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 (3) ஆதாரங்குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் 10/10/90

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ACCOUNTS

I have known P. Dorasamy Iyer as Rice Contractor during my connection with the Periyar Project (from June 92 to February 93) where as president of the rice committee I had to note the quality of the rice supplied and committed thousands of bags tendered during the period above noted. The grain supplied has, as a rule, been of good quality, 2nd sort rice, up to sample, & boiled & cleaned both at Thekady & Periyar.

Periyar
11th February 93. }

(Signed) E. J. Baptist
Warrant med^l officer
In med^l charge Periyar.

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Trichinopoly,
23rd February 1895

From P. Dorasamy Iyer.
Mahal Street
Trichinopoly fort

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To The Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras.

Most respected sir,

I humbly beg to submit the following lines with the hope that you will be good enough to consider them carefully and render justice to me:—

2. I am the contractor for the supply of rice to No. 1. Periyar Division for the year 1892-93. According to my agreement I am to be paid for every bag of rice supplied, its prime cost at Trichinopoly plus Rs. 2. as 4. pab. for cost of carriage &c. The sample of rice I should supply has been furnished to the Superintendent of works, No. 1. Periyar Division, Periyar. An inspection of it will show that it is cleaned rice. Such rice is not sold in the market. Only unclean rice is sold and I used to purchase and clean it and then send it to Periyar. I charged actual cost to me of each bag as its prime cost and I have been paid accordingly up to 31st August last with some slight reductions. Subsequently on the misrepresentations of some of my enemies, the Superintendent at Periyar appears to have been induced to apprehend that the prime cost I charged was excessive, and after enquiries of the Station Staff officers and the Superintendent of Jail at Trichinopoly he wrote to me in November last to say that the rates reported by those two officers were cheaper than the rates reported by the Deputy Asildar of Trichinopoly and that I would be paid only at those rates and he forwarded a comparative statement of the rates entered in the revenue accounts and those reported by the Station Staff officers.

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Sabapati P. Mac, merchant
forwarded

4. That there are no wholesale rates in Trichinopoly will be evident from the enquiries which the Collector of the District, at the request of the Superintendent of Periyar, made into the matter. The Revenue Department keeps daily registers of prices ascertained from the market. This register forms one of the most important weekly returns which are published in the Fort. St. George Gazette. The Revenue officials know more about the rates than ^{the officials of} any other department. They are looked up to as the authority for information of such kinds. The rates charged by me are only slightly dearer than those recorded by the Deputy Tahsildar, apparently owing to the fact already stated, viz., that uncleaned rice is sold in the market while my rates refer to ~~the~~ cleaned rice. It will be evident from the enclosed copy of the testimonial of the Warrant Medical officer in charge of Periyar that the rice I supplied was only cleaned rice. It is very hard upon me that the rates reported by the Station Staff officer who does not make purchases and gives his rates as wholesale ones, while wholesale sales are not made in the market at all, should be allowed to override the rates charged by me & those recorded in the Revenue accounts.

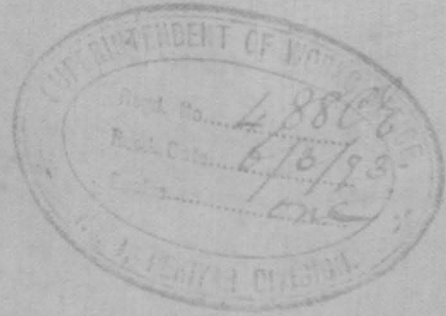
5. I therefore humbly request you that the rules changed by me may be passed. About Rs 50,000 are due to me till

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till now and I beg that the amount may be ordered
to be paid to me at a very early date as a delay of every
day puts me to heavy loss in the shape of interest I have
to pay on such a large sum.

I beg to remain,
most respected Sir,
your most obedient servant,
Jorrasammy Goss

Sabapati Pillai, merchant
forwarded

P. W. CURRENT No. 1897



Enclosed
Recd: 27.2.93

No 961 Cd/2d March 1893

Referred to the
Superintendent of Works
Pohiyaw N. I. Division
for report.

C. J. Walsh
Ag. Chief Engineer

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Extracts to accompany report to
Chief Engineer regarding Doraiswamy
Iyer's petition about rice rates.

I Statement on oath of Aragiam,
merchant, forwarded with collector
of Trichinopoly's No 81/18 of 19-1-93.

"In this town rice is not sold bag by
bag nor is there any wholesale rate"

II Statement on oath of Sabapati
Pillai, merchant, forwarded with above.
"Rice is not generally sold in bags. It
is always sold at so many measures per
Rupee."

III Statement on oath of Muthusawmy
Pillai, merchant, forwarded with above.

"Rice is not sold in this town by bagful"

IV Statement on oath of J. K.
Sabapati Pillai, merchant
forwarded

forwarded with above. The rice is not at all sold by full bags in this town.

II Statement on oath of broker Sadaya Honar, forwarded with above. "The rice is not sold in bags in this town, and it is put in bags and stitched after it is purchased at the rate of so many measures per Rupee".

III Statement on oath of Ramaswamy Pillai, merchant, forwarded with above. "There is no wholesale in this market, the retail sale only is going on here." x x x x x x x x x x

"The rice is not sold here by bags. Merchants buy it at the rate of so many measures per rupee and take them being filled in bags to Tuticorin".

IV Extract from collector of Trichinopoly
N^o.

N^o 114-18 of 30-1-93. ⁹⁸² In Continuation of this office No ⁸¹⁻¹⁸ 21-1-93, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Head quarter Deputy Collector enclosing samples of rice and paddy and statements taken by him from traders. You will observe he says there is no difference between wholesale and retail prices" x x x x x x x x x x

"Big Corn factors who buy cargoes at Negapatam despatch truck loads to places where the bazaar retail rates are highest, but do not apparently look for wholesale customers at a rate differing from the bazaar rates".

S. D. Pears
Superintendent of Works
No I Periyar Division
S. D. Pears

Office of Superintendent of Works
No 1 Periyar Division
Periyar 18th March 1893.

From

S. D. Pears Esq^r

Superintendent of Works
No 1 Periyar Division
Periyar

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your No 961^x of

2-3-93, I have the honor to report that
in my opinion the rice Supplier's grievance
is well founded.

2 It was pointed out in G.O. No 804.I.
dated 23-9-92 that the Supplier should
be paid wholesale and not retail rates.
Mr de Winton thereupon opened a
long

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* herewith
returned

long and involved Correspondence —
Successively with the Deputy Tahsildar,
the Jail Superintendent, the Station
Staff Officers, and the Collector, at
Trichinopoly with a view — to ascertaining
the difference between wholesale and
retail rates. This Correspondence has only
just come to an end, and the gist of it
is that there is no difference between
wholesale and retail rates in Trichin-
opoly market. The Station Staff Officers
indeed quoted rates about 15 percent
lower than those claimed by the Suppliers,
but I have no doubt that they are for
rice of an inferior quality and they
are otherwise not entirely to be relied
on. But all the rest of the evidence
goes to show that wholesale and
retail rates are the same for rice at
Trichinopoly, and that the weekly price
lists

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lists sent me by the Deputy Tahsildar
with which the Suppliers' claims have
always tallied almost exactly, are
correct for either wholesale or retail.
The word "wholesale" has in this
Correspondence been taken to mean
"in large quantities" as opposed to
"retail" meaning "in small quantities",
and I presume that this was intended
to be conveyed by the L. O. above
quoted. It is however just possible
that the L. O. may have meant to imply
that the Suppliers should buy direct
from the producer so as to avoid the
Commission of the Trichinopoly
merchants or middlemen. In this
Case I would respectfully point out
that the agreement with the Supplier
is that we shall pay him "prime cost," —
without any limitation as to how or where
he

he may procure his supplies. However much the loose wording of the agreement on this point may be regretted therefore I venture to think that as it stands it would be unfair, and probably illegal, to deduct from the Supplier's bills the middlemen's Commission - even could this latter be ascertained or fixed with any accuracy at all.

3. I have reason to suspect that the Supplier has made a profit on his purchases of rice. Whether by purchasing direct from the producer, or whether in the process of cleaning the rice or whether in some other way I can not offer an opinion. Still less can I guess what the amount of that profit has been.

4. The agreement printed with G.O. No. $\frac{717-J.}{25-8-92}$ clearly intended that the Supplier's profit

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profit should be made only on the carting. Yet I think that we have no alternative but to pay him the rates claimed by him, agreeing as they do with those quoted weekly by the Deputy Tahsildar.

1st because this has been the practice in previous years, and the present Supplier was thereby led to expect similar treatment.
2nd because the agreement by the words "prime cost" distinctly implies an acceptance of the Supplier's own claims in as much as no other arbitrator is nominated.
3rd because it is quite hopeless to attempt to compute the profit, made by the Supplier on his rice purchases, or to prove that he made any such profit at all.

5. The Supplier's agent at Periyar led me to believe that in order to expedite a settlement of the matter the Supplier would accept a compromise. I wrote to the Supplier accordingly and have delayed answering your

your endorsement under reply. pending a receipt of his answer. This has now been received and he declines to accept less than the rates all along claimed by him.

6. His statement that Rs 50,000 is due to him is untrue. At the Station Staff officers rates, at which Mr de Winton has been paying him pending a settlement the sum due to him is Rs 2560-11-2.

At his own rates the sum due to him is Rs 23,472-11-7.

7. The total loss on the rice bazaar at the latter rate will be about Rs 11,500/-, up to the 31st march on which day the present Contract ends, and the new system commences. I shall then in replying to G. O. No 717.I. dated 25-8-92 report the exact amount to be written off to works. Meanwhile I beg that you will be good enough to authorize me to pay the Supplier at his own rates.

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rates or any other less rate which you may think proper.

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

S. D. Pears
Superintendent of Works
No. I Peryar Division
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P. W. CURRENT No. 2699

The Superintendent of Works
No I Periyar Division

No. 6159 of 15-7-92
- 7179 - 25-8-92
- 8049 - 23-9-92
- 10999 - 31-12-92
- 1799 - 23-2-93

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Dated 18th March 1893.
Received 21st March 1893.

No 303. C.E.

Enclosures 2.

Petition from P. Dorasamy

Agar. Rice Supplies -

Reports on the

23.2.93. 1799

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

22/3/93

Read the following:-

Petition from the Rice
Supplier "Periyar" of
24/3/93 & Mr. P. S. S.
Letter 303 18. Dec.

FOR ORDERS.

I don't believe the statement
that rice is not sold wholesale
in Trichinopoly. Nor do I
agree that under the agreement
we are bound to pay the supplier
whatever rates he chooses to
claim.
His amount should be made
up at the ¹⁰/₁₀₀ Taluk rates &
paid. His

H. W.

23 Mar

I would explain that
"para 3" of my letter
for orders was a mistake
for para 4 which I
circled with pencil
& crossed then. I think we
have no alternative but to
pay him the rate claimed
by him, agreeing as they do
with their quoted weekly
by the becham Talukdar -
24/3/93

I agree with view
expressed in para 3
of Mr. P. S. S. letter &
it appears to me the
amount due to the
supplier is under the
letter

J. W.

23 Mar

H. M.
FOR ORDERS.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following.
Petition from P. Doraswami Iyer, Trichinopoly, dated 23rd Feby 1893.
Edt. of the Ag. Chief Engineer, No. 961C dated 2nd March 1893.
Letter from the Supt. of works, Periyar Project,
No. 303 C. R. dated 18th March 1893.

Order

The Periyar Fuel-
supplies will be
paid at-terable
Listed weekly by
Trichinopoly
the Deputy Tahildar

For 24/3/93

To

12/4/93
The Supt. of works, P. P.
" Chief Engr. for Irrigation
" Examiner, P. W. Accounts

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