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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department
24th July 1867.

No. 530A. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Explaining the circumstances under which application was made for Captain Raynsford's services for employment in the Public Works Department, and requesting that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will no longer withhold Captain Raynsford's services, which have been so urgently solicited solely on public grounds.

(Here enter 20th July 1867, No. 2,650.)

No. 580B. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1867, No. 2,226.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 60.

Ordered to recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

<i>Pro. of Govt., Public Works Dept.....</i>	Here enter	3rd July 1867, No. 1968.
<i>From the Adjutant General.....</i>	"	15th " " " 434.
<i>Memo. from the Secy. to Govt., P. W. Dept.</i>	"	19th " " " 27.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Public Works Department.

Requesting the Commander-in-Chief to
re-consider his decision, respecting the
transfer of Captain Raynsford's ser-
vices to Government for employment
in the Public Works Department. } Here enter 3rd July 1867, No. 1968.

From the Adjutant General.
States, for reasons assigned, that the Com-
mander-in-Chief regrets his inability
to grant the services of Captain Rayns-
ford for employment in the Depart-
ment Public Works. } Here enter 15th July 1867, No. 434.

Referred to the Department Public Works for remark, with advertence to
statement made in the penultimate clause of Colonel Hill's letter.
18th July 1867.

No. 27.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Adverting to the endorsement of the Secretary to Government in the Military
Department, on the enclosed letter from the Adjutant General, the undersigned has
the honor to state that it would appear from the tenor of the letter of the Com-
mandant of Sappers referred to, that Colonel Hill was under the impression that
Captain Raynsford, while seeking to have the offence which he had committed, in
writing an insubordinate letter, overlooked by apologizing for it, and requesting its
withdrawal, was at the same time endeavoring to quit the Sappers by applying for
employment under Government in this department. As this impression seems to
have chiefly influenced Colonel Hill in opposing Captain Raynsford's removal from
under his command, the undersigned begs to explain that the application for Cap-
tain Raynsford's services did not emanate from himself, but originated, without his
knowledge, with the Officer in charge of Public Works operations in Wynaad. In
support of this, the undersigned calls attention to the following extract of a note to
himself from Captain Kennedy, the Officer in question, under date the 11th June 1867.

" I am unfortunate with my three range officers, two sick and the third asking
for furlough ; I do not think it will at all tend to the good of the public service
to keep Shepherd here any longer—he has proved quite unable to stand the knocking
about of a Wynaad range, and the sooner he is relieved, the better. If there is any
difficulty about filling up so many vacancies, I think, I know of a man who would
do the work well, if he will take it, I mean Captain Raynsford, at present doing
duty with the Sappers ; he was here for a short time and worked well and very
hard ;—he is also a very good Accountant, I have taken the liberty of writing to
him, and telling him to apply in case he would like to come."

It may be added that Government had resolved to ask for Captain Raynsford's
services before his visit to Madras took place at the end of June.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th July 1867.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Col., R. E.,
Secy to Govt., P. W. D.

with two enclosures.

ORDER, No. 2650, 20th July 1867.

It appears from the foregoing correspondence, that the Commander-in-Chief has been induced to withhold the grant of Captain Raynsford's services to Government, on the representation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hill, Commanding the Sappers and Miners.

2. The Government, however, desire to remark that Colonel Hill himself states that Captain Raynsford's "original offence must be considered as condoned by his (Colonel Hill's) permitting his letter to be cancelled." His refusal to accede to the grant of Captain Raynsford's services, therefore, must be due solely to a supposed *after offence*, viz., "that immediately after the (first) offence occurred, lie (Captain Raynsford) was very wrong in endeavoring to quit his duty."

3. But His Excellency and Lieutenant-Colonel Hill will learn from the memorandum from the Department Public Works above recorded, that the supposed *after offence* was never really committed—that Captain Raynsford did not, as supposed, *seek* the employment for which his services are so urgently required, or "endeavor to quit his duty"—but that the suggestion for his employment originated entirely with Captain Kennedy, in charge of the Public Works operations in Wynnaad, and this without any previous communication with Captain Raynsford.

4. Under this explanation, coupled with the condonation of the original offence, the Government feel assured that His Excellency will no longer withhold Captain Raynsford's services, which have been so urgently solicited solely on public grounds, and on account of his being the best qualified Officer for the special duty for which he is required.

5. Considerable inconvenience and delay having been already experienced in the disposal of this matter, Government request that this reference may be replied to by telegraph.

(True Extract.)

To the Public Works Department,
Adjutant General,
Controller of Military Accounts,

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

140 20th July

End. J. E. Cashart.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 2650

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

20th July 1867.

Read the following Papers—

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Requesting the Commander
in Chief to reconsider his decision,
respecting the transfer of Captain
Raynsford's services to Govt. for
employment in the Pub. Works (Dept.)

Here enter 3rd July 1867, No. 1968

in the Adjutant General

States for reasons assigned,
the Commander in Chief regrets
inability to grant the services of
Captain Raynsford for employment
in the Public Works (Department).

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inc. from Secy to Govt. Pub. Works (Dept.)

Examining the circumstances
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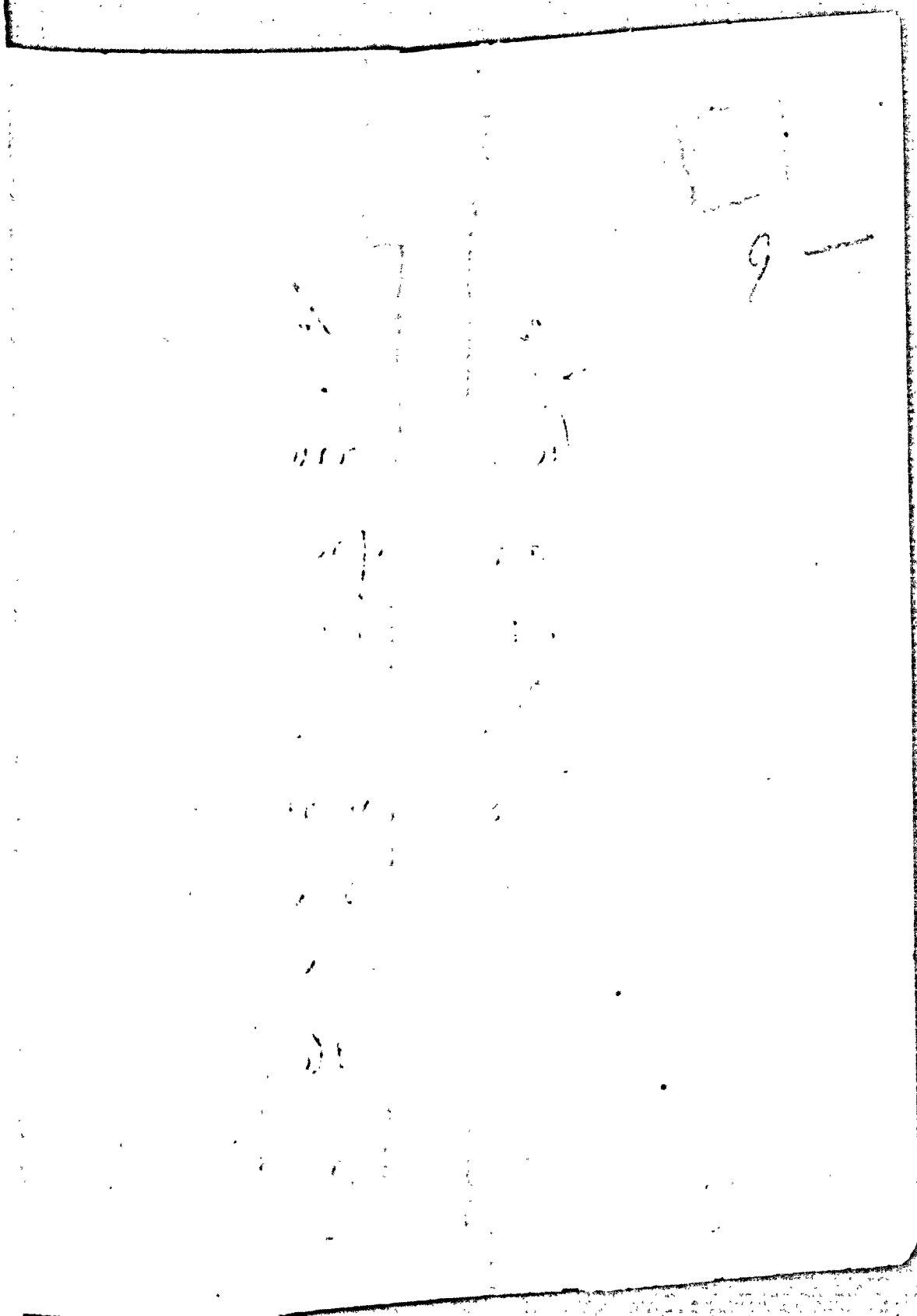
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(True Extract)

W. S. M. Major General
Secretary to Government

To
The Public Works Department
Dated 1st April 1882



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Explaining the circumstances under which application was made for Capt. Raynsford's services for employment in the R. W. L. & requesting that His Excellency will no longer withhold Capt. Raynsford's services, which have been so urgently solicited solely on public grounds.

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