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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 84. - Read the following letter from the Controllor of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 18th October 1865, No. 1,672:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the enclosed correspondence between the

9 Enclosures.

Acting Superintending Engineer 6th

Division and this Office ; at the same time I beg to give a brief *resumé* of the circumstances which have led to it, but I am quite at a loss to explain why Captain Oakes should have considered it necessary to address me in the very offensive manner he has done in his letters of the 5th and 14th October 1865, Nos. 1,140 and 1,176.

2. On the 5th May last, a Circular was sent from this Office, requesting Superintending Engineers to send in as soon as possible a statement of cash-balances with Civil Officers on the 30th April 1865 ; on the 12th August a reminder was sent to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, requesting this information might be furnished without further delay, as no reply had been received from him ; on the 21st idem Captain Oakes' letter, No. 809 of the 17th August, was received here, and replied to on the 22nd idem by this Office, in which the delay was again complained of, certain omissions pointed out, and in paragraph 3 Captain Oakes was asked if this Office Memorandum of the 12th August, No. 966, had been received by him, as the Receipts therein called for had not been forwarded. On the 7th of September last the Superintending Engineer forwarded a revised statement of the cash balances with Civil Officers, and the Receipts called for by this Office, without any explanation of the great delay which had taken place ; this was again applied for by me on the 14th September before submitting the general statement of cash balances with Civil Officers to Government. On the 4th instant Captain Oakes addressed his letter No. 1,140 to me, giving a full account of the causes which had created all this delay ; but at the same time he entered into a series of complaints and accusations against this Office, which has nothing whatever to do with the matter in question, and in paragraph 5 of the same letter he made a request so uncalled for, that I at once requested he would be good enough to explain the circumstances which induced him to do so. His reply of the 14th instant, No. 1,176, contains such explanations as he has been pleased to give, but which I need hardly say are to me most unsatisfactory ; at the same time he again enters into disquisitions regarding the correspondence of this Office with 86 Range Officers, and various other matters, which are as irrelevant to the case in point as any thing well can be.

3. I should not have troubled the Government with this correspondence had Captain Oakes confined himself to any specific charge or charges against me, and required explanations thereon, but the animus he shows is so strong, and the reckless manner in which he puts forward his statements regarding the conduct of my duties,—I consider I am bound to seek the intervention of Government to put a stop to such proceedings. The case is simple enough of itself: this Office had to prepare and send in to Government a general statement for a past official year, very great delay had already occurred in submitting this document, owing to want of information from one Officer only, and an explanation regarding it was called for,

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4th November 1865.*

as it was expected Government would notice the matter; and on this and this only Captain Oakes charges me with being peremptory, captious, aimless in my objects, insinuates he wishes his letter submitted to Government without being garbled, and only explains this away when called upon to do so; he always had the power to address the Government direct had he thought proper to do so, and enters into other matters about the Manual, pay bills, &c., apparently to justify some proceedings of his own, which I am at a loss even to conjecture; as this however is not the first time I have had to refer to Government the very unbecoming manner in which Captain Oakes has chosen to speak of me, I now again submit the matter in the hopes some redress will be granted, and the thing put a stop to.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1865, No. 3,323.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

Referring to the origin of the correspondence, of which the Controller complains, the Government deem it unnecessary to give him the special support he requests, because they are unable altogether to approve of the manner in which the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division has been addressed by Captain Fischer on points which were of no real importance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with twelve Enclosures.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 18th October 1865.

No. 1672.

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From,

Captain J. F. Fischer, R.E.

Controller of P.W. Accounts.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.

Secretary to Government, D.P.W.

Enclosure.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the enclosed correspondence between the Acting Superintending Engineer 6th Division and this Office, at the same time I beg to give a brief resume of the circumstances which have led to it, but I am quite at a loss to explain why Captain Oakes should have considered it necessary to address me in the very offensive manner he has done in his letters of the 5th and 14th October 1865 Nos. 1140 and 1176.

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of the great delay which had taken place.
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it was called for as it was expected
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Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Wm. H. B. ... Captain R.E.
Controller of P.W. Accounts

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the October 1865.

Read the following

From the Comr of P.W. Accounts

Submits correspondence between the Supy Engineer and this Office respecting a call made on him for explanation of delay and seeks the intervention of Government to put a stop to the reckless manner in which he addresses his correspondence.

The Government do not think it necessary to take notice of the subject referred to in the correspondence which is now submitted by the Controller with his letter above recorded further than to observe that the question conveyed in the third paragraph of his letter to Captain Dukes, dated the 22nd August last, No 1027, was recalled for and

From the Comr of P.W. Accounts
No 4892
To the Secretary to Government. S.P.M.
Fort St. George.

Dated 18th October 1865
Recd. 19th October 1865
No 1672

Submits correspondence between the Supy Engineer & this Office respecting a call made on him for explanation of delay and seeks the intervention of Government to put a stop to the reckless manner in which he addresses his correspondence.

No 3323-45 Novr, 1865

I think this matter should be brought into Council on the suggestion of the Controller. I think that if the Council were to advise that the Comr should be asked to make some explanation of the delay in the correspondence, it would be a good thing.

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C. 25th Oct 1865 P. 26th

and does not seem cal-
culated to obtain the
special information re-
quired, and that it was
conducted in a far more
peremptory tone than is
desirable in communication
between Officers.

The Government
are quite aware that it is
incumbent upon Captain
Drocher to call for all
information which he may
deem it necessary to elicit
regarding the accounts of
the Department, and while
giving him full credit
for a zealous anxiety
efficiently to carry out the
duties intrusted to him,

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regarding the
accounts of the
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while giving him
full credit for a
zealous anxiety
efficiently to carry
out the duties
intrusted to him,

they will always be ready
to afford him their utmost
support, but they believe
that those duties may be
promptly performed without
necessitating pointed and
repetitious demands, which
can serve no good purpose,
and are liable to create
such misunderstandings as
are known to have arisen
between him and Captain
Oakes on this occasion.

The Controller.

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Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 27th Nov 1865

Read the following
From the Controller of P.W.
Accounts

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which he addresses his corres-
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has been addressed by
him

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Captain Fischer

him on points which
were of no real impor-
tance

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To no. of the Wilson
of 4 Nov/68

Altercation between the
Controller of Public Works Accounts
and Captain Oakes Controller in-
formed that the Government deem
it unnecessary to give the special
support he requests in connection
with -

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