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Read the following letters.

No. 22. From Lieutenant ROBERT WILLIS, 3rd Europeans; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Saint Thomas' Mount, 17th April 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 617, and a copy of a letter from Lieutenant Georges, dated 27th January 1857, and with reference to para. 1, of the Board's Proceedings, beg to inform you that on my arrival at the Public Bungalow at Ongole on the 24th December last, I met the person calling himself Mr. Charles. He told me that he had been employed in Bengal, in the Railway Department, and was then on his way to Madras to take up some similar appointment. He left Ongole, an hour or two after I arrived there. and I did not meet him again. I heard reports all along the road, of his having been constantly drunk, and of his ill using the Sepoys &c. attached to the Bungalows. At Nellore I heard that he had met two Soldiers who were on their way to Madras and that the three had gone on together. The room in which Mr. Charles had passed the night, was still in a filthy state. After that, I always sent my servant on a short way in front of me, to enquire if the 3 men were occupying the Bungalow not wishing to meet them. On going into Sooloorpett in the middle of the night I heard that they were there, so I slept in a tope about a quarter of a mile from the Bungalow, and waited there until I heard of their departure. at that place I met Lieutenant Georges, who told me of Mr. Charle's behaviour towards him. Shortly after my arrival at Saint Thomas' Mount, I received the enclosed letter from the Chief Engineer's office, Madras Railway, since which time I have heard nothing concerning Mr. Charles. I also enclose the copy of Lieutenant George's letter.

No. 23. Letter from Major T. A. JENKINS. Agent and Manager; to Lieutenant Colonel T.T. PEARS, C. B. Consulting Engineer, for Railway, dated 18th April 1857, No. 343.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 387, dated the 15th of April, and to acquaint you that the individual going by the name of Charles adverted to therein, is not in the employ of this company, nor have we any knowledge of him further than that some short time since, an application was made to me for the refund of a sum of money advanced by Captain Wood, at Ongole to a person of the name in question under the plea that he was a servant of the Railway Company.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation Public Works Department, No. 617, dated 2nd April 1857.

Madras,
20th April 1857.

(Signed) T. T. PEARS,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Letter from Mr. C. E. PURDON, Assistant to Acting Chief Engineer; to Adjutant WILLIS 3rd Europeans, dated 26th January 1857.

SIR,

Mr. Fletcher our traffic Manager having called my attention to the disrespectful conduct of one of our Inspectors towards you when travelling to Nellore. I beg to inform you that he has been dismissed our service since October last, if he were not his conduct on this occasion would be the means of his removal.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, No. 882; dated 7th May 1857.

The Government will await the submission by the Board of Revenue, of the reports on the subjects from the Magistrates of Nellore and Chingleput, called for in para. 2 of their Proceedings dated 18th February 1857 No. 530.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

2. The Government observe that Mr. C. E. Purdon, Assistant to the Railway Chief Engineer, in his letter dated 26th January 1857, informed Lieutenant Willis, that an Inspector, who had been represented to him as having been guilty of disrespectful conduct towards Lieutenant Willis would have been dismissed from the Railway service, had he not already been removed from employment. As it does not appear from Lieutenant Willis' letter that he met with incivility from more than one person, it seems probable that Mr. Charles is referred to; but as Major Jenkins in his communication to the Consulting Engineer, states that the individual going by the name of Charles is not in the employ of the Railway Company, and that the Department has no knowledge of him, Lieutenant Colonel Pears will be good enough to obtain and submit to Government an explanation of this apparent inconsistency.

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

P. W. Dept

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5th April 1857.
Read the following Letters

From Lieut. Robt Willis 3d
Europeans.
(Here enter 17th April 1857)

From Agent and Manager of the
Madras Railway
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The Government will
await the submission by the
Board of the Reports on the
subject from the Magistrates
of Nellore and Chingleput
called for in para 2 of their
Proceedings dated 18th February
1857, No 530.

We should like to know by
whom Major Jenkins was sent
to Madras and what duties he
was called for.

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Public Works Dept

No. 882

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 7th May 1857.

Read the following

letters.

From Lieutt Robt Willis
3d Europeans.

Here enter 17th April 1857

From Agent and Managers
of the Madras Railway

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February 1857 No. 530.

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
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Dated 7th May/57.

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Requesting Lieut. Col. Pears to obtain and submit to Govt an explanation of the apparent inconsistency between Major Jenkins communication stating that the individual going by the name of Charles is not in the employ of the Railway Company and Mr Purdon's statement, intimating the removal of Mr Charles from the Railway Department

From the Agent and Manager thro the Commissioner of Railways dd 17th Augt/57 C. No 1864 in

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