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No. 44. 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 Camp Andiyore, 19th July 1865, No. 69 :—

SIR,

1. In G. O. No. 105 of 12th January 1864, I was permitted to employ Mr. Supervisor McDonough (newly promoted) otherwise than in charge of a Range.

1 Enclosure.

He was then well thought of by his immediate superior Lieutenant Trail, and by myself. In the following May, however, the charge of Coimbatore Range and of the Jail works having, after several changes, consequent on Lieutenant Trail's ill-health, fallen into the hands of Mr. McDonough, I had occasion while supervising its transfer from him to Lieutenant H. C. Smith, R. E., to remark a sad falling off in the Supervisor's behaviour. Further observation put it beyond a doubt that this was attributable to intemperance.

2. I could not, therefore, entrust him with a Range charge, and I did not wish to be hard on an old Sapper who had seen service; circumstances also became known to me, which showed that Coimbatore was a peculiarly unfavourable residence for him. I lost no time therefore in transferring him to Cannanore, where I trusted that his practical experience in building operations, would make him very useful on the Military buildings in progress; while the change would free him from evil associations, and I had an opportunity of seeing in November last that my anticipations were so far realized.

3. But the accompanying Memorandum of correspondence in which he has figured, will show that the improvement has only been temporary, and that a relapse has occurred. I consider the Supervisor's second letter to Major Norton, about his leave, an insubordinate one; and his various excuses for his absence, the incoherent ramblings of a mind under the influence of drink. The statement that expense had already been incurred in making arrangements for proceeding to Ootacamund on the very day of application, and from which the leave was to date, was preposterous, and the extent of leave applied for, eight days, was hardly enough for the purpose of proceeding to Ootacamund and back in the monsoon. Moreover, no urgency could have existed, as one month's notice to the Principal is requisite before a parent can withdraw his son from the Lawrence Asylum.

4. Altogether I have come to the conclusion that it is no use continuing to give Mr. McDonough departmental rank and pay as Supervisor for doing Cantonment Overseer's work. I therefore recommend his degradation to the lower rank; in hopes that such punishment will prove an effectual warning to him, and induce him to refrain from courses, persistence in which must ultimately result in his trial by Court Martial, and loss of his Warrant rank in the Army.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1865, No. 2,209.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 5.

1. The Government learn with much regret that a Warrant Officer of the distinguished and long service of Mr. Supervisor McDonough, and holding the good position that he does in the Department of Public Works, has given way

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to habits which disqualify him for the responsible duties of the post he now fills, and endanger all his future prospects.

2. They reluctantly authorize his reduction to the grade of Overseer, and they hope that this punishment will have a salutary effect and lead him to amendment. Should it, however, be otherwise, the Superintending Engineer will remember that Mr. McDonough cannot be further punished by removal from the Department till he has been deprived of his Warrant by sentence of a Court Martial.

3. Mr. McDonough's reduction will dispose of one of the existing vacancies in the grade of Overseer in the Coimbatore District.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Superintending Engineer's Office 7th Div.
Camp. Andijer 19th July 1865.

From,

Lieut Colonel G. H. Waller R. E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Division

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government S. P. M.

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4. Altogether I have come to the conclusion that it is no use continuing to give Mr. Mc Donough departmental Rank and Pay as Supervisor for doing Cantonment Overseer's work. — I therefore recommend his degradation to the lower rank; in hopes that such punishment will prove an effectual warning to him, and induce him to refrain from courses, persistence in which must ultimately result in his trial by Court Martial, and loss of his warrant Rank in

the Army. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

W. Walker Smith Esq. M.A.
Superintending Magistrate

Memorandum.

In letter N^o 115 of 7th June Captain Norton complains of Mr. McDonough's constant absence from the works at Cannanore, without furnishing any certificate of the cause of his absence. It is therefore attributed by Captain Norton to his indiscretions; in plain words to intoxication. And specific mention is made of the Supervisor having gravely offended in this way 2 months before.

In letter N^o 117 of 8th June, Captain Norton submits 2 applications for 8 days casual leave from the day of application, 7th June. In the second of these Mr. McDonough calls upon his Commanding Officer to assign his reasons for refusal; and states that the occasion is urgent as he has to proceed to Ootacamund for his son, and had already incurred some expense in making arrangements for going. Subsequently in reply to Captain Norton's Memo. N^o 120 of 9th June, calling upon him to state his reasons for again being absent from duty, the Supervisor, in Memo. N^o 20 of 10th June, pleads misconception of Captain Norton's orders and that he was only availing himself of leave in the station in anticipation of sanction. Letter N^o 15 of 9th June had previously pleaded busy occupation in making arrangements for bringing his son from Ootacamund.

But in letter N^o 116 of 8th June at some length it takes up a different standing. It commences with an allusion to the frequency of Captain Norton's calls for explanation of cause of absence from the works. And

Rev. 12th June 1865 N^o 216-217

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Rev. 29th June 1865 N^o 3105

Rev. 18th & 19th June
Rev. 19th June for August
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The Superintendent Engineer
7th Division

to the Secretary to Government
Department of Works

N^o 69

Dated 19th July 1865
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Enclosure 1

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and it states the necessity for preparing Plans and Estimates of extra and petty works, and of keeping accounts of daily labour and measurements of work in progress, as the chief reason. Adding however that 2 or 3 attacks of Epilepsy had disabled him for a few days, though they did not oblige him to go to Hospital. Mr McDonough finally returned to duty on the 12th June.

W. Walker Esq. M.A.
Superintending Engineer of the

Andyoor 19th July 1865-

Enclosed in a letter from
the Superintending Engineer
of the Madras Government
to the Secy to the Govt of
Madras dated 19th July 1865
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W. Walker

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