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Madura 30th October 1865

From
Lieut. Colonel F. J. Mosherly R.

No 2224.

From Telumuraka Seven and other
Ryots of Peruvapalankulam in Tiru-
mangalam Taluk in the Zillah of
Madura.

Dated 22nd
Rec^d 26th $\frac{2}{3}$ July 1865

Pray for order to construct
ertain irrigation Works. —

Transferred to the Superintending
Engineer 8th Division for disposal.

By order.

Rev. B. P. Office
Chennai
8th August 1865

Signed C. G. Master.
Acting Sub. Secretary.

(True Copy)
H. Mosherly Lieut. Col. R.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.
Madurai

H. Mosherly Lieut. Col. R.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

As directed by the Collector, I beg to offer the following account of the conversation which took place between Colonel. Osberly and the Fasiladar to the best of my memory—

In the month of August last, I and the Dy Inspector of Schools went with the Fasiladar of Girmangalondow District to the Village of that Taluq. On the 23^d at about 10 a.m. we reached the Village of Kuralpuram & were put up in the Chattram there, from the time of my arrival with the Dy Inspector of Schools to the Village, I was sitting on one side of the Chattram & on the opposite side of which the Fasiladar & the Dy Inspector of Schools were sitting when the following circumstances took place. Immediately after our arrival to the Chattram the Kattamgar of the Village came and made a complaint to the Fasiladar stating that an hour ago he received a Letter from Colonel Osberly for supplies & a few minutes after the Butler of the Gentleman came and demanded of him milk for which the Kattamgar said he would send soon. But the Butler without waiting pulled him out, caught hold of his cloth which he tore and assaulted him. The Fasiladar on receiving the complaint began to take deposition from him. While he was doing so, a Musliman it seems

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 P. H. Osberly
 Dy Inspector of Schools
 The Dy Inspector of Schools
 P. H. Osberly
 Dy Inspector of Schools

Recd 30th October 1865
 P. H. Osberly

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Submits copy of the docket
 of the Board of Revenue
 on a petition from certain
 villagers collected for in
 G. O. No. 3213 of 25th Oct/65
 No. 3507-2149 Quorum 1865

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seems a servant of Colonel Moberly told the Battamgar that his Master wants. The Battamgar said that he would come after giving his disposition. While they were talking to each other the Sasildar asked what is that? To which the Battamgar answered, Sir Colonel Moberly's servant is come to take me to him. Immediately the servant walked off. After a few minutes Colonel Moberly himself came there in great hurry being excited much as it seemed by his cheeks reddening asking the questions "where is the Battamgar? where is the Battamgar?" The Sasildar got down the stool on which he was sitting, taking depositions & made Salams. But Colonel Moberly in great hurry, went beyond the Sasildar though he was sitting in front and did not accept the Salams made. At first he did not see the Sasildar and asked the parties and persons who were standing there, the above said questions. Afterwards he saw the Sasildar, then the following conversation took place:-

Colonel Moberly.

Sasildar

Where is the Battamgar -

He is here

Why did you not send him when I wanted

Sir. Your Pesw came & called the Battamgar who said that he would come after his disposition is finished.

I came to this Village at first I sent for him how can he come to you

What of that if you came first? As the Battamgar came & gave a complaint against the Butler, I am going on with the trial -

Why did you send me a verbal message without sending a note

I do not know that you sent the pesw because your message was not to me but your pesw came and called the Battamgar who said as above -

No you never send me notes and I have not received any note from you on any matter after my arrival to this District.

No Sir.

I have several times written to you -

No you did not send

What Sir, did I not send a letter to you about a Loday seller who refused to give you Loday beyond his Abkany limits.

It may be, but what of that. I said only that I don't remember that you have written to me a note.

It may be, I am always submissive to you & will obey your orders -

You always talk too much & you are very impertinent

Sir. I don't deserve to be called impertinent

No, no, you are very impertinent

I have never received such expressions even from my Master. I preserve my respect very much & I am not a slave to you to receive such bad words.

What is that by saying impertinent I can call the Governor General, Sir William Denison, & also the Chief Secretary impertinent.

No Sir. I know it is used in a bad sense. Therefore don't call me again as impertinent

If I had said insolent it may mean bad sense you may refer to Johnson's Dictionary. It is derived from the Latin. pertinens belonging to, & impertinent means not belonging to.

I need not refer to the Johnson's Dictionary. I know it is a bad word.

You are not an English Scholar. if you held you would know the meaning of it. When we the Englishmen receive Tamil letters & meet with words not known to us we refer them to the Tamil Scholars.

Yes Sir. I am not an English Scholar. I learned English only to do my Official duties.

I don't know that this Village belongs to your Taluk. I was told that this belongs to Stravilli Taluk. The Taxildar & Village Officers of which would wait at my tent.

They may be waiting so. & you may also order my Pattangars to be present at your tent.

Is this the way you insult the Europeans when I sent for the Pattangar you refused to send him. I will write about you to the Government.

As I have done nothing wrong, you may do so. you may write either to the Collector or to the Government.

I will write about you & the Collector himself — } You may do so according to your pleasure

I won't allow you to come & visit me. — } The Government has ordered me to visit you, if you don't like to receive me, I won't come & what I have to do with you.

I am a Government Officer & you are a Government Officer —

No. no. I won't allow you — } I am very glad for it

Very well, so saying, Colonel Moberly went away. I do not know what took place afterwards as I left the Village immediately —

The above is what I remember to have passed between Colonel Moberly & Fazildar although I may not have given the very words of the conversation between them, I am sure, I gave the purport of it.

Shadana } Request of Sh. Shadammuni Nagar
31st October 1880 } Inspecting School Master
for Shadana and
Tirumangaluru Taluqs —
(True Copy)
Compd M. M.
S. L.
Collector

Enclosure D

In a letter from the
Collector of Madras
to the Secy to Government
S.P.M.
Fort St. George

Dated 3rd Nov
Recd } 1865

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No 1913

Copy of a report received
from the Inspecting School
Master of Madras & Serumam-
-galam Taluqs under date
the October 1865-

(Translation)

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Arjee addressed to V. Ed. Leunge Esq^r
Magistrate of Madras by M. Somasundar
Mudaly, 1st Class Sub Magte of Tenkumangal
-lam Taluq dated 23rd August 1865 No 88.

I am taking my circuit thro the
Villages for the purposes of settling the
produce of Revenue Trees & of settling certain
disputes. I arrived this morning at
Kooralpuram. Immediately on my arrival
the Munsiff of the Village Mootokomara
Ruddy came up to me & presented a Com-
plaint stating that the Chief Engineer's Butler
had asked him for milk; that he (the
Munsiff) promised to procure it but that
the Butler, insisting on his having the
milk immediately, laid hold of him by the
nape of his neck, shoved & struck him
& tore his waist cloth.

Whilst a Deposition upon affirma-
-tion was being taken by me from the
Munsiff, a Mahomedan Peon came and
called him saying that the Engineer wanted
him. The Munsiff told the Peon in reply
that he would come after giving in his

Deposition

Deposition - A few minutes afterward,
Col & J. Moberly the Sup^r Engineer
of the 8th Circle came to the place
where I was holding Catechery and asked
where the Village Munsiff was. I then
pointed out to him. The Colonel remarked
thus "it was I that arrived first at
the Village this day and wished to
see the Munsiff where as he is
found to give a Deposition before you
(i.e. myself) who arrived after me."
He further said "whilst the Village Officers
ought to have been present at my arrival
in the Tent why did not this Munsiff
do the same?" "Showing the Deposition
to that Gentleman I spoke to him thus
"your Peon came in when the Deposition
upon affirmation was only half finished
and I therefore told him that I would
send the Munsiff over when it was
finished." The Colonel angrily replied
"why then did you not write a note
to

to me instead of a verbal message
finding that I am a European and
a respectable Officer." - My rejoinder
ran thus "If you had sent me either
a message or a note I too would have
sent you a note in reply: but as
your Peon came and called the Mun-
siff at the time of investigation of
the case, I spoke to him as above
stated." Looking at me the Colonel
remarked that I was an impertinent
man; that he would immediately
report me to Govt; and that he would
never permit me to visit him again. ^{He then}
All this occurred in presence of my
officer people, the parties and many
of the Villagers so that I was in a
manner disgraced in their eyes. The
Gentleman not to
be treated of that Gentleman not to
speak in such an angry tone he did
not listen to me.
I have thus reported before
the circumstance of the Colonel having
come up to me, a public officer, &
spoken

spoken to me in a disgraceful style,
whilst a Magistrial Enquiry was going
on, and further threatened to report
me to Govt. I beg that you will
take the matter into consideration
and adopt proper measures for
the prevention of the recurrence
of the like dispute.

I forward herewith copies
of the complaint and Deposition re-
garding the assault committed on
the Village Munsiff by the Colonel's
Butler (Chokalingam). I shall
report to you the result of the
Enquiry when it is completed.

I had before personally in-
formed you about the Colonel's treat-
ment of me with unreasonable
anger and Contempt. I much regret
at it.

In reference to the Circular
orders from higher authority
on the subject I wish to know

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how I may in future pay my respects
to the Colonel whenever he visits my
Talug, seeing that he has forbidden
me future interviews with him; &
The Sarsidar how I may explain to him matters
connected with Public Works. I there-
fore request orders for my guidance
if he refused to see him the
23rd August 1865
be on the
Engineer

Hoosialapuram (Nigot) M. Tomasundram
Inuodaly
Tut. Magistrate

(True Translation)

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Collector

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M. M. C. C.

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Translation

Deposition given upon solemn affirmations on the 23rd August 1885, before the 1st Class Sub-Stationary of Tirumangalam Talook, by Rector Kominar Reddy son of Loomar Reddy, residing at Tsovalparani Village attached to Sandhur-Bemidang, of the Reddy caste, Siva sect holding the office of Moonsiff of said Village, and aged 30 years =

An order addressed to me by the Engineer and bearing date the 22nd Instant, was brought by a man & delivered to me at about 9 o'clock this morning. It states that the Engineer intends halting at this Village (Tsovalparani) this day, & that the necessary supplies should be got in readiness for him. Immediately afterwards, that gentlemen Butler & Samilians whose name I do not know, came & asked me for milk. I promised

to procure & give it. Remarking why such delay, the Butler abused me, & showed me by the nape of the neck, & struck me on my back with his hands, & tore my upper cloth. To prove this case, as there are three witnesses residents of my Village viz. S. K. Maru, Paramasay M. Nigam & Ganpau M. Nigam. I request an enquiry made & justice rendered. I produce the torn cloth. The Butler is now in the Engineers Tent pitched in my Village. The Butler, after assaulting me, went away. I afterwards supplied the Milk and other articles. Their value has not yet been paid to me. Upon enquiry I now learn that the Butlers names is Chockalingam.

Signed M. K. K. Maru
Village M. Nigam

Signed M. Somasundra Mudry
Class Sub-Master
(True Translation)

M. K. K. Maru
Collector

Compd M. K. K.

Translation

Order from Colonel G. J. Roberts, Superintending Engineer & Division, to the Village M. Nigam and President of Koorakapuram.

As I intend halting at the above mentioned Village, on the 23rd instant you will collect & provide such supplies as I shall require, vizt sheep, fowls, eggs, fire-wood, Charcoal, Milk and Butter &c and receive the value thereof.

Signed G. J. Roberts - R. E.
Supt. Engrs. & Div.
Kattaroyirupur.
22nd August 1885

(True Translation)

M. K. K. Maru

Collector

Compd M. K. K.
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Enclosure A.
In a letter from the
Collector of Madras
to
The Secy to Government
G. O. M.
Sub. George

Dated 3rd Nov. 1865
Recd

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No 1913

Translation of an Arzi
received from the 1st class
Sub Mag^r of Trumungalon
Salug and in date the 23rd Aug^r
1865 No 88 together with
translations of its 3 enclosures.

Translation
marked A

Received

1913 Madras
3rd November 1865

From
V. M. Swings Esq^r
Collector of Madras
To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government in D. O. M.
Sub. George.

Sir,
As directed in the order of Govern-
ment No 3213 dated 25th Oct. 1865 passed in
the P. M. O., I have the honor to forward the
explanation of the Savildar of Trumungalon
and beg to offer the following explanation of
my conduct in the matter.

At the same time that I received
Colonel Moberly's letter No 900 dated the 24th
Sept. and its enclosures, "notes of a conversation",
I received the Savildar's explanation or rather
complaint against Colonel Moberly, accom-
panied by a copy of the complaint of the
Kotamgan of Kovvalapooram against Col.
Moberly's servant for assault. I also received
the Sub Mag^r (Savildar) decision in the case
of assault.

On perusal of the documents then
before me, it appeared to me that there had
been a delay in furnishing intelligence by the Kot-
amgan & that Colonel Moberly's servant had
made some unfavorable report to Col. Moberly
against the Kotamgan, whereupon Colonel

moderly in a fit of anger had started off into the village to find the Ratangan & that while in this excited state, he had got into an altercation with the Savildan.

4. The Savildan & Col. Moderly's accounts of what passed differed, the Savildan knew English very well & the altercation occurred in that language. Col. Moderly did not cite any witness to prove his statement, neither did the Savildan. That to decide on the papers before me. As a rule I would always accept Col. Moderly's statement before the Savildan's but in this instance I felt that I could not unhesitatingly accept Col. Moderly's account of what had occurred, as perfectly unbiased and accurate, owing to the excitement into which he had got. I was not convinced from what was before me that I could justly or fairly censure or condemn the Savildan's conduct & as the altercation had been sought by Colonel Moderly & was unconnected with his official duties, I declined to interfere. I thought Colonel Moderly, when he had time to think over the matter, would see that in a moment of anger he had placed himself in an unnecessary position wrangling in a village street with a native Officer & would come to the conclusion that the best way would be to let the affair subside.

5. In my reply I did not justify the Savildan, as I am accused of doing by Colonel Moderly

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Moderly in his letter No 977 dated the 1st Sept 1853, that I unfortunately wished to visit. I did not wish to, but Colonel Moderly in such a humiliating position & felt that it was possible Colonel Moderly would turn out to be in the wrong if an investigation did take place, because the Savildan is not a man to be gratuitously insulted. Colonel Moderly has a right to be courteous to him. Col. Moderly had a right to go into a Magistrate's Court & did not say he had no right to go in but having gone in he should have remained a passive spectator, instead of interrupting the Savildan's proceedings by calling for the Ratangan.

6. From the documents before me I concluded Colonel Moderly only wanted the Ratangan, because of delay in furnishing supplies. As Colonel Moderly's letter No 905 dated 24th August received by me on the 26th there is no complaint whatever against the Ratangan. Colonel Moderly now says he wanted him partly to enquire about some complaint in Peria Poolancolam village. Nothing of the sort is stated in Colonel Moderly's letter to me No 901 dated the 24th Aug^r which reached me the 28th & I am surprised at that assertion now made. Col. Moderly believed Novalapooram to be a village in the Travancore District Salug in the Sivaavelly District and knew Peria Poolancolam to be in the Serramungalom Salug in Madras District, the

the 2 villages are 6 miles apart & have
no connexion with each other. Koovala-
porum is an Inam village in a gemindary
and Peria Poolancolam a Govt village,
from the katamgar of Koovalaporum seems
a strange source whence to gain information
regarding the Peria Poolancolam. also com-
plaint that they had not been paid for
certain maramut done in their village which
I believe was the subject of their complaints.

7. Colonel Moberly's letter to me No. 901,
is as follows -

The Collector of Madras

Sir,

"I have the honor to bring to your
notice that the three sent for by me the
katamgar & other village authorities of
Kugalospuram refused to attend at my tent
yesterday. This inattention to calls has happened
several times in the Madras & Serumungalam
Taluk, & at Badampatty last year and the
Vudagagum early this year. It is absurd for
me to attempt to carry on my duties if the
villagers are allowed thus to ignore my orders.

"In this case I met the Sasilan of Se-
rumungalam by accident, who accounted for
the katamgars non appearance by saying
that he was engaged with him but that
he would send him as soon as his business
was settled. The katamgar did not however attend

"after all."

8. The villages of Badampatty & Seru-
vudagum are in the Madras Taluk & the
only distance given by Colonel Moberly
of neglect to visit him by katamgar in
the Serumungalam Taluk was in the distance
in question & as Govt has no work going on
in that village, I fail to see that Colonel
Moberly's official duties were in any way
hindered by the katamgar not going to
him & therefore I answered Col. Moberly as
given in para 203 of my letter No. 1279
dated the 30th August 1865.

9. From para 5 of Colonel Moberly's
letter No. 971 dated the 1st September, Col.
Moberly would appear to wander about in
his range extraordinarily deficient in infor-
mation as to his whereabouts, which cannot
be very conducive to the efficient dis-
charge of his official duties. In the
Govt villages, the katamgars are bound to
wait on Colonel Moberly but in Gemindary
villages in which the S. P. M. have no
works in progress, should they are only
bound to furnish supplies and that
Colonel Moberly cannot demand their
attendance & waiting at his tent, they
have their own duties to perform. I have

no doubt if they were decently treated " thro' courtesy, they would wait on him but when a genuine Katamgan was ill treated as in this case by Colonel Moberly's servants and after the exhibition made by Colonel Moberly in the village street, such Katamgan would not go near him.

10. On the 31st August Col. Moberly's Butler appealed against the fine of 20 Rupees imposed on him by the Sub Magistrate (Sasildar) for assaulting the Katamgan. I affirmed the fine, because the prosecutors (Katam-gans) witnesses proved it & the Butler's own witnesses, Colonel Moberly's Camp followers, admitted this much that the Katamgan had tried to get milk but failed & that the Butler had seized the Katamgan's hand & had tried to drag him to the tent.

11. The charge was fully proved, the Katamgan had received the order to furnish supplies at a late hour; he had tried to get milk & had failed; he was in no way to blame. Milk in the out villages is hardly procurable after 7 O'clock in the morning & often not procurable at all without a good long notice, having to be got from other villages; the assault on the Katamgan was most indefensible in any view of it & it is just the habit of bullying & insult.

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being all over the tent

heaped on the village officials by the servants of Europeans, which causes a difficulty in getting supplies by Europeans & makes the villagers sulky and refuse to give any; besides the conduct of the Butler might have led to a serious attack on Colonel Moberly's followers, had the Katamgan when assaulted in the street called any of the villagers to his aid. Colonel Moberly's people might have received a good thrashing, considering the Butler's conduct wholly inexcusable and there being no grounds for mitigating the fine, I confirmed it on the 2nd September. On perusal of the appeal petition & the Sub Magistrate's Calendar.

12. After I had disposed of the appeal on its merits, Colonel Moberly sent me his letter No. 1012 dated 5th September. Of course I could not take any notice of its contents & besides, distrust of the correctness of the statement contained therein. It is perfectly plain that the latter part of the 1st para is not what the Sasildar is reported to have said to Subba Bahk but is an annotation of Colonel Moberly's. The Sasildar gives a different account of his interview with Subba Bahk & it is remarkable, if such a conversation took place & Subba Bahk repeated it to Colonel Moberly on the 23rd Augst;

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that Colonel Moberly did not allude to it in his letter of the 24th or in his letter of the 1st September.

13. Since I have received the Govt. Proceedings under reference, I have read over the evidence given by the witnesses for the defence & I find the case worse than I supposed. The witnesses for the defence Colonel Moberly's followers a naty and another servant, deposed that they went to the Katangan for milk, that he accompanied them to several houses enquiring for milk, and that none was procurable, which they went & told the butler, who came out and went to the Katangan, caught hold of him & tried to drag him to the Tent.

The Butler in his defence says that he has Colonel Moberly's order to produce and keep in the Tent till Colonel Moberly arrives any Katangan who does not furnish supplies.

If Colonel Moberly has given any such illegal order, he simply lays himself open to a criminal prosecution, should a complaint of such assault & restraint be made against him. I have pointed out to him the illegality of the act and warned him against its repetition.

14. Colonel Moberly says several of his subordinates complain of the offensive manner of the Savildon; up to the date of Colo-

nel Moberly's complaint there is not on record one word to bear out Col. Moberly's assertion or to show that the Savildon is discontented or uncivil in his manner. The Savildon has been 4 years in the Salang, he is known on good terms with the Salang Officers and with Mr. Bywater now in charge of the range. Captain Payne was long in charge of that range. Shows that Officer intimately. I have been in the Seramungalow Salang with Captain Payne & the Savildon has been present with us & I never observed Captain Payne show the least dislike of the Savildon and he never hinted any thing to me against the Savildon or his manner. I feel certain Colonel Moberly could not produce his assertion and that he has no good foundation for it. It would appear from Colonel Moberly's letter N^o 1012 dated the 5th September to my address that even after the altercation complained of his Clerk Soobha Rait & the Savildon must have been talking together on very intimate terms, for the Savildon to confide to Soobha Rait his reason for fining the butler. The Savildon's account of his interview with Soobha Rait is very different and he asserts Soobha Rait came to him by Colonel Moberly's order. The Savildon tells me if an investigation is ordered, he will make Soobha Rait admit this & what he, Soobha Rait, said in the

Chattram

Chattrum regarding Colonel Moberly's conduct in this matter. I have known the Sasildar of Serumungalon for 5 years & promoted him to his present post, on account of the very high character he bore and the numerous testimonials he holds from Officers high up in the Service.

15 On the receipt of the Government Proceedings under reply, I called upon the Sasildar for any further remarks he had to make which I forward together with an account of what occurred written by Vijia Runga Ins. dary Deputy Inspector of Schools & Madamany Ins. dary Inspector of Salug Schools, both of whom know English & who were present during the altercation, from their account the Government can judge of the Sasildar's conduct.

16 There is nothing on record to shew that Colonel Moberly has ever experienced any difficulty in carrying on his public duties owing to the attitude of any of the Revenue Officials towards him in either the superior or subordinate grades and I defy Col. Moberly to adduce any instance of difficulty so caused, while on the other hand I have to say that if there is any difficulty, it is solely of Col. Moberly's own creating and is owing to his own infirmity of temper it is he who cannot get on with the Revenue Officials. he now refuses to see the Serumungalon Sasildar. Lately in a rough manner he turned off the Serumungalon Deputy Sasildar who went to see ^{him}. He has not seen the Sasildar of Madura for a year and a

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a half and more, refusing to see him when he called; the Sasildar says because he could not procure him bandies owing to the character Colonel Moberly has amongst the bandy men in the town. if there is any difficulty in the Sasildar owing to Colonel Moberly not having seen the Sasildar it is his own fault

17 Government in their Proceedings No. 1876 dated 7th September 1861 in the P.M. Department and in their order dated 29th Nov/61 No. 3190 lay stress on there being unanimity between the D.P.M. Officers & the Revenue Officers I defy Colonel Moberly to shew that either in personal intercourse or in correspondence with him that I have been discountenanced to him, but twice since he has joined the District he has gone out of his way to make unfounded & prejudicial remarks against me. vide Govt Proceedings in the D.P.M. dated 7th May 1864 No. 13100 & 4th July 1864 No. 1930 both of which references recited on himself

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant
H. L. L.
Collector

25 Oct 1865 No 3213
7th Sept 1876
29 Nov 1898

Copy 1865 Report
of the Govt for Nov
Sd. P. H. L.
The Collector of
Madras

The Secretary to Government
S. P. M.
Fort St George

Letter No. 3213
Dated 7th Nov 1865

No 1913

Enclosure 4

Forwarding explanation
called for in the order of
Government No 3213 dated
25th October 1865 passed
in the P. M. Dept together
with the Collector's Remarks
on the conduct of Col. Modley
Supt Engineer S. B.
No. 3507-21 at Madras 1865.

O.S. 18th Nov 1865
O.S. 18th Nov 1865

[Handwritten notes and signatures]

The Honble Department
Please the following

From the Superintendent Engineer
Submits copy of the Report
of the Board of Revenue on a pe-
tition from certain villagers
called for in G.O. No 3213
of 25th October 1865.

J. E. 30th October 1865
11th 1879

From the Collector of Madras
Demanding explanation
called for in the Order of Go-
vernment No 3213, dated 25th
October 1865, passed in the P. M.
Dept together
with his remarks on the conduct
of Colonel Modley Supt Eng.
of the 8th Bn.

J. E. 3rd Nov 1865

Circulated for the
Orders of Government.

[Signature] Coll. R.

Fort St George
13th Nov 65

Copy to Govt P. M. S.

It is hereby received with warning last year that if the
made such uncalculated and unnecessary reference to the Govt
be removed from the Dept of the public works and as
in this case his conduct appears to have been most improper
from beginning to end, that his services should be placed at the
disposal of the Crown in Chief W. J. Paper with H.E. the

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President that in this matter Capt Moberly has been
 wholly in the wrong from the beginning to the end,
 and as he has exhibited such a total want
 of temper & discretion, has so forgotten his
 position and discredited himself in the
 most public manner upon the Public Official,
 and as moreover this is not the first time
 that he has been brought into disrepute from
 his office, and as it is clear from what
 we have seen of him already since his
 promotion as Sup^r Engineer, and from
 what the Collector now tells us - during letter
 3 Nov 65 - para 16 - that there has been
 a the necessary cordiality between the P^l and
 Revenue Officer of the 8th Division,
 so long as he remains in the Dept, I
 think with Sir W. Deane that he should
 be placed under the order of H.E. the

C. 13 Nov 65
 The conduct of General Moberly in
 this matter has been so fully established
 that his retention in the position
 must be the consequence of having
 submitted to the efficiency of the next
 highest in the Dept - General
 Moberly, see that his transfer to
 any other District would mean
 nothing, for it is known that that
 even within the same District
 there are more casual meetings
 than are the result of a formal
 appointment of transfer which is
 the case in this District. As the
 above has been already stated, it is
 clear that he is wholly unsuitable
 for the position, and his superintending
 duties have been very many but in
 person - and as the Deputy District
 Officer - the works of the Dept. District
 he is not capable of doing. His conduct
 in this matter cannot be described as
 above in Chief Secretary's office, and as
 confidentially in the person of the
 District Officer. That the District
 Officer of the 8th Division should
 be so treated. He is not. All
 the order relating to the same should
 be sent to the District Officer of the 8th
 Division, and not to the District Officer
 of the 8th Division. The District Officer
 of the 8th Division should be the one
 to be consulted in all matters relating
 to the District Officer of the 8th Division.

Public Works Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 21st Nov 1865

Read letter from the Superintending Engineer
 of the 8th Div. dated 3rd October, No 1212,
 and recorded in the Proceedings of Govt
 dated 25th October 1865, No 3213.
 Read also the following

From the Sup^r Eng^r of the 8th Div.
 Submits copy of the docket
 of the Board of Rev^y on a petition
 from certain villagers, called for
 in N. O. No 3213, of 25th Oct/65.

From the Collector of Madras
 Forwarding explanation
 called for in the order of Govt
 No 3213, of 25th Oct/65, together
 with his own remarks on the
 conduct of Dist^l Coll Moberly,
 Sup^r Eng^r of the 8th Div.

With the letter at the
 head of these Proceedings,
 the Superintending Engineer
 of the 8th Div. submits to the
 decision of Government a
 correspondence between him-
 self and the Collector of
 Madras.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: Moberly, J.P., W.D.]

Madina on the subject of
a complaint which Sient
Coll. Hobbs had preferred
to the Collector against
the Tahsildar of the Turu-
mangalam Taluq.

2 It appears that on
arriving at Kigala pooram
on the morning of the 23rd
August last, Sient Coll
Hobbs found that the
supplies which he had
ordered to be ready for
him had not been provided,
and that no village official
was in attendance to pro-
-cure them. Irritated at
this, and hearing that the
Natanagar was engaged
with the Tahsildar, Sient
Coll. Hobbs himself
went

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went in search of the
man, and suddenly find-
ing himself in the presence
of the Tahsildar, who was,
at the moment, in his
magisterial capacity, tak-
ing the depositions of the
Natanagar regarding an
assault that had been
committed on him by one
of Sient Coll. Hobbs's
servants, Sient Coll.
Hobbs entered into a
violent personal dispute,
during which, it is alleged
by Sient Coll. Hobbs that
the Tahsildar used to-
wards him disrespectful
and insulting language.
The Collector having been
called upon to furnish
the Govt. with the report
of the occurrence which the
Tahsildar had made to him,
has

has laid the whole of
the documents relating to
the case before them, with
full explanations of the
grounds on which, regarding
the Tahsildar of all blame,
he had declined to in-
terfere.

3 The Govt. have most
carefully perused all the
papers connected with this
matter, and, after the
fullest consideration of the
statements on both sides,
they are satisfied that Smt
Coll. Moberly has been
wholly in the wrong from
the beginning to the end,
and that, as he has ex-
hibited such a total want
of temper and discretion,

and so forgotten his
position as to discredit
himself and the Depart^{ts}
to which he belongs in
the most public manner,
his further employment
at the head of the Public
Works Depart^{ts} in Madras
is no longer desirable.
As Smt Coll. Moberly
has neglected the many
intimations he has had
of the necessity of main-
taining the most cor-
dial relations with the
Revenue Depart^{ts}, and
further has not heeded
the warnings which have
been given him to be
more careful in his con-
duct, the Govt. resolve
to

to dispensed with his
services in the Dept
of Public Works, and
to place them again in
the Military Dept,
at the disposal of His
Excellency the Commander
in Chief.

~~If such instructions
have been given to his ser-
vants by Genl Coll. Moberly
as alluded to in para
13 of the Collector's letter
of the 3^d November 1865,
they will instantly be
cancelled.~~

W.H.

Mr. Secy, Sir,
The order was given by
Capt. M. L. Smith
of the 10th Regt. of Ill. Inf.
to cancel the order of
Gen. Phillips in regard
to the 10th Regt. of Ill. Inf.
is made to Capt. Smith's order
servants from a few days
or of the village of the authorities.

- 6th of Dec. 8th 1865
 - 4th " Controller of P.W.
 - 7th " Mch. Dept. 10th 1865
 - 21st " Rev. Secy
 - 5th " Coll. of Mch. 1865
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the order of the 10th Regt. of Ill. Inf. to cancel the order of Gen. Phillips in regard to the 10th Regt. of Ill. Inf. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the order of the 10th Regt. of Ill. Inf. to cancel the order of Gen. Phillips in regard to the 10th Regt. of Ill. Inf.

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