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No. 90. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge of Central Office P. W.; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th June 1858, No. 1371.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 924 dated 15th May last, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter* from the District Engineer of Tanjore, representing the inconvenience to his Department likely to arise from the transfer to the Revenue establishment of the Neeranikum Peshcar at Covilladdy.

* No. 35 dated 11th June 1858.

2. As Major Birdwood points out however large his establishment may seem, it is inadequate to the heavy duties devolving on it. This is especially in the Trivady Talook in which are situated all the great river heads and the most important works for the distribution of water. The control of these works and their repairs formerly vested in the Revenue Department engaged the attention of numerous Subordinates, but must now be carried on by a few and the withdrawal of one important servant must necessarily weaken the means of performance of the current duties required, and though the present incumbent is not qualified for the work required of him by the District Engineer, Major Birdwood hopes that the office may not be removed from his Department.

3. There can be no doubt that the present Maramut Establishment in Tanjore is barely adequate and although I should not venture to say that the Peshcar's services are un-necessary for Police and Revenue duties, I cannot but record my opinion of the inexpediency of the transfer as far as this Department is concerned.

Letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tranquebar, 11th June 1858, No. 35.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge Extract Minutes Consultation dated 15th May 1858, No. 924, and adverting to the remarks of Government in the 2nd para. of the Extract alluded to, that I ought to find no difficulty in providing a substitute to perform the duties of the Neeranikum Peshcar at Coviladdy, I would beg to state, that this Department is barely adequate to the demands made on it already, and so numerous are the works requiring careful supervision to render them secure before the season of Freshes, that it is only by constant removal of Subordinates from one Range to another to meet the demands as they come, that the necessary repairs are accomplished, and all put in a state of security, indeed, during the past month I have been obliged to place the services of the Permal Covil Lock Monegar, Soobaroya Moodelly and Appatoray Moodelly, an old Maistry from my own office, at Lieutenant Moore's disposal, as Overseers. The loss of the appointment will therefore be a serious inconvenience to this Department.

2. It is true, the person at present in charge, is utterly useless for the duties we would impose upon him; which have been, and are at this present moment performed by Overseer Edmunds in addition to his own charge (now extending from the Upper Annicut to the Vadagacoody Calingulah on the North-East and within one mile of Vellum on the South-East and who has consequently more than any one man can be justly held responsible for; I would therefore beg to suggest, that Government should permit the appointment to be retained by this Department, a purely Neeranikum appointment, as at first intended, and sanctioned by the Government of India on the 24th July 1835, and filled by a professional man.

3. The Peshcar in question, the present subject of reference, was appointed but a few days only before the transfer took place, and has since been found by Lieutenant Moore, totally incompetent and so neglectful of his orders, that it was absolutely necessary to relieve him of all charge connected with this Department, the more so as the man considered himself under Mr. Phillips, and ignored his (Lieutenant Moore's) orders in consequence as "no man can serve two masters."

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th August 1858.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, No. 1571; dated 10th August 1858.

The Government having after mature consideration of all the circumstances of the case directed that the Neeranikum Peshcar at Coviladdy should remain with the Collector, see no reason to alter their order of the 15th May* last. Arrangements must be made in the District Engineer's establishment for the performance of the Neeranikum duties at Coviladdy. It would seem from Major Birdwood's letter that these are not now discharged by the Peshcar.

* No. 924.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office, P.W.D.
Fort St. George, 24th June 1858.

No. 1571

From

The Superintending Engineer S.C.
in charge of Central Office P.W.D.

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Public.

Sir,

With reference to Pro. & M. Cons. No. 924, dated 15th May last, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore, representing the inconvenience to his Department likely to arise from the transfer to the Revenue Establishment of the Neeranikum Peshcar at Coladdy.

2. As Major Birdwood points out, however large his Establishment may seem, it is inadequate to the heavy duties devolving on it. This is especially in the Tiruvady Taluk in which are situated all the great River heads and the most important works for the distribution

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distribution of water.- The control of these works and their repairs formerly vested in the Revenue Department engaged the attention of numerous subordinates, but must now be carried on by a Jew and the withdrawal of one important servant must necessarily weaken the means of performance of the current duties required. And though the present incumbent is not qualified for the work required of him by the District Engineer, Major Birdwood hopes that the Office may not be removed from this Department.-

3. There can be no doubt that the present Maramut Establishment in Sanjore is barely adequate and although I should not venture to say that the Peshcars services are unnecessary for Police and Revenue duties, I cannot but record my opinion of the inexpediency of the transfer as far as this

this Department is concerned.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servt.
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Supg. Engr. & Cnl. of Canals & Cultivation
Pdy.

Fort St. George
24 June 1858.

To
The Secretary to Government
F. F. W.

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N° 35 of 1858/59. Southern Circle.

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From,

Major W. J. Birdwood.

District Engineer Tanjore.

To,

Colonel C. E. Faber,

Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir,

Public. I have the honor to acknowledge Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 15th May 1858, N° 924, and adverting to the remarks of Government in the 2nd para of the Extract alluded to, that I ought to find no difficulty in providing a substitute to perform the duties of the Assistant Peishcar at Cumbaday, I would beg to state, that this Department is barely adequate to the demands made on it already, and so numerous are the Works requiring careful supervision to render them secure before the season of Freshes, that it is only by constant removal of Subordinates from one Range to another

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N° 1390.

Answered 30th July 1858.

another to meet the demands as they come, that the necessary repairs are accomplished, and all put in a state of security, indeed, during the past month I have been obliged to place the services of the Peimal Cooly Contractor Monegar, Tobaroya Moodaly and Appadoray Moodaly, an old Mistry from my own Office, at Lieut. Moore's disposal, as Overseers. The loss of the Appointments will therefore be a serious inconvenience to this Department.

2 It is true, the person at present in charge, is utterly useless for the duties we would impose upon him; which have been, and are at this present moment performed by Overseer Edmunds in addition to his own charge (now extending from the Upper Anicut to the Vadagacoody Collingulah on the N.E. and within one mile of Vellum on the S.E.) and who has consequently more than any one man can be justly held responsible for; I would therefore beg to suggest,

that Government should permit the appointment to be retained by this Department, a purely Neranitum appointment, as at first intended, and sanctioned by the Government of India, on the 24th July 1835, and filled by a professional man.

3 The Peishcar in question, the present subject of reference, was appointed but a few days only before the Transfer took place, and has since been found by Lieutenant Moore, totally incompetent and so neglectful of his orders, that it was absolutely necessary to relieve him of all charge connected with this Department, the more so as the man considered himself under Mr Phillips, and ignored his (Lieut. Moore's) orders in consequence as "no man can serve two Masters".

I have &c.
(Signed) W. J. Birdwood
District Engineer Tanjore.

District Engineer's Office,
Tranquebar, 11th June 1858.

/ True copy /

Supg: Engineer S. C.
in charge of Central Office P. W.

Chapter II

performance

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Extract from the Minutes of Communications
under date the 10th ~~July~~ August 1858.

Read the following
letter from the Superintending
Engineer Southern Circle in
charge of Central Offices &c.

(Here enter 24th June 1858. No. 1371)

The Government
having after mature consider
ation of all the circumstances
of the case directed that the
Neeramilkum Estuary at
Coviladdy should remain
with the Collector, see no
reason to alter their order
of the 15th May last. Arrange
ments must be made
in the District Engineers
Establishment for the
performance

No. 92½.

Enclosure in a Letter from
the Asst. Engineer Southern
Circle in charge of
Central Offices &c.
To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 24th June 1858.
Received

No. 1371

Copy of a Letter from the
Assistant Engineer in charge
superintending Staff &c &c
Pattukottah to the
Neeramilkum Estuary
at Coviladdy may be
obtained. remains

performances of the ex-
Necessitum duties at
Covillady - It would be
seen from Major Bird-
=wood's letter that these
are not now discharged
by this Pasheer -

[signature]

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr 5th Divn U.P.

Cons: 18th May 58 No 47 & 48.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Cons: 10th August

No 1571.

Extract Mins of Cons.
Dy 10th August 58.

No 90 & 91.

See no reason to alter the order passed on the 15th May last directing the transfer of the Newmarket Pilot Car at Coniladdy to the Revenue Establishment — Arrangements to be made by the District Engineer & Establishment for the performance of the Newmarket duties at Coniladdy