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Read the following :—

No. 324c. From the District Engineer, Kurnool, dated 9th April 1874, No. 1.

No. 324d. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1874, No. 1,066B.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19A.

UNDER the circumstances represented, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to re-consider the sentence of removal recorded against Captain Taylor. He will be reduced to the rank of Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, and be placed next above Mr. Leggatt.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Turnoob Range Office
Camp at Turnoob 6th April 1874

From,
The Officer in charge of
Turnoob Range

To,
The District Engineer
Sir, Turnoob

A rumour to the effect that I am to be removed from the Department of Public works has just reached me; I presume that (if there be any truth in the statement) it is owing to the unfavorable report (made

(made by Mr Bell)

on the Cumbur

Salug Cutcherry

that Government

proposes recording

its disapprobation

of my conduct in

regard to that parti-

cular work by re-

manding me to

a Regiment, should

the above surmise

be correct I would

earnestly request

a mitigation of the

punishment, I would

ask to be allowed to

resign my appoint-

ment in the Depth

more especially as

vide the extract I cannot help think

from Mr Crowes letter

to Captain Taylor herewith

attached

tions of the Cutcherry

have been tampered

with. I have been

given to understand

that, after I left the

Range on sick leave

to Europe Mr Hayes

examined the building

This Supervisor

(brother-in-law to an

Overseer Ottoman

whom I dismissed)

appears to have spent

an entire month

(in July or August y^r)

on

on the foundations,
he left them exposed
to the influence of the
monsoon which had
set in, and went
away leaving to others
the onus and respon-
sibility of reporting
on the structure.

I would like to observe
that I have put up
two other similar
buildings, I have closed
a number of breaches
in Tank bunds, built
new sluices, road-
dams, Culverts, Bridges,
and Buildings; I
should be glad were
all

all these works ex-
amined, and if in
any one of them a
similar defect be found
I would willingly
submit to any
degradation Govern-
ment may think
fit to impose. At the
time I put up the
Cumbum Salug Catching
I had but two
years' Departmental
Experience, I was but
an Asst Engineer of
the 2^d Grade, and I had
5/8 of the Purnool Distt
under my Charge,
Mr Chase and Colonel
Proberty

Colonel Proberly were
both of them satisfied
with the state of my
Communications, in
fact the former Officer
as well as others in
this District have
publicly stated that
the roads in the Cumbum
Range had after I
had left gradually
fallen into bad order.
In regard to these
Cutcherry works, I would
beg to notice that,
originally I was called
on to put up
structures in brick
in mud, four walls
only

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only were to be erected
and the walls were
to be one foot three
inches thick, then
came an order
to increase thickness
of the walls, shortly
after an additional
ward was to be add-
ed, then stone in
mortar was to re-
place brick in mud,
finally a portion of
the structure was to
be rebuilt on a new
design. In fact
whilst alterations &
revisions were being
Constantly

Constantly made
orders were issued di-
recting Officers to push
on rapidly with the
works, the consequence being
that it was almost
impossible to know
which design was to
be adopted, or how the
work was to be carried
out, & this led to a
great deal of confusion.

In conclusion I
would beg to state
that my family
has served India
faithfully for four
generations my great
Grand father

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great Grand father died
as Chief at Tellicherry
his son as Resident
of the Persian Court,
my father was for 36
years in India, and
during the mutiny
was employed on
Special Service by
the Madras Government.

I myself have been
in the service since
1868. I gave up all
prospects of Regimental
preferment for this
Department, during
the last 7 years I
have lost heavily
in

in purse and in
health - death carried
away my first born -
for months it was
doubtful whether my
wife would recover
her reason - I have
been ^{again} obliged to send
my family away
to Madras as I dare
not keep them in
Kurnool, and if to
all this affliction &
trouble I am to be
disgraced I shall
indeed be drinking
the bitter cup of humili-
ation to the very dregs

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant.

W. F. Fyfe Captain
Executive Engineer

23rd February 1873

Dear Sir

I have written a good deal about the
Talug. Cutcherry; Hayes made it his busi-
ness the one month only that he was here
to examine the "foundations", he did nothing
else here but this and leave an official &
very detailed account of his examination
to me on record, the thing has been done
in such a manner as to force the subject
upon me and I have reported that al-
though the foundation is not what I
should like to have seen it, yet it was quite
capable of supporting the building and I
could not but trace Mr. Hayes' report
upon it as springing from personal

and vindictive motives rather than for the
public Service Mr. Hayes is a near relation
to a Mr. Ottoman a late Overseer of this
Talug and it was by Captain Taylor
this Overseer had been properly suspended
and his dismissal procured, for this
it appears to me that the report
by Mr. Hayes has been made and
must therefore be received with cau-
tion; I am awfully anxious about this
Cutchery work now the order has come
to proceed ^{with} it, it is too late in the year
for me to spend the allotment. I
depended upon the forest Department
for Timber that has failed me, I wrote
to Madras and the D.P.W. Stores want
2-13- per C. ft (Sawn) but exclusive of
carriage, this is too much. I have not a
rope or Scaffold-pole for any thing to
start with so must surrender the

allotment I have no L. J. Overseer
nor Draughtsmen, and no Cumbr
Overseer.

(Signed) A. Crowe

True Extract

R. P. Taylor Capt.

Remark by
Captain Taylor
on the above

I send this extract and ask can I be in-
fairly held responsible for this work after
the fact has been established, that an
unscrupulous character like Mr. Hayes
in the absence of Overseers - without the
knowledge or sanction of the Superintending
Engineer with no one to represent my inter-
ests) spends thirty days in examining my works
Mr. Crowe even after this ordeal does not consider the
foundations unsafe, but, what building will stand
a months probing, specially when this process is
supplemented by exposure of the foundations
to the inclemency of the monsoon Unfortuna-
tely for me Mr. Hayes conduct prevents
from clearing my character for I

prove nothing, his inspection might have
 been and probably was perfectly regular
 but if impelled by honorable motives why
 did he not call upon the superintending Engineer
 for permission or why not warn me, I should
 then have had a chance of pro-
 tecting my interests.

W. J. M. Captain
 Executive Engineer

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District Engineer's Office,
 Rurnool, 9 April 1874.

The District Engineer,
 Rurnool
 The Chief Engineer

I have the honor to forward
 for your favorable consideration a
 letter I have just received for trans-
 mission to you from Captain Taylor.
 No information has reached me
 on the subject and I should hope
 that he has been misinformed.
 I do not feel that it would be
 altogether out of place for me to
 enter upon any defense of Captain
 Taylor more than to say that I
 believe the deficiency of the
 foundations did not arise from
 any culpable carelessness on his
 part. I have rarely met with
 an officer who gave so much of
 his time and attention to his work.

He seems to think of nothing else; and, certainly, when out with me, he had no other occupation or amusement:

You know better than I do how valuable this qualification is in a Public Works Officer; that his thoughts should be with his works and not rambling elsewhere:

Captain Taylor was a young officer when these foundations were laid 6 years ago, and I am satisfied that any error committed was from want of practical knowledge of one of the most difficult things in construction; and it would be a matter for regret that the experience so painfully learned should be lost to the State.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

William Massy Esq.
District Engineer

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Read the following
From The St. Engl. Herald (Heras) Extra dated
Part 1 of 1000 9th April 1844

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Life is not a ¹¹ K. J. D. - circumstances represented
 according to ¹² - His Excellency the Governor
 has ¹³ in Council is pleased

against Captain Taylor
He will be reduced
to a graduation by the

Love M^r Leggett.

h.m.

Confession Rhod. h
Milk Behav.

he is despatched to St. Eugene, Kansas 24/4/76.

The District Engineer
Sturmont.

For the Chief Engineer.

Settled 9th April 75.
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forward a letter
from Captain Lyden
for favorable
consideration.

Q.O. No: 10668. 24.4.74.

Chas. J. F. ...
... to ... in ...

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
C. No.
Office

The Dir. Engr.
Munrool.

Dated

Recd.

Enc:1

G. O., 24th April 1874, No. 1066B

No. 324C-324d.

Captain R. D. Taylor.
Executive Engineer.
Munrool District.

Reduced to the
rank of Assistant
Engineer first
grade —