

Public Works (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Watchmen: The employment of coolies at a cost of Rs. 203 in watching stock articles and unsold buildings at Perur, the Kady and Sappanpally in Madurai from April to July 1896 and the interment of 6 — from 1 August 1896 to 28.2.1897 as detailed in statement submitted by the S.E., sanctioned. //

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The Supt. of
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SUBJECT.

Watchmen: —
Submits for sanction
supplemental statement
showing — employed to look
after rest houses, whose
pay is changed to wages for
the year 1896-97.

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Letter from the Sub-Divisional Officer
Dindigul, to the Executive Engineer,
Madura Division, No 1763 dated
23rd October 1896:—

In returning herewith Sup^y En-
-gineer's Endorsement No. 1132 m. D.
dated 14-9-96, I beg to report as
follows:—

3. Watchmen at Periyar. It was supposed when appointing the Establishment, e.g. 1 Sluice Superintendent, 1 Driver, 6 lascars and 1 watchman at Thekady, that this Establishment was sufficient for doing necessary work at the Sluice House &c at Thekady and look after any work necessary at the Dam at Periyar. It has now been found that the 6 lascars have ample work at Thekady itself, in as much as they have to attend at the Sluice House, on the launch, and in cutting firewood for the launch. These men have therefore been always and continually grumbling.

grumbling about their duties and their pay of Rs 12 which they considered as low for their work at Sluice House requiring skill and in the launch as steersman and fireman. These men were also employed in dragging away the floating logs from coming near the sluice gates and the grille at the bridge. They had to work at the despatching of machinery to Madras, of which the hulks of the two steam launches have yet to be sent. It was therefore found that these men could not be spared to do any thing at Periyar, or could not also be divided to work some at Thekady and some at Periyar. Three extra men had therefore to be kept on at Periyar as watchmen and from April to July were paid on nominal Rolls as coolies for watching buildings and stock articles, but as this system was objectionable and had to be sanctioned, an estimate for all charges on account

account of watchmen at Periyar, Thekady and Sappanpully near Kuruvannth was submitted for Rs 560.

The duties of these 3 men are to keep the Periyar camp clean by also cutting overgrowth of grass from road &c and at day time look after all government property such as musols buildings, wood and other materials scattered about and collect them in one place - watch also stock articles such as lime, surki and light iron articles, from being robbed by the manass (wild hill tribe) and coffee plantation coolies who otherwise frequent Periyar. None of these things can be removed to Thekady on account of want of sufficient buildings at Thekady to stock them. It will also cost a great deal to remove them to Thekady. Two men are considered not sufficient as at night even 3 men dread to remain in Periyar. These men are not family men, and family men won't live there,

as no work could be found for their wives. A canoe is also supplied to these men, and they have to go to Thekady and get their own provisions once a week or so. yet guarding Government property at Periyar by keeping one of the men there. Very often one or two get the fever and then only one man is available for watching and other work. Three men on the whole have therefore ample work and are absolutely necessary at Periyar.

Two watchmen are temporarily required at the magazine at Thekady one for the day and 2 at nights as the magazine is a little far away from the camp at Thekady. There is every probability of the contents of magazine being transferred to Dindigul in January 1897. The contents are

Gun powder _____ lbs 1429

Gelignite _____ lbs 2383

Detonators _____ no 11076

Rubber fitted fuse coils. — 2½

Blank

Blank fuse _____ no 274

Electric detonators _____ no 677

Instantaneous fuse _____ 572

1. watchman at Sappanpully at 6 Rs is required to watch lime burner, and A wire ropeway, iron buckets and other wooden and iron fittings. This watchman will be required until the wire-ropeway is sold or removed. It will cost a great deal to remove the articles to Thekady especially when orders of Government are awaited regarding the wire tramway being transferred to Shevaroy or so.

One watchman at Thekady whose appointment has already been sanctioned is always required at Thekady to look after the Rest House &c and keep the Thekady camp clean

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[Signature]
29/12/76

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29-12-76. Supd Engineer 6th circle

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Supplemental Statement showing watchmen employed to look after rest houses &c, whose ^{pay} is charged to works, for the year 1896-97, and requiring sanction of Government, vide G. O. No. 1328 W dated 17th May 1893.

Sl. No.	Number employed.	Particulars.	Estimated 1896-97	Remarks
<u>Madura Division.</u>				
1	"	coolies employed in watching stock articles and unsold build-ings at Periyar, Thekady and Sappansully and paid on nomi-nal muster rolls.		
		In April 1896 _____ Rs.	31	
		May 1896. _____ "	51	
		June 1896 _____ "	62	
		July 1896 _____ "	59	
2	3	Watchmen at Periyar main Dam from 1 st August 1896 to 28 th February 1897 = 7 months at Rs. 9 each. _____ Rs.	189	
3	2	Watchmen at Magazine at Thekady from 1 st August 1896 to 28 th February 1897 = 7 months at 9 Rs. each. _____ "	126	
4	1	watchman at Sappansully for watching wire-rope way &c from 1 st August 1896 to 28 th February 1897 = 7 months at 6 Rs. each. _____ "	42	
Total Rupees.			560	

N^o 1610 m^d,

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Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P. W. D., for sanction of Government.

2. The watchmen &c referred to above were

were employed for watching the
stock articles at Periyar, the ne-
cessity for which is explained in
letter no. 1763 dated 23rd October
1896 from the Sub-Divisional Officer,
Tridigul, to the Executive Engineer,
Madura Division, copy herewith
sent.

3. The Executive Engineer, in
submitting the estimate, stated that
sanction is applied for in renewal
of that accorded in G.O. no. 945 W
dated 23rd April 1895, but the G.O.
is said not to be found though
searched for.

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For
29/12/96