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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 31st March 1857.

Read again Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th December 1856, and recorded in Diary to Consultation 20th January 1857, No. 98.

No. 26. Read also the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 6th March 1857, No. 1073S.

'SIR,'

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 98, of the 14th January 1857, I have the honor to submit copy of Lieutenant Gahagans letter of the 14th Ultimo No. 545, together with an explanatory statement from Mr. Dendney by which it will be observed, that the individual referred to is the same who was lately employed in the Telegraph Department.

2. Adverting to para. 2 of the District Engineers letter No. 545, I beg also to submit copy* of a communication from the officer Commanding the Artillery at Trichinopoly, with one from the Adjutant General of the Army, from which it will be seen, that, although the Gunner was very properly remanded to his Regiment. "No objection would be made should he conduct himself well, to "his being again withdrawn for detached duty."

* Dated 24th February 1857, No. 85.

3. Under the above circumstances, and seeing that the District Engineer reports very favorably on Mr. Dendneys conduct and qualifications, I beg in continuation of my letter No. 8967, to recommend, that his entertainment in the Department of Public Works, be hereafter authorized, his present position of Draughtsman in the District Engineers office being retained by him, until a suitable opportunity may occur for bringing his name upon the permanent strength of the Upper subordinate establishment of Department of Public Works, should his qualifications be equal to the standard that may at such time be in force for each grade.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 556; dated 26th March 1857.

In his letters, dated 22nd November and 8th December last, submitted by the Chief Engineer, with his Proceedings of the 17th December, the District Engineer of Salem reported that as Mr. Dendney could not as an effective Gunner, hold the appointment of Draughtsman in his office, he had appointed a Mr. Chatelier to that situation. The Government would wish to know who Mr. Chatelier is, and whether he is the Surveyor who was employed in Nellore under the Surveyor General and afterwards in Guntoor, and who was pensioned on Medical Certificate for inability to continue in the service.

2. With regard to Mr. Dendney, the Government will not object, under the explanation now furnished, to his being employed in the Public Works Department when a suitable opportunity occurs; provided that, when so employed, he is for some time kept under the frequent supervision of an European Officer of the Department. In connection with this case, the Government cannot abstain from remarking that it is objectionable in the Chief Engineer to recommend persons for public employment, without fully ascertaining their previous character during former service under Government; and they regret to add, that this is not the first instance in which the fact of dismissal from former employ has been brought under the notice of Government, in connection with the Chief Engineer's recommendation for the entertainment of an applicant in the Public Works Department.

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

Northern Circle D.P.W.

Unanswered References

No. 54.

District Engineer's Office,
Salem, February 4th 1857.

From

The District Engineer

Salem,

To

The Chief Engineer

on the D.P.W.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 30 of the 10th Instant (Chief Engineer per Oregon) I have the honor to inform you, that Mr. Dendney in the same from Proceedings of the individual who was removed from the Telegraph Office, Chief Engineer's Office, 24th Oct. 1856.

Department for misconduct.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant

Lieut. Engrs. U.S. Army.

Enclosing for reply to Chief Engineer's letter of 10th Instant (Chief Engineer per Oregon) I have the honor to inform you, that Mr. Dendney in the same from Proceedings of the individual who was removed from the Telegraph Office, Chief Engineer's Office, 24th Oct. 1856.

Department for misconduct.

On receiving the Contract from your Proceedings

Commanding Station and Contract from your Proceedings

Invested on the Oregon / Steamer now on your coming

Mr. Dendney, and obtained from him the explana-

-tory statement which I have now the honor to for-

-ward. I then wrote to Captain Gardett, Commanding

the Artillery at Sucking Pig, for a copy of General

Evans's Orders regarding Mr. Dendney (by which, of

course, the latter was guilty of Officially —

rectified); but have not yet received any reply from

him.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Lieut. Engrs.

Copy 20th January 57. No. 16417.
" 25th Nov. 56. " 70 & 71.

Pub. Work 1857 Appt.
D. to Corps 31st March.
No. 4053

Sir,

The Chief Engineer

For the Secy. to Govt. D.P.W.

Corps 6th " March 1857

No. 10738

1 Enclosure

Submits Copies of Correspondence from Dist. Engineer of Salem and Officer Commanding Artillery, Southern Dist. by which it will be seen that Gunner F. Dendney is the same individual who was lately employed in the Telegraph Department and was thereupon remanded to his Regiment & under the circumstances stated recommends that his retirement in the Dept. Works be thereafter authorized his re-admission as Draughtsman in the Engineer's Office being retained by him.

Noted. 26th March

No. 26.

From Lieutenant Gahagan's letter of 8th December 1856, it appears that a Mr. Chatelier has been appointed Draughtsman in his Office, the position which the Chief Engineer now desires that Mr. Dendney should be placed in, apparently without referring to Lieutenant Gahagan's letter.

The Government cannot obtain the services of a Mr. Dendney for our Office already filled, but will have no objection to do so on any fitting vacancy occurring in the Public Works Department.

JR

11th March 1857 c. 19 024

that Officer, to whose silence must be attributed the delay which has occurred in my Office.-

3 Mr. Dendney's conduct in my Office (which he joined on the 7th December 1856,) has been unexceptionable-He is a good draughtsman, thoroughly understands Surveying, Levelling, and Plotting from a field book; and will, I am confident, make a very useful Overseer.-

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) T. E. Gahagan
Lieut.
Engineers
District Engineer of
Salem,

A. Dendney begs respectfully to state that 2 years ago, he was employed in the Telegraph Department-a complaint was made against him (about insulting some Ladies) he was suspended, and the case strictly enquired into, when he cleared himself and the real parties guilty came forward, he resumed his work (by order, as he was quite innocent,) about six weeks after, an order appeared, ordering him to join the Artillery, he wrote personally to the Adj.t General, Colonel Wood, who in reply desired the statement of the Facts to be written out and he would lay them before the Com.r in Chief General Anson-he did so, and General Anson in answer said A. Dendney was

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was to blame in knowing and being with the Parties, but that he (A D) was no further to blame, that he was to be reemployed-R. L. Brunton Esq.r offered to apply for A. Dendney to be reinstated, but being ill in Hospital it was dropped, and he was on recovery appointed Artillery Schoolmaster Southern Division, also gave good conduct pay which he had not received before, and no offence was allowed to be entered against him, consequently during his service of 7 years and upwards, he has nothing against him-no person can say that he was guilty-one of the complainants he never saw,-and at the time referred to was saving money to enable him to marry-he has also for nearly two years abstained from taking any thing which might give ground of complaint against him, and his behaviour whilst Schoolmaster and returned to the Artillery his certificates sent to Government will shew, and if he was a badly disposed person, it would have then been shewn.-

Sup.t E. Telegraph Dep.t

Salem
February 27th
1857

(Sig.d) A. Dendney
Draftsman.

Explanatory Statement
prepared at my request.
(Signed) T. E. Gahagan
Lieut.
District Engineer,

No.

No. 85.

To.

The Acting Supt. Engineer N.C.
Central Office D.P.W.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you with reference to your letter No. 75, dated 7th February 1857, that the only information regarding the removal of Gunner Dendney from the Telegraph Department is contained in the accompanying copy of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army to the Commandant of Artillery, and should further information be required as to the cause of Gunner Dendney's being remanded to the Artillery, it will be necessary to apply for the same to the Adjutant General of the Army, or the Superintendent of the Telegraph Department, The Officer Commanding the Company to which Gunner Dendney has been attached till his late withdrawal reports his conduct to have been good whilst with the Company.-

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. T. Cadell
Captain
Commanding Artly. Sub Dn.

Richmond
26th February 1857

No.

No. 3767.

To,

The Commandant
of Artillery.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th Ultimo, No. 1140, forwarding a statement which Gunner Davis, alias Dendney late of the Sappers and Miners has submitted to his Commanding Officer, I have the honor, by order of the Commander in Chief, to inform you, that His Excellency having made further inquiry, is satisfied that the Gunner was very properly remanded to his Regiment, but should the remainder of his unexpired service be made to his being again withdrawn for detached duty at some future period.-

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. G. Woods Lieut. Col.
Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office.
Fort Saint George
13th November 1856.

(True copy)
(Signed) B. W. Black Captain & Major
A. Adjt. General of Artillery

(True copy of a copy)
(Signed) C. H. Harrison Lieut. & Capt.
Commanding A Company 2 Batt. Artly.

True Copies
Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Compd. Draw

Encl. in No. 556/57 dated

Forwarding Statement of Expenses
incurred by Brig. Col.
Mark Kennedy on Public Service
in Paraguay from 1856 – 92 & 93
Also a Memorandum
of Expenses incurred
by Capt. Bunbury
Principal Staff Officer
accompanied Brig. Kennedy
on Particular Service.

Mr. Bunbury is entitled
to make the same charge

Enclosure in a letter

From
The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Govt. Ordnance
Dated 6th }
Rec'd } March 1857

Pol. Dy No. 1030
P.W. 456/57

Copies of Correspondence relative to Lt. Col. Salmon and Capt. Warren Fortescue's Expedition to Paraguay made by Commodore Bunbury and Statement of Expenses incurred by Brig. Genl. Kennedy and Staff in connection therewith, requiring to be submitted to the Secretary of State (Bunbury from Chief Engineer) Telegraph Explanation

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watched for he is an
abandoned man & for
if he is left on the
Indian country without duty
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"from a Court of Justice
"against him."
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stand now Indicted
for employing him as a
Runner but as an Evidence. Do
this I would make no
objection provided
for sometime he is
kept under Your Re-
cognizance & an officer of the
Court. But I do
object to his Employment as a Runner without duty

ascertaining this circumstances character during service under 8th. This is not the first instance of this Lad's dismissal from Ordnance Establishments having been attached in a subordinate capacity from the Ordnance for entertainment of an Artificer in D. P. W.

13/3/57

Effects concur

Who is Mr Chatelier?
Is he the Surveyor whose employ as under us at Quebec in 1845 or the one mentioned for inability to continue in the service on Completion of Citadel?

P.W.D.

No 556. 15

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 26th March, 1857

Read again Extract from the proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th December 1856 and recorded in Diary to Consultation 20th January 1857 No 98.

Read also the following letter from the Chief Engineer

Here enter 6th March 1857 No 10/38

In his letters dated 22nd November and 8th December last, submitted by the Chief Engineer with his Proceedings of the 17th December, the District Engineer of Salmon reports that as Mr Sandney could not, as an effective Gunner, hold the appointment of Draughtsman in his Office, he

he had appointed a Mr Chatelier to that situation.
The Government would wish to know who Mr Chatelier is, and whether he is the Surveyor who was employed ~~under the~~ as Assistant under the Locks on Ecorse and ~~Mr Elliott at Sandwich~~ at Amherstburgh in 1815; and who was pensioned for inability to continue in the service ~~of the Royal Artillery~~.

With regard to Mr Dendney, the Government will not object, under the explanation now furnished, to his being employed in the Public Works Department when a suitable opportunity occurs; provided that, when so employed, he is for some time kept under the frequent Supervision of an European Officer of the Dept. In connection with this case, the Government cannot abstain from remarking that it

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No 556.

Extract Minute of Cons.
Dy 26th March 57.

From Chief Engr. 23d Feby 57
No 823 inclo 5 May

Enquiring who Mr
Chatelier is that has been
appointed a Draughtsman
in the Office of the Dist.
Engr at Salem & observing
that Govt. have no objection
to Gunner Deadney being
employed in the P. W. D.
when a suitable opportu-
nity occurs —