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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 19.5.57

G.O. No. 936 Press Mis.

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Dated 15 — 5 — 1857

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No. 33. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 20th April 1857, No. 11877.

Read the following Extract Minutes of Consultation.

Observing, that it is not possible for Government to form an impartial opinion respecting the merits of Captain Davis' conduct unless the entire correspondence is laid before them, and calls for all the papers relating to the difference between Lieutenant Blagrave District Engineer of Kurnool, and Captain Davis Executive Engineer. (Here enter 7th April 1857, No. 642.)

1 Letter from the District Engineer of Kurnool, dated 26th January 1857, No. 45 with 1 enclosure.
1 Do. from do. dated 28th January 1857, No. 55, with 1 enclosure.
1 Do. from do. dated 4th February 1857, No. 74, with 1 enclosure.
1 Do. from do. dated 24th January 1857, No. 44, with 4 enclosures.
1 Do. from do dated 3rd February 1857, No. 71.
1 Do. from do. dated 6th March 1857, No. 132, with 3 enclosures.
1 Do. from do. dated 12th March 1857, No. 148, with 1 enclosure.

Resolved, that in conformity with the foregoing Orders of Government, the whole series of correspondence be submitted in original from Lieutenant Blagrave, and Captain Davis, with copies of all Proceedings and letters from the Central office, and that the same be forwarded without delay for the consideration of Government, with the respectful observation of the Chief Engineer, that no document was withheld on which his own opinions had been formed, so that *their* correctness, or incorrectness could be conclusively tested by referring to the original letters previously transmitted.

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

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 936; dated 15th May 1857.

The Government have viewed with great displeasure the tone of Captain Davis' correspondence, and his persistence in wrong when he was directed by his Official Superior to recal his insubordinate letters.

2. The Public Works Department cannot be efficiently worked if subordination be not maintained, and Captain Davis, having shewn an intolerance of control, and after he had every opportunity of retracting his error having refused to avail himself of all, is considered by Government to have proved himself unfit to remain in the Department in which discipline is an essential feature.

3. On this ground alone, the Government would have felt called upon to remand him to his Corps, and when they observe that he is reported by the Chief Engineer as unable either to survey or level, and remember that he has not yet qualified himself for the general Staff of the Army by passing in Hindustanee, they cannot doubt that his removal is imperatively called for.

4. The services of Captain Davis of the 15th N. I. will be therefore placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

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

For Orders

Public Works Department No. 783.

From the Chief Engineer

Dated 20th April 1857.

I think the conclusion
to which the Chf Engr came
as expressed in his letter of
the 9th of April is a correct one.

This lengthened correspondence
has evidently been occasioned
by an apparent discrepancies

and. a true. appreciation as
to his position in the part of Captn
Davis.

Some of his letters are extremely
disrespectful in an improper manner
to Com. Blagrave - who never Blame
acted throughout with forbearance -

Captn Davis ought to be required
to withdraw his letters in which
the improper expressions occur
particularly - that of 18th Jan.

No 19. c of the enclosures - he must
have the Department - he had
also to press his right to call Captn
Eto to Trinidad -

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I concur - but if Capt. Davis does comply
to this condition it be a fit Office to return
in the Dept. with a request to the Petition this
incapacity of Judge in the Chief Sec. Letter
of the 18th March -

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Public Works Dept.

No 936

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 10th May 1857.

Read the following

Ltr from the Secy to the Chief

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J. Copies to the Chief Engr.
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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do. to Ens: 19th May.

No 936.

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Dy 15th May 57.

To read and Mated
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