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No. 144. Read the following letter from Captain R. F. TAYLOR, R.E., Acting District Engineer, Kurnool, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 23rd May 1874, No. 28:—

I HAVE the honour to forward certain correspondence* which has taken place between Supervisor Vardon and myself.

* To be returned. In regard to the first letter I really need say nothing;† the second in the series has reference to the lax control exercised by Mr. Vardon over his subordinates. Munisami Chetty sent in

† The rates in this Range seem to me abnormal, and I am surely justified in noticing the fact. Supervisor Vardon wishes to evidently intimidate me. I have returned several of Mr. Bell's estimates for revision.

no accounts whatever for the month of February; on the next month he delayed despatching his Inspection Report, which paper reached Kurnool on the 25th. I think such conduct calls for censure. In regard to the third, I

‡ Kurnool Range.

§ In all five.

beg to state that Mr. Vardon, with a Range half the size of this one,‡ with many more subordinates to assist him,§ has sent in no estimates whatever; those

in preparation in the District Office all belong to his Range, whereas the officers in charge of Kurnool and Cumbum prepare their own plans and papers. The remark on the diary I consider necessary and proper, as Overseer Munisami never left his head-quarters for the entire month (in question), and the other subordinates were but seldom out. I now come to the last of

¶ Mr. Vardon imputes most unworthy motives to me; if I wished to injure the man I would send the following plans to him rather than appoint two men in my office for this work alone:—

Kondamayapalle Tank.
Rudravaram Rangareddi Tank.
Chintala Tank.
Yadavada Tank, supply channel and bund.
Nandial Tank.
Owk Tank.
Chinnakambalur Tank.
Narayanapuram new tank.
Koilguntla Taluq Cutcherry.

my series; I have written strongly I admit, but not from any animosity;¶ the fact is Mr. Vardon evidently does not understand English, or he would see that his own letters to me are couched in I will not say in impertinent, but in most authoritative language; his communications teem with such expressions as "you will be good enough to direct," "I shall do" so and so, when in obedience with the orders of Government I

have directed him otherwise. In regard to the building at Deepaguntla, I would point out that the late District Engineer had, with a view of preserving an *entente cordiale* with other departments, given a general permission (which permission Mr. Vardon overrules) to the officers of the district to occupy temporarily any of our empty buildings, (this one is really the property of the Local Fund Board). Mr. Vardon some months ago turned out Maistry Murry from this very shed, a proceeding which annoyed Mr. Fraser very much, and which he stopped.

2. On Mr. Fraser's demise, Mr. Vardon on his own responsibility, and without so much as a reference to me (which to say the least of it is very impertinent), dismissed Maistries Murry, Betteen, and Mangapathy Naidoo, men who

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were specially appointed by the late District Engineer; (this was owing to the repeated complaints made against the Supervisor for alleged bribery; these charges are probably untrue, still Mr. Vardon's conduct in dismissing, without my knowledge Mr. Fraser's Masters and appointing his own is not judicial), and though Mr. Vardon objects to others using this bungalow, he does not apply the same conscientious rule in regard to himself. Had Mr. Vardon borne in mind that Mr. Boleau was a gentleman, and the son of an old and distinguished officer, and had he written a polite note to him, I should have said nothing; but when he makes copies and prints the vehicle of his communications, I do say that he does not show that courtesy and respect which his eighteen years' service ought to have taught him, and I consider that he is answerable for every impertinence which his messengers indulge in, and hence my reasons for writing so sharply. I will leave it to Government to decide as to the propriety of Mr. Vardon's imputations in regard to my motives.

3. In conclusion, I have to observe that I have not written to Mr. Vardon on a single subject not connected with departmental work, and I really do not know what he means by alleging that I occupy his time in giving explanations on subjects which are trivial, etc. I have written to him four times in regard to the expenditure and detailed measurement on Kalligundla Catcherry, and I have also called for his reasons for dismissing Masters appointed* by Mr. Fraser, on neither subjects have I been favoured with an answer.

* Please see copy of Circular No. 97 of 21st April 1873.

No. 145.

ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1874, No. 1,891.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 16.

His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot but approve of the action taken by the Acting District Engineer of Kurnool in calling to order a subordinate of whose conduct the late Mr. Fraser as well as himself had good reason to disapprove.

2. A tendency to admit extravagant rates, neglect to supply reliable plans and estimates promptly, personal inactivity, and toleration of the same in subordinates, are faults which cannot be passed over in a Range Officer; and the District Engineer permanently posted to Kurnool will, until further orders, report on Mr. Vardon half-yearly after he has joined, with reference to each of these heads. Mr. Vardon will submit to the Acting District Engineer without delay the reports called for by him as to the expenditure on Kalligundla Catcherry and work which it represents.

3. In the matter of the Public Works shed the rule is simple, viz., that if such buildings, purporting to have been erected for storage of tools, comprise accommodation which can be, and is habitually, made use of by Public Works Officers drawing travelling allowances in preference to, or supplementary of, tents, they shall be equally available (unless pre-occupied) to Government Officers of all departments, conditionally on the payment of a daily fee by any occupant; the amount of which shall be fixed by the Local Fund Board of the Circle interested.

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4. His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot altogether approve of the tone and manner of the Acting District Engineer's communications with the Range Officer, and trusts that he will in future adopt a more conciliatory and considerate tone in dealing with his subordinates.

(True Extract.)

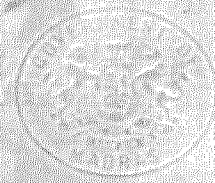
Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting District Engineer, Kurnool.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 28.

District Engineer's Office.

Shornook, 23rd May 1874.

From,

The Acting District Engineer,
Shornook.

To,

The Chief Engineer D. A. W.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward certain correspondence which has taken place between Supervisor Tandon, and myself. In regard to the first letter I really need say nothing; the second in the series has reference to the lax control exercised by Mr. Tandon over his subordinates. Munisami Chetty sent in no accounts whatever for the month of February. On the next month he delayed despatching his inspection report which paper reached Shornook on the 25th. I think such conduct calls for censure. In regard to the third I beg to state that Mr. Tandon with a Gauge half the size of this one, with many more subordinates to assist him has sent in no estimate whatever, those in preparation in the District Office all belong to his Gauge whereas the Officers in charge of Shornook, and Kumbam prepare their own plans, and papers. The

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* also the Government cannot be so
 to one side of the matter the more I would
 send the following to him rather than
 appoint him to any Office for this work alone
 Kandanthy
 Rudraman
 Chintala
 Gopalakrishna
 Sankar
 Janki
 Lakshminarayana
 Sankar
 Kishore

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with an answer.

Simla 197 of 22nd
April 1875

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
W. P. W. Captain
Sd/- District Engineer.

Approved

P. M. 1874 Dept.
No. 3161
District Engineer
Madras.

To The Chief Engineer
Madras.

Dated 28th May 1874.
No 28. with
5 Enclosures.
Forwards certain
correspondence which
has taken place between
Superior Mr. Radon
and himself for
decisions.

Cl. No: 1881. 9-7-74.

Recd to City 28 May 74

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Rea & the following.

From

The Dy. S. & Engineer
Kurnool

(H. E. No 28 of 23 May 74)

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
cannot but approve
of the action taken
by the Acting District
Engineer of Kurnool
in calling to order
a subordinate of
whose conduct the
late Mr. Fraser as
well as himself
had good reason to
disapprove.

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gineer without delay
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penditure on Rail-
-guntha Catcherry
and work which it
represents, and to
~~his dismissal of~~
~~Inspector without~~
~~authority~~

In the matter of the
Public God Road
the rule is simple,
viz that if such
buildings purporting
to have been erected
for storage of coal
comprise

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comprise accommo-
-dation which can
be, and is habitually,
made use of by Public
Works officers drawing
Travelling Allowances
in preference to, or
supplementary of,
Lento, they shall be
equally available
(unless preoccupied)
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of all Departments
conditional on the
payment of a daily
fee by any occupant,
the amount of which
shall be fixed by
the Local Land Board
of

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of the Local interested.
His Excellency
the Governor in
Council is of opinion
that the tone and
manner of the
Bating District Eu-
-genic commu-
-nications with the
Range officer are to
some extent objec-
tionable, and trusts
that he will in fu-
-ture adopt a more
conciliatory and con-
siderate tone in
dealing with his
subordinates.

To the S. Sec. Thurman
with 5 copies
1. Copies despatched 14/7/74

G. W. M.

The St. Louis Bureau (H. B. & Co. 28 dated
23 May 1894)

I have seen cases of this officer, which have given me an unfavourable opinion of him - and his letter addressed to the Secy of the Govt direct - that it not be returned to him? - is it not to be suspected unworthy and that his superior officer is not improper. Such an perhaps ought to entail his suspension.

Suspension
I think that Capt. J. M.
marks on the papers are
and cost of the C.C. Petty Red
tank are permanent & per
fect of the facts are in the

Putting aside for the present their matter with His Excellency the Governor - nor my council considers that Mr. Supervisor Tardou has good cause to complain of the tone of Captain Lyle's doct^r and letters as being anything but kind and considerate, but he has very im- properly imputed evil motives

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motives, for which he
will at once apologize
to that gentleman. Cap-
tain Saylor evidently
shares the bad opinion
held by the late business
of Mr. Tardieu's qualifications
for the position
he holds, but while the
latter appears to have let
things drift from want
of patient energy to
reform matters, the
former has erred by
assuming a harsh
and dictatorial tone
which must cause offence
and is unlikely to do
good. Captain Saylor's
own qualifications for
employment in the
Public Works Department
having

and I am not prepared to
censure severely him from
a superior officer was
justified in censuring the sub-
vise for allowing his subordi-
nates to fall into arrears & in
deavouring to restore the lax admin-
istration of the Dept. - The form
is brusque but correct - The
case as regards the rule
book does the censure seem
indecisive. It appears that
the man in question has
our work shall want much
what else does Mr. T. say
leaves the Dept. - On the
point about the public in-
formation with Mr. T. explains
may be called for as I think
that in this as in all the other
matters on which to advise the
superior officer's hands need
strengthening.

Mr. T. explains
of depression all his subordi-
nates & appoints his own
men need not be
called for. The conduct seems
to be the inference that
Capt. T. suggests.

Mr. T. conduct strikes
Mr. Deeks as quite proper
is most reprehensible & has
reason of not being

This is a case & point of order
than drawing attention to
the Department's Cap - The old book
omit effect savings on estimates
allows a permanent bonus to
the benefit of the use of subordi-
nates drawn through travelling allow-
ance above the printer's cost
must be kept

Submit - The censure of
Mr. Tardieu's superior officer which
carefully avoided, especially in a
healing with improper conduct in
subordination - on the part of a sub-
ordinate ~~and~~ his hands need
strengthening & his authority must be
supported - Capt. T. may not be
a fit man on the whole & he is in
order not judicious but he is in
the right & all that need be said
is that the Gov. do not approve of
the style of his remarks on his sub-
ordinate letter. Feb 2/6

Quite open & this
part of the Dept. Mr. T.
requires close looking
after.

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having been unfavorably
reviewed in several
late Government orders
should have made him
cautious as to his mode
of rebuking the short-
comings of others.

At the same time
Mr. Tardieu will take
care that he neglects
not to pay attention
to the points with pre-
ference to which he
has been taken to task.
In addition to unduly
high rates, neglect to
supply reliable plans
and estimates promptly,
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-diture on Kailgutta
Leucherry and work
which it represents, and
as to his dismissal of
Ministries without due
authority.

See

My observation of these structures
does not bear out the name
sheds - They are houses or Angulas
with more than one room (family
bathrooms &c.) & are used as
residences - It is better to call
them by their real name

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ment of a daily fee
by any occupant, the
amount of which shall
be fixed by the Local
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Circle interested.

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put

I think the Capt Taylor
had not grounds for
being dissatisfied with
Mr. Van Dine & for saying
concerning him. But
the manner in which
he conveyed the message
is, I think, objectionable.
Mr. V. is chiefly needed
as 2/3 of the whole looking

The booklet
pleases in com-
plete.

Lost

I think a Dist 3/6 of a
book should write to a
man of whom in the
inter. I am sure all
lost

conditional on the no

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Govt. of 1874 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.



The Dy. Dist. Supt.
Kurnool

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

9 July 1874 No. 1831

Nos. 144-145.

Boil gunblow Cutcherry
and Public Works sheds -

Mr. Supervisor Varion called
on to furnish the report
of expenditure on the Cutcherry
called for by the Dy. Dist.
Supt. & the Dy. Supt. permanent
and directed to report
Mr. Varion half yearly
instructions regarding the
officers who are at liberty
want themselves of Pa
and the following -