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

No. 92. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 7th February 1860, No. 10037.

In paragraph 14 of their order, dated the 7th ultimo, No. 56, Government withdrew from the Chief Engineer the power of granting to officers of this department, casual leave to the extent of three days irrespective of privilege leave, on the ground that the established rules contained no such provision, and that there appeared to be no reason for making an exception in the case of this department. I have the honor to request re-consideration of the question on the following grounds.

2. In the Judicial Department, an officer is allowed to be absent without loss of allowances for a period not exceeding five days, subject only to the control of the Court of Sadr Adalat, who are charged with the duty of checking any immoderate use of such indulgence. This casual leave is quite irrespective of privilege leave, and is not provided for in the established rules.

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3. In the Military Department, Officers Commanding Regiments and stations, can grant leave for short periods, not exceeding three days, and 10 days respectively, to the officers under their command. This casual leave is also irrespective of the privilege leave to which every officer is entitled.

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Dated 17th January 1856, No. 41.

4. I would also represent that the withdrawal of the power hitherto possessed by the Chief Engineer will entail great inconvenience and annoyance to the members of this department. When an officer, not entitled to privilege leave, wishes to obtain leave for one or two days, he will be obliged to take it under the general rules, thereby forfeiting the right to avail himself of those rules for six years. A case in point has just occurred. Since the Government order now under reply was received, Mr. Norfor, 2nd Assistant District Engineer of Salem, applied for three days casual leave to visit Madras on most urgent private affairs. He is not entitled to privilege leave; and under the present orders he can obtain the three days leave only under Section VIII of the Uncovenanted Service Rules, thereby forfeiting all right to similar leave for six years.

5. On these grounds, I trust that Government will be so good as to re-consider their order. The power hitherto vested in the Chief Engineer, is not peculiar to this department; and the withdrawal of it will be a source of great inconvenience and privation to the members of the department generally. I therefore, request that rules 22 and 23 of the draft submitted with my previous letter,\* may be approved.

\* No. 4999, 15th Sept. 1859.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1860, No. 376.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Civil Auditor for any observations he may desire to offer on the application contained in this letter, with reference to the Proceedings of the 7th January 1860 No. 56, a copy of which will now be forwarded to that officer.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Public Works  
Sépakham 7<sup>th</sup> February 1860.

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From

The Chief Engineer

To,

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Your Most Obedient Servant

M. Bell Colonel.  
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