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No. 337. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 15th August 1871, No. 1,688:—

In reference to G. O., 20th June 1871, No. 1,664, calling my attention to the Notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 13th idem appointing Assistant Engineer Mr. H. Lyon to the Madura District (in lieu of Mr. O. A. Hayne, who has proceeded to Europe on sick leave), I have the honour to state that Mr. Lyon has not yet joined this district, nor has he made any sign of his approaching arrival.

2. I have already in my letter No. 634, dated 6th June 1871, printed with the G. O. above quoted, pointedly brought to the notice of Government the impossibility of my being held responsible for the proper control and condition of a division so under-officered, and of which so many important duties have been committed into such merciless and plundering hands as is the case in this division. And I am compelled, therefore, to bring the matter again prominently forward for the favourable consideration of Government.

3. It will be seen by G. O., 16th March 1871, No. 790, that Major Mullins had recognized the necessity of appointing one Executive Officer for Nos. 3 and 4 Ranges, Tinnevelly District. At that time nothing had been discovered of the frauds which have since come to light in both of those ranges.

4. I have already reported that I have suspended Overseer Chockalingum Pillay, formerly in charge of No. 3 Range, and that I have placed Assistant Engineer Mr. Hughes in temporary charge of that range. Now, however, that the claims of the late contractor for the Strevigoontum anicut have been settled, that work is re-commencing, and Mr. Hughes' services cannot be spared therefrom.

5. I consider that Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay has proved himself utterly untrustworthy, and unfit for his present charge as Range Officer, and I would suspend him to-morrow had I any one to put in his place. The money of Government is now being diverted from its allotted channels; and the roads, tanks, and irrigation works generally, already much deteriorated, are falling into rapid decay.

6. I think it my duty in the interests both of the Government and the people that these facts should not be concealed from the Government, with whom it will rest to take such steps as they may please in the matter.

7. If an Assistant Engineer of some experience were posted to the Tinnevelly District, I would place him, with the permission of Government, in charge of Nos. 3 and 4 Ranges, and I feel satisfied that the result would be most satisfactory in every way as regards the material welfare of the province; and I trust, therefore, that on account of its urgency and importance, I shall be excused for again bringing this subject prominently forward.

No. 338. Order thereon, 20th September 1871, No. 2,401.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

The Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division will be informed that Mr. Sage, Executive Engineer of the

2nd grade, who is shortly expected to return from furlough to Europe will, on his arrival, be posted to Tinnevelly for the charge of Nos. 3 and 4 Ranges as proposed.

2. The Government are sensible of the deficiencies of establishment indicated by Colonel Roberts, and they appreciate his efforts for the public service; but they think it right to observe that the Madura and Tinnevelly Districts have not been in any way unfairly treated, and have had as large a proportion of the higher Executive Officers as any other, except the Godavery, Kistna, and Tanjore Districts, which by reason of large expenditure on irrigation works have been somewhat specially dealt with.

3. Vyapoory Pillay, who is reported utterly untrustworthy and unfitted for the charge of a range, should be specially reported on with the view to orders being issued, either for his dismissal if his dishonesty is clear, or for his reduction to the grade of Overseer if his unfitness for the charge of a range is owing to any other cause.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No. 1688

Superintg. Engineer's Office 8th Dn
Madura 15th August 1871.

From

Lieut. Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.
Jg. Superintg. Engineer 8th Dn

To

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

Sir,

In reference to G.O. 20th June 1871 No. 1664 calling my attention to the notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 13th idem appointing Assistant Engineer Mr. R. Lyon to the Madura District (in lieu of Mr. G. A. Payne, who has proceeded to Europe on sick leave) I have the honor to state that Mr. Lyon has not yet joined this District, nor has he made any sign of his approaching arrival.

2. I have already in my letter No. 634 dated 6th June 1871, printed

with the G.O. above quoted, pointedly brought to the notice of Government, the impossibility of my being held responsible for the proper control and condition of a Division so under-officered, & of which so many important duties have been committed into such merciless & plundering hands as is the case in this Division.- And I am compelled therefore to bring the matter again prominently forward for the favorable consideration of Government.

3. It will be seen by G.O. 16th March 1871, No. 790, that Major Mullins had recognized the necessity of appointing one Executive Officer for Nos. 3 & 4 Ranges Tinnevelly District.- At that time nothing had been discovered of the frauds which have since come to light in both of those Ranges.

4. I have already reported that I have suspended Overseer Chockalingum Pillay, formerly in charge of No. 3 Range, & that I have placed Assistant Engineer Mr. Hughes in temporary charge of that Range.- Now however that the claims of the late Contractor for the Streevaigoondum anicut have been settled, that work is recommencing, & Mr. Hughes services cannot be spared therefrom.

5. I consider that Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay has proved himself utterly untrustworthy, & unfit for his present charge as Range Officer, & I would suspend him tomorrow, had I any one to put in his place. The money of Government is now being diverted from its allotted channels; & the roads, tanks & Irrigation works generally already much deteriorated are falling into rapid decay.

6. I think it my duty in the interests both of the Government & the people

that these facts should not be concealed from the Government, with whom it will rest to take such steps as they may please in the matter.

7. If an Assistant Engineer of some experience were posted to the Simcoe District I would place him with the permission of Government, in charge of Nos. 3 & 4 Ranges, & I feel satisfied that the result would be most satisfactory in every way as regards the Sanitary welfare of the province, & I trust therefore that on account of the urgency & importance I shall be excused for again bringing this subject prominently forward.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.
Rice A. Roberts Lieut Col RE
Acting Superintending Engineer
S.E. Division

Enclosed
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P. W. 1871 Oct 11
From Chief Engr 4399.
Chief Eng. Inspr Genl
& Govt

To. The Secretary to Govt
P. W. D.

Dated 15th August/71
Received 11th Sept 1871

No 337

Brings again to the notice of Government the want of additional Engineer Officers to be placed in charge of Ranges in the Division and explains the grounds under which such is necessary.

No. 2401. 20 Sept/71

No 2401 24/71

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To The Superintending Engr
8th Division

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Dated

Recd. Read.

G. O. 20 Septr. No. 3401.

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Mr Sage Eqr Engr - The Engr
of this Div informed that Mr Sage
will be Eqr Engr will, on his return
from furlough to Europe, be
posted to Limerick & that the
case of Vyasoory Pillay will be
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being submitted
being made regarding his conduct
being submitted -