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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st June 1864.*

No. 19. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel A. C. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp Guvalcherru, 23rd May 1864, No. 19 :—

SIR,

1. I regret to be obliged to submit for the consideration of Government, the enclosed letter from Mr. Wilson, Assistant Engineer in charge of the Anantapur Range, Bellary District, reporting on the conduct of Corporal and Taluq Overseer A. Smith.

2. Corporal Smith joined the Department on the 31st July 1863, and I at once placed him under the orders of Mr. Porter at Bellary to learn his duty ; but owing to his intemperate habits brought to my notice by Mr. Porter and Captain Fischer, I posted him to the Anantapur Taluq to save him from ruin, hoping that in the absence of bad companions he would endeavour to retrieve his character.

3. In February last I spoke to him very seriously, Mr. Wilson having already reported him as useless, and I then pointed out to him that his future prospects depended entirely upon himself, that he must be aware that unless improved he would not be allowed to remain in the Department.

4. From Mr. Wilson's letter it is evident that he is not to be depended upon, that he allows Gumastahs and other subordinates to waste public money, and that he is consequently unfit for the duties of a Taluq Overseer. Should Government decide on remanding him to his Corps, he might join the Company of Sappers and Miners at Bellary.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1864, No. 1,595.

1. As under the orders marginally noted, the appointment of Taluq Overseers rests entirely with the Superintending Engineers, those Officers are competent, on proper grounds, to dismiss any member of that class, without a previous reference to Government. Reports of such dismissals should however be submitted for record in this Office.

2. In the event of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dispensing with the services of Corporal Smith, intimation of the circumstance should be given to the Adjutant General of the Army with a view to the services of the Corporal (who should be ordered to report himself at the nearest Military Station) being re-placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.

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As under the orders marginally noted, the appointment of Salary Overseers rests entirely with the Superintending Engineer, those Officers are competent on proper grounds, to dismiss any member of that class, without a previous reference to Government. Reports of such dismissals should however be submitted for record in this office.

In the event of the Superintending Engineer 3rd Divⁿ dispensing with the services of corporal Smith in view of the circumstances should be given to the Adjutant General of the Army with a

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 Excellency the
 Commander in Chief. —

Chapman

12th June 1864

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To The Sup^r Eng^r & J^r & J^r
 & All other Sup^r Eng^r & J^r & J^r

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 Hon^{ble} Sec^y of War
 The Sup^r Eng^r & J^r & J^r
 2nd June 1864

To
 The Sec^y of War
 P. M. Q.

N^o 19

Dated 23rd
 May 1864

Enclosure - One.

Submits for the consideration
 of Genl. a letter from Mr. Mil.
 & Genl. Ensign in the 1st Regt.
 District reporting on the conduct
 of Corporal and Acting Officer
 A. Smith, and that should
 General command him to his
 Corps he be directed to join the
 Company of Sappers & Miners
 & the 1st Regt.

EX^o 1595 - 12th June 1864.

With an Order