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Read the following letters —

No 55 From Colonel A S MOBERLY, R E, District Engineer, Cuddapah, to Captain the Hon H S O'GRADY, R A, Acting Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor of Madras, dated Camp at Bellasamoodrum, 11th July 1876, No C/80

I HAVE the honor to request that you will lay before His Grace the Governor my respectful solicitation for a reconsideration of the sentence passed on me in paragraph 5 of G O, No 769, of the 11th March 1873

2. I would point out that I have never been informed of the grounds on which a very severe, I believe unprecedentedly severe, punishment has been inflicted on me.

3 I endeavoured in my memorial, dated 14th January 1875, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to reply to such matters as I could find from the records in my office had, during my absence in England, met with the disapprobation of Government, and submit, with all deference, that I showed they were beyond my control with the very heavy duties which fell on me as Superintending Engineer of three large districts

4 I would urge that the after proceedings of the late District Engineer, Mr Sage, approved by Government, have shown that I was right in my instructions as regarded the disposal of the materials for the Kaderi Taluq Cutcherry (*vide* appendix to my memorial)

5 That in the case of the Allipore Tank Project, the shortcoming was in a matter of detail, regarding which a Superintending Engineer could not possibly be constantly informed It was shown that portion of the foundation of the Allipore tank was thoroughly good, that this was built while I was in the neighbourhood and could inspect the work, and that the remainder was scamped during my absence.

6 In the case of the Bellary timber defalcation, I had the assurance of my Executive Engineer, Colonel Palmer, an officer actually my senior in the army, that his returns were correct, and that no further deficiencies were possible.

7 Colonel Palmer's fault was punished by his removal from the Department of Public Works and remand to Military duty, where his pay and allowances as second in command and Wing Officer (see margin) amounted to Rupees 1,097-14-0, whereas as Executive Engineer in Bellary he drew Rupees 1,140-14-6, thus only losing monthly about Rupees 43.

8 I would point out that the punishment inflicted on me has already caused me a loss of about 8,340 Rupees, and that I am mulcted every month Rupees 308-12-0 of my pay, and that this heavy loss may continue for several years. Moreover, by the sentence of Government I have been

Staff Corps		RS	A	P
Lieutenant-Colonel's pay		827	14	0
Second in Command and Wing Officer		270	0	0
		1,097	14	0

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placed not only below all officers who had been previously Superintending Engineers, but further, in *Fort St George Gazette* of 20th June 1876, Major Beatty, who never had acted as Superintending Engineer before my reduction, has been appointed in supersession of me to act for Lieutenant-Colonel Oakes

9 In more serious cases in Bengal, where considerable losses were caused by the personal neglect of officers, they were punished by reduction of one step or suspension during fixed periods of time and have been all restored, and this, I would observe, after regular investigation by a Commission of Officers

10 I respectfully urge that no instance has been given of the vague charge of my maladministration of the division being still felt. It has been denied by the Collectors of the districts who were primarily the best judges of the facts. I would, however, ask attention to Order No 1,300, of 24th May 1876, in which His Grace the Governor in Council acknowledged my endeavours to obtain data for a systematic treatment of irrigation repairs. Those inquiries were commenced in 1866, and registers carefully kept while I was in charge of the division, in Bellary and Kurnool, as well as in Cuddapah.

11 I had the charge of the largest division in the Presidency, nearly 27,000 square miles, comprising districts very generally disliked by members of the Department of Public Works, who work in it unwillingly and are always striving to get removed to other districts

12 I respectfully plead that even if I were personally guilty of the above charges which alone I have heard of, the punishment already endured by me is more than commensurate, and therefore pray that I may be restored to my previous grading with the personal allowance attached to it

13 If the above explanation be not sufficient, I trust that His Grace will examine the papers regarding my case, and give me an opportunity of hearing in what manner I have given dissatisfaction, and submitting explanation either to himself in a private interview or before a Commission.

No 55-A. From the same Officer, dated Camp at Rajampett, 15th November 1876,
No 1,805

In reply to your telegram of the 10th instant, informing me that it was undesirable that I should leave the Cuddapah District now, and requesting me to communicate my wishes fully by letter, I beg to draw your attention to my letter No C 80, of the 11th July last, and to the copy of memorial to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India which was enclosed, and to point out that no orders have yet been passed on that letter

2 I have endeavoured in those papers to put everything clearly before His Grace, and asked for an interview in case of their being any points on which His Grace might require explanation.

3 I respectfully request either that a Commission may be appointed to investigate all the charges that can be brought against my administration as Superintending Engineer, or else that His Grace will exonerate me and restore me to my previous grading with the personal allowance attached to it.

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No 56

ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1876, No 3,258.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 6

COLONEL A S MOBERLY's case having been decided by the Secretary of State, His Grace the Governor in Council is not prepared to re-open it

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To Colonel A S Moberly, R E

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Ootahamund 22nd July 1876
From the Secy to Govt. W. D. Smith
Sub Divisional Officer
To the Military Secretary
His Grace the Governor
Sir,
I have the honour to re-
turn the inclosures to your
letter N^o 96 of 19th July.
With reference to Colonel
J. J. Moberly's case I have
no desire to add to the
remarks which will be
found amongst the con-
fidential papers in which
G.O. N^o 790 of 28th March
was passed; as those
remarks elicited improp-
er criticisms on my conduct
with reference to Colonel
Moberly from the Hon^{ble}
Mr. Ellis, which have at
least been tacitly acqui-
esced in by the other

Members of the Court so that
that Officer escaped all
punishment for per-
tent disobedience of
orders of which I had
convicted him, and I
was effectually dis-
satisfied from making
my further attempts
to do my duty as Chief
Surgeon, by endeavouring
to maintain discipline
and high standards
in the Dept. Pub. Works.
Colonel J. Moberly's self-
satisfaction is utterly re-
spected by every Officer
and General. Provision
if his was intended
to have been most
favourable -

For a summary of the
case against Colonel J.

Moberly I have the honour
to refer His Grace the
Governor to my original
draft of G.O. N^o. 3022 of
24th October 1874; which
was not adopted, against
my respectful remonstrance
that a fuller disposal of
that Officer's claim to be
furnished with more spe-
cific charges, would even-
tually be found more
convenient, both as re-
moving an alleged grie-
vance, and for future
reference -

I am bound to say
that the punishment
inflicted on the latter
Officer has been attend-
ed with good effect,
which has not failed
to be recognized by Col.
Mullins and myself

I have the honour to be
subscribed. Thomas
C. Mullins, Major Genl.
Secy to Govt. D.P.W.

For Orders

1. Application from
Colonel A. S. Sroberly. R. 2
for a reconsideration of
his case. dated 15th Nov
2. His letter of 11th July. referred
to
3. Report on the case by
Chief Engineer. 31st July.
24. Nov. AH

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To $\frac{C}{80}$ of 1876 // Juddapah District Engineer
Office Jamp Balasamudram
Dated 11th July 1876

From

Colonel A. S. S. R. D.
District Engineer
Juddapah

Captain Honorable, H. S. O'Grady R. E.
Acting Military Secretary
to His Grace the Governor of Madras

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I would urge that the after proceedings of the late District Engineer Mr. Sage, approved by Government, have shown that I was right in my instructions as regards the disposal of the materials for the Madani Salug (Futcheray) (vide Appendix to my Memorial).

That in the case of the Allipore Sanb. Project the short coming was in a matter of detail regarding which a Superintending Engineer could not possibly be constantly informed. It was shown that portion of the foundation of the Allipore Sanb. was thoroughly good, that the wall sunk while I was in the neighbourhood and could inspect the work, and that the remainder was scamped during my absence.

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3rd Lt. Col. 1097-14-0

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Sir
Your most obedient servant

B. P. S. folio
District Engineer

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to the Green Hill Governor

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Office Camp Rajampett
Dated 15th November 1876

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Colonel A. S. Moberly R.E.
District Engineer of Cuddalore

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Major G. B. Hobart R. A.
Military Secretary
to His Grace the Governor of
Fort Saint George

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Your most obedient servant.

A. H. H. H.

Col. R. E.

District Engineer of Cuddapah.

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To

Colonel A. S. Moberly

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G. O. No. 1870, No 3758

HCS.

Col A. S. Moberly R.E.

Declining to re-open the
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of —

Staff in Regt.