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No. 399. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 15th January 1870, No. 2,954:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the accompanying copy of a docket from the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Division to the Executive Engineer, Bellary, which the Brigadier-General, in a personal conference, informed me was the result of his reading of paragraph 791 of the Madras Army Regulations for 1869, in which the following phrase occurs, "When it may be proper for them to appear as Military Officers." The wording of this phrase was admitted by the Brigadier-General to be rather obscure and vague, and requiring more explicit definition.

2. I drew his attention to the permission to wear plain clothes granted to officers employed in the Department of Public Works under the restrictions specified in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 699, of 18th March 1856, in the Military Department, and published on page 535 of Grant's Circular Order Book of the Department Public Works, which he informed me he had never before seen.

3. As during my service in this department I have never heard of this question being raised since the publication of the last-mentioned order, and, as it appears to me to be clear that officers of this department must invariably be guided by the rules and privileges laid down by Government, I have the honour to request you will inform me if the above-mentioned permission has ever been withdrawn, as no record of the same can be found in my office.

4. In conclusion, I may as well point out that, in the second paragraph of the Assistant Adjutant-General's docket, there is a remarkable misquotation: the phrase "mess and public parties" is not used, as he alleges, in the paragraph 788 quoted, the *ipsissima verba* being public balls and entertainments.

From the Assistant Adjutant-General, Ceded Districts, to the Executive Engineer, Bellary, dated Bellary, 6th January 1870, No. 8:—

HAS the honour, by order of the Brigadier-General Commanding Ceded Districts, to request your attention to paragraphs 791 and 792 of the Madras Army Regulations regarding the uniform to be worn by officers in the Civil Departments of the Army which includes the Public Works Department.

2. Paragraph 788 makes it compulsory on all officers to appear in uniform when attending mess, public parties, etc., within the district in which they are quartered.

(By order.)

(Signed) A. F. BAYLY, Major,
Assistant Adjutant-General, Ceded Districts.

(True copy.)

(Signed) J. G. PALMER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Executive Engineer, Public Works Department.

No. 400. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1870, No. 582.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 39.

BY the regulations now in force under the authority of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and with the

sanction of Government, officers employed in the Department of Public Works when within military limits are not exempted from the obligation of wearing uniform on all occasions when it is proper for them to appear as Military Officers, and when they attend balls or other public parties in military stations.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 2041

Asstt. Adjt. Genl. Office C. D.
Bellary. 6th January. 1870

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From
Major A. J. Bayly.
Asstt Adjt. General,
Ceded Districts

To Lieut. Colo. Palmer
Madras Staff Corps.
Executive Engineer

P.G. 7357.

I have the honor. by order.
of the Brigadier General
Commanding the Ceded
Districts, to request your
attention to paragraphs
791. and 792. of the Madras
Army Regulations, regard
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worn by Officers in the
Civil Departments of the
Army, which includes
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No. 2954 Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.
Bellary 15th January 1870.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying copy of a docket from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Division, to the Executive Engineer Bellary, which the Brigadier General, in a personal conference informed me, was the result of his reading of para 791 of the Madras Army Regulations for 1869, in which the undermentioned phrase occurs— "When it may be proper for them to appear as Military Officers." The wording of this phrase was admitted by the Brigadier General to be rather obscure

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the Public Works Department.

Para 788. makes it Compulsory on all Officers to appear in uniform when attending Mess, Public Parties &c, within the District, in which they are quartered.—

By order.
(Sigd) T. J. Dayly. Major
A. A. & A. D. C. Genl. C. F.

(True Copy.)

Lieut. Colo.
Executive Engineer D. P. W.

obscure and vague and requiring more explicit definition.

2. I drew his attention to the permission to wear plain clothes granted to Officers employed in the Department of Public Works under the restrictions specified in Ex. Mins. of Cons. No. 1690 of 18th March 1856 in the Military Department and published on page 535 of Grants Executive Order Book of the D.P.W., which he informed me he had never before seen.

3. As during my service in this Department, I have never heard of this question being raised since the publication of the last mentioned order, and as it appears to me to be clear that Officers of this Department must invariably be guided by the rules and principles laid down by Government, I have the honor to request you will inform me if the above mentioned permission has ever been withdrawn, as no record

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of the same can be found in my office.

4 In conclusion, I may as well point out that, in the 2nd para of the Assistant Adjutant Generals docket, there is a remarkable mis-quotation; the phrase "mess and public parties" is not used as he alleges, in the para 788 quoted - the "ipsissima verba" being "public balls and entertainments".

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

D. Mulberg Lieut. R.E.
Subsidiary Engineer
3rd Division

From, 1869-70 Year

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

No. 2954.

Dated 15
Received 24 January 1870.

Enclosure 1.
Forwarding copy of a Docket from the Offg. Acctt. General of the Ho. and requesting the ruling of Govt. with reference to Dress of Public Officers in the P.W.D.
No. 582-19-Feby/70.

No. 399

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others, attending balls
or other public parties
in Military Stations.

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To

The Superintending Engineer

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Dated

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Uniform Information given that Officers employed in said D'M, when within duty limits, are not exempted from the obligation of wearing uniform on all occasions when it is proper for them to appear as duty Officers, and when they attend balls or other public parties in duty stations -