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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th September 1864.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 454. From J. SILVER, Esq., Magistrate of Tinnevely, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tenkasy, 30th July 1864, No. 285.

SIR,

1. I regret to be again compelled to bring the conduct of Mr. P. O'Ratigan, Assistant Engineer in this District, to the notice of Government.

2. A complaint against Mr. O'Ratigan for having obstructed a water course passing through the compound of a house he has rented this year at Courtallum and for having committed an assault on the Ryot who went to remove the obstruction, was pending before the Joint Magistrate when he quitted the District on the 22nd instant, and came to me on the 27th with the work of the Sub-Division, in which I have found large arrears, and the case will be taken up, in its own rotation on the file.

3. Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. O'Ratigan, which is herewith forwarded. In addressing me, the Chief Magistrate of the District, in the form of a letter, Mr. O'Ratigan thought fit to close it, by merely signing his name "P. O. O'Ratigan;" omitting the usual form and courtesy, of "I have," or "yours obediently," &c., or he might have addressed me in the third person.

4. This was clearly so markedly an improper mode of addressing me the Magistrate of the District, that ordering a copy of the letter to be taken, I returned the original to Mr. O'Ratigan with an Official Memorandum, a copy of which I have the honor to forward, and to-day the same letter has been returned to me by Mr. O'Ratigan under a blank cover, with an interlineation just above his name, and I forward the original for your inspection.

5. Had Mr. O'Ratigan written me another letter expressed with ordinary courtesy, I would have taken no further notice of the matter; but considering my position as the Head of this District, I cannot permit such conduct on the part of Mr. O'Ratigan to be passed in silence.

6. Last year I had to bring Mr. O'Ratigan's insulting behaviour to one of the Deputy Collectors of this District, to the notice of Government, in my letter to Colonel Orr, dated 21st August 1863, No. 508, and in the Government Proceedings under date the 4th September 1863, No. 2,555, Mr. O'Ratigan was reprimanded and warned as to how he conducted himself in future, and I have now to request you will lay this letter and its two enclosures before Government, and I submit that as Mr. O'Ratigan seems incapable of conducting himself with ordinary courtesy, it would be advisable, to remove Mr. O'Ratigan to some other District, where he would be more immediately under the control of a superior Officer of his own Department.

No. 455. From J. SILVER, Esq., Magistrate of Tinnevely, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tenkasy, 9th August 1864, No. 293.

SIR,

1. Referring to my letter to you of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the charge made against Mr. P. O'Ratigan, an Assistant Engineer in this District, of having caused a diminution of the supply of water for agricultural purposes, by throwing a dam across a long established water channel, on which twenty-five cottahs of Nunjah land were dependent for irrigation, to allow carts to cross with building materials for a room which was being added to the house he occupies this year at Courtallum, instead of having the carts to come by the regular approach in front of the house, which as his witnesses stated would have cut up the ground there, and of having assaulted the Ryot who went to open the dam, and taken away his mamoty, has been tried and proved against him, and he has been punished by fine.

Magistrate

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2. In the course of the trial it appeared that when the Tahsildar with the Village Revenue Officers went to inspect the locality by my order, Mr. O'Ratigan not only refused to remove the dam, when the Tahsildar pointed out to him that the crops were suffering damage by the stoppage of the water supply, but spoke of me under the epithet of "that dog."

3. As such language used by any one in the employ of Government when speaking of the Chief Officer of the District, especially to one of his own Subordinates, is not to be tolerated, I bring the same to the notice of Government, and I submit the necessity of Mr. O'Ratigan being at once removed from Tinnevely.

No. 456.

ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1864, No. 2,742.

1. The Government regret to observe, from the above letters, that the warning previously given to Mr. O'Ratigan has been without effect, and that his violent conduct has again laid him open to a charge of assault, while towards the Magistrate of the District his behaviour is still marked by disrespect and discourtesy.

2. Mr. O'Ratigan will be once more warned that a persistence in conduct so unbecoming to his position must necessitate his removal from the Public Works Department.

3. Mr. O'Ratigan's transfer to the Madura District was ordered in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 13th instant.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Magistrate of Tinnevely.
" the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 284.

Official Memorandum.

The Magistrate of Tinnevely has received a letter from Mr. O'Ratigan bearing this day's date, which is herewith returned to him. When Mr. O'Ratigan addresses the Magistrate in the form of a letter commencing "Sir," then his letter ought to be ended according to general usage, "I have the honor &c," and not as in this case, with his name alone signed to it.

Tinnevely Magistrate's } (Signed) J. Silver
Circuit Cutcherry } Magistrate
Tenkasi 29th July 1864

To P. O'Ratigan Esqre.
Courtallam

(True Copy)

J. Silver
Magistrate

Comp^d J. H. M.

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Referred to the Govern-
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Collector of Tanjore.

Ch. P. R.
17th Aug 1864

J. H. Stewart, Mayor
Dist. of Tanjore

To the Govt. Solicitor

with 14 Encls. } The whole of the papers
to be kindly returned.

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Enclosed in a
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Magistrate of
Tanjore dated
30th Aug 1864
22/9/64
Governor's Office
Madras

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The Magistrate
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To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Depto

Port St. George
Dated 9th 3 August 1864
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Recommending for
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of the Affair Engineer,
Mr. P. Ratigan, from
the District.

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The Magistrate
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The Secretary to
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Fort St. George

Dated 30th 7 July 1864
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Enclosures 2

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of Government the
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The Magistrate of
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to the Supergr 8th Div.

21st September

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