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No. 412. Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., C.E., District Engineer, Kurnool, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Kovilaguntla, 18th February 1874, No. 1,100 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice the following circumstances :—

About the end of December last I had to allow the second Writer in the District Office to go into Kurnool for medical treatment.

Before his return the Head Clerk had to go in for a similar purpose.

Shortly after I had to allow the Draughtsman to go as he was very ill, and about the same time I had to send the first Gumasta to hospital as he was suffering severely from fever.

The first two have returned to duty, but it is doubtful when the last two will be able to rejoin.

The Accountant and the first Writer are now ill with fever and unable to attend office. I shall probably have to send them away also.

At a time when it was very inconvenient to me to part with him, I had to let the Overseer of this taluq go to Nundial for medical aid; and about a fortnight ago when Mr. Vardon was travelling with me through the range, I had, in like manner, to let him return to Nundial very ill with fever, and go through the range myself alone.

2. I need hardly point out how such a state of things completely paralyzes all my efforts to get through the work of the district.

The absence of the Range Officer left me in the Sirwel Taluq with an Acting Overseer, who is quite ignorant of his work and who has no knowledge of the works in the taluq.

The Draughtsman's absence is almost worse; for, as he is the only Draughtsman in the office, and the only one who knows anything about estimates, all drawing operations, and all checking of estimates are at a stand still, and must remain so until he returns.

3. It is difficult to know what to advise under these circumstances.

Two things, however, I would recommend, viz., the appointment of a second Draughtsman and Estimator, and to attach a medical subordinate (an Hospital Assistant) to the District Office.

The first is really essential, for I need not tell you that I cannot get plans, etc., prepared if I have no one to draw or estimate. This work has fallen into arrears already, as the Draughtsman has been ill for some time and unable to attend to his work. Besides there is work enough of this kind to occupy two Draughtsmen and Estimators.

4. I believe that the appointment of a Dresser would be attended with the best results.

At present when a man gets sick he lingers on in the hope of getting better, and also from an unwillingness to go to hospital, and probably I do not encourage him to leave. The result is that the disease remains unchecked, and when he is obliged to go for medical aid it has so established itself as to be difficult and tedious of removal.

The presence of a Dresser would stop all this, as the cases would be treated at once, and thus the patients would, perhaps, have no necessity to be absent from

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office more than a day or two; besides his presence would give to the office people a confidence which they are far from possessing at present.

5. I have talked this matter over with the Civil Surgeon at Kurnool, who is of opinion that a Dresser should be attached to this office.

The Collector who rarely marches has a Dresser, and the Head Assistant Collector has one for his office, although he rarely marches far from his headquarters (having only two taluqs) where there is a Civil Dispensary.

My case is very different from these, I am almost constantly on the move, and spend most of my time in out-of-the-way villages.

During the past thirteen months I have lived for about ten months under canvas.

The Civil Surgeon admits that a Dresser marching with me would be of great use to the whole district, and I know that he would be, as I would turn him to the best account.

If you accede to my request, I trust that none under the position of an advanced 2nd Hospital Assistant will be appointed, as an ordinary third-class man would be of little or no use.

The pay of second-class Assistants is 40 Rupees a month, which, with ordinary travelling allowances, would be 52 Rupees in all.

6. I would have made this request long ago, but that I did not like to risk a refusal. Now, however, I am so convinced of the advantages to the public service of having a Dresser with me that I should be wrong to delay longer.

No. 413.

ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1874, No. 1,112.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 27.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in this letter, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the entertainment, if necessary, of a second Draughtsman and Estimator on Rupees 40 per mensem for a period of six months, within which time it is expected that the plans and estimates of Catcheries now long due will without fail be furnished; and the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, will arrange for placing the services of a Hospital Assistant at the disposal of the District Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.

.. Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

.. Military Department.

.. District Engineer, Cuddapah.

Ed. H. C. Shanker.
Sd/- C. J. S.

P. W. D.

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Under date the 11th May 1874.

Read the following:—

From the District Engineer

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G.M.W.

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For (m) 2/2/74

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LC. sent to the Comdr 5/5/74 thru
 District Comr

For
 The Dist. Eng. General V.
 " Surgeon Genl J.M. Dyer
 " Controller J.H. A.S.
 " Mty. Appls. V.
 " D.E. Anderson
 " 11/11/74

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To

The Dist. Ingr.
Kurnool.

Dated

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Encl.

G. O., 29th April 74, No. 1172

Nos. 412-413.

Draughtsman

The entertainment 
if necessary of a 2nd Draughtsman & Estimator in Rs. 40 per month for a period of six months for the Kurnool District Office sanctioned by — The Insp. Genl. Indian Medical Dept. to arrange for the services of a Hospital Asst.