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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th September 1875.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 555. From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 11th August 1875, No. 250.

I HAVE been informed by the Officer Commanding the Company of Sappers here that another Serjeant is on his way to these Hills to join the Company, and that I shall be debited with his working batta. I have no need of the services of this Serjeant, nor means of meeting his working batta. I already employ and am debited with the working batta of two Serjeants and one Corporal. Some time ago I reported through the Officer Commanding the Company (who agreed with me) on the inefficiency of this Corporal, and requested his removal back to Bangalore, offering at the same time to pay all the expenses of his transfer. The Commandant of the Sappers not only declines to comply with my very reasonable request, but sends me another Serjeant without the smallest reference to me. I have the honor to request that under these circumstances the expected Serjeant and the present Corporal be ordered back to head-quarters. I beg to enclose copies of correspondence.

No. 396.

REFERRED to the Military Department.

OOTACAMUND,
13th August 1875.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

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COMMUNICATED to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for the issue of the necessary orders.

OOTACAMUND,
19th August 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 555-A. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th September 1875, No. 4,566.

From Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 18th September 1875, No. 460.

WITH reference to Proceedings, Madras Government, No. and date as per margin relative to the objections of the District Engineer, Nilgiris, to a Serjeant being sent to the E. Company, Sappers and Miners, to replace one recently reduced, and suggesting that a Corporal be removed on account of inefficiency, I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for the information of Government, the enclosed letter on the subject from the Commandant, Sappers and Miners.

2. Sir F. P. Haines considers that each detached Company should be complete in itself, as laid down by regulation.

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24th September 1875.*

From Major H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Officiating Commandant, Sappers and Miners, to
Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant-General, Madras, dated Bangalore,
7th September 1875, No. 711.

In returning your Memorandum, No. 374, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to report
that it was my intention to send a Serjeant to the F. Company on the Hills, because Serjeant
Morrison was recently reduced by Court-Martial and removed to the Depot at Wellington. I
do not therefore understand how the District Engineer has no means of meeting the working
batta of a Serjeant now, when he has hitherto been debited with the batta of another Serjeant.

2. The District Engineer wrote to Captain Winterbotham on the 7th May, recommending
that Corporal Davis should be sent to Bangalore on account of negligence and carelessness in
conducting his duties.

My answer was that I did not approve of Corporal Davis being sent back to head-quarters,
but I suggested that he should be placed under stricter supervision. I considered that the Corporal
belonged to the E. Company, and should remain with it; that discipline ought to be main-
tained in detachments as well as at head-quarters, and I decided that there was not sufficient
reason for me to withdraw Corporal Davis from the Hills and send another man in his place
from head-quarters.

3. By paragraphs 681 and 682 of the Madras Army Regulations, each detached Company
is to be complete in itself, and the European Serjeants and Corporals are to be detached as may
be required under the orders of the Commanding Officer. If a casualty occurs among the
Native Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, I make it good by sending another man from
head-quarters without reference to the Officer in charge of Public Works (paragraph 706).
Likewise, when there was a casualty among the Serjeants, I had no occasion to make any
reference to the District Engineer in filling his place by another Serjeant.

4. Now that I learn that the District Engineer does not want the Serjeant, I can keep him
here; for owing to travelling by railway having been suspended, he has not yet started. As it
appears also that the District Engineer wishes to reduce the number of the European Non-
Commissioned Officers, I will not oppose the return of Corporal Davis to head-quarters, but I
would submit that it was a matter entirely left to my discretion, as Commanding Officer, whether
I should remove Corporal Davis in May last; and that the District Engineer has not the smallest
ground of complaint, because I did not refer to him when about to replace the Serjeant that
had been removed.

No. 738.

HEAD-QUARTERS, Mysore Division, Bangalore, 8th September 1875.

(Signed) A. BORTON, Major-General,
Commanding Mysore Division.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with the expression of the
concurrence of Government in the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(By order,)

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 556. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1875, No. 2,762.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 51-B.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engi-
neer, Nilgiris, in continuation of G. O.,
No. 184, dated 25th August 1875.

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The District Engineer's proper course with reference to defaulting European
Commissioned Officers attached to the Sapper Company, employed on works under
orders, is to bring specific charges against those who indulge in drinking, with a
view their being brought to Court-Martial, and to report to the Officer Command-
ing the Company the amount that he considers should be stopped from their working
on account of negligence and carelessness.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

The District Engineer, Nilgiris.
Military Department.

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Ottumunda May 29th 1875

To
Lieut. J. D. Wintell
Capt. E. Company
Sappers & Miners
The District Engineer
Milgheny Hills
Ottumunda

Reference
Your letter No 108 dated May
7th 1875

Sir
I have the honor with re-
ference to the request contained
in your letter above referred to,
to forward for your information
letter No 432 of 26th inst from
the Adjutant Sappers & Miners
stating that the Commandant
of the Corps does not approve
of Corp. Davis being sent back
to Head Quarters.

2. Kindly return the Adju-
tant's letter when done with.
J.

Have the honor to be
Sir

You will find enclosed
(Signed) J. H. Winterbottom Capt
Comd'g Co. Company Sappers & Miners.

(Enc copy)

J. H. Morant
Captain R.E.
District Engineer.

11/5/95
in the office
of the
District Engineer

No 108

District Engineer's Office
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From

The District Engineer
Mylapore

To

Captain Winterbottom
Commanding "E" Company
Sappers & Miners.

Sirs

I trust you will
kindly excuse my inviting
your attention to the very un-
satisfactory manner in which
Corporal Davis of the Sappers
and Miners has lately been
conducting himself, with a
view to his being sent back
to Bangalore Head Quarters.

2. He has, as you are aware,
taken to drinking, is very
negligent and careless in con-
ducting his duties, is getting

a very bad example to his junior
Corporal Smith and is doing
his best to bring the distinguish-
ed Corps to which he belongs
into very bad repute at Wellington.

3 Sergeant Stoyke and Cor-
poral Smith have, I am very
happy to say, been carrying
out their duties very credita-
bly, and it is a great assistance
to me having them here. But
it would be well on every
ground, as you will I trust
agree with me in thinking
if Corporal Davis was sent
back to Bangalore, where
he would be more under
surveillance than he is now.

4. I am quite willing
to pay for his passage back

to Bangalore if such be con-
sidered necessary.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

1801 J. L. L. Morant Captⁿ R^e
District Engineer

(True Copy)

J. L. L. Morant
Captain R^e
District Engineer.

Nº 250

District Engineer's office
Otago Command August 17/75

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The District Engineer
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The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your's most obed^t & serv^t
John Morant Captain R.E.
District Engineer

Adjutant General's Office
Head Quarters, Ordnance
No. 460 18 September 1895

By General P. C. Stewart
Adjutant General

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Yours most obedt Servt.

J. M. Stewart
Colonel
Adjut. General.

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In reply to Memo

of the Secy. Govt

of the 10th Oct 75

Forwarded letter on

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the Commander-in-Chief.

By order,

Believe me

Very truly
Yours

Secretary to Government

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