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No. 142. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 24th December 1858, No. 6609.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2527, dated 25th November 1858, I have the honor to state, that I returned to Mr. Dopping the private letters forwarded by him, but a requisition having been made on the Manager of this Office for the same, they have been called for and are herewith submitted, with an Official Communication in which Mr. Dopping refers to a complaint he had made of the state of Lieutenant Clay's accounts.

1 Original letter [to be returned]
1 Pack of private letters.
1 Anonymous letter.
Memo No. 107 dated 17th Decr. 1858.
dated 22nd December 1858, No. 1936.

2, That complaint was referred as well as the other points to Captain Francis, by whom it has not yet been reported on, and on a second letter being received on the same point, I called for an explanation from Lieutenant Clay through the Acting District Engineer.

3. I make no comment on the concluding passage of Mr. Dopping's letter, but I cannot let it pass without recording my unequivocal opinion that no Officer is justified in accusing another of writing an anonymous letter on such grounds as those taken by Mr. Dopping in this case, and I may take this opportunity of stating that under the orders already passed, I declined to forward an appeal from Lieutenant Clay.

Letter from J. H. DOPPING, Esq., C. E. District Engineer North Arcot; to the Chief Engineer, dated Raneepett, 22nd December 1858, No. 1936.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo, No.——of the 20th Instant, subject as per margin and beg to enclose herewith the original papers as therein required.

Requesting me to return Original Enclosures received from Central Office.

If any further investigation is going to be made into the facts of the case I trust you will favor me with copies of your letters to Government Nos. 5318 and 5444 of the 11th and 15th of November respectively and that you will be so kind as to inform me if you forwarded copies of all my letters on the subject to Government, as it would appear from the 1st para. of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2527 of the 12th November that it was a personal quarrel between me and Lieutenant Clay and no allusion is made to the more important part of my letter regarding the state of his accounts. A description of which can be had by reference to my letter No. 1842 of the 9th Instant, and by an application to Captain Francis before whom I laid the chief facts.

I need hardly say that if Government are satisfied with the denial of Lieutenant Clay, I am also perfectly so, as far as the matter is Officially concerned.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, No. 100; dated 11th January 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 24th Decr 58

No 6609

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Dept. Public Works

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1 Brigl letter (Cole Ent)
1 Endorsement to letter
1 Memo

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Your Most Obedt Servt
C. Pasley Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

Fort Camden
24th Dec 1868

P.W. Ans: 30 Nov/58 No. 56 & 58

P.W. 1858 Department
Cus: 11th January/59.
No 3169/57.

From.
The Asst to Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt
D.P.W.

Dated 24th } Decr/58
Received 24 }

No. 6609

Encls: 3 Returned 7-2-59

Forwards private papers regarding transactions between Mr Dopping District Engr & Arrest and Sentence of Clay — To be recorded with an Order 11th January 1859.

No 1424/1423.

Govt 10th

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Government having already in D.M.C. 25th Nov/58 expressed their opinion on the subject, do not understand why Col Lawford should have re-opened the subject by calling for correspondence. Resolved that the present letter from the Asst Chf Engineer be recorded, & the enclosures returned to that Officer

W.W.D.

Should a similar case arise, the Local Govt is to be left to conduct correspondence.