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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th August 1867.*

No. 690. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Luckady, 20th August 1867, No. 355:—

1. I regret to be compelled to bring to notice the conduct of Lieutenant Shepherd, R.E., lately in charge of the Vythery Range.

2. By G. O., dated 21st June 1867, leave of absence on medical certificate for three months was granted to this Officer, and as the certificate stated that

he was unfit for service in Wynaad, I could not but regard his departure as intended to be permanent; under which circumstances, unless the case were one of peculiar urgency, I should consider it my duty to direct that any Officer before availing himself of his leave should give over the works and accounts of his Range in satisfactory form.

3. Immediately, and indeed before the appearance of the G. O. above quoted, I informed Lieutenant Shepherd of the various documents it would be necessary for him to be prepared to hand over with his charge of the Range; and throughout the month I continually urged Lieutenant Shepherd to use despatch in getting through the necessary preliminaries; also, on the 22nd of July, I gave him directions to be prepared to relinquish the executive duties of the Vythery Range from the 1st of August.

4. Again, on the 1st, Lieutenant Shepherd received an order to consider himself as having given over his executive duties from that date. Copies of those letters are appended.

5. On comparison of a statement submitted by Lieutenant Shepherd of work stated by him to have been measured, and for which payment had to be made to Messrs. Vertue and Minchin, in accordance with G. O. No. 2,155, dated 18th July 1867, I found that, together with the amount already paid by Lieutenant Shepherd for that portion of the work about which there was no dispute, the estimate for the construction of the Culputty bridge would be very largely exceeded; I accordingly called upon Lieutenant Shepherd to furnish me with the detailed measurements of work executed under the items of estimate, without which it was impossible for me to come to any settlement. The same thing I found necessary in the case of the Police buildings at Vythery, the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, and Post Office, all of which were incomplete, and for which, as far as I could judge, the allotments would prove insufficient. A very large amount of stock had also to be accounted for, and altogether Lieutenant Shepherd's accounts of the various works that had been under his charge required much more explanation than he appeared able to give at once, and it was quite impossible for me to obtain the necessary particulars except through Lieutenant Shepherd.

6. I was most anxious to proceed to Goodaloor to see Lieutenant Coningham's works before the latter's departure on privilege leave, to delay which would have entailed his not returning till after the favorable working season had commenced; and as I saw no prospect of getting any speedy settlement of matters with Lieutenant Shepherd, it was useless my wasting valuable time waiting for his convenience. I may add that I had good opportunity of judging whether a stay of a few days, more or less, would be of much importance to him in the point of health, as I met

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him daily at breakfast and dinner, and there was nothing to lead me to suppose any immediate and urgent cause for his departure, such as would justify my permitting him to leave the accounts and measurements of his works in confusion.

7. I left Luckady on the 5th, and gave Lieutenant Shepherd distinctly to understand that not having made over either his current accounts, or the measurements of the works called for, he would have to await my return. I remained at Sultan's Battery until the morning of the 8th, up to which date Lieutenant Shepherd could have communicated with me had there been any urgent cause for his immediate departure, but I heard nothing from, or of him, until my arrival at Calicut, late on the night of the 12th. I then accidentally learned that he was there, and intended to leave the following morning. I lost no time in calling on him to return to his post, and await regular relief, and at the same time wrote him a private letter pointing out the irregularity he had been guilty of, and advising him not to commit himself by any imprudence: written as it was in the middle of the night, and in great haste, my Memorandum was unavoidably very informal; I however forward it with Lieutenant Shepherd's reply endorsed thereon.

8. On the following morning I received a letter from Lieutenant Shepherd, enclosing a certificate signed by the Apothecary in charge at Luckady, recommending Lieutenant Shepherd's leaving that place. It will be observed that the recommendation was that he should proceed to the low country; consequently, there was no reason incompatible with that recommendation, why Lieutenant Shepherd should not have remained at Calicut to explain matters personally to myself, he having been well aware that I was expected at Calicut on the 12th or 13th.

I have learned that before my departure from Luckady he mentioned his intention to leave during my absence, and that he was strongly advised against it; but I beg to add that he did not say one word to me which could lead me to suppose that he entertained any such intention, but allowed me to go away under the full impression that, during my absence, he would put all matters into such condition that on my return I could at once relieve him. On no single occasion did Lieutenant Shepherd either by letter or verbally ask me to let him take his leave before fulfilling what he has been required to do; and I am quite at a loss to account for his proceedings, unless that, judging from the very superficial manner in which his supervision of the works was carried on, and for which I had several times to call him to account, he had neglected personally to take measurements of the works, and was unable to supply the particulars required.

9. I forward a statement made by Assistant Apothecary Stewart; and with reference to the period when Lieutenant Shepherd stated I should return, I beg to say that he was quite aware of my intention to be back at Luckady on the 16th or 17th, having been distinctly so informed.

10. Having detailed the particulars of the case, I leave the matter to be dealt with by Government, with only a suggestion that in accordance with the terms of his certificate, Lieutenant Shepherd may be ordered back to the low country, that is to Calicut, where I could more easily communicate with him, and from whence, if necessary, he might come up to Luckady for a few days to clear up any matters requiring his personal presence on the spot.

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11. I beg to add, however, that I do not consider he is ever likely to be of the least service in Wynaad.

12. Lieutenant Shepherd is, I believe, now at Ootacamund.

No. 691. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1867, No. 2,653.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 83.

As there was no urgent necessity for Lieutenant Shepherd quitting his charge without the permission of his superior

Officer, the Government resolve to direct him to proceed without delay to Calicut, with a view of affording Captain Kennedy full information on all such matters connected with the Range which he lately held in the Wynaad as may require his personal explanations.

(True Extract.)

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

To Captain Kennedy.
„ Lieutenant Shepherd, Ootacamund.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Special Executive Engineer's Office

Suckkaro, 22nd July 1887.

No. 290.

Memo.

Sir, Mr. Shepherd is requested to ^{be} prepared to relinquish Executive charge of the Range, from 1st proximo, when Captain Kennedy will assume the duties himself. Sir, Mr. Shepherd will have to prepare all accounts up to that date, and produce copies of such as are sent to the Controller before he can be allowed to avail himself of the leave of absence granted him.

2. To save time Captain Kennedy's Head Clerk will commence/as soon as Sir, Mr. Shepherd finds it convenient/examine and comparing accounts for past months, and taking charge of records. Sir, Mr. Shepherd is requested to have his ~~past~~ accounts made up and list of tools &c. made out.

Sgt. J. P. B. Kennedy Capt.

Sgt. R. S. Eng. H. S. S. S.

Suckkaro, 1st August 1887

No. 331.

Memo.

Sir, Mr. Shepherd A. C. is informed that he is to vacate himself as having given up the charge of his Executive

In a letter from the
the 22nd July 1887
forwarded in Aug 1887

to the Secy. to Govt.
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ceases to make payments, or draw money from the Treasury, His cheques notwithstanding he sent to the undersigned, as well as any Cash balance in hand.

2. Sir not Shepherd is not at
likeness to avail himself of his leave until
he has made over the ^{gross} worth, account
of stock, a statement of Cash balance,
and all other accounts, Pass Bk and
documents belonging to the Wythevy Range
also Plan and Estimate for the Public
Buildings at Wythevy.

3. *Sir* St. Shepherd is requested to use all possible despatch, as Captain Kennedy has made arrangements for proceeding on a tour of inspection on Monday next; and unless the business is completed by that time St. Shepherd will be put to the inconvenience of delay until Captain Kennedy's return which will not be for nearly a fortnight.

signed R. P. Kennedy by Capt
 J. H. Long to guard.

B. B. Kennedy, Captain
Special Engr. of Ordnance.

Lucknow

August 10th 1874

From
 The Assistant Engineer in
 Charge of Bithury Range,
 To The Special Executive Engineer
 in Charge of Wynaad.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
 a certificate from the Med-
 ical Officer in charge of Bi-
 thury Range urging the
 necessity of my immediate
 departure from Wynaad;
 and to request that I may
 be allowed to report my
 departure from the 10th Inst.

I have the honor to be
 Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant.

Capt. F. S. Shepherd
 Lt. W. E.

Mr. Secy. Engrs. Wynaad

The Special Executive Engineer

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Office of the
 Assistant Engineer
 in Charge of Bithury Range
 Bithury Range

Wright, L. H. & Co.
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Copy of letter from the Hon. Sec. of War

J. H. Shepherd

In a letter from the
Hon. Sec. of War
dated Aug. 1869 to the
Hon. Sec. of the Interior

Sept. 1869

P. W. 3193/57

Original received from
Sgt. H. E. Co. 9th Regt.
Vol. Inf. 1st Div. 1st Corps
rept. of same

This is to certify that Lieutenant
J. H. Shepherd is in the
Department Public Works
Lucky is in a bad state
of health and that it is
not necessary he should at
once proceed to the low line as
recommended by me on the
8th June 1869.

Lucky
18th August 1869
J. H. Shepherd
Asst. Atty. Gen.
Ind. Dep. of the Interior

W. W. Kennedy, Capt.
Sgt. H. E. Co. 9th Regt.

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Special Executive Engineer
Sachin 20 August 1867

From

The Special Executive Engineer
Wynad

To Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras

Sir, I regret to be compelled to bring to notice
the conduct of Lieutenant Shepherd W. R. lately in charge
of the 17th Range.

By G. Order dated 21st June 1867 leave
of absence on Medical Certificate for 3 months was granted
to this Officer; and as the Certificate stated that he
was unfit for service in Wynad, I could not but
regard his departure as intended to be permanent; under
which circumstances, unless the case were one of peculiar
urgency, I should consider it my duty to direct that no
Officer before availing himself of his leave, should
give over the work, and accounts of his Range, in satis-
factory form.

Immediately, and indeed before the appearance
of the G.O. above quoted, I informed Lieut Shepherd
of the various documents it would be necessary for him
to be prepared to hand over with his charge of the
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also necessary preliminaries; and on the 22nd of July, I gave him directions to be prepared to relinquish the Executive duties of the Tynney Range, from the 1st of August.

Again on the 7th, Smith Shepherd received an order to consider himself as having given over his Executive duties from that date. Copies of these letters are appended.

On comparison of a statement submitted by Smith Shepherd of work stated by him to have been measured and for which payment had to be made to Wm. T. and Wm. W., in accordance with L.R. No. 2155, dated 18th July 1867, I found that together with the amount already paid by Smith Shepherd for that portion of the work about which there was no dispute, the estimate for the construction of the Culpaty Bridge would be very largely exceeded; I accordingly called upon Smith Shepherd to furnish me with the detailed measurements of work recorded under the item of Estimate, without which it was impossible for us to come to any settlement. The same thing I found necessary in the case of the Tynney Buildings at Tynney, the Sub Magistrate's Outchery, and Post Office, all of which were incomplete, and for which, as far as I could judge, the allotments would prove insufficient. A very large amount of Stone had also to be accounted for, and altogether Smith Shepherd's accounts of the various works that had been under his charge required much more explanation than he appeared able to give at once; and it was

quite impossible for me to obtain the necessary particulars except through Smith Shepherd.

I was most anxious to proceed to London to see Smith Cunningham with a view to the latter's departure on Privilege leave, to delay which would have retarded his not returning till after the favorable working season had commenced; and as I saw no prospect of getting any speedy settlement of matters with Smith Shepherd, it was useless my wasting valuable time waiting for his convenience. I may add that I had good opportunity of judging whether a stay of a few days more or less would be of much importance to him in the point of health, as I sat with him daily at breakfast, and dinner, and thus was enabled to find out that he was not in a state of health to do more than to support any immediate and urgent cause for his departure, which as would justify my permitting him to leave the account, and measurement of his works in confusion.

I left Limerick on the 5th, and gave Smith Shepherd distinctly to understand that not having made an entry of his current account, or the measurement of the work called for, he would have to await my return. I remained at Sultan's Watery until the morning of the 8th, up to which date, Smith Shepherd could have communicated with me. Had there been any urgent cause for his immediate departure, but I heard nothing from, or of him, until my arrival at Limerick; but in the night of the 12th I then, as it were, learned that he was there, and intended

to leave the following morning. I lost no time in calling on him to return to his post, and await regular relief, and at the same time wrote him a private letter pointing out the irregularity he had been guilty of, and advising him not to commit himself by any impudence: written as it was, in the middle of the night, and in great haste, my Memorandum was unavoidably very informal; I, however, forwarded it with Smith Shepherd's reply endorsed thereon.

On the following morning, I received a letter from Smith Shepherd, enclosing a certificate signed by the Apothecary in charge at Suakade, recommending Smith Shepherd's leaving that place. It will be observed, that the recommendation was that he should proceed to the low country; consequently, there was no reason incompatible with that recommendation, why Smith Shepherd should not have remained at Suakade to explain matters personally to myself, he having been well aware that I was expected at Suakade on the 12th or 13th. (This not being so, I can only consider the part and parcel of the premises, and, under such circumstances, come to be persuaded throughout. I have learned that before my departure from Suakade he mentioned his intention to leave during my absence, and that he was strongly advised against it; but I beg to add that he did not say one word to me which could lead me to suppose that he entertained any such intention, but allowed me to go away under the full impression that, during my absence, he would put all matters into such condition, that on my return I could take up where he left. On no single occasion

did Smith Shepherd either by letter, or verbally, ask me to let him take his leave before fulfilling what he had been required to do; and I am quite at a loss to account for his proceedings, unless that, judging from a very superficial ^{manner} in which his supervision of the work was carried on, and for which I had several times to call him to account, he had neglected personally to take measurements of the work, and was unable to supply the particulars required.

I forward a statement made by Apothecary Shicab; and with reference to the period when Smith Shepherd stated I should return, I beg to say that he was quite aware of my intention to be back at Suakade on the 16th or 17th, having been distinctly so informed.

Having detailed the particulars of the case, I leave the matter to be dealt with by Government, with only a suggestion that in accordance with the terms of his certificate, Smith Shepherd may be ordered back to the low country, that is to Suakade, where I could most easily communicate with him, and from whence, if necessary, he might come up to Suakade for a few days to clear up any matters requiring his personal presence on the spot.

I beg to add however that I do not consider he is ever likely to be of the least service in Wyand. Smith Shepherd is I believe now at Aotacumand.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
N.B. Kennedy Captain
of the Wyand

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30th August 1867

Read the following

From the Special Secy. Engr. Wynne.
(Here enter No. 355 dated 20th Aug/67.)

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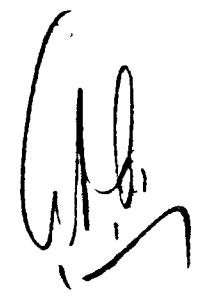
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Genl. D. P. B.

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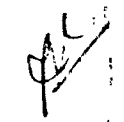
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT *of Madrid*

Dated 30th August 1867

Instructing Lieut. Shephard
R. C. to return to Calicut and
to afford Captain Kennedy full
information on all such matters
connected with the Range, which
he lately held, as may require, as
may require personal expla-
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