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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd November 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 75. From Lieutenant W. J. WHISH, R. E., Assistant Engineer, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 25th August 1864.

SIR,

1. I had the honor to receive early last month the Proceedings of Government, dated 24th June, with your Memorandum No. 566 of same date, in the latter part of which it is stated that Lieutenant Whish will be called upon for explanation and to show reasons why he should not be removed from the Department Public Works.

2. From the fact of my being on leave on Medical Certificate at a distance from all Office records, and from the absence of the usual subscribing Memorandum requiring the order to be followed up, I considered the copy of the above (received direct from the Office of Secretary to Government, Department Public Works,) was forwarded to give an early intimation that such charges had been made against me, and that I should in due course receive from the same authority more specific information of the acts of gross and persistent neglect alleged against me in Captain Gahagan's letter of the 14th June. I understand however, privately, from friends at Madras, that I am expected to reply to the above order, and to do so I must beg that in common justice the charge may be put in a more tangible shape, as I have no knowledge of Captain Gahagan having in any previous communication to myself or his superiors made any such allegation against me. At the date of Captain Gahagan's letter above cited, I had left the Range one month and nine days previously, and previous to that time the only differences of opinion we had were regarding the competency (or otherwise) of the subordinate in charge of the Verdachellum Taluq and the two Writers in my Office, every one of whom has been dismissed on the report of my successor in the Range. Under these circumstances I trust it will be perceived how impracticable it is for me to enter into further explanation. Awaiting further information.

No. 1,855, 24th June 1864.
" 1,877, 26th " "

Referred to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, with reference to the orders marginally noted, with a request that he will submit a clear statement of the charges brought against Lieutenant Whish, and report the particular works which have been damaged by that Officer's "gross and persistent neglect of duty."

CHEPAUK,
31st August 1864.

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

No. 76. From Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 22nd October 1864, No. 1,290.

SIR,

* Herewith returned.

1. In reply to your Memorandum dated 31st August 1864, forwarding a letter* from Lieutenant Whish, and requesting the Superintending Engineer to report the particular works which have been damaged by that Officer's gross and persistent neglect of duty, I have the honor to inform you that I can only find one Memorandum† on the subject in this Office, which in a

† Sent in original, to be returned

general way finds fault with Lieutenant Whish for his gross neglect of the works in his Range. This Memorandum was sent on receipt of a letter from the Collector of South Arcot, enclosing one dated 7th April 1864, from the Sub-Collector Mr. W. J. Whiteside, who complained that although he had written to Lieutenant Whish on the 18th December 1863, and again on the 9th January, urging the speedy repair of some particular and important tanks, that up to the date of his present letter dated 7th April 1864, nothing had been done, and that the tanks that appear to have breached and injured in the north-east monsoon were still in the same state. Mr. Whiteside also complains of the bad state of the roads between Verdachellam and Cuddalore and Verdachellum and Oolunderpett.

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2. I do not find that Lieutenant Whish even answered this Memorandum of Captain Gahagan's, and on the 6th May last he proceeded on sick leave.

3. There are several other Memoranda from this Office finding fault with the returns that were sent, but the Superintending Engineer appears chiefly to consider that the Writer is to blame. There is also a Memorandum informing Lieutenant Whish that he ought to have reported his return from casual leave, but nothing more.

Memorandum from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Assistant Engineer in charge of No. 4 Range, South Arcot, dated 19th April 1864, No. 2,455.

1. Forwarding for the perusal and remarks of the Assistant Engineer in charge of the 4th Range, South Arcot, an original letter No. 38, of the 12th instant, from the Collector of South Arcot to the undersigned, with one enclosure.

Enclosures 2. (To be returned)

2. These two documents bring to notice a state of things in the Verdachellum Taluq, which clearly proves the grossest neglect of duty on the part of the local Agents of the Department Public Works, viz., the Range Officer and the Taluq Overseer.

3. The undersigned had made arrangements, to visit No. 4 Range, in the current month, but a serious accident, the effects of which will prevent him from mounting a horse for several weeks, has obliged him to cancel his arrangements.

He hopes, however, to be at Porto Novo by the middle of June, and looks to Lieutenant Whish to complete in the interval the emergent repairs of tanks and roads in the Verdachellum Taluq, referred to by the Revenue Officers of South Arcot in the letters herewith sent.

4. Should these repairs not be completed before the end of June, it will be the Superintending Engineer's duty to remove Lieutenant Whish from his present charge, and send up a report to Government on the subject.

5. Lieutenant Whish will, of course, submit estimates, as soon as he conveniently can for these repairs: but in no case is the commencement of work to be delayed by the preparation of the estimate.

Lieutenant Whish will proceed in person to the Verdachellum Taluq, and remain in the Taluq until the several works have been fairly started, and the necessary measurements taken for estimates.

He will report to this Office the date on which he proceeds to obey this order; and once in every seven days until further notice, will submit a special report of the progress made with the repairs.

6. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Collector of South Arcot.

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Captain, R. E.,

Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1864, No. 3,168.

1. Copies of the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, recorded above, and of its enclosure, will be furnished to Lieutenant Whish, for such explanation as he may have to offer regarding his alleged gross neglect to carry out repairs that were urgently required to certain tanks and channels lately under his charge in the Verdachellum Taluq of the South Arcot District.

2. The Government observe that although the state of these works was brought to notice by the Sub-Collector in December 1863, and again in January 1864, no steps were taken by Lieutenant Whish to carry out the necessary repairs up to the date of his departure on leave.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

To Lieutenant Whish, R. E.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

To Secy. to Govt. S. P. S.

I had the honor to receive early last month the proceedings of Govt. dated 24th June with your memo No. 566 of same date in the latter part of which it is stated that Lieut. Whish will be called upon for explanation & to show in what way he should not be removed from the Dept. Pub. Works. From my fact of being away from the C. at a distance from all office business and from the absence of the sub-collector's memo requiring the order for the removal up I considered the copy of the above memo direct from the office of Secy. to Govt. S. P. S. was forwarded to give me such information that such charges had been made against me and that I should in due course receive from the Govt. in kind some recompense.

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I have the honor to be
Sir.

Your obedient servant

W. D. Whitehead
Asst. Secy.

Madras

25th Aug: 1864

Public Works Department
No 3168 on

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd October 1864

Read the following

From Lieut. W. J. Whist. Assist. Engineer

Requesting to be furnished
with detailed information regarding
the charge brought against him,
of gross neglect of duty.

J. E. 23rd August/64

From The Superint. Engr. S. S. S.

Forwards a Memo. addressed by
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J. E. 22nd October/64 No 1290

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To The Secretary to
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Dated 22nd October 1864
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