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30th August 1876, No. 2,285,*

No. 642. Read the following letter from J. C. JOHNSTON, Esq., Assistant Engineer, on special duty, Cumbum, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Cumbum, 31st July 1876, No. 4 —

I HAVE the honor to forward my report of the week ended 29th July 1876 with reference to G.O., No. 1,134, dated 21st June 1876

Report of Mr J. C. Johnston, Assistant Engineer, for the week ended 29th July 1876

I AM glad to report that Overseer Munisawmy Chetty joined my establishment on Wednesday the 26th. I at once supplied him with instruments and sufficient levelling work to occupy his time well for the next week or ten days. I am sorry to state that Mr Sub-Overseer Nipps' levels cannot be depended upon. The District Engineer has kindly promised to send another man as soon as possible.

2 Major Hasted issued his final instructions on Friday last, and I am now able to push on with the levelling, knowing as I do what is required.

3 Another scheme has now been proposed, and that is to tail in the Pedda Cumbum channel at its end into the Sekrail Cathwa channel, and thus do away with about 4 miles of the latter. The fall is great, but the ground is very rocky, and perhaps natural drops may be obtained.

4 The urgent repairs to the calingulah and its apron have been commenced this week. All the upright stones have been removed.

5 I found it difficult to get a good contractor. The man I have at present employed is inexperienced, but promises well, and, as he is a Sepoy pensioner of Government, it is my intention to encourage and help him as much as possible.

6 Overseer Munisawmy Chetty is the only man now under my orders engaged in levelling. I hope to join him in his work as soon as I have completed the urgent repair estimate to the Chinna Cumbum channel (see paragraph 8 of Major Hasted's Memorandum, dated 28th July 1876). Another good leveller is very urgently required.

7 I have requested the Acting Range Officer, Kurnool, to send me a few good maistries. I hope soon to be well supplied with these men.

No 158-W

No 642-A

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

THERE should be no difficulty in teaching Sub-Overseer Mr Nipps to level correctly if he possess ordinary intelligence.

2 It is not clear what possible assistance as a contractor an inexperienced pensioned Sepoy can afford the Assistant Engineer. He may be fit to superintend labor, but he cannot be fit for contractor's work, and the Assistant Engineer must give the first consideration to doing the work well and economically, and should not endeavour to help any one out of public money.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
8th August 1876 Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department

✓ Trial Exp^{ts} Office
Camp Mumburn
27th July 1876

ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1876, No. 2,285.

RECORDED and communicated to the Chief Engineer for such notice as may be necessary of Mr. Nipps' shortcomings

(True Extract)

Colonel,

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

The Special Officer
 Museum
 The Secretary
 to Government
 D. P. 4
 Madras

I have the honor to forward
my Report of the week ended
May 24th 1876 with reference to
the 11th 1876 dated 21st June 1876.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient Servant
John C. Houston
Assistant Engineer

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No. 5556

From

The Special Officer
Burmah

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Dated 21st July 1876.
Recd. 21st Aug 1876.

Enclosed are:

Submitting report on
the Main and Branch for work
ending 29th July 1876.

No 642

Recd - 23-8-76 Ptd 30-6-76
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J. M. C. Whistler
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OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION,

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Port St. George,

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Wm. Mullins Lt. Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigⁿ

To
The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

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From
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation
To The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 5 August 1878

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No 158-17

Sub Engrs, Mr Kipp - hke
re - discrepancy in levelling

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Explanatory Memo.

Mr Sub overseer Kippo was a local Fund Sub overseer transferred to the General P.W. Establishment on the recent amalgamation.

Levelling would ordinarily be an extremely small part of the duties of a sub overseer. In addition to overseer Moonesawmy Chetty, a surveyor from the Krishna Delta will ere this have reached Gumm. The services of the latter were made available by Major Kacted and the pay, Rs 150, fixed by the latter has been sanctioned by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

If more surveyors be required, and it would appear that the Assistant Engineer, the overseer, and one surveyor will be able to do all that is necessary within

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following —

Note by the Ch. Engr. for Sarg. H. M. W. of 8th Aug/76.

His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that a sub-overseer who cannot level correctly is of no use. He should be removed from the Cumbum Tank work, a competent sub-overseer being sent in his place, and the District Engineer should test his capabilities in levelling and in other departmental duties and report after a reasonable time on his fitness for the Department.

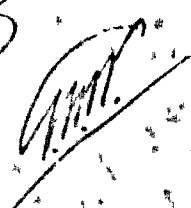
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By

H. Colnald

Joint Secretary to Govt of Mad

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16th Aug 1976




stating at the same time whether he possesses a certificate of qualification in surveying and levelling.

2. Government having been moreover informed that there are few, if any, good levellers but such as have been instructed by Officers on work carried out under their orders, desire to have the opinion of all District Engineers, in whose districts surveyors possessing certificates of qualification have been employed, as to the competency of this class of men for the ordinary survey and levelling work of the department, without

practical training in the district.

My. 22/8

It would be better to leave Mr. Rippetts to deal with the Chief Engineer - Subscribers have hitherto been appointed by District Boards, and have not been replaced by college participation - Moreover it is only reported by Subscribers that they should be more interested in the work -

Sd. Eng. Sd. Officer Cumbar
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Public Works Department

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READ the following —

• Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
Re. W of 8 Aug 1976

Recorded.

May 9/8

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A Sub-owner who cannot
level ordinary work correctly is
of no use - The Spirit Day we cannot
devote time to teaching how to level.
I will send a competent person at
once recall the Gripps & give them
say 1 month - if he cannot level even
a level of 6 or 7 miles I will have
other work done ^{not work out his hand}
^{the way} ^{correctly}. Please
do not leave the ship. M. 14/8

Office Auburn

Sept 2

And come the others
that begin and
end with
a beautiful
and

No 2285 of 30th Aug 1876

Recorded, and commu-
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for such notice as may
be necessary of Mr
Phipps' short coming.

Civil

No 642/43

J. E. Knorr
C. E. J. Desd 16/9/76
in 5 depts 30/8/76

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 Subt. of 18761 Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

to the B. & K. Harmand
 2/11/76
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G. O. 1174 of 1876, No. 1285

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Report from the Special
Office of the Improvement
Carried out for the Sanitary
Condition of the Cambum Town.
Harmand The.

For well understanding 24 July,
 recorded and carried out the
 changes for such notice
 as may be necessary
 to the Subordinate
 Inspector of the town.

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