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No. 4. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 20th October 1857, No. 4595.

Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Vellum, 14th October 1857, No. 323.

SIR,

Adverting to your Proceedings, dated the 6th Instant, No. 4225; which I observe have been laid before the Government; I deem it due to myself to draw your attention to the plain fact that in making a proposition for absorbing the Collector's Marahmut Establishment in that recently authorized to be entertained by the District Engineer, I have had in view a simple and single object, viz. to secure for the Marahmut Servants of the Collectorate of Tanjore, a just provision under the new professional Master to whom they will eventually be transferred; and I hope that the Government will not lose sight of that object, for it is neither more nor less than giving effect to their own orders.

2. If the Collector's servants are now to be remunerated by the assignment to them as a temporary expedient, as proposed in your letter to me of the 1st Instant, No. 4123, of the salary sanctioned for Sub Overseers, a class of Officers not yet called into existence; or which, in fact, is much worse if they are, as you suggest in your later, address to Government to be paid by "contingent Bills," they will eventually be left adrift without any situation at all!!!.

6th October 1857, No. 4225.

3. It is unnecessary I should comment on the views recorded in para. 27 of the proceedings under remark. As a Public Officer, I have ever conscientiously supported my coadjutors in every Department with which I have been brought into contact. My rule of conduct at present is what it was twenty-six years ago, but I should deem myself unworthy of the trust reposed on me by the Government if to avoid a difference of opinion with another Department or a point of even trifling public importance, I resigned and abandoned my own belief that the Subordinates of the Colletor's Cutcherry are not receiving that treatment to which in justice and under the orders of our joint superiors, they are clearly entitled.

4. In fact, I would wish, in all respect, observe, that it is obvious you yourself deem these servants to be fair claimants for something which they have not got, or the Government would not, at the present moment, have before them for disposal, the plan which you have suggested for their relief.

5. The "difficulty" if it be a difficulty, which I cannot admit, would not have come forth had the District Engineer allotted to these servants, as I requested, a part of the funds sanctioned for the office establishment of the Marahmut Executive in Tanjore.

6. Although a contrary impression may perhaps be created by a perusal of para. 27 of your proceedings, I beg to add in conclusion that Major Birdwood, the District Engineer, and myself are in terms of most friendly intimacy, and that I cannot recall to mind a single instance in which I have not staunchly supported him in the execution of his labour here in Tanjore as I always have done every other Officer of your corps with whom I have had the advantage of being associated in a service of 27 years. It will I think be fair that this letter should reach the Government through you.

Resolved that agreeably to the desire of the Collector of Tanjore, No. 323 of the 14th Instant a copy of the foregoing, despatch be laid before the Government, with the Chief Engineer's observation that Mr. Phillips writes as if both the public service in general and the reduced P. W. in general were in a normal condition, wherein the rights, claims and expectations of individuals could be scrupulously considered and meted out, thus overlooking the fact that he claims for the Tanjore Cutcherry an exemption from evils that have overtaken everywhere large masses of the public employees, as is readily exemplified by a perusal of G. O. G. 18th July 1857, by which hundreds are ejected for the units the Collector of Tanjore seeks to retain uninjured and permanently provided for.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 3rd November 1857.

Resolved that copy of these Proceedings be communicated to the Acting Collector of Tanjore for information.

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

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 2038; dated 30th October 1857.

In submitting to Government at the request of the Acting Collector, the letter which Mr. Phillips addressed to him on the 14th instant, repudiating the charges which the Chief Engineer very improperly brought against him, Colonel Faber endeavours to confute the Acting Collector's claim for the admission of his Marahmut servants to the Public Works Department, by arguments which are not tenable.

2. The Chief Engineer observes that the public service generally is not in "a normal condition," and that as the Public Works Department has been reduced since the 18th of July last, the servants of the Tanjore Collectorate cannot be retained uninjured, or be permanently provided for.

3. The Government are not aware that any change has been made in the "Public service in general" to warrant, the Chief Engineer's assertion that it is not in "a normal condition," reductions have been made in the Department of Public Works, but the Public service in general remains precisely as it was.

4. Colonel Faber apparently seeks to place on an equal footing the claims to continued employment, of the Marahmut servants of the Collector who have served the Government for years, and the recently nominated servants of the District Engineer, whose employment dates from yesterday. This comparison is so obviously unjust, that the Government cannot persuade themselves that its injustice was not manifest to Colonel Faber even at the time he made it.

5. That the nominees of the District Engineer have any claim at all, grounded even on a single hour's service, arises solely from that Officer's own error, and had he, as was his duty, and as the Government have now thrice ordered, nominated to his Department the servants of the Collector; the paltry claim which the Chief Engineer now advocates would not have had any existence.

6. Trifling as it is, and grounded solely on disregard of just principles and the positive orders of Government, they cannot allow it for a single moment to weigh against the claims of the Collector's servants.

7. The Government consider that Mr. Phillips has performed a simple duty in maintaining the rights of his establishment, and in requiring adherence to the orders of Government, and that Colonel Faber's conduct, in endeavouring to set those rights and those orders aside, appears in disadvantageous contrast.

8. It is expected that the orders of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation of this day's date, No. 2037 respecting the Marahmut Establishment of Tanjore will at once be carried into effect, and no further reference on the subject will receive the attention of Government.

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

No 4595

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St George

Under date the 26 October 1857.

Read the following letter

No 933.

Tanjore Collr's Office
Collum 14th October 1857

From W. J. Phillips Esq
Ag Collr of Tanjore

To
Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engr & P.W.D.

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Adverting to your Proceedings dated the 6th Instant, No 4225 which I observe have been laid before the Government, I deem it due to myself to draw your attention to the plain fact that in making a proposition for absorbing the Collectorate Maramut Establishment in that Necessity authorized to be entertained by the District Engineer, I have had in view a simple and single object viz to secure for the Maramut Servants of the Collectorate of Tanjore a just provision under the new professional Master to whom they

will eventually be transferred; and I hope that the Government will not lose sight of that object, for it is neither more nor less than giving effect to Lieut. Anderson's order.

2. If the Collectors' servants are now to be remunerated by the appointment to them as a temporary expedient, as proposed in your letter to me of the 1st instant No. 1123, of the Salary sanctioned for Sub Conductors, a class of Officers not yet called into existence; or in fact, in fact, is much worse, if they are, as you suggest in your letter addressed to Government to be paid by "Contingent bills", they will eventually be left adrift without any Situation at all!!!

6 Letter No. 1123.

3. It is unnecessary I should comment on the views recorded in para 2 of the proceedings under remark, as a public officer, I have ever conscientiously supported my Coadjutors in every department with which I have been brought into contact. My rule of Conduct at present is what it was twenty six years ago, but I should deem myself unworthy of the trust reposed in me by the Government if to avoid a difference of opinion with another department on a point of even trifling public importance, I resigned and abandoned my own belief that the Subordinates of the Collectors Cutcherry are not in receiving that treatment to which in justice and under the orders of our joint Superiors, they are clearly entitled.

4. In fact, I would with all respect, observe, that it is obligatory upon yourself deem these Servants to be your Claimants for something, which they have not got, or the Government would not, at the present moment, have before them for disposal, to plan which you have suggested for their relief.

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I have &c
(Sd) F. D. Phillips
Actg Collr

Resolved that agreeably to the desire of the Collector of Tanjore in his No 323 of the 14th Instant a copy of the foregoing despatch be laid before the Government, with the Chief Engineer's observation that Mr Phillips writes as if both the Public Service in general and the Revenue Dept in general were in a Normal Condition, wherein the rights, Claims and expectations of individuals Can be scrupulously considered and meted out, thus overlooking the fact that he claims for the Tanjore Cutcherry an exemption from evil that have overtaken large masses of the public employees, as is readily exemplified by a perusal of G.O. 12th July 1859, by which hundreds are ejected for the united Collectr of Tanjore seeks to retain emoluments and premiums provided for.

Resolved that Copy of these proceedings be Communicated to the Acting Collector of Tanjore for information.

(Sd) L.C.
Sec. to Govt

(True Extract)
W. H. Silver Colonel
Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

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P.W.D.

No. 2038

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 30th October 1857.

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Recd 21st Oct 57

Sec's No. 2038. 30th Oct 57.

Submits, with the
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the Engagement of the
Collectorship Balance
Statement &c.

Dated 19th Oct 1857

Forwards Letter No 2038
Collr Ellichpore dated 17th
Oct 1857 with Enclosure
for the Secretary's Orders

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Sec's No. 2038. 30th Oct 57.

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No 2038.

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Of 30th October 1857.

From Chf Engr 6th Nov 57 6 No
2186 to 16th Decr 57

From Do 15th Decr 57 6 No 2460 to 6

Directing that the orders of Government conveyed in C. M. C. dated 30 October 1857, respecting the Marakmut Establishment of Tanjore, will at once be carried into effect; and observing, that no further reference on the subject, will receive the attention of Government.

No 3405

Q 23 Oct 1857