

No. 444. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer dated Camp at Ennore, 19th March 1875, No. 14 :—

From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 13th March 1875, No. 31.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the fever I caught last year at this time unfortunately led to such results that shortly after my return to Kurnool from the Hills I placed* my resignation in the hands of the Secretary of this Company, to take effect on the 31st instant. I enclose Dr. Adam's letter, and it is perhaps not impertinent to say that, reading it over after a year's experience, I find it wonderfully correct.

* 15th June.

2. Some correspondence that sprung out of this has led to a telegram, which I received last night from the Secretary of the Company, agreeing to the terms on which, writing on the 12th ultimo, I stated I was willing and, I may hope, fit to continue in the Company's service. Those terms were simply that I be allowed to reside in the Hills five months yearly, and have this year four months' leave, for rest and quiet, as early as I can be freed, in order to make a voyage home and back.

3. I shall be much obliged if you will solicit Government sanction to this arrangement. From my experience of the last two years, I am of opinion that an annual residence of the Company's Manager at the seat of Government is of value to the Company's, and therefore to the public, interests. Changes are made in cognate departments, and improvements in machinery, &c., are made in other canals in the Presidency, and so forth, of which no news reaches an out-station like Kurnool. On the other hand, the absence of the Manager from the Canal during the finishing of the works of annual repairs in the hot season, and during the monsoon weather, which stops all work till September, will not be of serious importance, if he be on the spot during the annual examination of the canals and its works, and the subsequent designing, estimating, and commencement of the repairs, and during all the season in which the supply of water is a necessity to the crops.

4. I estimate the expense of the proposed arrangement thus :—

<i>Personal expenses.</i>			
	RS.	A.	P.
Railway fare for self	78	0	0
" " for servant	17	6	0
Mettapolliem and Ghooty	60	0	0
			155 6 0
<i>Office expenses.</i>			
One 2nd-class, Ghooty and Mettapolliem ..	31	2	0
Two 3rd " " " "	34	12	0
Mettapolliem and Ghooty	36	0	0
150 days, at 12 Annas	112	8	0
150 " at 2 " twice	37	8	0
			251 14 0
Total	407	4	0
Saving in Chief Engineer's travelling allowance	1,000	0	0
Net Saving	592	12	0

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17th April 1875.

This will necessarily vary slightly with circumstances beyond control. The "Office" required at the Hills will be one writer, two peons, and a box of books and stationery in their charge.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

2. The four months' leave to England will have to be taken upon medical certificate under the Company's leave rules.
3. The permission to reside for five months annually on the Neilgherries, if granted, will entail no additional expense, as the incidental expenses will be more than covered by the fixed travelling allowance of 200 Rupees a-month of the Chief Engineer and Manager, which will not be drawn while he may be absent from the canal.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 445.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1875, No. 1,074.

IRRIGATION, No. 52.

In the foregoing letter the Chief Engineer asks for four months' leave to England, as soon as he can conveniently

give over charge of his Office, and also for permission to reside for five months in each year on the Neilgherries.

2. The leave to England will be granted under the Company's leave rules on the submission of a medical certificate, and as it is reported that the Board of Directors have approved of Mr. Latham doing his work on the Hills for five months during the hot season of the year, the Government will not object to this arrangement, it being understood that no additional expense will thereby be incurred, and that the permission is accorded only in consideration of the special circumstances of Mr. Latham's long service, and state of health.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Government Examiner of Accounts.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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To accompany
Chief Engineer's
letter of 17th April 1875.
March 1875.

Coonoor 19th April 1875.
H. Latham Esq.
My dear Sir,

About to leave this station and give over my charge in it to my successor. I must state to you my opinion as to your health, the illness you are liable to, and the prospect of recovery here. I have known you now for several years, since before when you were in the Company's Office in Bellary, and I hope with previous knowledge of your case, and that derived wholly from treating you, I may be allowed to advise. The form of fever I have seen you suffer from is of very severe character, and apparently of miasmatic origin, and I must say to you that your health has been much broken, and your general condition rendered anaemic by continued returns of intermittent fever. I cannot regret to say hold out much prospect of full recovery of health and strength in Coonoor, where, though the climate is pleasant and agreeable, you will be as liable to regular periods of illness as before when on the plains. It would be more than dangerous were you to return to such a climate as that of Rurnool, for to do work there you are physically incapable, and believing it to be absolutely necessary to have decided and thorough change of climate, I can

(only)

only recommend that this should be
to England, and that you should
obtain leave of absence for at least
18 months. Sea air when there would
be best. I think suit you, but allow
me to advise you that, when you go,
employ yourself in such a manner
as never to be influenced by mental
strain. You require rest and quiet,
and even in such a place as this you
cannot get it when comparatively
near the Camp. Officers you are kept
in anxiety as to work, this year must
be freed from, and I must again seri-
ously recommend you to take the
leave you cannot, but feel is absolute-
ly necessary.

Yours very sincerely
Signed J. C. Odam

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Submitted for the consideration of
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Chief Engineer for Irrigation
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To The Secretary to Government
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May 22/3/75

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To The Chief Engineer & Manager
Mr. J. & C. Co.

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To
Chief Engineer
Manager
M. S. Canal Co

Dated

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Encl.

G. O., 17 April 1875, No. 1074

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& Manager M. S. Canal

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