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No. 35. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 29th June 1857, No. 1626.

Read the following.

We the undersigned, of the District Engineer's Office, have read the Appeal Petition addressed to the Chief Engineer by Dorasawmy Moodelliar, the late Head writer, regarding his dismissal, and of certain ill-treatment by Major Birdwood, and beg to attest our own knowledge of the matter as follows.

The said Dorasawmy Moodelliar was employed as a second Assistant Civil Engineer's writer, by Major Lawford, in December 1854, and was appointed as a temporary Accountant by Lieutenant O'Connell in August 1855, for which, he was paid from the funds of the Munnyar works. On Major Boileau's arrival in January 1856, Soobaroya Pillay, the Head writer, removed himself to the Trichinopoly District Engineer's Office, as an Accountant, and Chuckarapawny Pillay, the second writer, succeeded him. Major Boileau also ordered Dorasawmy Moodelliar to assist Chuckarapawny Pillay as he had very little to do as a temporary Accountant, but not "to take up the Office of the Head writer and Accountant at once," as stated by Dorasawmy Moodelliar, nor it is true that there were arrears of 3 years rough letters to be entered in the books, and that he acted an efficient part in regulating the records. Major Boileau had indeed entertained no such good opinion of him, nor did he consider him to be fit to the post when appointing him as the Acting Accountant and estimate maker, in the permanent strength of the establishment in September 1856, that Gentleman had very often declared that "he was utterly unfit to the post," and made the above arrangement only as a temporary measure and was seeking for a competent man to fill it up. Major Birdwood considering his incompetency to the post; and the great responsibility that will be shortly attached to that Office, has been pleased to appoint him as the Head writer, but the man was not satisfied with it, and had often absented himself under the plea of being sick, throwing the business in great arrears and placing the records under his charge into such a disorder and confusion that caused a great difficulty for references, and for which, of course, he incurred a great displeasure of the District Engineer. He was also charged by Lieutenant Vertue, who had been in charge of the office, for some time, as having made some intentional and unauthorized additions in certain Tamil orders which Lieutenant Vertue ordered him to prepare, and by Lieutenant Francis of an embezzlement of Rupees 10, the pay of a dismissed Goomastah, which that officer had given to Dorasawmy Modelliar to be paid to the said Goomastah, but which have not been accordingly paid to him, though Dorasawmy Moodelliar had produced a receipt as having been paid 3 months ago, under these circumstances the District Engineer considered him to be unworthy of belief and ordered his dismissal.

Dorasawmy Moodelliar states in his petition, that he was very infamously and meanly treated by Major Birdwood without any reason whatever, and describes them with very absurd exaggerations, it is true that he was questioned by the District Engineer respecting the several charges brought against him, but we attest that we have never heard him called a *rascal* or any such indecent language by the District Engineer, nor was he pushed by the neck as stated by him in para. 4 of his petition.

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17th June 1857.

(Signed) P. Mootoocurpah Pillay,
Draftsman.

(") R. Appauttory, Moodelly,
Dy. Estimate maker and Acctt.

(") W. A. Rouse,
Writer.

(") E. Thomas,
Acting Writer.

(") Soondrarajooloo, Naick,
Acting Estimate maker and Acctt.

(") W. J. Birdwood,
District Engineer Tanjore.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

Resolved to forward, for the orders of Government, the correspondence received in the Central office, respecting the Conduct of P. Dorasawmy Moodelliar, Head Accountant in the Office of the District Engineer of Tanjore, and to recommend that he be dismissed for disrespect, fabrication of false statement, and gross untruth.

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

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, No. 1325; dated 10th July 1857.

The Government observe that the District Engineer may remove his office servants when he sees reason to do so, an appeal lying to the Chief Engineer. The present reference to Government was consequently unnecessary.

Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 1626

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Fort St George
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Moorehead, Beale & Co
for the Purchase
of Timber and
Requests that he
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