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No. 26. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 8th October 1857, No. 4311.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly.

Forwards Doctor Davidson's Report on the state of Mr. Supervisor Downe's health. } (Here enter No. 777, dated 3rd October 1857.)

Resolved to submit to Government the foregoing letter No. 777, dated 3rd October 1857, with enclosures, reporting the continued inability to perform Field duty of Supervisior Downes, and to request permission to bring his case before a Medical Committee. It will be observed that the Garrison Surgeon considers that Mr. Downes will never be fit for field duty again.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

Letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer of Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 3rd October 1857, No. 777.

SIR,

In consequence of the prolonged stay of Mr. Supervisor Downes in Trichinopoly after having been reported fit for duty by the Garrison Surgeon and after having been directed to perform executive duties in the Laulgoodi Talook and in consequence of the Supervisor stating that he was still too unwell to undertake active duty I requested the Garrison Surgeon to report definitely on the state of his health.

2. I have the honor to inclose for your information a copy of Doctor Davidson's report* and of my letter to which it is a reply and to request your orders as to the future disposal of Supervisor Downes.

* Enclosure 1.

3. The Supervisor has done no active duty since 13th May 1857, when he first placed himself in the hands of the garrison Surgeon and it will be seen that the latter holds out no hope of his ever being able to perform field duty, I am of opinion that Mr. Downes should be sent or considered on leave under sick certificate he having already enjoyed the indulgence of drawing full salary for four months although only partially employed (and for only half of the time) in office duties.

Letter from W. E. DAVIDSON, Garrison Surgeon; to Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer, dated 30th September 1857.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of yesterday, I have the honor to state that Supervisor Downes of your Department was under my Medical care for partial loss of power in the lower extremities but after some severe treatment, leeching repeated blistering and he at length recovered the perfect use of his limbs, and begged to be reported fit for field duty, and he was accordingly reported fit on the 20th August.

2nd. Not hearing any thing more of him I concluded he was at his duty till I received your communication under reply and find now he has been all or nearly all this time in Trichinopoly I sent for him to-day to my quarters and find he is well and fit for duty now. It appears that on the 10th Instant in consequence of complaining of some headache &c., he had 12 leeches applied to his head by the Dresser unknown to me.

3rd. In reply to the 3rd para. of your letter I beg to state that in my opinion he will never be able to perform field duty that is if exposed to much heat for any *lengthened* period the nervous disease from which he has suffered and which I think is the effect of exposure to this climate will return and again prostrate him. The loss of power in his limbs was very considerable indeed when first seen by me.

4th. For in door or office work his health would be quite sufficient.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th October 1857.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON No. 1930; dated 15th October 1857.

Resolved accordingly that the case of Supervisor Downes be brought before a Medical Committee, and that the Chief Engineer be requested to dispose of cases of a similar nature in a similar manner, without soliciting the previous orders of Government.

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

No. 4311.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works

Under date the 8th October 1857.

Read the following letter from the Divisional Engineer of Trichinopoly forwarded Doctor Davidson's report on the state of health of Supervisor Downes Head Quarters } H.C. No. 7777 dated 3rd October 1857

Resolved to submit to Government the foregoing letter No. 7777, dated 3rd October 1857, with enclosures, reporting the continued unsuitability to perform Field duty of Supervisor Downes, and to request permission to bring his case before a Medical Committee. It will be observed that the Garrison Surgeon considers that Mr. Downes will never be fit for field duty again.

(True Extract)
M. Taber
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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