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27th February 1874.*

No. 562. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Gundamanaickanoor, 14th January 1874, No. 4,242 :—

IN obedience to the instructions contained in G. O., 14th November 1873, No. 2,767, directing me to report "half-yearly on Mr. Hawksworth's qualifications in every respect as a Public Works Officer, the first report to be due after 31st December next," I have the honour to state as follows.

2. Although I am free to confess that Mr. Hawksworth in his management of the Dindigul Range leaves a great deal to be desired, yet I am convinced that this is from personal idiosyncrasy rather than want of professional attainments or zeal in the service. And when an officer conscientiously strives, as Mr. Hawksworth does, to do his best, I am of opinion that he deserves some consideration on this account.

3. I have no hesitation in saying that, with the exception of Captain Pennycuik, R.E., (who was but for a few months in charge of the range,) no Range Officer has during my tenure of this office, now nearly three years, done so much for the Dindigul Range as Mr. Hawksworth has done in the nine months during which he has had charge of the same.

4. He has exerted himself to bring up the Work Registers which had been much neglected by his predecessors, and to get work carried out in a more efficient manner and with less slovenliness than was formerly the case in the range. He has had a Road Map prepared for nearly every road in his range, showing in one line the position, size, and number of every bridge, tunnel or road-dam on each line of road, as also of the new *Tuttymaidoos*, with the quantities of broken stone and gravel heaped thereon, so that at a glance it may be seen where new materials are required to be laid, as ordered.

5. He has also exerted himself to make up for the neglect of past years in the maintenance of the irrigation works of the range; and certainly those that I have recently inspected in this, the Pereacolum Taluq, are in a deplorable state; and it will tax the best energies of Mr. Hawksworth, or any Range Officer of the department, to get these into order in a given time.

6. What I consider wanting in Mr. Hawksworth is a systematic and precise mode of conducting his duties. In the eagerness to do a great deal, too much is undertaken at one time; and sufficiently firm and succinct orders are not issued by him to his subordinates to ensure work being systematically carried through to completion. I refer especially to the construction of the Taluq Cutcheries at Pereacolum and Pulney, respectively, the Dispensary at Pereacolum, the Cumbum road, and several other works, the construction of which has not progressed as it should have done.

7. At the same time it must not be lost sight of that in Mr. Hawksworth the Government have a Range Officer who is most vigilant over expenditure; and that he never disburses Government money unless adequate return has been given for the same. Indeed, his conduct in this respect is remarkably different from that of Mr. Leggatt, the Madura Range Officer, whose carelessness and indifference in this regard I have had occasion to bring to the notice of Government.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1874, No. 506.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. The Government will form their judgment of Mr. Hawksworth's qualifications for the work of the department by the progress made with the works under his charge, which they regret to find from paragraph 6 is not so satisfactory as might be.

3. The use of a Tamil word in paragraph 4 is objected to.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

District Engineer's Office

No. 4242 Camp. Gundamanankannoor

14th January 1874.

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From

Lieut. Col. R. N. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer Madras

To

Col. J. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government

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Sir

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Wm. A. Roberts, Secy. to the
District Engineer, Madras

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The District Engineer
Madura

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The Secretary to Govt
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Dated 14 January 1874.

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Reports on the
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J. M. Hawksworth
Executive Engineer in
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PUBLIC WORKS.

to The District Judge
Madras,

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G. C. 27th Feby 506.

Box 562-1563

Mr. Eschsch. Newcomb.

Report on the qualifications
of Mr. Sawbuck, Bridgman
Range, Madras District,
recorded with remarks.

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