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*Fort St. George, Public Works Consultation of 26th January 1858.*

No. 27. Read the following letter from Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR, Civil Engineer, Sooncaravoo near Coringa; to the Right Honorable Lord HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated Coringa, 24th December 1857.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship in Council that the mounted drawing paper for the protraction of my survey has not yet arrived at Sooncaravoo, and I most respectfully beg leave to shew by the following brief facts that this long and injurious delay has not arisen from any neglect of mine.

2. By the first Mail in April last I despatched the order for the paper, &c. to Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co. of London, and directed them where the best could be soonest obtained. On the 24th of August last I wrote to their Agents at Madras (Messrs. Parry and Co.) expressing my surprise that the package had not arrived, and requesting them on its arrival to forward it by the "*first ship* to Cocanada," without alluding to any other mode of transmission. On the 11th of September Messrs. Parry and Co. replied that the package had arrived per the "*Nubia*" on the 7th of that month. On the 5th of October they sent the package (a large one no doubt) off to me by a *cooly*, while in the meantime two vessels had sailed from Madras to Cocanada.

One of these ships (if not both) had been frequently advertized, and by both of them there were many packages forwarded by several firms in Madras to gentlemen in this district, including three large packages for myself. On the 7th instant I again wrote to Messrs. Parry and Co. saying that the package had still not arrived, and on the 17th instant they replied that probably the *cooly* sent with it had fallen sick on the road, and that they had despatched another in quest of him.

3. Such my Lord are the condensed facts relative to the non-arrival of the drawing paper upon which I had hoped by this time to have plotted my survey, and when I add that I have constantly remained here since the 1st of September for the purpose of continuing my labors immediately on the arrival of the packages. I have the fullest confidence that your Lordship in Council will not visit upon me the punishment for a loss of time which I have used every and the utmost effort to prevent.

4. On the 23rd ultimo I had the honor to receive the following documents, viz. 1st. Extract from the Minutes of Council No. 2060, dated the 4th November 1857. 2nd. All the documents which I have hitherto addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors, and 3rd an Extract from a letter from the Honorable Court, dated the 2nd of September 1857, informing me that I am only at liberty to address them through the Madras Government 'so long as I may be in the service,' a rule which I here beg leave to observe was thus for the first time made known to me.

5. The terms however used by the Honorable Court, taken in connection with the date of their letter and with the circumstance of their returning my resignation of the 23rd of August 1856, have left a doubt upon my mind of the meaning and the feeling they intended to convey, and I therefore frankly but most respectfully beg leave to ask your Lordship in Council the following question, viz. Do the Honorable the Court of Directors still consider me in the service of the Government, or do they permit me so to consider myself?

6. With equal respect to your Lordship in Council I beg to avail myself of this opportunity of submitting four other questions to your earliest consideration, as the long pecuniary inconvenience to which I have been subjected is far too severe for my circumstances any longer to sustain, viz. :—

1st. Is it the pleasure of the Government to pay my salary from the 1st of September to the present time? ✓

2nd. Is it the pleasure of the Government to direct the payment of my travelling expenses for June, July and August last, which the Chief Engineer has thought proper to refuse, even in direct opposition to the opinion of the District Engineer of this Division? ✓

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3rd. Is it the pleasure of the Government that I shall still plot the survey on the arrival of the drawing paper? and if so

4th. What is the pleasure of the Government relative to the payment of my salary while so employed?

7. I have now only to express the hope that your Lordship in Council will find an excuse in my circumstances for thus presuming to address your Lordship directly for the purpose of saving time, and the more so as I have enclosed a duplicate hereof to the District Engineer of this Division.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, No. 114; dated 21st January 1858.

1. Resolved that Mr. Taylor be informed in reply to the above letter that his resignation of the Government service from the 1st of September last having been accepted, neither the Honorable Court of Directors nor the Government of Madras consider him to have been in the public service since that date, nor have the Government any intention of granting him any salary subsequent to his resignation.

2. In respect to his second enquiry, Mr. Taylor will be informed that travelling allowance is drawn under the rules of the Department, and as the Government have received no appeal from any decision on the question passed by the Chief Engineer, they can give no order on the subject.

3. As regards the third enquiry, it is to be observed that Mr. Taylor was in the service of Government from April 1855 or for 2 years and 9 months, and for the salary drawn during that time he has as yet made no return, it is therefore the opinion of the Government that Mr. Taylor is bound to furnish the results of any survey he may hitherto have made, notwithstanding that they cannot continue to him any portion of his former salary. It must be remembered that the circumstance of Mr. Taylor's work not having been plotted prior to his resignation is no the fault of Government, but has arisen solely from his desire to use a particular kind of paper, and his objection to make use of that which is ordinarily used in India.

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

Original

Pooncaravoo N. Coringa  
26th December 1857.

To The Right Honorable  
The Lord Harris  
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Fort St. George - Madras,

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Your Lordship's most obedient  
Very humble servant  
George Cayton G.E.

Presented to  
The Chief Secretary  
St. James's  
Dublin  
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To Mr. Geo. Taylor  
New York

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