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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th November 1858.

No. 7. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 11th October 1858, No. 4401.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, copies of letters from Lieutenant Shaw Stewart, reporting repeated acts of gross intemperance on the part of Assistant supervisor Shaw, one evidence of which is afforded in the letter from Mr. Roberts, accompanying.

2. As Lieutenant Stewart is disposed to recommend as favorable a consideration as possible of the supervisor's conduct, I beg to suggest that he should be reduced to the grade of Assistant Overseer.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Cuddapah 22nd September 1858, No. 579.

SIR,

I very much regret to have to bring to your notice that I have been obliged to remove Mr. Assistant Supervisor Shaw, from the charge of the North-western Range of this District. His conduct within the last few days has been such as to render it impossible for me to continue him in so responsible a position.

2. Mr. Shaw, a few-days ago, passed through this town on his way to Jammulmudgoo. During the short time of his stay here, he was seen on several occasions by different officers, in a disgraceful state of intoxication. I did not hear of these instances till after his departure, subsequently he made a most discreditable appearance in a similar state at the Traveller's Bungalow at Appiapully.

3. I regret extremely to have to bring these circumstances to your notice; but I feel it to be my duty, both for the credit of the Department and for Mr. Shaw's own welfare. I am certain, if he commit such excesses in Cuddapah close to my residence, that no feeling of self-respect will operate as a check on him when by himself at a remote station. I cannot therefore place him as I proposed, in the independent charge of an executive range.

4. For the present, I have directed Mr. Overseer Howell to take charge of that range, as a temporary arrangement, until I receive your orders on the subject. I shall place Mr. Shaw in Mr. Howell's present situation in the Chennoor Talook.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Cuddapah 4th October 1858, No. 646.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that, in compliance with the instructions contained in the letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 27th Ultimo, No. 4049, I read over to Mr. Assistant Supervisor Shaw the charges against him which were contained in my former letter to you, No. 579, of the 22nd Ultimo. His reply thereto I have now the honor to forward for your consideration.

2. I regret much to be obliged to remark that his reply does not shake the evidence against him. Assistant Surgeon J. T. Williams, attached to the Regiment now at Cuddapah, saw him on no less than four occasions, when he was most undeniably drunk. One of these occasions was between the hours of 6 and 7, A. M. Lieutenant Gunning, the Adjutant of the 3rd Extra Regiment, was obliged to direct him to be warned off the Parade ground, he having made his appearance there in a drunken state.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th November 1858.

3. As to his behaviour at the Traveller's Bungalow at Appiapully, I beg to refer you to a demi-official communication which I received on the subject from Mr. Roberts, a Civil Engineer employed on the Railway, and which I forwarded to Captain Francis some days ago.

4. The last portion of Mr. Shaw's reply is far the strongest evidence in his behalf. I can myself bear most willing testimony to his having been under my immediate orders for some time in the Godavery Delta, and during that time I never once detected the least tendency to excess in drink.

His recent behaviour has undoubtedly disqualified him for the responsible position which he at present holds in the Department. However, on the strength of his former good conduct, I venture to hope that his employment in an inferior position, with less responsibility, may not be deemed altogether impossible.

Letter from Serjeant D. SHAW, Assistant Supervisor,; to the Chief Engineer, dated Camp Cuddapah 4th October 1858.

SIR,

I sincerely regret that I am compelled to answer to a charge of having been seen by Officers in the Cantonment of Cuddapah under the influence of Drink, and for similar charge in the Appiapully Bungalow. I beg to state that in both instances it was the result of fatigue and recent Fever and not the quantity of Drink I had taken.

I further beg to state that I am now upwards of nine years in the service, five of which I am in the Department Public Works and as this is my first offence, I most Humbly beg the Chief Engineer will deal leniently with me.

Appyapully September 22nd 1858.

MY DEAR MR. STEWART,

I send back an answer to your note which I have just received in connection with the affair which occurred on Monday with Mr. Shaw.

He arrived here in a state of intoxication presenting himself to me, I requested he would keep to his own quarters. After a few more potations he went into the back verandah and called my butler and struck him several blows on the shoulder. I had given strict orders to my servants to let him alone knowing in what state he was in: this they obeyed, until upon my seeing him (Mr. Shaw) strike the butler and calling the latter away, Shaw followed him into my room where I was engaged writing with a rifle in his hand, and began to insult me (the words I cant remember being dissipated in what followed) and attempted to strike me, when I requested him to leave the room. Upon this my servants pushed him out of the room, which he resisted, taking off all his clothes except his trowsers and preparing to fight in spite of my attempts to get him away into his own room, where his wife and daughter were, he attempted to fight in a most violent manner, being regularly mad with drink to such an extent, that the least push made him fall. It was with the utmost difficulty I could restrain my servants from regularly beating him as they were indignant at his repeated attempts to strike me, I at last quietted them, and got him taken into his own room, when his wife and daughter with great difficulty attempted to keep him still by locking the door, I sent for the peon of the village only that they might keep him quite, and that I might not have any thing further to do with him.

He left in the evening taken away by his people.

(Signed) C. ROBERTS,

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 2302; dated 30th October 1858.

Under the circumstances represented by the District Engineer of Cuddapah and on the recommendation of the Officiating Chief Engineer, the Governor in Council sanctions the removal of Serjeant D. Shaw from the grade of Assistant Supervisor, and his appointment to the grade of an Assistant Overseer in the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o 579 of 1858/59

From,

Res^t J. M. H. Shaw Stewart,

Dist^t Engr^s of Cuddapah

To,

Major E. Lawford

Off^r Chief Engineer (D. P. W.)

For

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2 Mr. Shaw, a few days ago, passed through this town on his way to Jammalmadgar. During the short time of his stay here, he was seen on several occasions by different Officers, in a disgraceful state of intoxication. I did not hear of these instances till after his departure, subsequently he made a most discreditable appearance in a similar state, at the Traveller's Bungalow at Appiapully.

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circumstances to your notice, but I feel it to be my duty, both for the credit of the Department and for Mr. Shaw's own welfare. I am certain, if he commit such excesses in Cuddapah, & close to my residence that no feeling of self-respect will operate as a check on him when by himself at a remote station. I cannot therefore place him as I proposed, in the independent charge of an extensive range.

4. For the present, I have directed Mr. Emerson Howell to take charge of that range, as a temporary arrangement. Until I receive your orders on the subject, I shall place Mr. Shaw in Mr. Howell's present situation, in the Chennoor Trunk.

Cuddapah
Dist. Engrs. Office
22nd September 1858

I have the honor to be Sir,

Yr. Obedt. Servant

Dist. Engr. of Cuddapah.

No. 646 of 1858/59

From

Lieut. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart

Dist. Engr. of Cuddapah.

To,

Sir

The Off. Chief Engineer, 22nd Sept. 1858

I have the honor to inform you that in compliance

compliance with the instructions contained in the letter from the Supy. Engr. of the 27th Ultimo, No. 11049, I read over to Mr. Assistant Supervisor Shaw the charges against him which were contained in my former letter to you, No. 579, of the 22nd Ultimo. His reply thereto I have now the honor to forward for your consideration.

2. I regret much to be obliged to remark that his reply does not shake the evidence against him. Mr. Emerson J. F. Williams, attached to the Regiment now at Cuddapah, saw him on no less than four occasions, when he was most sensibly drunk. On no of these occasions was he seen the near of C. and J. & M. Lieut. Spinning, the Adjutant of the 3rd Batta Regiment, was obliged to direct him to be warned off the Parade ground, he having made his appearance there in a drunken state.

3. As to his behaviour at the J. Miller's Bungalow at Appinapally, I beg to refer you to a semi-official communication which I received on the subject from Mr. R. R. R. Civil Engineer employed

employed on the Railway, and which I forwarded
to Captain Francis some days ago.

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is far the strongest evidence in his behalf. I can
myself bear most willing testimony to his having
been under my immediate orders for some time in
the Godavery Delta, and during that time I never
once detected the least tendency to excess in drink.

His recent behaviour has undoubtedly
disqualified him for the responsible position which
he at present holds in the Department. However,
on the strength of his former good conduct, I venture
to hope that his employment, in an inferior position,
with less responsibility, may not be deemed
altogether impossible.

Dist. Engrs Office
Cuddapah
4th October 1858.

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Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Dist. Engr. of Cuddapah

To,
The Chief Engineer, D. S. M.

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charge in the Appaswally Bungalow I beg to
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of fatigue and recent illness and not the quantity
of drink I had taken.

I further beg to state that I am now upwards
of nine years in the Service, five of which I am
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I most humbly beg the Chief Engineer will deal
leniently with me.

Camp, Cuddapah
4th October 1858.

I beg to remain Sir

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

H. L. Supervisor D. S. M.

Appaswally Sept. 22nd 1858

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which I have just received in connection with the
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I had given strict orders to my servants to let him
him alone knowing in what state he was in; this
they obeyed, until upon my seeing him with blood
strike the butler and calling the latter away, I then
followed him into my room where he was writing
writing with a rifle in his hand & was about to
insult me. He would not allow me to leave the
room. He was in a violent mood & attempted to strike
me, when I requested him to leave the room. Upon
this my servants pushed him out of the room where he
insisted, taking off all his clothes except his trousers
and preparing to fight in spite of my attempts to get
him away into his own room, where his wife and
daughter were, he attempted to fight in a most violent
manner, being regularly mad with drink & such
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by locking the door, I sent for the peon of the village
only that they might keep him quiet, and that
I might not have any thing further to do with him.

He left in the evening taken away by his
people.

Believe me

Your sincerely,

(Signed) C. Roberts.

(True Copies)

For the use of the
J. Supp. Eng. Central Circle.

N^o 4401

From,

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,

"General"

The Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, Copies of letters from Lieutenant

Shaw Stewart, reporting repeated acts of gross in-

temperance on the part of Assistant Supervisor

Shaw, one evidence of which is afforded in the letter from Mr. Roberts accompanying.

2.

The Lieutenant Stewart is disposed to recommend as favorable a consideration as possible of the Supervisor's conduct; I beg to suggest that he should be reduced to the grade of Assistant Overseer.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Lampson Lieut. Col.
Officiating Chief Engineer

Central Office of P. W. D.

Fort St. George

11th October 1858.

P. W. D.

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Enclosure in a letter

from

The Off^r. Chief Engineer

to

The Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Date 11th October 1858

N^o 4401

P. W. D. 2382/58.

Copies of correspondence

relative to the charges brought

against Asst. Supervisor

Shaw.

Re 2302

Under the circumstances

represented by the District Engineer of Cordoba and on the recommendation of the officiating Survey Engineer the Governor in Council sanctions the removal of Sergeant S. Shaw from the grade of assistant Surveyor and his appointment to the grade of an assistant Surveyor in the Department Public Works.

For the Governor

30th Oct 1858

10 O'clock to the Office of the Governor

W. M. 1858

By the District Engineer

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