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No. 242. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Estate Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 23rd October 1871, No. 624-E:—

Estate of the late Colonel A. J. M. Boileau, R.E.

Captain Vertue, Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division, who secured the effects of the late Colonel Boileau, forwarded* to me the probate of the deceased's will, and requested permission to hand over the property to Mrs. Boileau. In returning the document to him, he was informed that the effects under his custody might be made over to her by the Committee of Adjustment, who should be instructed to furnish this office with the prescribed documents† connected with this estate. In reply he stated that there was no Committee of Adjustment assembled on the deceased's effects, and requested to be informed what documents are required by this department. Whereupon the Officer Commanding the Centre District was asked to direct the convening of the necessary Committee, of which due intimation was furnished to Captain Vertue. Major Palmer, the President of the said Committee, placed himself in communication with that officer on the subject, who in a letter dated 2nd instant, No. 157, forwarded to him a certificate of the grant of probate to Mrs. Boileau, with intimation that no regular inventory was made of the effects of the deceased, who by his will appointed his widow as sole Executrix, and that the interference of a Committee of Adjustment in this case is unwarranted. Captain Vertue, moreover, stated to that functionary that this department authorized *him* (while no such authority was issued) to make over the estate to Mrs. Boileau, who has accordingly taken charge of it.

* 26th August 1871.

† *Vide* paragraph 24 of the Regulation appended to Regimental Debts Act, 1863.

2. Such proceedings of Captain Vertue being contrary to the Regimental Debts Act, 1863, you will therefore be good enough to point out to that officer the irregularity, and to prevent in future the recurrence of similar irregularities.

No. 243. Order thereon, 13th November 1871, No. 2,874.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

Communicated to Captain Vertue and to all Superintending Engineers for information and future guidance in connection with the papers printed with G. O., No. 2,567, 9th October 1871.

2. Superintending Engineers will bear in mind that a Committee of Adjustment is necessary in every case of the death of a Commissioned, Warrant, Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier who is employed in the department; and it will be their duty in every case of death of a Military member of the department to report the circumstance to the Officer Commanding the Division or District, requesting

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him at the same time to appoint a Committee of Adjustment pending whose action in the matter all the effects of the deceased should be secured.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Military Department.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

July Estate Dept.

Estate of the late Colle Jn.
Boileau Esq.
No 624.

The Secretary to Government,
Department of Public Works.

Sir

Captain Vertue Supt. Engineer of the 5th Division who secured the Effects of the late Colle Boileau forwarded to me the Probate of the deceased's Will and requested permission to hand over the property to Mr Boileau. In returning the document to him, he was informed that the Effects under his Custody might be made over to the Committee of Adjustment, who should be instructed to furnish this Office, with the prescribed documents connected with this Estate.

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In reply he stated that there was no Committee of Adjustment assembled on the deceased's Effects and requested to be informed what

* Vide para: 24 of the Rs. appended to R. D. Act 1863.

what documents are required by this department. Thereupon the Officer of the Centre District was asked to direct the convening of the necessary Committee of which due intimation was furnished to Captain Vertue. Major Palmer the President of the said Committee placed himself in communication with that Officer on the subject, who in a letter of 2nd instant to this forwarded to him a certificate of the grant of probate to Mr Boileau with intimation that no regular Inventory was made of the effects of the deceased who by his Will appointed his Widow as sole Executrix and that the interference of a Commissary did not in this case is unwarranted. Captain Vertue moreover stated to that functionary that this department would not sanction while no such authority was received to interfere with the Estate by Mr Boileau who had accordingly taken charge of it.

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being contrary to the Regimental debts Act 1863. You will therefore be good enough to point out to that Officer the irregularity and to prevent in future the recurrence of similar irregularities.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Officer to Commanding

Actg Command.
23rd October 1871.

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From

The Offg Secretary to Govt
Military Department

Dated the 23rd day of October 1871

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From

The Offg. Secretary
to Govt. Military
Department

Dated 23 October 71
Rec'd 26 October 71

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Enclosing
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of Capt Vertue R.E. in
connection with the
assignment of the
Estate of the late
Colonel A. J. M.
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a view to their prevention
of similar irregularities
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Member of the Department
to Report the circumstance
to the Officer Commanding
the Division or District
requesting him at the
same time to appoint
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To the Asst Supt Engr S. Dist
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Major Kennedy
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To Hd Qrs Superintending Engr
5th Division

Dated

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Nos. 242 & 243

Appointment of Estate.

Letter from the Secy to Govt.,
Public Estate Dept., bringing
to notice the proceedings
Capt Vertue in connection
with the appointment of the
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