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

No. 133. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 25th March 1857, No. 11265.

Read the following letter from Captain H. W. RAWLINS, Officiating Garrison Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 16th March 1857, No. 47.

SIR,

In obedience to the instructions contained in your endorsement No. 205 of the 14th Instant, upon the Petition of one "T. Arnachellum, Master Mechanic" who complains of having been abused and maligned by Mr. Fitzgerald, the Manager of the Superintending Engineer's Office; and as a counter accusation asserts, that Mr. Fitzgerald demanded a bribe of Rupees 200 as a douceur for his interest to get employment; I have the honor to state that from the enquiries I have made, I firmly believe the whole of Arnachellum's Statement to be a gross and malicious representation.

2. On receiving your first letter about the man I sent for him to see what I could do for him, and what pay he wanted, but the fellow talked in such a strange incoherent manner, that I sent for Mr. Fitzgerald to aseertain if any one in the Office knew any thing about the man's character, and qualifications. It was then that Mr. Fitzgerald said he recollected seeing the man before and had heard that he received 3 or 400 Rupees from Mr. Bayley to execute some work, but having absconded, that Gentleman instituted a search after him. This Statement naturally made the man angry, who in return abused Mr. Fitzgerald in a gross and violent manner, until at length I was obliged peremptorily to order the Mechanic to leave the office.

3. Throughout the altercation Mr. Fitzgerald's conduct was forbearing and temperate; and when asked by me about the Mechanic he only did his duty in simply stating the reports he had heard. I have every reason to believe Mr. Fitzgerald's Statement to be perfectly true, viz. that he has not seen the Mechanic for a considerable period; that he did not know the man was in the room when sent for by me; and that he never demanded a bribe from him nor held out any inducement or offer of employment; while on the other hand, I think the Mechanic has trumped up a false accusation against Mr. Fitzgerald, from personal motives of recrimination and revenge.

I beg to enclose the Petition and the Statements of Mr. Fitzgerald and his witnesses.

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

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, No. 720; dated 20th April 1857.

Resolved to forward to Government copy of the foregeing letter No. 47 dated 16th Instant, from the Officiating Garrison Engineer with 1 Petition and 3 Statements in original (to be obligingly returned) and to state that the Chief Engineer after a careful consideration of the circumstances, is of opinion that the man T. Arnachellum should be declared incapable of future Public employment.

The Government do not see any reason why they should be troubled with such an affair as that which is the subject of the Chief Engineer's communication recorded above. Arnachellum appears never to have been in Government employ, and no disqualification for such employment can be pronounced against him.

2. Colonel Faber will at once settle the matter himself only as far as Mr. Fitzgerald, a servant of Government, is concerned, and will in future himself dispose of disputes arising, in the interior of his own office.

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

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For Orders.

Public Works' Department No 612.

Extract from the Proc. of the Chief Engineer 25th March 1857.

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Public Works Departt

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Extract from the Minutes of Council Session
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