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No. 6. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 28th August 1858, No. 3224.

SIR,

With reference to the Notification in the Gazette under date 20th August 1858, page 393, I have the honor to submit for the early consideration of Government the accompanying correspondence,* relative to the leave of absence granted to Mr. Dopping, Acting District Engineer of North Arcot.

2. In the first instance Mr. Dopping forwarded a Certificate signed by Dr. Forbes of his being disabled for duty by ill health, and applied for a Month's privilege leave to which he was not entitled, his last leave having expired in December 1857.

3. Before however any orders could be sent to Mr. Dopping on his application, a second letter was received from that Gentleman submitting a Medical Certificate, of the necessity of his proceeding to the Neilgherry Hills for four months, and leave was granted accordingly.

4. Mr. Dopping now wishes to cancel that leave, and while he complains of the hardship of being refused his demand for privilege leave, he states his intention of visiting Palmanair within his District for one month.

5. The Government are aware of the strenuous efforts now being made to close the accounts of North Arcot, and for this purpose it is essential that the District Engineer with his establisment should remain generally at his fixed station.

6. I do not wish to deprive Mr. Dopping of any of the advantages his District may afford for a change of climate to restore his health, but the claims of the public service cannot be disregarded, and if Mr. Dopping cannot attend to his duties, they must of necessity be performed by some other officer.

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1 Do. Do. No. 847 dated 21st August 1858.
1 Do. Do. No. 875 dated 25th August 1858.
1 Copy of Medical Certificate dated 14th August 1858.

Letter from JAMES H. DOPPING, Esq., Acting District Engineer of North Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Ranepett, 13th August 1858, No. 779.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose an Original Sick Certificate granted to me by D. A. Forbes Esq., Assistant Surgeon of this station and request that you will be good enough to grant me one months privilege leave from the date of my quitting the District to proceed to Bangalore and the Hills.

My last leave terminated on the 16th December 1857.

I hereby Certify that J. W. Dopping, Esq., Acting District Engineer, North Arcot, is incapacitated for the performance of his duty owing to severe indisposition (Fever.)

Arcot 12th August 1858.

(Signed) D. A. FORBES,
Assistant Surgeon.

Letter from JAMES H. DOPPING, Esq., Acting District Engineer of North Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 19th August 1858, No. 824.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will cancel my application for leave contained in my letter No. 779 of the 15th Instant.

Letter from JAMES, H. DOPPING, Esq., Acting District Engineer of North Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Raneepet 21st August 1858, No. 847.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to cancel my application for leave on Medical Certificate as I found my health has very much improved by a short cessation from business, and as I propose proceeding to Palmanair for a month I have no doubt I shall recover myself sufficiently to attend to my duties.

While there I shall have an opportunity of making myself acquainted with the locality and the various requirements, roads &c.

Letter from JAMES H. DOPPING, Esq., Acting District Engineer of North Arcot; to, Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 25th August 1858, No. 875.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from your Proceedings No. 3059, under date 24th Instant, and the copy of a Certificate granted to me by D. A. Forbes, Esq., and to bring to your notice that application was only for one month's privilege leave and not for 4 months sick leave as published in the Gazette.

2. My object in forwarding the Certificate was to show that my applicaion for one month's leave was to recruit my health and not for the purpose of avoiding my work.

3. As already remarked, I never applied for 4 months and do not consider under the circumstances that I am bound to pay any further attention to the Notification in the Gazette than to *again* request it may be cancelled.

4. I do at the same time most strongly, though most respectfully, protest against the course laid down in the above proceedings, of asking Mr. Forbes to cancel a written declaration, and indeed I am quite sure he would not withdraw it, even if asked, unless, as has already been frequently promised, all the arrears of work which were left for me, were removed and I was able to start with a clear sheet.

5. I may here remark that Mr. Williams, lately in Medical Charge of this station, was quite prepared to give me a Medical Certificate for Europe, and was most anxious that I should accept of it *in May last*, had I not told him of your intention of relieving me of all these troublesome arrears.

6. As however I have now by over-exertion reduced the accounts of this District to a much more systematic and simpler state than they were when I took charge, I am the less willing to absent myself *even for a month*, and had therefore cancelled my application.

7. That I require the change for the benefit of my health I am freely prepared to admit, but considering the uncertainty of my appointment I do not feel inclined to take it just now.

8. If however you are *still* of opinion that the leave as published in the Gazette cannot be cancelled without the permission of Government, I request that you will lay this correspondence before them, and obtain authority for the leave to be "cancelled at my own request."

J. D. A. Forbes, Assistant Surgeon in Medical charge of Contonment of Arcot, do hereby certify that J Dopping Esq., Civil Engineer at Arcot District, is in a bad state of health, and I solemnly and sincerely declare that, according to the best of my judgment, a change of air is essentially necessary to his recovery, and do therefore recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to Bangalore and Neilgherries for the period of 4 Months.

4th April 1858.

(Signed) J. D. A. FORBES,
Assistant Surgeon.

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No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 1783; dated 1st September 1858.

The Officiating Chief Engineer submits a correspondence regarding the leave of absence on Medical Certificate recently granted to Mr. Dopping, Acting District Engineer in North Arcot.

2. Under date the 21st August, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Dopping on a Certificate from Dr. Forbes, stating that a change of air was essentially necessary to Mr. Dopping's recovery and recommending that he should be allowed permission to proceed to Bangalore and the Neilgherries for the period of four months. Leave was accordingly granted and notified in the Gazette.

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3. Mr. Dopping now applies to have the leave cancelled, and urges that he had asked for only a month's priviledge leave. This leave the Officiating Chief Engineer explains is not available, and Mr. Dopping proposes to proceed to Palmanair within the District for that period.

4. The Government concur in the views expressed by Major Lawford in the concluding para. of his report that the claims of the public service cannot be disregarded for the convenience of its officers. If Mr. Dopping be too ill to attend to his duty, he should take leave on Medical Certificate upon the usual terms; if otherwise, he must be employed in those parts of the District in which the Officiating Chief Engineer thinks that he is most required.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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14th August 1838.

Signed/ J. D. A. Forbes
Assistant Surgeon.

A true Copy/

Captain
A. Superintending Engr. S. Circle

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 28th August 1858.

No 3224

From
The Officiating Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

"Public"

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3. Before however any orders could be sent to Mr Dopping on his application, a second letter was received from that Gentleman submitting

Enclosures Nos as noted
Sir,
Your Obdt Servt
Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government
Pub. Wks Dept

Dated 28th August 1858
Read
No 3224
Copy of Medical Certificate of Mr Dopping & Enquire
Consd Engr North Arcot Dist.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
C. Lamport Major
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
28th August 1856.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
P.W. Dept.

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Public Works Dept.

No 1783

Colonel from the Hon. Commr. Chatham
Under date the 1st Septr 1858

Rec'd the following
Letter from the Officiating
Chief Engineer
(Cons under 28th Augt 1858)

The Officiating
Chief Engineer Chatham
a copy Annexed regarding
the leave of absence on
medical certificate re-
quested granted to Capt
Dopping, Acting Dist Engr
Engineer in Charge North Arcot
2 Under date the 27th
August last proceeding
on a Certificate
dated 25th Augt
Stating that a change

Public Works Dept
Dated 1st Septr 1858
No 1973

From
The Offg Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt

Dated 28th
Recd 28th August 1858.

No 3224

Enclosures 5. Rcd 1-10-58.

S&C No 1783 1st Sept 1858.

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required

JJP

Copies to the Offg Chief Engr Dublin
" " Civil Assistt

Public Works 1858 Deptt.
Do. to Covs. 7th Septr.

No. 1783.

Extract Mins of Covs.
Dy 1st Septr 58.

From Offg Chf Engr
N Secy 58 No 2420 inst
Mr Engr Stff
Referring to the leave
of absence granted on medical
certificate to Ensn Dorsetjing 4th
Distt Engrs, North Arcot, on the
21st August, & his subsequent
application for the cancelment
of that leave & the grant in
lieu of it for a month's Privi-
-lege leave, observe that
the indulgence applied for
cannot be granted.

No. 647.