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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th November 1865.*

No. 149. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 25th October 1865, No. 1,228 :—

1. I have the honor to inform you that Serjeant Cairns reported his return from leave on the 1st ultimo from Trichinopoly, and applied for ten days' casual leave, I informed him he was not entitled
- Enclosure 1.

to leave, and directed him to join Captain Mead at once, intimating that he should have done so on his return from leave without any reference to me.

2. On the 22nd September I learned from Captain Mead that he had neither seen nor heard of Serjeant Cairns, I then again addressed Serjeant Cairns and called upon him for explanation, and directed him to report himself in person to Colonel Greenaway; Serjeant Cairns in his reply stated that he had made an effort to join Captain Mead, but that his feet were so bad (with rheumatism it is believed) that he could not walk, and that he had not been able to move from his bed till the day he received my second letter; he had not, however, called in the Garrison Surgeon, and was unable to produce a Medical Certificate. He presented himself at Colonel Greenaway's Office on the 25th September.

3. I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether Serjeant Cairns, under the circumstances, should be regarded as absent from duty without leave from the 1st to 24th September inclusive, and his pay regulated accordingly, or whether half or full pay should be drawn for him during that period; information on this point I had hoped to have elicited from the Controller, but I observed

13th October 1865.

* No. 1,128, dated 3rd October 1865.

from G. O. No. 3,043, that my letter* on the subject was submitted to Government, and that the Controller stated he had nothing to do with Serjeant Cairns' irregularities.

4. On the 15th instant, Serjeant Cairns presented himself before the Acting Garrison Surgeon, and was received as an in-patient in the Garrison Hospital, as he is suffering from rheumatism. I enclose an original letter from the

No. 110, dated 20th October 1865.

Acting Garrison Surgeon, stating that Serjeant Cairns is not likely again to prove an efficient assistant in the Department Public Works, and would suggest his being pensioned. He has been attached to the 6th Division since November last, and was for three months on duty, assisting Captain Mead in his survey, &c., of the Cauvery, most of his levels have turned out to be inaccurate, and are therefore useless; he was then absent on sick leave for seven months, and has done nothing for two months since his return, there is therefore absolutely nothing to show for his work in the Division while attached to it for a year.

From the Acting Garrison Surgeon, to the Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, dated Trichinopoly, 20th October 1865, No. 110.

I have the honor with reference to your letter No. 903 of the 13th instant, to inform you that Serjeant Cairns suffers from rheumatism, and that his health is generally much impaired. On the whole I do not think that he is likely to prove an efficient assistant in your Department.

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8th November 1865.

No. 150.

ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1865, No. 3,351.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

1. Under the circumstances explained in the foregoing letter, the Government are of opinion that Serjeant Cairns should be considered as absent without leave from the 1st to 24th September 1865, and forfeit his civil salary for that period.
2. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Military Department, with a view to Serjeant Cairns' services being replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and to steps being taken for his transfer to the Pension Establishment if necessary.

(True Extract.)

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

the Military Department.
Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1228.

Supy Engineer's Office 6th Div
Lanka 25th October 1865.

From

Captain R. F. Oakes R.E.

Ag Supy Engineer 6th Div

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Sir

Enclosure 1.

Same despatch
to the
Superintending
Engineer on the
31st August/65.

I have the honor to inform you that Serjeant Cairns reported his return from leave on the 1st ultimo from Lichinopoly and applied for ten days Casual leave. I informed him he was not entitled to leave and directed him to join Captain Mead at once, intimating that he should have done so on his return from leave without any reference to me -

2 On the 22nd September I learned from Captain Mead that he had written seen or heard of Serjeant Cairns, I then again addressed Serjeant Cairns and called upon him for explanation and directed him to report himself in person to Colonel Greenaway; Serjeant Cairns in his reply stated that he had made an effort to join

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3. I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether Sergeant Cairns, under the circumstances, should be regarded as absent from duty without leave from the 1st to 24th September inclusive and his pay regulated accordingly or whether half or full pay should be drawn for him during that period; information on this point I had hoped to have elicited from the Controller, but I observed from G. O. No 3043 that my letter on the subject was submitted to Government and that the Controller stated he had nothing to do with Sergeant Cairns irregularities.

4. On the 15th Instant Sergeant Cairns

G.O. 110 dated
20th Oct 1865.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant -
W. F. Wake Captain R.E.
Adjutant General D. P. W.

13 Oct 1865.
+ G.O. 1128 dated
3rd Oct 1865.

Establishment Public Works Department

No 3354

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th ^{Nov} 1865

Read the following

From the Supg Engineer
of the Division

Reporting Supervisor
Cairns non attendance (Rescinded 25 Oct/65 No 1228)
to his duties and suggest-
ing that he be pensioned
ed.

Under the circumstances
explained in the foregoing
letter the Government are of
opinion that Sergeant Cairns
should be considered as
absent without leave from
the 1st to 24th September/65
and forfeit his Civil Salary
for that period -

These proceedings will
be communicated to the
Military Department with a
view to Sergeant Cairns -
Services

To the Secretary to Govt
of the Division
By the Supg Engineer
(Signature)
25 Oct 1865

Date 25 Oct 1865

No 1228

Respecting Sir's Cairns
non attendance to his
duties and suggesting
that he be pensioned

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Services being replaced at
the disposal of His Excellency
the Com- in- Chief, and to
steps being taken for his
transfer to the Pension
Establishment if necessary

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7th of the Military Dept
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1st Letter

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Sergeant Cairns - Directing
that he be considered absent without
pay from the 1st to the 24th September
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