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No. 99. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 15th December 1857, No. 5969.

SIR,

No. 2037, dated 30th October 1857.
„ 2038, „ do. do.
„ 2185, „ 26th November 1857.
• No. 166, dated 4th December 1857, from District Engineer, of Tanjore,
No. 394, dated 2nd December 1857, from Collector of Tanjore.

With reference to the orders quoted in the margin, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copies of letters,• relating to the provision of employment in the establishments of the District Engineer of Tanjore for the Marahmut Servants heretofore under the Collector.

2. With respect to para. 4 of Mr. Phillips's letter, I would observe that while under the peremptory orders of Government, I accede to the appointment as Sub Overseers of men whose fitness for the duties of that post has yet to be established, I do so on the distinct understanding that they shall be liable to probation like all others, since it by no means follows that well qualified Gomastahs under Tahsildars should prove equal to the professional responsibilities of directly executive Agents.

No. 394, dated 2nd December 1857.

3. If as might be inferred from para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2185, dated 26th November 1857, the Government are willing to exempt from the necessity of proving their qualifications under the new system men who have long been serving under the old one, then they must equally relieve from responsibility the Officers who are compelled to employ such agents, and for a long time to come the Department will be morally as well as numerically inefficient. For Marahmut Gomastahs were notoriously not selected from any regard to professional capability and were far better adapted for the duties of the Revenue than the Engineering Service, a view based not only on my personal convictions, but on the opinions of every Officer who has been brought into that constant and direct communication with those Servants, which Collectors never have practised still less can the Government foresee the difficulties they will entail on the professional Department by their great regard for the interests of these people.

4. As for para. 5 of Mr. Phillips's communication, I do not for a moment suppose that Government would compel me to provide for a man "employed in the vacancy created by the Manager's unexpected elevation" to the Department Public Works in January 1857, and consider any notice of that person quite unnecessary, as he must have been aware of the temporary nature of his service.

5. Having now recorded my deliberate views on the principal part of the orders conveyed to me which, I am prepared to carry out sincerely, I trust that Government will authorize the final and complete transfer of the Executive charge of the Department Public Works in Tanjore to the District Engineer on the 1st January 1858.

Letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tranquebar, 4th December 1857, No. 166.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 29th Ultimo, No. 161, I have the honor to forward copy of a reply just received from Mr. Phillips, agreeing to the arrangements proposed by me for the absorption of the Marahmut establishment, at present attached to him, with the exception of the Manager Sunker Row who he proposes retaining, you will observe.

Letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 2nd December 1857, No. 394.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 17th Ultimo, No. 304.

2. It is necessary I should briefly notice a few parts of it. My desire to see a *complete* list of the situations in which my establishment was to be absorbed, was natural enough, for in

the absence of such particulars, I could hardly carry out the orders of the Government to arrange for their absorption "in concert" with you.

3. However, as I now learn from yourself that it is your intention to assign to these servants, the offices mentioned in your letter of 7th Ultimo, No. 301, and to secure for them an addition of a Pagoda a month, as salary, I am content to abide by your arrangement.

4. I conclude that the Chief Engineer will sanction the entertainment of Narsinga Row and Bapoo Row, as Sub Overseers in which case, nothing more remains to be done.

5. You will observe from the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 26th November 1857, No. 2185, that the provision formerly made for the Manager of my Marahmut Cutcherry is considered to have been a sufficient measure and of course it would have been such, had the transfer of the executive taken place, as had been contemplated, on the 1st January last. I now infer that for the person who since then has been employed in the vacancy created by the Manager's unexpected elevation, I am not to expect any provision. The office which you had in view for him will thus be at your disposal.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, No. 2376; dated 23rd December 1857.

In his letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer forwards for the information of Government, a letter* from the District Engineer of Tanjore, giving cover to one from the Collector of that District, regarding the employment of his Marahmut servants.

* 4th Decr. 1857, No. 166.

2. The orders of Government have been already more than once passed on this question, and it need not have been again submitted.

3. The Chief Engineer states in para. 3 "that as Government are willing to exempt from examination, according to the new system, men who have long been serving under the old one, then they must equally relieve from responsibility the Officers who are compelled to employ such Agents." The Government, in the order referred to, said only that the new examination rules should not be applied to servants who have long served in the Collector's Department on their being transferred to the District Engineer, but their orders had reference only to the employment as Accountants, under the District Engineer, of those who had been Accountants under the Collector and did not anticipate that men who had had no professional training, would be nominated to professional posts. If the District Engineer has made the Goomastahs professional Executives, instead of Accountants, they will of course fail, but the responsibility, in such a case, will rest, not with Government who ordered their employment only on duties for which they were fitted; but with those who appointed them to duties for which they were wholly unfit.

4. The proposal of the Chief Engineer for the transfer of the Executive to the Professional Department has the approval of Government, and they direct accordingly that the transfer do take place on the 1st January 1858.

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

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No 166 of 1857/58

Southern Circle

From

Major W. J. Birdwood
District Engineer Tanjore

To

Colonel C. C. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir.

With reference to my letter of the 29th Ultimo No 161, I have the honor to forward copy of a reply just received from Mr Phillips, agreeing to the arrangements proposed by me for the absorption of the Marainut Establishment, at present attached to him, with the exception of the Manager - Lumbar Row who he proposes retaining, you will observe.

I have &c

District Engineers Office
Tranquebar
4th December 1857

/signed/ W. J. Birdwood
District Engineer
Tanjore

No

№ 394

Tanjore Collectors Office
Negapatam
2nd December 1857

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H. D. Phillips Esquire
Acting Collector of Tanjore

To

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-sion. The Office which you had in
view for him will thus be at your dispo-
-sal.

I have &c

/Signed/ H. D. Phillips
Acting Collector

/True Copy/
/signed/ W. J. Birdwood
District Engineer Surjore

/True Copies/

A. W. Tulloch Colonel
Chief Engineer

Encl. III

Bombay Office of the
Govt. Surgeon & Gen. Supt.

No 1878

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to the order
quoted in the margin, I have the hon
to forward, for the information of Govern-
ment, copies of letters, relating to the
encroachment of the
foreshore of Cumballa Hill on the eastside
of the Warunda Sanatorium for the Native Surgeon of Sanjan
under the Collector.

2. With respect to para 4 of
Mr. Phillips's letter, I would observe
that under the present rules of Government, I cannot
undertake the supervision of Sub Over-
seers of Mr. Phillips's private Jobs
the duties of that grade are laid down in the Code
be Kaddas do. Jobs do on the distinct
understanding that they shall be
liable to probation like all others.

Encl.

No 2137 P.W.D. dated 15th
" 2138 - do -
2185 . 26th Nov 97

× No 1869 dated 5th Nov 97 from Executive Engr 2nd Div to Collector of Customs

No 3941 dated 2nd Dec 97

Enclosure in a letter from
the Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Dated 15 } December 1897
Received }

No 2160/97 No 5961.

Copies of Correspon-
dence regarding the arrange-
ment proposed for the
absorption of the Warun-
dah Establishment.

since it by no means follows that well qualified Gomastahs under Tahsildars should prove equal to the professional responsibilities of directly executive agents.

3. If as might be inferred from Para 3 of D. M. Cor. N. 2185, dated 26th November 1857, the Government are willing to exempt from the necessity of proving their qualification under the new System men who have long been serving under the old one, then they must equally relieve from responsibility the Officers who are compelled to employ such agents, and for a long time to come the Department will be morally as well as numerically inefficient. For Maramut Gomastahs more notoriously not selected from any regard to professional capability and were far better adapted for the duties of the Revenue than the Engineering Service, a view based not only on my personal convictions, but on the opinions of every Officer who has been brought into that constant and direct

Communication

communication with those Servants, which Collectors never have practised. Still less can the Government foresee the difficulties they will entail on the professional Department by their great disregard for the interests of these people.

4. As for Para 5 of Mr. Phillips's Communication, I do not for a moment suppose that Government would compel me to provide for a man employed in the Vacancy created by the Managers unexpected "elevation" to the D.P.W. in January 1857, and consider any notice of that person quite unnecessary, as he must have been aware of the temporary nature of his Service.

5. Having now recorded my deliberate views on the principal part of the orders conveyed to me which, I am prepared to carry out sincerely, I trust that Government will authorize the final and complete transfer of the Executive Charge of the D.P.W. in Tanjore to the District

Superin-

Engineer on the 1st January 1858.—

Fort St George
15 December 1857

I have the honor to
Sir,
Your most obt Servt

W. L. Foster Colonel
Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to
Government. P.W.D.

Copy

Public Works Depart.

No. 2376

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 23 December 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

Here enter 15 December 1857
No 5969.

In his letter above
recorded, the Chief Engineer
forwards, for the information of Govt, a letter
from the District Engineer
of Tanjore, giving cover
to one from the Collector
of that District, re-
garding the employment
of his Cherahmut
Servants.

&c.

4 December 1857.
No. 168.

Public Works Dept.
Letter from Chief Engineer
dated 15th December 1857
No. 5969.

Copied
Recd 1857

Consultation
Read the 23rd December
1857 a letter from the Chief Engineer
forwarding with reference to the
Government Order noted in the
margin a letter from the Collector
of Tanjore and Enquiry
No. 168 of 4th instant
regarding the employment
of his Cherahmut Servants
and requesting to be favored
with the Orders of the
Government thereon.

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2 The orders of Govt have been already more than once passed on this question, and it need not have been again submitted.

3. The Chief Engineer states in Para 3 "that as Govt are willing to exempt from examination, according to the new system, men who have long been serving under the old one, then they must equally relieve from responsibility the officers who are compelled to employ such agents." The Govt, in the order referred to said only that the new examination rules should not be applied to servants who have long served in the Collector's Department on their being transferred to the District Engineer, but their orders had reference only to the employment as Account-ants under the District Engineer of those who had been Accountants under the Collector, and did not anticipate that men who had had no profession-al training, would be nominated to profession-al posts. If the District Engineer has made the Commissariat professional Executives instead of Accountants

Accountants, they will of course fail but the responsibility in such a case, will rest not with Govt. who ordered their employments only on duties for which they were fitted; but with those who appointed them to duties for which they were wholly unfit.

4 The proposal of the Chief Engineer for the transfer of the Executive & Professional Department has the approval of Government, & they direct accordingly that the transfer do take place on the 1st January 1858.

1 Copy to the Chief Engr. 24th Dec.
1 " Accountant " "
1 " Civil Auditor "
21 Dec.

1 Copy Colln of Transfer 24th Dec.

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No 2376

Extract Minute of Cons:
Dated 23d Dec A/57

Extract from the Min: of the Lords of the Committee of Council for Trade &c &c &c dated the 16th January 1858 No 70 in 28th Cant.

Extract from Min: of 18th March 1858 No 679 in Cant: 27th Cant.

Approving of the proposed transfer of the executive duties of Surveyor, to the professional Deputy and directing that it be carried into effect accordingly on the 1st January 1858.

No 99 & 100.