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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th July 1874.*

Read the following :—

No. 146. From Captain R. F. TAYLOR, Acting District Engineer, Kurnool,
dated Kurnool, 28th May 1874, No. 40.

ABSTRACT.—Submits Nundial Range Officer's letter No. 91 and its enclosures
for the decision of Government.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1874, No. 1,832.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

It appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that Mr. Supervisor Vardon has been guilty of decided insubordination in his action in these matters, and of personal disrespect towards the Acting District Engineer.

2. It would appear that the late Mr. Fraser, under date the 23rd April 1873, in the exercise of his general discretion, and responsibility for the good working of the district, issued an order that appointments and dismissals of Maistries were not to be made by Range Officers, but by himself alone. Whatever objection Mr. Vardon may have had to this arrangement it was not till Mr. Fraser's death that, without reference to Captain Taylor, he took upon himself to disobey the orders of the District Engineer. His letter, No. 54 of 4th May, is positively insubordinate, and Captain Taylor's orders thereon were appropriate. For this conduct His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that Mr. Vardon shall lose six steps in the rank which he holds of Supervisor, 1st Grade. It is remarked that the appointment of a writer for decipherment of inscriptions was negatived in G. O., No. 1,099, of 28th April 1874, which directed Mr. Fraser to confine his attention to strictly professional work.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting District Engineer, Kurnool.

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District Engineer's Office
Kurnool 28th May 1874

From

The District Engineer
Kurnool.

To

The Chief Engineer

S. W. Department.

Sir,

Enclosure return.

I have the honor to
forward at the request of Mr.
Vardon his letter N^o 91 dated
the 21st Instant with its en-
=losures for disposal.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt^t Servant

W. J. Seymour Captain

Ag District Engineer

Chas. M. B.
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No. 10. 1832. 9-7-74

of Fraser's report.

for the decision
of the Officer in the
No. 91 & 100 in columns

submitted to the
Board of Directors.

of the District Engineer

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Public Works Department

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general discretion, & responsibility for the good working of the District, issued an order that appointments and dismissals of Magistrates were not to be made by Range Officers, but by himself alone. Leaving out of the question the policy of thus making himself personally answerable for the character and conduct of each of these very subordinate Executive Agents, a course which might have been justified by his knowledge of details of previous mismanagement, it

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is manifest that whatever objections Range Officers had to it should have been made at once, when there would have been no harm in seeking a reference of the matter to Government. But, it does not appear that Mr. Tardou entered any such protest at the time. It was not till Mr. Fraser's death that, without reference to Captain Taylor, he took upon himself to disobey the orders of the District Magistrate. His letter No. 54 of 4th May is positively

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rank which he holds
of Supervisor 1st grade.

As to the general
question it is ordered
that District Engineers
do not interfere with
the appointment of
Instructors paid from
Estimates; which shall
be left to Range of-
ficers, subject to their
veto in special cases.

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I am inclined to leave
this matter as now + the dis-
cretion of the D.E. as now
His Honor the Governor
notes that Superior officers
- like Colonel Hayes & the
others enabled to become
as it were their own contractors
and carry on extensive frauds
which a D.E. may suspect but
can not control & depriving
them of the power of appointing
their own creatures.

As a rule D.Es. should
not interfere but I do not
deprive them of the power
But I believe the new
taken I don't think that a
general order of this kind
is wise in a Proceeding
dealing with a specific case
& one in which the Subordi-
nate had behaved so
badly - Indeed with look-
ing soon into that the D.E.
interference almost justified
in various acts under contemplation
of the Governor
I take away the expert power
of D.Es in this matter I
send a circular in order
that they may be heard on

The matter before taking
action 10/6 1874

I would omit
the permission to
para. and, finally,
and answer to re.
stricting the power
of District Eng.

J. D. S.
11. 6.

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C.M.W.

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Kurnool
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Mr. Supervisor Vandoren

Noticing the insubordination
shown of the correspondence between
Mr. Vandoren and Captain Taylor
regarding certain orders issued
by the Dy. District Engineer
Mr. Dwyer, and desiring that
Mr. Vandoren should lose six
steps in the rank he holds

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