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No. 53. Read the following letter from Captain P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd November 1863, No. 267.

Railway Department.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that in March 1861, the Sheriff of Madras forwarded to the Consulting Engineer a list, in which the names of persons on the establishment who were qualified and liable to serve on the Petty Jury were to be entered.

2. In returning the list, Colonel Johnston added—

"I have omitted the name of my Uncovenanted Assistant, whose services cannot be spared from the office to serve on the Jury."

3. Mr. Hamnett, who holds the office of Uncovenanted Assistant, was not therefore summoned to serve the Jury.

4. He has now, however, been so summoned, and will have to attend the Supreme Court from to-morrow.

5. The Government are so fully aware of the responsibility that devolves on this office in regulating the advances given to the Railway Companies from time to time, the passing of their accounts and salary Bills, and auditing the voluminous Store Returns. The Uncovenanted Assistant has necessarily to devote a large share of his time in attending to these, and as his absence, at any time, from the office, is always attended with inconvenience, I request that the Government will be pleased to at once move the Judges of the High Court to release Mr. Hamnett from serving on the Petty Jury during the next Sessions, and to exempt him altogether from that duty.

6. At present the pay Bills of the Railway Companies for the past month have to be audited and passed. The duty is a responsible one, and I cannot afford to lose the services of the Uncovenanted Assistant.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1863, No. 1738.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to apply to the Judges of the High Court to exempt the Uncovenanted Assistant in the office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways from attendance on Juries.

2. On any particular occasion on which the absence of the Uncovenanted Assistant from office may be very inconvenient, it will be open to Captain O'Connell to make an application on the subject to the presiding Judge.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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Railway Consulting Engineers application for the exemption of his Uncovenanted Assistant from attendance on Juries negatived.

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