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Criminal prosecution
of, Muthaya Pillai,
Saptt Palayangal
Channel Tinnevelly Dt

No. 3020 W. d. 23rd Novr: /94.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Endorsement by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on letter from the Suptg. Engineer VI circle, No. 6587 W dated 2nd November 1894 (H.E. No. 49 W d/ 8th November /94)

The Government is of opinion that there are grounds for the criminal prosecution of channel superintendent Muthayya Pillai, and the Superintending Engineer will at once place himself in communication with the Government Pleader in view to the prosecution being undertaken.

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2. Muthayya Pillai will be suspended, pending the

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FOR ORDERS.

Petition against Muthayya Pillai Supdt. Palayangal channel. Tinnevelly Dt.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Ir. 3020 W. d. 23rd Novr: 94

READ the following:—

Endorsement by the C.E. for Irrign. No. 49 W d/ 8.11.'94 on letter from the S.E. VI Circle No. 6583 I.N. d/ 2.11.'94

FOR ORDERS.

I agree with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Executive Engineer Tinnevelly Division that the Superintendent should be called upon to clear his character in a Court of law.

2. There is no doubt that the petitions are genuine, and a Court of law is a better tribunal for ascertaining the truth than a

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I really do think in these cases the Govt. ought itself to prosecute the man. Apparently there are plenty of people ready to come forward & swear that he demanded an illegal gratification and that they would not give it. And there is the evidence that in a year of good freshes there was less water in the lower channel than in the previous year - when the freshes were not so good. I think Govt. ought to lose no opportunity of jumping on these scoundrels - who batten on the poor ryots - whenever there is a good case against them. We have one here - & we ought to push it home.

E. I. FORM No

Draft G.O.

The Govt. is of opinion that there are grounds for the criminal prosecution of Channel Superintendent [illegible] Pillay, and the Superintending Engineer will at once put himself in communication with the Govt. Pleader in view to the prosecution being undertaken.

[illegible] Pillay will be suspended, pending the completion of the proceedings now ordered.

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W/ yes, he deals with all Mofussil cases

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To The Chief Engr. for Irrigation
" S.E., VI Circle

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E. I. Form No. 10—1,000—22-4-93

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From

Col. R.R.E. Drake Brockman R.E. ~~Lieut. Col. R. E.~~,
CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION,

To

The Secretary to Govt
P. W. D

No. 49W

Dated 8. 11. 94

Despatched 12 do

Received 12. 11. 94

Enclosures. 5

Subject.

Muthayya Pillay —
Supt. Dolayam Channel.
Transfers Supy. Engr's report
on a petition of against
— and agrees in the para
6 of the Exe Engr's letter
to allow the Supt to vindi-
cate his character before
a Law Court

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CHIEF ENGINEER
No. 1052 N
5 NOV 94

P. W. D. 6th CIRCLE

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
for Irrigation

No. 658 IN

Dated 1st / Received 3 } November 1894.

Enclosures. 4.

Muthayya Pillai, Supdt
Palayangal channel:—
Reporting on the petition against — & requests orders for allowing the Supdt to vindicate his character before a law court—

No. 49 W. Enc. 5

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

2. The undersigned agrees with para 6 of the Executive Engineer's letter.

Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Chepauk } 8th November /94

17 Nov

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,

Trichinopoly, 2d November 1894.

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FROM

Major O. V. Boddy R.E.
[redacted] SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6th CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
for Irrigation.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES. 4
1 Cy of Endorsement No 66 I.I. d/ 30-8-94.
1 Copy of E.E.T.N. letter No 3101 d/ 10.10.94.
1 Cs Supervisor's letter No 7579 30-9-94.
1 Cs Superintdt's Explanation.

With reference to your Endorsement No 66 I.I. dated 30th August 1894 (herewith returned) forwarding for investigation and Report, petition from Lakshmi Narayana Iyengar & others of Melapputtandi &c. Villages in Tinnevelly Taluq, Tinnevelly District, complaining that water was not let into their channel by Muthia Pillay, Superintendent Palayam Channel, and bringing certain other charges against him, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, No 3101 of 10th October 1894, together with the Supervisor's letter and Superintendent's explanation.

2. From the Executive Engineer's letter it would appear that the

Superintendent

Superintendent has seriously failed in his duty, and as there is little doubt as to the Petitioner's Statement that the Superintendent demanded a contribution of one Rupee an acre is genuine, I request your orders on para 6 of the Executive Engineer's letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

O W Bodilly Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer.
VI Circle.

P.V.

To.

The Supervisor, D.P.W.
Tinnevelly.

No.: $\frac{135}{14-9-94}$. Encl: 3.

Most Honored Sir.

With reference to the Petitions forwarded in your honor's No. 624. dated 30-8-94. for my explanation, I beg to explain as fallows:—

1st. with reference to the 1st Petition to the Superintending Engineer on 11-8-94 from the ryots of (1) Melaputhaneri village (2) ParaiKulam village (3) AriaKulam village (4) and NochiKulam village, I beg to submit that in the Petition, Para 1.2 and 3 require not my explanation. And as for the facts in para 4, I beg to submit that it was not the case and the Hd. sluice Registers will tell it plainly.

In para 5 it is stated that there was flood on the 15th July and through my arrangements with the Lascars, the water supply was completely stopped. I am sorry it is my acting substitute was in charge of the channel on that date and not I, and as long as an absentee has

has been represented in the Petition as a Presentee, what more the Ryots cannot say against me is a thing to be taken into deep consideration.

In para 6: it is false that the supply of the 4th and 5 August 1894, or, of any other next dates was stapped, because the supply of the 4th and 5th is this. Viz

4th	A. M. — 2.80	5th	A. M. — 2.75.
	P. M. — 2.75		P. M. — 2.70.

The Hd sluice Register will tell that this and all have been but correctly supplied on their rise and fall.

And further the other also is false, Viz, the water flow that reached the end of the channel on the 15th June was disturbed because the supply before the 15th and on the 15th is between 1.2 & 3 ft. the end of the channel being miles 27.

Thus from the false statements in the Petition, the Petition is false.

2ndly With reference to the Petition to the Exe: Engineer on 20-8-94 from the Ryots of Wadavakurichy village;

I beg to submit that it is also same as one above and not more; and

and the Petitions are returned herewith.

I beg to remain
Hd. Sir
Your honors most obedient Servant

(Signed) A. Muthia Pillai
Palaiem Channel Superintt.
D.P.W.

(True copy)

Major R.E.
2-11-94.

Superintending Engineer Circle

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Letter No. 757 dated 30th September 1894 from the Supervisor Tinnevelly to the Executive Engineer Tinnevelly Division.

In compliance with your Nos. 2661/28.8.94, 2669/28.8.94, 2779/28.8.94, 2785/12-9-94 and 2938/24.9.94, I beg to forward Channel Superintendent Muthia Pillais explanation to the charges made against him in the above petitions with his diaries for the months of August and September, a Statement of the freshes or readings over 4 feet in front of the Head Sluice for the years 1893 and 1894 in the months of June, July August and September and the soundings of the Channel in front and rear of the Head Sluice.

I sent for the ryots who wrote those petitions against the Channel Superintendent to Marudur Inspection Shed on the 27th Instant in the presence of the Channel Superintendent: Some of the ryots owned to their signatures in the Petition, and are prepared to stand by them before any Court of enquiry.

The ryots also complained very much of Lascars Nelliappa Pillai who is is in charge from Melapalam to Vadacavar Sluice and his brother Venkatachalam Pillai who is in charge from Anju Mathagu to Thunneerpallam, also Sooriandrayana Pillai their father who come frequently and trouble them and if not satisfied they interfere with the Regulation of the Channel.

From the Statements of the freshes that came down the Channel it will be seen that there were more freshes this year than last year, but the Superintendent explains that owing to the Channel being overgrown thickly with weeds and the silt in front and rear of the Head Sluice not being cleared the flow was much interrupted and in support of this states that when there is 5.5 ft. of water in front of the Head Sluice, water overtops the Anju Mathagu weir, but this year even when 6 ft. was gauged in front of the Head Sluice, Anju Mathagu was not overtopped. This no doubt has a

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great deal to do with the scanty supply lower down the Channel this year. The ryots were informed of this but would not take steps to clear the Channel of the obstructions.

As there is an ill feeling between the ryots holding lands below the Vadacavar Supply Sluice and the Channel Superintendent and the Lascars and the Superintendent the ryots are under the impression that the Channel Superintendent did not carry out the Regulation properly, which has been the cause of these petitions, the Lascars aiding & abetting them to it.

Now that this ill-feeling between the Channel Superintendent and the ryots and Lascars has gone so far that in order to restore the Channel to its proper working order it will be necessary it is thought to transfer the Channel Superintendent somewhere else and dispense with Lascars Melaiappa Pillai, and Venkatachallam Pillay who are too young to be put in such responsible charges, or transfer them, if inconvenient to transfer them from the Sub Division, they might be sent to the Pallicottai and Shelliavalloor Channels and Lascars Boomathan Pillai and Samnatha Pillay brought in their places.

The ryots also request that these three be removed from the Channel.

1053 W (True Copy)

M. W. Bodley
Major R.E.
2.11-94.
Superint.g Engineer.
VI Circle.

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Letter from C.W. Wood Esqr., Executive Engineer, Tinnevelly division, to the Superintending Engineer 6th Circle, dated 10th October 1894. No. 3101:-

In reply to your No. 564. T.N. dated 2nd October 94 I have the honor to forward herewith a report received from Supervisor Mr Hendrick together with an explanation from Channel Superintendent Muthaya Pillay.

2. I also append a statement showing that there was a better supply at the Head sluice this year than last year during the months of June, July, August and September.

3. I have also made an abstract from the weekly reports of the days on which more than 4' was registered at the Head sluice, comparing the depths of water at Head-sluice and at the Vadacavaroo which is in the 22nd mile of the channel.

1893.	Head sluice	Vada-kavar	1894	Head sluice	Vada-kavar
			21st July 94	6.00	1.50
17th June 1893	6.00	1.60	28th July 94	4.10	1.50
29 July 93	6.00	1.60	11th August 94	5.80	0.00
5th August 93.	6.00.	2.50	18th August 94	5.20	0.00
12th August 93.	4.20.	0.60	1st September 94	5.90	1.00.
16th September 93	5.00	1.10			

4. From this it would appear that the lower end of the channel has suffered more this year than last.

5. From these figures it may be concluded that the Superintendent has seriously failed in his duty.

6. In the petitions under report there are several charges of asking for and taking bribes; as there is little doubt that the petitions are genuine I would suggest that the Superintendent be called on to clear his character before a law court or to resign his appointment.

(True copy)

O. W. Bodley Major R.E.
2-11-94.
Superintending Engineer 6th Circle

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