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ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

With reference to the final paragraph of G. O. No. 662 of 1st March, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to permit of Colonel Moberly's residence continuing to be in Madras so long as he shall not hold the appointment of District Engineer of Chingleput permanently; but his successor, in either the permanent or temporary charge of the district, will proceed at once to take up his residence at St. Thomas' Mount.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Chingleput.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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In submitting, as
instructed, the necessary
passing Draft Order,
Colonel Welles, in his
capacity of Chief
Engineer, must res-
pectfully enter his
protest against any
such indulgence as
that contemplated,
under any circum-
stances.

It is wrong in princi-
ple that a District or
Range Officer should
live out of bounds,
and it is most objec-
tionable that such
residence should be
at the Presidency,
where there is so much
to attract men from
steady work. The
Presidency charge was
severed from that of
Chingleput District ex-
pressly in order that
the Irrigation works
of the latter might be
more closely attended

to. And there is a Draft
Order now in circulation.
The accompanying to
which will show how
defective the supervision
is at present - Formerly
the Chongput District
Engineer resided at Guin-
dy, and the District Of-
fice was built there, &
chiefly to accommodate
him. It must be four
Miles from Col. Roberts's
house in Madras, which
cannot conduce to the effi-
ciency of himself, or com-
fort of the Office Servants.
Nor are Colonel Roberts's
predecessors in the Dept.
such as to warrant any
special indulgence in
his case. The Govt. have
had constant occasion to
blame his management
up to recent dates, and
have even been compelled
to degrade him from the
Appointment of Supply.
But it is on the broad ground
of consistency, and the
necessity of starting fair
with the new District Sec

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sincere organization
that the Chief Engineer
bases his respectful
protest; which if dis-
regarded he begs may
be publicly recorded
by an allusion to it in
the Order. -

LMW
19.3.73

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This paper has not been
 landed over to me -
 I don't write down
 whether any opinion is required
 from me. Certainly I shall have
 received with consideration a
 respectful representation (as has
 a department - on a subject of
 Departmental despatches &
 smaller for which he is specially
 responsible - circulator with
 a draft order which has not yet
 been signed, has discussed it
 with perhaps a general decision on
 the matter - 2/10/10 W.R.

The Secretary to Govt. is
 out of order in circulating
 a Memo: ^{"protesting" regarding} ~~concerning~~ which
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The Secretary to Govt is
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 Colonel Walker has
 the honour to report that
 Colonel Moberly is
 by to hold the Appoint-
 ment of Acting Adjt.
 Genl. in the 2nd Regt.
 of the 1st Div. of the
 1st Army Corps. Col.
 Moberly will return to duty
 before the 2nd April 1874.
 I send that the Adjt.
 Genl. in the 1st Div.
 of the 1st Army Corps
 of his work requires
 only to be sent to
 Colonel Walker under
 stands from the notes
 of the President and
 Members of Council
 that he has agreed

in submitting his pro-
test as Chief Engineer,
simultaneously with
the Draft Code, submit-
ted by him in his own
property of Secretary -
He does not understand
that he is deprived the
liberty of speech. During
the presence of the P.W.
Dept. respectfully to
protest against the Or-
der of Govt. in its
publication of Official
liberty he would de-
sire to avoid himself.
I shall send L.N.W.
copy of same dated 3.73
and mentioned in
copy of same
and at last

With deference to the
Honble Mr. Elliot's Note
on the Draft, the Secre-
tary submits, that
the Chief Engineer is
not only not out of
Order in protesting
respectfully in a mat-
ter which concerns the
discipline of the Dept.
of which he has the
honours to be the head,
but bound by his Office
to do so.

The Madras Public
Works Code has it down
to be "The duty of the Chief
Engineer to exact from
all persons employed
in the Dept. a strict
performance of the du-
ties assigned to them."

which in this case he submits that he cannot do, if a District Engineer be allowed to reside out of his District.

He is moreover enjoined to bring clearly & faithfully before the Govt. accompanied by his own opinion and remarks, all subjects which may be referred for their decision. It is said again the ordinary business of the Chief Engineer with the Madras Govt. shall be conducted through the Secy. The P.W. Dept. The Com. of the Govt. of India makes the Chief Engineer personally responsible for so exercising his functions as to ensure that the Superintending (i.e. District) Engineers shall perform their

share of the duties of the Dept. in a thorough & satisfactory manner. The Honble Mr. Ellis, as Chief Secretary to Govt. was accustomed to state of things when the Secy of the P.W. Dept. was not in the P.W. Dept. (The duties of the Chief Engineer & the latter Officer dealing with the Sup. & District Engineers). But that has been changed and an entire reformation made to the force of the Govt. of India & Govt. of Madras. Colonel Walker refused the Appointment when offered him by Lord Salisbury in August 1871, because he would not accept the position of Secretary unaccompanied

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* The question was one of Public Duty, and that the Secy of Fort is also Chief Engineer. Pres.

ness by the powers and responsibilities of the Chief Engineership - He trusts that the full privileges of his position will not be denied him.

Secy of Fort. Col. Walker had an opportunity of communicating (as Chief Engineer) before the Council. 22.3.45. It is manifest that when a decision has been ~~made~~ formally taken in Council on any subject, there is no place for ~~discussion~~ or objection on the part of the Secretaries. The time for such representation is during the discussion, and before the decision is reached. The case is not altered by the fact that in this case

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his residence at St
Thomas Mount -

Mr
The information
deposited by his father
should be referred to
the local Council.

I do not understand
that in a letter in
which the Chief Eng.
knowing that the Council

has right in my opinion
to take any to be satisfied
that the Council has the right of a Mayor

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