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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 373. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Ootacamund, 5th April 1865, No. 303 :—

SIR,

* No. 294 of 31st March 1865, from Mr. Smithers.

1. I have the honor to submit the accompanying full report* of the circumstances under which the Executive Agent in charge of Palghaut Range has been compelled (with my approval) to suspend from his appointment, as Overseer of Ponany Táluq, Corporal Joseph Austin, General No. 3,346, of Her Majesty's 102nd Royal Madras Fusiliers, now in the Effective Supernumerary List.

2. The presumption of habitual intemperance is so strong that Corporal Austin can no longer be trusted; and I am compelled to request that his services may be replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. Meanwhile, I have directed him to proceed to Calicut and place himself under the orders of Mr. Sub-Engineer Bailey, pending the issue of instructions in the Military Department authorizing the Officer Commanding the Detachment at that place to re-admit him into the ranks.

From Mr. T. SMITHERS, Supervisor, 7th Division, Palghaut Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Palghaut, 31st March 1865, No. 294 :—

SIR,

1. I beg to report for your information that I have relieved Mr. Overseer J. Austin from charge of the Ponany Táluq, and placed him under suspension from the 26th instant, pending your orders.

2. On my visiting the Collector, G. A. Ballard, Esq., at Palghaut on the 14th instant, that gentleman informed me that when at Ponany he sent for Mr. Austin to speak to him about the works under progress on in that Táluq, but the Overseer did not attend. Mr. Ballard then sent a note by a Peon to the same effect, but instead of Mr. Austin immediately waiting on the Collector, he sent word saying "I have a pain in the stomach," concerning which Mr. Ballard remarked, "I think by what the Peon said Mr. Austin was not sober."

3. On meeting Mr. Austin at Tirtallah on the 23rd instant, I at once asked him the cause of his not obeying the orders of the Collector, to which he replied "I was sick." I however found from his Writer and Lascars that Mr. Austin had not been out of Ponany for 19 days, and was not seen for 12 days out of his room, and although positive drunkenness cannot be proved against him during those 12 days yet there is very little doubt but that such was the fact. Mr. Overseer Austin was under the influence of liquor when I met him at Tirtallah, although he had several days' notice of my proposed visit.

4. At the beginning of the month I sent on to Mr. Austin an order from the Collector to prepare an estimate for deepening the Ponany canal, which that gentleman wished to have carried out this dry season as also to report on a petition from certain inhabitants of Konuncolum regarding the Chowghaut road neither of which Mr. Austin paid the least attention to.

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22nd April 1865.**

5. On examining Mr. Overseer Austin's accounts after inspecting his works I found the following deficiencies in his cash balances:—

March.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Salary..	82	2	7	General Fund...	166	0	11
Travelling allowance..	16	12	5	District Road Fund	246	0	0
Total..	98	15	0	Account proceeds of sale of old stores...	72	8	0
					484	8	11
				Balance of cash on hand	29	6	0
				Pay on for February 1865...	123	2	3
					152	8	3
				Difference...	332	0	8

Out of which Mr. Austin can only account for Rupees 230, which he gave to a man to construct the Chetway Travellers' Bungalow, and who it would appear has decamped.

6. Regarding the deficiency of cash in Mr. Austin's chest, I would beg to state that I do not believe he has been guilty of a criminal breach of trust, but that he paid away the money when in an intemperate condition.

No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1865, No. 1,077.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.
1. Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing papers the Government approve of the removal from the Public Works Department of Corporal Joseph Austin, Taluq Overseer in the Malabar District.

2. These proceedings will be communicated to the Military Department, with a view to the services of Corporal Austin being replaced 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, 7th Division.
" Military Department.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engineer's Office,
Cotacaimund 5th April 1865.

From
Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th D^o

To,
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I have the honor to be.

Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

Walter Smith R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th D^o

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22nd April 1865

Read the following

From the Superintendent Engineer
J. B. Smith

Requests that the
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To
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