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No. 467. Read the following letter from Captain O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer 1st Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, in the Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 2nd June 1863, No. 135:—

SIR,

Enclosure 1. 1. I beg to enclose an unaudited bill for salary due to late Sub-Overseer Venkannah of the Vizagapatam District for the first eight days in April last, and to request the orders of Government on the same.

2. The Chief Engineer's Circular No. 6,167 of 18th March last, directing the dismissal of all Sub-Overseers, reached me on the 27th idem, and was communicated on the same day to my Range Officers.

3. Consequently every Sub-Overseer in the Ranges handed over his accounts and cash balance and was discharged on or before the 1st April 1863.

4. Sub-Overseer Venkannah was in the Jeypore country and before he could make his journey to Vizagapatam, settle his accounts and deliver over charge of his records to the District Engineer, eight days over and above the date, specified by the Chief Engineer, expired.

5. In England a bad servant is not discharged under a month's warning; how hard then must it have been upon men, some of long service, and some few of meritorious service, to be turned adrift in some cases with but a few hours' notice.

6. But Venkannah's case is even harder, for he was certainly in Government employment until he had given over his balance and his accounts on the 8th of April, and yet the Controller wishes him to give these eight days' service to Government without remuneration.

7. I cannot conceive that it can be the intention of Government to deprive this man of his pay.

No. 468. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1863, No. 1,611.

Under the peculiar circumstances mentioned in paragraph 4, the Governor in Council authorizes the Controller to pass the Bill submitted with this letter.

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

N^o 135 Super. to Engr's Office 1st Div
Maltair 2nd June 1863.
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Secretary to Government
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Your most obedt servt

Ob. Chambers Capt. R. S.
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