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No. 357. Read the following letter from J. H. DOPPING, Esq., C. E., First Assistant District Engineer, Coimbatore, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 9th June 1863:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government No. 1,455 of the 6th instant, and to request you will do me the favor* of furnishing me with a copy of the communication, if any, which has been sent to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State along with my Memorial.

2. I would also beg to take this opportunity of requesting that, pending the decision of the Secretary of State, my destination may be changed from that of Coimbatore to one in which I can be certain of obtaining a house, as I have been informed on the best authority that there is not a single house in any part of the Range to which I have been posted.

3. I am myself so anxious, though it may have appeared otherwise to His Excellency in Council, to see the Pálár Anicut and Poiney projects completed in a satisfactory manner that I should be most happy, were I permitted to do so, to return to the Arcot District and take up charge of these two projects, independently or otherwise of the District Engineer.

4. By this arrangement my knowledge of the locality would not be wasted, and I could guarantee that the works would be pressed on with vigour and that there would be no cause of complaint either on the score of rapid progress or description of work.

No. 358. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1863, No. 1,556.

1. The Government are unable to furnish Mr. Dopping with a copy of the communication referred to in paragraph 1 of this letter.

2. With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 Mr. Dopping will be informed that it is the duty of every Officer in the Public Works Department to join the District to which he may be posted by Government.

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

