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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 61. Read the following Minute by the Right Honorable the President, dated 17th March 1857.

I transfer a letter just received from Mr. Huddleston to Government, with the recommendation, that temporary employment be given him, provided that it can be afforded without in any way compromising Government, with respect to the Covenant with Mr. Huddleston, which I consider, is now entirely at an end.

Letter from H. B. HUDDLESTON, Esq., Civil Engineer; to the Right Honorable the President, dated Masulipatam, 6th March 1857.

My Lord,

I have been duly made acquainted with the decision of your Lordship's Government in Minutes of Consultation No. 327, dated 18th February 1857, and learn the severe light in which my conduct has been viewed. I certainly did not know that my refusal under very peculiar circumstances, to carry out an estimate would have been considered an act of insubordination, for which the penalty was summary dismissal and my ruin. I acted as I should have done in England with members of my own profession and on mentioning the circumstances to a gentleman who from his position and long residence in India should have known, he approved of my proceedings. I now find my mistake and that I have been judged by that strict Military rule which makes disobedience such a serious offence; I think that the knowledge of my ignorance of Military discipline might have induced my superior to extend to me the same grace that is generally accorded to Military Officers when accused of conduct not affecting their character. If I had been warned either to withdraw my letter, because being insubordinate, it was fatal to my prospects in India, or to stand the consequences, I should have had nobody but myself to blame had I persisted in refusing to obey orders. I will not now say a word in my defence. I earnestly solicit your Lordship to shew me some mercy. I am left without resources and without the means of defraying the expenses of myself and family to England, which had I the notice of one year as Colonel Faber kindly suggested, I should be enabled to save. My position has been peculiar. It may be within your Lordship's recollection that my brother who came to this country with me had to return through severe indisposition from which he has never recovered and has been dependent upon me ever since. This together with expenses consequent upon his sickness and my removal from Arcot, have left me quite unable to meet the necessities of my present severe misfortune. I therefore take the liberty to bring my case to your Lordship's notice in the hope that justice may be tempered with mercy. The position of an educated man in this country without means and with the stigma of Government on his conduct is very painful and I trust that your Lordship will allow me to remain in the service for a few months to save money to pay my passage home or will be pleased to allow me sufficient to do so. I appeal to your Lordship's conscience, is not beggary too severe a punishment for the offence of insubordination partly committed in ignorance; for I trust your Lordship will allow me to protest against the charge of incompetency, if it was just though harsh to dismiss me for insubordination, it was surely unnecessary to make the blow more severe by indirectly taking away my character as an Engineer.

No. 62. Order thereon, No. 524; dated 21st March 1857.

Ordered that the letter from Mr. Huddleston above recorded be forwarded to the Chief Engineer with the intimation that although the Government consider that that gentleman's Covenant with the East India Company is entirely at an end, they will not in consideration of his necessities, object to his temporary employment in any subordinate capacity, for which Colonel Faber may consider him to be fit.

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

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(A true copy.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Thursday 1st June

6th March 1867.

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I have the honour to be
My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obedient Servant
A. B. Maddison
Capt.

Public Works 1857 Sept.
Dtd Tues 24 March

No 559

Minute by the
Right Honble the
President.

S.O. No 524-21

Dated 17th March

Recd 18th Ditto

Transmitting a letter
from Mr Hd Ellis to Govt
with the recommendation of
the President, that a temporary
employment be given him
provided that it can be
afforded, without in any
way Compromising Govt
in its respect to the Co-
venant with Mr Hudd Ellis
which is now entirely
at an end.

No 61.

18th March Rec.

No 13

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Presidency of Madras.
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compromising Govt

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will be referred
to the Court for the
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Public Works Dept

No 584

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 21st March 1857.

Read the following
Minute by the Right
Honorable the President
(Here enter March/57)

Orders & that the
Under Secretary
Public Works
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Office with the
Minutes & that
although the Govt
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Gentlemen concur
with the E.
I. Company in
entering at once
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necessities,

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object to lay the
foregoing claim
subordinate Capa-
city for which the
Claim is laid
Under Edict
the fifth day
of

Public Works 1857 Dept.
D.to Cons. 24 March

No 524.

Extract Mins of Cons.
D.d 21st March /57.

To forwarding to the Chief Engr a letter from Mrs Haddleston to Gov.t with the intimation that although they Consider that the Govt Contract with the E. & C. Co is entirely at an end, they will not give consideration of this unfortunate object to his temporary employment in any Subordinate Capacity from which Col.o Jackson may Consider him to benefit.

No 61 & 62.

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