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No. 108. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th November 1862, No. 154:—

SIR,

1 Letter from Acting District Engineer of Madura, No. 988, dated 17th November 1862, with one enclosure.

1. I have the honor to submit herewith for the favorable consideration of Government, a letter from the Acting District Engineer of Madura, dated 17th instant, No. 988, setting forth a case which appears to me extremely hard.

2. Captain Payne having fulfilled the sufficiently hard terms of the recent Regulation requiring Officers to serve six months in "acting" employ before they are pronounced entitled to the full salary they are earning, by officiating during that period in Tinnevely, has now been transferred for the good of the public service (for he was most anxious to be allowed to remain where he was) to Madura, in consequence of which the Officiating Civil Paymaster, constrained of course by Departmental rule, continues to restrict this Officer to half salary until he shall have served six months more as Acting District Engineer in the latter province.

3. It does not become me to comment on a Regulation which, though its effect must be to spread dissatisfaction and induce unfavorable comparisons between the Government service and that of all other public or associated employers in this country, was no doubt framed for wise purposes; but I venture to hope that if any relaxation of its stringency can be permitted, it will be sanctioned in the peculiarly hard case of the deserving Officer I have alluded to.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1862, No. 2,911.

1. Under the circumstances stated in this letter, the Government grant authority for the full salary of District Engineer being passed to Captain Payne from the date on which he completed the six months' service required by the Rules, calculated from that on which he assumed charge of the Tinnevely District.

No. 367, dated 6th March 1862.
No. 1,178, dated 28th May 1862.

2. The Government observe that similar authority was granted in the orders marginally noted in the cases of Captain Flint and Lieutenant Prendergast.

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

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Southern Circle Office D.H.
Madras 24th Nov. 1862

No. 154

From

Lieut. Col. J. Cuckierly R.S.

Deputy Chief Engineer S.C.

To

Colonel H. J. Birdwood R.S.

Secretary to Government. P.H.D.

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Yours truly

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Deputy Chief Engineer S.C.

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Secretary to Government P.W.D.
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