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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 89. Read the following letter from JAMES H. DOPPING, Esq, late District Engineer North Arcot ; to T. PYCROFT, Esquire, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Raneepett, 19th March 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose some Extracts from the Records, &c., of my office, and shall feel much obliged by your laying them before the Right Honorable the President and Members of Council, with my respectful request that they will obligingly peruse them and kindly cancel the paragraph in the Gazette of the 15th Instant, which has appointed Captain Prendergast " District Engineer of North Arcot."

2. In addition to my claims in point of merit, which will I trust, become apparent, from a perusal of the documents enclosed, I should mention that since my arrival in this country, I have never failed in my exertions to carry out any works which have been entrusted to me.

3. While I was in charge of the Paular Annicut Project and only a short time after I had been told by the *then* District Engineer that " I had too much work to perform," I was obliged to take over charge of the 3rd and 4th Divisions within one week of each other *and in addition to the Paular* Project, on the departure of Captains Taylor and Barber in July 1857.

4. Since that period and until *some months after* I had assumed charge of the *District*, I retained the personal charge of these separate Divisions.

5. Besides all the above, I was compelled to retain personal charge of the late Lieutenant Boyd's Division, until Lieutenant Clay arrived, and on the suspension of Messrs. Bush and Dick, I was obliged to look after their works also.

6. From what I have jnst mentioned it will appear that during the 13 months, in which I have been in actual charge of the District, *as District Engineer*, I have also had charge of *each Division* and to perform the duties of *Executive Engineer*.

7. When I took charge of this District I found all the Accounts in a mass of confusion, and until my health failed me, I endeavoured in every way to adjust them, and as I believe, the Commission appointed to investigate the Accounts is aware, had almost all the difficulties settled, which my authority, as District Engineer, enabled me to have.

8. During the first 8 months of my time as District Engineer, I had three separate, and serious attacks of illness, entirely brought on from the hard-work which I had at the Accounts, and as I have now introduced such system into my office as to render every thing clear and regular, it is the more unfortunate for me to have to vacate it for another.

9. It has been hinted that my supercession has been partly caused by the refusal on my part to apologize to Lieutenant Clay for my insinuation regarding the authorship of the anonymous letter.

10. This, however, I suppose cannot be the case, as Government were pleased to reject Colonel Lawford's recommendation and the loss of one of the letters in the Central Office has delayed any further reference to that subject.

11. In the enclosed copy of a letter from Colonel Faber* allusion is made to the excess of Rupees 5,000 in an Estimate for the Vellore Bridge of 1,11,073 as being the cause of my misfortune, but from Statements furnished by me last week to the Central Office and copies of which¶ are enclosed, an excess of only 2,848 on the work Estimated for by me is shown, and considering this work had been commenced 4 *years ago* and that more work has been done this year, since I took charge than in the 3 years previous. I cannot suppose Government would lay the blame on me for this small excess and thus supersede me.

* Marked C.

¶ Marked A and B.

12. I would beg respectfully to direct attention to the number§ of Acting Appointments which have been made since I was nominated Acting District Engineer and to the fact of Captain Prendergast's name having never been mentioned in the Department of Public Works, thereby rendering my supercession the more remarkable.

§ Fort Saint George Gazette, 9th February 1858, Mr. Dopping, C. E., vice Lieut. Gahagan.
25th March 1858, Mr. William Fraser, C. E., vice Lieut. Mullins.
27th April 1858, Capt. Harrington, 2nd E. L. I., vice Lieut. Blagrave.
11th May 1858, Lieutenant Hunter, vice Lieutenant Goddard.
9th July 1858, Lieutenant Moberly, vice Scott.
27th July 1858, Lieutenant Ryves, vice Lieutenant Scott.
7th September 1858, Captain Campbell, Special Executive Engineer.
28th December 1858, Lieutenant Layne 12th N. I., vice Scott.

13. I may mention that I feel confident no District Engineer ever knew as much of his District as I do of this; having now been nearly 4 years in it and numerous Projects (amongst which may be included the supply of water to Madras) which I have had for a long time on my mind, and could not mature from want of time and assistance, will now fall to the ground, and as far as the Paular Annicut Project I believe, there is no person who knows any thing about it but myself, and in fact the other Officers have been so short a time in the District as not yet to know their own portions.

14. I had fondly hoped that I should have had an opportunity of completing the Paular Annicut Project myself, as it was a work in which I had taken the very greatest interest ever since I came to the country.

15. I should in justice to myself draw the attention of Government to the very bad discription of my Subordinates and to the fact that since I took charge my difficulties have been very much increased, indeed, by the additional ones sent to me from other Districts, for instance.

16. Mr. Kemp arrived with a very bad character indeed, and was afterwards allowed to resign his appointment having been reported for insubordination by Captain Watts.

17. Mr. Anderson came to me with a threat of degradation standing over him.

18. Cundasawmy Sub-Overseer was transferred from the Western Coast with a recommendation that he should be pensioned as being too old for the Department, beside he also had been reported by Captain Bean for insubordination.

19. Appasawmy had been degraded from the rank of Assistant Supervisor to that of assistant Overseer, and then ordered to join North Arcot from the Kistna Division.

20. Sub-Engineer Chelembrum of the Bellary District, though absent on Sick Certificate was ordered to do duty in North Arcot while his Establishment remained in Bellary.

21. Mr. Ward lately arrived has been sent here on Medical Certificate.

22. Sub-Overseers Haldwell and Maurieppen came here from School and from their want of experience in the Department Public Works, could not be expected to have been of much use and as soon as Mr. Haldwell had learned his business to a certain extent, he was transferred to Salem.

23. I cannot avoid on this occasion remarking the amount of extra work which has been imposed on me by the very numerous transfers and changes of my Subordinates, more especially when their places had been supplied by such indifferent hands.

24. Out of the few months during which Mr. Horgan remained in this District he had been 43 days on the Sick list.

25. Lieutenant Clay has had Fever too since he came to the District and both Mr. Howard and Mr. Lee were compelled to go away on Sick Certificate.

26. Mr. Biggers, Civil Engineer, who has lately been sent here as a "temporary arrangement" cannot be expected to take quite so much interest in his charge as if he had been permanently appointed to the District.

27. I should in conclusion mention that I forwarded my application to the Chief Engineer as Head of my Department, but having been informed by that Gentleman that I should apply through the Military Secretary and having done so, Captain Roberts told me the proper course to persue is what I have now done.

28. I trust therefore that it may not be considered that I have broken through the rules of official etiquette in thus making this request, more especially as my professional Character as a Civil Engineer will be materially injured if this supercession is not removed.

Extract from a letter from the Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, No. 553, dated 22nd May 1858.

(VELLORE BRIDGE.)

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Para. 5. "Copy of the District Engineer's letter* is herewith submitted, and I conceive that I must bespeak some indulgent consideration towards Mr. Dopping, newly in charge of an important District at a very busy period of the year when the strength of its Professional Staff has invariably been reduced, far below the standard recongnized as necessary and approved by this Government† numerous other requisitions have been made on the Officiating District Engineer, and if it be admitted that he has been blameably tardy in supplying the papers which I called for so long ago as on the 5th March 1858, it on the other hand is to be remembered that, the actual Executive operations have been meanwhile carried on with great vigour and activity. For of this fine and important work the Paular Bridge, twenty-one (21) arches are already uncentered, three more arches are keyed, three more centerings are put up, and the arches are about to be commenced, whilst the Skew backs are built in for three more, making 30 out of 42 arches more or less advanced towards completion."

* No. 2546 (30th April 1858.)

† E. M. C. No 165 dated 22nd Jan. 1857, about Executive ranges.

Extract from a letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer D. P. W., Fort Saint George, No. 271, dated 2nd March 1858.

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Para. 2. "Mr. Dopping also placed in my hands the accompanying report by Lieutenant Clay, and a statement of the financial condition of the work, but the Executive Subordinate who has been employed on it from the commencement (Supervisor W. Howard) being seriously ill from coup de soleil, could not afford me the great advantage of hearing a practical history of the early operations, nor could I find any intelligent Native acquainted with them."

Extract from the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 427, under date the 11th March 1858.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Reports for approval that at the request of the Acting District Engineer of North Arcot, he has directed the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Centre Circle of Public Works to proceed to Vellore on the 26th Instant in order to give Mr. Dopping instructions respecting the prosecution of the Bridge over the river Paular, after a personal inspection of that important work. } (Here enter 24th February 1858, No. 7626.)

The Government approve of the Chief Engineer having instructed Major Lawford to proceed to Vellore with the view of giving Mr. Dopping such instructions respecting the further prosecution of the new Bridge across the Paular, as may be found necessary, after a careful examination of the work.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Voting Secretary to Government.

CALINGULAH DAM STONES.

Extract from a letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, in charge of Centre Circle; to Lieutenant J. O. MAYNE, Acting District Engineer, North Arcot, No. 7196, dated 4th February 1858.

1. "With reference to the general observations of the Covenanted Civil Engineer, Mr. Dopping, for the month of December last, I am desired to acquaint you, that the Chief Engineer concurs with me, in attaching much weight to the practical suggestions of that gentleman, as regards the future disuse of Dam Stones in all Tank Calingulahs.

2. Pending the issue therefore of any general rules on the subject of so wide a reform, as involved in the removal of all existing, and the omission of all future Dam Stones, in all masonry escapes, with a greater gorge than 20 yards, I am instructed to request, that you will keep the views of Mr. Dopping in recollection, and carry them into practical effect throughout your District, during the operations of the present season, to such extent as circumstances may admit, beginning at once with the reform of the escapes built by Captain Collyer in the Aryantangle of the Arcot Talook, and also of the large Calingulahs of the Cauverypauk Tank, establishing however open under sluices with cross stones for planks or balks, from 3 to 4 feet broad whenever practicable."

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE IRRIGATIONS.

No. 323.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th February 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

Submits with his opinion the Diary of Mr. Dopping for December 1857, and a letter from Major Lawford offering observation, on the subject of the evils resulting from the existence of Dam Stones in Calingulah. } (Here enter 4th February 1858, No. 7195.)

The Government cannot give the general sanction asked for by the Chief Engineer in the foregoing proceedings, but will allow the experiment to be tried in North Arcot, and its effect on the cultivation, and in reducing the number of Tanks that breach will be reported.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, No. 7768, dated 3rd March 1858.

PALAUR ANNICUT.

Read the following.

No. 270.

From Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, D. P. W.

SIR,

In accordance with your instructions of the 23rd Ultimo, I inspected the Paular Annicut and the adjoining Works on the 27th Ultimo, accompanied by Mr. Dopping, Acting District Engineer, North Arçot, and have the honor to submit my report, and a statement of expenditure.

2. The Annicut itself has long been complete, but the Sluices are not quite finished, and this part of the work is undeniably good and strong.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) J. H. DOPPING, Civil Engineer,
Late Dist. Engineer, North Arcot.

Extract from Records received previous to 11th February 1858.

Extract from a letter from Major J. H. BELL, Deputy Chief Engineer; to J. H. DOPPING, Esq., Civil Engineer, No. 394, dated 23rd August 1855.

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3. "With such a certificate in his possession the Chief Engineer entertains little doubt that his recommendation of your claims would be successful; and his own opinions and wishes are entirely in your favour from all that he has heard in an unofficial manner of your professional ability and deligence, and of your courtesy of demeanour towards all classes."

Extract from a letter from Lieutenant A. S. MOBERLY, Officiating Civil Engineer, 4th Division; to J. H. DOPPING, Esq., dated Madras, 29th August 1855.

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"I must further add that on the several occasions that I have been obliged to leave the Paular Annicut in order to visit the other Works in the District, I have always felt that I could not have left it in better hands or with a more hard working, pains taking person than yourself."

Extract from a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, in the Department Public Works; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, No. 664, dated 4th September 1855.

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3. Mr. Dopping's testimonials with the single exception of Mr. Fraser's, are fully equal, if not indeed superior to those of any of the other gentlemen lately arrived in this country, on the superior salary which he trusts may be now granted to him. In addition to this the testimonial given him by the acting Civil Engineer of the Division, Lieutenant Moberly, testifies not only to his ability, but to his readiness in giving professional advice and to his zeal and judgment in carrying on the extensive and important work with which, during his own absence, Mr. Dopping has on several occasions been entrusted.

4. I trust that the Government will take Mr. Dopping's case into their favorable consideration and recommend an early grant of the increased salary which he now respectfully solicits, so as to place him on an equality with others, an indulgence which not only his abilities warrant my advocating, but which his professional experience seems to me to fairly entitle him to, and in the pleasing duty of endeavouring to rectify the exceptional position in regard to salary which Mr. Dopping appears accidentally to hold. I cannot omit to request the attention of Government to the marked courtesy and gentlemenlike demeanour which have been conspicuous in all the several relations, whether social or official, that the applicant has had occasion to form with the various Officers and Subordinates of the Department Public Works who alike regard him with consideration and esteem.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 544.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th September 1855.

Read the following letter.

From Lieutenant-Colonel FABER, Chief Engineer, in the Department of Public Works.

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Para. 3. "The Governor in Council is gratified to receive the strong testimony placed before him as to Mr. Dopping's ability, activity and zealous service; but he regrets that it is out of his power to accede to the Chief Engineer's recommendation. But though the Governor in Council has no power in the absence of instructions from the Honorable Court to augment Mr. Dopping's salary, he resolves to forward the present correspondence for their consideration and orders."

(A true Extract.)

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

Extract from Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 18th September 1855,

No. 549.

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"The Governor in Council has read with gratification the Diary of Mr. Dopping's Proceedings at the Paular Annicut submitted with the above letter. It evinces not only his aptitude and ability, but also the interest he takes in the progress of the work entrusted to him."

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

Extract from the Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department Public Works, under date the 1st October 1855, No. 1128.

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Resolved that the Civil Engineer, 4th Division, be requested to tender the thanks of the Chief Engineer to J. H. Dopping, Esq., for the explanation furnished in the foregoing communication."

(Signed) E. LAWFORD Major,
Deputy Chief Engineer.

Extract from the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th December 1855.

Read the following letter.

No. 2571.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to W. MUIR, Esq., Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces, dated 23rd November 1855.

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4. "Such Officers should be employed in separate charges when they are required, and when they are found properly qualified to be so.

5. The President in Council considers that separate charges employment hereafter as Executive Engineer's and even higher Officers, should be open to this Class of Engineers, if

their ability, acquirements and character, should be found to qualify them for such advancement. Should they be entrusted with the disbursement of Public money, His Honor in Council thinks, no other security should be required than that of their public and personal character. A proposal to exempt all Commissioned Officers in the Public Works Department from the necessity of furnishing pecuniary security will shortly come under the consideration of Government."

Extract from the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th March 1857,

No. 463.

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Extract from the Minutes by the Right Honorable the President, dated 24th January 1857.

Para. 11. From Arcot I visited the Works on the Paular Annicut.

12. The Freshees had for the time prevented any progress, but the masonry of the wier was nearly complete, quite sufficiently to shew the vast benefit which it will afford to the country for miles; there are two large Channels on either side of the river, into which the water is diverted by means of the wier.

13. At the period of my visit, the Channels on the left bank were pouring a large supply of water into the neighbouring Tanks, and those on the right bank were, I was informed, performing a similar grateful work.

14. The benefit which will be derived from this fine structure involves the additional irrigation of 65,000 acres of land.

15. The Bridge to be constructed over it will be nearly a mile in length.

16. Here was pointed out to me by Captain Johnston, the District Engineer, one of those facts, which are not infrequent in this country, which appear anomalies to the English mind, until the circumstances of India and of its inhabitants are fully comprehended.

17. Mr. Dopping the able Engineer in charge of the works, had been making a course of trials with bricks made by machine and by hand.

18. He had endeavoured in every way to make a fair trial, and the result unquestionably appeared to be, that the bricks made by hand were far superior and cost two-thirds less.

Southern Channels.

No. 6268.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, under date the 4th September 1856.

Read Diary of General Observations of the District Engineer of North Arcot, for the month of July 1856.

Resolved to inform Captain Johnston that the Chief Engineer notices with much satisfaction the progress of the Southern Channels from the Paular Annicut, and desires that his satisfaction may be made known to Mr. Dopping, whose exertions have been so favorably spoken of.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. LAWFORD,
Superintending Engineer Southern Circle.

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MADRAS, Wednesday, 16th March 1859.

MY DEAR DOPPING,

Last night's Gazette will at last have put your long and painful suspence to an end, your successor I have instructed to proceed to Arcot to-day, but as Captain Prendergast, late Garison Engineer, acting for Rawlins, is a married man, and has been taken by surprize, it perhaps is hardly on the cords that he shall carry out my instructions.

Signature of Captains Taylor and Barker

In reverting to your old post of Executive Engineer, 3rd Class, let me earnestly press on you a final and correct exposition of the accounts of the Paular Bridge, your confirmation as District Engineer became quite hopeless when Lawford represented that after all injunction, from both the Government of India and this Government and even your own assurance of the finality of the last Supplementary Estimate, you are still in want of Rupees 5,000 to complete the parapets and flooring, in the face of this failure your appointment of District Engineer of North Arcot, would have been as a premium on disobedience of orders and want of an enforced economy I myself lost all my power of recommending you should be confirmed, from the moment I was made aware you had got us all into such a frightful scrape and which cannot fail to draw down upon us the severest displeasure of the Government of India. I can only add most heartily better luck next time and it will be a sincere pleasure to contribute to your promotion hereafter, should you put it in my power to give such support to your nomination as the Head of the Central Office can give.

As a sincere well wisher I will only add that whether truly or mistakenly the idea seems to prevail that you do not get on well with your Subordinates.

I was severely censured by Government yesterday for not having enforced para. 5 of Notification No. 2 of 23rd June 1857, please to refer to it and qualify in the Vernacular as soon as you can, with the assurance of my cordial sympathy in any disappointment you may have felt, believe me sincerely yours.

(Signed) E. FABER,

P. S. I feel sure that any request for your cordial co-operation with and assistance to Captain Prendergast is quite unnecessary and that your zeal and public spirit will ensure all that can be desired.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. DOPPING, Civil Engineer,
Late District Engineer, North Arcot.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 859; dated 12th April 1859.

The Governor in Council regrets that he cannot accede to Mr. Dopping's request that his removal from the post of Acting District Engineer of North Arcot may be cancelled.

2. He resolves to inform Mr. Dopping that the circumstances referred to in paras. 9 and 11 of his letter had no share in producing that order; the grounds of which are to be found in the order of Government of the 5th Instant, No. 811, para. 24.

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

9 It has been notified that my Superintendence has been greatly Censured by the Colonial Engineer on my part to apologize to Lieutenant Colonel Jervois for any innumeration regarding the Outer Slips of the Companys Estate.

10 This, however, I suppose Cannot be the Case as Government since Pleased to reject Colonel Jervois recommendation and the Estimate of the Letter in the Central Office has also lay'd over for further Reference to that Subject.

11 In the enclosed Copy of that Letter Colonel Jervois allusion is made to the Expence of Piers 5000 as an Estimate for the Outer Pier Dredge of 11.0.0 as being the Causes of every particular thereof. Statements for the Same Sent down to the Central Office and Copies of Particulars annexed amounting to 2865 on the wall Estimate for Piers is shown and Considering this work had been Commenced to Pier 26 and Much more work has been done this year, since Stocks Charge Hours in the 3 years Previous I cannot therefore (Government would) lay the blame upon me for this small error and thus Superseded me.

12. I would beg respectfully to draw attention to the number of Clerking Appointments which have been made since I was nominated to the District Engineers and to the Space of Fifteen Months during which time I have been working in the Department of Public Works thereby hindering my other pressing and more favourable.

13 My intention was Spend Confidential to District Engineer and Thus save much of his

District

Quotient as Sole of Hides having now been early
Lempriere in Island, numerous Shipwrecks &c ensue
which may be included the Sale of Goods
to Creditors) which Shows how some Cargoes
are carried and conducted and how from want
of Stores and Assistance will prove fatal to the
Seamen and as per the Parliamentary Register the
Skeletons there is no Stores who Recovers any
thing relative to, but myself and my Boat the
other Officers have been Shocked a time in the
Distant Country to Return Mutineers Parliament
11. Headsman by Capital Punishment Schedule
shows how an Assortment of Camphire Mess
Parliamentary Register in myself was a man
worth in which Head Tithes the unfortunate
interest two Sheep Seamen the Country.
15 Schedule Register shows how some
the Alterations of Government the Money how
Circumstances of any Subordinate under the
Parliamentary Stock Charge my Officers
Hides have been augmented increased, in Cord,
by the Establishments that have been altered
Pitched Tiles instance.
16. Mrs Mess married with many how
Chaise the medical, and was afterwards allowed
to Register his as Apprentice having been refused
permission Chargeable by Captain Wells.
17 Mrs Parliament Council have with
a Metal of Negotiable Stamps and Coin.
18 Condemnation Subscription was
Seamen from the Western Coast with
Government Island that the Should be Province
as Lime Tiles old for the Department beside
he also had been Settled by Captain Brown

for Misbehaviour.
19 Supervisory Lord Admiral Appointed
the Court of Assistant Surgeons to Board
of Assistant Overseer and Have ordered to join
Ship Sirius from the Victim Province.
20 Sub Engineer Absentism of the
Military Period Assistant Sick
Certificate unconnected to Ship in which
Vessel with Ten Establishment remained in
Hillary.
21 Mrs Mess Lately married has been sent
home on Parental Certificate.
22 Sub Overseer Habitual Misconduct
Quarters from Home School and
from this unfit Experience in the D. P. W.
Conduct on the Island to have been frequent and
encreased as Mrs Habitual has blamed his
business to a serious extent, he was therefore
to Malim.
23 Seamen Convict on this occasion
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by under indifferent hands.
24 Captain from Home Ships Convict
which Mrs Morgan Commanded in this District
he had been to Stage on the Sick List.
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Shore Ten Came to this District and the Mrs
Hornard and Mrs Lee were compelled to go away
on Sick Certificate.
26 Mrs Bizzes C. E. who has to the
leave

been stationed as a Surgeon Assistant for
Command the expectation to which gentl. remain
interest in his Charge as I shall have
permanently appointed to the District

21 I beleive the conclusion mentioned that
I forwarded my Application to the Chief
Engineer as Waggoning Department should
having been informed by Head Quarters
that I should receive Military
Service and having Claims. I have
Roberts Children the proper Course to pursue
as what I have done.

25 I trust therefore that I shall
not be considered that I have broken
through the rules of Office & etiquette
as I have only done what appeared
necessary for the Public Service and
Comfort & Convenience of the
Officers until the Army shall
[illegible] Departments until [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

[illegible] C.E.
Field Officer Engineer N.A.

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From James H Rossping
Esqr Late Dist Engr
No 11

Dated 19th } March 59
Received 21st }
From the Chief Engr & Secy
Jamaica Letter 76 inclos:
Encls 5-

Submitting a Statement of his services, and soliciting that his resignation as District Engineer of St Andrew may be cancelled, & the Removals of Pay & Allowances Provided for Lately appointed.

No: 859. 12th April 1859.
Write as under

No 859

The Governor in Council regrets that he cannot accede to Mr Rossping's request that his removal from the post of Acting District Engineer of St Andrew may be cancelled.

2 He resolves to inform Mr Rossping that the circumstances referred to in Sarsgraph 11 of his letter had no share in producing that order, the grounds of which are to be found in the Order of Government of the 4th Instant No: 811 Para 24

Short Saint George
12th April 1859

Copy to Mr Rossping - Dispatch 15