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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23th July 1864.*

No. 496. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating to the Commander-in-Chief Proceedings }
Public Works Department, regarding the removal from that }
Department of Corporal and Taluk Overseer A. Smith; and } (Here enter 22nd July 1864, No. 2,521.)
requesting that Superintending Engineers may be reminded }
to comply with the provisions of the Adjutant General's }
Circular No. 799 of 1864, on Military Subordinates being }
remanded to their Corps.

No. 497. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1864, No. 2,157.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, whose particular attention is requested to paragraph 2.

No. 966, dated 19th March 1864.

2. The Order* in the Military Department was communicated to Superintending Engineers in Public Works Proceedings No. 910, dated 2nd April 1864.

• (True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augusta.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st June 1864.*

No. 19. - Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel A. C. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp Guvalcherru, 23rd May 1864, No. 19 :—

SIR,

1. I regret to be obliged to submit for the consideration of Government the enclosed letter from Mr. Wilson, Assistant Engineer in charge of the Anantapur Range, Bellary District, reporting on the conduct of Corporal and Taluq Overseer A. Smith.

2. Corporal Smith joined the Department on the 31st July 1863, and I at once placed him under the orders of Mr. Porter at Bellary to learn his duty ; but owing to his intemperate habits brought to my notice by Mr. Porter and Captain Fischer, I posted him to the Anantapur Taluq to save him from ruin, hoping that in the absence of bad companions he would endeavour to retrieve his character.

3. In February last I spoke to him very seriously, Mr. Wilson having already reported him as useless, and I then pointed out to him that his future prospects depended entirely upon himself, that he must be aware that unless ~~he~~ improved he would not be allowed to remain in the Department.

4. From Mr. Wilson's letter it is evident that he is not to be depended upon, that he allows Gumastahs and other subordinates to waste public money, and that he is consequently unfit for the duties of a Taluq Overseer. Should Government decide on remanding him to his Corps, he might join the Company of Sappers and Miners at Bellary.

No. 20. . ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1864, No. 1,595.

1. As under the orders marginally noted, the appointment of Taluq Overseers rests entirely with the Superintending Engineers, those Officers are competent, on proper grounds, to dismiss any member of that class, without a previous reference to Government. Reports of such dismissals should however be submitted for record in this Office.

2. In the event of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dispensing with the services of Corporal Smith, intimation of the circumstance should be given to the Adjutant General of the Army with a view to the services of the Corporal (who should be ordered to report himself at the nearest Military Station) being re-placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th July 1864.*

No. 262. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 27th June 1864, No. 53 :—

Sir,

1. With reference to paragraph 2, Order of Government No. 1,595, dated 1st June 1864, and to your Official Memorandum No. 118, dated 25th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that having decided on removing Corporal

and Taluq Overseer A. Smith from the Department, I duly reported having done so to the Adjutant General of the Army, but the Assistant Adjutant General, in a letter herewith enclosed, states that it was not competent to me to direct Corporal Smith's removal from the Department without the previous sanction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and requests me to forward a statement of the specific acts of misconduct complained of with a view to the Corporal's disposal.

2. These instructions are so totally at variance with the Order of Government above quoted, empowering Superintending Engineers to dismiss any Taluq Overseer on proper grounds, that I beg to submit the case for the consideration of Government.

From Major E. A. B. TRAVERS, Assistant Adjutant General, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Cuddapah, dated Fort Saint George, 23rd June 1864, No. 2,171 :—

Sir,

Reporting that he had been compelled to remove 2nd Corporal and Taluq Overseer A. Smith from the Department of Public Works for misconduct, and that he had ordered him to report himself to the Assistant Adjutant General, Ceded District at Bellary.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, No. 233, I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief to point out, that it was not competent to you

to direct the removal from the Department of Corporal Smith, without the previous sanction of His Excellency.

2. By G. O. C. C. dated 10th July 1863, the Corporal was, with the sanction of Government, transferred to the 5th Native Supernumeraries, and his services placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department for employment as an Overseer, and the same authority is necessary to effect his removal therefrom, and re-transfer to his former corps.

3. You are now requested to forward to this Office, in view to the man's disposal, a statement of the specific acts of misconduct complained of, and also regarding the steps taken for carrying out the instructions contained in the enclosed copy of Circular.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1864, No. 2,013.

1. Superintending Engineers being invested with the powers formerly possessed by the Chief Engineer as regards the nomination and dismissal of members of the Department Public Works below the rank of Supervisors, 2nd Class,

Lieutenant-Colonel Hemery, with the sanction of Government, seems to have followed the course adopted on a former occasion when Corporal Howard, as will be seen on reference to the correspondence marginally noted, was dismissed from the Department Public Works by Colonel Horsley without previous reference to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. In reporting to the Adjutant General the dismissal of Corporal Smith, the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, does not appear to have referred to the Order of Government, now forwarded for His Excellency's information, nor to have furnished a full report of the grounds under which he had directed the Corporal's removal.

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15th July 1861.*

3. The Governor in Council directs that in future in the event of a *Military Subordinate* holding the rank of *Taluq Overseer* being guilty of gross misconduct necessitating his removal from his appointment in the Department Public Works, the Superintending Engineer shall order his immediate suspension, and submit to Government a full report on the case in order to the services of the party concerned being re-placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief through the Military Department.

4. The Superintending Engineers' powers in respect to the dismissal of *Civilians* holding the rank of *Taluq Overseers* will remain unchanged.

5. The sanction of Government is necessary to the dismissal of all Subordinates (Military or Civil) above the rank of *Taluq Overseers*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department, with 3 copies of G. O No. 155 of 1861-
Superintending Engineers.

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Military Department.

No. 2521.

*Ordered to be communicated
to the Commander in Chief Adjutant
General's Department.*

*With reference to Para 3 of the
 foregoing order, Superintending Engineers
 should be reminded that the provisions of the
 Adjutant General's Circular No. 799, dated
 11th March 1861, must be complied with,
 viz. Military subordinates being replaced at
 the disposal of His Excellency the Commander
 in Chief.*

*Received
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*Submitted for
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 J. Shaw Stewart, Major, R. E.,
 Deputy Secretary to Government.*

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