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Read the following letters :—

No. 559. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 21st December 1861, No. 8,626.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter of the 8th November 1861, No. 6,972 and Endorsement of the 14th idem, No. 7,179, I have the honor to submit, in continuation thereof, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, giving cover to one from Mr. Covenanted Overseer Evans, expressing his desire to resume charge of his duties in the Department.

1 Original letter, dated 7th December 1861, No. 418, with one accompaniment from Mr. Evans.
1 Copy of Medical Certificate.

2. Mr. Evans states that his health is perfectly restored in every respect, but this statement is contradicted by the Medical Certificate furnished with the above letter, and of which I enclose a copy* for information.

* Original sent to the Civil Paymaster for report.

3. This Certificate distinctly mentions that on the 25th November 1861, the Civil Surgeon at Coimbatore considered that Mr. Evans was "unfit for the performance of any arduous duty," an opinion which Captain Goddard believes the Zillah Surgeon "would be prepared to repeat upon any date," and I have therefore sent the above Certificate to the Civil Paymaster in order that if possible, sick leave may be granted to Mr. Evans until the decision of Government in his case has been communicated to me.

Vide paragraph 10 of letter dated 7th December 1861, No. 418.

No. 560. Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Chepauk, 17th February 1862, No. 10,623.

From Captain JOHN GODDARD, District Engineer of Coimbatore, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 7th February 1862, No. 561.

SIR,

1 Letter from Mr. Evans to District Engineer Coimbatore, dated 30th January 1862.
1 Do. to Chief Engineer, dated 28th January 1862.
2 Medical Certificates, dated 10th December 1861, and 25th January 1862.
1 Return showing how Mr. Evans was employed at Caroor in July and August 1861.

1. I have the honor to recommend for your most favorable consideration the application conveyed in the enclosed documents marginally indicated from Mr. Covenanted Overseer Evans.

2. In the following letters the history of Mr. Evans' career in Coimbatore will be found :—

From District Engineer Coimbatore, to Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, No. 418, dated 7th December 1861.

From District Engineer of Coimbatore to Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, No. 440, dated 11th December 1861.

Mr. Evans joined the District on 20th April 1861, was posted by me to Collegal Range on the same day, was removed from Collegal and placed under Mr. Lowry's orders at Caroor on 26th June 1861, because he proved himself unfit to hold charge of a Range. I finally declined employing him at all as a Covenanted Overseer because he was unfit for the work.

3. In Proceedings Madras Government, No. 2,181, dated 26th November 1861, communicated with Chief Engineer's Order No. 7,803, dated 30th idem, it is stated that the opinion of the Law Officers of Government will be taken as to whether Mr. Evans can be summarily discharged upon the grounds set forth by me.

4. From a consideration of the above I am of opinion that it will be much better for Mr. Evans to go to Madras than to remain here until his case is disposed of as he is desirous of doing. He is doing nothing here, and if any reference is required to be made to Mr. Evans by Government Solicitor it can be quickly made if he be at Madras.

1 Original letter No. 561, dated 7th February 1862, with five enclosures.

1. Submitted to Government in continuation of Endorsement, No. 9,893, dated 27th January last.

2. In October last, Mr. Evans was granted three months' leave on Medical Certificate, to have effect retrospectively from the 1st August 1861, this leave expired on the 31st October last, and he has not apparently done any work since the 1st November, nor has he drawn any pay from that date. As a special case it is recommended that as Mr. Evans has already been furnished with a Medical Certificate, to the effect that he is unfit for the duties of the Department, and moreover, as no person has been appointed in his stead, in the Coimbatore District, a moiety of his salary be disbursed from the 1st November, until such time as Government may be pleased to pass final orders in his case.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

No. 561. From Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 8th March 1862, No. 11,258.

SIR,

No. 10,623, dated 17th February 1862.
1 Original letter, dated 25th February 1862, No. 586, with two accompaniments.
1 Do. dated 25th February 1862, No. 588, with one accompaniment.

1. With reference to the letters, &c., noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government two others received from the District Engineer of Coimbatore giving cover to a Medical Certificate recently granted to Mr. Covenanted Overseer Evans by the Zillah Surgeon now doing duty at Coimbatore, and reporting that in accordance with the recommendation of that Officer Mr. Evans has been allowed to proceed to the Hills for the benefit of his health.

Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 8th October 1861, page 470.

* No. 536, dated 25th February 1862.

2. Mr. Evans obtained three months' leave on Medical Certificate in August last, but under the circumstances already brought to the notice of Government, and adverted to in the accompanying letter,* he was not permitted on its expiration, to resume his duties in the Department, and as the Zillah Surgeon then at Coimbatore declined to give Mr. Evans a Certificate in the prescribed form, an extension of leave could not be granted.

3. In the Certificate however, now furnished, and which I observe is in accordance with the form laid down in the rules it is distinctly stated that Mr. Evans has been suffering from ill health, for the last six months, and is still physically unfit for the arduous duties, and constant out-door exposure, required of Overseers in the Public Works Department. I would therefore recommend that as a special case, leave on half salary may be granted to him from the 1st November 1861, till the 3rd of May 1862, or until such time as orders on the subject of his removal from the Department have been passed.

No. 562. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1862, No. 613.

† Submitted with Chief Engineer's Endorsement, dated 14th November 1861, No. 7,179, recorded in Government Proceedings 26th idem, No 2,181.

1. In his letter of the 4th November 1861 No. 351,† the District Engineer of Coimbatore reported that the three months' leave on Medical Certificate, granted in August last to Mr. Covenanted Overseer S. Evans, had expired on the 31st October; and from the papers recorded above, the Government learn that Mr. Evans continues to be unfit to return to his duties. Indeed, the third of the foregoing papers furnishes a Medical Certificate which Dr. Ogg, the present Civil Surgeon of Coimbatore, has granted to Mr. Evans, under which he has been already permitted to proceed to the Neilgherry Hills.

2. Considering the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Evans' case, the Governor in Council resolves to accede to the request of the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Southern Circle, viz., to

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31st March 1862.

grant Mr. Evans special sick leave on half pay from the 1st November 1861 to 4th May 1862, and accordingly directs that the usual notification be published in the Official Gazette.

3. In paragraph 11 of his letter dated 8th November 1861, No. 6,972, the Chief Engineer reported that at that time there was a demand of 570 Rupees against Mr. Evans on account of payments made to his daughter in Dublin. It will be understood therefore, that Mr. Evans' half pay will be subject to the necessary deductions in recovery of the payments made on his behalf by the Home Authorities.

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

Central Office of I.P.W.
Chepauk
21st December 1861

No. 8626.

From

Lt. Col. H. N. Forsbey
Chief Engineer

To

D. D. Sim Esquire
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
Fort St. George

Public. Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 5th November 1861 No. 6972 and endorsement of the 16th Idem No. 7179. I have the honor to submit, in continuation thereof, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, giving cover to one from Mr. Covenanted Overseer Evans, expressing his desire to resume charge of his duties in the Department.

2. Mr. Evans states that his health is perfectly restored in every respect, and this statement

is

is contradicted by the Medical
Certificate furnished with the above
letter and of which I enclose a
Copy for information.

Original absent with Civil Papers for search.

3. This Certificate declares it
mentions that on the 25th November
1861 the Civil Surgeon at Cawnpore
considered that Mr Evans was
"unfit for the performance of any
arduous duty" an opinion which
Captain Goddard believes the
Civil Surgeon would be prepared
to repeat upon any date, and
I have therefore given Mr Evans
Certificate to the Civil Paymaster
in order that, if possible, sick
leave may be granted to Mr Evans
until the decision of Government in
his case has been communicated
to me.

See para 10 of letter dated 31 December 1861

Cawnpore 4th Dec
Chesapeake
21st Dec 1861

I have the honor to
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

W. Woodall Lt Col
Chief Engineer

To
I.D. Serjeant
Serjt to Genl Pay.d
Fort St George

Gd R

Public Works Dept
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No 613

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 31st March 1862

Read the following

letters:

From the Chief Engineer.
Forwards with remarks
letter from Mr Commandant Overseer Evans of the Coimbatore
District expressing his willingness/ Here enter 21st Decr 1861
to resume charge of his duties on No 8626/
the Dept.

From the Dy Chf Engr S. C.
Recommends as a special
case that Mr Evans be allowed
to draw arrears of his salary
until Government shall pass final (Here enter 17th February 1862
orders on his case. No 1628/

From Do - - Do - -
Submits Medical Certifi-
-cate on behalf of Mr Commandt
Overseer Evans, and recommends
-that grant of special sick leave
from 1st Nov 1861 to 3d May 1862. (Here enter 5th March 1862
No 1128/

1. In his letter of the
4th Nov 1861, No 357,* the District
Engr of Coimbatore reported that
the three months leave on Medi-
-cal Certificate, granted in August last to Mr Commandt Overseer S. Evans, had
-marked
expired on the 31st October, and from
the papers recorded above, the Govt
learn that Mr Evans continues to

* Submitted with Chief Engr's Endorsement dated 14th Nov/61, No 7179, recorded in Govt Pro: 21st idem, No 2181.

Pro 20th Feby 1862 No 322
Sent Govt-Consulting Chaplain
Pro 24th do do 27th
Pro 28th Endorsed Madras 25th Feb 1862

Pro 5th Sept.

Pro 2d Sept. No 2295
Sent Govt
No 2295

Pro 25th Sept. No 2295
Sent Govt
No 2295

Pro 25th Sept. No 2295
Sent Govt
No 2295

Pro 25th

be unfit to return to his duties. Indeed, the third of the foregoing papers furnishes a Medical Certificate which Dr. Ogg, the present Civil Surgeon of Kamba-tore, has granted to Mr. Evans, under which he has been already permitted to proceed to the Nilgherry hills.

2. Considering the peculiar circumstances of Mr Evans' case, the Govr in Council resolves to accede to the request of the Deputy Chief Engr of the Southern Circle, viz to grant Mr. Evans special sick leave on half pay from the 1st Novr to 4th May /62, and accordingly directs that the usual notifications be published in the Official Gazette.

3. In para 11 of his letter dated 8th Nov/61, No 6972, the Chief Engr reported that at that time there was a demand of 57 Rs against Mr. Evans on account of payments made to his daughter in Dublin. It will be understood therefore, that Mr. Evans' half pay will be subject to the necessary deductions in recovery of the payments made on his behalf by the Home Authorities.

I have &c.

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To The Deputy Chief Engr S. C with 8 Encls. Dispd 2:pm
Civil Paymaster
3 Accountant Genl
3.

Special Sick Leave to
Mr. Co.s Evans.

Public Works 1862 Dept.
Pay: of Govt for March
No. 673
Pay: of the Harbour Govt
Dy/31st March/62

Granting to Mr. Evans
special Sick Leave on
Half Pay from 1st Nov.
1861 to 1st May 1862 and
requiring that the sum
due by him on account
of Instalments made by his
Daughter in Dublin
shall be deducted
from the same —

No. 559 @ 562