

No. 158 of 2^d April 1895

From - J. S. Wilson Esqre: Executive Engineer
South Arcot Division.

To - The Supg: Engineer V Circle

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following case for your orders.

On the 23^d of September 1894 a small breach occurred in the bund of the tank of Sithalur village Kallakurichi Taluk. The breach was at the site of a sluice and was apparently due to the carelessness of the ryots. The matter was reported to the Tahsildar, who ordered a Revenue Inspector to go to the village and close the breach by Kudimaramutt; he also wrote to the village officials to the same effect and also informed them that as on enquiry the breach was found to have been the ryots' own fault no remission would be granted for any damage caused by it. The matter was at the same time reported to the S. P. W. Authorities. From the enclosed statements it will be seen that there is a strong probability the work was actually done by the ryots without expectation of payment and the statement of the Sub Divisional officer, Sergeant Murphy, that the work was rough and neither sectioned or tamped seems to confirm this.

Subsequently a petition was sent to the Supg: Engineer's office as well as one to the Tahsildar to the effect that a bill had been made by the overseer and payment made to one Srinivasa Iyengar as if he had done the work by contract. On enquiry it is found that an estimate for Rs 17 was submitted

by overseer S. Dakshinamurti for sanction on account of this work and that the payment was duly made to Srinivasa Dyengar. That is to say it appears as if the Overseer had deliberately made a payment to Srinivasa Dyengar for work which he did not do and which was never intended to be paid for by Government. The matter has been inquired into by the Sub Divisional Officer whose report is enclosed accompanied by a statement taken from the ryots who signed the petition and a statement (made as well as the last before the Tahsildar) from the village Monegar, who received orders from the Tahsildar to do the work by Kudimaramurti. There is a statement made before the Sub Divisional Officer corroborating the petition as well as a statement from certain other villagers stating that the work was done by Srinivasa Dyengar on piece work. The Monegar's statement is that the work was done before any D. P. W. official appeared on the scene. The Monegar also states in detail what took place when the Overseer went to the village to measure up the work; the Monegar states that he protested against a bill being made out in favour of Srinivasa Dyengar but that the Overseer said that the money had been sanctioned and would be spent in repairing other portions of the tank bund (which was not done). The above statement was made before the Tahsildar of Kallakurichy and

is corroborated by the ryots who were present on the occasion of the measurements being made. A direct denial of this is given by the Overseer. On the Sub-Divisional Officer's enquiry the Contractor - Periya Srinivasa Dyengar was not present. The Overseer was present when two of the statements were taken but objected to sign them as having been taken in his presence. It seems to me that the evidence at present is against the Overseer and I request orders whether he should be placed under suspension till the case is settled either for or against him.

Shame &c
Signed J. S. Wilson
Executive Engineer

(True copy)

17 April
1895

Asst. Commr
17.4.95
Lt Col. R. E.

Supg. Engineer V Circle

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

Chepāk, 17th April 1895.

No. 132 *W*

From

Lt. Col. C. C. Rawson R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department
Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures.
1 Copy of Exe. Engr's
letter No. 158 of 2.4.95
1 file of 9 papers
1 S.D.O. report

I have the honour to forward copy
of letter No. 158 dated 2nd April 1895 from the
Executive Engineer South Arcot Division, and
the enclosures received with it in original, and
charging Quereer & Dakshinamurti Sakti with
the offence of attempting to cheat, ~~and in~~
~~informing you that~~ I have desired the Executive
Engineer to suspend the Quereer, & request that
you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of
Government to the man's being prosecuted before
a Magistrate.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

C. Rawson Lt. Col. R.E.
17.4.95
Suptg. Engr. V Circle.

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P. W. CURRENT No. 33 //

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

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Recd: 29.4.95

No 1080 W.d/7 May 1895

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Dated 17 April 1895
Recd. 29

The prosecution
of the overseer is sanctioned
He should meanwhile be
placed under suspension

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ENCLOSURES 2

No. 132 N.

Dakshinamurli Sanku
Overseer 2nd Grade (Temporary).

Forwarding copy of a
letter from the Executive
Engineer South Arcot with
enclosures. & requests to
obtain orders of Govt. to
prosecute - as per reasons
stated within.

DESPATCHED
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S. E. C. L. L.
with 10 Encls
Em. P. W. A.

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