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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th November 1878, No. 4,266 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 64. From Captain A. AWDRY, R.E., Acting District Engineer, Coimbatore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 27th October 1878, No. 265.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 2,997 W, of 26th July 1878, I have the honor to inform you that some of the tools in charge of Tanjore Kistnama Chari were found by Mr. Russell to be missing, and on inquiry they were discovered to be in the villages along the Annore Road, the villagers having retained them as they had not received their full wages. There were many coolies who complained of not being paid, but difficulty was experienced in proving the dates to the satisfaction of the Court so as to obtain a criminal conviction; the illiterate coolies themselves did not know the dates, and only two witnesses were forthcoming to give them exactly. They were the Maistry and Head Coolies of a gang, who were shown to have been paid Rs. 116-5-0 for work from the 3rd to 5th December 1877.

2. The case was tried by the Deputy Magistrate; the Government Pleader prosecuted, but he did not bring any witnesses to support the assertion of the Maistries, and in fact conducted the case so badly that it was thrown out. Further evidence, including the fact that Kistnama Chari had employed agents to bribe Maistries not to speak against him in the case, was forthcoming, and the Collector himself was kind enough to hold an inquiry into it on the 23rd instant, from which he informed me that he was satisfied of great irregularities, but was afraid that it would be difficult to get the *dates* sworn to by witnesses on whom the Court could rely, and it would therefore be inadvisable to bring the case up magisterially again. In the course of the inquiry, however, the examination of his nominal rolls (many of which were not signed by him) and imprest account brought to light most gross irregularity, one instance of which is quite sufficient to exhibit his utter untrustworthiness. There is an entry in the cash-book of Maistry Syed Ibrahim's pay from 24th November to 31st December 1877, at Rupees 12 a-month, Rupees 14-12-9; this is supported by voucher No. 277 of 10th January 1878. On the 18th of March 1878 there is the following entry supported by voucher No. 490: "Paid Syed Ibrahim his pay from 1st up, and the amount is Rupees 3-13-10; the voucher shows that this was pay to Syed Ibrahim from 1st to 10th December, for which period he had already been paid two months before.

2. Mr. Russell's No. 273, of 21st October 1878, of which I forward a copy, gives repeated instances of inattention to orders, and I find also that a distinctly written order in the Acting Overseer's imprest-book that "every day's entry should be signed by the Overseer" has received no attention.

3. The same letter from Mr. Russell gives an instance of most gross disobedience of orders. The Overseer was at work on the Pollachi Road, and could not be spared from there; he asked Mr. Russell's permission to go to the Annore Road to collect the missing tools; this Mr. Russell refused, telling him that he might send Maistries to collect them. In spite of this most distinct prohibition Kistnama Chari did leave his work.

4. Another case of disobedience of most positive orders is brought to light by a contractor bringing for payment a bill for broken stone for use on the Pollachi Road Famine Relief Works, this bill being signed as correct by Kistnama Chari. He had been distinctly told by Mr. Russell not to employ contractors. I have informed the contractor in question that the stone was not ordered for Government, and that he should seek payment for it from the man who ordered him to collect it.

5. Mr. Russell's letter also gives a clear case of the Acting Overseer telling a deliberate falsehood.

6. Taking all these irregularities into consideration, I have dismissed Tanjore Kistnama Chari from his post of 2nd-Grade Sub-Overseer and Acting Overseer from the 25th July, the date on which he was suspended, on the following grounds, viz., that he was found—

- (i) to have been guilty of most irregular practices in his carrying out of the work on the Annore Road;
- (ii) to have paid little or no attention to repeated orders on that and other work;
- (iii) to have applied for leave to quit his post, and on being refused it have left without leave, and
- (iv) to have told Mr. Russell a downright falsehood in regard to some of his official duties.

7. Before the famine Kistnama Chari gave very good promise of being a good Surveyor and hardworking and intelligent Overseer, which makes me regret to have to suggest that his re-employment in the Government service should be prohibited notwithstanding that he passed out of the Civil Engineering College with an Overseer's Certificate.

No. 65.

ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1878, No. 4,266 W.

THE future entertainment of T. Kistnama Chari in Government employ is prohibited.

(True Extract.)

E. A. Goodall Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Departments of Government.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Revenue Dept.

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To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 7th.

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G. O., 7th November 1878, No. 4200 W.

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Settlement, Dept. of Revenue, Survey
and Conservator of Forests.

T. Kistnama Chari, Oversee, Cuddalore
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