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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th November 1862.*

No. 127. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 16th September 1862, No. 26 :—

SIR,

1. Your letter No. 70 of 25th July last, reports that Captain F. J. Moberly, who, in May 1860, was, for general incapacity and specific acts of negligence, transferred from the District Engineership of Trichinopoly to that of South Canara, on a salary reduced from Rupees 700 to Rupees 600 per mensem, has again been permitted to draw the higher rate of Rupees 700, thus causing an extra charge which you propose to meet from the sum allowed for contingencies in the current year's Budget.

2. It is not stated that in his present situation Captain Moberly has evinced greater efficiency than before. It is merely said that as upwards of two years had elapsed since the order for reducing his salary was passed, the time seemed to have arrived when he might be permitted to revert to his former salary. I cannot but think this an inadequate reason for remitting a punishment so deservedly incurred. If, however, as may probably be inferred, you are satisfied that this Officer is performing his present duty so as to deserve the higher rate of allowance, the charge should commence from, and be regularly included in the establishments for next year, and not from an item of extra charge in the manner you have ruled.

3. You will inform Captain Moberly, in reply to his Memorial, that I am unable to perceive in it, or in the correspondence you have transmitted with it, grounds for arriving at any other opinion of his conduct, on the occasions referred to, than that which your Government have recorded.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1862, No. 2,669.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Secretary of State for India :—

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India

On approving of the manner in which the higher rates of allowance ordered to be given to Captain H. J. Roberts, who was transferred from the 1st to the 2nd South Cavalry, and ordered to be paid 700 to 1000 Rs and requesting that that gentleman may be informed that he saw no ground for differing from the opinion of the Madras Govt with regard to his case.

Secy. D. 16th Sept. 1862. N. D.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Secretary of State for India.

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