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No. 77. Read the following letter from J. H. DOPPING, Esq., Civil Engineer; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Arcot, 12th April 1859.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter dated 19th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I received a few days ago a printed copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 811, dated 5th April 1859, from which I am happy to see that my supersession has been put upon grounds totally different to those which I first supposed.

2. I say I am happy to see it in as much as I feel confident an impartial enquiry into them, will show that there is not the slightest shadow of truth in them.

3. I trust you will therefore do me the favor of laying the following facts before his Excellency the Governor and the Members of Council, with my most respectful request, that they will excuse the unusual course adopted by me and make allowances for my present position, being without any Establishment and under Orders for Cuddaph, while at the same time only recovering from a severe illness.

4. I am perfectly prepared to state, on honor, that there is not a *fraction* of truth in the report which has been made (by Mr. Peachey, I must suppose) and referred to in para. 12.

5. I have never listened to secret reports, much less made a "practice" of doing so, and I would intreat of Government, to call on Mr. Peachey, to give a single instance of any thing like it.

6. I would here mention that, with regard to the Palavakum Calingulah, Ramanjooloo, supervisor who had lately been placed in charge of that Division OFFICIALLY reported the matter, and I am confident Government will agree with me, that it was my duty to investigate the case, and that Ramanjooloo would have acted very wrongly indeed, if he had not reported the fact.

7. Government were pleased to attribute the failure of the Department, in this District, to this supposed cause but, I would respectfully remind them that, the failure had reached the climax, before I took charge, and I am confident my successor found matters in a very far more regular and satisfactory state, than I *did*, when I took up the appointment.

8. The great cause of confusion, which is alluded to in para. 19, I had entirely removed, and a new form of Progress report, which only contained bonâ fide facts, had been introduced by me and had received the full approval of the Chief Engineer.

9. I would intreat of you to be good enough to request his Excellency the Governor, call upon my accuser for instances, in which I have proved myself "destitute," of any one of the qualifications alluded to in para. 24, as I feel convinced, though I say it who should not, that an enquiry will show the facts *reversed*.

10. I can safely assert, that though I have been frequently and sorely tried, I have never in one single instance lost my temper with any of my Subordinates.

11. I should think 5 years of study, at Civil Engineering under Mr. Roberts, the most efficient District Engineer of the Irish Board of Works, would have been sufficient to qualify me in "business habits," independent of the 4 years I have had in this Country.

12. I trust I may also be excused for alluding to the remarks, referring to Ramanjooloo Pillay, but I feel any imputation on his character, is really an imputation on mine, as I have so often recommended him for promotion.

13. I can say with the most implicit confidence and truth, that his conduct has been always *most* upright, and that there is *not a single* relation or *connection* of his employed in this District.

14. In the first place, he has no relation qualified for employment; and in the 2nd, I should *never* have allowed it.

J. H. Dopping

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

15. In conclusion, I beg to enclose a copy of an Address which was presented to me when leaving Ireland, from a perusal of which, I hope his Excellency will see, that my former Associates, who had the best opportunity of judging, had not formed an unfavorable opinion of my character.

Address to JAMES HENRY DOPPING, Esq., Civil Engineer, on his leaving Galway for India.

It is with feelings of deep regret, mingled however with pleasure, at the prospects of advancement now open to you, that we have met to present you with this Address, on your departure from Galway to enter upon a professional career in India. During your connection with us, extending over a period of upwards of five years, we have ever found you a warm and sincere friend, most truly kind and obliging, always ready and anxious to impart information and thus render yourself useful to those, in whose service you were engaged, and an advantage to those who were engaged with you in that service. We feel convinced that you have attained a knowledge of your profession, both in its theory and practice, which will ensure your rapid advancement, and render your service an acquisition to your employers, while your honorable and gentlemanlike conduct must ensure you the respect and good opinion of all, with whom you may be connected.

You carry with you our sincere regard and friendship, and we do trust and pray that your talents, your upright conduct, and kind disposition, will ensure you the same feelings and respect from your future Associates, that they have gained from us, and that you will obtain that rapid promotion in your profession which we have no doubt you will merit.

(Signed) Samuel A. Roberts, M. J., C. E.
(") Daniel J. McCarthy, C. E.
(") Emanuel Roberts, C. E.
(") Frederick Sandys, C. E.
(") John D. D'arcy, C. E.
(") William H. Price, A. B. Assoc. Inst., C. E.
(") James J. Boylan, C. E.
(") Frederick Stewart.
(") Richard Langrishe.
(") Wybrants G. Olpherts.

Office of Public Works, Galway, 6th February 1855.

No. 78.

ORDER THEREON, No. 968; dated 27th April 1859.

The Governor in Council sees no reason to re-open the question of Mr. Dopping's management of the North Arcot District.

2. His present letter ought not to have been addressed to Government direct, but should have been submitted through his constituted superiors.

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

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Office of Public Works, Galway
16th February 1855.

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North Street
Civil Engineer's Office

Camp Street, 12th April 1859

Frank J. W. Dappling Esq.
Civil Engineer.

J. J. Pierpont Esq.
Chief Secretary to Govt.

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19th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform that I received
a few days ago a printed copy of an Contract from the
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Worth Breton Sir

Civil Engineer's Office
Ranupett 12th April 1854

J. W. Breton
Civil Engineer

To
J. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

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