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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 15 of 1859.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD STANLEY,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

We have the honor to submit copies of papers recorded in the Consultations noted in the

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margin relating to our proceedings in connection with certain enquiries into the condition of the Public Works Department in the District of North Arcot.

2. In June 1858 the late Acting Chief Engineer brought under the notice of Government that large advances amounting to nearly four lacs of Rupees were unadjusted in that District, and requested that special aid might be allowed to Mr. Dopping the Acting District Engineer, to adjust them. In a subsequent letter of the 6th September the same Officer asked permission to employ an establishment for the purpose, at a charge not to exceed on the whole one per cent. on the advances outstanding. This proposal was referred to the Commissioners for the investigation of Establishments who in their proceedings of the 10th August 1858, recommended that the accounts of the North Arcot District should be subjected to a strict investigation, a suggestion which this Government adopted in their resolution of the 7th October.

3. In pursuance of the instructions contained in that resolution, the Commissioners on the 12th March 1859 reported the result of their investigations. The report consists of two parts. The first relates to the outstanding advances amounting to Rupees 3,71,486 which have been adjusted, for the most part by bills having been prepared for work performed, and by arrangements suggested by the Commissioners and adopted by us. The second and by far the larger part of the report is taken up with the investigation into the causes which had brought the Public Works Department in North Arcot into the state in which the Commissioners found it. The Commissioners indicated several points in the practice of this department as administered in North Arcot which they considered to call for special notice, and offered many valuable suggestions respecting them. It is unnecessary in this place to go into the subjects discussed as they are stated at length in our proceedings of the 5th April 1859 No. 811 to which we solicit your Lordship's attention for full particulars.

4. Mr. Dopping having subsequently denied the correctness of some statements in the Commissioners' Report affecting himself, his letter was referred to the Commissioners; and their reply with his letter will be found reviewed in our proceedings of the 23rd May. A large proportion of the strictures contained in the Commissioners' report were general, referring to the Public Works Department at large; others though directed to the state of affairs in North Ar-

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not did not relate exclusively, or even mainly, to the period of Mr. Dopping's incumbency as District Engineer; the most striking instance of this being that of the Commissioners' forcible remarks on the inconvenience of the frequent changes that had occurred in the District.

5. We were of opinion that Mr. Dopping had gone far to clear himself from these censures, so far as they affected him personally in his letter of the 4th May, and the Chief Engineer in forwarding that letter expressed an opinion in his favor. Mr Dopping had been only four months in charge when the large amount of unadjusted advances in the District was brought to the notice of Government and it appeared to have been himself who pointed it out to the Chief Engineer.

6. There was one charge against Mr. Dopping personally, which was held as a special disqualification; but this charge was withdrawn. It was stated in the Commissioners' first report that the Acting District Engineer was in the habit of listening readily to talebearers; and one individual in particular, Ramanjooloo Pillay, was spoken of as having in this way "ousted" most of the European and Eurasian subordinates, writers, &c., and filled the offices with his "own immediate friends and relatives." Mr. Dopping totally denied the statement; and the present District Engineer having been called on for a list of Ramanjooloo Pillay's relatives in employment in the District, reported that after careful enquiry he was unable to find any at all. The Commissioners explained that in making the statement they only gave "utterance to a general opinion."

7. On the whole we were happy to inform Mr. Dopping that our previous unfavorable impression of him was much qualified. There was, we said, no imputation against either his character for integrity or his professional ability; and we expressed our hope that he would profit by the experience he had acquired, and that the remainder of his career in the public service would be as honorable to himself as it was likely to be useful to the Government.

8. Mr. Dopping having suffered severely from illness for several months past, has now been compelled to return to England on Medical certificate. He embarked on the Steamer "Alma" on the 24th May, on leave for one year, under Clause II Section V of the rules for the Uncovenanted Service.

Mins. Cons. 27th May 1859 Nos. 148 to 151.

We have the honor to be,

Fort Saint George, }  
6<sup>th</sup> June 1859. }

MY LORD,  
Your Lordship's most obedient  
humble Servants,

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable  
the Secretary of State for India,  
Dated 6<sup>th</sup> June,  
No. 15 of 1859.

Forwarding correspondence on the condition of the  
Public Works Department in North Arcot.

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To  
The Right Honorable Lord Stanley  
Secretary of State for India.

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*[Signature]*

For <sup>the</sup> George  
16<sup>th</sup> June 1859

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Letter to the Right  
Honorable the Secretary of  
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Dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 1859.

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Dups. } J. M. C. Candia 9 June  
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Copy to the Govt of India  
of 11<sup>th</sup> June 1859 J. M. C. Candia  
Bengal.

Forwarding Correspondence  
on the Conclusion of the  
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Ans<sup>d</sup> 24 Nov 1859 J. M. C. Candia