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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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7th June 1876.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Major-General G. W. WALKER,
R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Vunjiwakam,
22nd May 1876, No. 625 :—

I HAVE the honor to report that I have heard demi-officially (see notes enclosed to the address of Captain Smith) that Serjeant Armitage, Overseer, Department Public Works, was seen very drunk on the main road of the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount on the 14th instant, as I gather.

2. I have for some time suspected that Serjeant Armitage was given to intemperate habits, but I had no proof; I complained very seriously of the careless manner in which his work was done, and you will see from Captain Smith's letter that his conduct has not been satisfactory for some time past.

3. I have under Chapter IV., paragraph 18, Code, desired the Range Officer to relieve Serjeant Armitage of all departmental duty, and should have remanded him to his corps, the Royal Engineers, but that I am not clear whether I possess the authority.

4. Chapter IV., paragraph 22, would appear to grant it, but as you remarked in your No. 575, of 19th October 1875, on my infliction of the inferior punishment of degradation of two Overseers, and have, as I am informed, restored one of them to his former rank, I am fearful of placing myself in a false position.

5. As Serjeant Armitage has been seen drunk in a Military Cantonment, you may also think fit to subject him to Military inquiry.

6. I propose transferring Serjeant Lord (a builder by trade) from Chingleput Taluq to the Mount, &c., Cantonments, under paragraph 21.

From Captain A. C. SMITH, R.E., Executive Engineer, Mount Range, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, dated Camp at Kaseveram, 17th May 1876, No. 446.

WITH reference to your No. 462 of 15th instant, I have the honor to report that I have myself noticed the want of attention to his work and proper supervision of his subordinates on the part of Serjeant Armitage, and some time ago I traced his incapability to its source, viz., too frequent an attendance at the Non-Commissioned Officers' Mess.

2. I then warned him and solemnly assured him that unless he gave up this habit I should have to bring his conduct to your notice; he then promised me he would not go near the Mess again, and would turn over a new leaf.

3. Lately again, however, I have had my suspicions, for his work is so much in arrears and what is done is very slovenly; and now I have just received intimation (*vide* two demi-official letters enclosed) that on Sunday last Serjeant Armitage was seen emerging from the Non-Commissioned Officers' Mess "reeling drunk."

1 Letter from Lieutenant Henderson, R.A., to address of Lieutenant Corfe, R.A.

1 Letter from latter Officer to Captain Smith.

4. As I am now far away in camp and shall not be back till next week, I of course cannot inquire into the case, but I am bound to report it to you in order that you may take such steps as you may think fit with regard to examining Serjeant Armitage.

5. I regret to have to bring such misconduct to your notice, but I have given the Overseer many chances, and I must now as I promised him I would on his next offence, recommend that Serjeant Armitage be remanded to his corps.

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No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1876, No. 1,409.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 6.

THESE papers will be communicated, through the Military Department, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief with a view to Serjeant Armitage being remanded to his corps; his habitual intemperance rendering him unfit for employment in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

C. No. 6180.

Memorandum No. 575.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer
Chingleput No. 2555 of 25th September 1875.

Presuming that the Superintending Engineer has acted under para 18 of Chap. IV, of the Madras Code promulgated with G.O. No. 1535 of 11th June 1873 which confers discretionary power on S. Engineers to exercise immediate action on all subjects properly disposable by the Chief Engineer when delay would be injurious to the Public Service, Major General Walker will not object to Col. Inverly's action on this occasion, and for the maintenance of discipline he will confirm the reduction of Overseers Beely and Ramain Aueharry made by him.

But he would take this opportunity

of pointing out to Col. Ingham that the
duty and responsibility of regulating the
standing of Engineers rests with the Chief
Engineer and not with D. Engrs. whose
duty it is to guide him in the matter by
information given in Quarterly Statements
instituted for that purpose. The Chief Engr.
has in various Circulars, specially in No. 318
of 25th Aug. 1873 endeavoured to impress
on D. Engrs. his anxious desire that the
information given in those statements should
be made as complete as possible. And he
regrets to have to observe that the statements
received from the Chingleput District for the
last 3 years have been meagre and unsatis-
factory in the extreme; those for the last
four quarters having been absolutely blank.

The Chief Engr. will not therefore be
prepared to support the D. Engineer's action
on another occasion unless he is kept more

fully

fully and continuously acquainted with
the character and qualification of the
subordinates working under him.

Signed / J. W. Walker. Maj. G. M.
Chief Engineer C. M. D.

Coonaor, 19th Oct 1875 -

To

The Superintending Engineer

Chingleput -

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My dear Aunt

Col. Leslie has
asked me to send you
this note. It happened
on Sunday -

Yours sincerely

W. Corfe

13th May

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My dear Corp.

On passing
the Serp. Mess just now on
my return from Church.
Serp. Armitage R.E. (under
Smith) emerged from the
Mess - reeling drunk. - and
would have fallen down in
the middle of the Parade ground

but for the a boy from the
mess who ran and with the
aid of another native -
assisted him homewards.
I entered the mess - found
all quiet then - and questioned
the Caterer - who said Serp
Armutage had left it apparently
settled. - Such a matter
however is scandalous. - I
will report the matter officially

to you.
if necessary. - but if any
notice is to be taken of the
affair - I suppose additional
evidence will be necessary -
If as R.A. - it would be easy
enough to send 2 N.C.O's to
see the state he is in - but as
he does not belong to us. I
don't see myself what is to be
done. -

Yours
H. S. Henderson

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From

The Executive Engineer
Mount Range

To The Superintending Engineer
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W. D. Corfe Esq
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant

Al Smith Captn
Ex-Capt

15-
The undersigned
has the honor to
acknowledge the
receipt of the
letter from the
N.C.O. Mess
dated 15th inst.
and in reply to
inform you that
the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities
for their consideration.
Yours faithfully,
Al Smith

No. 625

Superintending Engineer's Office
Camp Vunjavakam

From ^{22^d May 1876.}
~~Despatch 25th May 1876.~~
The Superintending Engineer
Chingleput.

The Chief Engineer
Department Public Works.

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Enclosures 3.

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Mount of Saint Thomas
19th May 1876

W. H. M.

Superintendent Engineer

Mount of Saint Thomas

Chief Engineer

Chingleput

Received 19th May 1876

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Superintendent Engineer -

Pringle Street

the Council etc. etc.

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Your most obedient servant

W. H. B. Colonel R.E.

Superintending Engineer

Chingleput.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Superintending Engineer
Chingleput No. 625 dated 22nd May 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for orders
with the Chief Engineer's
recommendation that
the Officer be remanded
to his Regiment, the
Royal Engineers at
Bangalore. As the acts
of drum-knocking, though
habitual, occurred
on departmental duty
only, the Sepoy is
not liable to be tried
by a Court-martial.

Major-General
Chief Eng. and Secy
to Govt. P.W.D.

Group of notices
about misapprehensions
of the points
of the Contingent
men's Quarters
Nizam

From
The Chief Engineer
Chingleput
To
The Chief Engineer
Bangalore
Dated 22nd May 1876
C.E. Memo 280 dated 22 May 1876

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FOR ORDERS.

No 1409.

Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 7th June 1876.

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From

The Sup^y Engr Chingleput (H.E. No 625 of 22nd May 1876)

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D. C. Chingleput
Military Dept.

Sd/- 20/6/76

mis deop^d to mil^y Dept on the 7th June 76.

E. S. S.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The D. G. Chongleput

Dated

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For

G. O. 7th June 1876, No. 1409

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Sergeant Amilase

Overseer Chongleput P.

Communicating certain
papers from the D. G. Chongleput
to His Ex. the Commander in
Chief relative to the bad conduct
of — with a view to his
being remanded to his
Cops -