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No. 135. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th November 1872, No. 3,427:—

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6. The revised plan and estimate were detained in my office most unnecessarily for some days, as were many other papers, by the dilatoriness of the Acting Manager whom, on the 6th August, I reduced to his substantive appointment of Head Clerk.

No. 136. Order thereon, 6th December 1872, No. 2,879.

TELEGRAPH, No. 1.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to accept as satisfactory the explanation furnished by Colonel Moberly of the delay that has occurred.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Chingleput,
Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Sup.t Engr's Office 4th Dn
Madras 6th Novr 1872

No. 3427.

From,

Colonel T. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Dn

To,

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
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J. Lindsay Colvile
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From the Supdg Engineer
4th Dn (Forwarded No 3427 of 6th Nov. 1872)

P. W. 1872 Department
Proceedings for Nov.
No. 5417.
The Superintg. Engineer
4th Dn.

To, The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.
Dated 6th
Recd. 7th Nov. 1872

No. 3427.

Reports on the delay caused in carrying out the work in putting up Telegraph Posts in the Palar River -

No 135
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His Excellency the Governor in Council is not satisfied that the nature of the action taken by Colonel Moberly throughout this business was such as the Government are entitled to expect from an Officer of his standing in the Public Works

Council merely say that the Govt are unable to accept as satisfactory the explanation furnished by Col Moberly of the delay that has occurred. "

Works Department. The
delay that occurred in
coming to an agree-
-ment as to the best
manner of carrying
out the object in view
was not creditable;
and would have caused
Colonel Moberly to have
been held liable, had
telegraphic communication
across the Dalaar River
been suspended.

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To the Dir. Engr. Chungkpat S

~~To the Director Engineer in Chief~~

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer
Chingleput.

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 6th Dec. 1872, No 2879.

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Telegraph posts. The Explanation furnished by the Supt. of the Line of the delay occurred in putting up Telegraph posts on the Salar river considered unsatisfactory.