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

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works dated 27th February 1857, No. 10501.

Read the following letter from Major G. SELBY, Executive Engineer; to Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central Office of D. P. W., dated 14th February 1857.

SIR,

In the hurried letter I wrote the other day I omitted perhaps the fullest explanation regarding the entertainment of discharged writer Chinniah Pillay.

2. He was accused by Mr. Hobbs, of destroying public papers and discharged, I had reason afterwards for believing him innocent. I have the honor to submit to you that it was only just in me to do as I did.

3. But I will endeavour to shew that it was not only just but entirely Judicious.

4. The charge against him could by no possibility be proved, therefore legal proceedings were out of the question: by giving him a small situation I detained him at Calicut and had him on the spot to answer any questions regarding the accounts which might be necessary.

5. But it may be urged that by acquitting the writer I stultify my report as to the integrity of Mr. Hobbs I hope to shew that it is not so, I did affirm that Mr Hobbs was guilty neither of dishonesty nor of destroying any papers and such will be found to be the case, but I do think now that he made a groundless complaint against the writer though of course I did not think so when I first examined the case and reported thereon.

6. I should be most happy to hear that I am mistaken for it is a regret to me to write this of Mr. Hobbs but if I believe the writer was unjustly charged I am bound to record it.

7. The return of the writer to Calicut, his whole deportment, his positive denial all tended to convince me, and it was only I am sure the hope of getting a good situation which induced him to accept the one I offered him.

8. He has now left the service of his own accord because he could not get increased salary.

9. I write this with haste and with an assurance that I can give at any time the fullest explanation regarding any point connected with my duty, I only ask for an opportunity of so doing being at all times afforded me.

In continuation of the Proceedings from this Department, dated the10th Instant, No. 10196, resolved that a copy of the foregoing letter be submitted to Government.

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

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 476; dated 14th March 1857.

The subject of the complaint made against Major Selby by Captain Ouchterlony and the Chief Engineer having been finally disposed of in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 28th February, No. 383, this letter will be recorded.

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

№ 10507

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

Under date the 27th February 1857

Read the following letter

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The Superintending Engineer
in Chs. D.P.W. Fort St. George

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"Illinois" Madras Roads 5th Feb 1857 1 P.M.

(Sd) H. Selby Major
Pol Agt

In continuation of the Pro. from this department, dated the 10th Instant, No 1096, Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing letter be submitted to Government.

(Sd) Jno Lysaght
Volunteer Capt
Actg Supg Sup. Pro. Circle in Chi.
of the Chief Office of Pro.

To
The Secy to Govt
P.P.C.

Public Works Rec'd 15th Feb. & par. to Engr & Cons. 17th Feby.

No. 390

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer

To Thos. Lacey & Co. Md.

Dated 27th Feb. 57
Received 28th Feb. 57

No. 10301

Submitting in continuation of the Proceedings from this Department No. 10196 dated 10th inst. and Copy of a letter from Major Selby Executive Engineer dated 14th Feb. 1857, affording explanation regarding the entertainment of discharged Writer Chinniah Pillay.

With an order No. 476. 14th March

No. 438 & 44.

28th Feb. Rec'd

No. 476

The subject of the complaint made against Major Selby by Capt. Chesterton and the Chief Engineer having been finally disposed of in Gen. Mem. Cons. of the 28th Feby. No. 383 this letter will be recorded

Fort St. Geo. 14th March 1857

To Copies to the Chief Engr. Cuttack.