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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st January 1862.*

No. 175. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, in the Department Public Works, dated Chepauk, 14th January 1862, No. 9,293:—

SIR,

1. With reference to Orders of Government, No. 2,028, under date 4th November 1861, calling the attention of the Chief Engineer to certain very severe animadversions by the Session Judge of Chicacole, and by the Magistrate of Ganjam upon the character of one Baupiah, a native Sub-Overseer in the Public Works Department, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government a statement furnished by the Acting District Engineer in pursuance of a requisition to that effect from this Office.

1 Letter from District Engineer Ganjam, No. 190, dated 16th December 1861, with two enclosures.

2. It will be observed that Captain Phillips gives the individual in question a very high character during five years of good service in the Department, alleging that not only have there been no complaints preferred against him for misconduct, fraud or oppression, but that he has so far established himself in the confidence of the Ryots of the District that his services have been often specially applied for to adjust differences with the local authorities regarding water supply and other matters. It is further quoted in his favor that during the prevalence of Cholera in the District during April, May and June of last year, so conspicuous were the proofs of his "energy and good management" in constructing certain important works of irrigation, that his conduct was brought expressly to the notice of the Chief Engineer and of Government, who in Proceedings No. 1,435, under date 2nd August 1861, were pleased to record their approval.

3. The case in which Baupiah's conduct appears to have so unfavorably impressed the Session Judge seems to be one of those, but too common amongst the Natives, arising out of partisan or caste controversies, in the prosecution of which angry passions are aroused leading on, the litigants oftentimes to outrageous lengths.

4. Experience induces many who are well acquainted with Native character to take a somewhat lenient view of ambiguities which result from such trivial causes; and under this influence and looking to the fact that the most grave allegation made by the Session Judge to the effect that the Overseer concealed Government property consisting of pickaxes, mamoties, &c., in the houses of certain persons to support a charge against them of theft, is not, as I gather from Mr. Knox's finding, established by any direct evidence, I am disposed to recommend that Baupiah's good character in the Department should be held to entitle him to the benefit of the doubt, and that beyond an admonition to avoid henceforward all cause of offence and disturbance in his District, no further action should be taken in the case under reference.

No. 176.

ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 89.

From the papers submitted with the foregoing letter, the Government observe that the most favorable testimony is borne to the character and usefulness of Sub-Overseer Baupiah by the Public Works Officers of the Ganjam District, and it has been clearly shown that since that individual's employment in the Department Public Works, he has not only proved himself a most efficient and zealous public servant but has also succeeded in securing the confidence of the Ryots, by whom his services are stated to have been on several occasions specially applied for, to adjust differences with the local authorities regarding water supply and other matters. Under these circumstances the Government accede to Colonel Ouchterlony's recommendation as contained in paragraph 4 of his letter; a caution ought, however, to be administered to him, not to interfere in matters with which he has nothing to do.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

Central Office of P. W.
Chepauk 14th January 1862.

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From,

Lieutenant Colonel J. Ouchterlony.
As Deputy Chief Engineer M. C.
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Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government in the P. W.
Fort Saint George.

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