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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

18 Decr/86

READ the following

From the E. P. W. Accounts (A. E. N^o 42 W of June 23. 1886)
" " Supty Engr I Circle (" " 937 G. D. of July 17. ")
G. O. N^o 2043 W of Aug. 13. 1886.

From the Supty Engr I Circle (A. E. N^o 1734 G. D. of Octr 25. 1886)
" " do do " " 478 G. D. of June 2^d. 1886
" " do do " " 624 G. D. of " 13. "
" " do do " " 1237 G. D. of Aug^t 19 "
" " do do " " 1219 G. D. of " 19 "
Memo by the Chief Engr for Sprigⁿ " " 110 G. D. of Sept^r 20 "
From the Supty Engr I Circle " " 1501 G. D. of " 20 "
" " do do " " 1445 G. D. of " 23 "
" " do do " " 1802 G. D. of Oct^r 27. "
From the Chief Engr for Sprigⁿ " " 33 E. W. of Decr 1. "

These papers relate
to irregularities in the
accounts of the Godavari

Eastern Division and of the
Dowlaishamam workshops.

2. The irregularities in
the Eastern division ~~amount~~
consist of a large number
of payments on account of
irrigation works having been
charged ^{to} certain civil buildings
in progress in the division.

Capt. C. C. Rawson, R.E.,
late Executive Engineer of the
division, now on furlough,
accepts all responsibility
for the irregular payments,
and explains that he ordered
them in good faith in
what he believed to be
the interests of Govt. -
While, ^{fully} accepting Captain
Rawson's explanation, and
his expressions of regret
for what ^{has} occurred, the
Govt. cannot ^{entirely} relieve ~~from~~

(I have put in 'fully' - ^{entirely} there
is no doubt Captain Rawson
did not only what he
thought best, but what
was best, for the public
interests. Every energetic officer
in this country has to break
rules occasionally or let his
work come to a standstill ~~from~~

censure an officer of his
experience for ^{seriously} ~~as far~~ trans-
gressing the rules of the
department. It is understood
that the irregularities have
since been adjusted.
3. The irregularities in
the workshop accounts are
of a ^{graver} ~~more serious~~ nature.
The books and accounts
appear to have been kept
in a careless and slovenly
manner, and a series of
~~extraordinary~~ clerical errors
have resulted in showing
large apparent deficiencies
and excesses in ~~pro~~ and
tinties. After rectifying
the clerical errors, there
still remain deficiencies
~~and losses~~ which the Supply
Engineer is willing to believe
to be due in the case of

(2892 lbs.)
iron, to long continued
carelessness in book keeping,
and in the case of timber, (about 1800 cubic feet out of
154,000 worked up in the period
of four years) ~~much~~
to the great prejudice being
much greater than allowed
for.

There are small
deficiencies in other descriptions
of stores also, and with
respect to these the
Supply Engineer ^{behind}
~~has not~~
~~seen the books~~ that
much of the loss
~~may of them~~ must be
accounted for by petty
peculations, ^{induced}
~~permitted~~
~~possible~~ by the carelessness
of the storekeeper and
general laxness of supervision.

4 For ^{this} careless book keeping,
the Supply Engineer states
that Sub Conductor Bennett,
Superior Workshops Sub Division,
is much to blame; but it is certain that
such long continued

I understand the Supervisor
was original an artificer &
has no knowledge of accounts.
But for this he ought to have
been reduced at once
M.M.

Capt C.C. Rawson
incurred

could not ^{have} occurred
carelessness ~~(seems clearly)~~
~~due to an entire absence~~
~~of proper~~ supervision on the part
of the Executive Engineer.
The Supervisor will now be
severely reprimanded and
warned that a continuance
of such neglect will result
in his reduction, while
R.E. will be informed that he has
the serious displeasure
of the Govt ~~(will be)~~
~~communicated to Capt C.C.~~
Rawson, R.E., for ^{by} having
allowed the accounts of the
workshops to fall into
such a discreditable condition.
5. With respect to the
storekeeper, the Supply
Engineer recommends that
his security of Rs 300/-
be forfeited. In consideration
however of the man's

long service, and of the
fact that his superiors
are as much to blame
as himself for the state
into which the ^{store} accounts
were allowed to fall,
the Govt will refrain
from inflicting so severe
a penalty on him, but the
Supt Engineer will arrange
for the man's immediate
retirement, and his
replacement by a more

efficient storekeeper. It is observed that the small deficiencies
found, excluding the timber, are
more than covered by excesses,
altho' there can be no doubt
that there were abundant
opportunities of misappropriation
if the storekeeper had not
been too honest to avail himself
of them.

2.6 The differences
between present and book
values of the stores of
the workshops have been
partly dealt with by
memo from the Chief Engr
for Irrigation No 110 G.D.
dated 20th September 1886,

~~I think this is right. The~~
~~small deficiencies are~~

and the Supt Engineer
is now authorized to alter
the stock books to agree
with the quantities and
values found to be "actuals"
when stock was taken.
The deficiencies shown in
the statement submitted
with the Supt Engineer's
letter No 1802 G.D. dated
27th October 1886 may be
written off.

2.7 The Supt Engineer
will take early steps to
introduce the system
of continuous stock taking
suggested in the note of
inspection printed with
Proceedings dated 1st March
1884 No 566 W, ^{and} dated
20th February 1885

(May is not put
up with)

* Para 7 of notes

No 408 W

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10.12.86.

for
10/12/86.

* Para 3 (3) of notes.

Rev. Mr. P. P. Hutchinson
His Excellency the Governor

B. R. 3348 N of 18-12-86

- No 758 W of 22.3.86.
- " 858 W of 30.3.86
- " 1067 W of 28.4.86
- " 371 J of 25.5.86
- " 372 J of 25.5.86
- " 573 J of 20.8.86.
- " 625 J of 20.7.85
- " 2650 W of 7.11.86
- " 918 J of 28.10.85
- " 812 J of 9.9.84
- " 532 J of 6.7.83
- " 408 W of 20.2.83
- " 578 J of 10.8.86.

Ch 566 W of 1.3.84
9.12.86
new long continued

To Mr. T. E. I. C. with 3 letters
C. E. for J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J. with 1 letter
Capt. C. C. Rawson
22/11/86 R.E.
(Through India Office)