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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 1st to 10th June 1859.

Read the following papers.

No. 191. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 27th May 1859, No. 927.

I yesterday received, under a demi-official cover from Captain Fisher, District Engineer of Bellary, an appeal from Captain Syme who was lately removed from his acting appointment in the Department of Public Works.

2. I regret to say that these papers have been mislaid, and that I cannot, after losing much time in searching, lay hands on them, I therefore think it only just to Captain Syme to submit his case for consideration in the same manner as I should do his own appeal.

3. The purport of his letter was to shew that he had been first employed in the Department on the 19th June 1854, that he was made a 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer and, subsequently in the new Department an Assistant Engineer, but was removed on the reduction of the Establishment in 1857, that he was employed in Vizagapatam, Ganjam and Cuddapah, and obtained the favorable opinion of his superior Officers, and that when reinstated in the Department he continued to give satisfaction.

4. He appeals in support of his statement to Major Birdwood, who informs me that he was a very hard working and useful Officer with an excellent knowledge of Telugu. Captain Fisher has also a very high opinion of this Officer, and I have not heard a word from any one against him, while the only fault of his that I am aware of is the indiscretion with regard to the contract for the Nursapatam Barracks reported in my letter of the 18th Instant No. 613.

5. I therefore request that the Government will be so good as to reconsider the case of Captain Syme agreeably to his request. I have written for a copy of his appeal.

No. 192. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 28th May 1859, No. 1000.

Copy of letter from Captain Syme, dated 17th May 1859.

With reference to my letter No. 927 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward a copy of Captain Syme's communication which I have since found, and now submit for the favorable consideration and orders of Government.

2. The original has been returned to the District Engineer agreeably to his request.

No. 193. Memorandum from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 9th June 1859, No. 1438.

Captain Syme whom it has been determined to restore to the Department is recommended to be appointed as Acting Assistant Civil Engineer vice Mr. A. Lawford.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1859, No. 1423.

Under the favorable testimony borne by Major Birdwood and Captain Fisher to Captain Syme's usefulness in the Public Works Department, the Governor in Council resolves to re-admit him to the Department of Public Works; and he is accordingly pleased to appoint him to act as Assistant Engineer vice Mr. A. Lawford.

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

No. 1927

Public Works Office
Fort James Road
27th May 1859.

To
The Chief Engineer

&c &c &c

The Secretary
to Government

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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
27th May 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. H. Hall Lieut.t Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
Lt. Gen.l Gray

From
Captain M. Synnes
Executing Exec: Engr: Bellary District

To
Captain E. J. Fisher
District Engineer Bellary.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring before you the enclosed memorial from Lieut: Colonel Hall, Executive Engineer Bellary Division, requesting that the services of Lieutenant Birdwood may be retained in the Department, or that he may be recommended for re-appointment.

2. I am directed to state that the Commissioners were unwilling to recommend Lieutenant Birdwood for re-appointment, but that they would be glad to receive any observations you may have to offer on the subject.

Lieutenant Birdwood was appointed to the Department in 1854 under the Superintendence of Captain Fisher, and was employed on the Survey of Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1857, and was removed from the Department by the Commissioners in consequence of the unfavorable report of Captain Fisher, and was appointed to the Survey of Bellary under Major Birdwood. He was promoted to Captain in May 1858, and was appointed Executive Engr: of Bellary District in March 1859, which appointment he now holds.

Lieutenant Birdwood was one of the Supernumeraries who were omitted when the acting Appointments were revised - but I cannot resist the favorable testimony of Major Birdwood and Captain Fisher supported by other incidental evidence, and I recommend that he should be reinstated in the Department.

Executive Engineer
30 May 59

W.M. H.

(P.W.D.) 1859 Department
Consn 10th June.
No 1370.

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Dated 27th May 1859.
Received 2nd June
No 921.

Reporting on the subject of an appeal from Captain Symes who was lately removed from his acting appointment in the P.W.D.

Captain Symes was one of Two
Lieuts 23. 10th June.

No 191.

entertained by me and new forms of accounts
&c carried out in that period. The Chief Engr
had no land to find, Lieutenant Perkins was
was posted as District Engineer joined and
the Mutineers in Bengal broke out; I was ex
ordered to join my Regiment when the reduction
in the Department took place.

3. When I arrived at Madras my ex
services not being required, I was put back into
the Department by Lord Harris on the 25th Oct
1857 and sent to Madras under Captain Generl
and had charge of four Talooks, the repairs to
the Irrigation works estimated for and su
leaving, being ordered to the Bellary District
the District Engineer, Captain Generly expressed
himself much pleased with the way I had worked.

4 I joined the Bellary District in Nov
1857 under Captain Prother and have had charge
of the Pengondah and forty Ranges since
and some part of the time of the Adoney Range.
Captain Prother in the last Annual report; re:
ported of me favorably and recommended me
for promotion, and since that time Captain Prother
has always been much satisfied with the way
I carried on my duties, which were very heavy
having so many irrigation works to Estimate
for and prepare.

5 The amount of prepairs for the
Pengondah

Pengondah Range carried out this year
were 6,121. 3. 2 and in the Gooty Range 4,102 2 ...
and all the other works that require prepairs
have been Estimated for.

6. The extent of my charge is 5779 ...
square Miles, in consequence had to march
nearly every day as each work was a days march
from one another, which made the duty so hard,
and I being anxious about the works and wishing
to have every irrigation work in thorough prepair
so as no more loss should occur to Government
from Tanks breaching &c, I worked hard in
consequence and was looking forward to the
day when I should be permitted permanently
into the Department; during this time I have
only been drawing half allowance of my grade
which has not covered my expences. Having
to keep all my carriage on monthly from the
wear of Tents and Cattle being very great moving
as I did nearly daily.

7. I have nowhere mentioned the period and
where employed in this letter for was I to enumerate
the large works I have had charge of it would
take up much paper and time but I trust that
should the Government reconsider my case as I am
not aware what I have been turned out that the
Character I have received from the different Of
ficers I have served under may be mentioned to
Government by the Chief Engineer.

Captain

Captain Frazer gave me the Jeroomanee Project to work out and the Hindoospore one also. These works are nearly completed and I was anxious to finish them having Travelled and made myself acquainted with the country where the Channels are to run these and several other works of great benefit to Government I intended for warding and finish as I had nearly completed them after great labor, consequently I feel deeply my removal, and I sincerely hope that Government will reconsider my case after my hard work and reinstate me in the Department.

Exe: Engr Office
Camp Jengondah
17th May 1859

I have the honor to be &c
/signed/ R. Syme Capt.
Actg Exe: Engr 4th Class 73.2.

/True Copy/
J. Bell Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

Bolotoo

Central Office P.W.

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.

Sir.

With reference to my letter No 1237 of yesterdays date, I have the honor to forward a Copy of Captain Lynes communication which I have since found and now submit for the favorable consideration and orders of Government.

The original has been returned to the District Engineer agreeably to his request.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedt.
H. Kell Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
28th May 1859

Encl. (Rec.)
Copy of letter from Captain Lynes dated 17 May 59

Ex. Mem.

Chief Engineer
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, a Copy of a letter from Captain Lynes, Executive Engineer, Bellary, dated 17th Instant, requesting for the consideration of Government the claims of the Native Overseers employed on the Public Works in the Bellary District.

Bellary
18th May 1859

Executive Engineer

Received 23rd May 1859

Public Department

Copy of letter from Executive Engineer Bellary dated 18th May 1859 requesting for the consideration of Government the claims of the Native Overseers employed on the Public Works in the Bellary District.

Ex. Mem.

№438.

Memorandum

Captain Payne whom it has been determined to restore to the Department is recommended to be appointed as Acting Assistant Civil Engineer vice Mr A Langford.

J. H. Dell Lt Colonel
Chief Engineer

Tuchal Office 7th
Fort Canal Range
9 June 1837

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Civil Engineer's Office
Sydney 9th June 1837
No 1385

Public Works Department
Sydney 9th June 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from Captain Payne addressed to this office, requesting to be restored to the Department of Public Works, and to be appointed Acting Assistant Civil Engineer vice Mr A Langford.

I have the honor &c.

Colonel J. H. Dell
Chief Engineer

The Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c

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Public Works Department

No. 1423.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 10th June 1859.

Read the following Papers

From the Chief Engineer

(More under 27th 28th May 1859 & 29th Nos.)

Memo
From the Chief Engineer

(— Do — 9th June 1859 No. 1438)

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act as Assistant Engineer pro
tem. at Mr. Crawford.

To Copies to the Chief Engr. Dept. 13th

Public Works Dept.
Consn. No. 1515.
10th June.

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Letter
from the Chief Engineer
dated 27th May 1859
No. 1428

Memo
from the Chief Engineer
dated 28th May 1859
No. 1438

Extract Minute of Council
Public Department
dated 9th June 1859

Captain Symes' usefulness as an Assistant
Public Works Department
testimonials which he has
Extract Minute of Council
to be appointed an Assistant
Engineer pro tem.

Mr. C. P. Crawford

No. 1423, 10th June 59

Public Works 1859 Dept.
Cons 10th June.
No 1423.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dated 10th June 1859.

Captain Lyme for
his usefulness to the
Department Public
Works readmitted into
it and appointed to act
as Assistant Engineer
Vice Mr. A. Lawford.

Applt at 19h.