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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th October 1857.

No. 32. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 6th October 1857, No. 4251.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant J. G. RYVES, District Engineer Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 26th September 1857, No. 739.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 1775, under date the 17th Instant, with your resolution No. 3911, of the 22nd idem.

2. The Government in communicating this decision that the retention of the old Marahmut Goomastahs in addition to the new Establishment of the Department cannot, under any circumstances be allowed, have been pleased to record a very unfavorable opinion of the motives which induced me to remonstrate against the original orders.

3. In the Extract under acknowledgement it is stated that it becomes more plain to Government that a wish to provide for others is the real obstacle to the employment of the old Goomastahs and not their unfitness for the duties of the Department because Mahratta Brahmins cannot be accused of want of ability.

4. With regard to this judgement I respectfully submit the following reasons why it should not remain on record against me.

5. In my letter* which has elicited the above severe sentence, I am not aware of having imputed want of ability to Mahratta Brahmins but have used the argument that they were illiterate and that, among them, I had found a determination not to adopt the new system of accounts the latter argument, it will be observed, tends rather to give them credit for ability though misapplied.

* No. 617, dated 29th August 1857.

6. I submit that so severe a condemnation of my motives as that passed by Government cannot be fairly supported only on the hypothesis from analogy that the particular Brahmins referred to must be able men because they belong to a class having reputation for ability: surely some evidence of my being wanting in uprightness and fair dealing was needed before I was not only adjudged guilty of favoritism but of having been so dead to all sense of even mere gentleman's honor as to abuse my position of ruin four or five poor men for the benefit of proteges of my own.

7. I have the honor therefore to state that in this matter and in every care of using the little patronage confided to a District Engineer I have been influenced solely by what I considered the good of the service guided and directed by the Government Notification of the 23rd June 1857, and the orders relative to accounts, and I request that this statement may be laid before Government with the hope that the stigma laid upon me may be removed.

Resolved to submit to Government copy of the foregoing letter No. 739, dated 26th September 1857, from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly with an expression of the Chief Engineer's opinion that Lieutenant Ryves should be altogether exonerated from the imputation of partiality in his objection to the employment of the late Talook Goomastahs in his Establishments.

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

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 1991; dated 22nd October 1857.

The Government are very willing to accept Lieutenant Ryves' assurances of his being actuated, in making nomination to his Department, by a desire for the Public good. The expressions in the order of the 17th September last, No. 1775, to which he more immediately refers, that it became more plain to Government that there was a general desire to set aside the Collector's establishment in favor of other men, was not intended to have an individual application.

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

No 4251

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

Under date the 6th October 1837.

Read the following Letter.

No. 739.

From

Lieutenant J. G. Reyves
District Engineer Trichinopoly

To

The Chief Engineer
in the Department of P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the Extract from Minutes of Consultation No.
1775, under date the 17th Instant, with your
resolution No. 3911 of the 22nd idem.—

2 The Government in Communicating
this decision that the retention of the old Paramut
Coomaatahs in addition to the new Establishment
of the Department cannot, under any circumstances
be allowed, have been pleased to record a very
unfavorable opinion of the motives which induced
me to remonstrate against the Original Orders.—

3 In the Extract under acknowledg-
-ment it is stated that it becomes more plain
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to Government that a wish to provide for others is the real obstacle to the employment of the able Gomashtahs and not their unfitness for the duties of the Department because Mahratta Brahmins cannot be accused of want of ability.

4 With regard to this judgement I respectfully submit the following reasons why it should not remain on record against me.

5 In my letter which has elicited the above severe sentence, I am not aware of having imputed want of ability to Mahratta Brahmins but have used the argument that they were illiterate and that among them I had found a determination not to adopt the new system of Accounts - the latter argument, it will be observed, tends rather to give them credit for ability though misapplied. × No. 617 dated 29th August 1857.

6 I submit that to severe a Condemnation of my motives as that passed by Government cannot be fairly supported only on the hypothesis from considering that the Mahratta Brahmins referred to must be able men because they belong to a Class having reputation for ability: surely some evidence of my being wanting in uprightness and fair dealing was needed before I was not only adjudged guilty of favoritism but of having been so dead to all sense of even mere gentlemanly honor as to abuse my position of trust for four or five

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four years for the benefit of strangers of my own

7 I have the honor therefore to state that this matter was in every case of any pecuniary patronage confided to a District Engineer I have been influenced solely by what I considered the good of the service guided and directed by the Government Notification of the 23rd June 1857 and the orders relative to accounts, and I request that this statement may be laid before Government with the hope that the stigma laid upon me may be removed.

Chief Engr Office
Poodiacottah
26th September 1857

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) J. G. Ryves Lieut.
Dist. Engineer

Received to submit to Government

Copy of the foregoing letter No. 739 dated 26th Sept 1857 from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly with an expression of the Chief Engineer's opinion that Lieutenant Ryves should be altogether exonerated from the imputations of partiality in his objection to the employment of the late Tahsildar Comptroller in his Establishments.

J.C.
D.C.G.

True Extract
D
Offg Sub Asst Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
T. F. L.

Exempt

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Public Works Dep't

No 1991

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 22d October 1857.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Here enter 6th October 1857 No 11251

The Government are very willing to accept Lieut Pryce's assurance of his being actuated, in making nomination to his Department by a desire for the Public good. The expressions in the order

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My

Col Com 22 [illegible]

Public Works Department
Oct 6 1857

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Governor to forward to you the enclosed letter No 1991 of 22nd Oct for your information.

Yours truly
[illegible]

No 232.

[illegible]

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-lication.

J. D. Esq

Copy to the Chief Engr.
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No 1991

Estract Minutes of Cons.

Dd 22nd October 1857.

Observing that the expressions in the Order of the 17th Septr last, that it became more plain there was a great desire to set aside the Collrs Estabt in favor of other men, was not intended to have an individual application to the Dirs to Engr of Precincts only.

No 32093.

C. 16 Oct 1857