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No. 410. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. OAKES, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 21st
April 1876, No. 659:—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Subordinate Judge of the North Tanjore Court has requested me to nominate a Commissioner to measure and report upon the materials supplied and the work done by contractors Jehangir Khan & Co. on the Southern Extension of the South India Railway, from Trichinopoly to Dindigul, in connection with a suit for the recovery of Rupees 68,000 and odd by the contractor from the Railway Company, now pending before his Court.

2. It appears that the contractor undertook the earthwork, the masonry and the supply of rough stone for a length of 60 miles of the Railway, and that, owing to delay in the execution of the work, the contract was taken from him when in progress, and the work was undertaken by the Railway Department, and the suit has arisen owing to a difference of opinion between the Railway authorities and the contractor as to the quantity and value of work executed by the latter before the works were taken from him.

3. The case is an important one, and the Commissioner, to perform the duty required of him, should be able to measure and estimate for work correctly, and will have to examine witnesses and take evidence on the spot as to the portion of work which was executed by the contractor before the works were taken from him, and, in the case of any difference between the statements made relative to the progress of a work, when the Railway Department commenced work upon it, the Commissioner should be sufficiently acquainted with work to be able to detect any differences in the style of workmanship, &c., &c., in different parts of a work, and so to form a correct opinion relative to the opposite statements made before him.

4. It would be advantageous too if he were well acquainted with Tamil, and were able to converse fluently with natives without the aid of any interpreter.

5. In thinking over the qualifications, &c., of the various executive officers now employed in the four southern districts, it has struck me that Captain Brockman, R.E., lately appointed District Engineer of Tinnevely, is better qualified than any other officer to undertake the delicate and responsible duty required of the Commissioner, for he has had considerable experience as an executive officer, and is a first rate Tamil scholar, and as he has not yet joined Tinnevely, his undertaking the work would only leave the district for a short time longer in charge of the Assistant Engineer, who has now been in charge for nearly a year, I think, and would not entail any transfer or interruption of work as the nomination as Commissioner of any person who is in harness would do.

6. Captain Brockman should of course be consulted in the matter; but I write at the request of the Sub-judge at once to obtain the sanction of Government to the arrangement if Captain Brockman assents to undertake the duty, because I am expecting Captain Brockman here *en route* to Tinnevely on the 24th or 25th instant, and, if he is permitted to undertake the work, I would detain him here till he receives his instructions from the Court, and I would suggest that I should be informed by

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important work as
Tanjore. He will understand
the business the Government
in affairs and probably
he will entertain no objection
to taking Tanjore instead
of Timmally and as he

was working again in Trichinopoly he
has already been acquainted with
the situation of that part of the country

Yours sincerely
W. H. H. H.

23 April 1876

No. 659

Superintendent Engineer's Office
Tanjore 21st April 1876

From [unclear] to [unclear]

The following Telegram
is submitted for approval
of his Grace the Governor
with reference to the
note and endorsement
accompanying -

To Capt. Brockman. P.S. [unclear]

He is appointed the
act in
to Tanjore District
for Colonel Gales for 6 months
instead of Timmally

I inform the
Department
Capt. Brockman
to act for Col. O.
[unclear] to
give him appointment
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services to any amount the Govern-
ment might think fit. I
informed him what Captain
Brockman's pay & allowances
were and stated that as far as
I could judge he would be
able to get thro' the work in 2 or 3
weeks.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
J. F. Wake
Lieut Col M
Superinty Engineer Bangalore

Estab^d

P. W. D.

No. 1062

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Under date the 28th April 1876.

Read the following:—

From the Supg. Engineer
Tanjore - H.E. No. 659 of 21 April 76

His grace the
Governor in Council
assents to the employ-
ment of Capt. Brockman
as proposed. And directs
that on conclusion of
the duty he shall relieve
Lt. Col. Oakes of the
charge of the Tanjore
District instead of taking
up that of Tirunelveli.

W. E. Tanjore S. M. S. Dept. 28 April 1876. F
Capt. Brockman R.E.
5 Ex. P. M. Ayth 36
28 April 1876. Dept 8/5/76

S. G. 1876 Department

From

No. 2883

The Deputy Engineer

Tanjore

To the Secretary &
Court

No. 659

Dated 21 April 76

No. 2883

Requesting that the
provisions may be
apportioned to a commission
to examine certain works
carried out in contract
on the V. S. Railway
which is the subject
of a report forwarded
in the stationer's
Court to the Engineer

No. 410-411

27.4.76 Dept 28.4.76

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The W. & L. Langier
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Deposited in Langier's Office

Date

Place

By

For

9/45 Dec

G. O. 2954th. 1876, No. 1062

No.

210-10/11
Sent to Mr. 8-11/11

to relieve Lt. Col.
Baker of the charge
of the Langier St.

Captain Brockman-R.

Approving of the ~~for~~
~~appointment~~ employment of
— as Commissioner
to report on certain Works
carried out on Contract
for the S. Indian Ry by a
Contractor and directing
him to deliver the
report on enclosure of the
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