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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 101. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 22nd December 1859, No. 8607.

I have the honor to forward the letters as per margin from the District Engineer, Ballári, relative to Sub-Engineer Chedambra Mudali.

Proceedings, 28th February 1859, No. 8184.
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Proceedings No. 8184, 28th February 1859.
In letter No. 350, dated July 2nd 1859.

In Proceedings No 2568, dated 8th July 1859.

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General No. 8837.

3. On the 26th October the District Engineer reported that he had suspended the Sub-Engineer on charges of practising wilful deceit towards him, absenting himself without leave, and making false reports; in reply to which he was informed that it was not competent for him to suspend a Sub-Engineer, but that a full report of any fault he had to find with him, together with the Sub-Engineer's explanation, should be forwarded to this office. This was accordingly done, and Captain Fisher's complaints against the Sub-Engineer are fully detailed in the letters noted in the margin.

Letter No. 290, 31st October 1859.
Proceedings No. 6800, 2nd November 1859.

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Proceedings No. 7932, 3rd December 1859.

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Letter November 22nd 1859, paragraph 2.

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7. I consider the Sub-Engineer to blame for not fully stating to the District Engineer what he intended to do, but not for going to Madras for his family, or for remaining there eventually, for that was absolutely necessary on account of his health. He consulted Dr. Maclean some days before the 20th, when there was still ample time for him to reach Ballári by the 29th or even the 25th, and on the 20th Dr. Maclean reported that the Sub-Engineer was suffering from an obstinate skin disease, and should have leave for three months for the purpose of being properly treated. Under these circumstances, he was justified in remaining till his leave was granted.

From Dr. Maclean, September 20th 1859.

8. The Sub-Engineer was again in error in not reporting his detention to the District Engineer; but of falsehood, or wilful deception, or absenting himself without leave, or disrespect to the District Engineer he was not in my opinion guilty, and I am obliged in submitting that officer's letters to express my decided disapprobation of the reckless charges which he has made, and which he now adheres to. He seems to me greatly to misconceive the position of the Sub-Engineer, and to treat him not as a member of a superior class of subordinates occupying a place next and almost equal to that of officers, but as entitled to little more consideration than a Sub-Overseer. I further remark that after suspending the Sub-Engineer in disregard of an express order of Government, Captain Fisher expresses no regret for the error, but writes as if he was by the proceedings of this office for the first time informed of the order in question.

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10. I propose to place Mr. Sub-Engineer Oakes in Ballári when he returns from Europe.

11. With reference to the District Engineer's complaint of the insufficient strength of his department, I observe that his allotment, except in the case of Sub-Engineer Chedambra Mudali, has been preserved, and that the Sub-Engineer was detained from Ballári only two months by my orders. It could not then be foreseen that his absence would continue for a much longer time, or arrangements might have been made to fill the vacancy temporarily.

November 15th 1859, No. 329.

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ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1860, No. 138.

Paragraph 1. The Government have duly considered the correspondence submitted with this letter relating to the case of Chedambra Mudali, a Sub-Engineer of the Public Works Department attached to the Ballári district but since transferred to North Arcot.

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3. On the other hand it appears to the Government that the Central office was wanting in consideration for Captain Fisher in allowing Chedambra Mudali to remain out of the district when not prevented by ill health from returning to it; and there was also an oversight in giving the Sub-Engineer an extension of leave without the knowledge or approval of his superior officer.

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5. The Government have lately had occasion to notice Captain Fisher's disrespectful style of writing; and they are constrained to observe that the present case manifests also an overbearing temper and want of consideration for others. Captain Fisher's language in his letter dated the 22nd November in reference both to his official superiors and inferiors is very improper, and the Government resolve to communicate to him through the Chief Engineer the expression of their disapprobation, and to warn him that a repetition of such misconduct cannot be overlooked.

6. Referring to paragraph 3 of Captain Fisher's letter to the Deputy Chief Engineer dated 7th November wherein he requests a reference to Government as to the powers of punishment vested in him over the subordinates of the department employed in the Ballári district, the Government request that the Chief Engineer will call the attention of Captain Fisher to the orders of the 15th March 1859 No. 596, particularly with reference to clause 4 of paragraph 9, wherein it is distinctly laid down that "for misconduct Sub-Engineers shall be liable to degradation or dismissal by the order of the Governor in Council."

7. Under all the circumstances of the case the removal of Chedambra Mudali to the district of North Arcot was a proper proceeding, and the Government now approve and sanction it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 22d December 1859.

No. 8607

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

"Public"

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Enclosures 22:—

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Your Most Obedient Servant

Central Office of F. W.
Fort Saint George
22 December 1859.

Lt. Colt
Chief Engineer.

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To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Dated 22
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No 8607

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Under date the 19th Jany. 1860.

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10 Copies to the Chief Engr with 22 Enclosures Cap. p. 20

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