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No. 42. Read the following letter from Brigadier [']ÆNEAS SHIRREFF, Commanding the Mount; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 21st July 1857, No. 353.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 18th Instant, and to state for the information of Government.

1st. That I viewed some passages contained in Lieutenant Moberly's letters marked Nos. 1 and 2 (requesting that the Cutwal of the Mount not to be allowed to have any thing to do with works in progress) as being dictatorial particularly as I could see no just reasons why he should have objected to the Head Subordinate of the Police being employed to aid the Station Staff Officer in the Executive duties assigned him, I desired Lieutenant Colonel Brown to call upon Lieutenant Moberly for explanation as to the allusions he conveyed relative to the Police Officer in question his reply marked No. 3 appeared to me very unsatisfactory and his letter marked No. 4 to intimate that the Public Works could not be done without the Cutwal's aid, these were the reasons that I looked upon Lieutenant Moberly's correspondence as discourteous, he must have observed throughout Lieutenant Colonel Brown's correspondence that whoever was employed for assisting him must first have my permission to enter on the duty, this the Cutwal had, and in opposing his employment without grounds to establish a just reason for my withdrawing him, I held it as interfering with my authority which I did not expect from Lieutenant Moberly an Officer so many years my junior in the service, I beg to mention that I was at that time under an impression that as long as the Public Works were executed by the Staff Officer, he was at liberty to appoint his own Overseer subject to my approval.

2nd. I complained that the works in the Cantonment were not carried on in a satisfactory way in this I consider I was fully justified when I had noticed a report made by the Director Artillery Depot to the District Engineer complaining of the delay; for one month there were no workmen to complete the repairs of the old laboratory causing not only an inconvenience to that department but great danger by exposure of laboratory stores, a report of the stoppage of this work was made to the District Engineer to which he made no reply, and upwards of three months elapsed before the work was completed.

Certain alterations were ordered to be made to the Cantonment Hospital, this work was at a stand for upwards of a month and the Maistry was withdrawn by Lieutenant Moberly for incompetence, these were my reasons for expressing my dissatisfaction of the works alluded to being retarded or left unfinished by the Department of Public Works and I may confidently venture to state that had these works been placed in the hands of the Station Staff Officer they would have been rapidly executed.

I now most earnestly and respectfully hope that Government will not consider that I was at all influenced by any personal motive to the prejudice of Lieutenant Moberly or the Department Public Works though I have erred in some particulars connected with that Department I had no other object in view than that tending to the good of the State and I cannot but regret that any official misunderstanding should have occurred between myself and the District Engineer of Chingleput.

No. 1.

Letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Lieutenant Colonel J. R. BROWN, Staff Officer Saint Thomas' Mount, dated Camp at Guindy, 6th December 1856, No. 1329.

SIR,

With reference to the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Superintending Engineer Central Circle, I have the honor to inform you that I propose with the approval of the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount to continue as at present to avail myself of your services in Superintending the Buildings that may be in progress whether new or repairs. I at the same time beg to inform you that I will try and get you a competent Maistry to assist you and re-

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quest that you will not allow the Cutwal of Saint Thomas' Mount to have any thing at all to do with the works in progress that you will make the Maistry whom I may send you get all the materials necessary without in any way calling for the aid of the Cutwal who I think ought not in any way to interfere in these matters.

As at present there may be a difficulty in carrying on the works in the manner I wish I shall direct Assistant Overseer Page who is in charge of all works round about the Mount to afford you every assistance in his power.

No. 2.

From Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Lieutenant Colonel J. R. BROWN, Staff Officer Saint Thomas' Mount, dated Camp at Guindy, 11th December 1856, No. 1338.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 729 of this day's date, I have the honor to inform you that it is my wish that the Cutwal be not allowed to interfere in any way in the execution of the work going on at any of the Military buildings, that he be not allowed to procure or having any thing to do with the paying of the work people that may be employed, that he be not allowed to procure any materials that may be required nor have any thing to do with the paying for them in fact that every thing may be done without his interference in any possible way.

No. 3.

From Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Lieutenant Colonel J. R. BROWN, Staff Officer Saint Thomas' Mount, dated Camp at Guindy, 16th December 1856, No. 1354.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 731, dated 13th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully read over my letters No. 1329 of the 6th Instant and No. 1338 of the 11th Instant and cannot observe that I have in any way made strong remarks against the Cutwal it has been the custom that the Cutwal should aid in procuring materials, Coolies, &c. for the execution of the works in Saint Thomas' Mount but as it was my wish that every thing connected with the Public Works even to the most trifling repairs should be done by the Engineer's Department without calling for his aid or assistance. I have expressed myself in the latter part of para. 1 of my letter No. 1329, and also informed you that, as you might find difficulty in carrying on the work without the aid of the Cutwal, I should order Assistant Overseer Page to afford you every assistance in his power and that I would also send you a competent Maistry.

2. In your letter No. 729 of the 11th Instant you say as I do not agree in the object you have in view in your remarks respecting the Cutwal I shall feel much obliged by your affording me some explanation as to the cautions you have conveyed to me on the subject of the Cutwal from what I have above stated I trust you will now perceive that you have misapprehended my objects regarding the Cutwal and observe on again in perusing my letters that I give you no caution whatever regarding him my only object being to carry out the orders of Government directing that the Native Police should not interfere or be required in any way to assist in procuring Coolies or materials required for the execution of Public Works.

No. 4.

Extract of a letter No. 16, dated 5th January 1857, from Lieutenant MOBERLY, District Engineer Chingleput; to Lieutenant Colonel BROWN, Station Staff Officer, Saint Thomas' Mount.

"With regard to the last para. of your letter as I have neither accused the Cutwal in any way or conveyed any cautions against him, I beg to inform you that I do not see that I am

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"called upon for any explanation in fact I am prevented from giving any as however it appears to me to be the opinion of both the Brigadier and yourself that the works in the Mount cannot be done quickly without the aid of the Cutwal, I have the honor to request that you will as early as possible clear all the accounts for Military Buildings including all repairs, letting me know when you will be prepared to hand them over to me and to inform you that I will carry on the works in my own Department."

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, No. 1484; dated 1st August 1857.

The Government are unable to take the view under which the Brigadier Commanding the Artillery animadverted on Lieutenant Moberly's official conduct, but are most willing to believe that that Officer has been actuated solely by a desire to promote the public service.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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To the Staff Officer
Saint Thomas Mount

Sir,

With reference to the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Superintending Engineer Central Circle I have the honor to inform you that I propose with the approval of the Brigadier commanding Saint Thomas Mount to continue as at present to avail myself of your services in Superintending the Buildings that may be in progress whether new or repairs. I at the same time beg to inform you that I will try and get you a competent Maistry to assist you and request that you will not allow the Cutwall of Saint Thomas Mount to have any thing at all to do with the works in progress that you will make the Maistry whom I may send you get all the materials necessary without in any way calling for the aid of the Cutwall who I think ought not in any way to interfere in these matters.

As at present there may be a difficulty in carrying on the works in the manner I wish I shall direct Assistant Quarter Master Page who is in charge of all Works round about the Mount to afford you every assistance in his power.

District Engineer's Office
Camp at Guindy
6th December 1856

I have the honor to be Sir
Signed / A. S. Moberly Esq
District Engineer of Chingleput

/ True Copy /
In n m m m
Station Staff Officer

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 I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the 11th
 inst. and to inform you that the
 same has been forwarded to the
 proper authorities for their consideration.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 A. S. Moberly

N^o 2

N^o 1338

From Lieutenant A. S. Moberly
 District Engineer of Chingleput
 To Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Brown
 Staff Officer
 Saint Thomas Mount
 dated 11th Dec. 1856

Sir,
 In reply to your letter N^o 429 of this day's date, I
 have the honor to inform you that it is my wish that the
 Cultivall be not allowed to interfere in any way in the ex-
 ecution of the Works going on at any of the Military Build-
 ings, that he be not allowed to procure or having anything
 to do with the paying of the work people that may be
 employed, that he be not allowed to procure any materials
 that may be required nor have anything to do with the
 paying for them in fact that every thing may be done
 without his interference in any possible way.

District Engineer's Office
 Camp Guindy
 11th December 1856

I have the honor to be
 Signed A. S. Moberly Lieutenant
 District Engineer of Chingleput

/ True Copy /

J. R. Brown - Lieutenant Colonel
 Station Staff Officer

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No 1354
To Lieutenant Colonel Brown
Staff Officer
Saint Thomas Mount

Sir
Grenada, 12th Decr. 1853, 1354

In reply to your letter No 481 dated 13th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully read over my letters No 1329 of the 6th Instant & No 1338 of the 11th Instant and cannot observe that I have in any way made strong remarks against the Custom it has been the system that the Custom should aid in procuring materials Coolies &c for the execution of the works in Saint Thomas Mount but as it was my wish that everything connected with the Public works even to the most trifling repairs should be done by the Engineer Department without calling for his aid or assistance. I expressed myself in the latter part of Para 1 of my letter No 1329, and also informed you that, as you might find difficulty in carrying on the Works without the aid of the Custom, I should order Assistant Overseer Page to afford you every assistance in his power and that I would also send you a competent Ministry.

In your letter No 429 of the 11th Instant you say as I do not agree in the object you have in view in your remarks respecting the Custom I shall feel much obliged by your affording me some explanation as to the cautions you have conveyed to me in the subject of the Custom from what I have above stated I trust you will now perceive that you have misapprehended my objects regarding the Custom and observe on again in perusing my letters that I give you no caution whatever regarding him my only object being to carry out the orders of Government directing that the Native Police should not interfere or be required in any way to assist in procuring Coolies or materials required

No 2

Respectfully
I beg to be assured
to have any thing to
do with the Public Works

11th Nov 1853/1354

No 11
 Extract of a letter No 16 dated 5th January 1857 from Lieut Moberly Distric-
 t Engineer Chingleput to Lieut Colonel Brown Station Staff Officer
 Saint Thomas Mount

"With regard to the last Para of your Letter as
 "I have neither accused the Cutwall in any way or conveyed
 "any cautions against him, I beg to inform you that I do
 "not see that I am called upon for any explanation in fact
 "I am prevented from giving any as however it appears to
 "me to be the opinion of both the Brigadier and yourself
 "that the work in the Mount cannot be done quickly
 "without the aid of the Cutwall. I have the honor to request
 "that you will as early as possible clear all the accounts
 "for Military Buildings including all Repairs, letting
 "me know when you will be prepared to hand them over to
 "me and to inform you that I will carry on the works
 "in my own Department."

/ True copy of an Extract /
 Jm A Brown Lieut Col.
 Station Staff Officer

No 3
 Lieutenant Moberly
 states that he cannot
 advise you with respect
 any thing Moberly
 against the Cutwall
 (Jm A Brown 1857)

required for the security of Station House.
 I have the honor to be
 signed, J. A. Moberly Lieut
 District Engineer of Chingleput
 16th December 1856
 Camp at Quinny
 District Engineer's Office
 Jm A Brown
 Station Staff Officer
 / True Copy /

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The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Johannesburg

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter from the Minister of Education, under date the 18th instant, and to state for the information of Government.

1st That I received some passages contained in Lieutenant Skelton's letter marked 1st and 2nd requesting that the Custodian of the Prison not be allowed to have any thing to do with the Prison in progress, as being detrimental particularly as I could see no just reasons why he should be so. His object to the Head Subordinate of the Police being employed to run the Station Staff Office in the Executive duties assigned him, I desired Colonel Brown to call upon Lieutenant Skelton for explanation in so far as the same be conveyed relative to the Police Officer in question viz.

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
J. M. Smith

(J. M. Smith 1892/6)

reply Marked A. S. appeared to me
very unsatisfactory and his letter
Marked A. S. to insinuate that
the Public Works could not be
done without the Customs and, these
were the reasons that I looked
upon Lieutenant Moberly's Cor-
respondence as disconcerting. He must
have observed throughout that
Brown's Correspondence that whoever
was employed for assisting him
must first have my permission
to enter on the duty, this the Customs
had and in opposing his employ-
ment without grounds to establish
a just reason for my withdrawing
him I held it as interfering with
my authority which I did not
expect from Lieut. Moberly an
Officer so many years my junior
in the service. I beg to mention
that I was at that time under
an impression that as long as
the Public Works were executed by
the Staff Officer he was at liberty
to appoint his own Clerks subject
to my approval.

29. I explained that the
Works in the Customhouse were not
carried on in a satisfactory way
in this I consider I was fully jus-
tified when I had noticed a
report made by the District Engineer
to the District Engineer Com-
plaining of the delay; for one
month there were no workmen to
complete the repairs of the old
Laboratory causing not only an
inconvenience to that department
but great danger by exposure of
Laboratory stores, a report of the
Worthiness of the work was made
to the District Engineer to which
he made no reply; upwards of
three months elapsed before the
work was completed.

Certain alterations were
ordered to be made to the Custom-
house Hospital, this work was
at a stand for upwards of
a month and the Ministry was
withdrawn by Lieut. Moberly
for incompetence, there were

reasons for Expressing my
Dissatisfaction of the works alluded
to being retarded or left unfinished
by the Dept of Public Works and
I may confidently venture to state
that had these works been placed
in the hands of the Station Staff
Office they would have been
rapidly executed.

I now most earnestly
and respectfully hope that
Government will not consider that
I was at all influenced by
any personal motive to the
prejudice of Genl. Sirbary or the
Dep Public Works who I have
served in some particular Committee
with that Department I had
no other object in view than that
tending to the good of the State
and I cannot but regret that
any official misunderstanding
should have occurred between myself
and the District Engineer of Chingput.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

Ans Shumett, Engineer
Commanding the Troop

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25 July 1857

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The Government are
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sideration the Brigadier commanding
the 1st Infantry Brigade commanding
Lieutenant Colonel's official con-
-duct, but are most willing to
believe that that officer has been
actuated solely by a desire to pro-
-mote the public service.

David E. George
1st August 1859 }



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