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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th March 1870.*

No. 505.

Read the following :—

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Forwards, for the orders of Government, papers }
connected with Mr. Sage's refusal to furnish } (Here enter 9th March 1870, No. 4,252.)
certain public records.

No. 506.

ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1870, No. 896.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 31.

THE Government must express their surprise that Mr. Sage should have hesitated to transmit to the Superintending Engineer whatever records the latter officer considered it necessary to call for. It was clearly Mr. Sage's duty to send, or take, the cash accounts in question to Major Fischer, and his refusal to do so was a serious act of insubordination.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is convinced from the present papers, and from the frequent references which have recently been made regarding disputes between Mr. Sage and the Superintending Engineer, that it is not advisable to leave the former any longer in the 1st Division, and he will therefore be transferred elsewhere.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No 4252 Sup Engineer's Office 1st Division
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From Major J. F. Fischer P.L.
Acting Sup Engineer
1st Division

To Colonel C. A. Orr P.L.
Secretary to Government
P.L.D.
Madras

Sir,
It having been brought to my notice that certain false entries had been made in the cash accounts of the Delta Superintendent C. Bhemiah, I directed the Delta Superintendent at present in charge of his sub Division in No. 1 Range, Godavery District to send me the accounts; instead of those Telugu and Obeying my orders that individual referred the matter to the Range Officer Mr. Sage who immediately took possession of them and addressed me the accompanying letter No and No 812 dated 5th Instant. state as per margin; to which I replied at once in a memo copy of which is enclosed.

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In reply to this requisition, Mr. Sage has sent in the accompanying letter No 614 dated 8th Instant again declining to

to allow me to examine the papers, it will
be observed no charges whatever have been
yet preferred against the Delta Superin-
tendent, ^{or anybody else} And it was only in the performance
of duty required by the Government of Superin-
tending Engineers I directed these papers
should be furnished to me and in so doing
I believe I have only acted up to the in-
structions communicated with G.O. of the
18th October 1869 to 3344.

3 Mr. Sage appears to consider
that because the Controller has once passed
on account, the Superintending Engineer has
not the power to again look into this. I can
hardly believe to be a correct interpretation
of the orders of Government, in fact if this
were so, the Superintending Engineer could
by no possibility exercise any control whatever
in his circle as it must very frequently
occur that irregularities are taking place
which can by no possibility appear in
the documents transmitted to the
Controller. I have taken no further action

in this matter at present as there ^{is} does
appear to be some doubt in the subject,
otherwise I should at once have relieved
Mr. Sage of his duties in the Range pending
the orders of Government which I now
solicit may be sent to me as early as
possible to relieve me of the responsibility
if necessary of examining and checking the
accounts of any Range subordinates.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant

Wm. F. Fisher Major R.E.
of Superintending Engineer's Division

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under date the 30 March 1896.

The Government must express their surprise that Mr. Lajoie should have hesitated to transmit to the Supr. Engineer / Division whatever records the latter Officer considered it necessary to call for. It was clearly his duty to send, or take, the cash accounts in question to Major Fiecher, and his refusal to do so was a serious act of insubordination.

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to Supg. Engr. 1st Div.
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Sage, Mr. Engr. Rapping
picks on a letter from
the Supg. Engr. 1st Div.
-ing to notice an
act of insubordination
by Mr. Sage -