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No. 155. Read the following letter from Captain H. W. WOOD, R. E., District Engineer, Malabar, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 6th January 1873, No. 1 :—

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7. In conclusion, as I have never seen Captain Bailey and have had no communication whatever with him in any way except by official letters during the past few weeks, I am in considerable difficulty regarding the reason he has for adopting the line of conduct this correspondence displays.

8. Mr. Bond has been, I believe, during his service almost entirely under Captain Bailey's orders, and I cannot help feeling that my having endeavoured to bring this Overseer to some sense of his duty has caused me to be regarded by Captain Bailey in a prejudicial light.

9. However that may be, I have no option but to ask you to mark your disapprobation of Captain Bailey's conduct in some fitting way.

P. S.—It may be worthwhile noticing that Mr. Bond has gone to Madras and had probably to pass through Calicut *en route*. My orders to him to return from Cannanore to Calicut before going on leave can scarcely, therefore, be considered unreasonable.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Cannanore, to the Executive Engineer, Calicut, dated Tellicherry, 24th November 1872.

I WOULD feel much obliged by your ordering Mr. Bond when able, as I understand he is very unwell, to come to Cannanore and adjust some of his advances which Overseer Smith finds he is unable to settle.

Owing to the orders I received to send Overseer Bond to Calicut immediately as a temporary arrangement he was unable to go round his taluq and give over charge to Overseer Smith, who, therefore, finds himself unable to tell whether the accounts received from the Maistry should be paid or not, as he cannot tell what work has actually been done.

There are also some tools in the maistries' hands, these they refuse to give up until their accounts have been settled.

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From Captain H. W. WOOD, R. E., Executive Engineer, Calicut Range, to the Executive Engineer, Cannanore Range, dated Calicut, 4th December 1872, No. 315.

As Mr. Overseer Bond has omitted to hand over the tools in his charge I have the honour to request you will, after you have done with his services, direct him to return to this range at his own cost.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Cannanore Range, to the Executive Engineer, Calicut Range, dated Cannanore, 11th December 1872, No. 938.

With reference to your letter, No. 315, dated 4th instant, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter received from Overseer Bond on the subject.

The Overseer informs me that the tools which were not handed over are either in the possession of the Taluq Maistry who relieved him, or with maistries employed under him.

Should this be the case the Taluq Maistry must have misunderstood your orders as it is quite certain you could not have ordered him not to give a receipt for tools which were in use on his own work, and especially for those actually in his own possession.

Under these circumstances I trust that you will order the Range Maistry to see whether the tools are on his works as stated by Overseer Bond, and, if so, to grant a receipt for them.

From Mr. H. M. BOND, Overseer, P. W. D. Calicut, to the Executive Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 9th December 1872, No. 20.

With reference to letter, No. 315, of 4th December 1872, from the Executive Engineer, Calicut, I beg respectfully to state that Range Maistry P. Rarichen refused taking charge of the receipts for tools issued during my tenure of office on the Tambercherry Ghaut Road.

Range Maistry P. Rarichen further informed me that he had received strict injunctions from Captain Wood not to take over any of the receipts but only tools, etc., in store, for which he granted me a receipt. When I found I could not entrust my receipts to any responsible party in Calicut, and as my orders to proceed to Cannanore were immediate, I thought it prudent to retain the receipts in my possession. I beg to forward them to you in two files containing twenty-one receipts for despatch to the Calicut Range Officer, and most respectfully beg that you will obtain an early acknowledgment of the receipts either from the Executive Engineer, the Calicut Taluq Overseer, or any other public officer in charge of the Calicut Taluq.

As I am at present on sick leave, and as I have explained matters about the question of tools, etc., I sincerely hope and beg I will not have to return to Calicut at my own cost to adjust what could have been adjusted in Calicut, especially when I had intimated to the Executive Engineer that I had tools, official papers, and receipts, etc., in my possession and requested that somebody should be sent to take charge of these.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Cannanore Range, to the District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 11th December 1872, No. 919.

I HAVE the honour to forward a medical certificate granted to Overseer Bond by the Garrison Surgeon, Cannanore.

No. 91.

I, FREDERICK FLETCHER, Surgeon-Major and Garrison Surgeon of Cannanore, do hereby certify on honour that Mr. H. M. Bond, Overseer, Public Works Department, is in a bad state of

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health, and I solemnly and sincerely declare that according to the best of my judgment a change of air is essentially necessary to his recovery, and that the circumstances of his case are such as to render leave of absence for the period of two months highly desirable.

CANNANORE,
17th Decemer 1872.

(Signed) F. FLETCHER,
Surgeon-Major, Garrison Surgeon.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Cannanore Range, to the District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 11th December 1872, No. 920.

I HAVE the honour to state that Overseer Bond reported his arrival on the 5th instant.

From Captain H. W. WOOD, R. E., Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to the Executive Engineer, Cannanore, dated Calicut, 13th December 1872, No. 453.

WITH reference to your No. 919, dated 11th instant, forwarding a medical certificate for Mr. Bond, I have the honour to inform you that, as the wording of the certificate states leave of absence is merely "highly desirable" and not absolutely necessary, I request you will direct the Overseer to adjust his advances in your range and then order him, according to No. 315, dated 4th instant, from Range Officer, Calicut, to repair to that place and hand over the tools in his charge. On my receiving a report that his tools have been handed over the grant of leave of absence will be taken into consideration.

No. 454.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Captain Bailey's letter, No. 938, dated 11th December 1872, to the address of the Executive Engineer, Calicut Range, and its enclosures, the Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, has to make the following remarks.

Mr. Overseer Bond, on finding that Range Maistry P. Rarichen had received strict injunctions to take no receipts but actually the tools, etc., had two courses open to him previous to leaving for Cannanore.

He could either (as, indeed, was the intention of Captain Wood) have accompanied the Range Maistry to the various places where the men were to whom the tools had been lent on receipt and so have procured an acquittance of all responsibility regarding them, or he might have, if he saw any difficulty about this course, applied personally to Captain Wood at Calicut for orders.

What Mr. Bond actually did, however, was to make off to Cannanore, and he now endeavours, in his letter, No. 20, dated 9th December, to Captain Bailey's address, to evade his responsibility for the charge of the tools belonging to Government by forwarding the receipts given to him by various cooly maistries and contractors, and by leaving it to the Range Officer, Calicut, to find these men as best he may.

Considering Captain Bailey had to apply himself for Mr. Overseer Bond to be sent back to Cannanore to perform a precisely similar duty which he should have performed before coming to Calicut, and which he neglected to do, the Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, is somewhat surprised that Captain Bailey should now think fit to countenance Mr. Overseer Bond in the objectionable course of conduct he persistently indulges in, by forwarding the Overseer's letter, the last paragraph of which is most objectionable, containing, as it does, a false imputation of neglect of duty on Captain Wood.

The Officiating District Engineer is not aware who may have granted the leave of absence on which Mr. Bond stated he is at present, but concludes by referring Captain Bailey to letter No. 453, of yesterday's date, to his address for instruction on the subject.

Two Tools Receipt File Books.

The receipts are returned for delivery to Mr. Bond.

(Signed) H. W. WOOD, Captain, R. E.,
Officiating District Engineer, Malabar.
CALICUT,
14th December 1872.

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From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Malabar, to the District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 21st December 1872, No. 968.

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of a letter, dated 20th December 1872, received from Overseer Bond, and to reforward the receipts returned with your letter, No. 1454, dated 14th instant, Overseer Bond having left this station before it reached me.

From Mr. H. M. BOND, Overseer, Department of Public Works, to the Executive Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 20th December 1872.

IN re-reading the enclosed letter, No. 453, dated Calicut, 13th December 1872, from the Officiating District Engineer, forwarded to me for information with your letter No. 951, dated 17th December 1872, I beg most respectfully to inform you that on my referring to the Medical authorities at this station I am informed that the medical certificate given is the true and correct form laid down for all cases, and further, on referring to a copy of the certificate kept in the Garrison Hospital, it is found that besides the words "highly desirable" there are the words "essentially necessary," and I would beg to point out that these latter words do not appear in the District Engineer's letter now returned; also in the copy of certificate kept by me in my private letter book the words "essentially necessary" appear. I cannot, therefore, think that these words could have been omitted in the original forwarded.

The Medical authorities state that they have done their duty and can do no more, and I am in a very bad state of health and my arrangements having been already made for proceeding to-day, I earnestly trust, under these circumstances, I shall not be blamed for availing myself of the leave granted me by the Medical authorities. It may be as well to remark that the same form of certificate was granted me last year. I would also beg to urge that the original receipts for tools, etc., having been forwarded to you their recovery at Calicut can easily be carried out by any other officer without my personal supervision, as most of the maistries to whom the bulk of tools is given are still employed in the Calicut Taluq.

I most respectfully beg to inform you that I have adjusted all my advances and accounts and have handed over tools, etc., to Mr. Overseer J. Smith. We have signed our transfer receipts. I leave Cannanore this day.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Malabar, to the District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 21st December 1872, No. 961.

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 454, of the 14th instant, I have the honour to state that on receiving Overseer Bond's letter and the receipts, and seeing that there was a receipt for 81 tools from the Taluq Maistry who had to relieve him, and for which tools the latter would not grant a receipt on the ground that you had forbidden him to do so, it seemed to me that there must be some misconception of your orders by the Maistry. Overseer Bond's letter and the receipts were, therefore, sent on at his request.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 I beg to point out that my letter applying for Overseer Bond's return was not intended to imply any blame to him. Under the Superintending Engineer's instructions he was ordered to Calicut without time being given him to hand over his taluq in the usual manner; no blame is, therefore, attributable to him for not having done so.

3. Overseer Bond has been employed in the taluq since he came. In saying he was on leave I presume he supposed that he thought he was entitled to leave from the date of the medical certificate. Your letter, No. 453, was communicated to him in due course.

No. 156.

ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1873, No. 413.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
,, Controller of Public Works Account

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No. 1.

District Engineer's Office, Malabar,
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*Barraboo Captain R.E.
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