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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd June 1863.*

No. 53. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E., Superintending Engineer 5th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 16th May 1863, No. 50:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the Manager and Accountant of my Office to frank all official covers intended for despatch within the limits of my Division as well as those to my address, during the time I may be away from my head quarters, as such an arrangement will not only expedite the despatch of business but it will also be a source of relief to me, while taking into consideration the onerous, multifarious and tedious duties which will devolve on a Superintending Engineer under the new system of working in the Department Public Works.

2. The indulgence now solicited falls quite within the scope of the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th April 1860, No. 781, which gives cover to an order of the Government of India allowing the Head Clerks of the Chief Engineer's Office at the several Presidencies to frank letters to the Officers of the Public Works Department in their respective Presidencies, and under the present organization of the Department Public Works in this Presidency, the appointment of the Chief Engineer has been abolished and the Superintending Engineers are in the place of the Chief Engineer in their respective Divisions.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1863, No. 1,403.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India :—

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 55. From Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 2nd June 1863, No. 1,404.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter dated 23rd March last, No. 727, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to request that the "Manager and Accountant" in the offices of the 'Superintending Engineers' of Divisions (an appointment recently created, a detailed report regarding which will be made to the Government of India as soon as the scheme for the reorganization of the Madras Department Public Works shall have been matured) may be authorized to send through the post, without actual payment of postage, letters and packets, *bona fide and exclusively on the public service*, when intended for despatch within the limits of the Division to which the Superintending Engineer under whom he is employed, may be attached.

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Madras, 16 May, 1863.

From

Lieut. Col. H. W. Hitchens R.E.
Infy. Engineer 5th Division

To

The Secretary to Government
A.P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the Manager and Accountant of my Office to furnish all official covers intended for despatch within the limits of my Division as well as those to my address during the time I may be away from my Head Quarters, as such an arrangement will not only expedite the despatch of business but it will also be a source of relief to me, while taking into consideration the onerous, multifarious and tedious duties which will devolve on a Superintending Engineer under the new system of working in the A.P.W.

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Divisions

Have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most Obedt Servt.

W. Mitchell Leitch Esq.
Superintg. Engineer 5th Divⁿ

