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No 5967 Fort Saint George

15th December 1857

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

P.W.D.

Sir,

I beg to submit a letter addressed to me by the Civil Auditor No 274 dated the 20th November last, on the subject of Asst Overseer Nouwen's late absence on sick certificate from his District and at the same time to detail the circumstances of his case.

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2. On the 7th of May last Mr Nouwen reported his return to the Presidency on sick Certificate, and on the 21st of the following month requested an extension of three months submitting Medical Certificates from Doctors Mudge and Van Someren. The leave was granted by me in usual course and duly notified in the Official Gazette. On the 19th September he applied for an extension of another months leave, & I submitted the application to the Government with my recommendation. I did not feel authorized to grant this last leave as Mr Nouwen came down

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down to Madras on Sick Certificates on leave granted to him by the District Engineer for 3 months, and a further leave had been granted to him on the 23d June last, making an aggregate of 6 months. The leave recommended by me to Government was however duly granted, and it was notified in the Official Gazette of the 6th Sept.

3 It has now been ascertained that Mr Rowan has been absent from duty (not the District) from January last, immediately after he had joined his station, as will be seen from the accompanying letter from the Pr Chief Engineer received thro' the District Engineer of Coimbatore with his letter dated the 3d November last — No 218 — It was clearly the duty of Mr Fraser when he found that Mr Rowan was unable to attend to his duties and was obliged to go into Hospital — to have reported the circumstances to the District Engineer, and for him to the Officer to have obtained leave for Mr Rowan in the usual way, but he was allowed to remain away from his duty — in Hospital from January to April, and on his applying to me for further leave in June I was necessarily under the impression from the Certificates granted by

Doctor

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Doctor Cornish dated the 25th March and 8th April last that the leave granted to him in the District was from about the end of March to the end of June last, and I accordingly granted leave in extension up to the end of September last.

4 The Civil Auditor will not I believe recognize any leave which does not appear in the Official Gazette — I beg to recommend therefore that the Government may be pleased to grant Mr Rowan retrospective leave from the 25th January to 10th February last and from the 12th February to 21st June the dates mentioned in the Civil Auditors letter alluded to above as the periods from which Mr Rowan was absent "without leave" as without such special sanction he will be subject to retrenchment of his full pay whereas if sanctioned to only a moiety — I have no hesitation in recommending this leave as it appears from Mr Fraser's letter that Mr Rowan was really so unwell from exposure in the execution of his duties as to be obliged to go into Hospital, whilst his return to Madras was authorized by the Certificate of the Surgeon of the District,

and

and the whole matter hinges upon an unlecc-
-dent absence from duty in the District, which
as unreported, was necessarily unknown in the
Central Office, yet severe and even dangerous
illness from malaria was the sole cause of
the Asst. Overseer having quitted his
post.

I have the honor to
be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servt
W. Hall Cie.
Chief Engineer

Central Office
of P. Works
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From
The Chief Engineer

To The Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

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Submits a letter received from the Civil Auditor on the subject of Assistant Overseer Hoveden's late absence on sick Certificate from Coimbatore with explanation regarding the same. —

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No. 5.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is requested to grant to Assistant Overseer Hoveden, leave of absence on Medical Certificate, retrospectively from 25th January to 10th February and from 12th February to 21st June last, under the recommended Caveat

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