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No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 1st September 1874, No. 6 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer of Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Dindigul, 22nd August 1874, No. 2239 :—

Adverting to G.O., No. 251, under date the 29th July 1874, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from Colonel R. A. Roberts, R.E., No. 593, dated 12th instant, explaining the object for which the mile-coolies in the Dindigul and other Ranges have been provided with red caps.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated Tanjore, 12th August 1874, No. 593.

In reference to your letter, No. 1982, dated 8th instant, enclosing G.O., 17th July 1874, No. 1189, calling upon you to state the object of supplying mile-coolies with caps, I have the honor to inform you that, as the Collector and President had on more than one occasion remarked to me that he did not observe the mile-coolies at work when he happened to be driving about the district, the suggestion was made to me that, as the mile-coolies were not readily distinguishable from work-people ordinarily met on the roads, the mile-men did not catch the eye at once while one was passing over the road, and it appeared, therefore, advisable that they should wear some distinguishing mark that should at once attract attention.

One original Government Order.
" " memorandum to Dindigul Range Officer.

2. A red cap was thus decided on in lieu of the more expensive brass badges that used formerly to be issued on the old trunk roads; but, as it was felt that the coolies would not take proper care of the caps if provided to them *gratis*, and as it was scarcely fair to compel them to pay the whole cost of the caps, I decided to charge them for one-half the value of the caps on the understanding that these caps were considered to be their private property, but that they would have to replace them if lost or made away with.

3. I may add that the mile-men themselves approved of the arrangement and that I found it a great convenience when inspecting a road to be able to spot at once the mile-cooly, and I must confess that I cannot understand how exception can be taken to the arrangement. I observe that the Controller in reporting the matter to Government has omitted to inform them that the caps were red caps, and it is probable, therefore, that, if the Government had been made acquainted with this fact, they would not have referred the matter.

4. The two enclosures of your letter are herewith returned.

Communicated to the Financial Department with reference to their Order, No. 1189, of 17th July 1874.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
10th September 1874.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1874, No. 1531.

The charges may be admitted under the circumstances reported.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Board of Revenue, with No. 1189
,, Accountant-General, with do.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 10th.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 10th September 1874, No. 1531.

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Read the following

Superintending Engineer's Office

Tanjore 12th August 1874.

No. 1593.

From The Superintending Engineer

Tanjore.

To The District Engineer

Madura.

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Superintg Engineer

(True Copy)

(Signed) J. F. Fischer Lieut.t Col.l R.E

District Engineer.

District Engineers Office

No. 2239 (Camp) Dindigul 22.nd August 1874.

From

Lieut.t Col.l J. F. Fischer R.E.

District Engineer of Madura.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government

P.W.D.

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No. 693, dated 12.th Instant, explaining the object for which the Mile Coolies in the Dindigul and other Ranges have been provided with red caps.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. F. Fischer Lieut.t Col.l R.E.

District Engineer of Madura.

Order thereon 1.st September 1874. No. 6.

Communicated to the Financial Department with reference to their order No. 1189 of 17.th July 1874.

(True Extract)

A. J. Scott

Major R.E.

Under Secretary to Government

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To The Financial Department.

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