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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.

1 Letter No. 579, dated 22nd September 1858 from the District Engineer of Cuddapah.
1 Do. No. 646. dated 4th October 1858 with one enclosure.
1 Copy of a demi-official communication to the District Engineer of Cuddapah from Mr. Roberts, dated 22nd September 1858.

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.

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 occured 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.

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(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.

No. 579 of 1858/59

From,

Lieut. J. M. A. Shaw-Stewart,
Dist. Engr. of Cuddapah

To,

Major E. Crawford
Offg. Chief Engineer, D. P. W.

Sir

I very much regret to have to bring to your notice that I have been obliged to remove Mr. Dist. 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 Jammalmadgoo. 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 Travellers Bungalow at Appiapully.

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4. For the present, I have directed Mr Emerson Bowell 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 Bowell's present situation, in the Cherroor Taluk.

Cuddapah
Dist. Engr's Office
22nd September 1858

Shaw the honor to be Sir
Lieut J. H. M. Shaw Stewart Dist.
Dist. Engr of Cuddapah.

No 646 of 1858/59

From
Lieut. J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
Dist. Engr of Cuddapah.

To,
The Offg Chief Engineer

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Dist. Engrs. Office
Cuddapah
4th October 1858.

I have the honor to be Sir
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sgd) J. W. Mc. Shaw Stewart, Dist.
Dist. Engr. of Cuddapah

To,
The Chief Engineer
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I beg to Remain Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sgd) J. W. Shaw
Asst. Superviser P.W.D.

Camp Cuddapah
4th October 1858.

Office Cuddapah Sept. 22nd 1858

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him alone knowing in what state he was in, but
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followed him into my room [illegible]
writing with a rifle in his hand, and [illegible]
instantly [illegible] [illegible]
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Believe Me
Your Sincerly
/Signed/ C. Roberts.

/True Copies/

[illegible] Captain.
Dy. Supt. Engr. Central Circle.

No. 4401

From,

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

"General"

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 instance 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.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George
11th October 1858.

Lawford Lieut. Col.
Officiating Chief Engineer

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Enclosures in a letter
From
The Officiating Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 11th October 1858
Rec'd

No. 4401.
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Copies of Correspondence
Relative to the Charges brought
against Assistant Shaw.

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No 2387

From
The Asst Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 11th
Recd 12th } October 1858.

No 4401

Enclosure 1.

Submitting copies of correspondence from District Engineer Cuddapah reporting on the repeated acts of gross intemperance on the part of Assistant Overseer Shaw, and suggesting that he should be reduced to the grade of Assist. Overseer.

Written Order.
No 2302. 30th October 1858.

No 2302

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 Assist. Supervisor, and his appointment to the grade of an Assistant Overseer in the Department Public Works.

Fort St. George
30th October 1858

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr & Dupls 3rd

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