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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3779

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Dated 16-12-1865.

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No. 298. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 4th December 1865:—

1. I have the honor respectfully to observe that the reasons given in G. O. No. 3,507, 21st November, for my anger are only stated as suppositions by the Collector of Madura; they are so far from correct, that I had not heard any thing from my servant about the Natamgar's conduct, and that I had received all the supplies I needed, by the voluntary action of the villagers, who, in a considerable body, came in the evening to my tent, to disavow any participation in the proceedings of the Natamgar, who they said was very disreputable (Tamil, pokery); this will I trust suffice to dispose of the remarks as to the feelings of the villagers in paragraphs 9, 10, 11, and 13. I deny having given the order stated in the conclusion of paragraph 13.

2. I have not had the slightest trouble about supplies or bandies in the 8th Division; and deny the statement regarding the Tahsildar of Madura, in paragraph 16, which I can, if opportunity be allowed me, disprove by the evidence of Captain Payne and Mr. McDonell, now Collector of Trichinopoly, who was at the period alluded to by Mr. Levinge in charge of Madura District.

3. I also deny the correctness of the account of my treatment of the Deputy Tahsildar of Tirumangalam. He himself proposed 3 p. m. as the hour at which he would attend with his accounts of the Andiputty Pass. He came at 6 p. m., after my office was closed. I desired him to accompany me to the work next day, with the papers; he excused himself by saying that his pony was sick, and his bandy broken, and I reported him to the Collector: there was nothing in the few minutes conversation that took place that would justify the use of the words "roughly turned him off."

4. The matter, I beg to remark, in no way affects the cordiality of the two Departments; it is purely personal as regards the individual Tahsildar of Tirumangalam, whose bearing has been remarked on to me by Captain Payne, Mr. Bywater, and the Taluq Overseer. The Tahsildar is quite right in saying (paragraph 14) that Sooba Naik only went to him under pressure from me—both he and Vyapury Pillay, Supervisor in Tinnevely, excused themselves on the grounds of the Tahsildar's rudeness.

5. The charge as to my violence of temper rests on the evidence of three persons, who were intimate friends, travelling together at the time, and who have since had ample opportunity of so preparing their evidence, as to give it the appearance of authenticity. I have not so much as seen documents B. and C., and therefore cannot pretend to examine their testimony.

6. I would merely remark that both the Tahsildar and Inspecting School Master in A. and B., assert that they were on a tour in their own Taluq, whereas they were seen by several persons in Streevelliputtur town, some 20 miles distant in the Tinnevely District; this I believe can be proved, if necessary, as a test of their veracity.

7. I beg in conclusion to assert the correctness of my original statement, and to plead for its acceptance as that of an English Officer; if this be granted, I

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would further urge that my offence can only be considered an error of judgment, and that the punishment, "Dismissal from the Public Works Department, after 18 years continuous and trying service," is incommensurate with my fault.

No. 299.

ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1865, No. 3,779.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 24.

In consideration of the severity of the punishment which has been inflicted on Lieutenant-Colonel Moberly, and in the hope that the warning he has now received will be sufficient to induce him to be more careful for the future, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to take the first opportunity of a vacancy occurring to employ him again in the Department of Public Works in a position subordinate to one of the senior Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Moberly, Royal Engineers.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Madras.

December 4th 1865

From

Mt. F. J. Moberly R.E.

To Col. C. A. Orr R.E.

Sect. to Govt. D.P.W.

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Your most obed^t Serv^t.
H. Leoberly M. B.
Royal Engineer

Madras

December 4th 1865.

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Under date the 16th Decr/85

Read the following.

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