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No. 545. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department, Public Works, dated Sature, 13th September 1864, No. 1,085:—

SIR,

1. In reply to G. O. No. 2,462; 26th ultimo, I have the honor to report that Captain Payne, at present in charge at Paumbem, does not consider it necessary to retain the detachment of Sappers at Paumbem, his personal experience gives him an advantage which the Officers at Paumbem, generally young in the Department, do not possess. All his predecessors objected to the removal of the Sappers, who are employed principally in blasting operations.

2. They might possibly not have adhered to their opinions had they been aware of the anomalous position which they would hold, of having subordinates not under their command.

3. Captain Payne urges in any case the return to their Company of the men now at Paumbem, who are in a very unhealthy state of discipline, and I would propose that the new Superintendent at Paumbem be left, for a time at least, to his own devices before the question be finally settled as to the retention of a detachment at Paumbem.

No. 546. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1864, No. 2,736.

1. Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to the endorsement in that Department dated 16th August 1864.

2. The Government consider that for the present, at least, the Sappers may be removed from Paumbem.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

To the Military Department.

„ Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

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To the Military Department ✓  
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The Secy. to Government  
P. H. D.

Dated 13th } September 1864  
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Reports in reply to Gen. G. of  
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