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No. 299. Read the following letter from Captain C. P. MOLONY, 25th Regiment, M. N. I., late Acting 1st Assistant District Engineer, Vizagapatam Range, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ellore, 27th February 1864:—

SIR,

1. Having received this day from Colonel Chambers, the decision of the Government noted in the margin, regarding my claim to salary for the whole time taken up in giving over charge to Captain Beatty, and it appearing to me therefrom that my claim was not disposed of with a full knowledge of all the circumstances which led to my protracted relief, I have the honor to submit the following statement, and beg to solicit His Excellency the Governor in Council to be pleased to re-consider my case.

Proceedings of Madras Government, Public Works Department, No. 322, dated 29th January 1864.

2. My Accountant and Estimate-maker had been suffering from berri-berri for the last year. At first he was not very bad, and I did not know what was the matter with him, and as he got over the attacks each time, and was most regular in his attendance at Office, and always remained after working hours, and did not even avail himself of the leave given at Native feasts, I was in hopes he would get on with his work and leave no arrears. But unfortunately, for the *last four* months before Captain Beatty's arrival, he, the Accountant, suffered very much from *Galicondah fever*, and his Assistant in the Office was also not unfrequently attacked with the same fever, parts of my Range being exceedingly feverish. I then considered whether it would not be better to send them away and get new hands in their places, but I thought that should I recommend them to be discharged or sent away for change of air, I should most likely be worse off as regards arrears of work, than before, as in all probability the pay then given to an Accountant being too little to induce a superior man to take the situation, I should only get one not half up to the work; and as I was about to be *relieved* I considered it would be safest to keep on the old hands with all their knowledge of the duties than to get in new hands *at such a time*.

3. I would also beg to state that when Captain Beatty arrived the *whole* of the *old* Office, (I and all my Writers) went out of place, and Captain Beatty and his Writers, who are *all new* to the Range, came into office. They knew nothing of what had taken place, or was then going on in the Range; frequent references had to be made to the old Office not only regarding the accounts in arrears but about the works lately constructed, and those in progress. To reply to these references and to clear off the arrears of work caused by the *illness* of the Office contracted on *Government duty*, I had to remain at Waltair.

4. If the Government duty takes an Officer and his Office into jungly places where *few ever* go, except merely to pass through the place, *without* catching fever, and if they, at last do catch it, and the work gets into arrears for the time, I trust that some consideration may be made for them, and that the difficulty, if not impossibility of getting a man fit to do the duty in an appointment then so badly paid, and he too, to be only an *acting* man, may be remembered. Since then not only have *higher* salaries been given to the Office, but its strength has been *increased*. There is now a Draughtsman in the Office, which there was not before, and an Overseer with a Writer have been added to it for the Waltair and Vizagapatam works alone.

5. I trust that all I have said may meet with your support, and I hope that Government may be pleased to grant me the salary (which is not half what my successor draws) claimed under paragraph 14, Section 2, Chapter XV of the Bengal Rules.

6. I would beg also to submit that when I was detained at Waltair on that duty, Colonel Chambers showed me the Bengal Rule, above quoted, and said I should draw my Staff salary on that; that I was under his orders all the time I was detained there; accompanied him and Captain Beatty over all the works in the Range, and that they did not start from Waltair to go over my Range until the 30th of November last, the day on which the Government have decided my claim to salary in the Department ceased; and I would beg to state that I lost Rupees 50 a month Company Commanding allowance all that time, which I should have drawn had I been with my Regiment.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th March 1864.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1864, No. 755.

The Governor in Council is unable to sanction the payment to Captain Molony of any salary after the date specified in G. O. No. 322, dated 29th January 1864.

(True Extract.)

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

To Captain C. P. Molony, 25th Regiment, M. N. I., Ellore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Capt. Molony must have
kept his accounts in any already
May he require so much time to hand
them over. The delay must have been
due to his own neglect & he cannot
therefore claim to receive pay for
the extra time

No 755

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To Capt. C. P. Molony
25 Regt. N. I.
Ellore

Chepauk
12th March 1864
Dept. 14th March

Despatch
Mad. Govt. Fort St. George
No. 977

From

Captain A. Malcolm
Late Asst. 1st Asst. &c.
Engr. V. R.
Ellore

To

The Secretary to Govern-
ment Public Works Depart.
Madras

No. 66

Dated 27th February 1861
Despatched 28th &c. &c.
Received 4th March

Submits a statement explaining the cause of the protracted delay in giving over charge of his appointment, and so circulating Government may be pleased to reconsider his Claim.

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No. 755 12th March 61.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.