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No 296 Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Camp at Truppapuram, 9th December 1869, No. 2,103 —

Read the following letter from J M HAWKSWORTH, Esq, Assistant Engineer, No 1 Range, Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 6th December 1869, No 453.

I HAVE the honour of bringing to your notice that on the 29th of last month I addressed a letter to the Superintending Engineer of this district, complaining of the order for my being transferred to the Godavery, (which appeared in the Gazette of the 23rd ultimo,) and asking him to use his influence to have it cancelled on account of the very great inconvenience to which it would subject both myself and my family, if carried into effect. In his reply, dated 2nd December 1869, he remarks, "your transfer, *as arranged*, is quite beyond my control to alter"

2 I beg, therefore, most respectfully to appeal to Government, in the hope that when they know the whole circumstances of the case rightly, they will do me the justice to rescind the order which places me in, what I consider, an unfair position.

3 I acknowledge Government have the right to order their servants to any place they may think the exigencies of the service require them to go, but I submit there is no such exigency in the present instance which calls for a man who has just past in the Tamil language to go to a country where only Telugu is spoken; his inacquaintance with which must necessarily impede his usefulness for a time at least Nor will the Government, without a just cause or reason assigned, remove a man from a place where his services are both efficient to Government and appreciated by the people

4. I submit, therefore, that I know of no just reason why my transfer to the Godavery District should have been ordered, which, if carried out, will be to the very great injury of myself both privately and publicly Privately, as regards my family circumstances, and publicly, as impairing my usefulness, as it would most certainly dispirit and dishearten me.

5. If the Superintending Engineer has had a reason for asking for my transfer, it has been grounded on his misconception of the meaning of a letter addressed not to himself, nor was it in any way connected with him officially or privately, but to a private friend, and with which, I submit, he had no right to interfere in his official capacity I beg, therefore, that Government will do me the justice to cancel the order, previously or subsequently to a full inquiry into the matter.

SUBMITTED to Government; although Mr Hawksworth is specially informed that it was by the order of Government that he is posted to the Godavery District in particular, and also that his original letters (not extracts or statements based on them) were forwarded to Madras.

(Signed) H. L PRENDERGAST, Captain, R E,
Officiating Supg Engr., 8th Division.

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No. 297. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1870, No 155.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Ext. T. O'Connor.

P.W. 1869 Dept
No 453
From Supt No 256.
The Assistant Engr
No 1 Range
Madura

To, The Secretary to Govt
P W Dept

Dated 6th December 69
Rec'd 15th December 69

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Begs to Cancell the order transferring him from Madura to the Godavery District for the reasons assigned.

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G. O., 13th January 1870, No. 158

Nos. 296-298

Hawkesworth. Mr. Capel Engr

Enclosing and Copy Engr
letter & Ors submitting a letter
from Mr Capel Engr Hawkesworth
requesting that his transfer to the
Godavery Dist may be cancelled
if decided.