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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. *1200*

B.P. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th May 1876.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 462.	From the District Engineer, Madura, dated 26th April 1876, No. 299.	
No. 462-A.	From do. do. „ 2nd May „ „	448.
No. 462-B.	From do. do. „ 3rd „ „ „	493.
No. 462-C.	From do. do. „ 4th „ „ „	497.
No. 462-D.	From Major Law, „ 2nd „ „ „	20.
No. 462-E.	Chief Engineer's Memorandum, „ 10th „ „ „	793.

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1876, No. 1,320.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

MAJOR LAW is reprimanded for infraction of the latter part of G.O., No. 780, dated 25th March, implicit obedience to which will hereafter be rendered.

2. The Government view with extreme dissatisfaction the tone of Colonel Fischer's correspondence, and the terms used therein. They would have expected that an officer of his long standing in the service would have endeavoured zealously and cordially to give effect to the orders of Government, and to aid in every way the work of officers placed under him, more especially when those officers or any of them are employed on special work. The Government will not make changes in the organization of districts because the officer in charge of the district and one of those employed under him fail to work in harmony. If the officers adhere to the strict discharge of the orders of Government, correspond in accordance therewith and the usual rules of the department, and avoid unnecessary and uncalled for jealousy of each others position or duties, all will go well. If otherwise the work of the department is impeded ; and the Government will severely visit the officer who may then be found in the wrong.

3. The correspondence which has led to this order must cease.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
„ Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

P.M.G. 28th March 1876. No. 780

No. 189

Forwarded to the Executive Engineer on Special Duty Madras with an intimation that changes should not be made till a reply has been received from the Government to a reference made by this office to know how the Establishment transferred to Major Law by their orders of the 26th July 1875 No. 2146 are to be disposed of.

2 The attention of Major Law is particularly requested to the manner he should address this office in future.

Madras } Signed (13. 4. 76) J. F. Fischer District Engineer
(True Copy)

Kodakanal } George V. Law Major
2nd May 1876 } Spec. Exec. Engineer

B.

No. 6.

19th April 1876
Kodakanal -

From

The Executive Engineer on Special Duty

To

Lt Col. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer of Madras

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your No. 189. 13th April 1876. on P.M.G. 28th March 1876. No. 780, & to request you to be kind enough to inform me if you forbid my appointing an assistant writer.

For some weeks I have been obliged entirely to detach my acting writer from office work to carry on the duties of the overseer posted to me in your order dated 18th Jan. & who has never joined.

The whole office work has therefore to be performed by me in addition to my other arduous duties.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

(Signed) George V. Law - Major

(True copy)

George V. Law. Major

Spec. Exec. Eng.

Kodakanal 2nd May 1876

Executive Engineer
on special duty.

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C.

Orders by the District Engineer
Madras

The Col. & Engineer (D. P. W.)
having in his Memorandum No. 894 under
date the 21st December, 75, intimated the
proposed transfer of Mr. Assistant Engineer
Davidson to the Madras District with a
view to his being placed in charge of the
Panaculum Sub D. the following arrange-
ments are made;—

2. Mr. Assistant Engineer Davidson
will on his joining the District proceed
at once to Panaculum Sub D. from whence
Chinnasavini Pillai.

3. Mr. Chinnasavini Pillai will
on his being relieved from the charge of the
Panaculum Sub D. take charge of the
Panaculum Sub D. from whence
Morthiroslappa Pillai.

4. Morthiroslappa Pillai will
on being relieved by Salug proceed at once to encounter
Savani Pillai proceed at once to encounter
Engineer Major G. V. Law's camp and
report himself for duty under that
gentleman.

5. The dates of relinquishing and
taking over charges should be duly
reported to this office.

Dindigul } /Signed/
18th January/76 } J. F. Fischer Lieut Col R.E.
District Engr

(True Copy)

No 3875

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Forwarded to Executive

Engineer Major G. V. Laid for information.

The date on which Northinodappa Pillai reports himself for orders should be duly reported.

Dindigul } /Signed/
18th Jan'y/76 } J. F. Fischer Lieut Col R.E.
District Engineer
(True Copy)

Hodakanal

2nd May 1876

George O. Laid Major
Spec. Exec. Engineer

D.

No 257 - District Engineer's Office
Tiroorungalum

21st April 1876

From

Mr Col Fischer R E

District Engineer of Madurai

To Major G. V. Laid

Executive Engineer

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst No 6 - I regret to say it is not in my power to comply with your request until I have received the further orders of the Government, as it is quite evident they had overlooked the existence of the establishment already transferred to you by their own orders & regarding which you made no mention in submitting your application, these people are the servants of the Government & cannot be disposed of to suit private arrangements & wishes -

I request you will be good

enough to send in some detailed
 account of the very arduous
 nature of your duties; as far as
 this office is aware in 10 months
 you have traced about 12½
 miles of channel in very open
 ground. Your expenditure has
 been about Rs 4000 & your
 salary drawn about Rs 11000,
 including allowances, but not
 the cost of any establishment,
 which is perhaps Rs 1000 more
 or Rs 12000 in all; at this rate
 each mile of channel tracing has
 cost as nearly as possible Rs 1000
 & the cost of establishment etc is to
 expenditure as 3 to 1 or 300 per cent,
 under these circumstances I
 am unable to recognise your
 claims for further assistance
 on account of laborious work &
 duties

P.W. 3325/76

Yours truly
Lieut

Yours most obedt servt

(Signed) Mr. F. Fischer Lt Col R.E.

(true copy)

Genl O. Law - Major

District Engineer

Ther: Exec: Engineer
Madras, 2 May 1876

Inspection Report of Major G.O. Law

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DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.
 Madras 3 April 1876.
 No. 48.

From
 The District Engineer
 of Madras.

To
 The Executive Engineer
 on Special duty.
 Kodikaval.

Despatched 5 } April 1876.
 Received

P.W. 3325/76
 Enclosure.

Your No. dated

In passing the
 Travelling allowance Bill
 for March last for the
 Special Executive Engi-
 neer on the Pulney Hills
 the undersigned has the

enough to send in some detailed account of the very arduous nature of your duty.

F
Inspection Report of Major G. V. Law, re for March 1876.

Month and Date.	Taluq.	Places visited.	No. of days halted at each place.	Distance travelled during each day.	Distance of halting place from fixed Station.	No. of days for which Travelling Allowance is claimed.	No. of miles for which Mileage Allowance is claimed.	Date of last Inspection.	Object of journeys and names of works inspected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
March 1 st 6 7 th		Head Quarters Hoda Kanals	7	"	"	"	"	"	Bad leg
" 8 th		Neutral Saddle	1	8	8	1	"	"	the labourers being in want of work, went out about 1 1/2 miles for them, leg in cold water bare days -
" 9 th 10 th		do	2	"	8	2	"	"	
" 11 th		Returned to Head Quarters	1	10	"	1	"	"	
" 12 th 6 31 st		Head Quarters	20	---	---	---	---	---	Bad leg, continued on the 18 th by the Rd. R. R. Meadows who has been his day, treating me most successfully -
			Days claimed		4				
Hoda Kanals 31 st March 1876 -			(Signed) George V. Law Major see: Exec. Insp.						
Hoda Kanals 2 nd May 1876 -			(true copy) George V. Law Major see: Exec. Insp. 1 st May 1876						

honor to observe that unless considerable more work is shown in future no such claims will be justified. A ride to the Neutral saddle & back does not constitute a journey of the character contemplated by the Commission in awarding even ordinary travelling allowances and is therefore wholly out of the question for double allowances when the expenses could not have been more than the conveyance of a bed or baggage basket.

2. If as alleged Coolies are flocking to the works on account of the scarcity in the plains a good deal more attention should be paid to them by the Executive Engineer than this Inspector's report indicates.

W. T. C. V. C. Coll. C. C.
District Engineer

District Engineer's Office

Madras 15th April 1876 -

From
The District Engineer of Madras

To
The Executive Engineer
on Special Duty - Kodikanal

Sir
In reference to your letter of the 10th instant No 4 I have the honour to request you will be good enough to detail in full the grounds on which you call on me to withdraw the memo therein referred to, a mere allegation that you do so as a gentleman & an officer of nearly the same standing as myself forms no sufficient grounds for complying with such a request -

I As long as you are serving in this District it is my duty to form a judgement of your proceedings and the performance of your work & duties, & I am quite prepared to explain to the Government why

I had come to the conclusions
contained in the memo sent to
you -

3 In conclusion I beg to draw
your attention to G.O. of the 28th
ultimo No 780 in which your style
of address to this office in matters
connected with your work & duties
is disapproved of, & to add the
dictatorial tone & insubordinate
manner of the letter under
reply are not only not in
accordance with Departmental
courtesy but a breach of good
order & military discipline which
should be avoided in future.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant

(Signed) J. F. Fisher Lieut. Colonel R.E.
District Engineer of Madras

(true copy)

Madakanal George V. Law Major
2nd May 1876
Spec: Exec: Engineer

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No 4 -

Madakanal
10th April 1876 -

From

The Executive Engineer
on Special Duty -

To the

District Engineer of Madras -

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge
your No 7 dated 1st April 1876
your No 48 dated 5th April 1876 -

2 As a gentleman, as an officer
(of nearly the same standing &
position as yourself) I claim the
privilege of being addressed as
such by you, whilst serving in your
District, & most respectfully request
you to withdraw the above men-
tioned reprimand, or submit your
complaints against me, with my
defence, for the kind consideration
of Government -

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

(Signed) George V. Law Major

Madakanal true copy -
2nd May 1876 - George V. Law Major Executive Engineer on Special
District

District Engineer's office

Madura 26th April 1876

No. 229

From

The District Engineer
Madura

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir,

In reference to a letter of the 21st April 1876 No. 8 addressed to you direct by Major Law, in direct defiance and disobedience of the orders of the Government as contained in para 1 of G.O. of the 28th March 1876 No. 780 and duly communicated to him, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to submit this my application to his Grace the Governor in Council to be allowed to reply to the document in my own defence before any orders are passed thereon.

2 A copy of this letter has been sent to Major Law and I beg to deny at once that I have ever refused him any redress, but called upon him to state the grounds on which he made such a demand, as I had not in any way done anything more than my duty required me to do.

3 Major Law only sent me a copy of his

letter to your address dated the 21st Inst
on the 24th I am and it has this day the 26th
come to hand, I have therefore been unable
to submit the application earlier, he gives
as an excuse for the preceding "pressure of
work", but I regret to say that no delay
whatever should have been allowed to occur
in such a matter, particularly as he well
knew I might, such even as at Head Quarters,
and he had already told me "he could get
what orders he liked passed, and so intended
to have both the Assistant Engineers of the
District under him; or words to that effect;
and he had only just been ordered by the Governor
not to adopt such a course in future,
and he has no grounds for so acting.

I have &c

187 J. F. Fischer Lieut. Col. R.E.

(True Copy) District Engineer

Signed J. F. Fischer Lieut. Col. R.E.

District Engineer

(True copy)

George O. Law Major

Spec: Ence: Engineer

Kodakanal

2nd May. 1876-

J.

N^o 18

From

Major G. O. Law

Spec: Ence: Engineer

To.

J. F. Fischer Lieut. Col. R.E.

District Engineer

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your
N^o 300 dated 26th April 1876. and enclose (copy
of your letter to Secretary to Government. D. P. W.
N^o 229, 26th April 1876) and to inform you that
I have been permitted to withdraw my letters
to Secretary to Government D. P. W. N^o 8 dated
21st April, and N^o 10 dated 22nd April, 1876.

2. Para 8 of the former clearly shows, that
I was appealing to General Walker. R. E. as
"Head of the Department" and my addressing him
as "Secretary to Government" was "an oversight",
which I will rectify as soon as possible.

3. The delay in sending you a copy of my
letter N^o 8 was but one working day (Sat-
day 22nd) when I settled the accounts, and paid
with my own hands 444 labourers and contr-
actors, besides arranging for their work for
the following week. I did my best to get

a copy in time for Sunday's post, but failed.

In conclusion I have the honour to regret that I cannot pass "unchallenged" the statement made in para 3 of your letter to Secretary to Government No 229.26. April 1876 and respectfully request you to inform me, "when and where" I told you that "I could get what orders I liked passed" and "that I intended to have both the Assistants Engineers in the District under me", or words to that effect. I have never thought of such a thing, much less said it, either to you or anyone else.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

(Signed)

George V. Law Major

Spec: Exec: Engineer

(True Copy)

Kodakanal

2nd May. 1876.

George V. Law - Major

Spec: Exec: Engineer

No 20 -

Kodakanal

May 1876 -

From

Major G. V. Law.

Executive Engineer on Special duty
Madurai District

To

Major General Walker R.E.

Chief Engineer - 1875

Sir

It is with much regret that I have to claim your protection from Lt Col Fischer R.E. District Engineer of Madurai -

1 - On the hostile tone of Col Fischer's remarks on all recent Government orders relating to myself & works, I need hardly remark -

2 - On the 1st April Col Fischer forwarded G.O. No 659 14th March 1876 endorsed as follows

"Communicated to the Executive Engineer on Special duty with reference to G.O. No 389 of the 12th Feb 1876 who will be good enough to confine to his own

works & not to interfere with the
administration of the subordinates
of this District

Lieut Roddy R.E. & Mr Davidson
have been here for the Easter
holidays, very anxious to visit
Neutral saddle & my works
"on duty": I have been forced to
refuse to receive them "officially"

4 - I am L. M. G. No 780, dated
28 March 1876, the Government
have kindly sanctioned my
entertainment and increased
establishment; Col Fitcher at
once forbids it, & in answer
to my respectful request that
I might be permitted to
entertain an extra writer
wrote me a letter which
reflects both on my honesty
& veracity, & I have the honour
to enclose copies of the follow-
ing correspondence -

A. Copy of Col Fitcher's memo No 189,
13th April 1876 -

B. My reply to District Engineer
14th April 1876 -

C. District Engineer's order dated 18th Jan 1876
(referred to in above)

D. Col Fitcher's answer

251, 21st April 1876 -

5 - On the 3rd April Col Fitcher
wrote a reprimand No. 48, of
which I have the honour to
enclose the original (marked E)
& copy of my inspection report
(marked F). Colonel Fitcher has not
visited my works for nearly
three months, & when he perused
his reprimand was well aware
that I had advanced large sums
of private funds to maintain
the labourers whom he accuses
me of neglecting -

6 - I regret that my inspection
report was so brief; it was
intended simply as a voucher
to be filed in the Controller's
Office in support of my claim
to double travelling allowance
for the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th of March 1876 -

7 - Had Col Fitcher called
for explanations, I could have
informed him that on the
8th I walked (riding being
impossible) with Mr Bliss
through the Liger Shohale to the
Neutral saddle giving him
all the information in my
power, & that that gentleman

dined with me & slept in my
camp. That the 8th & 9th were
devoted to tracing from 8 AM
till dark & home to camp by
moonlight - That on the 10th I
was tracing water course &
sanitary arrangements at
Neutral Saddle till noon: it
being Saturday afternoon & then
walked through Tiger Sholali
paying the labourers on the
works with my own funds,
& largely from private funds,
reaching Deich quarters by
moonlight; That with the
intention of tracing far north
of Neutral Saddle (if my bad leg
permitted) I had provided tents
for myself & servants, a fortnight's
supplies, besides paying for the
carriage of bedding & rice for
my servants & horses -
8 - I received Col Fischer's
reprimand at a time when
to make up for what I had
lost with my bad leg, I was
working as overseer all day
& written by night, several
hundred labourers to keep in
work & pay & I mention these
facts: not to justify my claim

to travelling allowances, or being
to indicate my character for devotion
to my work (known to everyone
in the district who had any
opportunity of judging) but to
show how keenly & deeply I
feel reprimand & reflections
which (if recorded) would cast
an undesired slur on 26
years of faithful service -
9 - I have the honour to enclose
copies of the following correspondence
6 My remonstrance, No 4, 10th April, 1876
H Col Fischer's reply, No 206, 15th April, 1876.
I Col Fischer's letter to Secretary to
Government No 229 - 26th April 1876.
J My reply No 18 dated 30th April 1876.
10 - Since 29th September 1875 I have
only met Colonel Fischer twice,
namely at Sheembogamer on
the 24th & on to the Neutral Saddle
on the 25th January 1876 each time
in the presence of one or more
witnesses, to whom I can appeal
to disprove (if necessary) Colonel
Fischer's statement in the con-
cluding para of his letter I
No 229 26th April 1876 -
11 - In conclusion I have
the honour to trust that I may

L. H. 1896 Department

SP 3325 et.

From Major G. O. Davis
Spec: Exec: Engineer
L.
Major General Walker
R. 2.
Chief Engineer

No 20

Dated 2nd May 1896

Quinto 8th Regt.

Enclosure 10.

Appeals for restoration
from the belated
of Medina, of course
Concordance -

Re Ci. 24/6/96
Ci. 10.5.96
At. 11.15.96

be pardoned in appealing to you
direct as "Head of the Department"
instead of complaining through
my "Immediate commanding
Officer Colonel Fisher" who as
the enclosed correspondence
will show takes every opportunity
to add insult to insult -

Yours the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

George O. Davis Major

Special Executive Engineer

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The District Engineer is informed that the letter from Major Law alluded to in his N^o 295 of 26th April was returned to that Office with reference to L.O. N^o 780 of 28th March. No orders will be passed on letters from that Office, not submitted through the District Engineer. The letter in question will be considered as withdrawn.

20th May 1876

No 299.

District Engineer's Office
Madura 26 April 1876

From

Vicent Colonel J. Fischer & Co
District Engineer, Madura

To

Major General G. W. Walker & Co
Secretary to Government

Sir,

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2/ A copy of this letter has been sent to Major Law and I beg to

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 f. 389 of 12 Feb 1876 (v. 2)
 Memo by Secty.

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Applicable for giving
 the facts of the case
 as stated by the
 Govt to Government

Dated 26 April 1876
 No. 29

To
 The District Engineer
 Madras
 P. W. S.
 The Secretary to Govt
 Memo 467 of 4/5/76

Recd - 24/5/76
 Cui. 10. 5. 76
 Dep. W. 29-24/76

Puckney
 29 April 1876
 No. 92
 From
 The Assistant Engineer
 in charge of No. 2 or
 Diindigab Range
 To
 The District Engineer
 Madras

Sir, As requested in your Memo:
 No. 362, Dated 27 April 1876
 I have the honor to forward a
 statement showing my daily
 occupation since the 18th for
 submission to the Chief Engineer
 D. P. W. and to inform you that
 I returned to duty on the 19th.
 District.

Date	Daily occupation
April 19th	Inspected Road at Kodikanel
20th	Inspected Major Law's New Flaut up to the neutral saddle & returned
21st	Inspected Road to above Vilpully and attended the meeting of the Local Fund Board Diindigab Hills
22nd	Inspected the New Flaut as far as the water fall. Examined the flaut.

Feb 23rd Fleuthaus to determine what repairs
 were wanted and settled site for the
 New Fleuthaus.

24th Sunday
 To Dinecolum inspecting the amount
 the upper 6 miles require loose stones
 to be cleared off the path.

25th Examined the Dispensary completed.
 Compound requires clearing and outhouses
 to be built. Inspected Stone shed.
 To the ammunition house.

26th Examined Traveller's Dining room at
 ammunition house, Timber has come
 from Dollachien and the work in
 progress. To Dindigul Office. Inspected

27th portion of the Lador Road.
 Office work. To do. Inspected
 28th Municipal Road.

Inspected portion of Kullam Road
 29th Office work. Despatched Lacey to Dindigul
 my office work. Heavy rain prevented
 my starting to Dindigul as the transit

30th agent would not give bullocks
 to Dindigul inspecting the whole
 line. In very fair order the first
 six miles as usual suffered a bit
 from the rain. Museum works beyond
 Pulhauk to no rapid progress.

Thos. J. G. J. G. J. G.
 P. G. J. G. J. G. J. G.
 District Engineer
 (J. G. J. G.)
 District Engineer
 District Engineer

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Enclosure to be sent
from the District
Engineer (Madras)
to the Secretary to
Govt. P.W.D. No.
497 of 4th May 76-

No 497

District Engineer's Office
Madras 4th May 1876

From

Lieut. Col. J. L. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer of Madras

To
Major General G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

Major Law having in his
letter of the 2nd Instant No 21 forwarded
me a copy of his letter to you at
Head of the Department of the
No 20 I have the honor to
report that officers again to the
Government for direct disobedience
and contravention of their orders
of the 28th March 1876 No 780 and to
request you will be good enough
to submit this my respectful and
earnest appeal to his Grace the
Governor in Council to uphold the
authority conferred on me or to
remove Major Law from the District
at

Enclosure viz:
1. Copy of a letter
from the Asst. Engr.
District Engineer
the District Engineer
Madras No 92
dated 2nd May 76

at once.

ap².

That Officer alleges and has no grounds for acting in the ^{insubordinate} manner he persists in adopting merely to set up a puerile notion of his own importance and independence, in direct defiance of the orders of the government above referred to.

3. Already his conduct and example are bearing fruit. Lieut Roddy R.R. has conducted himself in such a manner that I fear I shall have to bring him most unfavorably to the notice of the government, and Mr. Supervisor Potter has just left the District in direct disobedience of my orders, and I might note some other matters to support the report I made yesterday of the mischief and injury Major Law's proceedings are doing in the District, only I will not involve any in the displeasure of the government if it is possible to

to avoid it, and I therefore again most respectfully but ^{most} earnestly solicit immediate orders in this matter.

4. I beg to enclose copy of a letter just received from Lieut Roddy R.R. reporting his ^{absconding} return to duty on the 19th ultimo, & his subsequent daily occupation till the 30th. It will be seen, that this Officer declares he was "officially" engaged on the 20th & 22nd in inspecting Major Law's ^{papers} ^{hand} the truth of which Major Law directly impeaches in para 3 of his letter to your address sent direct to you, & do not consider myself bound then to notice these documents further at present, until the orders of the government on the subject have been received.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
Wm. T. Tucker Lieut Col
District Engineer of Madras R.R.

P. H. 1876 Department
B. 3284

From

No 497

The District Engineer.

Madurai.

The Secretary to

Government

Madurai.

Received 18/4/76

Enclosed

Major Davis

about the proposed

No 18.

Kodakamal
30 April 1876.

From

The Executive Engineer
on special duty

To

The District Engineer of
Madurai.

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to Govt No.
229, 26 April 1876.

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to regret that I cannot pass "unchallenged"
the statement made in para 3 of your letter
to Secretary to Government No. 229, 26 April
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me when and where I told you that I
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that I intended to have both the Assistant
Engineers of the District under me" or words
to that effect. I have never thought of
such a thing much less said it either
to you or any one else. —

I have &c

/signed/ George V. Law Major

Special Asst. Engineer

/True copy/

W. T. Tucker Lieut. Col. A.S.

District Engineer Madras

O. N. 3283/96

Copy of letter
to Govt. Secy
30 April 76

Enclosure is a letter from
the District Engineer
Madura to the Secy
to Govt. O. N. 3283/96
43 May 76

No 493

District Engineer's Office
Madurai 3 May 1876

From
Sient Colonel J. Trocher R.E.
District Engineer, Madurai

To
Major General G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government

Enclosure 1
1 copy of letter.

Sir, I have the honor to forward
for submission to the Government
copy of a letter addressed to me,
by Major Sam. Executive Engineer
D.P.W. of the 30 ultimo No 18, in
which he informs me he has been
permitted to withdraw certain letters
addressed to you, as Secretary to
the Government D.P.W., but fails
to say who gave him this permission
as this act of Major Sam. was a
deliberate defiance of the orders
of the Government dated 28 March
1876 No 780 and a direct insult
towards me personally, & big
most respectfully to solicit the
intervention of the Government
to put a stop to such proceedings
which are doing the greatest mischief—

and injury to their interests in the District, and the discipline of the Department, of which, I fear, I shall have to make yet further unfavorable reports.

2. In para 2 Major Saw appears to consider he is at liberty to address you direct "as the head of the Department," and so contravene the orders of the Government above referred to, and he threatens me with acting in the manner, in future!

3. In para 3 he attempts to account for the needless delay he made in sending me a copy of his letter to you of the 21st ultimo No 8, this was written on Friday the 21st on Saturday the 22nd he was paying only 444 coolies &c. on Sunday he was too busy, at his devotions it is to be hoped, to prepare a copy, and on Monday the 24th only, could he find time to do so! as he is so particular in directing me to send in his defence to Government at the same time with my reports actually underlining this, as if I

should be guilty of such vulgar mal-practices. It is to be regretted he does not act on the same principles himself.

I have furnished Major Saw with the information asked for in para 4 of his letter, the words or to that effect were used at the "Neutral saddle" in the presence of Mr Davidson on the 25th January 1876, and immediately afterwards I received L/O of the 12th February 1876 No 359 in manuscript.

5. In conclusion I beg respectfully to request you will be good enough to inform the Government if Major Saw has never written to you in the manner indicated in the concluding sentence of his letter, deny officially or privately to have these officers placed under him. No one can regret this correspondence more than I do, and as I was certain something of the kind must soon take place, I proposed Major Saw should be made quite independent of me

but this was not approved of by the
Government in their orders of the 28th
March 1876 to 780 & have then no
alternative, but most respectfully and
earnestly to appeal to them, to uphold
the authority which they have
conferred on me, or remove Major
Van from the District. His work
is very light and easy, and I have
already shown to you on the
Gooddell's Ghat works, under far
more trying circumstances, that
I can manage to get these done
and in a far less agreeable climate -
as it is quite evident he is prepared
to go all lengths to get up an
independence of his own, utterly
regardless of all interests or consequences
to the Government or the District, as
the repetition of his threat to me
clearly shows, and he has even
failed to send me a copy of his
letter to you of the 22nd ultimo to 10
so that he will only give me
such information as he pleases,
and when he pleases.
In 10 months Major Van

has opened out 12½ miles of ordinary
ghat trace, in very plain open
country, his outlay has been &
believe under shillings 4000, and he
has drawn in salary for himself,
pay of establishment &c. and travelling
allowances, upwards of
£1200 or 300 per cent on the money
value of his work. In March last
he reported that the coolies were
"flocking to his work" on account of
the prevailing scarcity, and his
outlay was £800 on such an
emergency as he pretended, and
in a month of 31 days he could
give only 4 to attend upon these
people; and in April he never
halted once away from his head
quarters but claims travelling
allowance all the same. For such work
he requires during the hot months the
assistance of both the Assistant Engineers
of the District, an Oversee and ^{specific} an
establishment of his own appointing
thus clearly showing how utterly
reckless and regardless he is of the

interests of the Government and the
District generally so long as his own
personal ease enjoyment or convenience
is only duly considered and provided
for. I ^{now} suppose he intended to
employ these young Officers in
places which he reports as being
"deadly feverish" at this time of
the year, and to which he declines
to go himself and I can only add
that if "experienced lymph tracing"
can only be obtained at this rate
the sooner it is abandoned the better
will it be in every economical
point of view both for the interests
of Government and of the people
who pay the taxes. I respectfully
solicit the Government will be pleased
to pardon my speaking to them
thus plainly, they are well aware
of the difficult and peculiar circum-
stances in which I am placed,
and how every word of mine is
taken up, and I have been compelled
to refrain as much as possible
noticing these proceedings, but I
should be wanting in duty to both

God and man if I any longer held
silence and allowed these ~~monstrous~~
practices to go on in this District
without entering a solemn and
earnest protest against them.

I have the honor to be,
your Most Obedt^{ly} Servant
W. T. Tucker Assistant
District Engineer

GP 12 - Feb 2/76 No 289
" 28 June - " 780.

L. H. 1876 Department
No 3283

Order 3 May 176
June 16
Director
No 493
Major G. W. Law
reporting upon the
Proceedings of

To
The District Engineer
Barrack
J. H. D.
Madras.

Reli - 24/6/76
Fri - 30.5.76 M. 12.5.76
Wesp 6.5.76 - 5.76

No 448
From
Lieut. Col. J. F. Fischer/R.B.
District Engineer, Madras.
To
Major General G. W. Walker/R.B.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,
Major Law, having in his letter of the 30th ultimo No 18 informed me that he has been permitted to withdraw, apparently not by the Government, his letters to your address, as Secretary D. P. W. of the 21st ultimo No 8 & No 10 dated the 22nd Idem, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to submit, this, my most-respectful and earnest appeal to his Grace the Governor in Council not to permit this proceeding at all, as the whole thing is in direct contravention and defiance of G. O. of the 28th March, No 780, even the permission to withdraw his letter having been conveyed direct to Major Law, and no suitable apology offered to me for an act of

* no copy in this office.

gross wanton insult and insubordination
for which there are absolutely no grounds
whatever.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt servt
Wm: T. C. Smith
District Engineer Madras.

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P. H. 1876 Department
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Wm: T. C. Smith
rejoicing at and
his mismanagement
of duties - with
Remarks -

Received 2 May 1876
J. H. Smith

Secy Secretary to
Govt Madras

Govt Madras

Govt

1876

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Desp 26 N: 4-5-76.

Memorandum -

With reference to the
personal appeal made
some in p.m. 5th Feb.
Discher's letter N: 493
of 3rd May, I do most
distinctly declare
that neither in any way
nor privately written
- with even a written
copy to have a copy
of Mr. Davidson placed
under him - On the
contrary, when I have
asked Major Law to
take charge of the
District Range,
with the Intense,
which would have
brought them under
him, he has begged
of me not to meet
the proposal in his
present state of
health, and extreme
liability to disease -

I submit The original
Draft of No. 389 of 12th Dec
which has confirmed
Col. Dircha, in his insane
jealousy of Major Law.
It will be seen that I
represented there were
no funds to build the
house sanctioned at
Poonacolum, & said
that Mr. Davidson must
chuckle in a Tent to
live in - As this being
rejected and my being
called on to state the
nearest place to which
the Sub. D^r Officer could
go for the hottest months,
The Draft adopted was
permeated - Major Law
had nothing whatever
to do with it -

Ever truly, Magnificent
Secty to Sub. D^r Officer

G. S.

No 793

Memorandum

Letter from the District Eng. Madras

No 299 of 26th April 1876

448 - 2nd May

493 - 3rd May

497 - 4th May

Letter from Major G. V. Law No 20 of 2nd May

The Chief Engineer has already
replied in his Memo. No 764 to the 1st of the
above that Major Law's letter complained
of therein was returned to that Officer with
reference to G.O. No 780 of 28th March. It is
not understood what object Major Law
can have in disobeying such an order, as
whatever he may have to complain of or
Colonel Fischer's part must be communi-
cated to that Officer for his explanation,
which is more speedily elicited by con-
forming to the orders of Government.
At any rate nothing could be done
with the document but send it back
unnoticed, and consider it as withdrawn,
leaving him at liberty to send it in
again

again through the proper Channel.

2. That course however Major Law has not adopted, but preferred another viz: of addressing the Chief Engineer direct, on the plea that correspondence with the District Engineer led to nothing but a repetition of insults. On full consideration of the matter, though sympathizing with Major Law's feelings, the Chief Engineer has failed to see sufficient reason for the course adopted; inasmuch as an appeal through the District Engineer would not have led to any fresh correspondence with him, but to the transmission of that appeal to Government with whatever remarks Colonel Fischer might wish to make.

3. Major General Walker was therefore about to request Lieutenant Colonel Fischer to deal with the copy of Major Law's letter N^o 20 of 2nd May which he had received as if it were the original, when he received the District Engineer's Nos 493 and 497 of 3rd and 4th May. And as the latter concludes with the words "I do not consider myself bound to

"to notice the documents further at present until the orders of Government on the subject have been received," he has lost no more time in submitting all the papers for their orders, which will be duly communicated.

(Sd) G. W. Walker Major General
Chief Engineer P. W. D.

Ostacammund
10th May 1876 }

To The District Engineer Madras
Copy to Major G. W. Law.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

From
The District Engineer
Madura } (H.E. No. 299 of 26th April/95)
do do (No. 448 do - 2nd May -)
do do (No. 493 do - 3rd -)
do do (No. 497 do - 4th -)
do do (No. 20 do - 2nd -)
Major Law (No. 793 do - 10th -)
Chief Engineer's Memorandum

His Grace the

Governor in Council observes
with reference to para 5
of Lieutenant Colonel
Fischer's letter No. 493
of 3rd May, that it was
not understood that his
letter recorded with G.O.
No. 780 of 28th March, was
meant

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meant as a recommendation that Major Law should be quite independent of him. Such being the case, his wish will be acceded to, as the simplest solution of the controversy to which the correspondence above noted relates. Lieutenant Colonel Fischer's part in which is viewed with entire dissatisfaction, while Major Law is reprimanded for infraction of the latter part of the order above referred to.

2. The Chief Engineer will be responsible for all Major Law's work on the Pulneys; and that Officer will make all his reports
I don't. The policy of altering the usual proper arrangements of a district because 2 officers choose to carry on their correspondence in proper and such a separation as would separate staff accounts correspondence & - in fact adds ~~the~~ another range -
I should reprimand Major Law for infraction of the latter part of the G.O. and require prompt obedience to it
I should inform Mr. Fischer that the Govt. views with extreme dissatisfaction the tone of his correspondence

The terms used therein that they would have expected that no officer of his long standing in the service would have endeavored zealously & cordially to give effect to the orders of Govt. and to aid in wayward the work of officers placed under him especially when those officers or any of them are employed on special work - The Govt. will ~~not~~ make charges in the organization of districts because the officer in ~~charge~~ of the district is one of them employed in work his fail to work as Germany
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The Dist. Engr. Madras
" Chief Engr. P.W.D.
reports accordingly.
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then
the state discharge
of the orders of Government
correspond in accordance
with the usual
rules of the department
& avoid unnecessary &
uncalled for jealousy of
such other function or
duties - all will go well
if otherwise the work
of the department is
impeded - & the Govt.
will visit severely visit
the officer who may be
found in the wrong
The correspondence which
has led to this order must
cease - B. 11/5

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26 May 1876
Read the following:—

From not dated
 The District Engr. Madras (M.E. No 799 of 26th April 1876)
 do do (a. n. 1448 - 2nd May -)
 do do (a. n. 1493 - 3rd -)
 do do (a. n. 1497 - 4th -)
 do do (a. n. 20 - 2nd -)
 Major Law (a. n. 1773 - 10th -)
 Chief Engr's Memorandum (a. n. 1773 - 10th -)

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Major Law is reprimanded for infraction of the latter part of G.O. No 780 dated 25th March. implicit obedience to which will hereafter be rendered.

2. The Government view with extreme dissatisfaction the tone of Colonel Fischer's correspondence, and the terms used

I will not object to the course advocated by Mr. the Governor - but with my experience of Mr. Fischer I fear it will only lead to obstruction of the Shahr work.

MM
 MR 22/5

used therein. They would have expected that an officer of his long standing in the service would have endeavored zealously and cordially to give effect to the orders of Govt., and to aid in every way the work of officers placed under him; more especially when those officers or any of them are employed in special work. The Govt. will not make changes in the organization of Districts because the officer in charge of the District and one of them employed under him fail to work in harmony. If the officers adhere to the strict discharge of the orders of Govt., correspond in accordance therewith and the usual rules of the Department, and avoid

avoid unnecessary and uncalled for jealousy of each others position or duties, all will go well. If otherwise the work of the Department is impeded; and the Govt. will severely visit the officer who may then be found in the wrong.

3. The correspondence which has led to this order must cease.

G.M.

To The District Eng. Madras Msd despt. to S.E. to May 1876
" Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Despt 8/6/76

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Colonel Fischer & Major
Law - Madras &
Passing orders

on papers relating to
the ~~embassy~~ controversy
between _____