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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
14th July 1863.*

No. 323. Read the following letter from Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer 6th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 9th July 1863, No. 199 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that on receipt of your Official Memorandum, No. 236, dated 30th June 1863, I instructed Mr. Ottmann to hold himself in readiness to hand over the charge of his Range. I have now received a letter from him in which he requests that he may be allowed to remain in his Range, or at least in the Tanjore District, provided his doing so will not affect his promotion or salary. His reasons for making the request are that he will be put to great expense by the transfer, and that he is intimately acquainted with the works in his Range, and, in a somewhat less degree, with the works of two other Ranges of Tanjore. From there being no shed or bungalow in the Range, he has had to build himself a bungalow, and the money aid out on it will be nearly all lost.

2. If another arrangement can conveniently be made, I beg to recommend that his request be complied with. What he states about his knowledge of the works of his Range is quite correct, and if he is transferred to another District at this time, there will be great difficulty in carrying on the works. Much damage has been done during the last ten days by the extraordinarily high freshes in the Cauvery, and a very large number of works are in progress.

3. Captain Burn having been removed from the Department, Captain Chrystie and Lieutenant Makgill having been transferred to other Districts, four out of the six Ranges of Tanjore will pass into new hands. The two Native Upper Subordinates appointed to this District, as I have already reported, are not fit to have charge of Ranges.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1863, No. 1,885.

The Government are unable to accede to the request contained in this letter. Mr. Ottmann should therefore be relieved as early as practicable and directed to proceed to the Presidency.

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

N<sup>o</sup> 199.

Superintending Eng<sup>rs</sup> Office  
Sixth Division

Tanjore, 9<sup>th</sup> July 1863

From,

Captain E. A. Ford. R. E.

To,

Superintending Eng<sup>rs</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Div.

Colonel W. J. Birdwood. R. E.

Secretary to Government  
P. W. D.

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Enclosure

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Supg: Engrs Offr, }  
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Tanjore, 9<sup>th</sup> July 1863.

Edwd Captain R.E.  
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The Superintendent Eng<sup>r</sup>  
of the Division

To  
The Secretary to Genl  
A. M. D.

Dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 1863.  
Received 18<sup>th</sup> July 1863.

1885-14 July.  
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