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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 558Press
Mis.Dated 26-1-18

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 498. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dindigul, 11th December 1871, No. 3,484 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information and for the orders of Government, the correspondence noted marginally (requesting that the Chief Engineer of Travancore may be relieved of the charge of the British Public Works at Quilon.

* Nos. 537 and 692, dated 20th September and 30th November 1871, from the Resident of Travancore.
No. 3,267, dated 15th September 1871, from the Chief Engineer, Travancore.

2. In G. O., 6th September 1865, No. 2,602, paragraph 3, the Superintending Engineer of this division was directed to place himself in communication with the Resident of Travancore, with the view of ascertaining whether arrangements cannot be made for the necessary repairs to the Military buildings at Quilon being executed through the agency of the Travancore Public Works Officers from funds to be supplied by Government in the same way as is done by officers of the Mysore Public Works Department to buildings situated in the outlying Military stations in that territory.

- 1 Copy of letter from the Chief Engineer, Travancore, No. 1,494, dated 13th May 1871, with endorsement No. 503, dated 23rd May 1871.
- 1 Docket from the Officer Commanding Quilon, No. 186, 27th May 1871.
- 1 Copy of letter to the Chief Engineer, Travancore, No. 726, dated 6th June 1871.
- 1 Letter from the Chief Engineer, Travancore, with four descriptive returns of Military buildings at Quilon.
- 1 Letter from the Resident, Travancore, No. 537, dated 20th September 1871, with one enclosure.
- 1 Letter from the Officer Commanding Quilon, No. 399, dated 31st October 1871.
- 1 Letter from the Resident of Travancore, No. 692, dated 30th November 1871.

3. Colonel Moberly, who was then Superintending Engineer of this division, accordingly addressed the Resident on the subject, and Mr. Barton's reply in acquiescence is recorded in G. O., 14th November 1865, No. 2,602.

4. Since that time up to the present Mr. Barton has been obliging enough to give us the benefit of the assistance of himself and his subordinates in carrying out works appertaining to this Government, not only in Quilon, but in other localities of the Travancore territory.

5. It will be seen, however, now that Mr. Barton represents* "that the works

"at Quilon are becoming so numerous, "and the calls for estimates and returns "so frequent, that the whole time of one "of his Overseers is required for this duty to the prejudice of other important works "more properly belonging to the Travancore Department Public Works," and he requests, therefore, to be relieved of this charge, and suggests my "telling off an "Overseer and a proper office establishment for this duty."

6. In reply to the Resident's letter No. 537, dated 20th September 1871, forwarding the above communication, I suggested,* for the favourable consideration of himself and of Mr. Barton, that a provision should be made, in all his future estimates for works at Quilon, for such extra superintendence as might be required. I took the opportunity to point out

* See his enclosed letter to the B. R. No. 3,267, dated 15th September 1871.

* Vide enclosed letter No. 2,768, dated 31st October 1871.

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26th January 1872.*

that the detailing by me of a subordinate of the rank of Overseer to so isolated a charge as is Quilon in respect to this division would be fraught with inconvenience in many ways, since a man cannot serve two masters, and the results would surely prove detrimental to the interests of all concerned.

7. Mr. Ballard, however, in his letter dated 30th November 1871, No. 692, states that Mr. Barton has often complained of the charge of the Quilon works, and his letter (already quoted) is so definite and decided that it will probably be more satisfactory for all parties "if separate arrangements are made."

8. I may mention in this connection that so long back as the 13th May 1871, Mr. Barton, in his letter No. 1,494, represented that the information required by the Quartermaster-General in certain forms was quite beyond the reach of his office; and, moreover, that it appeared to him that there was nothing required in the form which could not as readily be complied with by the Station Officer at Quilon as by his (Mr. Barton's) subordinates, and he requested me, therefore, to call upon the Military authorities of Quilon for the same.

9. In forwarding* this letter to the Officer Commanding Quilon, I stated
* Under date 23rd May 1871, No. 503. my concurrence with the Chief Engineer of Travancore in considering that the returns could be readily filled up on the spot.

10. Colonel Greenaway's reply dated 27th May 1871, No. 186, and forwarded herewith, states, as it will be seen, that the information required is more beyond the reach of the office of the Station Staff Officer than it can be of Mr. Barton's.

11. In reply, I represented, under date 5th June 1871, No. 728, that as it is only by courtesy that the Chief Engineer of Travancore, Department Public Works, directs his Assistant at Quilon to superintend the construction of Military buildings at that station, so we are bound not to throw more work upon that gentleman than we are actually compelled to do; and I requested, therefore, that the Station Staff Officer might assist in the preparation of the returns required.

12. These returns were eventually prepared by Mr. Barton and submitted with his letter No. 2,298, dated 5th July 1871. They are four in number, and duplicate copies are herewith forwarded for the information of Government.

13. Before receiving the Resident's reply, dated 30th ultimo, No. 692, to my letter of the 31st October 1871, No. 2,763, I had addressed the Chief Engineer, under date the 16th ultimo, No. 3,062, on the same subject, trusting that, under the proposals I had made, he would obligingly continue the charge of the buildings at that station as heretofore. And I took the opportunity of forwarding a copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Quilon, No. 399, dated 31st October 1871, bringing to notice that the repairs to the Military buildings at that station are at a stand-still.

14. I believe that that is precisely their position at the present time, for I have received no reply from Mr. Barton. Under these circumstances I have directed, as a temporary measure, Supervisor Davasigamany Moodelliar, at present employed under Mr. Rundall in the Southern Range, Tinnevely, and who was engaged formerly in superintending buildings in Fort St. George, to proceed

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forthwith to Quilon and take over charge of all buildings under repair, and to push on the work as quickly as possible. And I trust that the Government will approve of these proceedings, taking into consideration the emergency of the case. I hope to visit Quilon next month and be able to arrange personally such ulterior measures as may be considered advisable.

No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1872, No. 258.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 12.

THE Government approve of the measures adopted by the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division for the repairs which are represented to be urgently required to Military buildings at Quilon, and they trust that on his proposed visit to that station Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts will, in communication with the Chief Engineer of Travancore, be able to make satisfactory arrangements for the future charge of British Public Works at Quilon.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

8th Division.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 26th January 1872 No 258.

JANUARY.

Nos. 498-499

Military Buildings at Quilon.—Measures adopted by the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division for the repairs of the Military buildings at Quilon, approved with remarks.

No 537.

Residents Office,
Travancore, 20th Sept. 1871.

From,

G. A. Ballard Esquire,
Resident in Travancore & Cochin,

To,

The Superintending Engineer,
8th Division,
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to the letter No 3267 of the 15th Instant from the Chief Engineer of Travancore, copy of which is enclosed, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to make arrangements at your earliest convenience to relieve the Chief Engineer of the charge of the British Public Works at Quilon.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

your most obedient servant,
D. S. S. S.

Resident,

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Residents Office
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Cochino No 2768-31-10-71

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The Head of the Department
and Cochino
No 537

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To the Resident
at Cochin No 2768-3

Enc. 5 Encl. letters
from the Supg. Engineer
to the Secretary to
Govt. DWS date 11 Dec 77
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Travancore
Residents list
with enc. enclosed.

No 92. Residents Office
Cochin 30th November 1877.

From
J. McBallard Esquire
Resident in Travancore & Cochin
of
Lieutenant Colonel R. F. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer's Division
Madurai.

Sir,
Adverting to your letter No 2768
of the 31st Ultimo, I have the honor to
inform you that Mr Barton has often
complained of the charge of the Tulum
works and his last letter copy of which
I sent you is so definite and decided that
it will probably be more satisfactory for
all parties if separate arrangements
are made.

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open from Courtallum by Shenkottai
an occasional visit of inspection to Tulum
by a Superior Officer of your Depart-
ment would not seem difficult.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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S. S. C.

I suppose that as the
Board has often seen
plans of the Indian work,
it will be more satisfactory
if separate arrangements
are made.

Letter 30th May 1871
No 5-1871

These
The (Honourable) Secretary,
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No 692

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Chief Engineer
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Signed / F. L. Dairson
Chief Engineer
Travancore Fort

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Sir,

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from the Sub Engineer
8th Dec to the Secretary
to Govt. DOW dated
11th Dec: 1871 No 34874.

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Resident's letter
No 692

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Date 30th Nov } 1871
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From
The Resident of Travancore,
and Cochin
No 692

No 1494

Chief Engineer's Office
Camp Alleppey 13th May
1871

From
The Chief Engineer
Travancore Government.

To The Superintending Engineer
8th Dec.

Sir
I have the honor to acknow-
ledge receipt of your No. 384-
2. In looking over the Form
which accompanied your letter
I find the greater part of the
information required, is quite
beyond the reach of my Office;
it appears to me also that there
is nothing required in the Form
which could not, as readily be
complied with by the Station
Officers at Quilon, as by my
Subordinates.

3 I would therefore request
you to be good enough, to make
the call upon the Military Au-
thorities of Quilon.

I have &c
Signed / F. C. Dawson
Chief Engineer
Travancore Govt.

Form of the latter steps of 21st 22nd
April 1871 are herewith returned

(True Copy)
No. 503

Forwarded for information
to the Officer Commanding
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Brigade Officer Sacket No. 675
dated 21st ultimo.

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can be readily filled up on
the spot.

Richd. Roberts Lieut. Col. R. A.

Superintending Engineer
S. H. S.

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23rd May 1877

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Superintending Engineer's Office
Madura - 6th June 1871.

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Mr. J. J. J. J. J.

23rd May 1871.

Enclosed copy of
letter from Mr. J. J. J.
Engineer (Madras)
with and original
Dated 23rd May 1871
from Mr. J. J. J.
Engineer.

No. 726.

Superintending Engineer's Office
Madura - 6th June 1871.

From

Lieut: Colonel: R. A. Roberts. R. E.

To the Officer Commanding
No. 720. 6th June 1871.
To the Chief Engineer
No. 726. 6th June 1871.

From

Colonel J. Greenaway
Station Staff Officer,
Commanding QUILON.

To

The Superintending Engineer
8th Division
Madura

No. 186.

Quilon

27th May

1871.

Enclosures 3.

Recd 1st June 1871.

SUBJECT.

The Officer Commanding buildings
Quilon begs to return the docum.
ents forwarded with your Quarter
Memo No. 503 dated 23rd May, that
being of opinion that the
return can only be pro-
perly filled up by the Depart-
ment which constructed
the buildings and which is
called upon to furnish it.
The Station Staff Officer

Captain,

Station Staff Officer.

Printed at the Asylum Press, by W. THOMAS, - 1871.

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Enc. 1 Encl letter from
the Super Engineer R. A. to
the Secretary to Govt. O.P.
No 3484 dated 14 Dec. 1871

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Letter to Officer
Commanding
Quilon No 503
dated 23rd June
1871.

From the Engineer
Major.

No. 726.

Superintending Engineer's Office 88

Madura - 6th June 1871.

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Lieut: Colonel: R. A. Roberts. R. E.

Engineer 8th Div.

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office than it can be of Mr. Parthenis. There is an
Assistant Engineer of the Travancore D. P. W.
at this station, and the Commanding Officer
considers the duty required appertaining to him
rather than to the Station Staff Officer.

Quilon Com:
Commanding Officer

No. 726.

Superintending Engineer's Office
Madras - 6th June 1871.

From

Lieut: Colonel: R. A. Roberts. R. E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To.

The Chief Engineer
Travancore.

Enclosures to be returned.

1 Copy of G. O. No. 3966.
18th December 1868.

1 Docket for D. C. Quilon
No. 186 - 27 May 1871.

1 D. C. Brigade Major.
Southern D. C. with
1 enclosure

Out door Lavatory
for the Regt. Hospital
at Quilon

Dead House for D. C.
Defaulters room in
the Verandah of
Hospital Barracks
at Quilon.

Ablution room to
the Regt. Hospital
at Quilon.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1494, dated 13th May 1871, requesting me to call upon the Military authorities at Quilon for descriptive returns of the Military buildings noted in the margin, required by Quarter Master General and to state that accordingly addressed the officer commanding Quilon on the subject. From the enclosed reply from that officer you will observe that he is of opinion that the return "can only be properly filled by the Department which constructed the buildings."

G. O. No. 3966 - 18th Decr.
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Docket No. 186
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Superintending Engineer's Office
Madura - 6th June 1871.

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Lieut: Colonel: R. A. Roberts. R. E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To.

The Chief Engineer
Travancore.

Enclosures to letter
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that on the completion of Military buildings they should be formally handed over to the Military authorities concerned with descriptive returns, &c., and as the buildings in question were constructed by your Department, I shall deem it ^{an} favour, if you will obligingly issue the necessary instructions to the Assistant Engineer at Quilon, for the preparation of the descriptive returns in the enclosed form.

3. I should add that I have requested Colonel Greenaway to instruct the Station Staff Officer at Quilon to afford your Department any information that may be needed to fill up the several columns of the return correctly.

I have &c.
(Signed) Lieut. Colonel. R. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer
(True copy)

Lieut. Colonel R. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer
R.E.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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To the Chief Engineer
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I should be anxious
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 the Sp Engrs
 at London with a
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 of a descriptive
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No 3484 dated 11 Dec: 1871.

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Letter to
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No 726 dated 6th
June 1871

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Descriptive Return of *Isolation Room*

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Isolation Room
Completed in October 1870

Structure
Quilon Cantonment attached to Hospital.

Water in chumans with asphalt floorings.

1. Room

Asst. Engineer, Office
Quilon 22nd June 1871

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Received by express
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Signed / C. H. H. Jacob,
1st Asst. Engineer
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(True Copy)
Signed / R. A. Roberts - Vic. Pl. Col. RE
Asst. Superint. Engineer S.D.

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Attt Engineer's Office
Quilon 22nd June/71 }

Descriptive Return of Out door Lavatory for the Regimental Hospital at Pulo.

Laboratory with a well centre.
Completed in October 1870

Chem-Structure.

Adjoining the Hospital

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Inventory with well attached.

For the use of

the Hospital.

C^{ts} of Buildings.

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Station Philon. }
Date 22^d June 1871 }

Date, 22^d June 1871 }

Signed / M. J. Jacob.
1st Asst. Engineer
Franklin County

Signed / R A Roberts' At (Col.)
 of Capt & Eng. 8 Dⁿ

Paris 31st October

N^o 399

From

General J. G. de Camille
Commandant de l'Armée

To

M^{re} Supérieure des Sœurs
de l'Hôtel-Dieu
Madame

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter (with the exception of the addition
of the Church Bazaar) all respects to the Ministry
of the Bazar at this station of the
stand still. I would instance that no thing
has been done for some time towards me
the Hospital (a hospital) the situation is
and must necessarily suffer from the
of the weather.

I should be obliged to hear from you
me if you are aware of any means to
the repairs of these works having ceased.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Very most obedient servant

Yours very truly
Commandant de l'Armée

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Chief Engineer's Office,
 No. 3267. Camp Mowla Umm 15. Sept. 1871.
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 Laranore, Kohistan.

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Yours faithfully

[Signature]

To the Chief Engineer Laranore
 No. 3000, dated 16.9.1871

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in reply to which I have to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. B. G.

Dated 16th October 1871.

I have to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Yours,
 J. B. G.

I have to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Chief Engineer's Office,
No 3267. Camp Coorla Munn 15. Sept 1871.

To The British Resident of
Travancore & Cochin.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that
arrangements may be made to relieve the
Department of the charge of the British
Public Works at Quilon.

2. The reasons for making this
request are simply these. The works are
becoming so numerous, & the calls for
estimates & returns so frequent, that the
whole time of one of my Assistants is re-
quired for this duty, to the prejudice of
other important works more properly
belonging to the Travancore & Cochin.

3. Again, some of the returns re-
quired necessitate my Assistant's per-
sonal attention, and his time would be
better occupied elsewhere; - in fact, I have
found it necessary to instruct my Assist-
ant to be much more on his works out-
of Quilon, and my object is to relieve
him as much as possible from duty at home.

4. Of the Travancore & Cochin works
at Quilon, there are only, very few, those
requiring perhaps not more than an occa-
sional

Enc. 6 Inval letter
from the Superinty Engrs
to the Secretary to Govt
DPM dated 11 Decr 1871
No 3484.

P.W. 6000/71.

Letter from
the Officer
Commanding
Quilon -

Have me with the letter
to the Secretary to Govt.

Leonah visit, but there are no less than
9 British Works in hand or sanctioned,
and certainly half a dozen others in Con-
templation.

5. There is quite sufficient work
now in hand to warrant the Supg. En-
gineer & Division to tell off one Officer
and a proper Office Establishment.

6. My own services or advice I
shall be most ready to give at all
times, but I have more executive work
to get through than my Establishment
is able to cope with, and it is not right
that, this extra duty should be expected
of my Executive Establishment.

I have &c.

Signed / W. Barton
Chief Engineer
Travancore Govt.

True copy /

S. V. S. S. S.

President

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N^o 2298.

From

W. E. Barton Esq^r M. Inst. C. E.
Chief Engineer
Travancore Government

The
Lieut. Col. R. A. Roberts R. E.
Acting Supg. Engineer
8th Division - Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your N^o 726
dated 6th ult., I have the honor to forward
herewith, the "descriptive returns" noted in
the margin, duly filled up, as requested.
The enclosures to your letter under
acknowledgment are herewith returned, as
requested -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most Obedt. Servt.

H. H. H.
Chief Engineer
Travancore Govt.

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Allocation room to the Reg^l Hospital at Dulem.

To the Officer Commanding
No 1241. 11 July 1871.
To the Brigade Major
Trichinopoly. No 1242.
11 July 1871

From
The Chief Engineer
Travancore

No 2298 15/1

To

The Ag. Supt. Eng.
8th Dec

Dated 5th July 1871.

Recd 18th Dec. 1871
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Forward the descriptive
returns duly filled
in as requested.

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From
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Chief Engineer.
Travancore letter
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To
Colonel J. Carpenter R.E.
Secretary to Government D.W.
Sir,

I have the honor to
forward for the information and
for the orders of Government the
correspondence
noted marginally
requesting that
the Chief Engineer
of Travancore may

be relieved of the charge of the
British Public Works at Quilon.
In G.O. 6th September 1865
No 2602, para 3, the Superintending
Engineer of this Division was directed
to place himself in communication
with the Resident of Travancore
with the view of ascertaining whether
arrangements cannot be made

for the necessary repairs to the Military
Buildings at Quilon,
being executed through
the agency of the
Travancore Public
Works Officers, from
funds to be supplied
by Government, in
the same way as
is done by Officers
of the Mysore P.W.D.
to buildings situated
in the outlying
Military stations
in that territory.

3 Colonel
Moberly who was then Superintg
Engineer of this Division accordingly
addressed the Resident on the
subject, and Mr Barton's reply
in acquiescence is recorded in
ly. Q. 14 November 1865, No 2602.

4. Since that time up to the
present Mr Barton has been obliging
enough to give us the benefit of
the assistance of himself and his
subordinates in carrying out works

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appertaining to this Government not
only in Quilon, but in other localities
of the Travancore Territory. — 53-7
It will be seen, however, now
that Mr Barton represents that the works
"at Quilon are becoming so numerous,
and the calls for estimates and returns
so frequent that the whole time of
one of his Overseers is required for
this duty, to the prejudice of other
important works more properly belong-
ing to the Travancore P.W.", and
he requests therefore to be relieved
of this charge, and suggests im-
"telling off an overseer and a
proper Office Establishment for
this duty."

6. In reply to the Resident's
letter, No 537, dated 20 September 1871,
forwarding the above communication,
I suggested for the favorable consideration
of himself and of Mr Barton
that a provision should be made
in all his future estimates for
works at Quilon, for such extra
superintendence as might be required.
I took the opportunity to point

out that the detailing by me of a subordinate of the rank of Overseer to so isolated a charge, as is Quilon in respect to this Division, would be fraught with inconvenience in many ways, since a man cannot serve two masters, and the results would surely prove detrimental to the interests of all concerned.

Mr Ballard, however, in his letter dated 30 November 1871 No 692, states that Mr Barton has often complained of the charge of the Quilon works, and his letter (already quoted) is so definite and decided, that it will probably be more satisfactory for all parties "if separate arrangements are made".

I may mention in this connection that so long back as the 13th May 1871, Mr Barton, in his letter No 1494, represented that the information required by the Quarter Master General in certain forms was quite beyond the reach of his Office, and moreover that it appeared to him that there was nothing required in the form which could not as readily be

under date
23rd May 1871
No 503.

complied with by the Station Officer at Quilon, as by his (Mr Barton's) subordinates, and he requested me therefore to call upon the Military Authorities of Quilon for the same.

In forwarding this letter to the Officer Commanding Quilon, I stated my concurrence with the Chief Engineer of Spawncore, in considering that the returns could be readily filled up on the spot.

Colonel Greenaway's reply, dated 27th May 1871, No 186, and forwarded herewith, states, as it will be seen, that the information required is more beyond the reach of the Office of the Station Staff Officer than it can be of Mr Barton's.

In reply I represented, under date 5th June 1871, No 728, that as it is only by courtesy that the

Chief Engineer of Travancore D.P.W.
directs his assistant at Quilon
to superintend the construction of
Military buildings at that station,
so we are bound not to throw
more work upon that gentleman
than we are actually compelled
to do; and I requested therefore
that the station staff officer might
assist in the preparation of the Returns
required. —

12. These returns were eventually
prepared by Mr Barton and
submitted with his letter, No 2298
dated 5 July 1871. They are 4, in
number and duplicate copies
are herewith forwarded for the
information of Government. —

13. Before receiving the
Resident's reply dated 30 Ultimo,
No 692, to my letter of the

31st October 1871 No 2768 I had
addressed the Chief Engineer under
date the 16 Ultimo No 3062, on
the same subject, trusting that
under the proposals I had made
he would obliquely continue
the charge of the buildings at
that station as heretofore. And
I took the opportunity of forwarding
a copy of a letter from the Officer
Commanding Quilon, No 399, dated
31st October 1871, bringing to notice
that the repairs to the Military
buildings at that station are
at a stand-still.

14. I believe that that is
precisely their position at the
present time, for I have received
no reply from Mr Barton. Under
these circumstances I have directed
as a temporary measure, to supersede
Davasagimann Moodeliar at

present employed under Mr. Randall
in the Southern Range Immovels
and who was engaged formerly
in superintending buildings
in Fort Saint George, to proceed
forthwith to Quilon, and take
over charge of all buildings
under repair, and to push on
the work as quickly as possible.
And I trust that the Government
will approve of these proceedings,
taking into consideration the
emergency of the case. I hope to
visit Quilon next month and
be able to arrange personally
such ulterior measures as may
be considered advisable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant,

Richd. Roberts Lieut. Col. R.E.
Superintg. Engineer & Dir.

P. W. Dept.
No. 25858
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 26th January 1873

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From No 6000
The Superintg Engineer
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The Secretary to
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Dated 11 Dec: 1871
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directed to take
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to 6 Jan/72 P. 11.

Yours Most obedt servant,
Richd Roberts Lieut. Col. R.E.
Superintg Engineer S.D.

P.W. Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 26 January 1872

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer S.D. No 3481 of 11 December 1871
8th Division

The Government
approve of the mea-
sures adopted by the
Superintending Engi-
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for the repairs which
are represented to be
urgently required to
Military Buildings
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trust that on his pro-
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Station Lieutenant
Colonel Roberts will
communicate
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able to make satisfactory
arrangements for the
future charge of
British Public Works
at Quilon.

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To the Super & Engr. 8th Div.
" Controller
" Mil. Dept.

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Govt of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engineer
8th Division

CONCERNING BOTH BRITISH INDIA
AND INDIAN STATES.

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 26 Jan 73 No. 258.

No. 498 & 499

Railway Buildings at Quilon.

Measures adopted by the
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repairs of the Railway
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approved with remarks.