MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. Pross/Mis.

Dated 19

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No. 47. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Point Calimere, 31st July 1858, No. 467.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive the Extract Minutes of Consultation* in which I am directed immediately to furnish to Major Birdwood, District Engineer of Tanjore, the papers required for the investigation of the conduct last year, of Mr. Maitland, then a Sub Engineer.

*22nd July 1858, No. 1427.

2. The Vernacular Record belonging to my Office, which seemed to me all that was necessary to enable the District Engineer to appreciate the merits of a complaint which incidentally impugned the proceedings of one of his Subordinates, was transmitted to that Officer on the 5th instant, in conformity with his request to me of the 18th May last.

Received 21st May 1858.

3. I have been away from my principal station and records, or his application would earlier have been attended to. As the Government, however, seem to attach some importance to the early disposal of the matter, I deem it to be my duty to submit for their consideration, a copy of correspondence with the District Engineer, subsequent to the transmission to him of the papers in question.

To District Engineer 5th July 1858, No. 392.
From do. 15th July 1858 „ 159.
To District Engineer 17th July 1858, „ 434.
From do. 20th July „ „ 181.
To District Engineer 22d July „ „ 446.
From do. 26th July „ „ 188.
To District Engineer 29th July „ „ 462.

4. The point whether I have been called on by Government to do more than place Major Birdwood in possession of the documents on which was based a letter that I addressed to him early last year, seems, I submit, to require determination by the Government.

5. In further explanation of any delay in answering the District Engineer's application for papers, I take leave to lay before Government a Statement of the English correspondence of my Office for the current and past five years, which will enable the Government to judge what extent of increasing labor is now imposed on the Collector of this District.

6. As respects the correspondence in the Marahmut branch, it will be observed that the transfer of the executive to professionals, instead of being a relief to the Collector, has become cause of additional labor and the Government will, I trust, also favor me by bearing in mind, that this addition is not in vernacular communications which might now, as before the transfer, be conducted through the Javabnaviss Department on a hearing of Arzees received and Takeeds sent thereon, but is in a branch which necessitates the drafting of communications by the Collector himself in almost all cases.

Letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer of Tanjore, dated Point Calimere, 5th July 1858, No. 392.

SIR,

As requested in your letter of the marginal date; I have the honor to transmit copies of the vernacular correspondence which passed in regard to the Moorchivet* of the Poottar, in the limits of Teroovadachairy Talook Codavasel

18th May 1858, No. 52.

* A straight cut.

The annexed is a list of papers accompanying.

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1 Vaccoomoolum from the Meerasedars of Teroovadachairy, Talook Codavasel, endorsed to the Tahsildar 16th February 1857.
1 Takeed to the Tahsildar to carry out the work No. 17.
1 Arzee from the Tahsildar 6th April 1857, No. 33.
2 Enclosures of Do.
1 Takeed to the Tahsildar No. 35.
1 Petition from the Naranamungalum Meerasidars 18th May 1857.
1 Takeed to the Tahsildar No. 49.
1 Arzee from the Deputy Tahsildar No. 59.

Enclosures.

1 Yadust from Sreenevasa Naik, Sub-Overseer, to the Tahsildar 8th May 1857.
1 Do. from the Moojumdar to Do. 10th May 1857.
1 Mahazernamah dated 10th May 1857.
1 Yadust from Mr. Maitland Sub-Engineer to Moojumdar 16th Do.
1 Takeed to the Tahsildar No. 59.
1 Arzee from the Tahsildar to the Magistrate No. 20.
1 Mahazernamah 15th June 1857.
1 Takeed to Tahsildar No. 11
1 Arzee from the Tahsildar No. 74.

Its Enclosures.

1 Yadust to Tahsildar from Sub-Engineer Mr. Maitland 18th June 1857.
1 Deposition given by Ramasamien.....21st Do.
1 Do. by Narayanasamy Dhalayet.....21st Do.
1 Do. by Moottoovyen Nauttoo curnum...22nd Do.
1 Takeed to Tahsildar 19th July 1857, No. 69.
1 Arzee from Do. No. 83.
1 Takeed to Do. No. 78.
1 Arzee from Do. 92.
1 Do. Sreenevasa Naik Sub-Overseer 26th August 1857.
1 Abstract of Do from Do. 14th July 1857. The original Arzee is mislaid.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Collector.

From Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer, Tanjore ; to H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, dated Tranquebar 15th July 1858, No. 159.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 12th May 1858, No. 257, forwarding Extract Minutes of Consultation of the dates marginally noted and requesting me to institute an enquiry into the charge brought against Mr. Sub-Engineer Maitland in your letter of the 27th June 1857, No. 212, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to forward any evidence you may think necessary to produce in support of the charge and to inform me when I may expect to receive such evidence in order, that I may take the necessary steps for convening a Court of enquiry.

No. 267 of 16th February 1858.
„ 493 of 19th March 1858.
„ 693 of 15th April 1858.
„ 892 of 8th May 1858.

The vernacular papers forwarded with your letter of the 5th Instant No. 392, in connection with this subject, have been duly received.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore ; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer, Tanjore, dated Kodikarray 17th July 1858, No. 434.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of date the 15th instant No. 179.

In reply, I beg to observe that the correspondence which has passed and the vernacular papers more recently transmitted to you, have placed your Department in possession of all the information relative to Mr. Maitland's supposed share in the proceedings at the Naranamungalum village, which are available to my office. Should these be deemed by you to be insufficient for the formation by yourself of an opinion in regard to Mr. Maitland's share in the acts of Sreenevasa Naick explained, as I believe they were, in a communication from Mr. Maitland to your office ; or, if any point be deficient in your estimation and you think it advisable to call on me to supply such deficiency, I shall have pleasure in doing Magisterially whatever may be in my power to meet your wishes.

From Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer. Tanjore ; to H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, dated Tranquebar 20th July 1858, No. 181.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant, No. 434, and to state in reply, that it is not for me at the present moment, to advance any opinion on the correspondence and papers you allude to. The charges which I am instructed to enquire into having been preferred by you, in your letter dated 27th June 1857, No. 212, and alluded to in para. 6, of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 8th May 1858, No. 892, it rests with you to consider whether the production of the papers in question are sufficient to support the charges or whether any further evidence may be necessary.

2. I beg therefore to request you will be good enough to inform me with reference to para. 7 of your letter containing the charges, if you have any further evidence to produce in the matter, and if so when I may expect it to be brought forward for the purpose of being laid before the Committee of Officers, I shall convene for that purpose.

I have further to request that you will give the subject as immediate attention as it is convenient, as I have again been called upon to account for the delay. It seems to me to have escaped your observation, that Government do not require my opinion, but that I should collect all the evidence in support of your charge, and lay it before them in a concise form for their decision.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore ; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer, Tanjore, dated Point Calimere, 22nd July 1858, No. 446.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter marginally noted.

20th July 1858, No. 181.

2. It is not my belief that the Government have ever contemplated my coming forward as the public Prosecutor of a subordinate in your District.

3. A sense of duty impelled me on a former occasion to communicate to you certain matters which seemed to impugn the propriety of the proceedings of one of your subordinates.

4. It remained for you, I apprehend, then to take such steps as to yourself may have appeared advisable, in order to clear away any doubts arising from the information which had reached my Office, as I should of course, do if you had questioned the act of an Officer under my control.

5. I have already had the honor to intimate that you have at present in your possession in respect of the complaint in question, all that has ever reached mine, and under these circumstances I consider that I have done all that is required of me by the instructions of Government.

6. Should you be of a different opinion, I would suggest the propriety of your laying the point before the competent authority and thus causing me to be otherwise directed.

From Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore ; to H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, dated Tranquebar, 26th July 1858, No. 188.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd July 1858, No. 441, in which you inform me, that you do not believe Government ever contemplated your coming forward as a " public prosecutor of a Subordinate in this Department," I do not quite comprehend what the words are intended to convey, but the case to my mind is simply this : you have made a charge ; bring forward your evidence in support of it, which I believe is the requisition Government intended me to make of you to carry out the investigation ordered.

2. Yet again, notwithstanding the above refusal " to come forward as a public prosecutor" of a subordinate of this Department, (by which I suppose you mean, that you do not feel called upon to bring forward evidence before my Committee,) you inform me that you have favored me with all the evidence you have; I may then conclude that though making objections you have nevertheless furnished me with all the evidence you can adduce, to support your charge against Mr. Sub Engineer Maitland, of complicity with Sreenevassa Naik, and that I may now proceed with the investigation.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer of Tanjore, dated Point Calimere, 29th July 1858, No. 462.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th Instant, No. 188, and in reply can only express regret that there should seem to you to be a want of explicitness in the view I have taken of the course I am called on to adopt.

2. I beg again to renew the expression of my belief that in the transfer of these papers to you, I have done all that is expected of me by the Government. Whether the papers are for you to form your decision on, or whether you are merely to report respecting them, after any investigation you may deem necessary, is not a point on which I should have an opinion.

Statement shewing the state of the English correspondence in the District of Tanjore during the following years

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Point Calimere 31st July 1858. (Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS, *Collector.*

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1610; dated 13th August 1858.

The Government learn that the documents referred to by Major Lawford in his letter to Government, dated 7th July 1858, No. 1719, and which the Collector was ordered to furnish without delay to Major Birdwood in Extract Minutes Consultation 22nd July 1858, No. 1127, were transmitted to the District Engineer's office on July 5th. The Government will accordingly look for an early compliance with Extract Minutes Consultation 8th May last, No. 892, and decision of this long pending matter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 392.

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To

Major W. J Birdwood
District Engineer of Tanjore

Sir

18th May 1858
No 52

As requested in your letter of the marginal date, I have the honor to transmit copies of the vernacular correspondence which passed in regard to the Moorchiel of the Pottar* in the limits of Seroovadachairy, Talook Coravan

The annexed is a list of papers accompanying.

I have the honor &c

Point Calimere 5th July 1858

(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Collector

1 Vaccoomolum from the Meerasdar of Seroovadachairy, Talook Coravanel, endorsed to the Tasildar 16th February 1857

1 Taheed to the Tasildar to carry out the work No 17

1 Argee from the Tasildar 6th April 1857 No 33.

2 Enclosures of Do

1 Taheed to the Tasildar No 35.

1 Petition from the Naranamungalum Meerasdar 18th May 1857

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(Signed) H. Do Phillips
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No 159

From

The District Engineer
Saugor

Sir

With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 12th May/57 forwarding Extract Minutes of Consultation of the dates marginally noted and requesting me to institute an enquiry into the charge brought against Mr Sub: Engineer Maitland in your letter of the 27th June 1857, No 212; I have the honor to request you will be good enough to forward any evidence you may think necessary to produce in support of the charge, and to inform me when I may expect to receive such evidence, in order that I may take the necessary steps for convening a Court of enquiry.

No 287 of 16th Feb: 1858
493 of 19 March/58
693 - 15 April/58
892 - 8 May/58

The vernacular papers forwarded with your letter of the 5th instant No 392, in connection with this subject, have been duly received.

I have the honor &c

District Engineer's Office
Tanjore 15th July 1857

(Signed) W. S. Kerwood
District Engineer

No 434

To

The District Engineer Saugor

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of date the 15th instant No 179.

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called upon to account for the delay. It seems time to have escaped your observation, that Government do not require my opinion, but that I should collect all the evidence in support of your charge, and lay it before them in a concise form, for their decision.

I have &c.

Dist. Engineers Office
Trangambar
20 July 1858

/signed/ W. S. Birdwood
District Engineer

No. 446.

To
The District Engineer Sanjore

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter marginally noted.

20 July 1858
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Subordinates.

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5 I have already had the honor to intimate that you have at present in your possession in respect of the complaint in question, all that has ever reached mine, and under these circumstances I consider that I have done all that is required of me by the instructions of Government.

6 Should you be of a different opinion, I would suggest the propriety of your laying the point before the competent authority and thus causing me to be otherwise directed.

Sanjore Collectors Office
Point Calimere 22d July 1858

I have the honor &c.
/signed/ H. D. Phillips
Collector

No. 188.

From
The District Engineer Sanjore

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2 Yet again, notwithstanding the above refusal "to come forward as a public prosecutor of a Subordinate of this Department, (by which I suppose you mean that you do not feel called upon to bring forward evidence before my Committee,) you inform me, that you have forwarded me with all the evidence you have, & may thus conclude that though making objections you have nevertheless furnished me with all the evidence you can adduce, to support your charges against Mr Sub Engineer Maitland, & comply with the requisition of Mr Baillie, and that I may now proceed with the investigation.

District Engineer's Office
Georgetown
26 July 1858

I have the honor &c
(signed) W. J. Birdwood
District Engr

To

№ 462

To
The District Engineer of
Essequibo

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th Instant, № 188, and in reply can only express regret that there should seem to you to be a want of explicitness in the view I have taken of the course I am called on to adopt.

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Point Calimire
29th July 1858

I have the honor &c
(signed) A. D. Phillips
Collector

(True copies)

A. D. Phillips
Collector

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W. Maddison
Collector

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- 11th Ditto — 81-82
- 20th Ditto — 142-143 & 48-49.
- 19th March — 77-78.
- 16th Feby — 74-75

P.W. 1858 Department
Dy. to Govt. No. 1431

From D. Phelps Esq
Collector of Saugor

To George Esq
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 31st July 1858
Received 2nd August 58

No. 1630. 13th August 1858
No. 46.

Enclosure 2.

Submitting explanation of the delay in sending to the District Engineer the papers connected with the contract of Sub Engineer, Mr. Boulton and soliciting orders whether it is intended that the Collector should do more than forward those papers.

No. 47.

Encl. 5 Aug.t 1858

Public Works Department

No 1610

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 13th August 1858.

Read letter from the Chief Engr
Jaypur dated 31 July 1858
No 467 —

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Early compliance with the
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Mr. Ays.

10 Copies to the Offr Chief Engr 1st Distt 14th
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Public Works 1858 Depts
Dy. to Com.rs 1st Sect.

No. 1610.
Extract from Coms. of Coms.
D/ T.C. Sect.r 958
From the Offg Chief Engr 30th Sept
158 h 2292 in Com.rs Off Oct.

1st Inst. Regarding an investigation into certain charges preferred by the Collector of Tanjore against Sub-Engineer Maitland.

No. 47848