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No. 226. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 19th August 1871, No. 1,622 —

With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O, No. 1,912, dated 20th ultimo, I have the honour to report that V. Vencataratnum, son of the late Sub-Engineer Veeranna, received his education at the Rajahmundry Zillah School, and has a fair knowledge of English. He learnt plan-drawing and estimating at Dowlaishweram, and some years since had examination papers on this subject sent to him from the Civil Engineering College. His plan-drawing was then, I understand, commended, but he failed to pass in estimate-making Surveying he learnt at Dowlaishweram under Serjeant Kennedy, and was twice employed in taking the yearly surveys of the river above the anicut. Hydraulics I believe him to be ignorant of.

2. He is certainly not prepared to pass the departmental test for Overseers, but if he exerts himself to extend his knowledge and proves to have but a small share of the enormous influence his father possessed among all classes of natives, he would be a useful member of the department. His appointment might be made conditional on his thus proving his fitness within a fixed period.

No. 227. Order thereon, 15th September 1871, No. 2,340.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 29.

The Government are not prepared to authorize the entertainment of V. Vencataratnum as an Overseer until he has *fully* qualified himself in all the tests required of candidates for employment in that capacity, or at any rate attained such a degree of each branch of knowledge as to afford a reasonable hope that he could discharge the duties of an Overseer efficiently.

(True Extract)
(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION.
DOWLAISHWARUM, 19th August 1871

No 1622

From

Major J. T. Pitcher R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government D. P. W.
MADRAS

SIR,

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Sir,
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Jos. Mitchell Captn. R.E.
for A.S. Supt. Engr. 1st Dr.

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Majr Genl Frederick
Ag. Supt Engineers &c
To
Colonel J. Carpendale CB
Secretary to Govt
Dated 19th Augt 1871
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Recommends that V. Venkatarutnum son of the late Sub Engineer Veerama may be appointed Assistant Overseer conditionally on his proving his fitness within a fixed period.

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To Collector of Cuddapah
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