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Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	292, 293 & 294	Press / Mis.
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Read the following letters:—

No. 292. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 27th August 1872, No. 1,987.

WITHreference to G. O. of the 15th August 1872, No. 1,947, paragraph 1, I have the honour to report that if Local Fund Overseer D. Kristniah cannot be allowed to join the Public Works Department, he prefers reverting to his original appointment of Local Fund Overseer in this district, and I have no one else available to send to Yernagudem Taluq, where very important Local Fund works are being undertaken.

2. From your demi-official note of the 12th instant, I understood I might retain the services of Supervisor T. Ramiah, and I propose to appoint him to the Vizagapatam District in the place of Mr. Baker, ordered to the Godavery.

3. I beg to take this opportunity of submitting, for the consideration of Government, the changes which have lately been made in this district. Mr. Walch has been taken away from most important works in the Western Delta, Supervisor Hicken has been removed immediately on promotion, and Overseer Kristniah has been ordered to be held in readiness for transfer, notwithstanding that I had urged he was the only man I had available for duty in such a locality as Yernagudem.

4. It would be very unbecoming in any officer to complain of changes made for the public service only; but I beg very respectfully to submit all these changes can hardly be absolutely necessary, or require to be made from one district only, and the more so when the most important works of the Presidency are in progress in that district.

5. I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to provide as well as I could for the due and proper administration of the funds so largely provided by the Government of India and the Local Fund Boards of the District with the establishment placed at my disposal; but if these are to be removed immediately I report favourably of any individual, I can only observe that the interests of the district and the Government must suffer by such changes, as it is quite impossible to provide for contingencies of this kind.

No. 293. From the same Officer, dated Dowlaishweram, 20th September 1872, No. 2,275.

WITH reference to this Office letter No. 1,987, dated 27th August 1872, bringing to the notice of Government the reductions suddenly ordered in the staff of the district, I have the honour further to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, my own late supersession in promotion by Lieutenant-Colonel Farewell of the Staff Corps, as I am given to understand the Government are under the impression their interests are being neglected up here by me more personally.

2. I am Lieutenant-Colonel Farewell's senior in the department. I have acted as Superintending Engineer for a longer period than he has done, for three

and a half years, and all this time on the most important works of the Presidency, and I belong to the professional corps to which preference is to be given in general for promotion in the department, and I have held higher appointments than he has, on which account personal allowances are made to me at present.

3. Having therefore been superseded, and that too at a time when the whole department is to be changed, and I know not what may befal me, I beg most earnestly to submit the matter for the further and more favourable consideration of the Government in the hope of obtaining at least a little more justice; that I have failed in my duty is an imputation which is refuted by the reports of two Chief Engineers for Irrigation.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1872, No. 2,440.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to reverse a decision as to the comparative claims to promotion of Lieutenant-Colonels Farewell and Fischer, which has been arrived at after full consideration of the manner in which each has respectively managed the division of which he has temporarily held the charge.

2. Local Fund Overseer Kristniah, if serious in refusing the promotion offered him in G. O., No. 1,947, of 15th August, may be appointed to act as a Taluq Overseer on the terms laid down in G. O., No. 2,165, of 12th September, or he may revert to his former position as a Local Fund Overseer.

3. The Superintending Engineer will report his final choice without delay.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION.
DOWLAISHWARUM, 27th August 1872

No. 1987

From

Lieut.-Col. J. Fischer R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

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

SIR,

With reference to G.O. of the 15th Aug/72 No 1947 para 1, I have the honor to report that if Local Fund Overseer Mr. Kristniah cannot be allowed to join the P.W.D. he prefers resuming to his original appointment of Local Fund Overseer in this District, and I have no one else available to send to Vizagapatam Taluq where very important Local Fund works are being undertaken.

2 From your Memo-Official Note of the 12th instant, I understood I might retain the services of Kristniah, and I propose to appoint him to the Vizagapatam District in the place of Mr. Baker ordered to the Godavery.

3. I beg to take this opportunity of submitting for the consideration of Government the changes which have lately been made in this District. Mr. Walch has been taken away from most important works in the Western Delta, Superintendent Fischer has been removed immediately on promotion, and Overseer Kristniah has

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt Servant
Chas. St. Fischer Lieut Colol
Asst Superintendent 1st Division

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION.
DOWLAISHWARUM, 20th September 1872.

No. 2275

From Lieutt Colonel J. St. Fischer R.E.
Asst Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To
Lt. Colonel C. E.
Asst D. P. W.
MADRAS

2. I am Lieutenant Colonel Fischer's Office letter
Senior in the Department, I have acted as the notice
Superintending Engineer for a longer period ordered
than the honor
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Superintending Engineer's Office, 1st Division.
Dowlaishwaram, 20th September 1872.

No. 2275

From

Lieut.t Colonel J. F. Fischer R.E.

Ag: Superintending Engineer

1st Division

To

Colonel G. T. Walker R. E.,

Secretary to Government D. P. W.

MADRAS

SIR,

With reference to this office letter No. 1987 dated 27th August/72, bringing to the notice of Government the reductions suddenly ordered in the Staff of the District, I have the honor further to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council my views of Supersession in promotion, by Lieutenant Colonel Farewell of the Staff Corps, as I am given to understand the Government are under the impression, their interests are being neglected up here by me more personally.

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Endorsement

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From The Superintending Engineer, 4284.
First Division.

To

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
MADRAS

Dated 27th August 1872.
Received 3rd Septr 72.

No. 1987

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Subject.

Returns of Staff of Local Fund Overseers & Draftsmen Cannot be allowed to remain as they are submitted Public Works Superior Establishment Local Fund Overseers & Draftsmen in this District and that are employed in Local Funds & Public Works Vernacular Telugu.

No. 2440-13th Sept 72.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
Lieut. Colonel
Actg. Superintg. Engineer

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following:-

From The Supdg. Engr. Irrigation Dn. } M. Ltr. No. 1967 dated 27th August 1872

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His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to reverse ~~the~~ decision as to the comparative claims to promotion of Lieutenant Colonels Farewell and Fischer, which has been arrived at after full consideration of the manner in which

each has respectively
reverted to the Division
of which he has tem-
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will report his
final choice with-
out delay. C.W.W.

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To The Acting Superintending Engr. 1st Division

Dated 4th Oct

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 17th Octr 1872. No. 2440

Nos. 292 & 294

Promotions. Desiring to reverse the decision arrived at as to the comparative claims to promotion of Lieuts. Farewell and Fletcher and issuing instructions relative to the Local Fund Overseer Krishnah's appointment

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