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No. 98. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Chepauk, 24th April 1862, No. 278/U 11.

Read the following letter from Captain F. T. HAIG, District Engineer Upper Godavery, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Dúmagudiam, 10th April 1862, No. 261 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Order of Government of 24th February No. 292, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to submit, for the information of Government, the following explanation of the circumstances attending Mr. Shepherd's offer of his services for employment in this District.

2. Mr. Shepherd wrote to me some time in November last, stating that he held the appointment of an Overseer in the Department Public Works Nagpore, and requesting a situation on the Godavery works, for which he stated that his previous experience peculiarly qualified him. Being at the time very much in want of European superintendence at the 3rd Barrier, the offer was a welcome one. I immediately wrote to Mr. Shepherd that I would employ him, provided that Major Campbell, the Officer under whom he was then serving, gave his consent, desiring him at the same time to communicate with Major Campbell, and not to leave his post without his permission.

3. By the same post I wrote to Major Campbell, telling him of Mr. Shepherd's offer, of my own wants of qualified men, and of my willingness to engage Mr. Shepherd, if Major Campbell could dispense with his services without inconvenience, in which case I requested he would be good enough to grant Mr. Shepherd the required permission. I have no copies of either of these letters, but my recollection is clear as to their contents.

4. I heard nothing more on the subject until my return here from Madras, when I received the following letter from Major Campbell :—

* This was Mr. Shepherd's letter to me which I had enclosed to Major Campbell.

"I have referred your application for Mr. Shepherd's "services and Mr. Shepherd's letter* to you, to Colonel Maxwell "by this day's post, for his orders thereon. If the Chief Engineer "consents I will throw no obstacle in the way. I have a very high opinion of Mr. Shepherd's "character and energy."

I also learnt from Lieutenant Roberts that a Mr. Shepherd was working under his orders at the 3rd Barrier. I therefore concluded that the transfer had been arranged with the permission and consent of the Nagpore authorities.

5. Subsequently I received the Order of Government under notice, from which I gather that the Supreme Government are dissatisfied with my conduct in the matter, and are under the impression that I have been encouraging a man to leave his employment in the Nagpore Public Works in the hope of obtaining higher pay from me, without communication with, or the consent of, his superiors. How such a construction could have been put upon my acts in this case I cannot conceive. It appears to me that I followed precisely the course which the Secretary to the Government of India now lays down for my guidance, and that no other could have been devised that would have more effectually obviated the possibility of misconception or inconvenience to the parties concerned.

6. I have written to Lieutenant Roberts respecting Mr. Shepherd, and shall of course require a full explanation of the circumstances under which he was engaged. It is just possible that he may not be the same individual as the author of the letter which has led to all this correspondence.

1 Original letter No. 261, dated 10th April 1862.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Lt & Capt
District Engineer Upper Godavery

Compd 14th March 1855

No 2180

Secretariat

The accompanying letter, Rec'd 24th & 18th April &
is submitted to Govt in explanation of the cause
taken by Capt. Haig in the matter of the enclo-
tainment of Sheikhpuras, a tehsildar under
Enclosure 1. Mr. Assistant Commissioner Gurdaspur.
1 letter dated 18th April 1862
2 " " 24th "
Rec'd 24th April 1862.

Under Govt Rec 292, of 24th Decr 1862.

Mecklenburg Secy

Central Office Govt
Lahore
21st April 1862.

To
Lieutenant Colonel H. M. Hawes
Secretary to Government P. W. &c.
Lahore

Sir,

I have the honour to forward
herewith a letter from Captain
Haig Deputy Chief Engr No 6.
Rec'd 24th April
Acknowledged 25th "

No 69

From Capt. D. J. Haig
District Engr No. 6.

To The Deputy Chief Engr
Northern Circle
D. P. W.
Lahore

Dated 18th April 1862
Rec'd 21st "

Sir,

No 261

With reference to A.G. of 24th February
No 292, the reason of Mr. Shepherd's being
employed in the Upper Godaveri Dist.

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