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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th February 1875.*

No. 365. Read the following letter from Major H. SMALLEY, Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Gopaulpore, 7th January 1875, No. 68:—

I HAVE the honor to forward the under-mentioned documents:—

- Placed in*
the file
- (1.) Copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Milne, late of the Civil Engineering College, Madras.
 - (2.) Do. of defence of Overseer Mr. P. Whitbread.
 - (3.) Do. of defence of Acting Draughtsman K. Venkataratnum.

2. The first document, in original, was forwarded to me by the Principal, Civil Engineering College. The other documents are replies from the parties implicated in the first document to a call from me for any defence of their conduct they might have to make. I have suspended both the Overseer and the Acting Draughtsman from the 1st instant, the day after receiving the Principal's letter.

3. Mr. Whitbread joined this district on the 30th July 1874 straight from the College. His conduct, as far as I am aware, has been uniformly good. K. Venkataratnum has been employed from the 22nd August 1869 to 30th November 1872 as Draughtsman on the Special Executive Engineer's Establishment, and from the 1st December 1872 up to date as copyist and Acting Draughtsman, District Engineer's Office. His conduct also during the two years I have known him has, as far as I am aware, been uniformly good. Which was the tempter and which the tempted in this case, it is very difficult to ascertain. Each casts the blame on the other. The Overseer, it will be observed, says the Draughtsman by his importunity got him to write the letter to Mr. Milne. The Draughtsman says the Overseer promised to assist him, though he denies that he was cognizant of there having been any fraud intended thereby. The latter statement it is impossible to believe. Whether openly expressed, or tacitly understood, the Draughtsman must have been well aware of the nature of the assistance the Overseer was to give him. He was the party to be benefited, not the Overseer. I cannot but consider him as the more guilty of the two. His examination, if successful, will, I presume, be cancelled, and I think he should not be allowed to compete again for at least one year. I think he should also be suspended from pay and allowances for three months. I do not urge his dismissal on the consideration that he has erred more from ignorance and stupidity than from deliberate wrong intention.

4. As to the Overseer, I am inclined to believe his statement that he yielded weakly to the Draughtsman's importunity, and that he has been simply made a tool of in the matter. He is very young and inexperienced, and I do not think Government would wish to crush him altogether at the commencement of his career by dismissing him from the public service. I think one month's suspension from pay and allowances would meet his case.

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No. 366.

ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1875, No. 437.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

THE Governor in Council observes that he sees no difference between the delinquency of the Overseer and that of the Draughtsman, and he orders their suspension from pay and allowances for a period of three months.

2. He sees no necessity for cancelling the Draughtsman's examination should it prove successful, as there can be nothing fraudulent in that result.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Ganjam.
,, Principal of the Civil Engineering College.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. Grubert.
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Chittipati
17 January 75
To Mr. Swalley, Major R.E.
Off. District Engineer
Ganjam District
From Mr. Howard
With reference to your honor
memorandum No. 12 of the 31st
ultimo suspending me from my
present post of Acting Draughtsman
from instant requiring my defense
in the case, I most respectfully
beg to represent that I have not
offered any bribe to any person
through Mr. Whitbread. On a
certain day, I recollect that Mr.
Whitbread the overseer, having
once repaired to the District Engineer's
office and having seen some of the
plans in which I prepared, ques-
tioned me whether I prepared the
test required for the post of Draughts-
man. In reply, I stated that I
have once appeared for the test
and could not succeed. Mr.
Whitbread thereupon promised me
some

some assistance to enable me
to pass the test by getting down
the Truckly Examination papers
issued in the College at Madras,
but I don't know what steps he
had taken in getting them down
subsequently.

Since the Government have
passed orders of serious nature in
cases of Candidates who may
endeavour to pass the examina-
tion by foul means, it is quite
evident that I would not take
such a liberty as would tend to
hinder me the future bad conse-
quences derived from the plots.
Moreover I know that the
offering of a bribe is an offence
against the Indian laws. I am
a Government servant of about
seven years standing and have
been discharging my duties under
your honor's kind observations and
so I am left with full hopes
that your honor shall have
the least doubt regarding my
conduct.

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In Conclusion, I beg that
your honor will be good enough
to consider that I am not a party
to the present case and that
therefore humbly beg that your
honor upon a personal investiga-
tion into the circumstances of the
case, will be pleased to cancel
the order of my suspension which
is only made merely upon the
Confession of the party to have
committed the crime. I am
moreover a poor man with a
large family solely depending
upon my protection. It is left
for your honor's generous considera-
tion how a poor and helpless
man as myself could try to offer
bribes when we are quite destitute
of common necessities of life.
By considering my case, please
do me a service, which I shall
ever remember, remember with
gratitude.

I have the
pleasure of
H. Venkatarathnam
of draughtman
True

True copy/

Major R. S. S. S.
Off District Engineer
Canton

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No 71. 8.

Major R. S. S. S.
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Sir,

In compliance with the instructions conveyed in the Com. - cluding portion of your memorandum - dated Dec. 11 of this day's date, I most respectfully and beg to submit this my defence, consequent upon my suspension, and most earnestly solicit you will be generously pleased to consider the motives which actuated my conduct, in the writing of a certain letter to a Mr. Miller of the Engi. - nering College of Madras and which has resulted in my present unfortunate condition.

The object of my letter was simply to help a candidate - at the last draughtsmen's examination held at Chatterpore, though any thing illegal, improper or

or informal was never contemplated by me at the time.

2 Some how the impression seems to be prevalent amongst many Hindu Candidates, at such and similar examinations, that justice is not done to their papers, and the Candidate in question having so frequently brought my intervention in his behalf, when he had heard that I was acquainted with Mr. Miller, I penned the letter, not with a view that any partiality might be shown him or that Mr. Miller needed such intervention to ensure a fair examination of the Candidate's paper but rather to get rid of his importunities which had become known to me. Herein, I beg to add, my fault consists, in not possessing the firmness to decline interference in this matter which I most respectfully beg you will graciously attribute, to my youth and inexperience. I am but a novice
in

in this department, and not quite up to the ~~Chancery~~ and antepiece of some about me.

3 In Conclusion I beg to state and I entreat your serious consideration of the fact, that had I been Cognizant at the time, that a grave illegality had been contemplated, or that I was truly committing a moral wrong, I should not have been so ridiculously foolish to risk my situation and future prospects, for a subordinate or any paltry consideration it might have been in his power to offer.

Under all these circumstances I pray Sir, that this fault of mine may be overlooked - a fault of youthful inexperience. I have received a lesson, and a warning sufficient for a life time. and in consideration of my youth and the total annihilation of all my hopes and aspirations which my dismissal would involve,
I

I once more earnestly entreat
I may be forgiven a fault, the
seriousness of which did not appear
to me at the time

I am
J. P. Whithead

Burhampton }
31st Decr. }
Valley Overseer D.M.

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Mr. M. M. M.
Major R. E.
Off. District Engineer
Garrison

Mr. 243/75

6 December 1874
Burhampton

Mr. M. M. M.
Valley Overseer D.M.

I want to send Tamarantio
Tukatarathnam trying for a
draughtman's ship wished to be
paid. If you will kindly pass
him he will send you 25/0 as
a reward. If you telegraph as
soon as you receive this letter
saying (yes it will be done) the
money will be sent before-hand
if you will excuse the trouble
he is a poor man and intend
getting married. If he should pass
his pay will be (40). I was never
in such a case before. please be
kind to him.

For my case I must thank
you for all you have taught me.
many things are coming of use to
me. H. Taylor is at Cheasole.

Yours obediently
J. P. Whithead

Please turn over

his name.

Kanaravatu, Tinkatarathum
District Engineer
P. N.

True Copy

Major E.E.
Off District Engineer
Ganjam

11/11/23/75

No. 68

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE, GANJAM,

7th January 1875.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

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To

The Chief Engineer
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Sir
Yours most Obedt Servant
H. M. M. J. Major &
Offy District Engineer
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From the District Engineer,
Gaujam } C.N.S. No 68 dated 7th Jan'y 1871.

The Governor in Council observes that he sees no difference between the delinquency of the Oriskany and the Brantford men; ~~that of~~ and the Brantford men; ~~and the~~ ~~being their first~~ ~~reported offences~~, he orders their suspension from pay and allowances for a period of 3 months. ~~from~~
~~1st January 1875.~~

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

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Wm. H. Hall

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fraudulent in that
result.

G.M.W.

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To
D. Hugo Ganfan
Prin. C. F. College
Leont. P. W. A. C. S.
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Public Works Dept.
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For Orders.

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of more hard training - I don't
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as being ill for the Service -

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I don't cancel a suc-
cessful exam: there can be
nothing fraudulent - Not result
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Secretary to Government
P. W. Dept.

6/12/75

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To

The Dist Engr
Ganjam

By

Date

Recd.

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G. O. 16 Feb 1875, No. 487

No. 165-266

Eversee Mr P Whithead
& As Draughtsman &
Venkataraman -
Mr Ganjam J. -

Directing their suspension
from pay and
allowances for a
period of 3 months
with certain remarks -