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No. 51. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 23rd February 1859, No. 8119.

SIR,

In obedience to the orders of Government, para. 3, of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 413, dated 19th February, I have the honor to submit, in original, the letter from Mr. H. B. Saunders, Vakeel of certain Merassidars of Shadiencoopum, to which No. 6979, of the 12th January, also herewith transmitted in original, formed my reply.

Original letters (to be returned.)

2. The circumstances under which Major Birdwood addressed me officially on the 11th January, requesting leave of absence from Office, until 1 P. M. of the following day, are as follows:

The Superintending Engineer arrived in Madras on Saturday evening the 8th January, and on the Monday following applied personally to me for three days leave, in order to prepare the Report which it afterwards appeared, Lieutenant-Colonel Lawford had directed to be sent to the Central Office, before returning to Madras. My own permission was readily granted, but of course, in the implied understanding that he should not make his return generally known, until such Home labour had been duly completed.

3. I became aware, however, that his appearance in public had rendered his being at Madras, a matter of general notoriety, and I considered it necessary, therefore, to request him to give his attendance at the Office, from the usual hour on the day following, namely, Wednesday, 12th January.

4. Major Birdwood having previous to the receipt of such Memo., intimated to the A. D. C., his intention of waiting on His Lordship the Governor, at the Public Breakfast of the 12th Instant, addressed me for leave of absence until 1 P. M. of that day, in a formal Official letter, but on no requistion on my own part, the Memo. addressed to him by the Assistant, Captain Blagrave, being demi-official, and having reference solely to the necessity for attendance to perform the usual duties of his Office, since his appearance in public, I conceive left me no alternative, but to revoke the leave of absence granted for writing the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Report, which I had been ignorant Major Birdwood had been previously ordered to complete and to despatch before setting out on return.

5. I imagine that the real cause of the Superintending Engineer, using an official form which he had never done before, or has done since, was the accidental circumstance of his previous engagement at Guindy-Park, interfering with his attendance at the usual hour of the Office opening, as mentioned by the Assistant.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 501; dated 4th March 1859.

Ordered to be recorded, and the enclosures to be returned.

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

Central Office of W.C.
Fort Saint George
23rd February 1859.

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No. 8119

From

The Chief Engineer—

To

The Secretary
to Government Pt. W.—

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Central Office 23d
Fort Saint George
23d February 1859

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H. E. Saxton Colonel
Chief Engineer

Cons. 25 February /59. Pt. 48.

P.W. 1859 Department
Fortifications & Defences
No. 437.

From.
The Chief Engineer
To.
The Secretary to Govt.

Dated 25 } C.M.D.
Received 24 } February /59.

Inc. 2
No. 501. 4th March 1859. Rated

Forwards as directed certain papers connected with the claims urged by the Meerassidars of Madurantacum and affords explanation as to the reason why Major Birdwood addressed the Chief Engineer officially for leave until 10 Oclock on the 11th January

No. 501.

Ordered to be recorded, and the enclosures to be returned.

Fort St. George
4th March 1859

10 Copies to the Chief Engr. Date 5th with 2 Encls.

No. 57 & 52.

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