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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 28th April 1857, No. 12174.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Mudnapully 22nd April 1857, No. 1232.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that Assistant Overseer W. Brown, has requested to be allowed to resign his appointment as Assistant Overseer in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Brown, was ordered to march up to Cumbum at the beginning of the month to take charge of the works in that Talook, hitherto under the Superintendence of Assistant Overseer Hunter whom I was compelled to suspend and place under arrest, as reported in my letter No. 1150 of the 2nd Instant.

Mr. Brown, appeared to like the Idea of the charge, but it seems that he suffered from fever on the march, and on the 12th Instant, the very day of his arrival at Cumbum, he wrote to Captain Meyer and myself, begging leave to resign his appointment. Captain Meyer immediately called upon him for an explanation of his behaviour, and very kindly advised him to reconsider his determination, but as Mr. Brown, in reply pleads illness and still adheres to his former resolution, I have the honor to report the circumstance for your information.

Mr. Brown, joined this District as Assistant Overseer in April last, a very short time after he had landed at Madras, and I have always been of opinion, that it would have been far better had he first been sent to the Head Quarters of the Sappers and Miners, where, whilst subjected to Military discipline, he would have acquired some little knowledge of the people of this country; without being thrown into direct contact with them.

Owing however to the great want of Overseers in the District, I was forced to give Mr. Brown, an independent charge, keeping him however at Cuddapah, where he was in a measure under the control of an Officer of this Department.

Mr. Brown, proved remarkably efficient as an Overseer, but he unfortunately possesses a very bad temper which he cannot control, and he has on more than one occasion been reported for striking work people, in other respects he has behaved very unsteadily of late, so much so, that when the Superintending Engineer of the Central Circle visited Cuddapah in March last, I brought Mr. Brown's conduct to his notice, and Captain Collyer advised me to recommend that Mr. Brown should be remanded to the Sappers, on the next occasion I had of finding fault with him.

Under these circumstances I am of opinion that removal to the Head Quarters of the Sappers and Miners would probably save Mr. Brown from future punishment, as he seems determined not to undertake the charge of works in the Cumbum Talook, but I greatly doubt whether a Non-Commissioned Officer of the Sappers and Miners is justified in thus suddenly throwing up his appointment in the Department Public Works.

I herewith beg to enclose for your consideration Mr. Brown's letters to Captain Meyer, tendering his resignation.

Resolved that a copy of the District Engineer's letter* with its enclosures be forwarded to Government with a recommendation that Assistant Overseer Brown be remanded to the Sappers, in compliance with his request to be allowed to resign his situation as Assistant Overseer in Cuddapah.

* No. 1232, dated 22nd April 1857.

2. Assistant Overseer Brown is an intelligent man, and may probably after a probation of two or three years with the Sappers and Miners, become an useful servant of the Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 892 ; dated 9th May 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council permits 2nd Corporal W. Brown of the Corps of Sappers and Miners, to resign his appointment of Assistant Overseer in the Department of Public Works, and directs that he be remanded to his Corps.

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

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th February 1857.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 29th January 1857, No. 9865.

Read the following letter from the Acting District Engineer North Arcot.

(Here enter No. 76, dated 17th January 1857.)

Resolved to forward for the information of Government, the foregoing original letter No. 76, dated the 17th Instant, from the Acting District Engineer of North Arcot, (to be obligingly returned, when no longer required) with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, that Probationary Assistant Overseer Brown, from his incompetency, as declared by Mr. Civil Engineer Dopping be remanded to his Regiment.

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

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 300; dated 13th February 1857.

Ordered agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that Probationary Assistant Overseer Brown be removed from the Public Works Department for incompetency and remanded to his Regiment.

2. Ordered also that the above be communicated to His Excellency the Commander in Chief through the Military Department.

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

No 9865

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, Fort Saint George,
Under date the 29th January 1857.

Read the following letter

from the Acting District Engineer North Arcot

(Above enter No 76 dated 17th January 1857.)

Resolved to forward for the information of Government, the foregoing original letter No 76 dated the 17th Instant, from the Acting District Engineer of North Arcot, (to be obligingly returned, when no longer required) with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, that probationary Assistant Overseer Brown, from his incompetency, as declared by Mr Civil Engineer Dopping be demanded to this Regiment.

(Encl: the original letter to be returned)

J. A True Extract

Attested Colonel
Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government F. W. D.

Compd M. Lucas Madras

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government
C.W.D.

Dated 29th January 1857
Received 30th January 1857

No. 9865

Enclosure 1.

Forwards an original letter No 76 dated 17th January 1857 from the Assistant Engineer of North West, and recommends that probationary Ensign Overseer Brown be remanded to this Regiment.

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Ordered agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that Probationary Ensign Overseer Brown be remanded from the Public Works Department for incompetency and remanded to his Regiment.

Ordered also that the above be communicated to His Excellency the Commander in Chief that the Military Department.

Jno. St. George
13th February 57

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