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27th February 1873.

No. 613. Read the following endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th January 1873 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1873, Miscellaneous No. 251.

From the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddapah, 18th December 1872, No. 220.

As directed in the Proceedings of the Board, No. 994, dated June 13th, 1872, I have the honour to report upon Madar Sahib's claims.

2. From the enclosed copy of a letter* from the Head Assistant Collector, the

* Dated 9th December 1872, No. 278.

Board will see that Madar Sahib shirks an inquiry by a Panchayet into his claims. He has even gone so far as to tell something of the nature of a falsehood in order to account for his inability to appear before the Panchayetdars. This will at first sight appear to the Board to be unaccountable, considering that Government in paragraph 6 of their Order, No. 1,376, dated June 3rd, 1872, say that "the Contractor Madar Sahib deserves all consideration for his honesty." Madar Sahib would have been quite contented with the commendation if Government had said nothing about the inquiry into his losses. Such consideration has placed him in an awkward position.

3. When inquiring into the part taken by Seshareddy in the Tangatur channel case, I found that Madar Sahib's conduct was anything but what it should have been. It appears to me that he took up the contract knowing that the estimate for the work contained items of repairs which the channel did not require. The Reddy, unfortunately for Madar Sahib, found this out. Madar Sahib offered the Reddy a share in the contract, which offer, unfortunately for Madar Sahib, was rejected. The position was an unpleasant one for Madar Sahib, and there was nothing for it but to abandon all hope of benefiting by the fraud, and, in order to screen himself from a criminal prosecution, to turn informer against the Reddy. To show how utterly guileless was his conduct throughout, Madar Sahib says that he gave an advance of Rupees 500 to Wudders in Cuddapah for work in Tangatur. I have found out that such a proceeding was quite unnecessary, as Wudders abound in the Pullampett Taluq, and there are numbers in the neighbourhood of Tangatur itself. In fact, Madar Sahib never gave any such advance. He made the assertion to conceal, if possible, the part he had taken in the fraud. But he never expected consideration from Government, and no doubt wishes now that he had held his tongue about his losses.

4. I forward a copy of my letter* to the late Superintending Engineer on the subject of the Tangatur channel case,

* Dated 7th November 1872, No. 79.

† „ 10th August „ „ 168.

and also a copy of a letter† from the late Head Assistant Collector on the same matter. The Board will see that the opinion which I formed on the inquiry which I then made was most unfavourable to Madar Sahib's claims. That opinion is further strengthened by the information now afforded by the Head Assistant

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Collector's letter, regarding the non-attendance of Madar Sahib before the Panchayetdars. If I ever entertained, after my investigation, the smallest doubt as to Madar Sahib's behaviour in the case, it has now quite disappeared.

5. While on this subject, I must beg that the Government will once for all direct that Madar Sahib is never again to be entrusted with the execution of Government work. It is notorious in this part of the district that Madar Sahib's work is very bad. In spite of this, he appears to be a favoured contractor in the Cuddapah Range.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, 9th December 1872, No. 278.

With reference to your foot-note, No. 99, dated 21st June last, I have the honour to forward an Urzee, No. 279, dated 20th ultimo, from the Tahsildar of Pullampett, in which he reports, that his attempt to decide Madar Sahib's claims in the Tangatur channel case has proved futile.

2. The Panchayet was ordered to assemble on the 13th ultimo, and Madar Sahib was directed to appear on that date. He sent an excuse on the plea that he had to appear unexpectedly as a witness before the Sub-Magistrate of Cuddapah, and promising to attend as soon as he was released from the magisterial case. He was waited for until the 19th idem, and never appeared. The Panchayet was then dissolved. Madar Sahib's statement is a "suggestio false," to say the least of it.

The Sub-Magistrate of Cuddapah reports that Madar Sahib was complainant (not witness) in his Court in a case that occupied the 11th and 12th ultimo. He was not present on the 13th at all. There was therefore no reason whatever for his non-appearance even on the day fixed 13th, for the Panchayet.

3. It is reported by the Tahsildar that this is the second occasion on which Madar Sahib has been ordered to attend and failed. He intimates his opinion that Madar Sahib's claim does not appear to be true. It is certainly strange that, with an offer of compensation held out to a person, that person will not attend and claim it.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 5th June 1872, No. 30, Revenue Department.

2. Madar Sahib's claim to compensation has been already disallowed in Government Order, 14th December 1872, No. 2,963.

3. The attention of Government is requested to Mr. Horsley's suggestion that Government contracts should not be entrusted in future to Madar Sahib.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
for Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government, R.D.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1873, No. 632.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 59.

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, in accordance with the recommendation of the Collector, supported by the Board of Revenue, to prohibit any Government contracts being in future entrusted to Madar Sahib.

(True Extract.)

Thos. R. E. Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

No. 612.

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ALL DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

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Dated February 27th.

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