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No. 102. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 7th April 1857, No. 11616.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Macdonalds Choultry, 30th March 1857, No. 641.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that, pending your orders on the subject, I have suspended Sub Overseer Yagambara Moodelly from employment, and strongly recommend his summary dismissal.

2. The man is, it appears a confirmed drunkard, and to satisfy his favourite propensity will not hesitate to sacrifice all considerations of caste, respectability, and the interest of Government. The very Wudders whose work at the Samoothum Annicut he is now Superintending, have more than once induced him to get drunk with them and only a few days ago, he was brought up before the Tahsildar, for being drunk and fighting in the streets of Senkery Droog, with a Talook Peon, on whose wife, he had previously attempted to commit an indecent assault.

3. I have already brought Yagambara Moodelly's bad character to your notice, and he has in consequence been reduced to the rank of Sub Overseer of the 2nd Class on 25 Rupees, from the 1st Class on 50 Rupees, but under the circumstances detailed in para. one of this letter, I do not think that he ought to be allowed to remain in the Department another day.

Resolved to forward the accompanying letter No. 641, of the 30th March 1857, from the District Engineer of Salem, reporting the suspension of Sub Overseer Yagambara Moodelly, to Government, with the Chief Engineers recommendation for his summary dismissal from the Department in G. O. G.

2. Resolved also, that Lieutenant Gahagan, be instructed to substantiate, so much of the charges against the Sub Overseer as he can by authentic evidence, to be forwarded for submission to Government; the Chief Engineer entirely approving of his suspension from rank and pay in the meanwhile.

3. Resolved also that the following Circular letter, be sent, to all District Engineers, the Civil Architect, and Garrison Engineer, at the Presidency, and to the Superintendant, Eastern Coast Canal.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, No. 704; dated 17th April 1857.

With these proceedings, the Chief Engineer submits a copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Salem reporting the suspension of Sub Overseer Yegambara Moodelly for habitual drunkenness, and recommending his permanent dismissal. Colonel Faber in the 1st paragraph of his proceedings recommends the summary dismissal of the Sub Overseer, in the second, calls on the District Engineer to substantiate his charges, and in the third, proposes an order directing the Officers of the Department generally to submit corroborating evidence on all occasion of bringing charges against their subordinates. Yegambara Moodelly has been already degraded in the Department for drunkenness, and the report now made of him by Lieutenant Gahagan, shews him to be quite unfit to remain in the public service, his dismissal is therefore ordered from the date of his suspension.

2. The Government must call the Chief Engineer's attention to the inconsistency of his first recommending the Sub Overseer's summary dismissal, and then, by calling on the District Engineer to substantiate his charge, shewing that he entertains a doubt of their truth.

3. The Government approve of Colonel Faber's call upon the Officers of the Department to submit all the proof they can obtain on occasion of bringing charges against their subordi-

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

Central Office P.W.
Fort St. George
7th April 1857

Circular
No. 11617.

To,
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the Civil Architect, and Garrison Engineer
and the Superintendant, Eastern Coast Canal

Sir,

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3 — Whilst these measures be adopted, however the Chief Engineer cannot too clearly point out, that Simple Applications for Personal, or ~~Public~~ General allegations, unsupported by any proof, or particular instance of distinct offence, must in future be returned to the applying officer, as being beyond the power of the Civil Engineer, to afford any redress-

I have &c,
Signed C.E. Faber, Colonel
Chief Engineer,

A true Copy

Chief Engineer

P.W.D.

No. 704.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th April 1857.

Read the following
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(Tiree under 7th April 1857
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Secretary in the Board
Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to
Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 7th April 1857.
Received 9th do.

No. 1616.

To
The Chief Engineer
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Letter from the Collector of Salem, dated the 4th instant, with its enclosure, reporting the suspension from duty of Yegumbara Moodelly, Sub Ordinate in the Public Works Department, for habitual drunkenness, and recommending his permanent dismissal from the service.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
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(Signed) J. Goldingham
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Public Works 1857 Dept.
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