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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3239

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

No. 24. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, dated 9th February 1857, No. 10123.

Read the following letter from Captain J. OUCHTERLONY, Civil Engineer, Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Neilgherries, 28th January 1857, No. 900.

SIR,

With reference to Proceedings No. 9438, under date 14th January 1857, I beg leave to state, adverting to Para. 2, that it will be impossible to detail an Overseer for the purpose specified as on the 1st proximo the only subordinate of that class employed in this District will be.

Assistant Overseer Drysdale Superintending emergent repairs of the Perambaddy ghaut.

Do.	do.	Preston	do.	the Nundoor 2nd work.
Do.	do.	Drave	do.	Trunk road No. 5.
Do.	do.	Adan	do.	Chetwyde dam works.
Do.	do.	Harnold	do.	Ellatoor bridge.

2. The two Overseers placed by Major Selby, on the Nundoor road I have, after personal communication on the subject with the Acting Collector, decided to remove on the 31st Instant, circumstances having come to Mr. Robinson's knowledge which render this measure expedient, especially as regards Overseer Jones, who I conclude must have deceived Major Selby, or he never would have placed a person of his character in Government employ.

3. Regarding the non compliance by Overseer Church of the injunctions laid upon him by Lieutenant Johnson, Executive Officer in Coorg, and to transmit the accounts of the Perambaddy Ghaut, I beg leave to inform you that I have requested the Acting Collector to instruct the Head Assistant Mr. Puckle, to endeavour to frame those of the Coorg Section of the road from such records belonging to Trunk Road No. 4 as he has been able to collect. It is necessary to state in connection with this subject that Overseer Church instead of obeying the positive orders which I conveyed to him to "adjust his accounts for Trunk Road No. 4, and especially his expenditure on the Kullar Todu" bridge before quitting Malabar "appears to have taken his departure from the District for Coimbatore, leaving all his accounts in the greatest confusion; leading, as Mr. Robinson informs me, to the suspicion that a defalcation will appear, and that "his application for an exchange may have originated in his wish to evade an enquiry which "must take place."

4. I am in communication with Captain Francis upon the question of the advisability of applying to you for authority to remand Overseer Church, to his former station for the purpose of adjusting his accounts (if that be possible) and when I receive that Officer's reply I shall have the honor of addressing you further on the subject.

5. I beg leave to add that I have already detailed a competent writer from my Office to assist Mr. Puckle in arranging the accounts of Trunk road No. 4, and of all works subordinate thereto.

Resolved to forward to Government for information, in continuation of the Chief Engineer's despatch No. 9783, of the 27th January 1857, copy of the foregoing letter No. 900, dated 28th January 1857, from the Civil Engineer Malabar, regarding the conduct of the Overseers on the Nundoor road, and the measures proposed to be adopted with

* In letter to the Chief Engineer No. 3 of the 21st January 1857, herewith forwarded. reference to Overseer Church, who has already been ordered by Captain Francis* to return from Coimbatore to Malabar, as soon as the state of his health will permit, to settle the accounts of the Nundoor road with Mr. Puckle.

2. Resolved also to state for the information of Government, that Mr. Jones was appointed a temporary Overseer on the 12th September, and Mr. Boosch on the 20th of October 1856, by Major Selby.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle.

*nothing comes to Mr. Robinson's knowledge
whilst*

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

No. 25.

ORDER THEREON, No. 334; dated 19th February 1857.

The Government desire that they may be informed of the circumstances which have led to the removal of the two Overseers employed upon the Nundoor road, and they will wait for a further communication from the Chief Engineer on the subject of Mr. Church's accounts.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o 10123

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works, Fort St. George
Under date the 9th February 1857

Recd the following letter

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/s/ J. Ouchterlony
Ch. Engr. Malabar

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In letter to
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In letter to
the Chief Secy -

True Extract

Wm. M. M. M. M.
Ap. Supg. Secy. M. C. C.
In ch. of Central Office of P. M. C.

To
The Secy to Govt. P. M. C.

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Letter to the Hon. Secy of State
Dated 21st Feb 1837

No. 234

Meeting of the Court -
of the President

the Secretary

Genl. D. G.

Letter of the Hon. Secy of State
Dated 21st Feb 1837

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munications from the Chief Executive

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