Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 1799 Ry.

DATED 14th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

upuram-Guntakal State Railway.—Correspond
ce relative to a complaint made against
tain reddies in Váyalpád, Cuddapah district,
impeding the progress of work at miles 170-
on the —, forwarded to the Consulting Engi-
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Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway.

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Villupuram – Guntakal State Ry
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Précis of papers relating to the slow progress of work Districts 13/15

No	Date	From	To	Subject
911	29/8	X.E.N. Dts 13/15	C.E. Trichy	Re assault on Kangar of the Firm of Mowjee Keema Brothers Contractors by order of Thuppa Reddy of Kalikiri in presence of Venkata Reddy and requesting that necessary steps may be taken to counteract the influence of the Local Reddies
11 795	18/8	Do	The Special Dy Collector Madanapalle	Informing him that a place for the 1st Quarry Chs: $\frac{8954}{3034}$ 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 Chains 9000. 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.
796	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 Reddivaripallee 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.	Dts 13/15	Dy: Collector Madanapal	Informing him that the Reddy of Reddiwarpallee has prohibited work on the 170th mile and that practically a system of boycotting has been adopted by him.
111	15/8	Sub Engineer District 15	XEN	Dts 13/15	Stating that nothing can be done until the obstruction of the Local Zemindar Vencata Redd is thoroughly broken down, that he has systematically opposed work in Kaliheri neighbourhood ever since the Railway was starte by monopolizing quarries & labor that he has a contract for Earthw of the 170 & 171 miles & has al but finished them, but that is in quarries that there is mo difficulty with him, that mo of the local labor are his tenan and are indebted to him in o ways, that he claims abso right to the quarries on the 17 miles, viz 8 & 17 at Ch 9000 & refuses to allow any other Con to work in them – That both quarries have been survey demarcated, but that only quarry has been transferred & was known only 3 days ago interview with Vencata Re he also claimed quarry No

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[illegible] Guntakal State Ry

No 911

Executive Engineer's Office
Piler 29th August 1890

The Chief Engineer
Trichinopoly

Dear Sir

Assault on Kangar of the firm of Nowjee Keema Brothers Contractors.

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 Ellaga of Cheerumadanapallee and 8 other woddars in presence of Vencata Reddy & by order of Thuppa Reddy of Kalikeri. I investigated the matter and elicited the following facts.

2. Messrs Nowjee Kuna Brothers, Kutchees are working as Contractors on Masonry on Mile 172. They are very respectable quiet men, and have done good [illegible] work for us. I arranged with them and other petty Kutchee 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 Ellaga woddah (his business transaction with Kangar will be mentioned further). Ellaga told Kangar that Thuppa Reddy of Kalikeri was calling him to the betel garden opposite to Chain 9000, about 3/4 mile north of Kalikeri, and 3/4 mile from Railway and induced him to go. There Kangar met Thuppa Reddy of Kalikeri, Vencata Reddy of Reddiwaripallee, and 8 Woddars. Thuppa Reddy & asked settlement then and there of

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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 Vencata 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". Lall 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. This 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 Nowjee Kima Brothers on the 15th April to quarry 200 Stones, and an advance of Rupees 15 w[illegible] given. (I saw the receipt

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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.

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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 Kalikeri 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 Chains 9000 who has been getting on very well up to the present, informs me his arrangements with Vencata Reddy for supply of stones is now falling through. This is a serious matter as the found of 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. S. Gerrard.
Ex Engr: Dn. 13/15

Chief Engrs: Office
Trichinopoly Sept. 90

True Copy

Head Clerk
for Chief Engineer

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Villupuram. Guntakal State R
Executive Engineers Offic
Piler 18th August

No. 795

From

A. S. Gerrard Esq
Executive Engineer Districts 13/15

To

The Special Deputy Collector
on Railway duty Cuddapah D.
Madanapally

Sir

Quarries Chains 8954 and 9000

In continuation of my No. 478 of 7.7.90,
was conditional reply to your letter No. 901 dated
last, I have the honor to inform you 1st Quarry 8954
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 a
on the site, and I cannot do anything further on th
of effecting an arrangement between him and the

2nd Quarry Chains 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 Chains 9000. I beg to refer to Transfer stat
dated 1st February 1890 and to request the
taking the necessary steps to prevent Venkata
from interfering with the Quarrying operation
issuing orders to prohibit him from enter
Quarry Boundary, and that any Contractors
have dealings with him in reference to the Qu
stone in this Quarry are to settle up with him
He has had no Contract for stone from me an
therefore recognize him in this matter.

I have the honor to request you will at yo
rliest possible convenience, hand over this Quarry
me 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.

17 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
l Railway for information.

(Signed) A.S. Gerrard
Executive Engineer

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Sept. 90

Head Clerk
for Chief Engineer

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No. 796

uram Guntakal State Railw 15
Executive Engineer's Office 13/15
Piler. 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 an 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 Vencata Reddy, the Reddy of Reddivarpallee.

2. For your information I forward Copy Extract of my letter No. 478 dated 7th 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 2/40' Bridge Chains 9003 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.

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5 Mr. Bennett, my predecessor brought this man's 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 }

Marshall
Head Clerk
For Chief Engineer.

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5/ Sent 3358/90

6/ Recd 6796/90

6/ Govt 2083/90

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Villupuram Guntakul State Ry
Executive Engineer's Office 13/15
Piler 7th July 1890

No. 478.

The Deputy Collector of Cuddapah
Railway Duties
Madanapally

Dear Sir

Quarrysite Chains 8954

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1. The Reddy of Reddiwarpallee has prohibited work from being executed on the 170th Mile & practically a system of "boycotting" has been adopted by him. Up to date Not one foot of Masonry has been laid on the 2nd miles over which he exercises an influence

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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 }

Marshall
Head Clerk
For Chief Engineer

Villupuram-Guntakul State Ry
Engineer's Office District No 15
15th August 1890

No 111

To

The Executive Engineer
District No 13/15
Piler

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 Kalihery 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. His 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 Chs: 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 chains 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) E. S. Alexander
Sub Engineer in charge.

(Signed) A. S. Gerrard
Executive Engineer

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(True Copy)

Chief Engineer's Office }
Trichinopoly Sept. 90 }

Head Clerk
For Chief Engineer

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No. 1296 South Indian Railway, 2

AGENT'S OFFICE,

Trichinopoly ~~NEGAPATAM,~~ 11th September 1890

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 District 13 to 15 Siler 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 A. Betts

Agent.

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REGISTER
No 1181
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From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Negapatam.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

Dated 11th September } 1890
Received 12th
SD. No. 1291

Enclosure
return

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Form No. 2.

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.

No. 613

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

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"pits or anywhere. Both Alexander
"& Jerrard (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 interventio of Govt. officers to give early noti 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 autho on the spot no end of valuab time is lost and no purpose

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4.10.90. Intd. this about. 4.10.90.

Cuddapah
Oct 1st 1890

My dear Price

I have received to-day through the Board for 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. ~~[illegible]~~ complaining that a reddy in the Vayalpad Taluk had got a contractor to his betel garden & there tied his feet and hands and that he and another

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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

G. Sewell

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Reddi were obstructing the railway work at miles 170 and 171 on the Vill. Guntakal Railway.

The Agent also mentioned that he had written to me on the 23rd Aug & Sept [illegible]th but got no reply.

His letters as soon as received were sent to the Sub-Collr who is only 30 miles or so from Piler 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 Piler
"to see about that quarry business and have made
"it all right, I think. The assault case cannot
"now be brought home to the Reddies. To start
"with, the complaint came viâ Trichy and
"your office so there was not much chance of a
"conviction. ...... One reason of the ill-will of the
"Reddies was the closing of the Surplus channel
"of a tank. The water, if you please, was to be
diverted over the paddy fields or into the [illegible]

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served, that I can see. I have lost no opportunity of impressing on the Sub-Collr and the Tahsr. that every thing ~~pos~~ 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

plaint was made

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

Sidingsmith
Major R.E.
for Offg. Consg. Engr. for Ry

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No. 911

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

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. 3281/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 Kingar, from which you will see that I have discharged the defendants on the ground that the only witness to the assault did not corroborate Kingar.

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

I was ~~nt~~ 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 preliminary 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 Reddiwaripalle, 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 store stone which he had already

quarried

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 Reddiwaripalle 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. Gonard, 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 others.

other Reddies who declared that they had now no claim of any sort in any of the quarries 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 Gerrad'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 everything is now going on all right
(Signed) L M W.

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

(True copy)

1/Genl 3358/90

E Sewell
Collector

Rev 2/7482/90

Proceedings of the Acting Joint Ma-
-gistrate of Cuddapah dated 4th
October 1890.

Read Proceedings dated 11th
September 1890 referring to the Sub
Magistrate of Voyalpaud for imme-
-diate enquiry and report under
Section 202 C.C.P., Complaint re-
-ferred by A.S. Gerrard Esquire,
Executive Engineer XIII-XV Districts,
Villupuram Guntakal 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: $\frac{113}{1890}$ on the file of the 3rd
class Magistrate of Voyalpad sub-
-mitted with arzi No: $\frac{29}{25-9-90}$

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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 Vayalpad 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 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. Thi man does not corroborate Kenga

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On the other hand Ellaya woddah laid a complaint against Hengar of having assaulted him on the 24th 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 reasons to suppose that Mr Johnson bore ill-will to the accused Reddies.

For these reasons he reported the complaint to be false.

I camped at Kalikery on the 22nd September and Hengar 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 Hengar's statement made on the 25th August. The former in Telugu and the latter in English. I have compared these statements and they both agree with one another and with the deposition before the Sub Magistrate as far as they go.

In these Venkatasawmi 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 Hengar'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 brother 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

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I 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 15th September; owing to the action taken by Mr Johnson and the Station House officer and the delay in receipt of the complaint through Trichinopoly & 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

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Reference on Government No. 3229 of 1890.

~~Dispatch~~ Reg No. 5662 DATED 8 10 1890.

In replying, the above should be quoted.

CUDDAPAH COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
8 - 10 - 1890

ENCLOSURES

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No 3358 OF 1890
LAND REVENUE

From
E. J. Sewell Esq. 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 - Guntakal Railway Work is satisfied that all opposition to the progress of the work has ceased.

2/ With regard to the Complai that a contractor Kaugar had been ill-treated by some wudde

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 Trichinapally 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 complaint, and if he found that there was any truth in the complaint to take prompt and effective measures to put an end to such action on the part of the reddies.

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 5th 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 reddy told the wudders 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 Lall 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 Lall Mahammed who though the contractor's own servant, does not support his story. The Contracter 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 &c on these works.

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

who instead of

with the Sub-Collecter 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 Trichinapolly and to a certain extent, adopt all the exaggerations of the Contractors complaints and make them their own.

8. If the Contracter 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 rein.

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 Engineers 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 Venkatareddi 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~~ to the

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the Proceedings under reply are returned.

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

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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 / Reg dated 8-10-90.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 17th October 1890.

No. 6636 mis.

Mr. H. W. Bliss.

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, Ref on Current No: 3229 + 3532 / Reg.

Resolution: Submitted to Government with reference to its 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 did 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 R D.
with letter & 2 enclos: in orig
to be retd & 8 enclos. in G. C. R. No: 2093 dtd.
Copy to Coll: Cuddapah

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Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)
MADRAS.

No 7482.

Endorsement dated 23d Oct 1890 No. 6463

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

To

The Secretary to Govt. R.D.

18 OCT 90

Ch. Carter
Secretary to Govt.

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Proceedings, dated 17 10 1890.
No. 6638 Mis. ~~Routine.~~

Subject.

Submitting the report called for on the complaint made by the Villupuram Guntakal Railway authorities regarding the obstruction caused by certain Reddies in Voyalpad Tq. Cuddapah Dt.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

1 Endorsement from the Consulting Engineer for Rys } H.Q. No. 613 of 15th Septr 1890

P. W. D. Endorsement — " — " 798 A d/ 20th Septr 1890.

2 Endorsement from the Revenue Department } — " — 6463 of 23d Octr 1890

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

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To the Cons Engr for Rys

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