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No. 143. Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Madura:—

Reports that he has handed over charge of the Public Works of the Tinnevelly District to Executive Engineer Mr. Rundall, and expresses his opinion regarding the Subordinates of the Public Works Department in that district. } (Here enter No. 4,048, dated 2nd December 1872.)

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1873, No. 73.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 4048 District Engineer's Office Madura
Camp Covenit Kokkaclum 2nd December 1872

From

Lieut: Colonel R.A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer of Madura,

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that yesterday being Sunday, I have this day handed over charge of the Public Works of the Tinnevelly District to Executive Engineer Mr J.W. Rundall pursuant to the order of Government appointing him as District Engineer of Tinnevelly from the 1st December 1872.

2. In taking leave of the District I think it only my duty to bring to the prominent notice of Government the cordial and undeviating assistance which I have received from one and all of the Departmental Officers and subordinates at present employed in the

Tinnevelly District

3. It is well known to government the state of anarchy and confusion into which this District had unfortunately been allowed to lapse, at the period when I was directed to take charge of the panel. And it is a matter of no small delight and comfort to me to think that, after holding the charge for 1 3/4 years, I have been enabled, as I am, to hand over the District in as satisfactory a state as can be fairly expected or desired. It is not too much to say that this most agreeable result has been attained only by the indefatigable labors of the Range and Sub-Division Officers.

4. While the rates have been reduced by me on an average of 25 per cent, the work has been turned out in larger quantity and of a better description than has been known for many years past in the District.

5. I consider that Mr Dundas deserves every praise for his zeal and activity in the conduct of the duties of the Southern Range.

6. Lieut Shepherd R.E. has devoted the whole of his time and energies to say nothing of his great abilities in the active prosecution of the works connected with the Shreevigoonthum Anicut Project. And he has well earned as it appears to me, the favorable notice of Government for the same.

7. Assistant Engineer Mr Grant has carried out to successful completion the restoration of the Soolochenum Bridge which is to be publicly opened this day - and regarding which a special report will be submitted. Mr Grant has proved himself an Engineer of untiring energy and of great resources, and as an Executive Officer, I believe him to be unequalled by any one of his standing in the Department. He is indeed a most promising Departmental Officer.

Sub Engineer Conductor Wiffen
in the remarkably satisfactory restoration
of the Andasanicodrum Bridges, as
also in the execution of numerous
Irrigation works, has proved himself
a thorough master of his work, and
I consider that he is fairly deserving
of promotion.

Sub Engineer Mr D. McNair,
in the investigations he has conducted
into the mal-practices of members
of this Department, has shown himself
a fearless and trustworthy servant
of Government. His conduct in this
respect, has stood out in very favorable
colors in comparison with that
of his late Departmental Senior,
Executive Engineer Mr Page, as I have
had already the honor of reporting
to Government. I consider it my
duty to bring this fact prominently
forward at the present moment. For
I consider that Mr McNair has
received from the Government but
scant recognition for his valuable and
impartial labors in their behalf, although
these are, to my mind, the more
worthy of recognition as coming from
an officer subordinate, when such
labors were not obtainable from a
member of the Engineering Establishment.
Mr McNair is thoroughly up
to his work as Range Officer, and as
he has been nearly 30 years in the
Department, I trust that the Govern-
ment will be graciously pleased
to recognize his claim for promotion.

It would not be proper for
me to conclude this letter without
alluding to the most courteous and
valuable co-operation of the Collector,
Mr R.K. Puckle, with this Depart-
ment, in all its undertakings. I
am happy to be able to state that
I have never had even a shadow
of disagreement with this gentleman,
during the whole period in which
I have had the good fortune to be

officially associated with him. It is by his enlightened views and able assistance that our labors have been lessened, and the severance of my connection with the District is the more regretted by me, in as much as I know that I am never likely to meet again his equal in this respect.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

Richd L. Roberts Lieut: Col: A.E.
District Engineer

Comd
Chief of Engineers
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The District Engineer
of Maidura

To

The Secretary to
Government Dept.

Dated 2nd December 1872
Received - 11th —

Reports that he has handed over charge of the Public Works of the Tinnevelly District to Executive Engineer Mr Rundall & expresses his opinion regarding the subordinate of the DPW in that District.

Petitioner Order

I think this should be submitted to Board, with the information that the Petitioner is residing in his native town and writing in his transfer of the District to Calicut for which a communication and letter and will be required by this mail.

Should only have the letter in abstract.

Print the Abstract and Transmit to Madras with the endorsement as given

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Nos. 143 & 144

Report, transmitted by the Dr. Engr. stating of having handed over charge of the Public Works of the Taluk to Mr. Engr. Randall recorded.