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21st October 1864.*

No. 385. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 8th October 1864.
No. 88 :—

Sir,

1. Referring to G. O. No. 13, dated 4th October 1864, in which I am directed to arrange
for the early relief of Captain Moberly, I have the honor to report that no Officer having yet
been appointed in his place, I do not see how the order is to be carried out.

2. There is no Range Officer in the Nellore District, who can carry on the duties of Captain
Moberly's Range in addition to those of his own; and the only Subordinates under Captain
Moberly are two Taluq Overseers, one of whom having but very lately joined from the College,
is completely unexperienced, and the other is barely qualified for the charge of a single Taluq.
And even were an Overseer to take charge of the Range, it would, I conclude, be only a temporary
arrangement, and another transfer would be necessary when an Officer should be appointed, and
great loss of time and delay in the progress of works would be the consequence.

* Vide "Fort Saint George Gazette," dated, 12th August 1864. 3. Lately, when Captain Ryves was appoint-
ed to the charge of 1st Division,* I was directed
to relieve him by the Senior Subordinate. As Mr. Sage was available at the moment, I took it
upon me to direct him to take charge instead; but

† Vide "Fort Saint George Gazette" dated 23rd August 1864. in either case since Captain Winscom has been
appointed† in Captain Ryves' place, a second
transfer was rendered necessary and the consequence is, that the Officers concerned have been
employed for some weeks in examining accounts, and in counting and re-counting stores, and
have thus been prevented from paying a proper share of attention to works at a distance from
head quarters.

4. I beg to offer the above remarks in the hope the Government, in consideration of the
injurious effect that transfer of Officers have in the progress of works, will simplify that of
Captain Moberly, by allowing him to remain in Nellore, until an Officer should be appointed to
succeed him.

No. 386. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1864, No. 3026.

Steps will be taken as early as practicable for the appointment of an Officer to the Nellore
District, for the charge of the Southern Range. In the meantime, as the services of Captain
A. S. Moberly are urgently required at Bellary, the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, will
be requested to instruct Major Ritherdon temporarily to undertake that Officer's duties, in addi-
tion to his own, or to make such other arrangements as may be feasible, with a view to the early
relief of Captain Moberly.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No 88-
From

Superintending Engineer's Office
2nd Division, Masulipatam
8th October 1864. 3-

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Superintending Engineer,
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3. Lately, when Captain Pyres was appointed to the charge of 1st Division, *See Ist Lt. George Gazette 8/12 Aug 1864* I was directed to relieve him by the Senior Subordinate. As Mr. Page was available at the moment, I took it upon me to direct him to take charge instead, but in either case since Captain Wincom has been appointed in Captain Pyres place, a second transfer was rendered necessary and the consequence is, that the Officers concerned have been employed for some weeks in examining accounts, and in counting and recording stores; and

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Your most obedient servant.

I am Dear Sir,
Lt Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd Div.

