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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd September 1874.*

No. 502. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tirutarapoondy, 10th September 1874, No. 973:—

I HAVE the honor to solicit the early orders of Government on letter from this office, No. 411, dated 6th July 1874, recommending that tentage may be granted for European and East Indian Overseers.

2. I venture to point out that in order to put European, East Indian, and Native Overseers on a footing of equality, as regards *bona-fide* expenditure necessarily to be incurred in travelling, it is requisite to take into consideration the peculiar position in this country of European and East Indian subordinates, as compared with that of Native subordinates. The former have not only a more expensive style of dress to maintain, but when they halt at a village they must depend upon their own resources for food and shelter; whereas the more fortunate and loosely clad Native Overseer finds a home in every village, and his subordinates are prepared, at all times, to offer him unlimited hospitality in hopes of favors to come.

3. From the European and the East Indian Overseer we have a right, therefore, to look for a more trustworthy line of conduct than can be expected from the Native Overseer with his troops of obliging friends, for ever urging their own interests; and it appears to me that every precaution should be taken to avoid placing temptation in the way of the former class of Overseers, whether by withholding from them the equivalent of their legitimate expenses, as regards tentage, or in any other manner clipping their emoluments.

4. As I do not myself see how it is possible for a European or East Indian Overseer to do his duty properly in this district without a tent, I trust that the privilege hitherto conceded of allowing such an Overseer tentage will not now be withdrawn.

No. 503. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1874, No. 2,704.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 35.

RECORDED, with reference to G. O.,
No. 2,585, dated 11th September 1874.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 973 Superintending Engineer's Office

Camp Secunderabad 10th Sept 1874

Yours,

Lieut. Colonel A. A. Roberts R.E.

Superintending Engineer

Secunderabad

To,

Colonel C. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government D. P. S.

Madras

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I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Richard Roberts Lieut. Col. R.
Superintending Engineer
Yangon

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P. M. 1874
No. of gold for old tin
now O/o 5808.
The Superintendent
Jaupre

To the Secretary to Court
P. M. D.

No. 973

Dated 10 September
No. 12 do.

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No. 2204. 22-974

Respecting Sandy.

orders on letters. All
dates 6 July 1874.

Recommendation that
the Superintendent
for the Indian and
East Indian Quarters

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The J. E. Young
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The Sup. Engr.
Panipat

Dated

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Encl.

22nd Sept. 1874. No. 2704

Nos. 502-503.

Ton Tax Letter from the
Sup. Engr. Panipat re:
requesting early orders in
letter of 6th July/74, re
commending that Ton
Tax may be granted
for European & East In
dian Overseas, recorded
with ref. to G.O. No. 2585 of
11th Sept/74 —