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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th October 1864.*

No. 460. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military
Department:—

Communicating Despatch from the Home Government, authorizing the cancellation of the Warrant held by Acting Contractor Shannon, and removing him from the Public Works Department. (Here enter 13th October 1864, No. 3,658.)

No. 461. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1864, No. 3,063.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, and to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From Acting Controller of Military Accounts, 28th July 1864, G. {Recorded in Proceedings of Government, 2nd September 1864, No. 3076.} Read again the paper noted in the margin.

Read also the following :—

Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 31st August 1864, No. 82.

Para. 1. I have received and considered in Council your letters, Nos. 102 and 148, dated 22nd April and 11th June 1864 respectively, in which you submit for orders the cases of the undermentioned Warrant Officers, viz :—

Apothecary H. W. King, Subordinate Medical Establishment.

Acting Conductor Shannon, Overseer, Public Works Department.

Apothecary King, who was attached to the Medical Store Department at Fort Saint George, was tried by the High Court of Judicature at Madras, on a charge of criminal breach of trust, in having dishonestly converted to his own use some Surgical instruments, of the value of 30 Rupees, the property of Government. Being found guilty, he was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 16 months.

Acting Conductor Shannon, in addition to suspicions as to his honesty, is described as being utterly incompetent, and his removal from the Department of Public Works is urged by the Superintendent Engineer.

2. Upon these cases, your Government request to be informed whether you are authorized to reduce Warrant Officers, or to cancel their Warrants; and if your Government is not so authorized, you suggest the advisability of conferring such power on you.

You observe "there has been no instance, we believe, in this Presidency, of a Warrant Officer being reduced to a lower class, or to a Private Soldier, except by sentence of Court Martial. Yet it seems desirable that Government should have the power of reducing to a lower grade, or cancelling the Warrants of men who are shewn to be clearly undeserving of the rank they hold, although their cases may not be such as to subject them to trial by Court Martial. They must otherwise remain a burden on the Department in which they can no longer be usefully employed."

3. With the present rapid means of communication with India, there appears to me to be no necessity for conferring a power not hitherto exercised by your Government, and I do not apprehend that any inconvenience will attend a reference to the Home Government in the rare instances in which it may be advisable to reduce a Warrant Officer except by sentence of Court Martial.

4. With regard to those now submitted, I am of opinion that Apothecary King should be dismissed the service. In consideration of his having served 35 years, of his previous good character, and of your recommendation in his behalf, you are authorised to grant him, on the termination of his imprisonment, a Pension of Rupees 40 a month, being that of an Apothecary retiring after 30 years' service, not on account of ill health.

5. You will cancel the Warrants of Shannon, both as Acting Conductor and Sub-Conductor. He will then revert to his former position of Serjeant in the

Madras Artillery, from which he is to be discharged on the Pension to which his length of service entitles him.

ORDER, No. 3658, 13th October 1864.

Ordered that the foregoing Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Principal Inspector General Medical Department, and Controller of Military Accounts.

2. Under the authority conveyed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of that Despatch, the following Orders are issued.

3. Apothecary H. W. King is dismissed the Service, and on the termination of his imprisonment he will be allowed a Pension of Rupees 40 a month.

4. The Warrant held by Acting Conductor P. J. Shannon is cancelled, and he is removed from the Public Works Department. He will now revert to his former position as Serjeant of Artillery, and will be discharged with such Pension as his length of service may entitle him to.

5. The usual Roll will be submitted to Government, through the Controller of Military Accounts, for sanction.

(True Extract.)

Alumination
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- .. Public Works Department.
- .. Principal Inspector General Medical Dept.
- .. Controller of Military Accounts.
- .. Examiner Pay Department.
- .. Military Accountant.

Ed. R. Stephenson.

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