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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 130. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 11th April 1857, No. 11676.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddaph 2nd March 1857, No. 1150.

SIR,

I regret to inform you that I have been obliged to suspend and place under arrest Assistant Overseer Hunter for habitual intemperance.

On my last visit to Cumbum in January, Captain Meyer, under whose immediate orders Mr. Hunter is placed, informed me that Mr. Hunter had on several occasions been incapacitated from the performance of his duty through intemperance and the Assistant Overseer acknowledged the truth of this charge in my presence but at the same time he begged so earnestly that I would give him another trial and promised so faithful that I should never again have occasion to find fault with him, that I was induced to overlook his offence, at the same time however, I warned him most distinctly that if ever he again committed himself I should feel it my duty to recommend his dismissal from the Department of Public Works.

Captain Meyer now reports that Mr. Hunter has relapsed into his old habits, that he (Captain Meyer) has lost all confidence in him and that Mr. Hunter's intemperate habits render him quite unfit for the important duties entrusted to him.

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I therefore have the honor to request that Mr. Hunter be immediately remanded to his Regiment.

Resolved, to forward the foregoing report No. 1150 of the 2nd April 1857, from the District Engineer of Cuddapah reporting Assistant Overseer Serjeant G. Hunter (2nd E. L. I. Regiment) to be habitually intemperate, and recommending his immediate remand to his Regiment for the information and early orders of Government, with an expression of the Chief Engineer's opinion that under all the circumstances stated, Assistant Overseer Serjeant Hunter should be summarily dismissed from the D. P. W ; and that if the Government be satisfied with report of the District Engineer, the Sergeant's removal should be notified in G. O. G. and its cause stated, that the example may exercise a wholesome influence in checking the sin most easily besetting European Subordinates in the Department of Public Works which commonly leads ere long to dishonesty in money matters.

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

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, No. 718 ; dated 20th April 1857.

With these Proceedings, the Chief Engineer submits a copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah reporting that Assistant Overseer Hunter is, from constant habits of intemperance, unfit for employment in the Public Works Department.

2nd March 1857.

2. Lieutenant Hemery informs the Chief Engineer that the Overseer's habits were reported to him in January last, and that Serjeant Hunter admitted the truth of the charge made against him, but the matter was not then pressed against him in consequence of his promise of sobriety.

3. This promise has not been kept, and Captain Meyer, under whom the Assistant Overseer has been immediately employed has reported him unfit for duty, and he is now under arrest on a charge of habitual drunkenness.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

4. The Government agree with the Chief Engineer that it is impossible to retain in the Department any individual who indulges in such habits as Serjeant Hunter is reported to have contracted, and they accordingly resolve that his name be removed from the list of the Public Works Subordinates and that he be remanded to his Regiment.

5. A copy of this Resolution will be communicated to the Military Department.

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

1856/57

From, No. 1150 30
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Dy. Engineer Cuddapah
To, Colonel C. Forbes
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

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D.y Engr. Office
Cuddapah
2d. March 57

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servt.
Henry Yule
Lieut
D.y Engineer & Cudd.p

No 1676 A.

Received & forwarded this morning Reject No 1153 of
this 2d April 57 from the Asst. Engr. of Cuddapa requesting
that Lieut. Engineer Columbine 2d. Regt. N.I. may be instantly
relieved, & ordered his immediate demand this Regt.
for his information & early orders of Govt, with the enquiries
of this Office, since Lieut. Hunter should have
left the Regt. upwards of two months, & state, if his
Commission should have been duly registered in G. O. of
Govt. he should be struck off the Regimental roll, should be retained in G. O. of
this Army dated this 1st. instant may commis-
sion be taken in order to his joining this Regt. without
delay. Lieut. Hunter is also to be informed
that his Commission will be registered in G. O. of
the 1st. instant.
Fort St. George
11 April 57.

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№ 718

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20 April 1857

Read the following
Ex. from the Proc: of the
Chief Engineer

Here enter 11 April/57
№ 11646/

with Data proceedings
Re Chf.-Engr- sub-enclosing
a copy & a letter from the
Dist: Engr: & Architect
reporting that Captain
Nelson Bender is pros-
ecuting Contracts &
improvements, entit
for consideration in
the P.W. Dept.-

2 March 1857

2 Lieut: Heuvey
informed the Chf.-Engr
that the Creditors Claim
was referred to him
in January last: &
but Lieutenant
Bender admitted
Re-instated & Rockville
made a quick sale,
but the matter on ref
Ben

Dept
Chief Engr
Washington
Dated 20th April
Recd. 1857

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
communication of the 11th inst
& this Letter & Enclosure.-

prepared to assist him
in consequence of his
promise of secrecy.

2 His promise has
not been kept, and
Captain Meyer, under
whom he officiated
as Assistant Engineer
employed for refusal
his assistance duty,
and he is now under
arrest on a charge
of Criminal Conduct
unbecoming.

3 He filed a press with
the Chief Engr that
it is impossible to
retain in the Dept
any individual who
indulges in such Labe
as Lieut Saunders
is reputed to have
contracted; and

Resp commending
resolve that his
name be removed
from the list of the
Public Works subordi-
nates & that he
recommended to his
Regiment.

4 A copy of this
resolution will be
communicated to
the Asst: Dept.

[signature]

9 Copies to the Chief Engr
Dispatch No 21 &c

3 — Brig Engrs

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dft to Coun 21st April

No 718.

Extract Minutes of Coun.
Dy 20th April 57.
Extract from the Proceedings
22d April 57 No 2631 Coun

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Ap 30 & 31.