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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th August 1872.*

Read the following papers.—

No. 264. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 13th July 1872, No. 1,403.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of the 4th instant, No. 60, and beg to observe the vacancy I wish D. Kistniah to fill is in the Yernagoodiem Taluq, and as that locality is notoriously unhealthy—see G. O. of the 20th April 1872, No. 211,—it would be of little use sending a man fresh from the Collège to such an appointment; he would almost certainly sicken and have to leave. D. Kistniah has served for some years in the Central Provinces and the Upper Godavery, and appears well able to stand the climate, and I am therefore the more anxious to secure him in that post

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3. I have always sent an application to the College to fill any vacancy in

* *Vide* G Os Nos 840 and 981, dated 25th March and 16th April 1872, respectively the first instance, and had done so in this man's case,* and I trust therefore, under the peculiar circumstances above explained, I may be permitted to retain him in this appointment.

No. 265. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department.

Requesting that orders may be issued in the Public Works Department for the transfer of Supervisor Ramiah and the appointment of an Overseer in his stead on the Purla Kimidy Estate. (Here enter No. 1,123, dated 26th July 1872)

No. 266. From the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chcpauk, 2nd August 1872, No. 300-C.

In reply to your No. 83, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that Gunner Cope, who obtained the lower class certificate at the last examination, and who has now qualified for the grade of Taluq Overseer, is available for the Godavery District, and as he has shown himself an especially hardworking and steady man, I have selected him for employment under Colonel Fischer and have telegraphed to him on the subject.

No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1872, No. 1,947.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

It would appear that the services of a competent person, not permanently attached to the Public Works Department, being thereby less liable to withdrawal in consequence of promotion, will

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be more acceptable to the Court of Wards than those of an Overseer on the establishment. Such a person, it would appear from the repeated applications of the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division in his behalf, is available in D. Krist-niah, a Local Fund Overseer, who has for some time been performing the duties of a Taluq Overseer, and is stated to understand surveying, levelling, and estimating, to have a fair knowledge of English, to be well able to stand the climate, and from length of service, practical knowledge, good conduct, to be fully qualified for an Overseer's place, except that he has not passed the Overseer's test. The Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division will therefore hold him available for transfer, on application to that effect from the Court of Wards.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer should have acted on the instructions of the Chief Engineer, alluded to in his letter No. 1,403 of 13th July, and repeated his application to the Principal of the Civil Engineering College; those formerly made having been previous to the last examination. It does not follow that he need send the new Overseer, now placed at his disposal by Captain Rogers, to the Yernagoodiem taluq; he may replace by him, in another taluq, some more acclimatized person.

3. The services of Supervisor T. Ramiah, when he shall have been relieved, will be made available for Irrigation repair work in North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st and 4th Divisions.
.. Revenue Department
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Principal of the Civil Engineering College

Exd. S T. Austin.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION

DOWLAISHWARUM, 13th July 1872

No 1403

From

Lieutenant Col R. Fischer R.E.
Superintending Engineer

1st Division

To

Colonel G. D. Walker R.E.
Chief Secy. Secretary to Government D. P. W.
MADRAS

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memo of the 14th Instant. It is to be observed that the reason I wish D. Kristniah to fill is in the Yernagoodiem taluq and as that locality is notoriously unhealthy, see G. O. of the 20th April 1872 No 211, it would be of little use sending a man fresh from the College to such an appointment, he would almost certainly sicken and have to leave. D. Kristniah has served for some years in the Central Provinces and the Upper Gadamery

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No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 11th July 1872, No 1,276 :—

Read the following letter from C G. MASTER, Esq , Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chetterpore, 4th May 1872, No. 655 .—

REFERRING to my predecessor's letter, dated 24th May last, No. 572½ B, I have the honour to enclose copy of the Proceedings of Government, dated 2nd September last, No. 15, Public Works Department, promoting Supervisor T. Ramayya, Naidu now in charge of the Parla Kimeddy Public Works to be Supervisor of the 1st Grade.

2. The Principal Assistant Collector in forwarding this paper states, that T. Ramayya who at present receives Rupees 150, now seeks permission to draw Rupees 200, the pay of the rank to which he has been promoted.

3. The Court have in the correspondence marginally noted, remarked on the deviation from the sanctioned scale of Establishment in reference to this paragraph 2. officer, and though they did not, under the explanation afforded, consider it necessary to disturb present rates, they have on another occasion (Proceedings 30th January 1871, No. 455) declined to sanction an increase to his salary, considering the present sum sufficient.

4. Mr. Grahame is of opinion that it would be better to have a European Assistant Engineer in charge of the Kimeddy Estate and of No. 1 Range i. e., Chicacole Taluq. He had previously expressed a similar view shortly after joining the district. Mr. Carr who had just written the letter referred to in the first paragraph, did not consider it desirable, pending a reply from the Court, to make any further representation in the matter. As I believe that the Court have not passed any orders on Mr. Carr's letter, and as both T. Ramayya and the Superintending Engineer have addressed me on the subject, I think it best to forward copy of Mr. Grahame's letter of the 26th June 1871, No. 126, and to request that the question may be settled one way or the other.

5. My own opinion is that T. Ramayya should not be a loser by his employment in the Estate, and that he should be allowed to draw the pay of his rank from the date of his promotion. I am further of opinion that it would be decidedly for the advantage of the Estate if a European Officer of experience was put in charge of the Public Works in Kimeddy, but I do not agree entirely with Mr. Grahame in his proposition that one and the same officer should supervise the Chicacole Taluq as well. I think we should have the undivided services of the officer, whoever it may be, who is employed in Kimeddy. The expenditure is large, and the area of the Taluq is also extensive, and should any large works, such as a bridge at Hiramandalam be undertaken, constant supervision would be necessary. Besides no man can well serve two masters, and the interests of the Estate might often clash with those of Government, as represented by the Superintending Engineer.

to the Chief Secy

*Subject.
Requests permission to
T. Ramayya, Naidu to be
in the Appointment of
Superintendent of Public
Works in the
Chicacole Taluq.*

*NO. 1403
ENCLO.
Dated 13 July 1872
Received 19 July 1872*

*To
The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
MADRAS
From
The Superintending Engineer,
Chicacole Taluq.
No. 3482*

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6. Under present arrangements the Supervisor in charge has, practically, the uncontrolled expenditure of Rupees 70,000 annually. Little more than a nominal check can be exercised by the Principal Assistant Collector who, naturally, is not conversant with departmental details. There is all the more reason therefore why the Officer in charge should be of a standing and position that would enable the Court to place entire confidence in his administration of the funds placed at his disposal.

7. It has occurred to me that, if the services of a properly qualified officer could be obtained, he might also exercise a certain amount of superintendence over the education of the Zemindar's eldest boy who is now attending the school at Kimedy, and making reasonable progress there. I do not think that it is essential to the boy's welfare to appoint at present a separate tutor, and as the Court have been as yet unable to hit upon a suitable person, the lad might well be left to learn in company with others of his own age, the simple elements which he can as well, if not better, acquire in class as under special tuition.

8. Since the above remarks were drafted, I have received the Court's Proceedings, dated 22nd April 1872, No. 2,913, forwarding Mr Kershaw's report on the progress of the Minor. I am of opinion that the small marks of difference, to wit, the obnoxious teapoy and chair, need not be discontinued, nor do I think that any harm accrues to the boy or to the school by his being allowed these conveniences, as his is decidedly an exceptional case, and Parla Kimedy is not a very enlightened place.

9. I find a letter, dated 1st December last, No. 392, from the Principal Assistant Collector, on the education of the sons of the Kimedy Zemindar has been overlooked. I now forward copy of it. It will be seen that Mr. Grahame considers the attendance at school to be desirable, and this accords with my own view.

THE COURT of Wards do not consider that the services of a European Officer are required to supervise Public Works in Kimedy, and could not in any case approve of such an officer being placed in charge of the Chicacole Taluq in addition to Kimedy.

2. What is chiefly required at present is the maintenance of the extensive lines of road and of the irrigation works which have long ago been constructed and improved, and the perfecting the system of village roads. There appears no present likelihood of extensive new works being undertaken, and it is not to be expected that the future annual outlay in a tract of country for which so much has been done, will continue at Rupees 70,000.

3. The Court are of opinion that an Overseer, (on a salary of Rupees 150 with travelling allowance) who should work under the control and supervision of the Manager and Principal Assistant, would be the most suitable agency at present. They are not anxious to retain the services of T. Ramayya; and resolve to request Government to provide him with employment in the Department Public Works elsewhere as soon as possible. Meanwhile he will draw from the estate the full pay of his rank, viz Rupees 200 per mensem.

4. Mr. Master is informed that Mr. Carr's letter of 24th May 1871 was not received by the Court of Wards.

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5. Enquiries are being made for a competent tutor for the Zemindar's sons; and until such a person can be found, the eldest boy should, the Court think, continue to attend the taluq school at Kimedy. They agree with the Collector that there is no objection to his having a chair and a small table to himself.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1872, No. 1,123.

Miscellaneous

THE Government approve of the continuance of the Parla Kimedi Zemindar's son at school. Orders will

be passed in the Public Works Department on the subject of the Supervisor in charge of the works in the estate.

(True Extract.)

W. H. A. M.
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 300. Civil Engineering College
Chopank 2nd August 1872

From

Captain H. J. Rogers P. E.

Principal Civil Eng. College

Colonel G. B. Walker P. E.

Secy to Govt. P. E. Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

In reply to your No. 88 dated 24th ultimo,
I have the honor to inform you that Gunner
Cape who obtained the lower class certificate
at the last examination and who has now
qualified for the grade of Salary Overseer is
available for the Godavari District and as he
has shown himself a especially hardworking
and steady man, I have selected him for
employment under Colonel Fisher and have
telegraphed to him on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t
A. M. J. Captain P. E.
Principal C. E. College

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Dated July 26th.

Recd. 2nd Aug 1872

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G. O. 26th July 1872, No. 1,123.

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Nos. 226-227.

Parla Kenedi Estate in Gangan District
under charge of Court of Wards. — Continuance
of Zemindar's son at school, approved, and orders
respecting the Supervisor in charge of the works
in the estate to be passed in Public Works
Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Court
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To
Engineer 1st Lt. D.
Rev. Secy
Controller
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To the Superintending Engineer
1st & 4th Divisions

Date

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G. O. 15 Aug 72, No. 947

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Upper Subordinates - Passing
orders on the subject of the
permanent employment of
D. Kistiah, Local Fund Officer
on the Parla Kimer estate
the posting of an engineer to
the Gernaguriam Taluk & the
employment of Supervision
Raminah on the works in
the North Coast District -