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4th March 1864.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated Camp Gooty, 15th February 1864, No. 275 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor herewith to forward for the consideration of Government, a charge brought against Serjeant Cairns by Mr. Wilson, Assistant Engineer, Bellary District, together with Serjeant Cairns' defence.

2. From personal enquiry and investigation, I am convinced that Serjeant Cairns' statements are false.

3. Mr. Wilson did not press him to pitch his tent in his (Mr. Wilson's) compound; on the contrary he allowed him to do so on the distinct understanding that Serjeant Cairns was never to enter his Bungalow except on duty matters connected with the transfer of the Roidroog Range.

4. Mr. Wilson happened to be in the verandah of the Theatre at Bellary on the evening of the 28th November, and seeing Serjeant Cairns turned out for being drunk and riotous, he told him that he should report his conduct to me.

5. Serjeant Cairns did not attend at Mr. Wilson's Office on the Monday morning, viz., 30th November. He did not make his appearance until the evening of that day, when he was too intoxicated to sign his name to the transfer Certificates.

6. Mr. Wilson gave Serjeant Cairns no liquor, but a bottle of brandy was found concealed on the Serjeants' person, which he had taken from Stores then being packed up in the verandah of the Bungalow by Mr. Wilson's servant.

7. This is not the first time that Serjeant Cairns' intemperate habits have been brought to my notice. His conduct, when in charge of the Anantapoor Range, was so disgraceful as to bring great discredit on the Department, and all the Native authorities were delighted at his removal to another part of the District.

8. I have already reported Serjeant Cairns as unfit for the charge of a Range, and I now beg to request that he may be removed from this Division, if not, from the Department.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1864, No. 656.

1. In Proceedings No. 3,669, dated 12th December 1863, the Government was under the necessity of noticing with displeasure the unfavorable testimony borne of Serjeant J. Cairns by the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and of warning him that his failure to improve and afford satisfaction would result in his degradation to the rank of Taluq Overseer.

2. In the letter recorded above, Colonel Hemery submits certain papers connected with a charge of drunkenness preferred against Serjeant Cairns by Mr. Wilson, an Assistant Engineer of the Bellary District.

3. Mr. Cairns' defence contains a complete denial of the correctness of Mr. Wilson's allegations; but from personal enquiry, Colonel Hemery is inclined to discredit the statements made by the Serjeant.

4. The Government notices with much displeasure this report of Mr. Cairns' misconduct; but seeing that it is the first complaint of his intemperate habits that has been brought under its notice, and considering the great delay that has taken place in reporting the circumstance, it will forbear dealing with him severely on the present occasion. He will be warned that any further report of similar misconduct will certainly be visited with the severest mark of the displeasure of Government.

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5. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, Mr. Cairns will be transferred to the 6th Division, and Captain Bean will arrange for his being appointed to the charge of the Range now vacant by the death of Atchutah Naidoo, or to any other Range that he may think fit to employ him in.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 3rd and 6th Divisions.
,, Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Dept

No 656

of the Madras Government

Under date the 4th March 1864

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[Signature]

To
The Supg Inq 3rd 16th Dec^r
+ J. H. S. letters
Cairns & And of Mr acct.

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J. H. S. March

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Wm: of Grafton
Robert
Jno. of the City
of St. Charles

John

Sergeant, & various functions
from the 1st to the 6th Dec, and
at the same time requested to arrange
for his being appointed to a
large hall he may think fit
to supply him with.

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