Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1799 Rys.

DATED 14th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

Cuddapah-Guntakal State Railway.—Correspondence relative to a Complaint made against certain reddies in Vayalpad, Cuddapah district, impeding the progress of work at miles 170-1 on the — forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for Communication to the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway.

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No.	Date	From	To	Subject.
911	29/8	XEN. Dt. 13/15	C. E. Trichy	Re assault on Kangar of the Firm of Nowroe Kelma Brothers Contractors by order of Thuppa Reddy of Kalikeri in presence of Venkata Reddy and requesting that necessary steps may be taken to counteract the influence of the Local Reddies
1147	95 18/8	Do	The Special Dy Collector Matanapalle	Informing him that a place for the 1st Quarry Chs: 8954/3534 had been submitted and that he knows nothing about Venkata Reddy's title or right to this Quarry or any stone, regarding the 2nd Quarry Chainage 6900. Mr Alexander reports that Venkata Reddy claims for it, and requests that necessary steps may be taken to defeat the machination of Venkata Reddy from interfering with the Quarrying operations & that arrangements have been made with the Contractors to settle him up at once.
96	18/8	Do	C. E. Trichy	Brings to notice that the Bridge work between miles 170 and 171 is extremely backward owing to the Persistent & Systematic opposition offered by one Venkata Reddy of Reddiwarpalle to the Quarrying of Stones, that the Contractors being afraid of him & refuse to take up the work & could not even get stones or labour till they

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					"squared" the Reddy, and that all this, the Reddy does to get a monopoly of work at his own rates.
478	7/7	XEN.	D^to 13/15	Dy: Collector Madanapalle	Informing him that the Reddy of Reddiwarpallee has prohibited work on the 170^th mile and that practically a system of boycotting has been adopted by him.
111	13/8	Sub Engineer District 15	XEN	D^to 13/15	Stating that nothing can be done until the obstruction of the Local Zemindar Venkata Reddy is thoroughly broken down, that he has systematically opposed work in Kalikeri Neighbourhood ever since the Railway was started by monopolizing quarries & labour that he has a Contract for Earthwork of the 170 & 171 miles & has almost but finished them, but that the is in quarries that there is most difficulty with him, that most of the local labor are his tenants and are indebted to him in all ways, that he claims also a right to the quarries on the 17[illegible] miles, viz 8 & 17 at Rs 9000 & refuses to allow any other Contractor to work in them. That both the quarries have been surveyed & demarcated, but that only one quarry has been transferred & that was known only 3 days ago in interview with Venkata Reddy he also claimed quarry No.

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No 911

Executive Engineer's Office
Tiler 29th August 1890

To the Chief Engineer
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir

Assault on Kangar of the firm of Dowjee Keema Brothers' Contractor.

In continuation of my No 796 dated 18th Instant I regret to inform you, report has been received by me of Kangar having been decoyed to a Betel garden near Kalikeri on the morning of the 25th and of his feet having been tied there and threats made to him by Ellaya of Cheerumadanapalle and 8 other woddars in presence of Venkata Reddy & by order of Thuppa Reddy of Kalikeri. I investigated the matter and elicited the following facts.

2. Messrs Dowjee Keema Brothers, Kutchees are working as contractors on Masonry on mile 172. They are very respectable quiet men, and have done good solid work for us. I arranged with them and other petty Kutcha Contractors, with some little difficulty to take up the Bridge work on Miles 170 and 171.

3. On the morning of the 25th Instant, at about 6 A.M. Kangar with his servant Lall Mahomed, went to Kalikeri to engage a carpenter for dressing his Laggings. At the village they met Ellagaweddah (his business & connection with Kangar will be mentioned further). Ellaya told Kangar that Thuppa Reddy of Kalikeri was calling him to the betel garden opposite to Chainage 9000, about 3/4 mile north of Kalikeri and 3/4 mile from Railway and induced him to go. There Kangar met Thuppa Red. of Kalikeri, Venkata Reddy of Reddiwarapalle, and 8 Woddars. Thuppa Reddy & ended settlement then and there of accounts

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accounts between Ellaga and Kangar, who replied he had no books with him then but if they would come to his house with the Police Sergeant (who on a former occasion settled a dispute between Contractor and a lime burner), he would gladly settle their accounts that morning. Thuppa Reddy replied he was not his servant nor in his pay to go to his house and demanded a settlement at once. Kangar remonstrated and said he could not settle account in the Betal garden. Lall Mahomed was near by at this time.

4. After a brief space of time Thuppa Reddy gave orders to the Woddahs in the presence of Venkata Reddy to tie Kangar's feet and hands. They bound his feet with a cloth, and took away his pony in presence of both Reddies, who laughed at him when tied and after a short time left him to the mercy of the Woddahs telling them to do with him "whatever they desired". Lalle Mahomed went to fetch the pony and returned after a short time. He with Kangar, begged on their knees for mercy and permission to open the cloth and to go to the Village of Kalikeri. Ellaga & his 8 companions, all Woddahs, after insulting Kangar grossly, escorted him to a tree near the Toddy Shop just outside the village of Kalikeri. Ellaga went to the village and left Kangar in charge of the 8 Woddahs.

5 Kangar seeing a servant of Ranjeet Singh, another Contractor, begged him to call Police Sergeant. His man went twice but failed to find him, on the 3rd occasion he brought him. The 8 Woddahs released Kangar and admitted to the Police Sergeant that they had bound him. After giving his deposition to the Police Sergeant Kangar went home.

6. It appears Ellaga got an order from Mungee Kima Brothers on the 15th April to quarry 200 Stones, and an advance of Rupees 15 on receipt. (I saw the receipt). Further advances were given from time to time. On two occasions Kangar went to Ellaga's house to call him to settle up his accounts; but he did not come Ellaga acts under the influence of the Local Reddies.

7 This matter is of the utmost importance and the question of the influence of the Reddies is one which must be taken up if the Masonry work on the 2 miles mentioned above (including Kollekeri Station) is to be carried out by any agency other than that of the Local Reddies whom I consider utterly unfit to take up the work. I am informed it is a common open boast of the Reddies that they will not permit any stranger to carry out the works there and that the life of any Contractor who undertakes the work is not safe.

8. Syed Abdul Razack, the Contractor on 2/40 Bridge No. 828 Chainage 9000 who has been getting on very well up to the present, informs me his arrangements with Venkata Reddy for supply of stones is now failing through. This is a serious matter as the foundations North Abutment is now ready to put in. The pier is up to 1st offset above ground.

9 Urgent measures should be adopted, as no Contractor will touch this portion unless the matter is immediately taken up by Government. As the matters now stand No Contractor dares to go out of door after dark. They are in such fear. Supply of material is practically stopped. I trust this matter will receive your earliest attention and necessary steps will be taken to counteract the influence of the Local Reddies.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) A. St. G. Gerrard.
Ex Engr: Dy 13/15

Chief Engrs: Office
Trichinopoly Sept 90

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Illegible
Head Clerk
or Chief Engineer

Vellore Cam. Guntakal State Ry.
Executive Engineer's Office
Vellore 15th August 1890

No. 795

From A.S. Gerrard Esqr
Executive Engineer Districts 13/15

To The Special Deputy Collector
on Railway duty Cuddapah D.
Maddanapally

Sir Quarries Chainis 8954 and 9000

In continuation of my No. 478 of 7.7.90, which was conditional reply to your letter No. 901 dated last, I have the honor to inform you that Quarry No. 2 a place for this has already been submitted to you ally. I know nothing regarding Venkata Reddy or title to this Quarry or any stone &c. which on the site, and I cannot do anything further in of effecting an arrangement between him and the

2nd Quarry Chainis 9000. I have this day a report from my Assistant Mr. Alexander No. 15 (Copy attached) in which he informs me a personal interview made by appointment with Reddy he learnt from him that he claimed at Chainis 9000. I beg to refer to Transfer dated 1st February 1890 and to request the favor taking the necessary steps to prevent Venkata from interfering with the Quarrying operations issuing orders to prohibit him from entering Quarry Boundary, and that any Contractors have dealings with him in reference to the stone in this Quarry are to settle up with him. He has had no Contract for stone from us and therefore recognize him in this matter.

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I have the honor to request you will at yo
ubject possible convenience, hand over this Quarry
ore, and prevent the possibility of any interference
the part of the Reddy in Quarrying operations &c.
Bridge work on miles 170 and 171 an important
tion of this Railway has been delayed for several
nths. I have made this the subject of a report
the Chief Engineer and beg to forward a Copy for
ur information.

I trust you will take necessary steps to
eat the machination of Venkata Reddy and aid
e in counteracting the bad influence now at hand.

I have &c.
/Sd/ A.S. Gerrard
Executive Engineer

True copy forwarded to Chief Engineer.
I Railway for information.

/Signed/ A.S. Gerrard
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)
for Capt
Executive
For Chief Engineer

Engineer's Office
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No. 796

To
The Juraw Guntakal State Railway
Executive Engineer's Office 13/15
Pilar 18th August 1890

The Chief Engineer
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir

Bridgework miles 170 and 171

I beg to bring to your notice that the Bridgework
miles 170 and 171 is in law extremely backward condition
The cause of this is, the difficulty which has hitherto
been felt, and is now felt, in overcoming the persistent
and systematic opposition offered by Venkata Reddy, the
Reddy of Reddiwarpallee.

2. For your information I forward copy Extract of
my letter No. 478 dated 7 July 90 to the Special Deputy
Collector, Cuddapah on Railway duty, and Mr Alexander's
letter No. 111 dated 15th August 1890.

3. The Reddy is now offering all possible opposition
to our getting stone I am addressing the Special Deputy
Collector on Railway duty on the subject of Quarries,
and shall make this the subject of a separate letter to
you.

4. I am informed that Contractors, have from
fear of loosing their life, objected to taking up the work
on these miles. It is needless for me to say the difficulty
in overcoming such influence and carrying out work
under such condition is for me, next to impossible. One
Contractor is now working at the 240' Bridge Channi
gon No. 828. He told me that he could get neither stone
nor labour in that place until he "squared" the Reddy. He also
informed me within a very short time after he went there
his house was stoned at night.

5 Mr. Bennett, my predecessor brought this mans
action to my notice and informed me that his predecessor
Mr. Swapple also mentioned the matter to him. I have
done all I can possibly do to get the work started on
these miles.

6 The subject of the Reddy's "boycotting" and
determined opposition, with apparently, no other reason
than to obtain a monopoly of the work and compel
me to give him or his nominee the Contract for Bridge-
work and accept his terms, is one which I consider
should be brought to the Special notice of Government
or other authority and be dealt with speedily.

I trust this matter will meet with your
very early attention.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) A.S. Gerrard
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly Sept. 1890

Macnabb
Head Asst.
For Chief Engineer.

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Villupuram Gundakul Station
Executive Engineer's Office 13/
Salem 17th July 1890

No. 478.

The Deputy Collector of Cuddapah
Railway Duties
Madanapally

Dear Sir

Quarrysite Chains 8754

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1. The Reddy of Reddiwarpallee has prohibited work
from being executed on the 17th Mile & practically
a system of "boycotting" has been adopted by him
up to date Not one foot of Masonry has been laid
on the 2½ miles over which he exercises an influen

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Yours &c
(Signed) A.S. Gerrard
Ex. Engineer

(True Copy & Extract)

(Signed) A.S. Gerrard
Ex. Engineer

(True Copy
of an Extract)

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly Sept. 90

Macnabb
Head Asst.
For Chief Engineer

Villupuram. Grantahnl State Ry
Engineer's Office District No 15
15th August 1890

No. 111

To

The Executive Engineer
District No. 13/15
Tiler

Dear Sir

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Nothing however can be done until the obstruction of the Local Zemindar Vencata Reddy is thoroughly broken down. This man has systematically opposed work in Kalikery neighbourhood ever since the Railway was started by monopolizing quarries, labour and personal influence. He has a contract for Earthwork of the 170 and 171 miles and has all but finished them. This Contract was made with him by the late Executive Engineer Mr. Swappe. But it is in the matter of quarries that we have the most difficulty with him. Not only are most of the local labour to work them his tenants, or are indebted to him in other ways; but he claims absolute right to those quarries on the 170 and 171 miles viz Nos. 8 and 17 at 6chs: 9000 and 8940. respectively, and refuses to allow any of our Contractors to work in them. Both these quarries have been surveyed and demarcated but only one (No. 8 chainage 9000) has been transferred to us, as Vencata Reddy's prior claim to No. 17 was admitted. It was only 3 days ago, at an interview I made by appointment with Vencata Reddy that I learnt from him that he also claimed quarry No. 8.

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/True copy & Extract/ /Signed/ S. S. Alexander
Sub Engineer in charge.

/Signed/ A. S. Gerrard.
Executive Engineer

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(True Copy)
for Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer's Office
Trichinopoly Sept 13 1890
Head Clerk
for Chief Engineer

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No. 1291

South Indian Railway,
AGENT'S OFFICE,
Trichinopoly, ~~NEGAPATAM,~~ 11th September 1890

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From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I forward herewith a precis and copy of letters received from the Executive Engineer Districts 13 to 15 Peler relative to obstruction caused by some Reddies near Kalikeri. The Chief Engineer informs me he addressed the Collector of Cuddapah in letters No 10682 of 23rd Ultimo and No 11023 of 1st Current but no reply has been received. As the case is an urgent one the Chief Engineer requests that Govt may be asked to take action in the matter; he states that since the murder of the Cashier there is a great feeling of insecurity which is a hindrance to work.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
William Betts
Agent.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 15th September 1890.

Letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No: 1291, dated 11th September 1890, with enclosures.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The obstructive conduct of the Reddies near Kalikeri appears to be seriously impeding the progress of the work at miles 170 to 171 Villupuram — Guntakal State Railway.

3. The Chief Engineer South Indian Railway, states that the Collector of Cuddapah has been addressed

From

THE AGENT,

South Indian Railway.

Negapatam.

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS.

Madras.

Dated 11th September 1890.
Received 12th " " No. 1291

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Return.

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" pits or anywhere. Both Alexander
" & Serrard (railway Engineers) agreed
" with me that a bridge must
" be given."

I have repeatedly asked the Railway Engineers when they had any complaint to make about any matter requiring the intervention of Govt. Officers to give early notice to the local magistrate and the Sub. Collector or both. They could write to Trichy. as well just as they please but if early notice is not given to the authorities on the spot no end of valuable time is lost and no purpose

Cuddapah
4.10.90.
Actual date about
4.10.90.
Oct 1st 1890

My dear Price

I have received to-day through the Board pr very early report Endorsement of Govt Rev. Department dated Sept. 23rd 1890 No 5843. It is on letter No 1291 from the Agent S. I. R. dated Sept. 11th 1890. and complaining that a peddy in the Vayalpad Taluk had got a contractor to his betel garden & there tied his feet and hands and that he and another

the Surplus channel.

As the Agent alludes to the case of the cashier who was murdered I may mention that it is distinctly proved that he was murdered by his own cart-driver a railway employé and that no outsider had any hand in the matter.

Yours Sincerely

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served, that I can see. I have lost no opportunity of impressing on the Sub-Conr and the Jahrs. that every thing possible should be done to help the Railway people.

In this case, it appears from Wynch's report that there was no real difficulty in settling matters and that the reddies' backs were up because the Engineers proposed to turn all the surplus water of the tank on to their paddy fields having previously closed

Reddy were obstructing the railway work at miles 170 and 171 on the Vill. Gundakal Railway.

The Agent also mentioned that he had written to me on the 23rd Aug & Sept 1st but got no reply.

His letters as soon as received were sent to the Sub-Conr who is only 20 miles or so from Pilli for inquiry, report and to deal with the reddi.

I shall report officially through the Board on receiving his official reply but it happens that a demi-official came in from him this

afternoon. In that he says "I went out to Pilli to see about that Quarry business and have made it all right. I think. The ass could not be brought home to the Reddies. So I told him he might come out & Trichy and "deal with the complaint same as if he had come to Pilli office as there was not much chance of a "Joint Office as there was the ill-will of the Committee. ..... One reason of the ill-will of the Reddies was the closing of the Surplus channel "I took the water, if Em please, was to the "of a tank. The water, if Em please, was to the dividers over the paddy fields or into the Rivers

addressed on two Sepa-
rate occasions and that
as no reply has been
received, and the case
being urgent, he requests
that Government will
take action in the matter.

Sidney Smith
Myor RD.
for Offg. Comy. Exp. for Ex

Sub Collector and Joint
CUDDAPAH ~~DISTRICT~~ MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
dated Madanapalle ~~188~~
4th October 1890.

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ENCLOSURES Three files.

FROM L. M. Wynch Esquire
Sub-Collr & Joint ~~District~~ Magistrate of
CUDDAPAH.

To
THE Collector of Cuddapah

SIR,

In reply to your endorsements current nos 3201/Eng: 9.9.90, 3532/Eng: 1.10.90 (herewith returned) and 3229/Eng: 6.9.90, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of my Proceedings in the matter of the alleged assault on the contractor Kengar, from which you will see that I have discharged the defendants on the ground that the only witness to the assault did not corroborate Kengar.

2. It is to be regretted that no ~~compl~~ complaint was made direct to me.

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I was ~~xxx~~ at Voilpaud from 5th September to 10th and could easily have gone to Kalikiri (12 miles distant) and held the inquiry personally, as it was, I had to depute the Sub-magistrate to make a preliminiary investigation which he did as promptly as possible but by that time the defendants had had ample opportunity of gaining over the only witness for the prosecution.

3/. In the matter of the quarries, the Reddi complained of, viz Venkata Reddi of Reddivaripalle, has some ground for his opposition to the Railway work, he is about the most influential man in the place and held a license for 2 quarries in Kalikiri for which application had been made by the Railway Engineers. One No. 8 (ch 9000) was formally handed over in February last by the Special Deputy Collector, but no arrangements appear to have been made either to compensate Venkata Reddi for the stone which he had already quarried and which was lying in the quarry or to cancel his license which ran till the end of June 1890. Further Venkata Reddi holds lands under the Dasabandam Tank of Reddivaripalle and these lands with those of others are likely to be damaged by the waste water of the Tank being diverted over them from the present surplus channel, which will be blocked by the Railway embankment, unless the 8 or 10 foot arch which he and the cultivators ask for and which after personal inspection and consultation with the Engineers Mr. Alexander and Mr. Gyonard, I think, ought certainly to be allowed, is granted, it was as a matter of fact recommended by the Assistant Engineer Mr. Alexander sometime since but disallowed.

4. As Venkata Reddi's lease for the quarries has run out, that matter has been settled. I camped at Kalikiri and ~~talked~~ talked to him and some of the

other.

other Reddies who declared that they had now no claim of any sort in any of the garrais wanted by the Railway: A Statement to this effect was taken from them in writing. I have written officially about the additional culvert required at the Reddiwaripalle Tank surplus channel and see no reason to apprehend any further obstruction to Railway work in that portion of Mr. Garrad's District. I found both Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Alexander most conciliatory the Reddies had a complaint to make against the local overseer which the Engineers will deal with.

Mr Gerrard has just come in here from Kalikiri and tells me that every thing is now going on all right. (Signed) L. Wynch

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) L. Dn Wynch
Sg: Sub Collector &
Joint Magistrate

(True copy)

E. Jewell
Collector

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Proceedings of the Acting joint magistrate of Cuddapah dated 4th October 1890

Read Proceedings dated 11th September 1890 referring to the Sub magistrate of Voyalpad for immediate enquiry and report under Section 202 C. C. P., Complaint referred by H. S. Gerrard Esquire, Executive Engineer XIII - IV Districts, Villupuram Gumtakal State Railway, Piler, of an assault committed upon one of his contractors.

Read report of Sub magistrate of Voyalpad dated 19th September 1890 and records submitted therewith

Read Statements recorded on 22-9-90.

Read record in Calendar Case No: 113/1890 on the file of the 3rd class magistrate of Voyalpad submitted with arzi No: 29/259-90.

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the woddahs took Kengar to a
tree near the village and there
Ellaya woddah left him in
charge of the eight woddahs.

Kengar caught sight
of a servant of Runjeet Singh
another contractor and sent
him for the Police; the Police
Station House officer was
brought, then the eight woddahs
released Kengar and admitted
that they had bound him.

At the enquiry
held by the Tayalpad Sub
Magistrate, Kengar identified
five woddahs including
Ellaya woddah.

In his deposition
on oath some discrepancies
appear. 1 Thippa Reddi is
not said to have ordered the
woddahs to tie Kengar's hands
& feet. He is merely said to

have

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have used an expression which
is equivalent to "I'll have nothing
more to do with your dispute,
Please yourself" (2) Venkata Reddi
of Reddivaripalli was not present,
it was Venkatasawmy Reddi of
Pathegada (3) No mention is
made of Runjeet Singh's servant.
Kengar wrote a chit and gave
it to Lall Mahomed who took
it to Kengar's brother Mafijee
and brought him and some
other contractors and the overseer
Mr. Johnson (4) The woddahs
all ran away when they saw
these people coming (5) The
Station House officer did not
come there, but Kengar and
the others all went to the Station
and laid the complaint.

The only eye witness of the
assault is Lall Mahomed. The
man does not corroborate Kenga

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On the other hand Cellayawoddah laid a complaint against Kengas of having assaulted him on the 24th to August.

The Station House officer of Kalikery made no enquiry into the affair apparently at the instance of Mr Johnson who said he would report the matter to the Collector through his superiors.

The Sub Magistrate had also reason to suppose that Mr Johnson bore ill-will to the accused Reddies.

For these reasons he re-ported the complaint to be false.

I camped at Kalikery on the 22nd September and Kengas was brought before me, he adhered to the statement before the Sub Magistrate. He speaks Hindustani, the Station House officer and Mr Johnson had each recorded a translation of Kengas's statement made on the 25th August. The former in Telugu and the latter in English.

I have compared these state-ments and they both agree with one another and with the deposition before the Sub Ma-gistrate as far as they go.

In these Venkatas wami Reddi is named not Venkata Reddi.

I think the Station House Officer has been much to blame he merely recorded the complaint on a scrap of paper, omitted to take Kengas's signature to it and did not register it as a crime but simply reported it in the Station report. He appears to have mediated on one or two occasions between the contractors and woddahs.

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The two Reddies deny the offence and plead alibi. Thippa Reddi attributes the complaint to enmity between Hengar and his bro the Venkata Reddi of Reddivaripalli (This is the Reddi against whom complaints have been made that he would not allow the contractors to work certain quarries in Kalikiri) Venkatasawmy Reddi attributes the complaint to ill-feeling between himself and Mr Johnson originating in some dealings between them about a pony.

As Lall Mahomed does not corroborate Hengar there is no ground for further proceedings and I dismiss the complaint under section 203 C.C.P. at the same time I

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do not agree with the Sub Magistrate in thinking the complaint a false one: there are discrepancies between Hengar's statement and Mr Gerrard's letter, but no material ones between Hengar's statements as recorded by the Station House officer and Mr Johnson on the 25th August and the Sub Magistrate on the 16th September; owing to the action taken by Mr Johnson and the Station House officer and the delay in receipt of the Complaint through Srichincopoly Cuddapah, the defendants had ample time to tamper with the only witness Lall Mahomed which I believe they have done; the wounds on his ankles which Hengar points

Reference on Current No. 3229 of 1890.

CUDDAPAH COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dated 8 Oct 1890. 8-10- 1890

~~Despatched~~ No. 5662

In replying, the above should be quoted.

REVD. GEN. REG. No. 3358 OF 1890
LAND REVENUE

ENCLOSURES

From

E. J. Sewell Esq^r C.S.

Collector of Cuddapah.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
COMMISSIONERS OF
LAND REVENUE,
MADRAS.

~~SIR~~,

Reference on Government No. 2093 of 1890 and Board's reference thereon dated 29th September 1890.

Sir, As requested in the above I have the honor to forward copy of the enclosed report and Proceedings of the Sub. Collector from which it will be seen that the Engineer in charge of the Villipuram-Gudalur Railway Work is satisfied that all opposition to the progress of the work has ceased.

2/ With regard to the Complaint that a contractor Kangar had been ill-treated by some wedda

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acting under the orders of Tuppa reddi of Kalikiri and in the presence of Venkatareddi it will be seen that the occurrence complained of took place on the 25th August, was reported to the Chief Engineer Trichinopally on the 29th of August and that the letter to me from Trichinapolly dated September 3rd did not reach me till the 8th, as my office stamp shows. It was at once sent to the Joint Magistrate who was requested to enquire into the Com-plaint, and if he found that there was any truth in the Com-plaint to take prompt and effective measures to put an end to such action on the part of the peddies.

3/ It is much to be regretted that no Complaint was made direct to the Joint Magistrate. As he states, he was at Voyalpad, only 12 miles from Kalikiri, from the 6th to the 10th of September. Pilér where Mr. Gerrard is Stationed is only 22 miles from Voyalpad. Further if any Complaint had been made to the Tahsildar of Voyalpad he would, I am certain, have held an immediate enquiry.

4. As it was, more than 17 days were lost in sending the Complaint round from Pilér by way of Trichinapally and Cuddapah and there was plenty of time for the only witness to be tampered with.

5/ It will also be observed that the statement made by the Contractor on the 25th August agreed with his statement on oath before the Sub-Magistrate and differed most materially from the statement which he induced Mr. Gerrard to pass on to the Chief Engineer. In these statements he does not say that the peddy told the coolies to tie his hands and feet - he does not say that Venkata reddi of Reddivaripally (whom the Engineer calls the local Zamindar whose obstruction requires to be broken down &c) was present at all -

he does not say anything about Ranjeet Singh's servant but only mentions his own servant Lal Mahammed — he does not say that the Police came and released him; on the Contrary he went to the Police Station himself and Complained. The only alleged eye witness is Lal Mahammed who though the Contractor's own servant, does not support his story. The Contractor was never seen tied up by any one; when his friends came up, he was sitting under a tree, no one was near, and his pony was grazing beside him.

6. I Consider that this whole transaction very forcibly exemplifies the reason why there are from time to time Complaints of obstruction to our there works.

7. The Contractors have to find some reason when they are backward with their work. They take some greatly Exaggerated

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with the Sub-Collector or Tahsildar who are close at hand, and could and would hold a prompt enquiry and set matters right at once, write to the Railway Authorities at Trichinapoly and to a certain extent, adopt all the exaggerations of the Contractors Complaints and make them their own.

8. If the Contractor who comes with such a story were sent or referred to the Sub-Collector or the Tahsildar, he would be much more cautious and would give his imagination less play.

9. It will be seen from the Sub-Collector's report that the reddies had a Complaint of enmity against them of the Railway Overseer, and that in the matter of their quarry and of their tank they had well-founded Complaints which are now being attended

attended to by the Engineer but were not before.

10. Under these circumstances and as all the "obstruction" is admitted to have ceased, I think nothing more need now be done as regards them.

11. I have called for explanation about the non-payment of Compensation to Venkata reddi for the quarry for which he had a license and which the Deputy Collector handed over to the Railway Company, and I have brought the Joint Magistrate's remarks on the action of the Kalikiri Station-House Officer to the notice of the Superintendent of Police. The enclosures of the Proceedings under reply are returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.

E. Stewart
Collector

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From,

THE COLLECTOR OF

CUDDAPAH.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE

COMMISSIONERS OF

LAND REVENUE

MADRAS.

10 OCT 90 MADRAS

Dated. 9 } October 1890.
Despatched

Subject.

REVENUE BOARD'S PROCEEDINGS.

~~No.~~ ~~Date~~

Forwarding the enclosure
to reference on Current
Nos 3229 & 3532 dated 8-10-90.
Reg

Rev. 14/4182 dt 9-10

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

Dated 17th October 1890.

No. 6636 Mis.

Mr. H. W. Blue.

Read Endorsement of Government R. D. dated 23rd September 1890. No: 5843; and the following Reference thereon, dated 29th September 1890. Referred to the Collector of Cuddapah for report at a very early date.

Read also letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 8th October 1890. Reg on Current Nos. 3229 & 3532 Reg.

Resolution. Submitted to Government with reference to the Endorsement dated 23rd Sept. 1890. No: 5843.

2. The matter has been satisfactorily disposed of now by the Sub Collector. It is to be regretted that the Railway Officials do not seek his aid or the Tahsildar's at once instead of writing to Trichinopoly.

(True copy & Extract)

Ag: Secretary.

To
The Secy to Govt RD.
with letter & 2 encls. in orgl
to be retd & 8 encls. in G.O.R. No: 2093 dtd.
Copy to Collr: Cuddapah

Revenue 18 90. Dept.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

MADRAS.

No. 1482.

To

The Secretary to Govt. Rev.

Endorsement dated 23rd Oct 1890 No 6463

Transferred to the P. W. Depart. Railway Branch.

Secretary to Govt.

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Proceedings, dated 17 10 1890.
No. 66 36 Mis. ~~Routine.~~

Subject.

Submitting the report called for on the complaint made by the Villupuram Sundakal Railway authorities regarding the obstruction caused by certain Pedrio in Voyalpad Jg. Cuddapah Dt.

with an endorsement

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No. 1799 R dt/14 Octr 90.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Endorsement from the Consulting Engineer for Rys } Ltr. No. 613 dt 15 Septr 1890

P. W. D. Endorsement — " — 798 R dt/20 Septr 1890

Endorsement from the Revenue Department — " — 6463 dt 23 Octr 1890

Forwarded to the Consulting Engineer for Railways with reference to his endorsement No: 613 dated 15 Septr 1890 for communication to the Agent S. I. Railway.

2/11/90

By order,

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To The Consulting Engineer for Rys.

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