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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

29th November 1877, No. 1,862 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 255. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer of South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Cuddalore, 24th November 1877, No. 193.

I HAVE the honor to forward a copy of a letter from Mr. A. Clerke, Assistant Engineer, forwarding an application for three months' privilege leave. I have sent

One copy of letter.

the application to the Examiner to know if Mr. Clerke is entitled to the leave asked for.

2. As you are aware, Mr. Clerke is one of the officers sent from Bengal for Famine duty to this Presidency. He is now employed in preparing the estimate for the East Coast Canal; in a few days he will have completed it for the portion south of Cuddalore, and when this is done he is to proceed to Merkanum to survey and lay out the canal from the Thambakum backwater southward to French Territory, a distance of about 22 miles. I was in hopes that Mr. Reid, Assistant Engineer, who has been ordered to this district would have joined before this, and that he and Mr. Clerke working together would have completed this before Christmas, so that this work might be ready for execution as a famine work if required or if not at some future time as an ordinary work.

3. If Mr. Clerke is to do this work by himself he certainly will not be able to complete it by the 1st January, and therefore I cannot recommend this leave being granted unless Government are willing for this survey and estimate to be put off to some future time; should this be allowed, Mr. Clerke might be allowed to leave the district on leave in a week.

4. If this survey and estimate is to be made, it will probably take Mr. Clerke by himself two months, and in this case he might be allowed leave from the 1st February 1878 or the date of completion.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1877, No. 1,862 W.

THE Government regret that they cannot accede to this application for leave.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.D

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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hope of paying this visit to Tasmania

No 32 Special Asst Engineer's office S. Aust
at Port Adelaide. Porto Novo 23 November 1877

From
The Assistant Engineer
South Aust
To
The District Engineer
South Aust

Sir

enclosure
Application

I have the honor to enclose the
accompanying Application for Privilege
leave and to ask the favor of your
kindly forwarding it with this letter
and of recommending the same for the
favorable consideration of Government.

2. With regard to my application
for leave from so early a date as 1st Janu-
ary next, I beg to explain that my
object being to visit my father's family
in Tasmania later in the season it would
be impracticable for me to take my
wife and child who would accompany
me, so that if this leave will not be
sanctioned, I shall have to defer my
hope of paying this visit to Tasmania

till next ^{old} season. I had written out an application for leave from Midnapore, Bengal Presidency, though I had not forwarded it, when the order came for me to proceed to Madras on Famine Relief work. The fact that now the prospect of further Famine Relief work in this District extremely small induces me to hope for a favorable consideration of my application.

3. Further I beg to state that it is fifteen years since I saw my father's family and circumstances have lately arisen, resulting from his death last March, which render it a matter of importance, that if possible, my visit should be no longer deferred. I have ventured to give this explanation of my application for leave in the hope that Government might take it into consideration in deciding thereon.

4. The indulgence of an early reply would be much esteemed.

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I have &c
/ signed A. Clarke
Assistant Engineer
/ True Copy

[Faint signature] Major R.
District Engineer

Letter from the District Engineer, South
Acre, No 193 dated 24th November 1877

FOR ORDERS, with reference to
the 2^d and 3^d paras of
Mr. Clerk's letter.

Col^d S.
Secy to Government. M.D.

Enclosure in letter No 193
of 24th November 77 from
District Engineer South
Acre to the Chief
Engineer D. P. W.

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FOR ORDERS.

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Mr. Geo. Briggs, A. Clarke

D. Arcot. D. Regrant

of family three months

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