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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 16 of 1859.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD STANLEY,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

Para. 1. The letters noted in the margin and the correspondence transmitted with them have informed your Lordship of the Proceedings of this Government in respect of Mr. George Taylor, one of the Civil Engineers engaged under Covenant by the late Court of Directors for service in the Madras Presidency.

Revenue letter to Court of Directors 27th April 1855, No. 19.
Revenue do to do 23rd July 1855, No. 35 paras. 6 @ 8.
P. W. do to do 21st October 1856, No. 17.
P. W. do to do 21st December 1857, No. 24 para. 7.
P. W. do to the Secretary of State 3rd February 1859, No. 1 para. 19.

2. Mr. Taylor arrived in India in March 1855 and was soon after detached to the Godavery Division for the purpose of being employed under the orders of the District Engineer in the Survey of the Coringa Harbour. In October 1856 Mr. Taylor tendered the resignation of his place in the service of this Government under circumstances which will be found stated in our letter to the Court of Directors dated 21st October 1856,

* Consultation 8th September 1857, Nos. 70-71 in correspondence forwarded with letter 21st December 1857 No. 24 para. 7.

No. 17. This resignation was to have effect from the 1st September 1857; but shortly* before that time Mr. Taylor preferred an appeal to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,

wherein, after referring to various circumstances connected with his position in the Public Works Department, and to the little prospect of his services being continued in it with advantage to himself and to his employers he tendered his services for the Revenue Survey. The Government in their Resolution of the 8th September 1857 declined to recall the acceptance of Mr. Taylor's resignation, but in consideration of what he had set forth regarding his expenses, they expressed their willingness to grant him 1,500 Rupees as passage money on his making a complete record of the Survey on which he had been engaged, (then still unfinished,) and on his delivering to the District Engineer all the original papers connected with that work.

3. On the 27th November 1858 Mr. Taylor reported that he had delivered his Survey of the Coringa Harbour at the Chief Engineer's Office, and after expressing contrition for his past conduct, begged that he might be permitted to withdraw his resignation of the service of Government. The Officiating Chief Engineer on his part reported that the Survey so delivered was incomplete, as it did not include the Bay, and had neither names nor references entered in it, but that Mr. Taylor had offered to complete it if required.

4. Colonel Faber, the Chief Engineer, was requested to report on Mr. Taylor's letter, and to state the time the Survey had occupied, its cost as calculated at Mr. Taylor's salary during the period he was engaged upon it, and whether the result was at all commensurate with that cost. These requisitions were answered in the Chief Engineer's letter of the 12th January 1859, No. 6962, recorded in our Consultation of the 18th Idem Nos. 129-130, which formed a part of the correspondence forwarded with para. 19 of our letter in this Department to your Lordship's address dated 3rd February 1859 No. 1. It will be seen from our Proceedings that after a careful consideration of the case we were not disposed to enter into further engagements with Mr. Taylor either for the completion of the imperfect Survey or for other objects; but that in consideration of the time alleged by Colonel Faber to have been bestowed by Mr. Taylor on the plotting of the Survey after he had ceased to draw salary, we in accordance with Colonel Faber's recommendation, granted to Mr. Taylor, in lieu of the 1,500 Rupees passage money promised conditionally on the 8th September 1857, half salary at the rate of Rupees 3,000 a year for seventeen months or from 1st September 1857 to 31st January 1859.

5. We now submit for your Lordship's information two further communications connected with Mr. Taylor's proceedings. On the 19th January 1859, Pro. 25th January 1859, Nos. 46-47. or a day after the last mentioned order, Mr. Taylor begged that " 17th May " " 66-67. he might be allowed to take his Field Books, and Surveys of the Coringa Harbour for the purpose of making plain copies of the same at Cocanada, his object being, as he said, " to have some evidence in his possession of the arduous character of the work he had been engaged upon as a recommendation to some future appointment." Mr. Taylor was willing to deposit one thousand Rupees as security for the safe delivery of the Field Books and Plans to the District Engineer on or before the 1st March 1859, provided they were confided to his care on the day following (20th January) to enable him to proceed to Cocanada in the "Australia" Steamer. The Chief Engineer recommended compliance with the request without the deposit being taken, and we acceded to these terms.

6. The Chief Engineer has since submitted a letter from the District Engineer, giving cover to one from Mr. Taylor in reply to an application he had made to that gentleman for the adjustment of a sum of Rupees 323 of cash balance in the last account rendered by him. Mr. Taylor maintains that he has a large claim on the Government; and that for self protection and as proof of that claim, it is incumbent on him to retain as a lien the Survey of the Coringa Harbour. He therefore declares his resolution not to give up the Field Books and Plans of his Survey. As advised by our Chief Engineer we have directed the cash balance due by Mr. Taylor to be written off to Profit and Loss; and adverting to the opinion expressed by Colonel Bell regarding the records of the Survey withheld by Mr. Taylor we have deemed it inexpedient to take any measures for their recovery.

Fort Saint George, }
7th June 1859. }

We have the honor to be,
MY LORD,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India,
Dated June,
No. of 1859.

Regarding the conduct of Mr. George Taylor Cove-
nanted Civil Engineer in connection with the records
of the Survey of the Coringa Harbour.

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The United States

No 16 of 1859

To The Right Honorable Lord Stanley
Secretary of State for India

My Lord,

The Letters noted

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27 April 1855. No 19.
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P. W. do to do 21 Oct 1856 - 1107 - Rev. have informed your
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services being continued
in ~~that department~~ with
advantage to himself and
to his employers he tendered
his services for the Revenue
Survey. The Government
in their resolution of the
8th

* Con: 8th Sept^r 1857 No 70-71. in
correspondence forwarded
with letter 21st Dec^r 1857 No 24
para 7.

8th September 1857 declined
to recall the acceptance of
Mr. Taylor's resignation,
but in consideration of
what he had set forth
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they expressed their willing-
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To: 25th Jan'y 1859 Rs. 45. 47
17th May — — — 86-67

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field books and Plans

of his survey.

JA

Fort St. George
7th June 1859.

RWD

June 16

Letter to the Right
Honorable the Secretary
of State for India.

Dated 7th June 1857

Orig. J. J. M. Candia
Dup. J. J. M. Candia

Exp. J. J. M. Candia

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Regarding the conduct
of Mr. George Saylor,
Contracted Civil Engineer
in connection with the
records of the survey of
the Oringa Harbour.

24 Nov 1857 1036 79.10

Copy to the Secy of India
7th June 1857 J. J. M. Candia
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