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Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th May 1872.*

No. 148. Read the following letter from Captain R. THOMPSON, R.E., to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Plymouth Harbour, 2nd April 1872 :—

I REGRET being obliged to tell you that I shall not be able to return to Madras by the 16th of this month (the date upon which my leave expires). Early in February last I engaged passages for my wife and myself by the *Scindia* of the "Red Cross Line" *via* the Suez Canal; she was advertized to sail the first week in March, and this advertisement her London Agents, Messrs. Laming and Co., confirmed up to the last moment. On several occasions I have letters from them to the same effect, I accordingly left home and proceeded to London to embark; but on arriving there found the date of sailing postponed until the 12th, some days afterwards till the 16th, afterwards the 18th, then the 20th, then the 23rd, and finally she left the Victoria Docks on the 24th and moored at Green by the same evening. On the 25th her compasses having been finally adjusted, she steamed down the channel. We then met with very bad weather in the Bay of Biscay, increasing to a heavy gale dead against us. On the 29th her engines and pumps got out of order; the water rose in her engine-room and stoke hole, extinguishing the fires, and the ashes and cinders choking the pumps. The ship was for some time in extreme danger. Our boats were got in readiness and provisioned, and for more than twelve hours we were in momentary expectation of being compelled to abandon the ship. The gale abating however, and great exertions being made, we got rid of sufficient water to admit of one of the donkey engines being worked; some hours afterwards steam was got up in the boilers, and the wind being in a favourable direction for us, we were enabled to run back to Plymouth; we arrived here on Sunday morning. Her engines and pumps are now being repaired, and we hope to leave again on Thursday, the 4th instant.

2. I hope that, under the circumstances, the Madras Government will not blame me for outstaying my leave. When leaving my home in the north of Ireland on the 6th of last month, I fully expected to arrive in Madras in ample time to report my return before the expiration of my leave. The conduct of Messrs. Laming and Co., the Steamer Agents, was most inexcusable in the matter; numbers of the other passengers, besides myself, have been put to heavy expenses and inconvenience in being obliged to leave home and live in London for so long waiting for her departure.

3. I trust we may not meet with any further delays now, and that you will kindly do what you can for me to keep me from getting into difficulties about overstaying my leave.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1872; No. 1,176.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 1,177, dated 7th May 1872.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Gobt. of 1872 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated May 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th May 1872, No. 1,176.

MAY
Nos. 148-149

Captain R. Thompson, R.E.—Passes
orders on letter from Captain Thompson
reporting the causes which have compelled
him to exceed his leave.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 7th May 1872.

No. 150.

No. 1,177.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 16.

SIR,—With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India, dated 28th October 1871, No. $\frac{1235}{61}$ E.G., I am directed to report that Captain Ross Thompson, Executive Engineer, 3rd grade, who proceeded to Europe on furlough for two years, has forfeited his appointment by failure to return to duty on the 16th April 1872.

2. Captain Thompson has, in a letter dated 2nd April 1872, explained to the satisfaction of Government the circumstances under which he was prevented from returning to Madras in time, and I am to request, with reference to paragraph 7 of the Proceedings above quoted, that the services of that officer may be replaced at the disposal of this Government on his return.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

24.4.72
State Ship "Scindia"
Plymouth Harbour
Tuesday April 2nd 1872

Dear Colonel Carpendale

I regret - being obliged to tell
you that I shall not be able to
return to Madras by the 16th of this
month, (the date upon which my
leave expires). Early in February
last I engaged passage for my wife
and myself by the "Scindia" of the
"Red Cross Line" via the Suez Canal.
She was advertised to sail the first
week in March, and this advertisement
has been in the hands of Messrs. Laming
& Co. Confirmed up to the last moment,
on several occasions I had letters from
them to the same effect. I am sure

Apr 17th Home and proceeded to London
Wharfedale but on arriving there found
the date of sailing postponed until the
12th. Some days afterwards till the 18th
afterwards the 18th, then the 20th, then
the 23rd and finally she left the Victoria
Docks on the 24th and arrived at
Greenwich the same evening. On
the 25th the compasses having been
finally adjusted she steamed down
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very bad weather in the Bay of
Biscay, increasing to a heavy gale
dead against us. On the 29th the
engines and pumps got out of order
the water rose in the engine room
and stove hole, extinguishing the fire
and the ashes and cinders choking
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provisions and for some time the
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expectation of being compelled to
abandon the ship. The gale abating
however and great exertions being
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and pumps are now being repaired
and we hope to leave again on
Thursday the 4th inst. I hope that
under the circumstances the
Marine Government will not blame
me for postponing my leave. When
leaving my home in the north of
Ireland on the 6th of last month
I fully expected to arrive in Madras
in ample time to report my relations
my father before the expiration of my leave.

The Conduct of Messrs. Vane & Co.
The Steamers Agents, was most
excusable in the Matter. Members
of the other Passengers besides myself
have been put to heavy Expenses and
inconvenience in being obliged to leave
home and live in London for so
long waiting for the departure
of the vessel. I trust we may not meet
with any further delays now
and that you will kindly do
what you can for our relief
and from getting into difficulties
about our stay in London.

Belum m. d. l. m.
Gom. r. m. d. l. m.
R. d. l. m.
Capt. R. d. l. m.

For Orders.

I have no objection
but the smaller
amount is \$500.00
than per.

I have no
objection
H. D.

The accompanying letter from Captain
Ross Thompson, ex-
plaining the circumstan-
ces under which he
was prevented from
returning to Madras
on the expiration of
his furlough, and re-
questing that he may
be relieved from the
penalty of forfeiture
of appointment which
he

he has thereby incurred
is circulated for orders.

Wm. Walker Colonel R.E.

Officiating Secretary to Govt
D. H. Dept.

30th April
1872

To The Secretary to the
Govt of India PWD

Sir

With reference to the
Proceedings of the Govt of
India dated 28th Oct
1871 No 1235 E. G. I am
directed to report that
Captain Ross Thompson
Executive Engineer third
grade, who proceeded to
Europe on furlough for
two years, has forfeited
his appointment by
failure to return to duty
on the 16th April 1872

Captain Thompson
has in a letter dated
2nd April 1872 explained

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No 2172.

From
Captain Ross Thompson
The R. Engs.

Dated 2nd April
Recd 100 1872

Reporting
the causes which
have compelled
him to exceed his
leave.

11784
No 1177-7th May 1872.

Ordered that the following
letter be sent:-

11784-1872
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No 1176

No 148

6/1 May 1872

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Government on his return.

Y.M.
2.5.72

to - S. despatch 7/5/72
P.C. 17/5/72

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GOVT. OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Secretary to the Govt.
of India

Date

Place

17th August 1877

No. 1118-1498/87

Capt. R. Thompson R.E.

Reporting orders received from

Capt. Thompson reporting

the causes which have

compelled him to extend

his leave.

Reporting that Capt.
R. Thompson R.E. has per-

ceived his appointment

by J. J. J. to return to

duty on expiration of his

For leave & agreeing that
the services of that Officer
may be replaced on
his return.