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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd February 1862.

No. 364. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. CARPENDALE, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 8th February 1862, No. 10,412:—

SIR,

1. I have honor to submit a letter, dated 31st January, from Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, District Engineer of North Canara, communicating the details of the transfer of the Public Works Department to the Bombay Government as arranged in conjuction with Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, Acting Superintending Engineer, together with a copy of the instructions which the Chief Engineer in Bombay gave to Colonel Kennedy, and a Memorandum of the details of the transfer drawn up by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker.

1 Letter from the District Engineer, North Canara, No. 195, dated 31st January 1862, with two enclosures.

The arrangement made for the present are as follows:—

(1.) That all accounts under this Presidency shall be closed to 31st January as being the most convenient date; partly because that is the close of a quarter up to which certain bills are made up, and because the Superintending Engineer from Bombay and the District Engineer of North Canara were unable to meet at an earlier date.

(2.) That as Captain Baker of the Bombay Engineers, with his establishment, had, under orders from the Bombay Government, arrived in Canara for the purpose of being employed in immediate charge as an Executive Engineer, but not at present of the whole District; and it had been declared undesirable that he should be made subordinate to the District Engineer of the Madras Establishment; it had been arranged that Captain Baker should assume independent charge of the roads from Iddagoongee to Beitkál having under him all his establishment except one Assistant Overseer, together with Captain Searle, Assistant Engineer, Mr. Boesinger, Second Assistant Engineer, and Assistant Overseer Banks, all of the Madras Establishment; that the District Engineer, Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, should retain charge of the rest of North Canara as an Executive Engineer in the Bombay Department, having under him the remainder of his former establishment, and such other subordinate agency as may be supplied from Bombay until such time, as under the orders of the Bombay Government, they may all be relieved, it being intended, as shown in the instructions of that Government to Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, that Captain Baker, Bombay Engineers, shall eventually take charge of the entire District.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker appears to have acted in the manner best calculated to meet the wishes of the Bombay Government, and I now submit his proceedings for your approval, and that of the Goverument; and recommend that the Bombay Government be moved to continue to him and to the rest of the members of the Madras Establishment the same salary and allowances as they have hitherto enjoyed, until they are relieved from duty in North Canara.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, District Engineer North Canara, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. CARPENDALE, Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, dated Sedasheghur, 31st January 1862, No. 195:—

SIR,

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Secretary to Government in the Department of Public Works, that Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, Bombay Department of Public Works, arrived here yesterday morning to carry out the transfer of the Public Works of this District, to the Bombay Presidency. After considerable discussion of the details of that measure, I had the honor to lay before Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy a paper wherein was laid down what appeared to me the correct basis of operations. And having obtained his assent to the same, I have now the honor to transmit a copy of it, and of the instructions received by Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy from Bombay, to which rather than to those contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of your letter, No. 9,094 of 9th January they conform. Under the circumstances of the case I trust that I have acted aright, and that my proceedings will meet with the approval of Government.

Notes on the transfer of the Public Works Department, North Canara, to the Bombay Presidency.

1. It was assumed by the Madras Government that this transfer should date from the 31st December 1861, but the lateness of the date (30th January) on which the Superintending Engineer and District Engineer have been able to meet, renders this course impracticable, and necessitates the adoption of the Bombay view, viz., that the date shall be the earliest possible that can be fixed by the parties abovenamed. This they are agreed should be the 31st January, after which date the District Engineer assumes the position of an Executive Engineer in the Bombay Department Public Works; himself and Subordinates with their Establishments remaining on their former footing as regards salaries, &c., until relieved by other Officers or absorbed into the fixed strength of the Bombay Public Works Department. As bills for all works are due, under the Madras system, up to the end of the quarter terminating on the 31st January, that date forms naturally a better closing point for the Madras system than the earlier date originally named.

2. The District Engineer expects that as Executive Engineer he shall have placed at his disposal the services of more or less of the subordinates mentioned in paragraph 8 of Colonel Turner's instructions, and of any others that may be introduced into the District, according to the less or greater extent of the separate charge handed over to Captain Baker. The supposition in paragraph 9 that the District Engineer could be made subordinate to Captain Baker, is not reasonable, and the converse apparently is not desirable. On mature consideration the District Engineer has come to the conclusion that the cession of one or two Ranges complete, to Captain Baker would involve as much trouble as the handing over of the entire District, which latter course the Superintending Engineer does not consider that his instructions would justify him in adopting. (*Note.*—In these two Ranges, the sanctions amount to more than Rupees 1,30,000 out of the Rupees 2,30,000 which is the District allotment).

3. The additional subordinates sent to the District should, according to the intentions of the Bombay Government, be distributed over the whole line from Kirwutty to Beitkál. The District Engineer proposes that Captain Baker should assume independent charge of that portion from Iddagongee to Beitkál: taking with him all but one Assistant Overseer, and having the services of Captain Searle, Mr. Sub-Engineer Boesinger, and Assistant Overseer Banks, placed at his disposal in addition.

4. On the above footing the District Engineer considers that the intentions of the Bombay Government will be most efficiently carried out, and he will best be enabled to introduce the Bombay Code at once into practice, and to close the accounts kept under the Madras system.

District Engineer's Office,
North Canara, Sedasheghur,
31st January 1862.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel,
District Engineer of North Canara.

From Colonel Commandant H. B. TURNER, Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to Lieutenant-Colonel KENNEDY, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, dated Bombay Castle, 10th January 1862, No. 181:—

SIR,

1. In transmitting for your information and guidance a copy of Government Resolution, in the Revenue Department, No. 36, dated 4th instant, with enclosure, I have the honor to request that you will at once proceed to North Canara, and in accordance with the 18th paragraph of the Government of India's letter, No. 2,519, dated the 24th ultimo, "arrange the details of "the departmental transfer with the Officers of the Madras Government."

2. From the 16th paragraph of the Government of India's letter you will observe that it is intended to leave in the District for a time the Officers of the Madras Government now in charge of the Public Works; those Officers will receive such orders from their own Government to place their services at the disposal of the Government, as will, I trust, ensure their cordial co-operation in the imperial object in view, viz., the completion, at the earliest possible date, of roads for cotton traffic between the countries above the Ghâuts, and the Port of Sedasheghur.

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3. On your arrival at the place where you may arrange to meet the Officers of the Government, the first point will be to determine the earliest possible date on which the transfer of the charge of the Public Works to this Government, can be conveniently made. The rules relating to transfer under this Presidency should then be followed; the Executive Officer closing all accounts up to that date, rendering his final Account Current, &c., &c., to the Government of Madras, and opening a fresh set of Books in accordance with the rules of this Presidency for the future.

4. I conclude that the Government of Madras will place at the disposal of this Government, the unexpended portion of the Budget assignment for North Canara for the current year. Against this I shall be prepared, on application to grant letters of credit. The Executive Engineer should be instructed by you as to any particulars in which the system of account in this Presidency differs from that of Madras so that arrears or complication of accounts may be avoided.

5. You will be particularly careful that the transfer of "stock" "tools" and "instruments" is properly made and at fair values.

6. The charge of the Public Works having been made over to you, you should inspect all works in progress and furnish a full report of the state of completed works, the progress that has been in those under execution and upon the wants of the District, so far as inquiry and observation may enable you to form an opinion.

7. A list of all Public Works and a valuation Return of all dead stock belonging to the Department should be furnished.

8. You should carefully ascertain and report on the establishments of all kinds subordinate to an Executive Officer of the District, detailing their strength, the character and efficiency of the individuals composing them, and the terms of their engagements with the Government of Madras. I am given to understand that there is a deficiency of Subordinate agency, and propose at once to send down Mr. Sub-Engineer M. Nally and Serjeant Overseer Ferrell, and you may also send Mr. Stapleton from Sattara.

9. His Excellency in Council desires that Captain Baker and his establishment may be at once employed in the North Canara District in the manner which may appear to be most conducive to the interest of Government; it is not desirable that Captain Baker be made subordinate to the Executive Engineer of the District, nor *vice versâ*, but there is so much work in hand, and its rapid progress is so urgently required, that it will doubtless be found that some integral portion may be made over to Captain Baker's special charge.

10. His Excellency has directed me to suggest that the portion so made over to Captain Baker might be the road from the foot of the Kaiga Ghât to Beitkál, but he would leave this point to be determined after you have duly considered in communication with the Officer of the Madras Government where he may be most advantageously employed.

11. It is of course to be understood that Captain Baker will hereafter succeed to the charge of the entire District, and with this view he should devote himself to acquiring the language, to becoming acquainted with the habits and customs of the people and to ascertaining the resources of the country.

12. Your early attention should also be given to the preparation of a Budget for the District for the ensuing year, as the Government of Madras has intimated that the proposed expenditure will not be provided for in its Budget for 1862-63.

13. You will be pleased to communicate with the District Engineer of North Canara, who has already been placed under the orders of this Government and arrange with him the time and place of meeting, possibly the quickest way will be for you to drop down the coast in a boat to Sedasheghur asking him to meet you there, or if he cannot do so to have a letter awaiting you there explaining where a meeting could more conveniently take place. Captain Baker should at once be relieved of his present duties and might be present at the same time and place.

14. You are requested at once to report to me the proceedings you adopt under these instructions in order that intimation of the same may be given to the Government of Madras.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel,
District Engineer.

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1862, No. 285.

1. The proceedings of the District Engineer North Canara, as respects the transfer of the Public Works of that District to the Bombay Government, are approved.

2. In accordance with the request of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, the Bombay Government will be moved to continue to Lieutenant-Colonel Walker and to the rest of the Members of the Madras Public Works Establishment, until they are relieved from duty in the North Canara District, the same salary and allowances heretofore enjoyed by them under this Government.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

No. 366. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated 22nd February 1862, No. 286.

SIR,

Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, District Engineer North Canara, having reported in his letter, No. 195, dated 31st January 1862, that it had been determined between himself and Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy that the transfer of the Public Works of that District to your Presidency should be effected from the 1st instant, and that for the present the whole of the Madras Establishment should be continued therein, I am desired by His Excellency the Governor in Council to request that until they are relieved of their charges in North Canara, the same salaries and allowances as were heretofore enjoyed by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker and the Officers and Subordinates employed under his orders may be continued to them by your Government.

Bo. Chief Engrs. Office CC.
Chepauk
8 February 1862.
No. 1041/2

From
Lieutenant Colonel A. Carpendale
Offg. Deputy Chief Engineer CC.

To
Lieutenant Colonel H. H. Horsley
Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit a letter dated 31st January from Lieutenant Colonel Walker District Engineer of North Canara communicating the details of the transfer of the Public Works Department to the Bombay Government as arranged in conjunction with Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy Acting Superintending Engineer, together with a copy of the instructions which the Chief Engineer in Bombay gave to Colonel Kennedy, and a Memorandum of the details of the transfer drawn up by Lieutenant Colonel Walker.

The arrangement made for the present

present are as follows.-

1st That all accounts under this Presidency shall be closed to 31st January as being the most convenient date, (practically), because that is the close of a Quarter up to which certain bills are made up, and because the Superintending Engineer from Bombay and the District Engineer of North Canara were unable to meet at an earlier date.-

2d That as Captain Baker of the Bombay Engineers, with his Establishment, late under orders from the Bombay government, arrived in Canara for the purpose of being employed in immediate charge as an Executive Engineer, but not at present of the whole District, and it had been declared undesirable that he should be made subordinate to the District Engineer of the Madras Establishment, it had been Arranged that Captain Baker should assume independent charge of the Roads from Siddapoor to Belgaum having under him all his Establishment

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except an Assistant Overseer, together with Captain Searle Assistant Engineer, Mr Bridges 2d Assistant Engineer, and Lieutenant Parsons Surveyor, all of the Madras Establishment: that the District Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Walker, should retain charge of the rest of North Canara as an Executive Engineer in the Bombay Department, having under him the remainder of his former Establishment, and such other Subordinate Agency as may be supplied from Bombay, until such time, as under the orders of the Bombay government, they may all be relieved, it being intended, as shewn in the instructions of that Government to Lieutenant Colonel Ramsay, that Captain Baker, Bombay Engineers, shall eventually take charge of the entire District.-

2. Lieutenant Colonel Walker appears to have acted in the manner best calculated to meet the wishes of the Bombay Government, and I now submit his proceedings

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for your approval, and that of Government, and, recommend that the Bombay Government be moved to continue to him and to the rest of the Members of the establishment the same salary and allowances as they have hitherto enjoyed until they are relieved from duty in North Canara.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed[t] Servant
J Johnson Lieut Col[o]
Dep[y] Chief Engineer C.C.

To
Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Horsley
Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government &c
Fort St George.

Dy Chief Engrs Office CC
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Chief Engr. Bombay
Fort St. George

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Submits a letter from the Dist. Engr. North Canara communicating the details of the transfer of the P.W. to the Bombay Govt. as arranged in conjunction with Lieut. Col. Hendley of the Bombay Engineers.

Military Dept.
No. 285. 22nd Feb.

No. 285.

The Proceedings of the District Engineer North Canara as regards the transfer of the P.W. of that Distt. to the Bombay Govt. are approved.

In accordance with the request of the acting Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, the Bombay Govt. will be moved to continue to Lt. Colonel Walker and to the rest of the Members of the Madras P.W. Establishment, until they are relieved from duty in the North Canara District, the same salary and allowances heretofore enjoyed by them under this Govt.

By Order of the
Right Honble. the
Governor in Council
22nd Feb. 1862.

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