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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th March 1874.

No. 245. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 24th March 1874 :—

Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Guindy, 17th March 1874, No. 3,413.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the early consideration of Government, copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Chingleput Range, regarding the manner in which the Revenue subordinates procure labour for the execution of the work on the road from Chingleput to Surappen's choultry.

2. I had heard vaguely of this proceeding on the part of the Conjeveram Tahsildar, but I was not actually in the taluq; but in any case it would be very difficult for any Department Public Works officers to obtain proof of the statements made. In a demi-official letter, Mr. Lowry informs me that the village quotas are regularly fixed.

3. I have had occasion to bring to the notice of the President of the Local Fund Board that very inferior material is being laid on the road.

5. I would beg that some other officer be deputed to inquire into the matter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. J. LOWRY, Esq., Executive Engineer, Chingleput Range, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, dated Manalur Coopum, 15th March 1874, No. 2,852.

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice that the works in my charge in this Range, many of which I had hoped to have completed within the current official year, are being seriously retarded by the coolies in every village of this taluq being forcibly taken to work on the Surappen road.

2. Enclosed is an order* received by the Munsif Monegar of this village (Manalur Coopum) from the Conjeveram Tahsildar, and every Munsif Monegar in this taluq has received a similar order.

* The Munsif has changed his mind, and now refuses to give the order referred to, but my little inquiry will prove that such orders have been issued, and received by every village Munsif in this taluq.

3. Had I not been on the spot, I suppose the Tandalum bridge-work would have been to-day stopped for want of hands, as certainly would the work on the road hence to "Cooum" this morning when the coolies working on it came to me in a body begging me to interfere in their behalf, as the Munsif, Taliaries, etc., were forcing them off to the Surappen road. The Munsif of Valavaram happened just then to be passing near where I stood, and I called him and asked if what the coolies said was true, and if he was forcibly driving them to work where they did not want to go. He replied that there was no force used, but the Tahsildar had ordered him to come to the Surappen road with all the coolies in his village, and that go he and the coolies must; what could he do? I may mention that there

were present when this conversation took place the Church Mission Schoolmaster of Valavaram and Local Fund Overseer Venkoba Row.

4. May I request you will take such steps as you may deem expedient with the object of putting an end to this state of things; otherwise I cannot be answerable for getting the works entrusted to me for execution completed in sufficient time, nor the amount spent which has been sanctioned for expenditure in the current year.

REFERRED, through the Revenue Department, to the Board of Revenue for inquiry.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1874, No. 394.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 2852

3. Range office
Camp. Maraloor Coopum.
15th. March 1874.

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From

The Executive Engineer
Chingleput Range.

To

The District Engineer
Chingleput

Sir

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 30th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 30th March 1874, No. 394.

MARCH.

Nos. 215-218.

Manner in which Revenue Department procure labour for road-work in Chingleput Range.—Referring to the Board of Revenue for early report letter from the District Engineer complaining of the—.

From The Chief Engr. Roads & Bldgs.
10th March 1874.

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I have &c

(Sd.) R. J. Lowry

Executive Engineer.

(True Copy.)

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District Engineer Chingleput

Encl No. 1

No. 3713

Chingleput District Engrs Office
Guindy 17th March 1874

From,

Colonel T. J. Moberly R. E.
District Engineer Chingleput

To,

Colonel G. K. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government P.W. Dept
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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officer be deputed to enquire into the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
J. Whistler Col. R.E.
District Engr. Christ.

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Public Works 1874 Dept
J. N: 9682 No 1001
From
The District Engineer
Chingleput

To
The Secretary
to Government
P.W.D
dated 17th March 1874
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Forwards for the early consideration of Govt copy of a letter from the Chingleput Range Officer regarding the manner in which the Revenue Department procure labor for road work. Requested

With 245 - 246

Referred through the Revenue Department to the Board of Revenue for enquiry —

Copy to the Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Fort St George
24th March 1874 } No. 394
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