

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 844 W

DATED 23 March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Watchman: The employment during
1896-97, of a — at Chica coli on Rs. 5 per mensem
and one at Lokagudi on Rs. 6 per mensem,
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The employment during 1896-97, of a Watchman at Chinsoli on Rs. 5 per mensem, and one at Dohazudi on Rs. 6 per mensem, is sanctioned.

Dated 11.2.97

Received 15.2.97

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SUBJECT.

Watchers at Chicacole and
Lohagudi — Submits copy of
Gangin Divisional Officer's letter
for favor of sanctioning the
employment of — at the
rates proposed by the Executive
Engineer

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FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 5399.

From
W. De Morgan Esquire M. I. C. E.
Executive Engineer
Ganjam Division

The Superintending Engineer
First Circle.

Dated 5th February 1897.

Sir,

With reference to your no. $\frac{815.42}{17.11.96}$, I have the honor to inform you that I have tried, and (except in one case) without success to procure watchers at a lower monthly wage than that for which I have submitted estimates.

2. I have the honor here to remark that the term "Watcher" is somewhat misleading. A watcher's duties do not consist in simply remaining by day at the building. He has to sleep there at night, to sweep out the building and keep it and its surroundings clean, arrange the tools and issue or receive them as required.

In Chicacole his duties are heavier as the Rail-
-way Station is 9 miles distant and when the
subdivision officer is absent the watcher has
to proceed there to look on receive Consign-
-ments of tools and arrange for their trans-
-mission to the Chicacole Store. I cannot re-
-gard him as by any means over paid for
Rs 5-per mensem.

4. At Dubaigori the Sub Division officers in-
-forms me that he has managed to induce
a man from the plains to accept Rs 6/- per
mensem.

The inhabitants of Lohaguri and Govindapur are Khonds, who are averse to accept monthly pay or bind themselves down to specified duty. Also they will not sleep away from their villages. The Sub Division officer has been fortunate to obtain the services of a man from the plains at so low a wage as Rs 6/- per mensem, and it remains to be seen whether he will stop.

5. In conclusion I have the honor to point out that Every Endeavour has been made to keep the wages of the so called "watchers" at a minimum. Both the Chief Engineer for Irriga-
-tion and yourself have seen some of the Rest-
-houses and Sheds in the Division and I think you will agree with me that the wages now paid are well earned.

I have therefore the honor to request
that

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Incentive Engineers

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No. 1094 G.N. dated 11th February 1897

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer

Public Works Department with reference to

Q. & no. 3194^x W dated 7th November 1896 for
obtaining sanction of Government to the
employment of Watchers at Chicacole and
Rohagudi at the rates proposed by the
Executive Engineer in the foregoing letter.

J. Clarence
Superintending Engineer
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