No. 422. Read the following letter from Captain ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th October 1875, No. 3,182 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a report by Mr. J. N. Grainger, General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops, upon some timber which he inspected at Beypoor and Ponany in this month with a view to purchasing it for the use of the Public Works Department.

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., to Captain ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Coonoor, 18th October 1875.

WITH reference to your demi-official letter received by me on 29th September 1875, expressing General Walker's wish that the timber for sale at Beypoor and Ponany should be inspected by me if possible, I have the honor to state that owing to my absence from Coonoor the letter was delayed until the above date, when I wrote to General Walker, stating that, to prevent further delay (the timber was to be sold on 15th instant), I would leave Coonoor for Beypoor the next morning, which I did, arriving at Beypoor on 1st instant.

The timber at Beypoor was stacked in three heaps or lots—

1*st Lot*, in short lengths about 12 feet by 6 inches by 12 inches (rough measurement), is good timber, but roughly cut, bent and twisted, would cut up into rough planking for pier work; timber of this kind is much in demand for railway sleepers.

2*nd Lot*.—Rough dressed, 20 to 30 feet long, 4 inches to 6 inches to 9 inches thick, and 12 inches to 15 inches wide, a few good pieces could be selected, the whole being good for heavy staging.

3*rd Lot*.—Part similar to lot 2, only rougher, and part short small logs suitable for boat building, but neither of the lots are suitable for workshop use.

Left Beypoor on 2nd instant for Ponany.

The timber at Ponany is superior to that at Beypoor, but unsuited for workshop use. It is in lengths of 20 to 30 feet and over 12 inches to 15 inches wide, 6 inches to 8 inches thick, roughly squared, warped and twisted, but suitable for the pier to be built in connection with the Harbour Work at Madras.

Arrived in Madras on 4th instant; saw District Engineer and Mr. May about the timber; advising the latter officer to take the whole of the timber at Ponany for the Harbour Work.

Returned to Coonoor on 7th instant.

No. 423. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1875, No. 3,027.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18-DD.

MR. GRAINGER having proceeded to Beypoor and Ponany on public duty, the above letters will be communicated to the Controller of Public Works Accounts in view to Mr. Grainger's travelling allowance bill being passed.

2. The number of days Mr. Grainger was engaged on this duty will not count against the privilege leave granted him in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 20th July 1875.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PRESIDENCY DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
20 October 1875.

No. 3182.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY,

To

THE Chief Engineer, and
Secretary to Government, G.M.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a report by Mr. J. N. Grainger, General Superintendent of P.W. Stores & Workshops upon some timber which he inspected at Beypore and Ponany in this month with a view to purchasing it for the use of the Public Works Departments.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
W. Compston Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer
Presidency

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Coonoor

18th October 1875

From

Lt. Colonel Eyre
(on tour)

To Captain Alves Thompson R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency

Sir

With reference to your
semi-official letter received
by me on 27th September 1875
expressing General Walker's wish
that the Timber for sale at
Beypoor and Ponany should
be inspected by me if possible
I have the honour to state that
owing to my absence from
Coonoor the letter has remained
until the above date when
I wrote to General Walker
stating that to prevent further

delay

Dated 18th Oct 1875
Rec'd 20th Oct 1875
Memo
Encl.

Submits proposals
Reports upon Timber
Wh. he inspected at
Beypore & Ponany

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1st Lot in short lengths about

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2nd Lot — Roughly squared

20 to 30 feet long

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12" to 16" wide — a few good pieces could be selected the whole being good for heavy staging.

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The Timber at Ponany is superior to that at Beypoor but unsuited for Workshop use. It is in lengths of

25 to 30 feet & over

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6" to 8" thick

roughly squared, warped and twisted but suitable for the Pier & be used in connection with the Harbour Work at Madras.

Arrived in Madras on 4th instant — saw District Engineer and Mr May about the Timber advising the latter officer to take the whole of the timber at Ponany for the Harbour Work.

Returned to Coonoor on 6th inst.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

[illegible]

No. 3027

Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners under date the 27th Aug 75.

Read the following—

From

The Municipal Engineer

Pietermaritzburg

(H.S. No 3182 d/d 26 Aug 1875)

Proceedings

Mr Grainger having proceeded to Boshoek and Camp on public duty, the above letters will be communicated to the Secretary Public Works Commission in reply to Mr Grainger's letter dated 25th Aug 75.

2. The number of days Mr Grainger was engaged on this duty, will not count against his privilege leave

granted him in Oct

From

Mr Grainger

Dated 18

Rec'd 20 Dated

Report

Regarding the

Visit of Boshoek

& Camp

P.W. 6702/75

Fort St George Gazette
20 July 1875.

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Govt. of (1875) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dup Engrs
Presidency

Dist.

Supt.

Rect.

Encl.

G. O. 27th 1875, No. 3,028.

Nos. 422/23

Sanction Gratuity Furlough allowance till - Forwarding to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Copy of Superintending Engineer's letter of 8th Instant, with a copy of his reply to the same, as he has no objection thereto.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 27th October 1875.

Read the following letters:—

No. 424. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 8th October 1875, No. 2,862.

I HAVE the honor to request the sanction of Government to the retention, from the date of Mr. Bowyer Smyth's departure to England on twelve months' furlough, of the office establishment sanctioned in G. O., No. 159-A., dated 19th January 1875, Mr. Donaghue, Sub-Engineer, having since joined the district in his room.

No. 424-A. From the same Officer, dated Guindy, 13th October 1875, No. 2,922.

REFERRING to G. O., No. 2,797, of 29th September, I have the honor to observe that there is a great deal of work to be done in the Serulur Range during the coming season. I trust, therefore, that if the Military Authorities avail themselves of Captain R. F. Taylor's services, I shall have an efficient officer in his place.

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1875, No. 3,028.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18-CC.

THE retention of the temporary establishment referred to by the Superintending Engineer cannot be authorized. Mr. Donaghue's services must be utilized in lieu of those of Captain Taylor, as no additional officer can be provided.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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