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4th October 1872.*

No. 50. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Salem, 14th September 1872, No. 121:—

WITH reference to the Order of Government of the 6th August, No. 1,854, I have the honour to report that when I was in the Virdachellum Range in July a sufficient time had not elapsed since Mr. Hawksworth gave over charge for all the arrears of office work to be cleared off, but there might have been more improvement in some of the smaller matters that had been noticed by the Controller. The books had not been bound; the cash book had not been paged and initialled. Pass book had not been fully written up and totalled; fair copy of the abstract of disbursements had not been made.

2. Mr. Bell has since reported to me that these faults have been corrected and that considerable progress has been made in clearing off the arrears of office work. The work registers of the Pelandorai and Mahmatoor Amcuts have been written up, and most of the vouchers which were returned by the Controller will be sent back by the Range Officer in a few days.

3. It was not merely in the office that the range was in a disorganized state; all the large works were at a stand-still, and the greatest dissatisfaction prevailed among the contractors and work-people. The contractors for the Pelandorai Channel have now resumed work, but as yet with an insufficient number of coolies; and the contractor for the Mahmatoor Channel, who had filed a suit against the department in the Small Cause Court at Cuddalore, has withdrawn it, and is now completing his work on the channel. Most of the other works are now going on satisfactorily.

4. Mr. Hawksworth states that he had not received the Order of Government of the 18th June, No. 1,502, before he left the range; that he was under the impression that he was to join his new district without delay; that he went over several important works with Mr. Bell and gave him all the information in his power, and also that, as he was only going into the adjoining taluq, he could easily return if wanted. As I have previously stated, Mr. Hawksworth's longer stay in the Virdachellum Range would not have been of much use.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1872, No. 2,323.

ACCOUNT, No. 4.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has received with satisfaction the information that the works and accounts of the new Virdachellum Range are being brought into better order, and he trusts that the Superintending Engineer will be able to report that the range will be handed over in good working order to the District Engineer who may be appointed when the new organization of the Public Works Department is brought into play. It is evident from the tone of the Superintending Engineer's reports that Mr. Hawksworth does not yet give him satisfaction; reports of that Officer's

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conduct and management of work will therefore be supplied half-yearly, commencing with the 1st January 1873, when he will have been six months in Salem. His future promotion will depend entirely on the tenor of such reports.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division,
" Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Supg. Engrs. Office 5th Div.
Camp Salem 14th September 1872.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to the order of Government of the 6th of August 1854, I have the honor to report that when I was in the Virdachellum Range in July a sufficient time had not elapsed since M^r Hawthorth gave over charge for all the areas of Office work to be cleared off, but there might have been more improvement in some of the smaller matters that had been noticed by the Controller. The books had not been bound: the cash book had not been paged and initialed: Pass book had not been fully written up and totalled: fair copy of the abstract of disbursements had not been made.

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3. It was not merely in the Office that the Range was in a disorganised state. All the large works were at a stand still and the greatest dissension and faction prevailed among the contractors and work people. The contractors for the Pelondorai Channel have now resumed work, but as yet with an insufficient number of Coolies and the contractor for the Mahmatooz Channel, who had filed a suit against the Department in the Small Cause Court at Buddalore, has withdrawn it and is now completing his work on the Channel. Most of the other works are now going on satisfactorily.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant.

E A Ford Coll. R.E.
Supy. Engineer, 5th Division

Agent Public Works Department
No 2328
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Read the following

From The Super Engineer,
of the Division } H.E. No 121 of 14th Sept 1721

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the Range will be
handed over in good

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The Deputy Engineer,
J. P. D.

To The Secy: to Govt:
S. P. D.

Dated 14th September 1921
No 121

Report on Progress
made in clearing
off mounds in the
Vindachellum Range
Office.

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To
The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

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Range by Mr. A. P. B. P.
Hankinsworth