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No. 476. Read the following letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 13th
May 1865, No. 10:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the carelessness and inattention of Mr. Damerum, the Acting Supervisor in charge of the Raidrug Range, in the Bellary District, and to inform you that I consider him unfit for the charge of a Range. I cannot understand how Colonel Hemery came to recommend him for the acting Supervisorship, and ever since he has been in charge of the Range I have had repeatedly to find fault with him. In a letter of Colonel Hemery's in November last, reprimanding him for bringing up false charges against the Overseers under his orders, I find the following passage: "I beg of you to remember that I promoted you to Acting Supervisor, not on account of any merits of your own, but chiefly on account of your long service and large family." Since I have been in charge he has brought up complaints, and on enquiry I have found that the mistakes made have been caused by his not having given clear instructions or having failed to give any at all.

2. In July 1864 the accompanying plan and estimate (to be returned) for a
Rupees 180 Police Station House at Bellaguppa in
the Raidrug Taluq, in the Bellary District, were sanctioned by the Inspector

General of Police and, under the supposition that the sanction of Government was not required, was communicated on the 22nd August 1864 to Mr. Damerum for immediate execution, and he was further informed that the materials of an old Choultry at Bellaguppa were to be made use of for the new Police Station House.

3. He communicated these instructions to Overseer A. Somasundrum Mudali in September, but made no attempt to point out where it was to be built, though his head quarter station "Gollah" is only ten miles from Bellaguppa.

4. In the end of September the Superintendent of Police was at Bellaguppa, and enquired why no work was done; on the Overseer telling him that Mr. Damerum had not pointed out the site for the building, but that materials were being collected, Lieutenant Hicks pointed out a site, and requested him to push on the work.

5. On the 10th November Mr. Damerum visited Bellaguppa, but did not examine to see if any work was in progress or materials collected, the excavation for the work was not commenced until the 26th November, and no notice was taken by him of the delay.

6. From the 10th November 1864 to the 20th February 1865, Mr. Damerum never visited the work, although as I said before his head quarters were only ten miles off, and he was there for several days in each month, and also at one time for thirteen days in camp at a place six miles from Bellaguppa, and on one occasion at least must have, I think, passed through Bellaguppa.

7. In Mr. Damerum's Inspection Report for February last, he stated that the work was progressing very slowly, and was not being built according to the plan, the depth of foundation having been lessened and the height of basement increased. On my calling for further information on the matter, and for the Overseer's explanation, Mr. Damerum stated that the depth of foundation had been reduced by $1\frac{1}{4}$ feet, and the basement increased by that same amount, and that the Taluq Overseer reported that the Superintendent of Police, when he visited Bellaguppa in the end of September 1864, saw the plan and directed him to make the alteration: this Lieutenant Hicks denies, saying that he never instructed the Overseer to make any alterations.

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8. I took the opportunity of being at Bellaguppa last week to inspect the building in question, and found that the foundations had been made only 1½ feet deep, and the basement was 2½ feet in height: the ground below the foundation was gravelly, but not such as to be difficult to excavate, and as the upper surface is of a loamy nature and the water stands close about, it is very necessary that the foundation should have been taken into the gravel. I have directed the work to be pulled down and to be re built, the Overseer making good any excess that may be caused thereby.

9. The Overseer bears a good character as a Maistry, and as he merely transferred the masonry from the foundation to the basement, I cannot think that he had any idea of cheating: the having to make good any extra expense that may be incurred, and his having been now reported to Government, which they feel more than any amount of fine, will I consider be sufficient punishment.

10. Nothing of the kind however could have occurred if Mr. Damerum had inspected the work whenever he was in the neighbourhood.

11. As Government have now posted Mr. Sub-Engineer Colquhoun to the Bellary District, and as his coming will, I suppose, turn out Mr. Damerum, who is the junior Acting Supervisor, from the charge of the Range, I see no reason for recommending anything further than a severe reprimand.

No. 477. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1865, No 1,401.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.

1. It is clear from the facts reported in the letter above recorded that Mr. Damerum is altogether unfit for the charge of a Range. He will accordingly be reduced to the rank of Overseer, and the Superintending Engineer will report, at the expiration of six months, whether, in his opinion, Mr. Damerum is qualified for the charge of a Taluq.

2. The services of Kondiah Naidoo, who is acting for Mr. Damerum in the grade of Taluq Overseer, will be dispensed with on the receipt of these orders, unless he can be otherwise* provided for.

3. The Superintending Engineer's proceedings, reported in paragraph 8, are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with two enclosures.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 10. Supp. Engineers Office 3rd Division
Bellary, 13th May 1865.
From Captain A. S. Moberly R.E.
To Supp. Engineer, 3rd Division
The Secretary to Government
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Rupees 180.

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10. Nothing of the kind however could have occurred if Mr. Cameron had inspected the work whenever he was in the neighbourhood.

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A. S. Moberg, Captain R.E.
Sub Engineer
3^d Division

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The Office of the
3^d Division

To
The Secretary to Govt
P. W. Department

No 10

Dated 13th
Recd. 15th May 1865.

Enclosure 2.

Reports Mr. Acting
Superior Cameron for
carelessness and inatten-
tion and recommends
that he be severely re-
primanded.

A. S. Moberg

C. 17th May 1865 Or. 19th

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 23rd May 1866.

Read the following.

From the Supy Engineer's Division

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and the Supy Engr will
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of six months, whether
in his opinion, Mr
Damerum

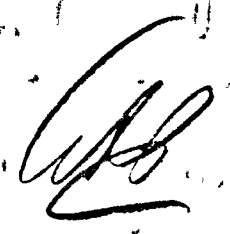
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3 - The Superintending
Engineer's proceedings reported
in para 8 are approved.

+ See para 4
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Superintendent 30 St. John's & Co
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Of 23rd May 1865

Letter from the Sd. Govt.
3rd Dec reporting that the
Superior Dammam of the
Bellary Dist is unfit for the
Charge of a Range & with
Orders thereon.

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