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No. 381. Read the following letter from Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 3rd November 1873, No. 2,448 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Order of Government, No. 2,591, of the 23rd ultimo.

2. I regret extremely that Government did not in this instance follow the usual course in such cases, and call upon me for explanation before passing final orders. An *ex-parte* statement on a disputed question, however impartial and temperate in intention, can never afford satisfactory ground for a decision, and some sense of injustice must necessarily be felt by an officer who finds himself censured without having an opportunity of explaining his conduct.

3. Had I been called upon for explanation, I think that I could have placed my action in a somewhat different light from that in which it now appears; indeed, I think that I could have shown that I had displayed a good deal of forbearance; I could also have stated, what no doubt the Government would have been glad to hear, that since the date of Mr. Whiteside's letter I had had an opportunity of discussing the matter personally with him, and that I believed that the mutual misunderstanding which had led to the somewhat acrimonious tone of the previous correspondence had been removed, and that the matter would be amicably settled without the necessity of any further action on the part of Government.

4. The prospect of relief from the gratuitous performance of the thankless duties of a District Engineer is not one to cause any great amount of concern, but I should have been glad to have had the opportunity of removing the imputation of want of judgment and courtesy. I do not think that this opinion of my action in the matter would be held by any one thoroughly acquainted with both sides of the question (it certainly is not by the Members of the Local Funds Board, to whom the correspondence was communicated by the Collector, and I question whether it now is by Mr. Whiteside himself), and I therefore regret that Government did not think it advisable to obtain this acquaintance before passing their orders.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1873, No. 2,862.

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ORDERED that this letter be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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From

Captain J. Pennycuick R.E.

District Engineer South Arcot

To Colonel J. H. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

J. Penny
Capt. R.E.

District Engineers Office
North Arcot
Vellore - 3rd November 1873

District Engineer
North Arcot

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I think the tone of this will appear a Govt. order very improper - however regard to recipient may be

But this appears seem to com-
plain & should let him be
Sat. 8 Nov. record it -
unless by Mr. Collector in
reason to take the advice of a

JPL.

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No. 5984.

From
The District Engineer
North Arcot

To
The Secretary to
Government
Public Works Department

No 2448
Dated 3rd November 1893
Received 4 —— 11 ——

Acknowledge receipt
G.O. No 2591 dated 2nd
October 1893
Executive Order

No. 5984.

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