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No. 136. Read the following letter from R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Pondicherry, 16th June 1873, No. 47:—

I REGRET to have to report, for the information of Government, that I have been obliged to dismiss Taluq Overseer
1 Copy of letter from No. 1 Range Officer. A. Coopposawmy Moodelly.

2. On the arrival of Mr. Supervisor Hicken, I apportioned to him the Chel-
lambram Taluq as the sub-divisional charge in the Virdachellum Range, and the
Pelandorai Anicut works being in that taluq I ordered him to make Pelandorai
his head-quarters, so as to have these works more immediately under his supervi-
sion, with the assistance of the extra Overseer in the Manargoody sub-division of
this taluq, in which sub-division the work is situated.

3. I was advised* that although Mr. Overseer Henessey had applied for a
month's leave without pay, it was not his

* By Range Officer and Captain Graham.

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Mount, who had heard of his unsteadiness and his propensity for drinking, wished
him to resign, in order that he might have him with him to reform him if possi-
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sent in his resignation.

4. I had therefore to make the best arrangements I could for the district. I
wrote to the Principal of the Civil Engineering College for a passed candidate to
fill the vacancy, but as the Villapuram Taluq is one of the most important in the
district, I did not consider it advisable to place there a raw and inexperienced
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5. I therefore transferred A. Coopposawmy to Villapuram, sending D. Coopoo-
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his work and would be of assistance to Mr. Hicken, and I intend putting the new
Overseer when he comes in Virdachellum, which is a very unimportant taluq.
Villapuram is, as I have said, a very important taluq and I wanted a good Overseer
there. I considered A. Coopposawmy Moodelly the best man for it, and as after about
50 feet of the remaining portion of the foundations of the anicut are laid every-
thing is plain sailing, and as I was not altogether satisfied with the way in which
A. Coopposawmy was working at the anicut, I thought this change would be the
best move under the circumstances.

6. On receipt of my order transferring A. Coopposawmy to Villapuram, I got
from him a very impertinent letter, telling me that he refused to work in Villapu-

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ram as he heard he was to work under Supervisor Manikam Moodelly (entirely a mistake), and applied at once for three months' leave without pay, threatening to resign if he was sent to work under Manikam Moodelly; he was informed that I declined under the circumstances to give him three months' leave, and that, moreover, an Overseer at Villapuram was *urgently* required, and that he should go *at once*; he had just got this letter when I met him at Virdachellum on the 30th. On this occasion I gave him the option of deciding at once before he left my tent whether he would join Villapuram or be dismissed, he promised me that he would go to Pelandorai, see Mr. Wiffen, who was then with Mr. Bell, take leave of them, and start the next day for Villapuram. On the 31st he writes to Mr. Wiffen for a month's leave to fetch his family from Coimbatore; the same day he writes to say he was indisposed with dysentery; the following day he writes for two months' leave to go to Madras, Arcot, etc., to settle accounts with his partners in trade, who he "believes are deceiving him." I am advised* that he has not the least intention of joining, and

* By Mr. Wiffen. that unless I give him the leave and suit his own convenience in every respect he threatens to resign. I have therefore not given him an opportunity of resigning, but dismissed him. I send, herewith, a copy of the Range Officer's letter, by which it will be seen how urgently an Overseer is needed at Villapuram.

7. It is some years since A. Coopposawmy worked under me, when I used to consider him a very decent Overseer; but he has now become overbearing and insolent, and threatens to resign if he is in any way checked, and thinks he is to have all his own way. Major Vertue had to transfer him to Salem, when he was here, for the same reason, and I have a letter from him expressing his annoyance at his being sent back to South Arcot and to Virdachellum, from "whence he removed him because he has so many relations and so much influence."

From Mr. G. E. WIFFEN, Officer in charge of No. 1 or Cuddalore Range, South Arcot, to R. E. NORFOR, Esq., District Engineer, South Arcot, dated Camp at Pettah, 7th June 1873, No. 123.

With reference to your No. 309 of the 5th instant, I have the honour to state, by the absence of a Taluq Overseer in the Villapuram Taluq I am put to great inconvenience, the works are not going on at all as I could wish on account of the paucity of Overseer; although Rajahgopaul is doing his utmost still he cannot look to the works of his taluqs, and unless I get an Overseer soon I do not see how I am to expend the allotment. I do not recommend A. Coopposawmy leave, nor do I believe he is actually sick, but wishes to stop at the Pelandorai Project works for an *object*, and if he is allowed to threaten to resign *immediately* he is checked or removed to another taluq the best thing we can do with him is not to allow him to resign but dismiss him at once.

No. 137.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1873, No. 1,763.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

UNDER the circumstances stated in this letter and those rehearsed in Government Order, No. 1,762, of 8th July 1873,

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His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of Overseer A. Coopposawmy Moodelliar's dismissal, and prohibits his future employment in the service of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

„ all other District Engineers.

„ Major R. B. Kennedy.

To the Public Department.

„ Revenue „

„ Military „

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Inspecting Engineers.

„ Consulting Architect.

„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.

„ Principal of the Civil Engineering College,
through the Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 100 Buddalore Range office Sam
Camp Pettah 27 7 June 1873

No 123

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The officer in charge of
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your most obedient servant

(Signed) Geo. C. Wiffen
Range officer

(True Copy)

Wiffen

Offg. Dist. Engineer
South Arcot

P. M. 3540/75.

N. 47

Dist. Engr's Office
Pondicherry 16 June 1893

From The Offg. District Engr.
S. Arcot

To

The Secretary to Govt.
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Your most Obedient Servant,
W. Miffen
Offy. District Engineer
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