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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th February 1869.*

No. 193. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—Irrigation,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 23rd January 1869, No. 19 E. I.:—

1. I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council, a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, conveying the decision of the Government of India that Major Fischer should be relieved of the duties of Superintending Engineer of Irrigation Works, and that his services would be replaced at the disposal of the Madras Government.

2. His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council will gather from the letter herewith sent, that it is chiefly from a want of harmonious action with the head of the administration of the Central Provinces that this course has been thought necessary. The Governor General in Council has no wish to cause any loss to Major Fischer beyond what is unavoidably contingent to the state of affairs that has unfortunately arisen, and will be glad if the first opportunity is taken to give him employment in the Madras Presidency in a position suitable to his standing in the service and his qualifications. If it be thought desirable by the Madras Government, the Government of India will not object to permitting Major Fischer to draw, as a personal allowance, such higher rate of salary, in addition to that of any post to which he can at once be appointed, as will place him on the footing which he would have occupied had he not been transferred to the Central Provinces.

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From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—Irrigation,) to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, dated Calcutta, 23rd January 1869, No. 18 E. I.

1. The Government of India has on a former occasion expressed its regret that better progress had not been made in the preparation of the projects for Irrigation Works in the Central Provinces, which have been for some time past under discussion. This cause of regret still continues, and from recent communications from the Officiating Chief Commissioner, the Governor General in Council has come to the conclusion that the time has arrived for taking the needful measures for putting an end to the doubtful and unsatisfactory position in which the Irrigation branch of the Department now appears to be placed in the Central Provinces.

2. For satisfactory progress in all branches of the public service, it is quite essential that there shall be established a proper feeling of confidence between the responsible heads of the administration and the Officers under them. This feeling, the Governor General in Council regrets to hear, does not exist between the Officiating Chief Commissioner and Major Fischer. It does not appear necessary or desirable to discuss at length the causes of this state of things, and it will suffice to note the conclusion come to by the Governor General in Council, that the good of the public service seems to demand that Major Fischer shall be relieved of his present duties as early as is practicable.

3. The Government of India much regrets that this measure should have been found necessary, but the reports of the Officiating Chief Commissioner, and the tone of Major Fischer's communications, which has already been animadverted on by the Governor General in Council, leave no reasonable ground for the expectation that a more harmonious feeling will be established. The

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4. The Government of Madras will be requested to provide employment for Major Fischer as soon as he is replaced, and a further communication will be made to you relative to his successor.

No. 194.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1869, No. 395.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 31.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Public Works Department

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To The Chief Commissioner
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Calcutta 23rd January 1869

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/s/ C. H. Dickens Col. R. S.
Secy to the Govt of India

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