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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th May 1872.*

No. 227. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 16th April 1872, No. 114 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 823, of 23rd March 1872, but which was only received in this Office on the 11th instant, I have the honour to draw your attention to my letter No. 1,481 of 10th October 1870, and its enclosures, on which G. O., No. 2,681, of 9th November 1870, was passed.

2. Captain Begbie joined this division in March 1868, and from my first visit after his joining I had to report unfavourably regarding him. In G. O., No. 692, of 3rd March 1870, Government took notice of Captain Begbie's dilatoriness, and again in No. 1,470 of 15th June 1870, stated that in the event of further remissness on Captain Begbie's part his fitness for charge of a range would be taken into consideration.

3. In paragraph 6 of my letter No. 1,376 of 20th September 1870, I again handed up Captain Begbie, on which G. O., No. 2,390, of 4th October 1870, was passed, and on the same day Captain Begbie was promoted from Executive Engineer, 4th Grade, to Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade.

4. Captain Begbie was in November 1870 transferred to the 1st Division and was succeeded by Mr. Turner, who was in a bad state of health, and who after about two months' stay had to go to Europe on medical certificate. I then moved Mr. O'Ratigan from the Cuddapah Range to the Madanapully Range, and during the past year that officer has been trying to put matters in order.

5. I cannot help considering that the leniency shown by Government towards Captain Begbie has had the effect of making the subordinates in the Madanapully Range think they might do as they pleased; they were well aware that Captain Begbie had been reprimanded and been reported by me as inefficient and yet they saw him promoted, and they also saw that Mr. Sub-Engineer Bance was allowed to remain and draw pay, although
* Vide G. O., No. 3,123, of 9th October 1867. for the last four and a half years* he has been ordered to submit his papers for pension. I trust that Government will not consider that by the above remarks I wish in any way to cavil with the orders of Government, but I would respectfully lay before Government the injury to the Public Works Department in allowing utterly useless and inefficient men to remain and stop promotion from hard-working and deserving men.

6. I visited the Madanapully Range in October and November 1868, in August and September 1869, and in August and September 1870. It had been my intention to have visited it in 1871-72 but I had to alter my plans in consequence of the irregularities, etc., in the Puthupet Range, regarding which reports have been submitted by me to Government.

No. 228.

ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1872, No. 1,222.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.

In this letter the Superintending Engineer shows that Captain Begbie, whose unfitness for a range charge and

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lax supervision had several times been brought to notice by him, was directly responsible for the Madanapully works and accounts for two-thirds of the year 1870-71, and that matters could not well have been adjusted by his successors before its close.

2. But he has neglected to supply the specific information called for in the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 823, dated 23rd March 1872, in regard to the nature of the inspection of the books of the Madanapully Range which he made on the occasions of his visits, and to explain the causes of delay in the submission of completion certificates for the finished works in the Cuddapah Range.

3. With reference to the Superintending Engineer's remarks on the evil effects produced on the subordinates of the Madanapully Range by the leniency shown by Government towards Captain Begbie and Mr. Bance, it is noted that the report on the former, called for in G. O., No. 2,681, of the 9th November 1870, has not been received, and Government resolve to call on the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division for such a report up to the date of Captain Begbie's departure on furlough. As to Mr. Bance, Major Moberly is reminded that Government are only awaiting a reply to their Order No. 741 of 20th February, to dispense with his services if incompetent for further work.

(ae Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st 3rd Divisions.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 114 Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.
Bellary 16 April 1872.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government

Enclosures.

Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 823 of 23rd March 1872, but which was only received in this Office on the 1st Instant, I have the honor to draw your attention to my letter No. 1401 of 15th October 1870 and its enclosures on which G. O. No. 2681 of 9th November 1870 was passed.

1. Captain Begbie joined this Division in March 1855 and from my first meeting after his joining, I had to report unfavorably regarding him. In G. O. No. 823 of 23rd March 1872 Government took notice of Captain Begbie's delinquency and again, in No. 1470 of 15th June 1870

States, that in the event of further remissions on Captain Begbie's part his fitness for charge of a Range would be taken into consideration.

3. In Para 6 of my letter No 1576 of 20th

September 1870 I again handed up Captain Begbie, on which G.O. No 2370 of 4th October 1870 was passed and on the same day, Captain Begbie was promoted from Executive Engineer 4th Grade to Executive Engineer 3rd Grade.

4. Captain Begbie was in November 1870 transferred to the 1st Division and was succeeded by Mr. James, who was in a bad state of health and who after about two months stay had to go to Europe on medical Certificate. I then moved Mr. Morgan from the Adilabad Range to the Madanapalle Range and during the past year that Officer has been trying to put matters in order.

5. I cannot help considering that the leniency shown by Government towards Captain Begbie has had the effect of making the subordinates in the Madanapalle Range think they might do as they pleased: they were well aware that Captain Begbie had been reprimanded

and been reported by me as inefficient and yet they saw him promoted and they also saw that Mr. Sub Engineer Bance was allowed to remain and draw pay although for the last 4 1/2 years he has been ordered to submit his papers for pension.

I trust that Government will not consider that by the above remarks I wish in any way to cavil with the orders of Government but I would respectfully lay before Government the injury to the S. P. Department in allowing a thoroughly useless and inefficient man to remain and stop promotion from hard working and deserving men.

6. I visited the Madanapalle Range in October and November 1868, in August and September 1869 and in August and September 1870. It had been my intention to have visited it in 1871/72 but I had to alter my plans in consequence of the irregularities &c. in the Paderampalle Range regarding which, reports have been submitted by me to Government.

I am Sir,
Yours faithfully,
P. H. B. Esq.
Suptg. Engineer S. P. D.

Side G.O. No 3123
of 9th October 1867

P. W. Dept
No 1222.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 15th April 1873
Read the following
From the Supg Engineer, 3rd Division, No. 1114 of 16 April 1873.

In this letter
the Supg Engineer shows
that Capt Begbie, whose
unfitness for a Range
charge and his super-
vision had several
times been brought to
notice by him, was
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for the Madras Public
Works and Accounts
for two thirds of the
year 1870-71, and
that matters could
not well have been
adjusted by his
successor.

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Reg. Dist. No. 11153-154
a 3. June 1873 68-69
a 15. June 1873 70-71
a 21. Oct 1873 72-73
a 28. June 1873 73-74

To, 18th April 1873
From, *[Signature]*
The Superintendent Engineer
3rd Division

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

No. 1114

Dated 16th April 1873
Received 20th April 1873

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will be forwarded to
the Madras Public
Works and Accounts
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But he has neglected to supply the specific information called for in the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of G. O. No 823 dated 23 March 1872 in regard to the nature of the inspection of the books of the Madnapully Range which he made on the occasions of his visits, and ~~it is~~ ~~has been~~ ~~submitted~~ to explain the causes of delay in the submission of Completion Certificates for the finished works in the Cuddapah Range.

With reference to the

the Suptg. Engineer's remarks on the civil effects produced on the subordinates of the Madnapully Range by the leniency shown by Govt. towards Capt Begbie and Mr. Bance, it is noted that the report on the former called for in G. O. No 2681 of the 7th November 1870 has not been received, and Govt. resolve to call on the Suptg. of the 1st Division for such a report up to the date of Capt Begbie's departure on furlough. As to Mr. Bance, Major Prohensky is reminded that Government are only awaiting a reply.

reply to their Order
No 741 of 20th February
to dispense with his
services if incompetent
for further work.

Chas.
24.4.72

To
The S. Engro 154 & 3rd Ave
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GOVT. OF WEST VIRGINIA
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintendent, Eng. &
1st & 3rd Divisions

Date

Place

13 May 1222

No. 2279228

Re: Begbie. Papering order
from the Inspector of the
Highway on the subject.
Capt. Begbie for the
Highway Survey -