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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 20-5- 1857

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 26th May 1857.

No. 5. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 27th April 1857, No. 12145.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, copy of a letter* received from the District Engineer, Coimbatore, forwarding the Medical case of Corporal Grayson Overseer in the D. P. W., and lately employed upon the Jackatallah Barracks works, together with copy of a letter† addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army with that Officers§ reply and with reference thereto have the honor to explain, that I have this day ordered Corporal Grayson to report himself forthwith to the Surgeon in charge of the Government Hospital and to remain there under treatment until arrangements can be concluded for a Committee to examine, and report upon his fitness for continuing in the service.

* No. 26, dated 27th February 1857, with enclosure.
† No. 11860, dated 20th April 1857.
§ No. 2144, dated 23rd April 1857.

2. The District Engineer having taken upon himself to direct the Overseer to proceed to, and report himself to me at Madras, there was no time for my taking measures to set right by a reference to the Government what may possibly appear an irregularity. The novelty of the case, no similar one having occurred since the publication of G. O. G. of the 27th January last, likewise added to my embarrassment and I therefore felt it my duty to have the instructions of His Excellency the Commander in Chief before submitting Corporal Grayson's case for the information and orders of Government, in order that if, as I have apprehended, Captain Francis had exceeded his authority in directing the Corporal to report himself to me at Madras, I might stand absolved both by Government, and His Excellency the Commander in Chief of anything approaching to willful endorsement of the irregularity of the District Engineer of Coimbatore.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 968; dated 20th May 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits copies of correspondence having reference to the case of Corporal Grayson, an Overseer in the Department of Public Works, who he states, was directed to report himself at the General Hospital and remain there till the assembling of a Committee to examine his fitness to continue in the service.

2. It appears to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the Chief Engineer does not fully understand the position of his subordinates in the Department of Public Works. Colonel Faber should remember that all Military men, whether Officers, Non-Commissioned, or Privates, are placed at the disposal of Government by the Commander in Chief for service in the D. P. W., and so long as they remain under their orders, it is for Government to decide what shall be done with them. In the present instance, Mr. Grayson's case should have been reported by Captain Francis, to the Chief Engineer who should have reported him as unfit for the Department. He would then have him placed at the disposal of the Commander in Chief and subject to such further examination as might be necessary with regard to his continuance in the Army.

3. The Government observe that Captain Francis was not right in ordering the Overseer in question to proceed to Madras. His proper course was to have reported the case to the Chief Engineer and waited for his instructions.

4. As it is evident from the Medical case of Overseer Grayson which accompanied Captain Francis' letter of 27th February 1857, that his frequent illness is owing to irregular and intemperate habits of life, the Government direct that his name be struck off the list of the Public Works Establishment; and that he be placed at the disposal of the Commander in Chief.

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

Continued

District Engineer's Office
Coimbatore, February 27th 1857.

No. 26.

From,

The District Engineer,
Coimbatore,

To,

The Chief Engineer,
S. P. W. Fort St. George,

Sir.

I have the honor to forward the Medical case of Overseer Grayson, I propose to direct this individual to proceed to Madras and report himself at the Central Office, it will then be competent to the Chief Engineer to send him before a Committee at Madras or to direct him, to proceed to the Head Quarters of Sappers for that purpose, as he may think best.

I have, &c,

(Signed) P. M. Francis.
District Engineer, Coimbatore.

Central Office P. W.
Fort St. George 20 April 57.

No. 1180.

From

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From,

The Chief Engineer,

To,

The Adjutant General
of the Army-

Sir,

I do myself the honour to enclose herewith an original letter No. 26. dated the 27th February last regarding 2nd Corporal Henry Grayson, of the Sappers and Miners, who was appointed a Junk Overseer, in the new organization of the D. P. W. published in G. O. G. of the 31st February, last, together with the medical Statement of his case therein alluded to-

2- Corporal Grayson has now arrived at Madras; and no similar case having previously occurred, I shall feel much obliged by your instructing me as to the proper steps to be now taken regarding him. The Departmental position he now holds, to the exclusion of men of unobjectionable character, is a very lucrative one, but it has occurred to me that as he was nominated by G. O. G. there may possibly be some irregularity in the course that has been pursued by the District Engineer of Coimbatore in

in ordering him to report himself to me at Madras.

3- I need scarcely apprise you however, that if I am out of form in soliciting your assistance respecting the immediate disposal of 2nd Corporal Grayson's case, my error is to be attributed to an ignorance by no means wilful on my own part.

4- Soliciting the favor of an early reply-

I have, &c,

(Signed) C. L. Faber, Colonel
Chief Engineer,

Adjutant Generals Office
Fort St. George 23rd April/57.

No. 2144.

From,

The Adjutant General
of the Army.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
Fort St. George,

Sir,

I have the honor by order of the Commander

continued

Commander in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter dated the 20th Instant No. 1860, with its Inclosures and to inform You in reply that measures will be adopted by this Department to have 2d Corporal Henry Grayson, Examined by a Medical Investiding Committee as to his fitness for the Service -

2— The letter from the District Engineer, Coimbatore, is herewith returned, but the Medical Returns on the case of the Corporal has been retained at this Office for the information of the Committee, and to be attached to its Proceedings -

3— As a reference to the Head Quarters of Sappers and Miners is requisite, some little time must elapse before Corporal Grayson can be Examined, in the meantime he should be sent to the General Hospital -

I have, &c,

(Signed) J. C. Woods. Lieut Col.
Adjutant General of the Army.

True Copies

Offg Secretary Colonel
Chief Engineer,

N.G.

Enclosure in a letter
From the Chief Engineer
To
The Secy to Govt &
P. W. D

Dated. 24/
Received 27 April/57

No 12145

P.W. 856/57

Copies of correspondence respecting the disposal of 22 Corporal Grayson's Medical Case, an Accident in the D.W.

Enclosure in a letter
from the Chief Engineer
To Secretary to Govt
Ind.

Dated. 27
Received 3 April/57

No 72165

P.W. 856/57

Nominal tuition
allowance of the pupils
in mines subscribing
on sick contingents
& pensions.

Commissd. to provide
the Guards at the disposal
of Govt by the Govr in Chief
for Service in the Department
&c. so long as they remain
under Quarantine - under
them orders - it is for Govt
to decide - what shall be
done with them -
In this case - the terms

Samuel Cartwright
Abram Gilbert Hopkins
Daniel Cartwright
Jeremiah Cartwright

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Govr in Chief & the Govr
imparted him as might
to the Department
Should have been
placed at the disposal
of the Govr in Chief - & subject
to such portion & examination
as might be necessary
with regard to their conduct

Pub: Works Departt.

15th

No. 968

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Under date the 20th May 1857.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 27th April 1857 No. 12145.)

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3. The Government observe that Captain Francis was not right in ordering the overseer in question to proceed to Madrid. His proper course was to have reported the

the case to the Chief Engineer and waited for his instructions.

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J. C.

J. C. Smith the Chief Engr.
Dispr 28th
3rd Brig. Depot

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do to Cons 26th May
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P.W. Establt & that he be
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of the Commander in Chief.

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