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No. 474. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Cuddapah, 8th December 1866, No. 2,686 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the accompanying original letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts. I have not got the record with me, and so cannot furnish you with the numbers and dates of the correspondence; but some time in October I informed Captain Fischer that I was not at that time able to furnish him with copies of the papers Government had directed me to supply, regarding his project for bringing in water for the supply of Bellary, as, agreeably to the instructions of Government, I had laid those papers before the Sanitary Commissioner, in whose possession they then were. I further stated that my Office was very busily engaged; but that, if he would pay the expenses, I would get a person to make the copies, intending to send a person for the one day that would be required to Mr. Porter's Office, in whose books the correspondence was entered.

2. In reply Captain Fischer held out a threat of reporting me to Government, and begged to know if I had any objection to Mr. Porter furnishing him with copies; in answer to this, I informed Captain Fischer that I had not the least objection, and had issued instructions to that effect to Mr. Porter.

3. I did not tell Captain Fischer that I know Mr. Porter's Office was overworked, nor did I tell him that there might be some delay in furnishing the copies; but Government know that, in my opinion, the Military Buildings Range Office is insufficient for the amount of work required to be done, as, with a letter of mine a few days ago, I transmitted some letters, &c., from Mr. Porter on this very subject.

4. I am well aware that copies of the letters Captain Fischer wants are under preparation, and are likely to be sent in a few days; but I would beg to know, for guidance in future cases, if the regular work of the Office is to be put on one side, in order that copies of letters may be prepared, for what may be considered private record, or if they are to be undertaken as any spare time offers.

5. I take this opportunity of drawing the attention of Government to the tone of a great number of Captain Fischer's letters to Government regarding me, during the past eighteen months, but more especially during the last six months, since I have had to give my views on the works at Bellary. Other people have made remarks to me about these letters, but I did not consider it worth while to take any notice or trouble Government about them.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Madras, 6th December 1866, No. 2,902.

With reference to your letter of the 3rd November 1866, No. 2,434, I have the honor to bring to your notice that Mr. Porter has not yet sent me the papers ordered by Government to be furnished to me, in G. O. dated the 25th September 1866, No. 3,066; and I beg to observe, if I do not receive these by the 20th instant, I will represent this matter again to the Government.

Mr. Porter

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st December 1866.

No. 475. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1866, No. 4,047.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 94.

1. The Government consider that the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, on finding that he could not promptly meet the requisition of Government to supply certain papers to Captain Fischer, should, while using every effort to meet the directions of Government, have given that Officer fuller explanations as to the cause of the delay. They cannot, however, omit to observe that the tone of Captain Fischer's Memorandum of the 6th instant, No. 2,902 is unnecessarily peremptory.

2. References like these on matters which may be considered personal are rarely necessary, or creditable to any of the parties concerned. They cause needless interruption to public business, and His Excellency the Governor in Council desires to impress on all Officers who have the honor to be employed in connection with the Public Works Department that they should maintain in their correspondence with each other feelings of a friendly nature, and a tone of forbearance and courtesy, referring as rarely as possible to Government in matters of controversy.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engineer's Office 3rd Div. Rec'd 10 Dec 1866

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF P. W. ACCOUNTS,

No. 2902. Madras, 6 December 1866.

From

The Controller of Public Works Accounts,

To

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd November 1866 No. 2434 I have the honor to bring to your notice that Mr. Forbes has not yet sent me the papers ordered by Government to be furnished to me in G. O. of the 25th September 1866 No. 3066, and beg to observe, if I do not receive these by the 20th instant I will represent this matter again to the Government.

I have &c.

Capt. R.E.

Controller of P. W. Accounts.

Exd. H. Fischer.

No. 2902.

From

The Controller of P. W. Accounts,

To

The Superintending Engineer
3d Division

Dated 6th December 1866.

Stating that the documents ordered by Government to be submitted have not yet been sent by Mr. Porter and that if not submitted by the 20th instant the matter will be reported to Government.

Superintending Engineer's Office 3d Div.
Camp Cuddapah
No. 2686. 8th December 1866.

From

The Superintending Engineer
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To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.
Madras

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I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient Servant

A. Clarke Major R.E.

Superintendg Engineer 3rd Div.

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No 4990

The Superintg Engineer
3rd Division

To The Secretary to Govt
P. W. Deptt

Dated 8th December
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