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Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 24th February 1857.

No. 9. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, D. P. W., dated 20th January 1857, No. 9582.

SIR,

Letter from the Civil Engineer Kistnah Division, dated 10th January 1857, No 166. (to be obligingly returned when no longer required) between the Civil Engineer of the Kistnah Division, and Mr. Covenanted Civil Engineer Huddleston, in which the latter refuses to obey the orders of his Superior Officer, and assigns his reasons for doing so.

2. This is not the first occasion on which Mr. Huddleston has exhibited a spirit of insubordination and disobedience, and it would appear, that he does not think himself amenable to the orders of his Superior Officers. If even the Civil Engineer had not met the most important part of his allegations with a direct denial, I should still be of opinion, that the reasons Mr. Huddleston assigns in no degree warrant, or even palliate his refractory conduct, I beg leave to observe that the continued employment of Gentlemen who refuse to obey orders, causes much injury to and greatly deranges the public service.

3. Mr. Huddleston's complete failure as a professional Officer in North Arcot (contrasting so strongly with the signal efficiency and ability displayed by Mr. Dopping) and the very decided opinion entertained by the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle of P. W., both as to his utter incompetency, and unruly temper, had led me to believe that the only hope of educing any benefit to the Government from Mr. Huddleston's services, was his position under an able, firm, and experienced Officer like Captain Orr.

4. I may state that the gentleman's treatment of a new Y Level, a particularly fine Instrument, and the condition in which after a few months he returned it to the Central Office had fully shewn to the conviction of my own mind, that Mr. Huddleston is ignorant of so simple and rudimentary an operation as taking a series of levels, and certainly that he knows nothing about the adjustments and management of a Levelling Instrument.

5. The late trial in the Masulipatam District, having resulted in Mr. Huddleston resuming the same defiant attitude to authority that he had taken up in North Arcot; the belief in his professional profound ignorance being general, and all that is known of Mr. Huddleston from his first discreditable vulgar letters to Messrs. Griffiths* to the present open resistance to Captain Orr, being greatly to his disadvantage (whilst he literally has performed no public duty whatever) I do myself the honor to respectfully recommend that the Government should give the usual years notice, preparatory to dispensing with his services, and that in the meanwhile, he be ordered to conform to the Civil Engineer's orders in executing the repairs to Saint Mary's Church at Masulipatam sanctioned by Government for execution.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 327; dated 18th February 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits for the orders of Government certain correspondence having reference to the insubordinate conduct of Mr. Covenanted Civil Engineer Huddleston, towards Captain Orr, the Civil Engineer of the Kistnah Division, under whose orders he was placed.

2. Mr. Huddleston was requested by Captain Orr to assume charge of the repairs lately sanctioned to the roof of St. Mary's Church at Masulipatam, but he refused to do so on the ground, chiefly, that he had been treated with disrespect by that Officer on a previous occasion in connection with this building. Colonel Faber thinks the reasons assigned by Mr. Huddleston for his refractory conduct to be unsatisfactory, and recommends that a year's notice be given to him preparatory to his services being dispensed with.

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3. The Government are of opinion that Mr. Huddleston's conduct is wholly unjustifiable, and they remark that his failure as a professional Officer has on a former occasion been brought prominently to notice in the Chief Engineer's communication dated • Diary to Cons. 1st April. 25th March 1856, No. 1973, and that it is again adverted to in para. 4 of his letter recorded above. In his Covenant entered into with the East India Company, Mr. Huddleston bound himself to obey all such orders and directions as he might from time to time receive from any properly authorized Officer of the Company, and as his late conduct has, in the opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, been in direct breach of that engagement, His Lordship in Council, in the terms of the Covenant, declares Mr. Huddleston to have been guilty of insubordination and resolves to discharge him from the service of the East India Company.

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

Central Office of R.W.
Fort St. George 20 January 1857

No 9582
From Col. The Chief Engineer,
To The Secretary to Government
R.W. Department.

Letter from the
Chief Engineer
dated 8/10/56
No. 166.

1. I do myself the honor to submit a correspondence in original (to be obligingly returned when no longer required) between the Civil Engineer of the Madras Division and Mr. Covenanted Civil Engineer Huddleston, in which the latter refused to obey the orders of his Superior Officer, and assigns his reasons for doing so.

2. This is not the first occasion on which Mr. Huddleston has exhibited a spirit of insubordination and disobedience, and it would appear that he does not think himself amenable to the orders of his Superior Officers. If even the Civil Engineer had not met the most important part of his allegations with a direct denial, I should still be of opinion, that the reasons Mr. Huddleston assigns in no degree warrant, or even palliate his refractory conduct. I beg leave to observe that the continued employment of gentlemen who refuse to obey orders causes much injury to and greatly deranges the public service.

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is ignorant of its simple & rudimentary operation
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pensing with his services, and that in the
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Civil Engineer's orders in executing the repairs
to

Submitted in letter
to Govt. 22 Aug/55
No 341

L. M. Cms
2/23/56
No 2419

to Saint Mary's Church at Masulipatam
sanctioned by Government for execution.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant

Central Office of P.W.

Port St. George

20 January 1837

Mr. J. C. Colver

Chief Engineer

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I have seen Mr. Bigelow
regarding this subject in the right
Hon. the Governor decided - He
entertains no doubt that even
Col. W. H. Hilditch has broken
his covenant in refusing
to employ himself under such
officer as he shall be placed
under. Mr. Bigelow points
out that under the covenant
the proceedings of Court are
in themselves conclusive evi-
dence at last upon any
point which may arise be-
tween the parties to it, and
he further recommended
that

[illegible]

Similar to Neobornia.

The only point on which
 Mr. Bagin spoke with regret,
 on Captain O'Brien's confession
 that "He was provoked by it."
 "Suddently he gave assent to
 "his sentiments bluntly &
 "unhesitatingly" — as giving
 Mr. B. some ground for
 saying he had been provoked
 into insubordination.

The plea. if made, hardly
seems a valid one.

I have altered the draft to
meet Mr. Bazemans' decision -

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N.º 327

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 18th January, 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer.

Here enter 20th January 1857. V. 9582

The Chief Engineer.

Myself submits for the orders of Govt
certain correspondence having
reference to the indubordinate
conduct of Mr. Government
Civil Engineer Buddleston
towards Captain Orr the

At dinner Sunday 24th of
 Dec 1895. I was told
 that Mr. Biddleston was
 in charge of the repairs
 to the roof of the
 building. I was
 told that he was
 a Civil Engineer of the
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to do so on the ground, chiefly,
that he had been treated
with disrespect by that
Officer on a previous occasion
in connection with this
Building. Colonel Fisher
thinks the reasons assigned
by Mr. Middleton for his
refractory conduct to be
unsatisfactory, and recom-
mends that a year's notice
be given to him preparatory
to his services being dispensed
with.

3 The Government
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Middleton's conduct is
wholly unjustifiable, and Reg-
ard his failure as a pro-
fessional Officer has on
a former occasion been
brought

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self to obey all such
orders and directions as
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time receive from any
properly authorized Of-
ficer of the Company,
and as his later con-
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of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council,
been indirect breach of
that engagement. His
Lordship in Council,
with the terms of the
Covenant, declares Mr.
Middleton to have
been guilty of disobedi-
ence and resolved to
discharge him from
the

the service of the East
India Company

R. H.

9 Copies to the Chief Eng.
with 1 Copy each Dep^y - 19

1 - Civil Audit

to be sent 1st April

Enter separate
sheet -

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brought prominently to
notice in the Chief Engineer's
communication dated 25th
March 1856 ^{that it} 1873, and it
again adverted to in para[^] of
his letter recorded above.
The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council is
unwilling to retain him
longer in the public service,
and authorizes the payment
to him of a year's salary,
amounting to Rupees (6000)
Six thousand, agreeably
to the terms of his Covenant,
and directs that his services
be dispensed with. These
Proceedings will be reported
to the Honorable Court
immediately.

R. H.

Copy in a letter to
J. F. Kennedy 1897-1898

Public Notice 1857
 20th June 1857

Abstracts of Laws.

29.18. February 1871

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 N.Y.

The following is the exchange
 of letters between the
 President and the
 Secretary of the
 Board of Education
 of the City of New York
 in relation to the
 proposed changes in
 the curriculum of the
 City School System.
 The letters are dated
 from New York, N. Y.,
 and are in the
 possession of the
 Board of Education.

29 June R2 Feb 91 R17