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27th September 1864.*

No. 577. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 9th September 1864, No. 911 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the case of Serjeant Thorpe of the Sappers and Miners, Supervisor Public Works, in the Kimeddy estate.

2. During six years efficient and zealous service in that unhealthy country he has had frequent attacks of jungle fever, and at length the Medical Officers have ordered him to leave the District, and have added an injunction not to return to it.

3. Captain Philipps, under whose eye Supervisor Thorpe has served, speaks in the highest terms of his knowledge and ability as an Engineer, as well as of his efficiency and zeal in the execution of work. The Collector also adds his testimony to the value of the services rendered by this meritorious subordinate. Mr. Forbes very justly observes that, "to decide that he must either return to Kimeddy or shift for himself, would be to offer two very cruel alternatives."

4. I therefore beg to recommend that, on a vacancy occurring, Serjeant Thorpe be transferred *ad eundem* to the regular Department of Public Works, and I would at the same time suggest the advisability of appointing, with the concurrence of the Court of Wards, an Overseer as supernumerary Supervisor to the charge of the Kimeddy estate, so that the promotion of the lower grades would not be interrupted, and the Subordinate employed in the Kimeddy estate being member of the regular establishment could be transferred to another District when his health fails.

* No. 146 of 3rd September 1864, and Collector's letter of 6th September 1864.

5. Captain Philipps' and Mr. Forbes letters* are appended to this.

From Captain C. G. PHILIPPS, Executive Engineer, Ganjam, to Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Berhampore, 3rd September 1864, No. 146.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that Supervisor Thorpe left Kimeddy on the 13th August, and proceeded by steamer "Penang" on 21st from Vizagapatam to Madras and Bangalore, on six months' leave on Medical Certificate, after many months of suffering from jungle fever, which rendered the change imperative.

2. I regret to state that the Medical Officers who attended him, pronounce his return to the climate of Kimeddy at the end of his leave, as dangerous in the extreme, and recommend his transfer to some other District, at the expiration of his furlough.

3. Mr. Thorpe was appointed Overseer in the Kimeddy estate in 1858, and joined on the 17th July of that year; being then a Corporal, was promoted to Serjeant 1st September 1861, and was appointed Supervisor by the Court of Wards from 1st January 1864, on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem (1st class).

4. During the six years he has been employed in the estate, he has proved himself an efficient and zealous subordinate, has constructed, much to my satisfaction, several important bridges, and lines of roads, and was greatly praised by Colonel Horsley who visited the Malypooty bridge on the Poondy road in 1859 (23rd December), when Deputy Chief Engineer of the Circle.

5. During this time he has repeatedly suffered from jungle fever, the two other Overseers, Serjeant Fuller, and C. Parthasarady have died, and Mr. Thorpe was not expected to survive when he left Kimeddy on the 13th ultimo.

6. It is I think bad policy to appoint a successor to him from any but those of the permanent staff of the Department Public Works, who can be removed to another District without difficulty, when their health fails them. Accordingly, I would now beg that in the event of Supervisor Thorpe's being removed to another District, and brought on the strength of the Department, a successor to him may be appointed whose pay and allowances will be met from the funds of the estate (as at present).

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7. I have just returned from Kimeddy, and after an inspection of Mr. Thorpe's roads and other works, have every reason to speak highly of them, and of his industry and attention to orders.

8. He has a wife and seven children to support, and I earnestly trust he may be rewarded for his good service, by transfer to the Department of Public Works, and employment in another District, after 13th February next, when his leave expires.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Chetterpur, 6th September 1864.

SIR,

1. In forwarding the accompanying letter, I can only add that the application on behalf of Supervisor Thorpe has my earnest support. I think he has claims on the Department Public Works, which can only be met by placing him on the strength of the Department in some healthier climate. To decide, that he must either return to Kimeddy or shift for himself would be to offer two very cruel alternatives, and he has shown that his services are valuable to the Department.

No. 578.

ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1864, No. 2,802.

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, will be informed that there is at present no vacancy in the higher grades of the Subordinate Establishment of the Public Works Department; and as all appointments to the grade of Taluq Overseer rest with the Superintending Engineers, copies of these Proceedings will be furnished to those Officers, with an intimation that the Government will be glad to learn that Serjeant Thorpe's services have been availed of.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division,
„ Board of Revenue.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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No. 2
From ²/₂ Ganjam District
Collector's Office
Chetterpur 6th Sep 1864
G. S. Forbes Esq.
To. Collector of Ganjam
The Superintending Engineer
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Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
G. A. Fisher

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Superintending Engineer's Office

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9 September 1864

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From

Captain J. G. Ryves R.E.

Superintending Engineer

1st Division

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Secretary to Government D. No.

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