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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1863.*

No. 394. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer 8th Division, dated 6th June 1863 :—

Read the following letter from Captain G. M. PAYNE, Acting District Engineer, Madura, to Captain F. J. MOBERLY, Superintending Engineer 8th Division, dated Madura, 21st May 1863, No. 69.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that the "Maximum" Thermometer issued to this District has been mislaid, owing it would seem to the numerous changes in the charge of the District Office.

2. The Thermometer, I would remark, would appear to have been out of order and useless.

3. I forward* correspondence on the subject of the loss, and request that I may be favored with your instructions regarding the striking off of the instrument from the returns of the District.

* Original letter from the Officer in charge of 1st Circle, to the District Engineer, Madura, No. 1 of 1st May 1863.
Do do. from the Acting District Engineer, Tinnevely, to the Officer in charge of 1st Circle, No. 1,130 of 18th April 1863.

Submitted for the information of Government, with a recommendation that the Acting District Engineer's request to strike off the lost "Maximum" Thermometer from his books may be complied with.

1 Original letter with two enclosures.

(Signed) F. J. MOBERLY, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer 8th Division.

No. 395. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1863, No. 1,576.

1. Before passing orders in regard to the adjustment of the value of the missing Thermometer, in the books of the District Engineer, the Government request to be informed with reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section 2, Chapter XIV of the Code, whether the examination therein ordered was made by the Officers named in the margin when severally taking charge of the District, and if so, whether any record

Mr. Harington.
Captain Payne.

exists to show what articles were made over on each occasion. If such a document is forthcoming there could be no difficulty in fixing the responsibility upon the proper Officer. Mr. Harington's explanation in his letter of the 1st May 1863 is not sufficiently explicit. He remembers that the Thermometer "used to hang on the wall of his house when he was in charge of the District," and consequently if it was missing when Captain Payne took charge, he is himself responsible for the loss, inasmuch as Captain Payne received charge of the District from him.† The endeavour to throw the responsibility on Captain Paxton must therefore fail.

† 18th October 1862.

2. The value of the Thermometer as entered in the books of the District Engineer's Office should be reported for information.

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

No 1
1863-64

1st Circle Office
Madura
1st May 1863.

From

The Officer in Charge of
1st Circle

To

The District Engineer of
Madura

Sir

With reference to your letter No 1534

dated 8th ultimo I have the honor to forward
herewith an original letter from Captain Paxton
from which it would appear that the maximum
Thermometer which is missing from the Stores
of this District, was not inadvertently taken
away by that Officer's servant, as I had sup-
posed was the case.

2. I distinctly remember that the
Instrument alluded to used to hang on the
wall of my house when I was in charge of the
District, and moreover that it was out of
order and unserviceable.

3. As it seems that the Instrument was
not among those delivered to you on your taking
charge of the District. I can only imagine that my
Captain Paxton may be still under a mis-
apprehension regarding its non-removal by
his servant or that it has been stolen, as it was

letter of the 1st May 1863

I have you
W. L. Armstrong.
1st Asstt Distt Engineer
in charge 1st Circle

Some of the articles
inserted in the
New Capital Section
regarding a proposed
Memorial for the
New York State
and the Nation.

1860
 27th Decr 1860
 of the District Judge
 of Madison
 State of Wisconsin
 (Recd 7/3/75)
 Under seal
 (7/3/75)

Submitted for the information
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complied with.

1st. June 1863.

Hubert Captain R.B.
Superintending Engineer S. & P.

To
Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary To Government P.W.

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From
The Supg. Engineer
8th Dec

To
The Secy to Government
D. W. S.

Dated 6 } June 1863.
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Submits a letter from
the Asst. Dist. Engr. Madras
reporting loss of a Maximum
Thermometer and requests
permission to strike it
off from the books of the Dist.

N^o 394.

8th 1576-17th June.

Palamattak
18th April/63

No 1130

To
N. Hamilton Esq
1st Asst Engineer Madras Di.

Sir,

With reference to your letter N^o 311
of the 14th instant requesting information
regarding a Maximum Thermometer -
I have the honor to inform you that
the only government thermometer
which has been taken away by my boy was
a standard one which was returned
in October last to the Asst. Engineer of
Madras & the receipt acknowledged
by him on the 21st Oct/62

I have &c

D. Panton Captain
Asst. District Engr. Secy

15. 12. 1876

P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 17th June 1863.

Read the following endorsement from the Superintending Engineer &c.

Submits a letter from the acting District Engineer Madras reporting loss of a maximum thermometer and requests permission to strike it off from the books of the District.

(Here enter 6th June 1863 A.P.)

Before passing orders in regard to the adjustment of the value of the missing thermometer in the books of the D^y Engineer the Govt request to the informed with reference to Paras 4 & 5 of Sec. 2 Chapter XV. of the Code, whether the examination therein ordered was made by the Officer named in the margin when generally taking charge of the District, & if so, whether any record exists to show what checks were made over on each occasion. If such a document is forthcoming there could be no difficulty in fixing the responsibility upon the proper officer. Mr. Harrington's explanation in his letter of the 1st May 1863

Mr Harrington
Capt Payne

At Madras

20th June 1863

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18 Feb/82.

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[Signature]

The Supy. Insp. P.D.Y.
18th June

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