: this was only a provision of this year, the diverting sluice built this year was designed to give this tank also a supply from the Punnachittapuram Nirai Channel. The 620 ft old channel at the tank end served very partly as an out let. The Catchment Basin is up a square field and there was no regular provision for discharging surplus: this bit of channel was a little above the level of the fields. Captain Langley thinks this could not be, it will not be so, only where a channel is irrigating the land but in a portion where the water stood still year after year the silt brought down must deposit and raise the bed above the level of the fields.

The earth thrown up at the first cutting in August from getting wet and dry has become quite consolidated and the spoil earth taken out in the work of

was done in October presented to Captain Langley's judgment as being all that was done, and he accordingly decided on such dimensions as 4 x 1½ x 3/4 in the case of Cuttings as per sections Nos 1, 2, & 3. Captain Langley had noticed in the portion where the Channel was not cut that there was nothing as to the remains of anything to say of an old Channel. By statement of what existed before and what has been the amount of work done in this Channel can be borne out by the villagers and the parties most concerned in this Channel. The Contractor has ceased Captain Langley's examination finished the work on the remaining length; but the silt that came into the Channel has yet to be cleared and this cannot be done in the swamps especially until the Channel dries. According to the measurements that are since taken the Contractor has to be paid a balance yet and there is really no recovery to be made from him. Captain Langley from a determined will to do me harm, has

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Langley.

Over pay Roads & Contractors

I must with respect to his single position observe represented the areas of cuttings as being 6,574 sft against sections that were cut to areas 16 & 14 sft. The Contractor has since been doing some work in completing the sections according to the width and depth given in the Estimate. This with the cutting of side slopes will increase the figures of the areas of sections given above. A provisional payment on a single measurement to a Contractor who is well in the hands of a Sub Divisional officer is not to be looked upon as derogatory since it in no way exposes any little over payment to risk at the loss of Government. The Sub Division officer is responsible for any loss occurring, but Captain Langley unhappily puts the thing from a mistaken view as if the work was completed and an overcharge had been made.

Why sir, from a clerical error was made an over payment to the Jadupatty Contractor to the amount of Rs 249 and on it being corrected in the Division office, the recovery was adjusted and in last month. So then would

would be nothing out of the way if I did even over pay the Contractor since it was easy of recovery. My object in paying up Contractors fast was to help them getting on with other works in their hands and to show satisfactory expenditure in my accounts

10 Regarding the Madapam Channel, I beg respectfully to observe that Captain Langley has fallen into serious error in deciding on his measurement and in saying that this work is short by 50 per Cent.

The original Channel was a small shallow drill 3 ft in a cattle track 20 ft wide between fields. The ink shaded line through the Section shews the Cattle track and the yellow shews work done before Septr and the pink represents the spoil of this excavation; the earth it will be seen was used in filling in the track so as to leave it still as a cattle pass; the subsequent work in forming the side slopes represented in green was thrown up in October which Captain Langley has mistaken for the whole spoil removed in the excavation of this Channel; there is still

still some more work to be done by the Contractor in widening and deepening the Channel to the dimensions given in the Estimate and the spoil now lying single on the "Bunds" has to be levelled.

The first spoil earth that was thrown on the track from being constantly wet and trodden by cattle is quite consolidated. I told Captain Langley that what he was measuring is the spoil of some subsequently removed earth to what was done previous to September & the earth taken up then was used in filling in the cattle track on the sides and that the depth to which the Channel was cut can be ascertained from the villagers if he had any doubts.

Captain Langley from simply guessing the areas to be 6, 5, 4 & 3 Qrs ft per Rft of Channel against actual results 12, 10½, 8¾ & 6½ Qft-ft & cutting, has at naturally arrived in this arbitrary method of deciding on works that they shew such extraordinary discrepancies as 20 to 50 per cent short of the payments made to the Contractors; the excavation of this

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Channel is a channel in the Section
that accompany this letter and should
Channel is on the side covered with the
spoil earth so you can, &c, decide if
Captain Langley is not quite wrong in so precautious
matter as he is doing in this case
and as much in the other cases also.
The small Channel at the end of
the large one mentioned in his note
which is 240 ft long I said was an
additional work not paid for.
Captain Langley's measurement of
the last Channel was 2454 ft while
my measurement in the book is 2560 ft
and the actual length is 2670 and the
240 length of the small channel is
an additional piece of work so that there
is nothing to complain of the length
as given in my book being short.
I must mention a circumstance
that Captain Langley when sanctioning
this Estimate in particular asked that I
should send him this Channel on his
visit to my Sub Division - You can,
&c, conceive from this, that was it likely
that anything would have gone wrong on this
work

Widening and repairing [illegible]
Channel

work in particular - It is simply that
Captain Langley has not formed a
correct idea of the works from some
cause or another -
I feel quite alarmed at Captain
Langleys proceedings against me, in representing
matters in this manner, while the reverse are
actually on his side. He represents my
conduct where 20 per cent more work in
every case is the actual result, and holds
me up to blame by shewing extraordinary
discrepancies and remarks that it cannot
be due to carelessness. This remark, &c,
from a Gentleman, to one of my age, service
and position is to say the least, to most
unchristable - I have an apprehension
that my late Contest in having appealed
to Government against an officers decision
is being attended with these evil consequences
and that on the event of your removing me
from this Sub division - I would respectfully
ask you to allow me to remain here pending
my application and to the settlement by
Government permitting me to retire from
the Service. My stay longer in the service
will I seriously fear, end to my total ruin

Captain

Captain Layleys strong observation
in his letter is the first of its kind cast
on my character in my service of 30 years.
I appeal therefore to your humanity and
impartial justice to give the matter your
serious consideration and protect me
against Captain Layleys endeavors to injure
me.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. Caldbeck Asst Engr
Chicacole Fld Division
Ganjam District

Peter Wade
Serjt

Overpayments by
Mr Lastly.

Widening and repairing Buraville Channel, a branch of Bauri Channel.

Comparative Statement showing amount of work done according to Mr Lastley's measurements, and amount done according to the Executive Engineer's measurements.

Measurements by the Executive Engineer						Measurements by Mr Lastley.					
No.	Measurements. L.	B.	D.	Contents.	Total	No.	Measurements L.	B.	D.	Contents.	Total
1	145	13½	4½	8808·75		1	145	13½	4½	8808·75	
2	70	15	3¾	3937·50		2	70	15	3¾	3937·50	
3	35	15	5	2625		3	35	15	5	2625	
4	140	15	2¼	4725		4	140	15	2¼	4725	
5	116⅔	15	5¼	9187·50		5	116⅔	15	5¼	9187·50	
6	40	10	3	1200		6	40	10	3	1200	
7	220	6	1½	1980	32463·75	7	220	6	1½	1980	
8	80	5	1	400		8	200	10	1¾	3500 ×	
	50	5	½	125							
	50	7	1	350							
	20	6	1	120							
				995	995 ×						
9	180	6	1¼	1350	×	9	230	6	1¼	1725 ×	
10	160	6	1½	1440	×	10	190	6	1½	1710 ×	
11	110	12½	2½	3437·50		11	110	12½	2½	3437·50	
12	220	3	1¼	825		12	220	3	1¼	825	
13	200	2	1¼	500		13	200	2	1¼	500	
14	220	10	1½	3300	10852·50	14	220	10	1½	3300	
15	110	3	2	660		15	165	3	2	990 ×	
	55	4	1	220							
				880	880 ×						
16	290	3	1	870		16	290	3	1	870	
17	140	5	1	700 ×		17	140	12	2½	4200 ×	
18	313⅓	6	1½	2820	4390	18	313⅓	6	1½	2820	
19	22	5	1	110		19	230	12	2¼	6210	
	60	4	1	240			420	1½	½	315	
	25	6	1½	225			180	3	½	270	
Carried over.				575	495·81·25	Carried over					63136·25

Brought over.				575	49581.25	Brought over.				63136.25									
19	92	5	1	460			660	2	1½	1980									
	130	5	1	650															
				1685	1685	Total				65116.25									
					51266.25														

At this point, finding that my measurements were not coinciding at all with Mr. Laskey's, and Mr. Laskey being unable to explain the difference, I went to the end of the work, having left a man to mark the place where I left off. I then measured up the channel, but as my measurements did not coincide with Mr. Laskey's I gave up trying to reconcile them and measured what work I could find. From the above point to the end is a copy of my note book, except that the order of the measurements taken is reversed so as to show them in proper order. As there is henceforth no kind of agreement between my measurements and Mr. Laskey's the lasts are not numbered.

51266.25

100	7	1	700			340	13	2	8840										
120	6	1	720			320	10	1½	4800										
30	7	½	105			Total				13,640									
140	6	1	840																
40	4½	1	180			233⅓	15	4	14000										
130	13	3	5070			35	15	4	2100										
	Total		7615	7615.00		40	10	3½	1400										
	Grand Total			58881.25		145	15	4¾	10331.25										
20	6	2	240			165	12	2½	4950										
40	½	1	60						32781.25 or	32781									
20	3	⅔	40																
30	2	1	60			600	9	⅔	3600										
Blanke.										3600									
15	6	1⅔	150																
15	1	1	15																
17	3	1	51																
100	1	1	100																
160	3	1	480																
Carried over.				1196															

Brought over.				1196															
Blanke																			
36	2	1	72																
Blanke																			
130	½	1	325																
90	1	1	90																
Blanke																			
110	3	1	330																
70	2	1	140																
50	2	1	100																
40	2½	1	100																
60	5	1	300																
40	4	1	160																
Total			2813																

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L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Abstract

Quantity	Description of work	Rate	Per.	amount	Total	Quantity	Description of work.	Rate	Per	amount	Total
58881	cft. of Earth work.	2.6.0	1000 cft.	139.13.5		65116	cft. of Earth work.	2.6.0	1000 cft.	154.10.4	
2813	do	do. 2.0.0	do.	5.10.0		13640	do	do. 2.0.0	do.	27.4.6	
						32781	do	do 2.6.0	do	77.13.4	
	Total Rs.				145.7.5	3600	do	do 2.0.0	do	7.3.2	
							Total Rs.				266.15.4
	Deduct total according to Measurements of the Executive Engineer										145.7.5
							Difference.			Rs	121.7.11

Camp. Ronanki
20th. November 1874.

L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Engineers papers amount Rs = 3530.

Work. Comparative Statement showing difference between measurements taken by the Executive Engineer and Sub. Engineer Mr. Laskey in clearing Palavalasa Patti, a branch of Bairi Channel. Estimate Rs. 85-

Measurements by the Executive Engineer

No.	Measurements L.	B.	D.	Contents	Total
1	534	4½	1¼	3003·75	3003·75
2	600	4	1	2400	
	216	4	1	864	
	384	4½	1½	2592·	5856
3	636	4½	1½	4293	
	420	4½	1¼	2362·50	
	144	4	1	576	7231·50
4	396	4½	1	1782	
	804	3	1	2412	4194
5	240	3½	1	840	
	264	4½	1½	1782	2622
				Total cft:	22907·25

Measurements by the Sub. Engineer.

No.	Measurements L.	B.	D.	Contents.	Total.
1	600	4½	1½	4050	
2	1200	4½	1½	8100	
3	1200	4½	1½	8100	
4	1200	4½	1½	8100	
5	500	4½	1½	3375	
				Total cft:	31725
				Deduct.	22907·25
				Difference.	8817·75 cft.

Which @ Rs. 2-6- per 1000 cft = Rs. 20-15-1.

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L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Camp: Ramanki
21st November/04

L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Engineer's approximate estimate Rs = 3530.

Work. Comparative Statement showing difference of measurements taken by the Executive Engineer and by the Sub. Engineer.

Clearing silt in channel irrigating lands under Chandrakunadi Tank. Estimate Rs. 110.

Measurements by the Executive Engineer					Measurements by the Sub. Engineer				
Measurements.			Contents	Total	Measurements			Contents.	Total
L.	B.	D			L.	B.	D.		
288	7	1½	3024		600	8	2	9600	
240	7	1	1680		600	8	2	9600	
	No work.				600	8	2	9600	
192	(1½)		288		200	8	2	3200	
108	6	¾	486		2000	Total cubic feet			32,000
168	6	¾	756			Deduct			11116
108	5	¾	405						
24	6	1	144			Difference			20884 cft.
120	8	½	1440		Which at Rs. 2-6-- per 1000 cft- gives Rs. 49-9-7 to be refunded by Mr. Laskey.				
128	8	1	1024						
72	7	1	504						
204	7	¾	1071						
42	7	1	294						
1694	Total cft.			11116					

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Executive Engineer

The difference of length between my measurements and Mr. Laskey's is due to the fact that there was no work in two places where the Channel crossed swamps, and in the place where I have written "NB work". At this place the channel is too narrow for a section of 8'×2' ever having been possible. The only work to be found here was a little scraping off side.

side slopes barely one cubic foot per foot run. Below the first swamps also the Channel is too narrow to admit of a width of 8'. The ground here is high, and there could be no question of floods having washed away silt. Again for some distance below the swamps the Channel bed is even now so high that to get a depth of 2' it must have been originally higher than the level of the fields on either side, which is absurd.

Camp:- Ronanki
22nd. November 1904

L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Work. Comparative statement showing differences between measurements taken by the Executive Engineer and by the Sub. Engineer.

Repairs to Madapam Channel.

Measurements by the Executive Engineer					Measurements by the Sub. Engineer.				
Measurements.			Contents	Total	Measurements.			Contents.	Total.
L.	B.	D.			L.	B.	D.		
264	7	1¼	2310		600	7	1 3/4	7350	
60	(4)	"	240		600	7	1 3/4	7350	
72	(4)	"	288		450	7	1½	4725	
120	(5)	"	600		450	7	1¼	3937.50	
84	(4)	"	336		300	7	1¼	2625	
132	(5)	"	660.		* 160	6½	1	1040	
36	(3)	"	108						
60	(7)	"	420				Total Cubic feet.		27027.50
84	(5)	"	420				Deduct.		11406.00
108	(5)	"	540						
24	(6)	"	144				Difference.		15621.50
54	(5)	"	270						
168	(4)	"	672						
24	(3)	"	72						
108	(4)	"	432						
108	(3)	"	324						
360	(4)	"	1440						
12	(3)	"	36.						
144	(4½)	"	648						
84	(3)	"	252						
24	(1½)	"	36						
78	(3)	"	234						
36	(2)	"	72						
42	(3)	"	126						
48	(2)	"	96						
60	4½	"	270						
60	2	"	120						
240	1	"	240.						
			Total cft.	11406.					

Which at Rs. 2-6-- per 1000 cft. gives Rs. 37-1-7 to be recovered from Mr. Laskey.

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L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer.

* At the end of the Madapam channel it divides into 2 small channels. Mr. Laskey explained that if the work done on each of these 2 channels were measured, and the totals added together the result would be equal to 160 × 1½ × 1. This is what Mr. Laskey calls measuring earth work, and these are the figures he has the impertinence to submit to his superior for check. I measured the work done on the 2 small channels. On one there was no work at all, on the other 240 × 1. Mr. Laskey has paid for this work. He commenced it in anticipation of sanction.

Camp:- Narasanapatti
22nd November 1904

L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Rajamahapuram Estimate Rs. 3530.

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Ganjam Division Office, Berhampore,

No. 2085 S.

Camp Kasibunga

the 27th November 1884

27-8th January 1885

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

Enclosures. 4

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have just completed an inspection of the works in the Chicacole Sub Division under Sub Engineer Mr. Laskey. With the Exception of 4 small works I have inspected all his Masonry works and checked them by plan, and I have check-measured all his Earth-works Except one small work which can not be check-measured for some time to come, as the pits are in the bed of a bank.

2. To take Masonry works first

1. Constructing an Escape weir 125' long in the left bank of Garibula Gedda. Estimate Rs. 2075. The batter of the body wall, which has been built since Mr. Norford's last inspection, is wrong, the result being that top width of Crest will be 2-2" instead of 2-6". Neither Mr. Laskey nor his Overseer Mr. Donohoe had discovered this error. There was no batter board on the work.

2. Constructing a Sub-Registrar's Office at Narasapeta Estimate Rs. 1650.

3. Constructing a School house at Tekkali Rajamahendrapuram Estimate Rs. 3530.

In the case of each of these works I found that Mr. Laskey had Collected materials by Contract without making any agreement with the Contractor as to rates, and had further promised the Contracts for Construction of the buildings to the Contractors. As I propose carrying out all Masonry Works departmentally in future, if possible, I have repudiated Mr. Laskey's promises. Mr. Laskey's Excuse is that Mr. Norton Constructed all buildings by Contract, and that he supposed I should do the same. I do not consider this a Sufficient Excuse.

4. Constructing a 3rd Class Police Station house at Jadanpatti. Estimate Rs 835. This work was begun in September last. It is in a very out of the way place and is approached by a march of 17 miles over a bad road, which I presume is the reason that Mr. Laskey had never seen the work until yesterday. I do not think this creditable to Mr. Laskey as he must be aware that Overseer Mr. Donohoe is not capable of Carrying out Masonry works properly without frequent Supervision. The walls were up to a height of 8'. With regard to this work and the other Masonry works no further remark is necessary.

3. Secondly Earth-works

1. Removing head of Wadada Channel near Sidipett. Estimate Rs 80.

The Wadada Channel irrigates about 10,000 acres, and the Estimate provides for Cutting off a Sharp Curve in the Channel by digging a Straight Cut, the earth dug to be thrown into the Curved portion of the Channel. The work is incomplete. Mr. Laskey has measured up and paid for work which has not been done. His measurements and mine are as follows.

By the Executive Engineer		By the Sub Engineer	
			C. feet
104 × 24 × 3½ =	8736	240 × 24½ × 5 =	29,400
72 × 25 × 4 =	7200	Which at Rs 2-6-0 per 1000 C.ft gives Rs	69-13-2
24 × 26 × 3 =	1872		
	17,808 C.ft		

Say 18,000 C.ft which at Rs 2-6-0 per 1000 C.feet gives Rs 42-12-0

Difference Rs 27-1-2

Mr. Laskey has kept back Rs 10 on this work. The amount which I have to recommend to be recovered from him is therefore Rs 17-1-2. This is the amount to be recovered from Mr. Laskey at present. It seems probable however that a further recovery will be necessary. This work was Carried out in the Irrigation Season. Mr. Laskey's reason for such a proceeding being that Mr. Norton had written him Stringent orders to show a Steady Expenditure on Irrigation works. This is true, but I pointed out to Mr. Laskey that I still considered him to blame for attempting this work during the Irrigation Season since the Earth dug from the New Cut could not possibly be thrown into the old Channel. It has been heaped on some waste ground near the New Cut and must all be re-dug and thrown into the old Channel. The amount available for this and for Completing the New Cut to proper Section is Rs 17-2-10, which is not Sufficient. A revised Estimate will therefore be necessary, and it has to be decided whether the Extra Expense to which Government will be put should be borne by Mr. Laskey or not.

2. Widening and repairing Buravitti Channel, a branch of Baini Channel, Estimate Rs 320. This work was to be carried out according to sections prepared by Mr. Laskey's predecessor. It consisted in cutting a section off the left bank and depositing the earth on the inside and top of the right bank. The sections were a guide to a certain extent, but as barriers had been removed the work could not be accurately check-measured. From the comparative statement herewith it appears that there was not much fault to find with the upper part of the Channel. In the lower part scarcely any work had been done. Portions of barriers were still left tho' the Channel has been open for months, and some of the earth was not dressed. On this work I have to recommend a recovery from Mr. Laskey of Rs 121-7-11

3. Clearing Meeka Batti of Baini and Rouanki villages, a branch of Baini Main Channel. Estimate Rs 125. This and the following Estimates (five in all) were submitted by Mr. Laskey with a letter representing that the works were urgently necessary. I accordingly sanctioned them. The difference between Mr. Laskey's measurements and mine on this work amounts to only 1587 C.ft. I have not therefore considered a Comparative Statement necessary. 1500 C.ft Earth-work at Rs 2-6-0 per 1000 C.ft gives Rs 3-9-0, which amount I have ordered Mr. Laskey to refund. The work was unsatisfactory. Portions

Portions of barriers requiring removal and Earth requiring dressing in some places. Rs 4-2-0 had been with-held from the Contractor.

4. Clearing Palavalasa Batti, a branch of Baini Main Channel Estimate Rs 85. A comparative Statement is enclosed. The work was most unsatisfactory. The Earth in most places was not dressed, and the amount with-held from the Contractor Rs 5-3-1, was insufficient. The value of the earth-work done, according to Mr. Laskey's measurements, is Rs 75-5-7 and of this I have to recommend that Rs 20-15-1, or over 25 per cent, be recovered from him. Towards the end of the Channel large lumps of silt had been thrown on the bank. This was done according to Mr. Laskey's own statement two days before my check-measurement, i.e. some weeks subsequent to Mr. Laskey's measurement. The earth was still wet. If this had not been done Mr. Laskey could not have shown ~~such one cubic foot~~ per sq. ft., against 1½ × 1½ = 6¾ C.ft. per sq. ft., which amount he pretends to have measured up, and which amount he has paid for.

5. Clearing Jola Batti of Baini, a branch of Baini Main Channel Estimate Rs 90. The work was very unsatisfactory. Probably not more than ¾ths of the work shown in Mr. Laskey's measurements has been actually done, but I have given Mr. Laskey the benefit of the doubt & have passed the work in most places.

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The Difference between my measurements and Mr. Laskey's was 3298 C.ft, which at Rs 2-6-0 per 1000 C.ft gives Rs 7-13-3. I have ordered him to refund this Amount A Comparative Statement can be forwarded if required.

6. Clearing silt in the channel, irrigating lands under the Chendrapuvani Tank Estimate Rs 110. This is the most disgraceful piece of Earth-work I have ever seen. Mr. Laskey says that the silt dug was deposited in the fields and has been washed away by floods. There are no traces of such floods. He also says that when he measured the work the banks were under water so that he could not measure either the breadth or depth properly. The Amount paid by Mr. Laskey, as per his measurements is Rs 76-0-0, and the Amount which I have to recommend that Mr. Laskey be ordered to refund is Rs 49-9-7 or over 60 per cent. The Comparative Statement herewith gives full details.

7. Repairs of Madapam Channel Estimate Rs 100. This work is very nearly as bad as the last. The Comparative Statement gives details. After going about 100 yards down the Channel I found Mr. Laskey's Measurement book useless. The figures in brackets in the Comparative Statement represent the approximate ~~excess~~ areas of the Earth on the banks. The Amount paid by Mr. Laskey, as per his measurements, is Rs 64-3-0 and the Amount to be refunded is Rs 37-1-7, over 50 per cent. In this case Mr. Laskey had no excuse to offer. The other Earthworks I check-measured require no report. The total Amount to be recovered from Mr. Laskey is Rs 246-3-4. With regard to the above-mentioned Earth-works I have to state that as barrier has been removed accurate check measurement was impossible. I gave Mr. Laskey what I thought a fair allowance for the Earth heaped irregularly on the banks, and whenever there was room for doubt as to the Amount of Earth dug corresponding with Mr. Laskey's measurements, I gave him the benefit of the doubt. You will observe from the Enclosed Extracts from Mr. Laskey's measurement book that there is nothing whatever to show where a task begins or ends. This adds to the difficulties of check-measuring his Earth-work. It remains for Government to decide whether such Extraordinary discrepancies as I have shown to exist between Mr. Laskey's measurements and mine can be the result of carelessness. In my opinion they cannot. I have forbidden Mr. Laskey to proceed with any of his Earth-works for the present and I have to recommend that he may be removed from this Division as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

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From

The Executive Engineer

To Ganjam Division

The Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

Date 27th November 1884
Despd 8th January 1885
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Enclosures 4

No. 208 S.Q.

Inspection of Chicacole Sub Division — forwards report — with 4 Comparative Statements for discrepancies between his C. measurements and those of Sub Engr Mr J. W. Lackey —

No. 248E

Camp

8 January 1885

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

Enclosures. 3.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the report I made on 27 November 1884 on works in the Chicacole Sub division together with a preliminary letter and a detailed Explanation from the Sub division Officer. As the preliminary letter and the detailed Explanation reached me on the same date they are forwarded together. With regard to Mr Lackey's Statement that I was hasty in my check-measurement of Baravilli Channel work I have to state that I expended more than three hours on the work which is only about a mile in length. He further states that he was unable suddenly on the 20th November to pick out the lacks on this channel for my check-measurement. On account of his knowledge of the country Mr Lackey was allowed to fix the dates on which the channels were to be check-measured a day or two before hand.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

L. Langley Captain RE
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

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From
The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

To
The Supg Engineer
pt Circle

Dated 8th
Despatched 8th } January/85
Received —

No 214 SE

Encls 3.

Subject

Inspection of Chicacole Sub Division — forwards copy of his report No 2083 E 27-11-84 together with a preliminary letter and detailed explanation from Sub Engineer Mr J. W. Lackay —

No 424

Chicacole Sub Dl office
30th December 1884

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Mr J W. Lackay Sub Engr
Chicacole Sub Dn

To
Col P. Montgomerie
Superintending Engineer
pt Circle
Dowlaiswaram

Encls 2 viz
True copy of docket
No 8278 dy 21/12/84
Printed copy of
testimonial
sent to the Supg Engr

Thro the Executive Engineer Ganjam Dn
Copy submitted to the Supg Engr
LL 8/1.

Sir,

In forwarding copy of a docket-
I received from Captain Langley, I beg leave
most respectfully to observe that it is
the first of its nature that I have received
in my 30 years service. I have given no
cause for it. The chart in question was
submitted on the 23d instant, and as for the
delay alluded to by the Executive Engineer
in the submission of this chart, I beg to state
that in obedience to Mr Forbes' order for
a survey of the River only for a mile above
and half a mile below the Doony Channel
Head was submitted in August and
Captain Langley writing to me on the 26th
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September for a chart saying that the one I submitted was not correct, entailed some correspondence with him as to what was really required and I pointed out to him that as the River was not fordable so as to enable one crossing it to show the shoal on the opposite side and to take levels across the River. I asked him to permit me to do this in November, but on receiving his reply to it dated 21st October to attend to the Survey at once I proceeded to the place when I left his docket to meet him at Pala Tekali on the 7th November, and I was accordingly up to the end of the month with him. I left him at Jadupalli on the 27th and in obedience to his instructions to attend to the settlement with the Rajahmahendravaram School Master and Narasapur Sub Registrar's office Contractors regarding the materials collected by them.

I was detained at these places until the 1st December, after this I proceeded to the Head of these Channels to finish up the Survey for the Chart and submitted it on the date stated. Captain Langley is extremely severe and it grieves me an old man of 52 years with 30 years service to be treated so harshly. I have accordingly to bring this treatment of Captain Langley's to your notice and to throw myself on your protection against being treated in this harsh manner in the service.

I have rendered Government efficient service in the course of my long service and it is painful to be treated now in my old age in this manner by a young officer.

I beg to enclose copies of documents that will show you that I won the good opinions of my former superiors with the exception in the instance in 1881 of Captain Henderson reporting unfavorably of me & on which I was degraded and sent to the Godavery District but I subsequently cleared myself of those charges by appealing to Government against my degradation and I have since been reinstated to my former grade, but I have respectfully to observe that since that unfortunate affair between me and Captain Henderson

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I find that I am not faring well in the department.

I take this occasion to mention that I have this day sent my explanation to Captain Langley's charges preferred against me-

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. Whiteley Lieut. R.E.
Chicacole Sub Div.

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GANJAM DIVISION OFFICE, BERHAMPORE,

No. 21538.

~~Camp~~

8th January 1885.

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

Enclosures. 1.

Sir,

× By packet post.

I have the honour to forward × herewith a Survey of the Nangulia River received from Sub-Engineer Mr. Lashey, together with a letter from Mr. Lashey in which he complains that I treated him harshly in informing him that he must consider himself suspended from 10th instant. if the Survey had not reached my office by that date I am unable at present to give details of the Correspondence on the subject as the draughtsman who has charge of the correspondence is ill, but I may state that I had great difficulty in getting Mr. Lashey to submit this Survey. He was finally ordered on 27th November last to proceed as soon as possible to Dusi Channel head and make the Survey. I therefore expected it before 21st December. up to that date I had not received Mr. Lashey's progress report for 1st - 10th December, and did not know therefore whether he was preparing the Survey or not. As there had already been great delay in the submission of the Survey

Received 15-1-85
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I thought it necessary to take strong measures.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed[ient] Servant
L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
Q[ueen]s[land] Division

From

The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
First Circle

Dated 8th
Recd 8th } January 1885

Enclosures 1
No. 215 S.

Plan charts of the heads of Wadada and Dhuichamma Forwarded - with a letter from Mr. Lashley complaining against suspension &c. if not received within 10th January 1885

Put up the enclosures to Mr. Lashley's letter 42a dy 31st Dec. 1884.

Orly -
Ex. Engrs docket No. 827 S dy 21/12/84
Copies of Mr. Lashley's printed letter and Plan sent to S. Engr vide No 513 dy 14-1-85

Also the River Charts -

Mr. Lashley. Reports & Sections

No. 827 S.

Camp Balleypadra
21st December 1884
23 despatcher.

To

The Sub Divisional Officer
Chicacole

The Survey of part of the Languliya river which was repeatedly called for by the Superintending Engineer, and which the Sub Divisional officer was ordered to Execute in the beginning of this month has not yet been received, If this Survey is not received in the Divisional office by tenth January next Mr. Lashley will consider himself suspended from that date. He will in that case hand over charge to Mr. Donohoe on 10th January.

(Signed) L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
(True copy) Ganjam Division

L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

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 change 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.

/ True Copies /

W. H. Crosthwaite Lieut Engr
Clerk to Lieut Col

Ganjam Division Office, Berhampore,

No. 2555 E.

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23 March 1885

Desptd 24th —

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

× Reference
Your telegram dated 11-3-85

Enclosures.
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Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith Service Book of Mr. Lackey Sub Engineer and Copies of his printed testimonials with a Copy of this office docket No. 827 E. of 21st February 1884 to Mr. Lackey.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

L. Langley Captain R.E.

Executive Engineer

× Copy of Telegram to S.E. Circle dated 10-3-85.

Docket 827 - 21 Dec 1884 -

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To The Supdg. Engineer
Pt. Canada.

Dated 23
Despatched 24 } March/85
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Service Book &c of
Mr. Lastley Subo Engr
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Mr. Laskys'

Testimonials &c.

No 728 S.

Executive Engineers Office
Ganjam Division
Camp Cheecacole
Dated 19th November 84

To

The Sub Divisional Officer
Cheecacole Sub Division

Subject

Removing bund of Wadada Channel near Siddipett.

This work is in a very unsatisfactory state. It should not have been begun in September, but in consideration of Mr. Norfor's letters to Mr. Laskey urging increased expenditure on Irrigation Works, the undersigned is of opinion that Mr. Laskey is not much to blame for having commenced the work in that month. But it is considered that a certain amount of blame does rest on Mr. Laskey for the following reason, viz, that he should have represented to the Executive Engineer that this work was one that could not be carried out until the channel was closed. It could not be carried out as long as the channel was open

open for the very simple and sufficient reason that the earth dug from the new cut had, according to report attached to estimate, to be thrown into the old channel. The earth which has been dug and heaped up on a piece of waste ground, must now be dug again and thrown into the old channel, a work to which the contractor will very likely object. It appears that the contractor cut the bund at the head of the channel against orders. Mr. Leaskey does not appear to have the contractors in his Sub Division at all well in hand. In future if a contractor persistently disobeys orders Mr. Leaskey will report the matter to the undersigned in full detail. The channel has silted up considerably but the undersigned is quite sure that Mr. Leaskey has paid the contractor more than the value of the work done. The undersigned will not be able to inspect the work again under two months from date, which will give Mr. Leaskey ample time to finish the work before the next inspection. If the work is not completed according to estimate and report by the time the undersigned next inspects it, the matter will be reported to the Superintending Engineer, and if a revised estimate is necessary the undersigned will recommend that Mr. Leaskey be ordered to pay the excess on the original estimate.

/Signed/ L. Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

/True Copy/

W. Thornton
Sub Engineer
Cheeacolo Sub Div.

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Executive Engineer's Office Ganjam Dt.
Berhampore
17th December 1884.

No. 805-S.

From The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

To The Sub Divisional Officer
Chicacole

His Petty contract account for November/84

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In the absence of a statement from the Contractor to the effect that he allows his balances to be so reduced the Petty contract account cannot be altered as Mr. Leakey appears to suggest. Mr. Leakey will refund the moneys alluded to in this Office Nos. 730 S and 748 S. dated 21st and 27th November 1884 without further delay. If he fails to do so his conduct will be reported to the Superintending Engineer.

/Signed/ L. Leaufley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer

/True Copy/

W. Peatkey
Asst. Engineer
Chicacole Sub Dn.

Mr. Laskey's
Disobedience of Order

No. 515

Chicacole Sub Divisional Office
6th February 1885

From

Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer
Chicacole Sub Division

To

Col. P. Montgomerie
Superintending Engineer 12th Circle
Dowlaicheram

Encls:
Ex Engrs docket
No 806, S 9/12/84
do 728, S 19/11/84

No. 233 E Thro' The Executive Engineer
Forwarded
L Langley 9/2/85
Exe Engr.
Cuttack Division.

Sir, With reference to Exec: Engineer's Letter No. 226 28/1/85 reporting me for disobedience, I beg to forward copy of Captain Langley's Docket No. 728. S dated 19th November to show you that I held this order as a settled matter, that I was to get the work in question finished according to estimate and report attached to it, and that the Exec: Engineer expected that I would have it completed before his next inspection — under two months from that date.

Captain Langley's Docket No. 729, written only 2 days after the above, to stop all earth work, made no allusion to the one above, in which I was distinctly told that, if that work was not finished according to estimate and report, I would be reported to you. You will Sir, please observe from

the Docket I place before you now, that what had to be done on this work according to estimate and report attached to it, was that the spoil earth piled up at both ends of the new cut, had to be thrown into the old channel, which could not be carried out until the channel was closed, the value of work in the excavation of the channel was Rs 70. I made a provisional payment of Rs. 60. to the contractor; with-holding Rs. 10 until the work was completed according to the report attached to the Estimate. I stated in my explanation to Captain Langley's report No. 208 of the 27th November against this work, that the contractor had arranged with the villagers to throw in the excavated earth into the old channel; the work in this case, you will observe Sir, related to the contractor, and was not such as to entail further expenditure in my transaction in the matter; the contractor was to get nothing more than the Rs. 10. with-held from the value of work done. Captain Langley's Docket, therefore, did not seem to me to apply to this work, the work in this case was not one, correctly speaking, a work in progress, it could not, from the circumstance of the work being carried out in the wet season, admit of its being completed according to the specification, hence a provisional payment was necessary to show increased expenditure, and keeping back as sum was to answer the understood condition that the work was yet to be completed according to the specification in the estimate.

Captain Langley misunderstood the paragraph in my letter No. 479 of 22nd January wherein I say that his order 729, to stop work was clear to me from a previous verbal observation of his, that it was from not having sufficient funds to go on with more work this year.

I repeat again Sir, that Captain Langley did on one occasion observe to me that we had got on well with our allotment this year, and he was afraid that we would soon have to stop work, and further there is a Docket dated so far back as September telling me that my allotments on repairs and Minor New works are exceeded in amount by the total of sanctioned estimates, and I was consequently not to send any more

estimates, it was from these facts that I understood his brief order, to convey no other meaning than to put a stop to further expenditure, by his saying "stop all earth works in progress", by this order I stopped all works that would have entailed further expenditure and not works that the contractors had to finish up in rendering them complete according to estimate and specification; and in the case of the Chendra-puwany channel work the contractor started work immediately after Captain Langley's inspection on the 22d November to complete the work according to the details he undertook to fulfil.

Captain Langley, you will sir, observe is not correct in saying that I knew perfectly well, that her order to stop all earth works, was because he strongly disapproved of the manner in which they were being carried out by me and that I knew, that he wished the earth work done on those channels about which he reported me, to be left entirely untouched until the question of my liability to pay the amount he recommended to be recovered from me

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was settled by Government; the work on the channels reported against me in his letter No. 208 of the 27th November are the following works, viz:-

1st Wadada channel at Sidipet; from his Docket No. 720, you will observe sir, that I am sufficiently exonerated of blame, from having done work in the wet season, and that I was forced to close from his predecessor urging increased expenditure, and that he wanted steady monthly progress and that the wet season would not be received as an excuse; it is from circumstances of this nature that provisional payments were made, while the works were under water, on rough measurements to be settled finally on the completion of the work and the sum stopped on the bill or a payment short of work was held always as the security for the due fulfilment of work afterwards. The short coming pointed against me in relation to this work, you will admit sir, is due to the system in having to do work in the wet season. Captain Langley, you

will observe sir, in his Docket admits that the channel has silted up considerably, a fact which he omitted to mention in his report against me, and from not taking the depth of silt that came into the channel, he presented to you a cubical contents considerably below any figures. This channel was inspected on the 19th, and on the 20th he inspected the Buravelly channel, this was a work completed in July and had been in use during the whole of the irrigation season, so there was nothing to infer from his order that earth work was to be stopped on this channel; and on the 21st he inspected the Rovanky and Palavalasa channels, on the former he decided by an arbitrary mode of measuring, i.e. measuring the length of channel and guessing from the spoil earth on the bank, that, in work executed to the value of Rs. 109, it was short by only Rs. 3-9-0, and the difference, you will consider sir, was shewn against a work of the nature of wet silt, which on the bank, when dry, would not have presented

the bulk removed from the channel; and regarding the Palavalasa bottle, my letter of explanation will show, that he did not at first intend any recovery to be made on this; and I repeat now, that he distinctly told me what I have written in my explanation, and I can produce the Sub Division Clerk as an evidence to state that I told him immediately on going into my tent, what Captain Loangley told me first, i.e. that he accepted my measurement and would ask no recovery to be made with, and also that I mentioned to him Captain Loangley's second statement, i.e. "I do not know, it might be so." I beg to observe sir, that it was due to this change of statements of Captain Loangley's that I alluded to the subject in my letter No. 38/ 6/12/84 copy of which was sent with my explanation to you, and his reply to it, I now enclose, to show you, that he did not contradict any statement made to the effect that no recovery was due on this bottle. As far as his inspection of works up to this date

the 21st November you will notice from what I stated above that he had no cause, nor was there any further work to be done on the three last channels, as to have induced him to issue an order as he states his Docket No. 729 of the 21st November was intended, and as for the other three batties, the Jola, Chandrapuram and Madapam, were inspected only on the 22nd. So this Docket could not have applied to them either, for the docket in question was written a day before he saw any thing of the work on these channels.

Regarding paragraph 2 of his letter under reply, I beg to observe that the contract regarding the Talikoondam channel revetment, was nothing more than the usual order to petty contractors to go on with a sanctioned work, and there was never anything like the printed forms of contracts used in petty works like earth work, and the observance of a contract arrangement on the printed form was always followed in the cases of masonry works and buildings, and the contractor in such cases enters into agreement with the Exec. Engineer, but earth work and small repairs were generally put into hands at once by giving the contractor a copy of the estimate or a taked to go on with the work, and sometimes the man is simply told verbally what to do and that he will be furnished with details, or that the mistry will show him what to do, similarly I entered into nothing new in these instances, the man in these cases as promised this work and was with other contractors hanging about me for work, so he got my verbal order at once, and copy of estimate afterwards; the channel repairs sanctioned by Captain Langley were all carried out similarly, so where is Captain Langley's ground in this instance alone for saying that I departed from order or an observed principle as to hold me up to you by saying that I took upon myself a responsibility that was not due to me, or that I followed an action in this instance that was not usual for me to do, I was working always with an object to push on with works,

and my arrangements were framed in accordance with what was the practice in the place.

On the subject of his 3d para, I beg respectfully to observe that I do, no where, either in my notes in my journals or in any letter say that Captain Langley told me that I was to stop work from want of funds. I meant that I understood his Docket to have emanated from cause of this kind, which I thought from his verbal observation made some time before was quite clear to lead me to assume that it was from the object of having no funds to go on with more earth work this year. You will Sir please consider how was it to be understood otherwise when the work that remained to be done on the Wadada channel at Sidipeh was a thing due by the contractor and Captain Langley's Docket was clear, that it was to be finished before his next visit, and on the three other channels inspected up to date of his docket 21st November to stop all earth work, there was no further work to be done on them, and to apply it to a channel that was not inspected on the date he wrote the docket would be quite clear to you could not have been meant.

I sent sections with my explanation to Captain Langley's charges of overpayment made by me in the cases of the Chendrapurwanj and Wadapain channels and I have shewn you, by colors on the sections, and from figures, as to the quantity of work that was done, and how much was silted up by the rains, and contrasted them with Captain Langley's measurements which were obtained by the length of channels multiplied by a minimum area of excavated earth, which was the spoil of subsequent work to what was done before the heavy rains of September; the dispute on this matter has simply decided by taking away the area of the old channel from the area of the prosecuted sections; and the statement of the villagers concerned to corroborate the facts I represent. I wrote my explanation against Captain Langley's very serious charges against me, with a mind that was much disturbed and I

have compared those notes with all I have since written and I do not find that I have given Captain Langley grounds for saying that I am prevaricating, or stating things as he calls a lie by mistaking my expressions.

Captain Langley points to my using the words "provisional payments" to mean that the contractors were paid for more work not done conditionally that they were to finish it afterwards, this certainly is not what I meant to explain, the work was done as far as Lewth was concerned in excess of my measurement, but from the channel being under water, it was not practicable to examine if the bottom width and slopes were cut properly, the provisional payment was, therefore, made with this condition that the little work yet to be done in the way of trimming the slopes properly and cutting away any little difference in width was to be done afterwards, but in this case I took a length short of what

was

was actually cut, and the extra work as shewn in the sections was sufficient security in the case to shew me that the balance was in my favor; Captain Langley's length not agreeing with mine is simply from the parts in the swamp having silted up so completely, that it was not measured by him, but there was a defined mark of a new cut, to have convinced him that work was done, and it was to this dispute between us that I appealed to your judgment, if under the circumstances explained in my letter that this much of the new cut subject to drainage washing across it, was not liable to silt up.

Captain Langley I respectfully beg leave, sir, to observe in making reports of these sorts with a determined intention to ruin me, he came into the District with feelings of strong resentment against me which I surmise to be due to nothing more than my further explanations and appeals to Government against his friend Captain Henderson and that on the result of these appeals I was reinstated, Captain Langley

has vividly shewn this to be the cause, by his proceeding in withholding from me up to the present date, the difference of pay due to my reinstated grade, from 20th May 1884, my promotion appeared in the Gazette of the 12th August 1884, page 1105, and he had only then came into this Dist: he prevented its being claimed in the subsequent pay abstract, and has been putting it off for one reason or another up to this date, his first explanation to me was as that the Gazette in question was not received in his office, and his subsequent explanation in January was that the Gazette had been twice applied for, and which were seemingly twice sent by the Superintendent of the Govt. Press but had twice miscarried, so that the Gazette three times sent had not reached him; but there were means by which he need not have waited for a Gazette being supplied from the Govt. Press in room of the first ones that miscarried, for there are 8 Public Offices in Berhampore, viz the Military and 5 in the Civil Departments, on any one of these he might have inserted for the use of the Gazette for an hour, to adjust my claims, but sir it leads me now to see from his harsh treatment since coming into my Sub Division and the grave reports made against me, and by the dark cloud that he has cast on my character, to infer that my promotion is being kept back to have it ultimately cancelled; and as for Captain Langley's harsh treatment I have further to what I have stated in my explanation about his uttering on the Burawelly channel frequently the words "damn it, where is all the earth, I will have you turned out of this Division, I won't be astonished if you are turned out of the Department," the Superintending Engineer is not much disposed to favor you either", to add another instance of his making use of very strong language in addressing me. I saw Captain Langley for the first time only on the 7th November and on the 10th at the Garebeta ferry I had to show him a place where a part of a proposed bank was not necessary, he rode on in front and I was some 50 paces behind him and just as he approached the spot I cried out to him

sir, that is the place, he turned round and said "damn you, why don't you send someone to show me the place", this lan-
-guage was uttered in the presence of my subordinate overseer, Mr. Donohoe. I can lay before you some other instances to show, how he tried my patience, and worried me to the utmost by fatiguing me an old man of 52 years of age. I have served Government now for nearly 30 years and rendered it often service in the capacity of an efficient engineer and as officiating Executive Engineer in 1880 from April to end of October and I now humbly place the end of my service at the feet of Government and to beg of it to permit me taking my pension and thus relieving myself from suffering any more of such severe treatment as I have experienced under Captain Henderson in 1881 and Captain Langley now.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most Obdt: Servant

W. Langley

Sub Engineer
Chicacole Sub Division

3/4405/85

No. 474

Chicacole Sub Division
19th January 85

Rejd 669 27/1/85. Desp. 22nd —do—

From

The Sub Engineer
Chicacole Sub Div.

To

The Executive Engineer
L.I. 27/1/85. Jaggayya dee

Sc/

With reference to your No 8758 of the 14th instant I have the honor to reply to your remarks on my progress Report of work for the ten days ending 10th January 85

In your No 7208 of the 19th I remember I was told distinctly that the Wadarevu Channel now cut at Siddipeta had silted up considerably and that you expected it to be completed according to Estimate and Report by the time you next visit the work

under

under two months from that date and that I would be reported to the Supt Engineer if it is not Completed within that time - There was no order Cancelling this instructions of yours; the order in No 729 of 24th November stopping progress of all earth works was clear to me from a verbal declaration of yours that it was from not having sufficient funds to go on with more work this year and I could not apply this order to mean that Contractors who were provisionally paid while the works were under water Continually that they were to Complete the works according to the Estimates the moment the season permitted work being done; On the Chandrapuram Channel the Contractor started work the very day after your inspection. You will remember I abused the man in your presence for not having set to work before that date in clearing out the silt & widening the Channel to the bottom breadth allowed in the Estimate; this work to the extent reported was done long before receipt of your No

Sub Engineer
Cheyaru Sub Division

No 729 so that if it was ever applicable to this work it came you will see too late. I really did not understand this docket to apply to those works on which provisional payments were made to Contractors, otherwise I would have written to explain what happened before it & to ask if the Channel and would have asked to know if it cancelled your No 728 regarding the Seddipeta Channel work which was quite distinct that you inspected that I should see to the clearing of the silt that came into it and utilising the spoil earth in filling parts of the old Channel which you must allow was not work in progress but what had to be done according to the Estimate and deepening similarly the Chandrapuram Ch. had to be worked out by the Contractor according to given width & depths in the Estimate for which he was provisionally paid.

Regarding the Salihondam Channel renewment work it was

was given on Contract previous
by your docket No 746 and this
docket I was not aware applied
to a work of this kind, for you told
me in the presence of the Overseer
that buildings, referring to the
Rajkonna Chapter School house
and Narasanapet Sub Registrar's
office were not to be given on
Contract, but, that they will always
for the future be carried out Departmentally
and that I could give such as
earth work and the like on Contract
and your docket under reference
which was written regarding Materials
Collected by the men who own the
Contractors for building the above
works, You said in future when
Materials are supplied by a
Contractor I was to observe the
Course you laid down i.e.
to make a written agreement
with the Contractor & both
Contractor & I were to sign it.

The

Sub Engineer
Chicacole Sub Division

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The Revetment work for this Channel
was, from its being a loose work Comprising
earth work, loose stone and gravel on your
verbal authority given on Contract &
with it the Estimate No 180 for widening the
Channel had to go jointly for the excavation
from one side had to be used in filling
cuts and holes on the side to be revetted,
hence, the Combined works had to be
as a necessity given to one man
for execution. Had I, the least conception
to your order in the case of stone and
gravel in loose works of this nature
requiring the same description as in
the case of Materials supplied by a
distinct Contractor for a masonry
building I would have stopped work
at once and brought to your notice
that it was impracticable to follow
it in this case.

To get Contractors to supply
materials on isolated works here
there is not practicable, a man
with means so small a capital will
not come to the front to undertake

the

the supply of stone Chunam &c
The Overseer has been struggling under
difficulty to get his further supply
of stone metal & chunam for the
Narasanapet Sub Registrar's office
and is forced to enter into transaction
with petty Men, the Parishs of villages
giving them small advances out of his
own pocket and when the stones
are quarried and broken he makes
his own arrangement to have them
conveyed to the work - Under these
circumstances I could not go into
written arrangements with a score
of men who would not enter into
an agreement without advances
being given to them and then they
will always work short of the advance -

Pd Jan 20
3193/15

Hence the Lower Rate
is
Your most obedient Servt
J Whitelaw Pakenham
Chicacole Sub Div

Sub Engineer
Chicacole Sub Division

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, GANJAM DIVISION,

Camp Ronanki

No. 7298.

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Sub Divisional Officer,
Chicacole

Dated 21st
Despt. 24th } November 1884
Received

Enclosure
Reference
Subject.

Mr Lashery will at once
give orders to stop all earth works
he has in progress —

(Signed) L. Langley Capt^n R.E.
Executive Engr^r

(True Copy)
L Langley Captain R.E
Executive Engineer

L/3
27/11

NOTES.

REFERENCE TO MADRAS P. W. D. CODE.

PARA. 355.

1. This form is intended for Progress reports from Subordinates or Sub-Divisional Officers to Executive Engineers; it is to be submitted three times (on the 10th, 20th, and last day) during each calendar month, and is to refer only to works *personally* inspected by the reporting Officer or Subordinate.

2. Column 2 should contain all that the Subordinate has to say about the work, state of progress, quantity of work done (measurements being stated if taken), quality of work, &c. all in as concise a manner as possible.

3. This report will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer with such remarks as the Executive Engineer may desire to make and returned by the former after perusal for record in the Divisional Office.

4. It is intended to take the place of the lengthy remarks usually entered in the last column of the "Inspection Report" which accompanies the travelling allowance bill, and which should in future contain only the entries necessary for the audit of the latter. Great care should be taken that the "name of the work" is in all cases absolutely the same designation as that under which it has been sanctioned.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
P. W. D.
14 JAN. 85
REGISTER NO.
CANJAM D.

P. W. D. FORM
No. M 21.

_____ CIRCLE.

DIVISION.— Ganjam

YEAR.—1884-85.

Progress Report of Works *in charge of*

Mr J. V. Cauley Asst Engr

Chicacole Sub Div

from 1st *to* 10th January 1885.

Name of Work and Date of Inspection.	Remarks by Subordinate or Sub-Divisional Officer.	Remarks by Executive Engineer.
1	2	3
3d Navada Channel at Kedrigal-Est Rs 80	This Channel is the one reported by the Executive Engineer as being short in work owing to the ½ yard of all that came into it from the bassies that were left by the Contractor.	Mr Lackey was asked in his office docket No 746 S. 7 26/10/04 to stop all his works. An explanation has been called for
	This was being cleared & the heaps of spoil earth at the ends of the cut were being thrown into the old Channel. On the Completion of this work there will be nothing to excavate but the balance with held will have to be paid to the Contractor.	In No 728. of the 15th Nov I recorded distinctly that this work had silted up, Corrected work and that it must be completed before I next inspection according to Estimate and Report before next inspection in 2 months from date. See remark above.
5th Chendrapuram Fauk Est Rs 110	The unfinished part of this Channel was cut and the parts of Channel that were from 5 to 5½ ft bottom width short of the 6 ft allowed in the Estimate were cut since Ex: Engrs inspection, to the full width and silt removed in portions where it was practicable but the bits in the swamp at both sides of the pond are	Cancelled in No 729 of the 24th Nov: which I understood that from want of progress on Earth work, nothing to say that the Contractors or their Channels were not to complete the works according to Estimate and Section. The Chendrapuram Channel was immediately Soil was done before an

Name of Work and Date of Inspection.	Remarks by Subordinate or Sub-Divisional Officer.	Remarks by Executive Engineer.
1	2	3
	are left to be attended to when the swamps get dry: the Contractor on Completing what little still remains to be done will have to get nearly Rs 20 over what will be paid to him.	
6th Karaiyada Pigagoda Bontta Dam Est Rs 850/-	Inspected Construction of Dam across the Salikandam Channel. This work was in very fair progress. the Concrete and Rubble of foundation were Completed and the wing walls were being built: the waste weir and the details according to the plan were being carried out correctly by the Mistry and Contractor - I gave the Mistry my further orders regarding this work in the orders book on the work. Contractor had 3500 cft of Ringbatons collected along the line of this work - I measured up and paid him for 3011 cft Rs 45-2-8 taking a diminal Rate @ 1-8-0 per 100 cft - for the	Mr Lackey was told that in future all works except earthworks would be carried out departmentally. Also that materials required might be obtained from contractors. Also
	no Subsequent orders + 24th is the correct date called this, you recorded th Nov: work from d your verbally given Jungle Jowars to stop work, but there were Removing the Sept close of Salikandam Est Rs 645/-	
	working to the Estimate s, the Contractor stated Navam Channel was after your inspection to the extent reported & orders to stop work Comm	

(In this office docket No 7468. 726.1184) that
In future when materials
are supplied by a contractor
Mr Lackey will make
a written agreement
with the Contractor which
he & the Contractor will
both sign. It will then
be seen that the undersigned
No such agreement has
been received in this
office. Moreover it
appears that Mr
Lackey is carrying out
the whole work by con-
tract. His explanation
has been called for.
L.L. 13/1/85.

This work on No 697. of
9/11/85 was given to the
Contractor who was employed
with other works. vide your
No 746.5. and on subsequent
No 798.8. payments was
9th Kaluga palace
& made as the first
arrangement could
not be changed; the
material was brought
to the work, and had
to be paid a Commission
Esq. & Tenders dated
your order to measure

the Estimate allows Rs 2-12-0
for Completed work - In such
cases as this; this is the course
pursued, the engagement is to
give the man Rs 2-12-0 for
Completed work but if he is
to wait until he finishes off
the work to get paid he will have
to wait long and will be
put to difficulty from want
of funds and all for this
reason being the work to a
"stand still" and it is hence
necessary to adopt this
means in giving such
men as petty Contractors
pay nants now and again
to help them to get on with the
work and at the same
time the Sub Ordinate officer
has the satisfaction of
shewing some expenditure
on the work to guard against
not giving satisfaction from
short expenditure occurring -
He visited the Sea Customs
godown at Kaluga palam
on Pl: asst Collectors
request to attend to the
urgent repairs ~~they~~ needed
this godown is a room 40 x 18
the rafters have sagged and
are drawing away from the

that Earth work
and Brickwork &c
of "loose work" kind could
be given out Contract
the Superstructure of stone
and Chunam are of
the class of work which
will from month to
month, and then
want money made
- vouchers. Mr Anchor
the Overseer is now
obtaining his Estimate
for the Nursery Sub Ordinate Officer
advances out of his
pockets to [illegible] payments,
remaining in a Capital
on a work will not come
forward to Subject small
quantities of stone Chunam
&c I will stop this work now
pending your further
orders on this subject
and a more clear report
on this subject is enclosed
with this Explanation (called
for in No 875. 14/1/85.)

Mackay
17/1/85 S.W.C.

the collar pieces; the timber
was originally not seasoned
and the seasoning too is defective;
this building with its present
roof as for as the masonry
of the people in the place
goes has existed over
25 years and another
godown of similar dimension
on the right built about
the same time as this had
its roof renewed some
10 years ago; and in place
of the original Couple
Rafters, trusses were
introduced - I intend
the Overseer is now to adopt a similar plan
in renewing this roof
and the necessary plan
and Estimate will be
submitted very shortly -

J Mackay
Asst Engr
Cuddalore
11-1-85

x In your order no. 7468 you say that
when materials have supplied
in future by a Contractor to
follow the course laid down in
this work given to the men
before this order - given what is

told me in the presence of the Overseer Tenderers that supply of stone for buildings were to be obtained through Contractors but measured buildings were on my Account to be given on Contract in future, and you were clear in telling me that Earth work and the like were given on Contract, the Excavation of the slope of this Channel includes Earth Ground and slope work, and I must beg to be excused if you think I have presumed to disobey your orders in the least

WMD

Ex 18
31/93/15

GANJAM DIVISION OFFICE, BERHAMPORE,

No. 226 E Comp

26th January 1885

OP 27

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

Enclosures. 3

Sir,

I do forwarding herewith Progress Report for 1st — 10th January of Sub Engineer Mr. Lackey. I have the honour to report him for disobedience of orders. This office docket No. 7298 of 21st November last is perfectly distinct. Mr. Lackey's Explanation in his Progress Report that he understood me to say verbally that he was to stop progress on Earth-work for want of funds is a lie. I said nothing whatever to Mr. Lackey about want of funds. He was ordered to stop all his Earth-works, as he knows perfectly well, because I strongly disapproved of his manner of carrying them out. I wished the Earth-work done on those Channels about which I have already reported Mr. Lackey, to be left entirely untouched until the question of Mr. Lackey's liability to pay the amounts I recommended to be recovered from him was settled by Government.

* Copy enclosed

2. It may be true that the work of Revetting the right Slope of Sabhumdam Channel was given by Mr. Laskey on Contract before he received orders that in future all work Except Earth-work would be Carried out departmentally. In that case I have to report Mr. Laskey for having made a Contract on his own responsibility which he had no right to make. Mr. Laskey's remark that he understood my order to mean that Earth-work and Revetment work being of a loose kind could be given on Contract is a prevarication, to say the least of it.

3 I have now to deal with Mr. Laskey's letter No 474 of 19th January 1886 herewith. I have already dealt with the Subject contained in the first few lines. I have now to draw your attention to the words I have underlined. If these words have any meaning they must mean that Contractors have been paid for work which they have not done Conditionally on their finishing the work afterwards, since if the Contractors had only been paid for work done there would be no condition in the case. This agrees Exactly with my report No 208 E. dated 27th November 1884 in which I charged Mr. Laskey with having paid for a large amount of Earth-work which had not been done. You will remember that in his answer to my charges Mr. Laskey said that the difference between any measurements

and

and this was due to floods and heavy rain having Carried away the Earth, and to the fact that the Excavation was carried out in water.

4. Mr. Laskey next asserts that work was done on the Chendrapurami Channel to the Extent reported (I presume this means to the Extent reported in Progress Report herewith) long before the receipt of my No. 7298. It is impossible to reconcile this statement with facts unless my docket took several weeks in transmission from my Office to Mr. Laskey's. I Check Measured the work done on the Chendrapurami Channel on 22nd November last. My docket No 7298 was dated 21st November and was sent to my Office for registration and Copy. It was despatched thence to Mr. Laskey's address on the 24th and probably reached him on the 27th or 28th at latest. Moreover I am almost positive that I showed Mr. Laskey this docket before sending it to my Office.

5. With regard to the Sabhumdam Channel revetment Mr. Laskey states that I said he could give Such as Earth-work and the like' on Contract. I have never used any Such Expression. Mr. Laskey next states that this work being a loose work he was on my Verbal authority given on Contract. This is false. I have furnished Mr. Laskey with a Copy of this letter.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer

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27/1

4404/4
2-2-85

From

The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

To

The Supg. Engineer
1st Circle

Dated 26th
Despatched 27th } January 85
Received

No. 226 SE

Enclos 3

Subject

Report against
Sub Engineer Mr Laskey
for disobedience of
orders — forwards —

Vol: II

Mr. Laskey's

disobedience of orders

and prevaricatory

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15	1	Letter No. 215 S.E. d/8th January 1885 from Executive

List of Correspondence regarding Mr. Laskey's Conduct & behaviour while in charge of Chicacole Sub Division.

Vol. I

1 Letter No. 214 S.E. dated 8th January 1885 from Executive Engineer Ganjam to Supt. Engineer.
1 —Do— No 208 S.E. dated 27th November 1884 from Executive Engineer Ganjam to Supt. Engineer.
5 Measurement sheets.
3 Sheets of cross Sections.
1 Letter No. 381 d/ 6th Decr 1884 from Mr. Laskey to Executive Engineer Ganjam Division with 1 measurement sheet.
1 —Do— No. 411 d/ 20th December 1884 from Mr. Laskey to Superintending Engineer.
1 —Do— No 415 d/ 23rd Decr 1884 from Mr. Laskey to Executive Engineer Ganjam Division.
1 Memo No 823 S. d/ 19th Decr 1884 from Executive Engineer to Mr. Laskey.
1 Letter No 425 d/ 30th Decr 1884 from Mr. Laskey to Superintending Engineer.

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1 Letter No. 226 S.E. d/ 26th January 1885 from Executive Engineer Ganjam Division to Supt. Engr.
1 Progress Report of works in charge of Mr. Laskey from 1st to 15th January 1885.
1 Docket No 729 S. d/ 21st Novr 1884 to Mr. Laskey.
1 Letter No. 474 d/ 19th January 1885 from Mr. Laskey to Executive Engineer Ganjam D.
1 —Do— No 515 d/ 6th February 1885 from Mr. Laskey to Superintending Engineer.
1 Docket No 728 S. d/ 19th Novr 1884 from Executive Engineer Ganjam to Mr. Laskey.
1 —Do— No 806 S. d/ 17th Decr 1884 from Executive Engineer Ganjam to Mr. Laskey.

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1 Letter No. 424 d/ 30th Decr/84 from Mr. Laskey to Supt. Engr.
1 Do No 827 S. d/ 21st Decr/84 from Exe Engr. Ganjam to Mr. Laskey.
1 Copies of Mr. Laskey's testimonials (2 printed Sheets)
1 Docket No 255 S.E. d/ 23rd March/85 from Exe Engr. Ganjam to Supt. Engr.
1 Register of Service of Mr. Laskey.
1 Letter No. 215 S.E. d/ 8th January 1885 from Executive

Engineer Ganjam to Superintending Engineer.

2/4/85

Lt Col R.

Supt Engr 1st Circle.

No. 3 G.N.

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

P.W. Department

~~FOR IRRIGATION~~

Execu.

(As per list)

DOWLAISHWARAM, 2nd April 1885.

Desp 3rd

SIR,

No 1 file in a separate cover.

I have the honor to submit, for your perusal and orders, three files of Correspondence, as per accompanying list received from the Executive Engineer Ganjam Division regarding the Conduct and behaviour of Mr. Laskey Sub Engineer, while in Charge of the Chicacole Sub-Division.

2 These documents were received at different dates, but I have endeavoured to arrange them according to the several Charges which the Executive Engineer brings against Mr. Laskey, and which may be formulated as follows.

1st Carrying out all masonry works, in his Sub Division, without exception, by Contractors and placing

himself entirely in the hands of his Contractors.

——2nd——Carrying out such earthworks as the clearing of Channel beds, during the wet season when the proper measurement and check of the work is an absolute impossibility and paying for a large amount of earthwork which had not been done.

——3rd——By making provisional payments to Contractors on irregular measurements, or rather on no measurement at all.

——4th——Disobedience of orders and prevarication.

3. To the 1st Charge Mr Laskey replies that it had been the Custom in the Sub Division to carry out all work by Contractors. But the opposition and obstruction which the Sub Engineer is evidently placing in the way of the introduction of a wholesome & much needed reform, viz: the execution of masonry works as far as possible by Departmental labor, shows the spirit by which he is actuated.

With regard to the 2nd Charge, viz: the carrying out of Channel Clearings during the wet season, and the measuring of work under water, Mr Laskey writes as follows.

"I explained the Circumstances
"that urged me to do so, and
"showed him (Captain Langley)
"his predecessor's remarks that
"steady monthly progress on
"works must be shown and
"that the rainy season will
"not be received as an excuse;
"otherwise arrangements will
"be made to replace me!"

Mr Laskey was transferred from the Western Delta Godavari to Chicacole in November 1883, and there was no necessity whatever for his postponing the Clearing of his Channels until the wet season. The impossibility of Checking the measurements

of work carried out under such circumstances, prevents the complete substantiation of the very serious charge which the Divisional Officer has brought against Mr Laskey viz: "Having "paid for a large amount of earthwork which "had not been done." Had this charge been substantiated, I would have had no alternative but to recommend Mr Laskey's Criminal prosecution. As it is the very circumstances which have made such a presumption possible, viz: the systematic clearing of Channels during the wet season when it is impossible to check the work done, clearly shows that Mr Laskey is no longer fitted to hold a responsible position in the Public Works Department.

As regards the 3rd Charge, the manner in which Mr Laskey, in para 9 of his letter № 425 dated 30th December 1884, endeavours to justify his provisional payments to Contractors, clearly shows that his moral obliquity renders his further employment as a disbursing Officer hazardous to say the least of it.

The 4th Charge, viz: disobedience of orders, Mr Laskey endeavours to dispose of by a series of lengthy prevarications which are self evident.

4. Besides these, I would bring to your notice the highly disrespectful manner in which Mr Laskey refers to his superior Officers throughout the whole of the voluminous Correspondence now before you.

5. In the 3rd file of documents, herewith submitted, are some of Mr Laskeys previous testimonials which he submits for favorable Consideration, but these together with the very excellent character with which Mr Laskey provides himself must be taken for what they are worth.

6. It is not possible in this Office to draw up a Complete Departmental history of Mr Laskey, as this subordinate's Service Register appears to have been twice lost or done away with. But from the remarks made by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts in the accompanying Register the following incidents, which have occurred since 9th July 1855, should be placed in evidence against the high opinion which

Mr. Laskey forms of himself.

Absence without leave
for 6 days in September 1860.

Three days full pay at
Rs 90/- per month = Rs 8-11-4 and
two days full pay at Rs 90/- do =
= Rs 5-12-11 in March 1861 stopped,
reasons not known.

Half a days pay at Rs 100/-
per month fined in March 1861 —
G.O. No. 2964 dated 14th December
1872 pronounced Mr Laskey
unfit for the Charge of a Range —
& placed him at the bottom of
the list of Supervisors 1st Grade,
and he was warned, "that
further bad report of him
will lead to his reduction to
Overseer".

Absent without leave
from 25th May to 8th June 1878.

Chief Engineers memo
No. 760 C dated 31st March 1882
reduced from 2nd to 3rd Sub Engi-
neers.

All the papers Connected with this last
reduction together with Mr Laskeys reinstate-
ment in 1884 to the 2nd Grade Sub Engineer are
it is understood, in the Chief Engineers Office.

In the latter part of his letter of the 6th
February 1885 Mr Laskey tenders his resigna-
tion, and taking into Consideration his pre-
vious long service, together with the fact of
his twice having been sent up to the out of
the way Northern Districts (where unfortu-
nately until lately a proper supervision
has not always been available) I would
recommend, that his resignation be accept-
ed, after a sufficient punishment to mark
your disapproval of his highly irregular
Conduct and insolent behaviour, while
in Charge of the Chicacole Sub Division
has been inflicted on him. Such as, I
would venture to suggest, the cancelment
of his reinstatement to 2nd Grade Sub Engineer

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
R Montgomerie
Lieut Col RE
Superintending Engineer 1st Circle

From

(1)

The Supg Engineer

1 Circle

To

The Chief Engineer

P W D

Madras

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Dated 2nd
Despd 3rd } April 1885
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No 3 G.N.

Encls 4 + 3

Wm Laskey Sub-Engineer

Submits 3 files of correspondence regarding the conduct and behavior of —— while in Charge of the Cheecacole Sub Division.

P.W.S. 7/4. Cir 16/4
1885

GANJAM DIVISION OFFICE, ~~PURLAKIMEDI~~,

No. 259 S.E.

Camp Kanchili

21st March 1885

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

Enclosures. 2.

Sir,

In bringing to your recollection the fact that Mr. Standcock reported in his Progress Report of works for February last that certain earth-work viz filling in on the Garibula Gedda Channel, which had been measured and paid for by Sub Engineer Mr. Laskey had not been done, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. I inspected the whole of the work on the 16th inst. with Mr. Standcock. There was no trace of any filling in whatever, neither were there any pits to be seen from which earth could have been taken. I enclose a copy of the Estimate, which does not allow for filling in. The filling in was ordered by Sub Engineer G. Venkatrao, Mr. Laskey's predecessor. It is, as Mr. Standcock reports, entirely unnecessary. I enclose a copy of the instructions given by Sub Engineer Venkatrao for carrying out the work, also an extract from Mr. Laskey's Measurement book. You will find that with the exception of one item marked thus * Mr. Laskey's measurements are an exact copy of Sub Engineer Venkatrao's instructions. The inference is that Mr. Laskey paid for the work according to these

when Mr. Saunders inspected the work Mr. Laskey declined to accompany him on the plea of illness. I have offered Mr. Laskey an opportunity of inspecting the work with myself or Mr. Saunders in order that he may point out the work he has paid for, but he has not accepted my offer.

3. The earth-work which Mr. Laskey has paid for amounts, as per his measurement sheet herewith, to 31,250 C.ft., which at Rs 3 per 1000 C.ft. the rate paid, amounts to Rs 93-12-0. I have therefore the honour to recommend that this amount may be recovered from Mr. Laskey's pay. Mr. Laskey has been furnished with a copy of this letter.

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

L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer

Abstract

Estimate for Repairing Garibula Gudda channel.

Quantity	Description of charges	Rate	Per	Amount	Total
74868	Cubic feet of Earthwork	3 a a	Cft 1000	225 a a	
	Removing Stones from the Channel bed	a a a a		10 a a	
	Lowering floor of Runkuchaussmanta poorshiee & Bokubhadra shiees	a a a a		15 a a	
				250 a a	
	Petty Supervision	5 a a	Cent	18 a a	
	Contingencies	5 a a	Cent	12 a a	
			Total Estimate Rupees		275/

(Signed) G.S. Walch
offg. Superintending Engineer
29/1/82 1st circle

(Signed) J.G. Hodgall
Collector

(Signed) C Sorsby
Executive Engineer
Ganjam division
27-3/84

(Signed) G. Venkata Rao
Chicacole Subdivision
30/4/84

This is a channel from Garibula Gedda and supplies water to the tanks of 4 villages. It has not been originally excavated to its proper level, most part of its bed is composed of gravel and rocks. Its present section is too narrow and the bed is shallow in places. Consequently the tanks under this channel are not supplied with water unless the water rises in its upper reach to such a level as to breach its bunds. It is proposed to deepen and widen the channel with a fall of 1 foot per mile, bottom width 10 ft and side slopes 1 to 1

a better supply to the tanks. The floor of the sluices in its bank which supplies water to Runkahanna anthaw and Barubhadra Tank, will be lowered from 15.44 - 14.64 ft to suit the proposed fall of the channel. The rocks in the channel bed will be removed for which the estimate provides

/Signed/ G. Venketa Rao Sub Engr
Chicacole Sub Division

/True copy/

L. Lawley Captain RE.
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

Detailed Estimate No 51 of 1883-84
District Ganjam
Imperial Ordinary
Irrigation repairs

Chicacole Sub Division
Taluq Chicacole
Mootah
Village
Acreage 1256-32
Average Revenue Rupees 8058-10-6
Highest Ditto of Last 5 years
Last Repairs

Fund — Imperial
Service No Irrigation & Navigation
Departmental No Repairs
Budget No Works for which neither
Capital & Revenue accounts are kept
Main Head
Sub Head

Work

Repairing Garibula Gedda channel

Particulars	No	Measurements L	B	D	Contents	Total
	1	600-0	38-14	area	22884	
	2	600-0	41-22	area	24732	
	6	600-0	28-94	area	17364	
	9	600-0	7-01	area	4206	
	10	600-0	9-47	area	5682	
Total cft of earth work					74868	74868
Removing stones from the channel bed lowering floor of Runkahanna anthapore Sluice and Barubandra Sluice						
Petty Supervision						
Contingencies						

/Signed/ G Venketa Rao Sub E
Chicacole Sub Divn

Abstract of Bills sent in by Mr Small Contractor for Main

30/11

Repairing Gareebula gedda Channel Est. Rs 2751/
Measured on 10th June 104.

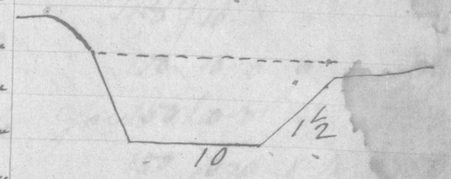
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Nature and situation of work.	No.	L.	B	D.	Contents
Filling earth in the Channel.	150	10-0	0-5		625
	150	10-0	0-8		1000
	150	10-0	0-4		500
	150	10-0	0-4		500
	150	10-0	1-1		1625
	150	10-0	1-10		2750
	150	10-0	0-11		1375
	150	10-0	0-6		750
	150	10-0	1-6		2250
	150	10-0	2-2		3250
	150	10-0	1-3		1875
	150	10-0	0-9		1125
	150	10-0	0-7		875
	150	10-0	1-0		1500
	150	10-0	1-2		1750
	150	10-0	1-4		2000
	150	10-0	1-3		1875
	150	10-0	0-2		250
	150	10-0	0-2		250
	150	10-0	0-11		1375
	150	10-0	0-7		875
	150	10-0	0-9		1125
	150	10-0	0-6½		750
	150	10-0	0-1		125
	150	10-0	0-7		875
					31250

True extract
sdl E.J. Hanelock.
" Asst. Engineer
Chicacole Sub. Division
sdl L. Langley Capt. R.E.
21/3/85 Executive Engineer

/True copy/

No.	Length	Cutting	Filling	No.	Length	Cutting	Filling
1	150	—	6	38	150	—	7
2	do.	3	—	39	do.	8	—
3	do.	—	8	40	do.	4	—
4	do.	2	—	41	do.	1	—
5	do.	4	—	42	do.	8	—
6	do.	—	4	43	do.	4	—
7	do.	—	4	44	do.	5	—
8	do.	5	—	45	do.	2	—
9	do.	—	—	46	do.	7	—
10	do.	—	1				
11	do.	—	10				
12	do.	—	11				
13	do.	—	6				
14	do.	—	6				
15	do.	—	2				
16	do.	—	3				
17	do.	—	9				
18	do.	—	7				
19	do.	—	—				
20	do.	—	2				
21	do.	—	4				
22	do.	—	3				
23	do.	—	2				
24	do.	6	—				
25	do.	9	—				
26	do.	2	—				
27	do.	—	—				
28	do.	—	2				
29	do.	4	—				
30	do.	9	—				
31	do	—	11				
32	do.	—	7				
33	do.	—	9				
34	do.	—	5				
35	do.	—	1				
36	do.	3	—				
37	do	3	—				



Bottom width 10 ft
side slopes 1½ to one.

sd/ G. Venkataraw
Sub. Engineer
21/3/84
sd/ G.V

/True copy/

sd sd/ E. F. Haud-cock.
Asst. Engineer
Chicacole Sub. Division

/True copy/

sd/ L. Langley Captain RE.
21/3/85 Executive Engineer

/True copy/

L. Langley Captain RE
Executive Engineer

Rep. No. 837 29/3/85

No. A

Askaig
26th March/85

From

Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

Forwarded
L. Lawley
30/3/85

The Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

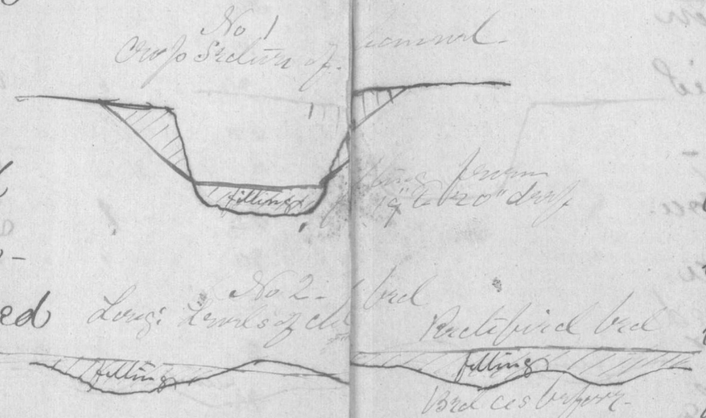
Sir,

In reply to your docket No. 11518/15-3-85 I have the honor to report that the Farasa Enclosed Gedda Channel was one that was originally deficient & the Estimate Rs. 275 prepared by my predecessor Sub Engineer Venkatsaw Pantulu of longitudinal levels & Cross Sections was to rectify its defect. The Estimate gives the Contents in Cutting the Channel to the improved Section & the Sub Engineers longitudinal levels Shows a line rectifying the bed to a given inclination & his written instructions to the Contractor gives the "filling" in the bed for every 150 ft in length is quite evident that he intended it & this work was

Remarks Report returned by Mr S.S. 26/3/85

was done accordingly in last May 1884
I came into the Sub Division in June
& as there was some more work
to be done by the Contractor in
Cutting the Slopes properly in some
portions of the Channel I accepted
only the quantity cut from the Sides
to the Extent used in filling in the
bed of the old Channel According
to Sub Engineer Venkatrawis figures
Expressing the depths to be filled in,
in ~~at~~ Every 150 ft in length. This paper
of the Sub Engineers instructions
to the Contractor was presented
to Mr. Handcock on his Examination
of this work & he had further the
levels & Estimate to have enabled
him to have decided on what
was done.

The old Section is as
Shown in the margin in black
in figure No 1 & the altered Sec-
-tion is the red on it & the old bed
& rectified bed are in figure 2
Shown by black & red lines. It
was therefore not a matter of



difficulty for him to have decided
on what was done from the papers
presented to him by the Overseer in
my absence. I was sick on the
date he inspected this work &
did not Consequently go out with
him. Mr. Handcock altering his
first reply & adding the latter to
to question 7. (a) in the Transfer
Report after I answered his re-
-marks & Signed & forwarded this
report to him is not at all justi-
-fiable. It leads a Support to your
remark that no filling is to be
seen, but this matter by Comparing
the present Section & the inclinations
of the Channel bed, with its former
will place the question at rest &
Over, & Mr. Handcock's Observation
in his Progress Report of 9th February
wherein he stated that no pits are
visible from which the Earth may
have been dug but it is possible
that this material was obtained
in Sloping the banks on the inside
It

It was just this, which was done, & Mr. Handcock further observed in his Progress Report that "Mr. Lascelles made no ~~alteration~~ allowance for widening" So by this observation he admits that I did not pay the Contractor for widening, therefore the Earth Cut out in widening was used in filling. I do not See the justice of your making Such a groundless remark against me. & calling on me to pay Rs 93.

The Contractor Still Claims payment for the differences cut from the Sides, taking away what was filled in I disallowed this Claim because he left a few places where it was hard & Stony unfinished The total quantity of Excavation in the Estimate is 74,868 Cft. I paid him only for 53,125 Cft. The Contractor is now working under you. & there is a balance of Rs 110 on this Estimate Still & As for your Saying that no filling in is to be Seen. It is not possible that You Can judge of Earth thrown into a Channel bed 11 months ago & after it has undergone the alternate actions of wet & dry & the Channel after Carrying 3 to 4 ft depth of water in the last irrigating Season. So Your Charge against me in this matter is pursued with a determination to ruin me & I accordingly Ask that you will request the Sups: Engineer to lay this matter also before Government with the other Charges prepared against me.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant

W Hanbury
Sub Engineer

Asst.
28th March/85

W.D

From

Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To Col: P. Montgomeri
Supt: Engineer
1st Circle

Dowlaisheweram

Thro' the Executive Engineer
Forwarded L. Lawley 30/3/85.

Sir,

I beg leave respectfully to State that after replying to Captain Lawley's Call in 1151 S of the 15th Instant I received Copy of his letter to your address No 25 dated 21st March which appears to have been written after receiving my application for Sub Engineer Venkatarow's instructions given to Contractor regarding the Cutting & filling in the bed of the Garrebulla Zedda Channel I pointed out to the Executive Engineer that I handed over this paper to Mr. Handcock & particularly asked for it to prove, that, filling in the Channel to the level of the rectified bed

* copy of this paper has been sent to Mr. Laskey.

bed was done by the Contractor on the former Sub Divisional Officers instructions & that this filling was from the Earth taken out in Cutting the Sides in widening the Channel According to the improved Section.

Captain Langley now apparently admits that there was such an order from Sub Engineer Venkatraw to the Contractor, but he says there was no trace of any filling in, whatever matter were there any pit to be seen, You will see from this, how incorrectly Captain Langley is representing matters to do me injury. Why is he looking for pits when the Earth used in filling the Channel to the rectified bed line was taken out from the Sides in widening the old Channel.

Captain Langley says that the Estimate does not allow for filling, Why that would have been a mistake on the part of Sub Engineer Venkatraw to have allowed Seperate Earth for filling, when there was the Spoil taken out in the widening

I do not understand what Mr Lukey means by "apparently admits". I have stated in my letter No. 259 E.C. herewith that Q. Venkatrao gave this order and I have furnished Mr Lukey with a copy yet.

to do it, he says that my measurements are Exactly that of Sub Engineer Venkatraw, Yes; because he gave the Exact depths of filling from the levels of the bed. How does Captain Langley mean that this filling was to be Checked, by any other means, but by levels. The cutting of the Sides gave more than what was required for filling So this fact in itself was quite enough. The deepning comes in the rectified Section & as the filling was out of material taken from the Sides. It is not Expressed in the Estimate, but, that it was intended by the man who prepared the Estimate is quite Clear from his written instructions to the Contractor & this was done before I took Charge from him.

The levels of the bed & Cross Sections of the Channel if looked into properly & Compared with what the Channel is now would have Cleared away doubts if any really

really Existed in the minds of these two Gentlemen - Captain Sawley & Mr. Handcock; but, No, Captain Sawley is wilfully putting forword things in this way to do me the most Serious harm & Mr. Hand-cock is Seemingly Supporting it

In Mr. Handcock's remarks regarding this Channel in his Progress Report of works for the 1st Ten-days in February, he says, "that it is possible that the material used in filling was taken from Cutting the Sides of the Channel & this is Supported again by his Saying that I made no allowance in my Measurements for widening. Well, these Notes bear Strongly on the fact that the filling was done from the Earth taken out in widening the Channel, Now, Sir, According to the Estimate the total quantity of Earth in widening the old Channel is 74,868 Cft's. I paid the Contractor on an arbitrary measurement for 53,125 Cft. This is Short of what was done to the mean & in the face of Such a

a fact I am held up to this disgrace by Captain Sawley & Mr. Handcock forgetting his first observations or believing perhaps that I know Nothing about them & ~~Co~~ is Supporting Captain Sawley's Statements, which are based on No ground whatever, but on a determined will to ruin me.

It is Some thing like Mock Justice, Sir, to tell me to travel 100 miles Nearly to Show Captain Sawley or Mr. Hand-cock where this work was done - Where Sub Engineer Venkatrao's instructions, gives the particulars So Clearly for every 150 ft of Channel, & that now after Nearly 12 months Since this work was done & it is Not likely that the Earth thrown in the bed will present a loose appear-ance after Carrying from 3 to 4 ft depth of water during the last irrigating Season & the bed after drying must assume now quite a Natural appearance.

The present width of the Channel & the inclination of the bed Compared with the former Sections

Sections Are the only undeniable proofs. I have to Offer against this Charge. This Explanation with those Afforded in My Reply letter No B. of the 26th Instant + to the Executive Engineer. Will I trust Remove this Charge wrongly brought against me. & I Solicit the favour of your laying this matter also for the Consideration & Orders of Government in the Case of my Suspension on Captain Langley's Charges which were ~~Founded~~ Grounded on Similar Grounds as this which You will Observe is quite an untruable One.

+ It is meant apparently.

I have respectfully to State that Captain Langley has not furnished me with the Levels & Cross Sections of this Channel Although the 2 Enclosures in his letter to You under Reply Viz. Estimate & Sub Engineer Venkatrows instructions regarding the filling in

When I received Mr Langley's letter asking for the levels and cross sections they were not with me. I wrote to Mr Hancock requesting him to send them to Mr Langley direct. LL 30/3/[illegible]

in mere in the same bundle of papers relating to this Channel which I gave Over to Mr Hancock.

I beg to Remain
Sir
Your most Obt Servant

J Macaulay
Sub Engineer.

Rec'd 4-4-85

4-4-85

Ganjam Division Office, Berhampore,

No. 269 S.E. Camp

30th March 1886

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle,
Dowlaishweram.

Enclosures. 5

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith this office letter No. 259 S.E. dated 21st inst. together with two Explanations from Sub-Engineer Mr. Lackey Nos. A, and D, dated 26th instant, and 28th instant, respectively, also papers as marginally noted.

2. With regard to Mr. Lackey's Explanations I have only to remark that I have no doubt that Sub Engineer G. Venkatrao intended to do some filling in to the Garibenda Gedda Channel, and it is very probable that he intended to do it in the manner mentioned by Mr. Lackey, viz by cutting side slopes and throwing the Earth into the bed of the Channel, but the work has not been done. In those places where the side slopes should have been cut they have not been cut. If thought necessary cross sections of these places can be taken. They will be found to be similar to the section No 1 in black ink, given by Mr. Lackey in the margin of his letter No. A. In his letter No. D dated 28th inst herewith Mr. Lackey implies that the filling in could only be checked by levels,

1 Copy of abstract of expenditure for repairing Garibenda Gedda Channel No 2755
1 Copy of Sub Engineer Mr. Lackey's Explanations No A and D
1 Copy of instructions given by Sub Engineer G. Venkatrao

but he has not produced any levels in support of his measurements.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

From

The Executive Engr.
Gunjam Division

To

The Supdg. Engr.
1st Circle

Dated 30th
Despatched 30 } March
Received 1883

No. 269 SE
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Subject

Filling into the Gurebu-
-la Gedda Channel
.— Informs that the
— has not been done
&c—.

Dated 28th March 1883

No.

From.

Mr. J. W. Caskey
Sub. Engineer.

To

Colonel Shaw Stewart RE.
Chief Engineer.
Fort St George.
Madras.

Honorable Sir

Encls.
Ex: Engrs letter
No. 259 SE
21-3-83
Sub Engineers
No. D of 20th
March

In continuation of my letter No. 2.C. of the 26th Instant I beg leave respectfully to address you in the case of the present charge preferred against me by Captain Caughey and the extreme emergency I have therein enclosed letters placed before you at once will explain the necessity for my addressing you direct under the permission granted in the Code and sending a Copy of this letter through the Executive Engineer of Gunjam to the Superintending Engineer 1st. Circle for his information

I would here respectfully observe that my degradation vide Chief Engineers No. 750, C. dated 30th March 1882 occurred from my explanations not being fully laid before the late Chief Engineer who it is known on receiving my appeal afterwards saw that I was unjustly degraded and he

intended reinstating one, which from other circumstances was delayed and this reinstatement was at last sanctioned in your No. 836.C. dated 7th April 1884

I beg to remain
Honorable Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
(Sgd) J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer.

True copy forwarded to the Supt: Engr Third Circle Engr Ganjam Dn No 268 SE
Forwarded
L Langley Capt RE
30.3.85.

J W Laskey
Sub Engineer.

Appeal petition No 2C dated 26th March 1885 from Mr J W Laskey Sub Engineer to Colonel Shaw-Stewart RE Chief Engineer Fort St George and Ganjam Dn Officers No 261 SE dt 28th March 85.

Endorsement

No 2 Ct.

Returned thro the Executive Engineer Ganjam Division who will be good enough to inform Mr Laskey that the purport of paras 1 & 2 have already been submitted with his defence to the Chief Engineer.

The subject of the remaining portion of his letter has not been reported to Govt but if Mr Laskey wishes it to be sent up it is requested that the whole question complete with all the documents referred to by Mr Laskey may be submitted with the Executive Engineer's remarks.

2-4-85

(Sd) P Montgomerie Lt Col RE
Supdg Engr 1st Circle

(True copy)

P Montgomerie
Lieut Col RE
Supdg Engr 1st Circle.

No. 4 Gen.

Appeal petition of Mr. J.W. Laskey Sub Engineer dated 19-3-85 to Colonel Shaw-Stewart R.E. Chief Engineer P.W.D. Madras thro the Executive Engineer Ganjam Division and Superintending Engineer 1st Circle - with an extract from his former letter dated 6th Febry 85 addressed to the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle with an endorsement No. 257/St. dated 21st March 85 by Ganjam Division Officer.

No. 1 Gen.

Returned thro the Executive Engineer Ganjam who will be good enough to inform Mr. Laskey that the full purport of the above has already been Communicated (in his voluminous defence) to the Chief Engineer who will without doubt judge him without any partiality.

1-4-85

(Sd) P. Montgomerie Lieut Hol R.E.
Superintending Engineer
I Circle

True Copy (Sd) P. Montgomerie
Lieut Hol R.E.
Supdg Engr. First Circle

List of further Correspondence regarding
Mr Sub Engr Laskey's Conduct and
behaviour while in Charge of Chicacole
Sub Division.

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1. Letter No 259 S/E dated 21st March/85
from Executive Engineer Ganjam Dn
to Suptg Engr with 1 Estimate and 1 Extract from measurement book.
1. Letter No A dated 26th March/85 from
Mr Sub Engineer Laskey to Executive
Engineer Ganjam Dn
1 Letter No D dated 28th March/85 from
Mr Laskey to Suptg Engr
1 Letter No 269 S/E dated 30 March/85
from Executive Engineer Ganjam Dn
to Suptg Engr.
1 Letter dated 28th March/85 from
Mr Laskey to Chief Engineer D.Pd.

W Moultrie
Lieut & Col R.E
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

No. 4 Gen.

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

P. W. Department

~~FOR IRRIGATION~~

Encls
1 File.
2 en dorsements
1 List.

DOWLAISHWARAM, 4th April 1885.

SIR,

In Continuation of my Report No. 3 Gen. dated 2nd Instant regarding Mr. Sub Engineer Laskey, I have the honor to forward to you a further file of papers in original regarding that subordinate which I have just received.

2. I had wished not to trouble you further with Mr. Laskeys affairs as you will see by the accompanying Copies of endorsements furnished to him; but as this fresh case has been sent up to me at Mr. Laskeys special request, I send it on to you. As far as I can see this fresh Case is as impossible to substantiate as any of the other Cases of Channel improvement and Clearing carried out during the wet season

+ Clo. 31/3
Cle W. 8/4/85

* As per list attached.

@ No. 1 Gen. dated 1 April 1885.
No. 2 Gen. dated 2 April 1885.

which the Executive Engineer has reported against Mr. Laskey. The estimate for this work appears to have been sanctioned by Mr. Walch in January 1882, and it is not explained why it should have been considered a suitable work to carry out during the rains of 1884.

3. In my report of the 2nd Instant, I stated that Mr. Laskey had been transferred from the Western Delta Godavari to Chicacole in November 1883. I ought to have said transferred to the Ganjam District for he does not appear to have joined the Chicacole Sub Division until June following. This fact may furnish extenuating circumstances for carrying out some of his Channel clearings during the wet season in order to meet the wishes of his then Executive Engineer to show steady monthly progress on works. But I still maintain that it is any thing but creditable for any subordinate to have made a practice of Channel clearing during the Wet season as Mr. Laskey has done.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.

R Montgomerie
Lieut. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

FROM,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

~~FOR IRRIGATION.~~

D.P.W.

Madras

DATED 4th
DESPATCHED 4th } April 1885.
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No. 4 Gn.

ENCLOSURES. 4

Mr Sub-Engineer
Laskey

Forwards a further
file of papers regarding

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No 4

Berhampore
19th March 1885

From.

Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To

Colonel Shaw-Stewart
Chief Engineer P. W. D. Madras

Thro' the Executive Engr. Ganjam Dn.
& Superintending Engr. 1st Circle

Honorable Sir,

In Submitting an Extract from my letter to the address of the Superintending Engineer dated 6th February 1885 I beg leave respectfully to represent that Captain Langley's treatment. You will observe has been Extremely Severe to me & now I am removed from the Sub Division without receiving any decision from the Superintending Engineer on the Executive Engineer's Complaints and my Explanations, & the anxiety of being kept under an Officer who is Extremely harsh & Severe & is seemingly yet determined on ruining me, forceshe to Appeal to you urgently to look into my case fully & to relieve me from the di

of mind & fear under which I am almost going mad.

I am to remain
Honorable Sir.
Your most obt Servant
(Signed) J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

True Copy.
J W Laskey
Sub Engineer.

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Extract from Sub Engineer Mr Laskey letter No 515 dated 6th February 1885 to the address of Supg: Engineer 1st Circle -

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11. Captain Langley I respectfully beg leave, Sir, to observe in making reports of these Sorts, with a determined intention to ruin me, he came into the District with feelings of strong resentment against me, which I surmise to be due to certain grave charges I may further explanations and appeals to Government against his friend Captain Anderson & that of the result of these appeals I was re- stated, Captain Langley has viewed Shewn this to be the Cause, by his pro- ceedings in withholding from me upto present date, the difference of pay to my reinstated grade, from 20th May my promotion appeared in the Gazette the 12th August 1884, page 1105, & he only then Came into this District, prevented its being claimed in a Subsequent pay abstract, & has by putting it off for one reason or ano-

up to this date, his first Explanation to her was that the Gazette in question was not received in his Office, & his Subsequent Explanation in January was that the Gazette had been twice applied for, & which were seemingly twice Sent by the Superintendent of the Government Press but, had twice miscarried, So that the Gazette three times Sent had not reached him; but there were means by which he need not have waited for a Gazette being Supplied from the Government Press in room of the first One that miscarried, for there are 8 Public Officers in Berkampore, 3 in the Military, & 5 in the Civil Department, On any one of these he might have indented for the use of the Gazette for an hour, to adjust my Claim, but. Sir, it leads me now to See from his harsh treatment Since Coming into my Sub Division & the Grave reports heard against me, & by the dark Cloud that he has cast on my Character, to infer that my promotion is being Kept back & have it ultimately Cancelled & as for Captain Langley's harsh treatment I have further to what I have

have already Stated in my letter
-ration No 425 dated 30th December 1884
about his utterings on the Buravelly Chaur
frequently the words "damnit, where is all
the Earths, I will have you turned out of
this Division, I wont be astonished if
you are turned out of the Department,
the Superintending Engineer is not much
disposed to favor you Either," to add anot
instance of his heathenish use of very Strong
language in addressing me. I Saw Captain
Langley for the first time only on the 7th D
-cember & on the 10th at the Garrebula Ghat
I took to Show him a place where a part
of a proposed bank was not necessary
he rode on in front & I was some 50 yar
behind him & just as he approached
Spot I Cried out to him, Sir, that is
the place, he turned round & Said
"damn you" why dont you send Som
one to Show me the place", this langu
-age was uttered in the presence o
my Subordinate Overseer Mr Donov
I Can lay before you Some other in
to Show, how he tried my patience,
worried me to the utmost by fatig
me an old man of 52 years of a

I have Served Government now for
nearly 30 years & rendered it often
Service in the Capacity of an Efficient
Engineer & as Offg: Executive Engineer
in 1880 from April to End of October
& now from this unbearable treatment
I am Compelled to Say that I would
humbly place the End of my Service
at the feet of Government & beg of
it to permit me taking my pension
& thus relieving myself from Suffer-
-ing Such Severe treatment as I
have Experienced under Captain
Henderson in 1881 & the worst
under Captain Langley now.

Hoping to remain

Sir

Your most Obt Servant

(Signed) J.W. Laskey.

Sub Engineer

Chicacole Sub Dn

True Copy

J.W. Laskey

Sub Engineer

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No. B.

Asta
26th March 85

From

Mr. J.W. Laskey

Sub Engineer

To

The Executive Engineer

Ganjam Division

Sir,

In reply to your docket No. 11518/15-3-85
I have the honor to report that the Gan-
-balla gedda Channel was one that
was originally defective & the Esti
-mate Rs. 275 prepared by my pred
-cessor Sub Engineer Venkatraw Pantu
on longitudinal levels & Cross Sectio
was to rectify its defects. The Estima
gives the Contents in Cutting the Cha
to the improved Section, & the Sub Eng
-neers longitudinal levels shows
a line rectifying the bed to a give
inclination & his written instruction
to the Contractor giving the filling
the bed for every 150 ft in length is
quite evident that he intended
& this work was done accordingly
in last May 1884. I came into the
Division in June & as there was
some more work to be done by

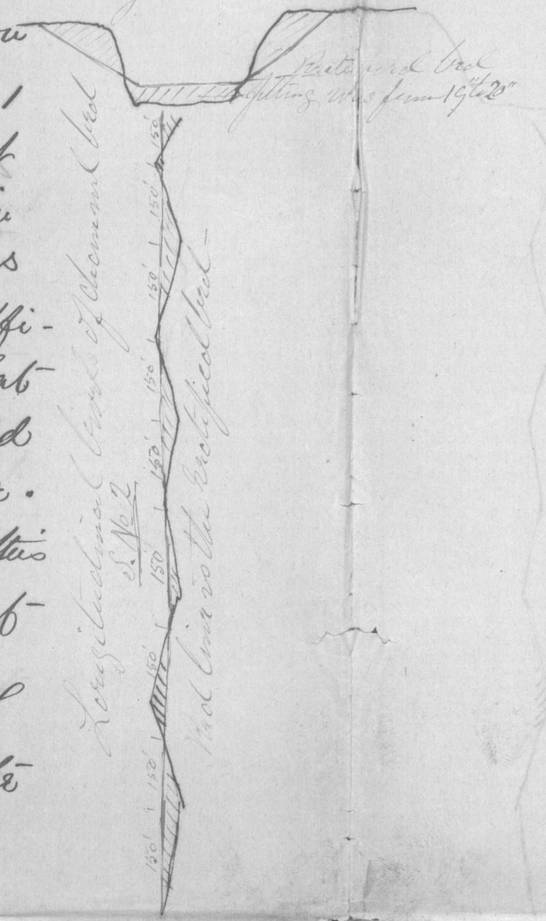
Enclosed
Transfer Report
returned

Contract

Contractor in Cutting the Slopes properly in Some portions of the Channel I accepted only the quantity Cut from the Sides to the Extent used in filling in the bed of the old Channel. According to Sub Engineer Venkataraw's figures Expressing the depths to be filled in, at Every 150 ft in length. This paper of the Sub Engineer's instructions to the Contractor was presented to Mr. Handcock on his Examination of this work & he had further the levels and Estimate to have enabled him to have decided on what was done.

The old Section is as shown in the margin in black in figure No 1 & the altered Section is the red on it & the old bed & rectified bed are in figure 2 Shown by black & red lines It was therefore not a matter of difficulty for him to have decided on what was done from the papers presented to him by the Overseer in my absence. I was sick on the date he inspected this work & did not Consequently go out with him. Mr. Handcock altering his first reply & addrg the latter note to

No. 1.
Cross Section



to question 7. (a) in the Transfer Rep after I answered his remarks & Signed & returned this report to him is not at all justifiable. It leads a Supporter to query remark that no filling is to be seen, but this matter by Comparing the present Section & the inclination of the Channel bed, with its former will place the question at rest at once & Mr. Handcock's observation in his Progress Report of 9th February when he Stated that "no pits are visible from which the Earth may have been dug but it is possible that this material was obtained in Sloping the banks on the inside". It was just this, what was done, & Mr. Handcock Justifies Observed in his Progress Report that "Mr. Laskey made no alteration for widening" So by this observation he admits that I did not pay the Contractor for widening, therefore the Earth Cut out in widening was used in filling I do not See the justice of Governing Such a groundless remark against me. & Calling on me to pay Rs. 93.

The Contractor Still Claims payment for

for the difference cub. from the Sires, taking away what was filled in. I disallowed this claim because he left a few places where it was hard & Stony unfinished. The total quantity of Excavation in the Estimate is 74,868 Cfts I paid him only for 53,125 Cfts. The Contractor is now working under you & there is a balance of Rs 110 on this Estimate Still & As for your Saying that no filling in is to be seen. It is not possible that you can judge of Earth thrown into a Channel bed 11 months ago & after it has undergone the Alternate actions of wet & dry & the Channel after Carrying 3 to 4 ft depth of water in the last Irrigating Season. So your Charge against me in this matter is pursued with a determination to ruin me & I accordingly Ask that you will request the Superintending Engineer to lay this matter also before Government with the other Charges prepared

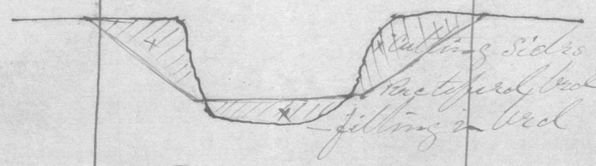
Against me.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
(Signed) J. W. Lashley Sub Engr.
(True Copy)
W. Lashley
Sub. Engineer.

No.	The relieving Sub Dl. Officer will enter in the next Column Specific replies to each of the Questions in Order with such further remarks as may be necessary	Replies by relieving Sub Dl. Officer	Remarks by relieved Sub Dl. Officer	Remarks by Executive Engineer	Orders Supt:
7	What works were Examined by you? (a) Did you see reason to Object to any of the works Executed by your predecessor? (b) If so on what grounds?	All works in progress (a) No, with the Exception of the Gainbulla Eddy Channel Closing Estimate Rs 275 More than ½ the total Amount of the work paid for has been "filling in" of the Channel which I think was totally unnecessary. x I was quite unable to make out whether this filling in had been really done or not	The "filling in" of this Channel was by Sub Engineer Venkatrao's written instructions to the Contractor. The relieving officer has seen this paper, which gives the deepening & filling for every 150 ft length. It explained this in My P. R of work from 1st to 10th February 1885 x The latter part of Mr Handcock's reply to question 7 (a). was added & an alteration made after I noted my remark & Signed & returned the Certificate to him. His disagrees with his observation in P. R. 9th February in "that it is possible that this material was obtained in Sloping the banks on the inside" Mr Handcock was shown Sub Engineer Venkatrao's written instructions to Contractor giving him the filling in for every 150 ft of Channel & which certainly walks from the Cutting of the Sides. My Explanation to Ex: Engineer & Venkatrao will Satisfactorily	I inspected the Channel this morning There was no filling in to be seen. No filling in was necessary neither was any provided for in the Original Estimate An Explanation has been Called for. The Estimate was for removing deposits in the Original Channel which was shown in Green in black was altered to the red Section & the Earth taken out from the Sides was thrown into & rectify the bed which although not necessary was done by Order of my predecessor Sub Engineer Venkatrao Pantulu & he was the man who prepared the Estimate on Longitudinal Levels & Cross Sections So the filling in by the Earth cut from the Sides was by his Orders. He must have therefore intended it & when was done before I took Charge of the Sub Division in June. The altered Section of Channel & bed will place this Question beyond a doubt A Report accompanies this.	

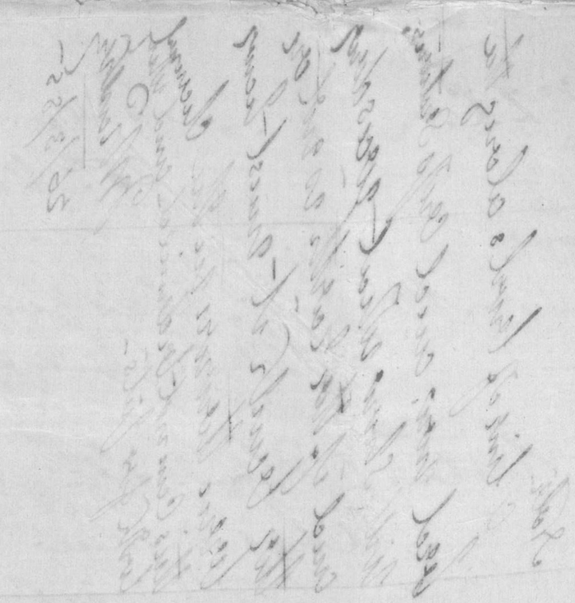
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Cross Sections of old and altered Channel —



Note —
A link of bricks along the bed now, and Cross Sections will show what was done and if the Earth is not on the bank it must have been thrown in the channel this cannot be denied and what work for Jills —

J Monteith
26/3/85 —



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No. 2.C. Aska.
25th March 85

From

Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

To

Colonel Shaw-Stewart R.E.
Chief Engineer
Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

As the Public Works Code permits your being addressed direct in cases of extreme emergency with the observance laid down that copies of such communications be sent to the Superintending Engineer thro' the Executive Engineer - I am, Sir, from the circumstance now of being suspended driven to the necessity to address you and to represent that there is no reason whatever for the Superintending Engineer to have taken this harsh step on Captain Langley's groundless complaints made against me 4 months ago - i.e. about his having found work short of payments made by me to Contractors in the improvement of certain Channels and the clearing of silt in others - the explanations

explanations
afforded in my letters N.o 425 dy 30th
December 84 and N.o 515 of 6th Febmary 85
fully clears away all Captain Langleys
charges, and I placed it quite clear
by these letters to show the Superintending
Engineer that Captain Langley was
acting from strong feelings of prejudice
against me.

2. My letter of the 19th Instant
to your address forwarded thro' Executive
Engineer and Superintending Engineer,
copy now enclosed, will show you, Sir,
that Captain Langley came into this
District in August 84 with feelings
strongly against me. His proceeding in
keeping back the pay of my promoted
grade for 7 months by saying that
the Gazette of the 12th August, which
contained my promotion, was not received
and the two other Gazettes, subsequently
applied for by him, and which were
seemingly sent by the Superintendent
of the Government Gazette Press had
also miscarried, and his further
treatment to me after coming into my
Sub Division by damning me, and
saying he would have me turned out
of this Division, and that he would
not be surprised if I am turned out
of the Department, as the Superintending
Engineer is also not favorably disposed
towards me and his reports of Earth-
work being short of payments made by
me by arbitrarily deciding it to be so
by taking short measurements of spoil
on the bank and thus reporting things
incorrectly to do me the most serious
injury.

3. The enclosed correspondence in the
case of the Gurbella-gedda Channel
which arises now from remarks in
the Transfer Report, extract from
which is enclosed, will clearly prove
to you, Sir, that Captain Langley is
doing his utmost to ruin me. Captain
Langley went into the Sub Division
immediately after I was relieved by
Mr Handcock and without studying
the matter properly; from the levels
and cross sections of the Channel,
and without comparing them and
ascertaining the actual work done
he enters a groundless remark in
the Transfer Report that "no filling

filling
in is to be seen, no filling in was
necessary, neither was any provided for
in the Estimate" - these remarks are
made in the face of levels and cross
sections and my predecessors written
instructions to the Contractor giving
him the depth for every 150 feet length
to be filled in from earth taken out
from the sides in the widening of the
Channel - the estimate only expresses
the difference in contents from areas
of old and new sections of the Channel,
the earth cut out from the sides was
thrown in to form the rectified bed
with a fall of 1 foot per mile, and
this was done according to the arrange-
ments of the former Sub Divisional
Officer who prepared the plans and
Estimate for the work, the earth
taken out from the slopes instead
of being thrown on the banks was
thrown into the Channel. It is over
11 months now and this filling in,
is now quite hard and dry, but there
are the levels and cross sections to
decide at any time as to what was
done - You will, Sir, notice by calling

calling
for the Transfer Report that Mr.
Handcock after I had signed and
returned the Report to him had altered
a word in his first reply to question
No 7 and added a remark, which
from the difference of ink, will be
quite apparent to you - ie. he changed
the word "work done" to "work paid
for" and the addition "I was quite
unable to make out whether this filling
in had been really done or not" - this
note of Mr. Handcocks is evidently
intended to give a support to Captain
Langleys remark, and the Executive
Engineer now calls on me to make
good Rs 93-— with the object to
represent that I had paid for work
not done - Mr. Handcock in his
observation in his Ten-day Progress
Report on the 9th February, you will,
Sir, by calling for it observe that he
states "that Mr. Laskey made no allowance
for widening the Channel in his measure-
ments" - It was plain therefore to him
from this fact that the filling in of Channel
was done by the earth taken out in

[illegible] the [illegible]

in
widening it- Again he observes "that
no pits are visible from which the
earth may have been dug but it is
possible that this material was obtained
in sloping the banks on the sides"-
These observations of his in his Progress
Report you will, Sir, observe do not
agree with his remarks now in the
Transfer Report and my explanations
written in red inks in the Transfer
Report and my letter to the Executive
Engineer, copy enclosed, will show you,
that I am being dragged into troubles
unjustly from Captain Langley bearing
me strong feelings of prejudice, and
his complaints on which I now stand
suspended are all of this nature, and
they come from feelings in Captain Langley
quite inimical to me- I throw myself
on your generous protection and solicit
nothing more, than, that justice from
your hands which in the Department
is reputed now to be pure and
impartially dealt to all-

4. I forgot to mention that
the Transfer Report was sent to me
now to answer question n°. 9, and

And
it was by this means that I noticed
the alteration and addition made
by Mr. Handcock after meeting
by Captain Langley in his Sub-
Division since I gave over charge.

I beg to remain
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient Servant
W. Cashin
Sub Engineer

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S.A.W.
Under what para of Code is this allowable, as stated by Mr Lashley?
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DW. Please enclose part of para 10 of 2, which Mr Lashley takes advantage of to ask for the present increase.
CJ
7.4.85

Nothing occurs to me against what is asked for.
CJ
7.4

C. Abney.
Major R.E.
Under Secy to Govt
P.W. Dept

Referred to the Superintending Engineer I Circle for early report.

To the S.E. I Circle in original, to be returned.

a.11.4.85

Mr D

Akola
28th March 1885

From
Mr. J. W. Lashley
Sub Engineer

To
Col: P. Montgomerie
Supt: Engineer
1st Circle
Dowlaishweram.
Thro' the Executive Engineer

Sir,

I beg leave respectfully to state that after replying to Captain Lawley's Call in 1151. of the 15th Instant I received Copy of his letter to your Address No 25 dated 21st March to which appears to have been written after receiving my Application for Sub Engineer Instructions given to Contractor Regarding the Cutting & filling in the bed of the Garebulla Godavari Channel I pointed Out to the Executive Engineer that I handed over this paper to Mr. Handcock & particularly asked for it to prove, that, filling in the Channel to the levels of the rectified bed was done by the Contractor on the

the former Sub Divisional Officer's instructions & that this filling was from the Earth taken out in Cutting the Sides in widening the Channel Accordingly to the improved Section.

Captain Langley now apparently admits that there was such an order from Sub Engineer Venkatraw to the Contractor, but he says there was no trace of any filling in whatever, Neither were there any pits to be seen, You will see from this how incorrectly Captain Langley is representing matters to do me injury. Why is he looking for pits when the Earth used in filling the Channel to the rectified bed line was taken out from the Sides in widening the old Channel.

Captain Langley Says that the Estimate does not allow for filling, why; that would have been a mistake on the part of Sub Engineer Venkatraw to have allowed Separate Earth for filling, when there was the Spoil taken out in the widening to do it, he Says that My measurements are Exactly that of Sub Engineer Venkatraw's, yes; because he gave the Exact depths of filling from the levels of the bed. How does Captain Langley mean that this filling was to be checked by any other means, but by levels. The Cutting of the Sides gave more than what was required for filling. So this fact in itself was quite Enough. The deepening Comes in the rectified Section & as the filling was out of material taken from the Sides. It is not Expressed in the Estimate, but that it was intended by the man who prepared the Estimate is quite Clear from his written instructions to the Contractor & this was done before I took Charge from him.

The levels of the bed & Cross Sections of the Channel if looked into properly & Compared with what the Channel is now, would have Cleared away doubts if any really Existed in the minds of these two Gentlemen Captain Langley & Mr. Handcock but

but, no, Captain Langley is wilfully putting forward things in this way to do me the most Serious harm & Mr. Handcock is Seemingly Supporting it.

In Mr. Handcock's remark regarding this Channel in his Progress Report of works for the 1st Ten-days in February, he says, "that it is possible that the material used in filling was taken from cutting the Sides of the Channel & this is Supported again by his Saying that I made no allowance in my measurements for widening. Well, these notes bear Strongly on the fact that the filling was done from the Earth taken out in widening the Channel, now, Sir, According to the Estimate the total quantity of Earth in widening the Old Channel is 74,868 Cft. I paid the Contractor on an arbitrary measurement for 53125 Cft. This is short of what was due to the Mean & in the face of such a fact I am held up to this disgrace by Captain Langley & Mr. Handcock forgetting his first observation, or believing perhaps that I know nothing about them & is Supporting Capt: Langley's Statements, which are based on no grounds whatever but on a determined will to ruin me.

It is Some thing like mock justice, Sir, to tell me to haul 100 miles nearly to Show Captain Langley or Mr. Handcock where this work was done. Where Sub Engr. Venkatraw's instructions given the particulars So Clearly for every 1500 ft of Channel & that now after nearly 12 months Since this work was done & it is not likely that the Earth thrown in the bed will present a loose appearance after Carrying from 3 to 4 ft depth of water during the last irrigating Season & the bed after drying must assume now quite a Natural appearance.

The present width of the Channel.

Channel & the inclination of the bed
Compared with the former Sections
are the only undeniable proofs.
I have to Offer against this Charge.
This Explanation with those afforded
in my reply letter No. B of the 26th
Instant to the Executive Engineer.
Will I trust remove this Charge
wrongly brought against me
& I Solicit the favour of your
laying this matter also for the
Consideration & Orders of
Government in the case of my
Suspension on Captain Langley's
Charges which were founded
on Similar grounds as this
which you will observe is quite
an untenable One.

I have respectfully
to State that Captain Langley
has not furnished me with the
Levels & Cross Sections of this
Channel although the 2 Enclosures
in his letter to you under reply
viz.

Viz. Estimate & Sub Engineer Venkatrow's
instructions regarding the filling in
were in the same bundle of papers
relating to this Channel which
I gave over to Mr. Handcock.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obt Servant
(Signd) J.W. Laskey
Sub. Engineer

(True Copy)
J.W. Laskey
Sub Engineer

D.W.

Perhaps this reference will now be unnecessary, as a full report on the subject was today received from Col: Montgomerie

W.
8.4.85

S.A.W.

This should go on to W, with the file disposed of today. CS.
10.4.85

To W

Mr Laskey appears to me to have acted irregularly in addressing you direct. There was no extreme emergency about the case, & he should have utilised on the S.E. sending up the case without avoidable delay. He must have been aware that you could pass no orders on any representation from him without having the papers from the S.E. & that Officers reports. Here again is want of judgment, whatever the merits of the case. — CS.
10.4.85

No. 2598 E.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, GANJAM DIVISION, ~~BERHAMPORE~~, Camp, Kanchili

Dated 27 March 1885

Dept 24"

From

The Executive Engineer,
Ganjam Division.

To

The ~~Sub Divisional Officer~~, Superintending Engineer, Cocanada

Enclosure.

Sir,

In bringing to your recollection the fact that Mr Hancock reports in his Progress Report of works for February last that certain earth work viz filling in on the Garibula Gedda Channel, which had been measured and paid for by Sub Engineer Mr Laskey, had not been done, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. I inspected the whole of the work on the 15 inst. with Mr Hancock. There was no trace of any filling in whatever, neither were there any pits to be seen from which earth could have been taken. I enclose a copy of the Estimate, which does not allow for filling in. The filling in was ordered by Sub Engineer G. Venkatrao, Mr Laskey's predecessor. It is, as Mr Hancock reports, entirely unnecessary. I enclose a copy of the instructions given by Sub Engineer Venkatrao for carrying out the work, also an Extract from Mr Laskey's Measurement book. You will find that with the exception of one item marked thus ÷ Mr Laskey's measurements are an Exact Copy of Sub Engineer Venkatroo's instructions. The inference is that Mr Laskey paid for the work according to these instructions without attempting to measure it. When

Mr. Handcock inspected the work Mr. Laskey declined to accompany him on the plea of illness. I have offered Mr. Laskey an opportunity of inspecting the work with myself or Mr. Handcock in order that he may point out the work he has paid for, but he has not accepted my offer.

3. The earth-work which Mr. Laskey has paid for amounts, as per his measurement Sheet herewith, to 31,250 C.ft, which at Rs. 3 per 1000 C.ft, the rate paid, amounts to Rs. 93-12-0. I have therefore the honour to recommend that this Amount may be recovered from Mr. Laskey's pay.

Mr. Laskey has been furnished with a Copy of this letter.

I have &c

/Signed/ L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer

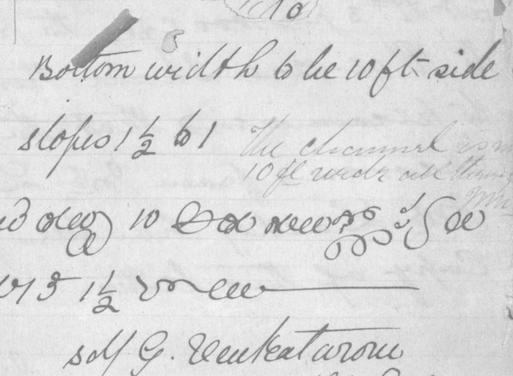
/True Copy/ No. 1214 S
Forwarded to Mr. J.W. Laskey Sub Engineer
in continuation of this office No. 1151 S dt 15 Dec
March 1885.

L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer

No.	Lengths	Cutting No 1	Filling No 2
20	150 — 0	0 — 0	0 — 5
1	150 — 0	0 — 0	0 — 5
2	Ditto	0 — 3	0 — 0
3	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 8
4	Ditto	0 — 2	0 — 0
5	Ditto	0 — 4	0 —
6	Ditto	0 — 0	— 4
7	Ditto	0 —	0 — 4
8	Ditto	— 5	0 — 0
9	Ditto	0 — 1	0 — 0
10	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 1
11	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 10
12	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 11
13	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 6
14	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 6
15	Ditto	0 — 0	2 — 2
16	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 3
17	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 9
18	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 7
19	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 0
20	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 2
21	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 4
22	Ditto	0 — 0	1 — 3
23	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 2
24	Ditto	0 — 6	0 — 0
25	Ditto	0 — 9	0 — 0
26	Ditto	0 — 2	0 — 0
27	Ditto	0 — 1	0 — 0
28	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 2
29	Ditto	0 — 4	0 — 0
30	Ditto	0 — 9	0 — 0
31	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 11
32	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 7
33	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 9
34	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 5
35	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 1
36	Ditto	0 — 3	0 — 0
37	Ditto	0 — 3	0 — 0
38	Ditto	0 — 0	0 — 7
39	Ditto	0 — 8	0 — 0
40	Ditto	0 — 4	0 — 0

No.	Lengths	Cutting No 1	Filling No 2
30	150 — 0	0 — 0	0 — 0
41	150 — 0	1 — 1	0 — 0
42	Ditto	0 — 9	0 — 0
43	Ditto	1 — 4	0 — 0
44	Ditto	1 — 5	0 — 0
45	Ditto	1 — 2	0 —
46	Ditto	0 — 7	0 — 0

Columns Nos 1 & 2 Exhibit the Cutting and filling & Embankment for every 150 ft in length



Bottom width 6 be 10 ft side slopes 1½ to 1

The Chainage every 10 ft made at these Sections

Deduct 10 @ 1½ to 1

sd/ G. Venkataroma
Sub. Engineer
21/3/85
sd/ G.R.

/True copy/

sd/ E.F. Handcock.
Asst. Engineer
Chicacole Sub. Division
15/3

sd/ L. Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
21/3/85

/True copy/

L Langley Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

Estimate for Repairing Garibidda Gedda channel

Quantity	Descriptions of charges	Rate	Per	amount	Total
7488	Cubic feet of Earth work	3	" "	Cft 1000	225 " "
	Removing stones from the channelbed Lowering floor of Ramkuchamma Thapa Sluice & Brubhadra sluice	"	" " "	"	10 " "
		"	" "	"	15 " "
					250 " "
	Petty Supervision	5	" "	Cent	13 " "
	Contingencies	5	" "	Cent	12 " "
				Total estimate Rupees	275/

/Signed/ G.S. Walch
Offg. Superintending Engineer
1st Circle

/Signed/ J.G. Horsfall
Collector

/Signed/ C. Hosfor
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division
27/3/84

/Signed/ Gyanketa Rao Subrd.
Chicacole Sub Division
30/4/83

This is a channel from Garibula Gedda and supplies water to the tanks of 4 villages. It has not been originally excavated to its proper level, most part of its bed is composed of gravel and rocks. Its present section is too narrow and the bed is shallow in places. Consequently the tanks under this channel are not supplied with water unless the water rises in its upper reach to such a level as to breach its bends. It is proposed to deepen & widen the channel with a fall of 1 foot per mile, bottom width 10ft and side slopes 1½ to one to afford

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water supply to the tanks. The floor of the sluice to tank which supplies water to Runkuhammantha and Kambhadra tank, will be lowered from 15-44 to 14-64 ft to suit the proposed fall of the channel. The rocks in the channel bed will be removed for which the estimate provides

(Signed) G Venkata Rao Sub Asst
Chicacole Sub Division

True copy

L Langley Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

District Ganjam
Imperial ordinary
Irrigation Repairs

Chicacole Sub Division
Taluq Chicacole
Mootah
Village
Acreage 1256-32
Average Revenue Rupees 3058-10-6
Highest ditto of Last 5 years
Last Repairs

Fund Imperial
Service Irrigation & Navigation
Departmental Repairs
Budget Works for which new
Capital & Revenue accounts are
Main Head
Subhead

Work

Repairing Garikula Gudda channel

Particulars	No	Measurements L	B	D	Contents	Total
	1	600-0	38-14	area	22884	
	2	600-0	41-22	area	24732	
	6	600-0	28.94	area	17364	
	9	600-0	7-01	area	4206	
	10	600-0	9-47	area	5682	
Total cubic feet of Earthwork					74868	74868
Removing stones from the channel bed covering floor of Runkuhammantha sluice and Kambhadra sluice						
Petty Supervision						
Contingencies						

Note- Estimate is compiled from Areas of Sections & the cutting as in it but not filling &c.

(Signed) G Venkata Rao Sub Asst
Chicacole Sub Division
30/4/83

A & Ko.

Dated 28th March 1885

No.

From

Mr. J. W. Lackey,
Sub. Engineer.

To

Colonel Shaw Stewart R.E.
Chief Engineer
Fort St. George.
Madras.

Ch. 315 to Dy. Sr.
Ex. Engr. 27/4

Honorable Sir

Encls
Ex: Engrs letter
No. 259 SE
21-3-85
Sub Engrs letter No. D 85-
28th March 85

In continuation of my letter No. 2. C. of the 26th Instant I beg leave respectfully to address you in the case of the foremost charge preferred against me by Captain Langley and the extreme emergency to have the enclosed letters placed before you at once will explain the necessity for my addressing you direct under the permission granted in the Code and sending a copy of this letter through the Executive Engineer of Ganjam to the Superintending Engineer 1st Circle for his information.

I would here respectfully observe that my degradation vide Chief Engineer's No. 750. C. dated 30th March 1882 occurred from my explanations not being fully laid before the late Chief Engineer who if so known on receiving my appeal afterwards

saw that I was unjustly degraded and he intended reinstating me, which from other circumstances was delayed and his reinstatement was at last sanctioned in your No. 836-C. dated 7th April 1884

I beg to Remain
Honorable Sir
Your most Obt. Svt.

J. W. Lawley
Sub. Engineer.

This must await S.E.'s report on Mr. Lawley's appeal of 26th March

CJ.
7.4.85

P.W.Q.C. No 2066 of 29.8.72
" " " 2964 " 14.12.72
" " " 150 3W " 25.3.78
C.E. No 622 of 11—2.79
No 750C " 30.3.82
" 899C " 20.4.82
" 2742D. " 8—2.83
C.E. " 2300 " 8—10.81
" " 21. " 6—1—82
B. No 1925W. " 10.7.83
No 1441D. " 27.6.83
" 1188C " 23.6.83
" 836C " 7.4.84.

O.L. 7/4

C. 11.4.85.

7 APR 85
WAR DEPARTMENT

Rec'd 7-4-85

No. 2. C.

No 261/E

Forwarded
Lawley
28/3/85.

Dy 29th

From
Mr. J. W. Lawley
Sub Engineer

To
Colonel Shaw Stewart R.E
Chief Engineer
Fort St. George.

26th March 1885

Honorable Sir,

As the Public works code permits Your being addressed direct in cases of Emergency with the observance laid down that Copies of such Communications be sent to the Superintending Engineer the Executive Engineer. I am, Sir, from the Circumstances now of being suspended driven to the necessity to address you & represent that there is no reason why I Lawley for the Superintending Engineer should have taken this harsh Step on Captain Lawley's groundless Complaints made against me 4 months ago ie about the time having found work short of payment made by me to Contractors in the improvement of Certain Channels & the Clearing of Jungle in Others. The Explanations afforded in my letters No 425 dated 30th December & No 515 of 6th February 1885 fully Cle

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away all Captain Langley's Charges, & I placed it quite Clear by these letters to Show the Superintending Engineer that Captain Langley was acting from Strong feelings of prejudice against me.

2. My letter of the 19th Instant to Your address forwarded thro' Executive Engineer & Superintending Engineer, Copy Now Enclosed, will Show You, Sir, that Captain Langley Came into this District in August 84 with feelings Strongly against me. His proceeding in keeping back the pay of my promoted Grade for 7 months by Saying that the Gazette of the 12th August, which Contained my promotion, was not Received & the two other Gazettes, Subsequently Applied for by him, & which was Seemingly Sent by the Superintendent of the Government Gazette Press has also miscarried, & his further treatment to me after ~~my~~ Coming into my Sub Division by damning me, & Saying he would have me turned out of this Division, & that he would not be Surprised if I were turned out of the Department, as Superintending Engineer is also unfavorably disposed towards me. & his reports of Earth work being Short of

payment-

observation in this Sub-Division

clearly, Sir,

payments made by me by arbitrarily deciding it to be So, by taking Short measurements of Spoil on the bank & thus reporting things incorrectly to do me the most Serious injury

3. The Enclosed Correspondence in the Case of the Garibella-gedda Channel which arises now from remarks in the Transfer Report, Extract from which is Enclosed, will clearly prove to You, Sir, that Captain Langley is doing his utmost to ruin me. Captain Langley went into the Sub Division immediately after I was relieved by Mr. Handcock & without Studying the matter properly, from the Level & Cross Sections of the Channel, and without Comparing them & Ascertaining the Actual work done he Entered a Short remark in the Transfer Report to the effect "No filling in is to be Seen. No filling in will be necessary. Nothing was any provided for in the Estimate." These remarks are heard in the face of Levels & Cross Sections & from my predecessor's written instructions to the Contractor giving him the depth for every 150 feet length to be filled in from the Earth taken out from the Sides in the widening of the Channel. The Estimate only Expresses the difference in Contents, is from Areas of Old & New Sections of

Channel

Channel, the Earth Cut out from the Sides was thrown into form the rectified bed with a fall of 1 foot per mile, and this was done according to the Arrangement of the former Sub Divisional Officer who prepared the plans & Estimate for the work, the Earth taken out from the Slopes instead of being thrown on the banks was thrown into the Channel. It is over 11 months now & this filling in, is now quite hard & dry, but there are the levels & Cross Sections to decide at any time as to what was done. You will, Sir, Notice by Calling for the Transfer Report that Mr. Handcock after I had Signed & returned the Report to him has altered a word in his first reply to question No. 7 & added a remark, which from the difference of ink, will be quite apparent to you. i.e. he changed the word "work done" to "work paid for" & the addition "I was quite unable to make out whether this filling in had been really done or not". This Note of Mr. Handcocks is evidently intended to give a Support to Captain Langley's remark, & the Executive Engineer now calls on me to make good Rs. 93-0-0 with the object to represent that I had paid for work not done - Mr. Handcock in

in his observation in his Letter dated 7th Report on the 9th February. You will, Sir, by Calling for it observe that he States that Mr. Lashley made no allowance for widening the Channel in his measurements It was plain therefore to him from this fact that the filling in of Channel was done by the Earth taken out in widening it. Again he observes "that no pits are visible from which the Earth may have been dug but it is possible that this material was obtained in Sloping the banks on the Sides". These observations of his in his Progress Report you will, Sir, observe do not agree with his remarks now in the Transfer Report & my Explanation written in red ink in the Transfer Report & my letter to the Executive Engineer, Copies Enclosed, will Show you, that I am being dragged into troubles unjustly from Captain Langley bearing the Strong Impressions of prejudice, & his Complainings on which I now Stand Suspended. All of this nature, & they Come from Feelings in Captain Langley quite inimicable to me - I throw myself on your generous protection & Solicit Redress. More, than, that justice from your hands which in the Department is

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Yours truly,

Chas. Lathrop

Secretary.

(Seal)

Attest:

Geo. Hayward

Chas. Lathrop

Directors.

Rec'd 11/8/4/05

No 2 W.

Returned thro'n the Ex: Engineer Campaign Divn who will be good enough to inform Mr. Lasky that the purport of paras 1 & 2 have already been submitted with his defence to the Chief Engineer.

The Subject of the remaining portion of his letter has not been reported to Govt; but if Mr. Lasky wishes it to be sent up it is requested that the whole Question Complete with all the documents referred to by Mr. Lasky may be Submitted with the Ex: Engineers remarks.

R Montgomerie
Lt Col RE
2/4/1805
Supg Engineer I Circle.

No 248
Forwarded to Mr. Lasky
for information
7/4

L.L. 7/4

Extract from Sub. Engineer Mr. J. W. Lasky's letter No. 515 dated 6th February 1805 to the Superintending Engineer I Circle.

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11 Captain Langley I respectfully beg leave, Sir, to observe in making reports of these sorts with a determined intention to prime me, he came into the District with feelings of strong resentment against me which I surmise to be due to nothing more than my further explanations and appeals to Government against his friend Captain Henderson and that on the result of these appeals I was reinstated, Captain Langley has vividly shewn this to be the cause, by his proceeding in withholding from me up to the present date, the difference of pay due to my reinstated grade, from 20th May 1804. My promotion appeared in the Gazette of the 12th August 1804, page 1105, and he had only then come into this District, he prevented its being claimed in

the subsequent pay abstract, and has been putting it off for one reason or another up to this date, his first explanation to me was that the Gazette in question was not received in his office, and his subsequent explanation in January was that the Gazette had been twice applied for, and which were seemingly twice sent by the Superintendent of the Government Press but had twice miscarried, so that the Gazette three times sent had not reached him; but there were means by which he need not have waited for a Gazette being supplied from the Government Press in room of the first one that miscarried, for there are 8 Public Offices in Berhampore, 3 in the Military and 5 in the Civil Departments, on any one of these he might have indented for the use of the Gazette for an hour, to adjust my claim, but Sir, it leads me now to see from his harsh treatment since coming into my Sub-Division and the grave reports made against me, and by the dark cloud that he has cast on my character, to infer that my promotion is being kept back to have it

ultimately cancelled and as for Captain Langley's harsh treatment I have further to what I have already stated in my letter of explanation No. 425 dated 30th December 1804 about his uttering on the Burandly channel frequently the words "Damn it where is all the earth I will have you turned out of this Division, I won't be astonished if you are turned out of the Department, the Superintending Engineer is not much disposed to favour you either" to add another instance of his making use of very strong language in addressing me - I saw Captn. Langley for the first time only on the 7th November and on the 10th at the Garebula gedda I had to show him a place where a part of a proposed bank was not necessary, he rode on in front and I was some 60 paces behind him and just as he approached the spot I cried out to him Sir that is the place, he turned round and said, "Damn you why don't you send some one to show me the place," this

language

No 248
Forwarded 8th Dec.

language was uttered in the presence of my subordinate, Overseer Mr. Donohoe. I can lay before you some other instances to show, how he tried my patience, and worried me to the utmost by fatiguing me an old man of 58 years of age. I have served Government now for nearly 30 years and rendered it often Service in the capacity of an efficient Engineer and as officiating Executive Engineer in 1880 from April to end of october and now from this unbearable treatment, I am compelled to say that I would humbly place the end of my Service at the feet of Government and beg of it to permit me taking my pension and thus relieving myself from suffering such severe treatment as I have experienced under Captain Henderson in 1881 and the worst under Captain Langley now.

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J. McKelvey
Sub-Engineer

Eng. No 3577

No 248
Arrd 24 Mar 85 Dispd 25 Mar 85

Berhampore
19th March 1885

From

Mr J. McL. Lastey
Sub. Engineer

To

No 257 S.E. Colonel Shaw-Stewart, R.E.
Forwarded to the Sup. Engr 1st circle
L. Langley 21/3/85.
Despt 23/3/85
Chief Engineer & Sec to D Madras
thro' the Executive Engineer Ganjam Dn.
and Superintending Engineer I Circle

Honorable Sir,

In submitting an ecstract from my letter to the address of the Superintending Engineer dated 6th February 1885, I beg leave respectfully to represent that Captain Langley's treatment, you will observe, has been exstremely severe to me and now I am removed from the Sub-Division without receiving any decision from the Superintending Engineer on the Executive Engineer's complaints and my explanations and the anxiety of being kept under an officer who is exstremely harsh and severe and is seemingly yet determined on punishing me

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forces me to appeal to you urgently to look into my Case fully and to relieve me from the distress of mind and fear under which I am almost going mad.

Encl 1. M.E. 5897

I beg to remain
Honorable Sir,
your most obt. Servant
J W Laskey
Sub. Engineer

No 1 Gr

Returned thro the Ex: Engineer Ganjam who will be good enough to inform Mr Laskey that the full purport of the above has already been communicated (in his voluminous defence) to the Chief Engineer who will without doubt judge him without any partiality =

L.L 7/4.

Hd Qrs 25th Dist Board of Works 7th April 85 Received

P Montgomerie
Lt Col R.E
Dept 1/4/85.
Supt Engineer Ganjam.

No. F

Berhampore.
13th April 1885.

From
Mr. J. W. Laskey
Sub. Engineer.

To.
The Honourable Col. Shaw. Stuart R. E.
Chief Engineer
Madras

Honourable Sir.

Enclosures 2.

The circumstance of letters addressed to you in their proper course being returned to me forces me to submit them direct to you and in the case of my letter No. 2 dated 26th March with Supdg. Engineer's endorsement No: 2 G. R. I beg leave respectfully to observe that I am at a loss to understand Col: Montgomeri in the case of the Garibula Gadda Channel question alluded to in the 3d para of my letter which refers to Executive Engrs report about an over-payment of Rs 93-4-4. The Supdg: Engr says that it would be sent up to Government if I wish it to be sent up; I pointed out the preferred charge by Captn Longly simply to be incorrect and the documents I refered to were to support my statement that Captain Longly has been going to an extreme length to injure me and that Mr. Handcock had by changing his remark in the Transfer Report and adding a fresh note after the transfer had been effected to support Captain Longly

Longly making his remark about the work in question not being done and the Executive Engr= on the strength of it preferring a Charge against me, were questionable proceedings. I leave the Seriousness of the Case in your hands to judge it as it deserves. I have consequently nothing to say whether the Case should be sent up or kept back.

I am really very much alarmed at being suspended and I do not know on what grounds the Supg: Engr= Suspended me.

To suspend me there must be Something very serious. I am afraid the Supg: Engr= has laid some very grave Charges against me, of which I know nothing; if they are simply based on Capt: Longly's Charges in his letter No: 208 dated 27th November 1884 they are certainly not at all of the nature for the Supg: Engr= to have taken such a serious measure as to have disgraced me in this manner in the eye of the public and to have taken the step he has done by reporting it to Government to effect some- thing very serious to my injury; Capt= Longly's Charges are groundless and misrepresented; to sum them up briefly, you will, Sir, by going into my explanations observe that the first question of over-payment is on the Channels of Sidipala, there was Rs 10 kept back from the

Contractor

Contractor to finish up what had to be done afterwards so there is nothing serious to say against it. The Buravilli Channel if examined with reference to the cross sections of what the Channel was, & its width &c. now, will show any Court clearly that Captain Longly has advanced a false charge against me, and so for his reports about, his finding works short on the other Channels by arbitrarily guessing from the spoil earth on the banks, after most of the silt which was taken up in a liquid state had been exposed to heavy rains in the operation of the work in August & September not showing the equivalent bulk on the bank, a result not known any where, under any circumstances & much less to find that it would be obtained by an arbitrary method of measuring i.e. by guessing the spoil earth on the banks with a determined object to obtain small results; the villagers of the Channels will corraborate the fact as to what was actually done. Capt= Longly's Charges were therefore clear to the Supg: Engr= as being groundless, made with the intent to do me harm. It is therefore a matter of much surprize to find that Conl: Montgomari made use of these Complaints of Capt= Longly's and has subjected an old servant of Government to such low humiliation and what I have to lament now is

is to find myself placed at a disadvantage
by having my road interrupted to my explanations
going up to you in vindication of my character.
by laying openly before you the true spirit from
whence these charges arise in the feelings of
the officer reporting me.

I beg to remain
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J W Cashley

Sub. Engineer.

Ch. 3597

Rec'd 23/4/85

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 21 APL 85 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Encls 3

25 Amended Statement

O.S. 7/4

Office note No 74

dy 29 4 85

To W

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 29 APL 85 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Your urgent telegram
dated the 28 April/85

Mr Lackey has
pendens continuous ser-
-vice from 9 July 1855
but his pensis from
1 May 1856 only have
been verified from the
Audit registers of this
Office. Mr Lackey is
entered in the Audit
registers as having been
absent without leave
on two occasions i.e
for 6 days in Sept 1860
and from 25 May 1786
8 June 1878. If the
above is commuted
by the Local Govt
into leave without
allowance
Register as clearly as to

Assistant
reference made to
C.?

21-4-85

To W

No reply has yet
been received.

K.S.
7.4.85

O.S. 7/4
7.6.5.85

allowances under the provisions of Secy 99 Rule 8 of the Civil Pension Code, Mr Lackey will have rendered a qualifying Superior Service of over 25 but under 30 years

Rec'd 5/5/85

A complete verification of his services will be again made and result reported ~~[illegible]~~, on receipt of his service book, which the Supt Engr I Circle telegraphed was sent to Chief Engineer on the 2d April '85 - vide also my Office note to yo dated 24 April/85

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Rec'd 1885

Rec'd 3975

The papers in this large file have reference to certain charges preferred against Mr. Sub. Engineer Lackey by the Exec: Engineer Ganjam Division, & forwarded by the Supt. Engineer I Circle.

Mr. Lackey's case has more than once been brought to notice of the Govt., in connection with his reduction in 1882 from Sub. Engineer 2d. grade to Sub-Engineer 3d. grade, — and his reinstatement in 1884 in the 2d. grade. It seems desirable on that account that these papers should also be laid before the Govt.

I have read carefully through the voluminous file. The main facts are well brought out in Major Bowen's ~~Summary~~ attached to this note, and it is unnecessary to repeat them. As stated by Major Bowen, the case is complicated, and has not been stated by the Superintending Engineer as clearly as it

ought have been -

Some of the Charges preferred against W. Laskey have not been fully substantiated, — and some should in my opinion have been dealt with by Lt. Col: Montgomerie.

Be this as it may, sufficient is proved against W. Laskey in respect to disregard of rules, neglect of duty, want of judgment, and generally bad management, to make it clear that he is entirely unfitted for the charge of a Sub. Division.

I am of opinion that W. Laskey should be reduced again to the rank of Sub Engineer 3d. grade, from the date of his suspension, as recommended by the Supt. Engineer, — and that his resignation should be accepted from such date as he may become entitled to pension.

Approved - but if W. Laskey is to be retired immediately might not the penalty of degradation be remitted.

H.C.L.

19/4.

In addressing the Chief Engineer direct in a letter dated 26-3-85, W. Laskey acted against rule. Vide P.W. Code - para 1042.

V. Macpherson

16-4-85.

Approved

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N.B. On this point a reference has been made to Examiner P.W. Accounts.

~~Hon. H. E. Labouchere.~~

20 APR 85
DEPARTMENT

await reply to reference
made by C.M.
20-4-85

M. 21/4/85

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