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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st December 1877, No. 1,902 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 7.	From Mr. F. Brooks,	dated 20th August 1877.	
No. 7-A.	From District Engr., Nellore,	" 9th October "	
No. 7-B.	From Mr. F. Brooks,	" 19th " "	No. 2,676.
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No. 7-H.	Telegram from Mr. F. Brooks,	" 5th " "	
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No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1877, No. 1,902 W.

The papers before Government show that for some time past Mr. Brooks's conduct has been marked by a promptitude to take offence at, and a determination to dispute the order of, the officer under whom he is working. The charges that he has brought against the District Engineer of harsh and unfair treatment were fully and satisfactorily answered by the District Engineer. In a letter of the 6th October of a most insolent and insubordinate nature he charges the District Engineer (on information obtained from another Executive Officer of the district, who however was unable to give particulars,) with drawing travelling allowance to which, by the rules, he was not entitled. Mr. Brooks afterwards in a letter addressed to the District Engineer withdraws the charge, and subsequently in a telegram and letter addressed to the Chief Engineer cancelled the withdrawal. Subsequently he finally withdrew the charges preferred in a letter the tone of which however was carping and complaining.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council cannot overlook conduct so utterly subversive of discipline, and resolves to replace the services of Mr. Brooks at the disposal of the Government of India.

3. Mr. Brooks by his insubordinate conduct has caused serious loss and prejudice to the public service at a time of pressure, and having rendered it impossible for the duties of the district to be carried on owing to his behaviour he was suspended from the performance of his duties under orders of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th October, which reached him on the 19th. The Government however are pleased to cancel the suspension as from the 31st October, having regard to the fact that Mr. Brooks belongs to a different Presidency and that his services were only borrowed for the occasion.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
To Mr. F. Brooks.

Exd. S. T Austin
Spare Copies

Dear Sir
20th Aug 1877

Col. E. A. Ford R.E.
Chief Engineer R.E. Madras

I beg to inform you that I have been
informed that you were last Saturday
morning that I was for the first time
in the most objectionable manner in which
the District Engineer of Madras has
No. 982 of the 19th June last has acknowledged
for the information of Government my
series on the Buckingham Canal.

I feel so indignant at the way in which
and engineers report that I have made
that I cannot wait until I receive it
in Madras on my return to duty, although
it involves the confidential nature of the
document, I feel compelled to protest against it.

The District Engineer has evidently wished
to come to the conclusion that I was of any
value in the Division and had been
incapacitated from illness the whole time.

I am sure to think and hope I shall
be excused for saying it, that his conduct
was

would have been more appropriate if
applied to himself.

I shall endeavor to prove this.

(1) I found the Takapalli Division on the
8th April last, reporting my arrival by
the post of that date the following day; in
addition to having intimated my movements
en route. I was nevertheless kept waiting
a whole week at Takapalli before I received
change. Mr. O'Shaughnessy then informing
me that illness had prevented him from
issuing the orders for the transfer.

(2) On the 14th May, the only time I saw
him in the Division, he conducted himself
in a most ingenuitous and unguarded
manner; but apologized immediately after
expressing himself (in writing) on the grounds
of illness.

(3) Some weeks later, when expressing himself
for undue delay in replying to my letter, he
tells me he again referred to his illness
saying he was sitting almost "idle".

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I am about myself. I do not pretend that
I was enjoying the very best of health, but
I was working like a slave the whole
time. Mr. O'Shaughnessy well knew when
he planned those lines, that three days
after I received change of the Division, I was
obliged to take up the work of the Takapalli
Sub-Division also, and to visit Dykes R.R.
had to go to the Karadu Sub-Division on
his return from leave, I was kept in charge
of the Sub-Division until about the 26th June.

The work in my Sub-Division was
very heavy, and the labor being chiefly the
new independent coolies, made it difficult
to manage. The Dykes Report will
show that until the storm of 18th May
I had seldom less than 12 to 13000 coolies.
I do not believe Mr. Russell had any
more, he certainly never had anything
like 20000 as the District Engineer has
stated.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy unfortunately had May
all the immigrants marched direct
upon Takapalli and they came in such

numbers and at such short intervals, that although I was drafting gangs of from 500 to 2000 northwards for over a week, it was only by the utmost exertions of W. Kelly, Sgt. Anderson, and myself, that the work was not thrown into the wildest confusion.

Then came the cyclone and flood, submerging the north in all directions. With water 7 feet deep to get rid of. You can imagine the difficulty in having to provide employment for the masses of laborers so suddenly thrown out of work. During all this time, I repeatedly and urgently begged and implored for more assistance. I pointed out to him how impossible it was for me to proceed to inspect the distant subdivisions where I was badly wanted, saddled as I was with the Takapallu subdivision. He was kind enough to say, that if I devoted 7 or 8 hours during the day on the north, and 4 hours in the evening to my office duties, I should be able to get through without

more

more assistance.

By the 3rd May, I had thoroughly and carefully inspected the Kanderu and Ramaputani subdivisions. The Tumochaputa subdivision was inspected late in April, quite so late. Hindson R.E. was in charge there, a post from me was not urgently necessary. Mr. Plummer who was later on sent to that subdivision was to be independent of the Division Office. But I only found this out when I was leaving, and Mr. Plummer had the good taste never to mention it to me.

Immediately after the cyclone, and just as soon as I could possibly do so, I proceeded to inspect the Ramathirkham subdivision, and soon after that, the Tumochaputa subdivision. I have then from scarcely ever having "left my bench" (a wretched chest) I was almost continually in the north.

It had been so useless to Mr. O'Shaughnessy to report, it seems odd that I should have been able to conduct the duties of

a large Division with an expenditure of
upwards of 100000 Rs. per annum for
nearly three months, in addition to the cost
of an important sub-division, without any
mischance or accident.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy well knows that the great
bulk of the work was done in that time, that
it was done considerably under his own estimated
rates, although famine work, - and with my
constant assistance from him. In fact, I am
sorry to remark, but it is nevertheless true,
that his action both before and after I took
charge, was more often calculated to retard
than to advance the work. He was as
indulgent in his remarks about the Dist.
Divisional Officers, attributing to them
"inexperience", "conceit" and "gross ignorance".
That I could not with propriety avoid a rupture
with him. Genl. Ombudson wrote to
me about the end of May that Mr. O'Shaughnessy
seemed to be going out of his way to insult
him in every possible manner both privately
and officially and that to counteract my
strength against his treatment of Mr. Buttings.

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- which was most discreditable -
which to detract from nothing that has
been said in Mr. Russell's praise, but with
reference to the concluding remark in para 4
of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's letter I think I can
show that he seems to say out nearly
six weeks before his health was impaired
owing to his having been "overlooked".
I know I reported several times that a
collapse was imminent, and I feared
disaster in all directions.

Mr. Russell complained bitterly of the
fact that he was exposed to in a small
pale tent, and so did Mr. Buttings,
Mr. O'Shaughnessy having countermanded
the permission I gave him to erect a
small shed for himself, which he ultimately
made on my second order, at a cost of
about Rs. 15/-, but not until he had
been exposed to the most cruel weather
during the whole of April and May.
But for the extreme reluctance that
I feel to do anything that tends in
any

* Mr. Buttings

From F. G. Brooks C.E.
Executive Engineer
Late of the Peshawar Division

To The District Engineer
Kullu

D/ Annapatnam the 18 Sept. 1877

Sir,
Adverting to the orders of Government
No 315W under date 27th June last
endorsing your letter No 982 of the 19th idem
I have the honor to ask you to be good
enough to explain on what information
you made the statement in paragraph 3
of that letter - that I had recently left
my bungalow the whole time since I joined
the district!! You must be aware that such
a report was calculated seriously to injure
my prospects in the Department, and as
I declare it to be untrue, I consider you
owe it to me to state on what grounds
you made such an assertion.

any way - interrupting of work -
to the keeping of the masses from
starvation, I certainly think have applied
to Government against the District Engineer
immediate treatment.

Now beg, that no more to the Government
be done, may be transferred from the District
District, or from under Mr. O'Shaughnessy's orders
I regretted very much that I was unable
to call at your office on my way up here,
but I shall not fail to do myself the honor
of waiting upon you early next week.

I remain, Sir,
Yours very obediently
F. G. Brooks
Communicated to
the District Engineer Kullu
for explanation
G.O. No 315W of 27th June 1877

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I have further to complain that in
your letter No 779 of the 6th June 1877 to
the address of the Chief Engineer, in describing
the progress to that date, and also the
expected progress to the end of that month,
which included the whole time that I was
in charge of the Gokpelli Division you have
stated that, "whatever success is admitted
" in this respect, is entirely owing to Mr.
" Henderson's untiring labour and exertions
" in its management"

I judge no amount of credit given
to Lieut. Henderson, who I know is a very
efficient and deserving officer - but, in entirely
ignoring my management of the Canal, you
have laid yourself open to the imputation that
you have failed to conduct the duties of your
office "without fear and prejudice"

I may also observe that your report
is not consistent with what you wrote to
me demi-officially on the 19th May, or only
18 days previously. I quote verbatim, —

"It would be well for many of the S.D.O.
" if they knew how to do the duty of Overseers
" but they don't (!) and the amount of "
" money "

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" money that has been wasted in the canal
" by the conceit, the gross ignorance, as
" well as the inexperience, of the Divisional
" and Subdivisional Officers, is beyond
" calculation " * * * *

" On the strength of some of your reports
" and from my own observation, I informed
" the Duke that you would have the
" Iskeppalli and Ramathurtham sub-
" divisions completed by the end of this
" month, and I trust that you will be able
" to make my words good "

Lieut: Henderson was only in charge
of the Tummalapenta Subdivision after
I joined from the 16th to the 30th April, he
was at Iskeppalli for the first 4 or 5 days
in May and then ordered by you into
Bellare, where he was detained for some
weeks; eventually assuming charge of
the Kareda Subdivision, on or about the
30th May; and keeping charge of it until
he came to relieve me about the 25th June
last. As well as I can recollect you
were disappointed with his services in that
subdivision although I consider he did

extremely

extremely good and useful work, and gave
Lt. Russell also a great deal of assistance.

One point more -

In one of your official letters, received
shortly before I proceeded on leave, you
brought a charge of "great neglect" against
me, which was based on a mere supposition
of your own. I pointed out to you the
mistake under which you were laboring
and respectfully invited you to withdraw
the objectionable passage in your letter.

I believe to this day you have not done
so. I shall therefore be glad to know
your reasons for refusing to comply with
what I believe is a perfectly reasonable
and proper request.

My explanation for not having taken
earlier notice of your letters Nos 779 and
982 of the 6th and 19th June respectively,
is, that you kept back both of these letters
from my office until after I had left the
District, and they did not come before me
officially until I had resumed charge
of the Exchequer Division.

I beg the favor of an early reply
to

to this letter, for if not satisfactory, I
intend to refer the subject for the consideration
and orders of Government

Have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

A. E. Brooks

Executive Engineer

Thro' the Executive Office Southern Division

Friday 6th October 1877

To James O'Shaughnessy Esq.
District Engineer

D.O.

Sir, Mr Lyon has informed me
of the very serious charges he is pre-
pared to prove against you, in the matter
of your Travelling Allowances.

As I have reason to believe that these
charges are only too painfully true, I have
considered it my duty to inform the Chief
Engineer that I can only regard myself
as degraded if obliged to remain under
your orders, either directly or indirectly:
and only the same sentiment can be
entertained by every gentleman in your
District

Yours faithfully

A. G. Brooks

Submitted to the Chief Engineer
in continuation of Dist. Engineer's
letter No. 2421 dated 8th October 1877

8/10/77

O'Shaughnessy
Dist. Eng.

Endorsement of the District Engineer Vellore
dated 9th October 1877 on letter from Mr. F. B.
Brooke Executive Engineer dated Andur. 6th
October 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Circulated for in-
formation.

The Chief Engineer
has directed the su-
pervision of Mr. Brooke
and that he be called
upon to substantiate
the charges the truth of
which he has assumed.

On receipt of the report
the papers will be re-
circulated for the
orders

Submitted to the Chief Engineer
for orders.

Mr. Lynn and Mr. Brooke appear
to have met at Andur - and
Mr. Lynn has forwarded from
there a long, broad letter -
In one of the letters (addressed
to the Chief Engineer) Mr. Lynn
states that the District Engineer
"has several times drawn
travelling allowance against
rules in a wilfully dishonest
way." This is the charge which
Mr. Brooke considers "painfully
true" - and which makes him
feel "despondent" in his present
position.

Mr. Lynn's letter will be forwarded
in due course.

9/10/77

W. H. M. S. S.
Dist. Engr.

No. 78

FOR ORDERS.

orders of Govern-
ment.

M. M. L. R. R.

Secy to Govt. F. D.

Fort St. George
15 Oct 1877

No 32298/13 October 1877

Memorandum.

Endorsement of the District Engineer
Mellone dated 9 October 1877 on letter
from Mr. H. G. Brooks Executive Engineer
dated Guduv 6 October 1877.

In consequence of the statements
made in the above letter the Chief
Engineer directs that Mr. Brooks be
suspended ^{relieved} from all duty and be called
upon to substantiate the charges the
truth of which he has assumed

Sd/ E. A. Hoord Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.

To
The District Engineer Mellone.

Certified that G. J.
Brooks Esq. of the D. P. W. has
been suffering from a smart at-
tack of malarious fever without
any remission from the afternoon
of the 18th instant. He is still
under my treatment, and I con-
sider a change of place for him
very desirable

J. W. Darwin
Appt. apoth.

In charge of Relief Com.
Lyden

Lyden.
20 Oct/77

From

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J. G. Brooks Esquire

Executive Engineer on special duty

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

Dated Madras the 17th October 1877

Sir

I have the honour to reply
to your Memorandum No 3229 of the
13th instant which I received this
afternoon

In my R.O. of the 6th instant to
the District Engineer I stated that
I had good reasons for believing that
the charges Mr Lyon was prepared to
prove against him were only too
partially true. I respectfully
submit, that if I can show that
I had good reasons for believing
them, I must be held justified
in what I did without being
obliged

Obliged to prove them.

Mr. D. Shangkhuissay is considerably my junior in the Department and I presume there is nothing greatly amiss in my intimating to him semi-officially what I think of his conduct.

The District Engineer for a long time has been intensely unpopular in the District and on occasions acted in a very arbitrary manner in connection with the travelling allowance of his assistants.

It was only natural therefore that Mr. Lyon should endeavour to find out if he was equally strict with regard to his own allowances.

Mr. Lyon had special facilities for doing this. He lived at the same station, and the District Engineer's bills were drawn from his Office.

He also states that he accompanied the District Engineer on several short journeys, for some of these he gave me the dates on which the District Engineer had

had not crossed the Punnair-
Ancient.

He had carefully noted these, and on enquiring at the District Engineer's office discovered that the entries in his journal were thus—

"Ancient Office and back 11 miles" for which travelling allowance was drawn.

Now as the distance to the Ancient was $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and his office then 2 miles it is clear that he could not have travelled beyond 5 miles from his Headquarters, for then the entry must have been over 11 miles.

In therefore certifying that he had not charged for journeys, but not taking him beyond 5 miles from his Headquarters. I submit that it must be conceded that he has not acted honourably or correctly.

Mr. Lyon assured me that he was so convinced of these facts that he was prepared to make an affidavit before a Magistrate, if necessary.

Mr. Lyon is a gentleman, and I think I am justified in accepting his

his statements.

There is also collateral evidence to show that the charges cannot be without foundation.

Mr. Lyon showed me a letter from Mr. Henderson dated some weeks back in which he states that these charges are the talk of the village and asks if they are true?

He also read me his reply, which he could not have sent, in my opinion, if he had then any doubt about the matter. It is impossible to suppose that the District Engineer could have been ignorant of these reports. Any person who is acquainted with the Village Society can easily understand this; and the District Engineer is so well known to encourage anonymous petitions and to accept information from such like irregular and improper sources, that I truly believe, it would have been impossible for him not to know for one day what was the talk

"talk" of very bad minton party &c "as Mr. Henderson states.

If the charges had been proved - he would certainly have suspended Mr. Lyon long ago.

There is again no other way of accounting for his recent extremely harsh proceedings towards Mr. Lyon than by supposing that he met them with his knowledge of these charges.

My letter, taken by itself may appear objectionable, but I must ask you to be so good as to notice also the style of the District Engineer's Deputé-officials which have often been grossly insulting.

I shall give you a few extracts as specimens.

"It would be well for many of the D.C.
"B. if they know how to do the duty of
"oversure, but they do not, and the amount
"of money that has been wasted in the
"Canal by the conceit, the gross ignorance
"as well as the inexperience of the
"Divisional and sub-divisional officers
is

"is beyond calculation?"

Again - "I am convinced that
"there is wholesale robbery and villainy
"going on from one end of the canal to
"the other."

"Such is the management of the canal
"that it stinks in the nostrils of
"every body who is in any way con-
"-nected with it."

I could give many more, but
I am confined to my bed with a
sore attack of fever - I believe
the above which I have quoted from
memory are as near as possible ver-
bation, if not perfectly so.

If what I have now stated
is not sufficient to show that I had
good grounds for believing Mr. Sykes
charges, and I am required to press
them. I beg that I may be supplied
with copies of the District Engineer's
Journals

journals during the past 12 months.

I have the honor to be
sir

Your most obedient servant

L. H. Brooks
Executive Engineer

P. H. R. D. 77

No 3451

Memorandum

The accompanying letter
No 30 dated 19th October 1877
from Mr Brooks which should
have been submitted through the
District Engineer ~~at~~ in the
first instance is forwarded to
Mr O'Hanlon for any
remarks which he may wish
to offer.

Fort St George

23 Oct/877

Wm A Ford

Chief Engineer

To The District Engineer

With letter

From Mr Brooks

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No 3451

27/23 Oct 1877

Replied to. vide
No 1180 in file.

Through Secy. Engineer
Southern Division

No 31
Of. Order 22 Oct 1877

To
The District Engineer
Nellore

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of yesterday's
date, in which you state I am suspended
from all duty by the orders of Government
until I have substantiated certain charges
which I have brought against you &
requesting the proofs of those charges
by return of post.

I am not aware what charges
you allude to that you say I have
brought against you I have brought
several charges against you but
not of such gravity as to require
my suspension pending their proof.

I have no doubt you will
oblige me with a specific statement
of the charges you refer to

I am the honor to be
 Sir

Your most obedient servant

A. H. Brooks

Genl. Engineer

Through Executive Engineer
 Southern Division

To The District Engineer
 Mission

By Order the 23rd Jan 1877

Sir, In continuation of my letter of
 January's date, I presume the charges you
 refer to, which you state I have brought
 against you, are those which Mr. Lyne
 has brought against you. If this is
 correct, my answer to your letter is, that
 if I am to remain under suspension
 until I have substantiated Mr. Lyne's
 charges! I shall certainly appeal against
 the order - but I hope this has not been
 a mistake of your own in interpreting
 Chief Engineer's orders.

If he orders me to prove those charges
 my duty would be to do so impartially
 without reference to the views you or
 Mr. Lyne may have about them, or to
 my own belief or present. I have
 stated that I know him to be true
 there is the possibility that you may
 be able to explain them - of which
 I should be more glad than myself.

If I am to be compelled to prove
anything that I profess to believe,
may be called upon for proofs that are
impossible for me to give.

It appears to me that all that
reasonably be demanded of me is
show that I had good reasons for
believing the charges I referred to, all
this I have already done in my let.
to the Chief Engineer of the 19th div.
in reply to his Memo. of the 13th idem.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most obedient

A. B. Smith
Executive Engineer

District Engineer's Office
Wellen
26 October 1877

From,

The District Engineer.

To,

Wellen

H. G. Brooks Esq. &
Gardner.

Sir.

I am informed by the Chief Engineer that on the receipt by you of the order of Government suspending you from duty until you substantiate certain charges, which you have brought against me that you should have submitted such proofs as you possess and on which you made the charges referred to by return Post.

I request you will be good enough

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No 2676

District Engineer's Office
Yellow
26th October 1877

From.

To. The District Engineer.
The Chief Engineer.
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
in continuation of my endorsement
dated 19th instant, 2 letters which
I have received from Mr. Brooke in
reply to my letter No. 2 dated the 21st
instant, copy enclosed, calling upon him
to substantiate the charges referred to
in his letter dated the 6th October -
forwarded with my endorsement above
referred to. I have not seen Mr.
Brooke's letter dated the 19th instant
to your address and I therefore

to send to me such proofs by return
Post, now if you have not already sent
them to enable me to lay them before
Government without more delay.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed / J O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer
/ True copy /

J O'Shaughnessy
District Engineer

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Suppose he has forwarded it to you direct.

Yours truly

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. H. M. S. C.

District Engineer

Mr
a. H.

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C. E. No 34518/23^d Oct 77
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General

From,
The District Engineer
Nelson

To,
The Chief Engineer
U. S. Department
Fort St. George

No 2676 Encl 3.
Dated 26 October 1877
Recd do

J. G. Brooks Esq.
Executive Engineer
Submits 2 letters
received from --
regarding the charges
brought by him against
the District Engineer

N. 7-6

Oct 9-16

P. M. A.

No 3604 9/29 Oct 77

Memorandum

With reference to the letter
from the District Engineer
Nelson No. 2676 dated 26 October
1877, the Chief Engineer has
the honor to call attention
to his Memorandum No. 3451
of 23^d Idem & to say that he
expected a reply to that
communication on this. No
further time should be
lost in submitting the
remarks called for

Fort St. George
Oct 1877

(Sigs) E. A. Ford. Col. M.
Chief Engineer

To

The District Engineer
Nelson

From J. G. Knight Esq. &
Executive Engineer Bellary

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

Of Bellary the 31st October 1877

Sir, I have the honor to bring before
you that after my return from the
provinces where I took the earliest
convenient opportunity of requesting the
District Engineer of Bellary to inform
me upon what grounds, or from what
information, he had made the statement
in his Official Report No 982 of the 19th
June last, to the effect that I had been
"more or less idle since I joined the
District, and had scarcely left my
"bungalow the whole time."

As I knew the statement to be
utterly opposed to facts, I considered

Yrs.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy was under no
obligation to afford an explanation
but after keeping me waiting nearly
a month, he informs me that he
"declines to comply with my request."

I have therefore to ask if you
will be so good as to call upon
Mr. O'Shaughnessy to substantiate
his statement, or if he cannot do
so, to withdraw it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

A. B. B. B.
Executive Engineer

No. 76

Memorandum No. 2757

Mr. J. P. Armstrong, Executive
Engineer having produced a Medical
certificate of fitness to return to duty
Revision of the
he is posted to the Sawapully Project.

All the Plans and papers connected
with the Project can be obtained by
Mr. Armstrong in the District Engineer's
office and the District Engineer's room
in that office is available for Mr.
Armstrong's use.

The special establishment sanctioned
for Famine relief Officers will be
entertained and placed at Mr. Armstrong's
disposal immediately.

The District Engineer will be greatly
obliged if Mr. Armstrong will examine
the papers connected with the Project
as soon as possible and report.

1st The time in which he thinks
the necessary Plans and Estimates can
be completed.

and 2^d. The assistance or establishment
he requires for the work.

The improvement and extension
of the Main drain is the first thing
to be considered in order that it
may be ready to be taken up as a
Famine relief work about the
beginning of December if necessary

(Signed) J. O. Haughey
District Engineer's Office
Bellone
1 November 1877

(True Copy)

J. O. Haughey
District Engineer

I hereby Certify that
J. P. Armstrong, Engineer, Executive
Engineer in Charge of the Southern
Range, is recommended to
attend to his duties.

Kellor,
 31. Oct 1879 }

No. 2758

NELLORE,

District Engineer's Office,

1st November 1877

FROM

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF NELLORE,

TO

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

SIR,

In reference to my letter No 2677
dated 26th Ultimo I have the honor to
enclose a Medical Certificate of
Mr Executive Engineer Armstrong's
fitness to return to duty.

I have posted Mr. Armstrong
to the completion of the Sivapully
Project Estimate, a work for which,
I believe, he has special qualifications.

Enclose for your approval
copy of my instructions to Mr. Armstrong
on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

J. W. James
District Engineer

General
From The District Engineer
Nelson
To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Dated 1st November 1877

Received

No 2758

J. P. Armstrong Esquire
Executive Engineer—

Reports the recovery
of — from sickness.

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No 2779

District Engineer
Nelson
2 November 1877

From
The District Engineer
To Nelson
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to return
Mr Brooks letter No 30 dated the
19th October 1877 forwarded to me with
your memo No 3451 dated the 23rd
idem for any remarks I may wish
to offer.

I am sorry to have kept Mr Brooks
letter so long but I have much work
and other troubles to attend to and I
find it difficult even now to reply to
Mr Brooks statements.

Mr Brooks is certainly occupying

temporarily a grade higher than mine
but. I have been 25 years in the Government
service 13 of which has been in the Engineer
Establishment of this Department while
Mr. Brooks has I believe been only
9 years in the Government service and
his high position in the Department
is owing to the accident of his having been
in the service of the E. I. Irrigation
Company when the works and establishment
of that company were taken over by
Government some 8 or 9 years ago.

This however is I suppose beside
the question Mr. Brooks is by the will
of Government subordinate to me for
the time being and even if he was not
subordinate to me I cannot think
he is ^{justified} in accusing me publicly
of "dishonorable" conduct without a
shadow of proof beyond the word of
another dissatisfied and angry subordinate

who appears to have dogged ^{steps} me if I
turned a certain corner or passed a certain
mile stone and then went seeking
surreptitious information from my clerks
as to whether I stated correctly the
exact extent of my journey. Mr. Lyon
is no doubt in the position of a
Gentleman, but I venture to say that
his proceedings in this matter if they
are correctly described by Mr. Brooks
are not quite in accordance with gentlemanly
feeling or conduct.

Mr. Brooks reference to Lieutenant
Henderson and to Yellow society in
which Mr. Brooks does not mix and
about which he can know nothing, is
grossly exaggerated and in some respects
entirely false. In a previous letter
Mr. Brooks made somewhat similar
statements. I asked certain gentlemen
on that occasion if Mr. Brooks

statements were true and their answers
which I forwarded to you with my
Letter No. 242 dated 8th October 1877, prove
that in one case Mr. Brooks greatly
abused the hasty confidence of one Officer
and that his statements in regard to
the other Gentlemen were entirely false.

I hesitate to go now among my friends
in Nellore Society who I meet almost
every day of my life, to ask them if they
have as stated by Mr. Brooks been
scandalizing me behind my back. It
would be too humiliating to me, and it
would be an insult to my friends to do so.
I must therefore request that you
will take Mr. Brooks' statements on this
occasion in connection with his previous
similar statements which I have proved
to be untrue, but if you wish it otherwise
I shall of course obtain for you the

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opinion of Nellore Society on the subject.

In regard to the strong language Mr.
Brooks attributes to me in connection
with the management of the Buckingham
canal I fail to see what connection it
has with the subject now in question.
I cannot now say whether I have used
such language or not but if I have done
so there must have been good reasons
for it.

In regard to Mr. Brooks' request
that he should be permitted to examine
my journals, I beg to say that if
Government consent to comply with the
Gentleman's request the journals to
which he refers are in the Office of the
Examiner of P. W. Accounts.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
W. H. Mansel
District Engineer

General

From

The District Engineer
at Albany

To

The Chief Engineer
of the W. & A. R. R.

Fort Schuyler

No 2779 Encl.

Dated 2^d November 1877

Recd.

Furnishes explanation
to Mr. Brooks' letter
No 30 of 19th October
1877 referred to—

W. J. S.

From Mr. Brooks
District Engineer

To J. B. Thompson Esq
District Engineer Albany

By Return H. W. W. 1877

Sir I have the honor to enclose
a copy of a telegram I am sending
to the Chief Engineer requesting him
permission to withdraw everything
that I have written with reference
to the charges Mr. Lyon brought against
me.

My O. O. of the 6th ultimo was
in

in no way intended to identify
me with those charges, and I
regret the language used in the
letter which in reflection I think
was too strong, and otherwise objectionable

I trust this will satisfy you
that I have no wish to prolong
the present unpleasant state of
affairs

I have the honor to be

Very much, Sir,
Yours most sincerely

A. S. Brooks

Executive Engineer

Copy Telegram

From Brooks. To Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Bellevue. Major

Requests permission to withdraw
all letters relating to charges
against District Engineer regarding
Travelling Allowances

Ed/ A. S. Brooks

Submitted to The Chief Engineer

At Home
5 Nov. 1877

W. Humphreys
Dist. Engr.

h. j. s.

E. F. Brooks Esq

Sir, I have sent you
letter of the 5th instant
to the Chief Engineer
as I promised to do
and as I understood
you wished to be
done - Yrs faithfully

W. Humphreys

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Extract from District Engineer's (Hutton) Letter No 2745
dated the 31st October 1877 to the address of the Chief
Engineer P.W.O. Madras.

"On enquiring into the circumstances of the abstraction
of the cheque of Mr. Lyon, I am given to understand
that Mr. Brooks wanted money, and that as the
cheque book in current use was either in my possession
or in Lieutenant Henderson's possession at the time he
appears to have persuaded Mr. Armstrong to give the key of
the cash-chest to Mr. Lyon for the purpose of obtaining
a spare cheque-book."

Note by Mr. Brooks.

I solemnly declare that I knew nothing whatever
about Mr. Lyon going to the office for cheque-book.

I never asked Mr. Armstrong to pay my salary, and
he had offered to lend me as much as I required from
his private cash, taking my order for the amount
on the Range Office. I had asked him for the
small balance due to me on my deposit account.

When the cheque was written, I took it to the Range
Office, and handed it to Lieutenant Henderson
who was just assuming charge. He examined
it, pronounced it in order, and correct, and then
handed it to the accountant, who sent it to the
Treasury by one of the office peons. The cash was
brought, and counted on Mr. Henderson's table.

Neither

Mr. F. L. Brooks

Personal interview

not necessary.

Ed. R. A. Ford
Chief Clerk

Cor 10-11.

Mellon 8th November 1877

J O'Shaughnessy Esq.
District Engineer

Sir,

Will you oblige me by informing me
per favor, if it is true that you sent on my
letter of the 5th instant "for the information of
Government"? and not as Mr. Meena told me
you had done under the advice of Mr. Gosse,
and as you promised Mr. O'Hara you would do.

The matter is so important, that failing from
immediate reply to this, I shall conclude that you
have acted in bad faith, and telegraph to the Chief
Engineer to cancel my telegram of the 5th inst, a
copy of which I sent you with my letter of the 4th
idem

Yours faithfully

J. G. Brooks

True copy

J. G. Brooks

* Should have been
4th instant
H.B.

Neither Mr. Armstrong, nor I had any intimation
that Mr. Henderson was going to take charge
of the Range Office. I had heard a rumor
to that effect the day before, and wrote to Mr.
Henderson to ask if he was coming. His answer
was "I am going to the agent, and all my
belongings are on the other side of the river, as
long as this flood continues, I cannot get them
across."

J. G. Brooks

Executive Engineer

Mellon 7th Nov. 1877

From Mr. F. H. Smith, C.E.
Executive Engineer

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

Of Bellary the 8th November 1877

Sir
I have the honor to ask your consideration
to the following -

On the 19th ultimo I was placed under suspension
for assuming the truth of certain charges Mr. Lyon
had made against the District Engineer of Bellary.

I immediately submitted to you my reasons
for believing that the District Engineer had acted
wrongly in drawing travelling allowances he was
not entitled to, and hoped that my letter would
have convinced you that I had acted on something
more than a mere assumption.

On the 31st ultimo the Civil Surgeon of Bellary
stated to Mr. Armstrong, in the presence of Mrs.
Armstrong and myself, that Mr. O'Shannon
admitted that he had been drawing travelling
allowances that he was not entitled to.

On the 3rd instant I was dining with Mr. Penn
Asst.

Assistant Magistrate, and Mr. O'Hara in
Medical charge of the Buckingham Canal and
mentioned that fact.

These gentlemen represented to me that Mr.
O'Shaughnessy appeared to be heartily sick
of the disagreeable quarrel that had arisen
and thought he would be glad if he could see
any way of ending it. I remarked that I also
was tired of it, and I thought Mr. Lyon was
so too.

Mr. O'Hara then offered his good offices to bring
about an amicable arrangement, and it was
finally arranged that he should go to Mr. O'Shaughnessy
early in the following morning, and on condition
of Mr. Lyon withdrawing his charges, and I am
letters regarding them, with an expression of regret
for what had occurred, Mr. O'Shaughnessy was
to intimate to you what we had done, expressing
a hope that you would be satisfied, and the matter
be allowed to drop. There were good reasons for
assuming that this course was practicable.

It was also to be a condition that Mr. O'Shaughnessy
would make no more difficulties in the way of
our transfers.

Mr. O'Hara had his interview with Mr. O'Shaughnessy
accordingly, and after it came straight to
Lieut.

Lieut. Henderson's house where he met me.
He there and then informed me that Mr.
O'Shaughnessy was quite satisfied, and on
receipt of our letters would act in the manner
agreed upon, only advising, that Mr. Lyon's letter
should be such as Government would accept.

Mr. O'Hara added that Mr. O.S. did not seem
at all uneasy about the charges, that he frankly
admitted he had been drawing allowances he was
not entitled to, and expected to be called upon to
repaid them. He justified himself by saying
his predecessor had done the same.

Mr. O'Hara repeated this later on before Mr. Power
and myself.

I believed Mr. O'Shaughnessy to be acting in
good faith, and induced Mr. Lyon to withdraw
his charges. I pointed out the delay that had
taken place and no enquiry ordered, showed
him that as long as he stuck to those charges
his case for his transfer would probably not
be considered, and that by withdrawing them
which he could do with a very good grace, not
being under suspension, or having been called
upon to substantiate his charges, he was
removing the complication that interfered with
his

his transfer. Lastly I remarked that as Mr. O.S. had admitted the facts on which his main charge was grounded, he could now leave it to Government to take what action they thought fit.

He consented, and we wrote the letters which you have probably received in this.

I meant to have sent my telegram at the same time, but discovering that it was Sunday I waited until the following day.

Before sending the message I saw Mr. Mearns told him it seemed strange that Mr. O.S. had not replied to my letter, and I felt some hesitation about sending the telegram. Mr. Mearns, who had just come from the District Engineer, told me I could cite him as a witness that Mr. O.S. was sending the letter up as agreed to, and expressing himself satisfied. Mr. Mearns further informed me that Mr. O.S. had consulted the Collector, who had remarked that my letter was all that could be desired.

Judge then my astonishment and surprise to find that Mr. Mearns had two days ago received a note from Mr. O'Shaughnessy telling him that he was wrong in informing me as he had, and that both letters had gone

gone up "for the information of Government".

I cannot believe that Government will overlook such flagrant treachery by permitting Mr. O'Shaughnessy to use our conciliatory overtures, for which he had been in treaty, as a weapon against us.

In consequence of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's extraordinary conduct in this matter, I am now telegraphing to you to cancel my telegram of the 8th and letter to the District Engineer of the 4th inst.

I have discovered that Mr. O'Shaughnessy received my O.D. of the 6th ult. about the same time, or a little after he received Mr. Lyon's letter containing his charges, and that whilst he sent on my letter at once, he detained Mr. Lyon's for about a fortnight. I submit that this is a most important point, and deserves to be taken into consideration.

In my letter of the 19th ultimo I applied for the District Engineer's Travelling Journals. I imagine I am entitled to see these, if the issue of proving Mr. Lyon's charges is shown upon me.

If I am to be detained longer under suspension I beg that a commission

P. W. 1877 Sept.

Enquiry may be no longer delayed, as
otherwise I am supplied with a serious
grievance.

No. 11480

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

H. Brotherton R. 10 Sept.

Secy. Engineer

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From W. H. Brotherton
Executive Engineer

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras

Of Madras, the 20th Nov 1877

Sir I have the honor to solicit

Your permission to withdraw my
demi-official of the 6th ultimo
to the address of the District Engineer
Pondicherry. I do so in the hope that
it will facilitate in making the
present most unsatisfactory state
of affairs. I submit and regret
that my language was too strong;
and, as I have informed Mr.
Chambers, otherwise objectionable.

At

At the same whilst I do this
for the sake of a peaceful solution
I cannot but feel that I have
been deeply injured by Mr. O'Shaughnessy's
coarse action, and that I have
suffered under it to a degree almost
beyond the limit of human
endurance.

I am placed at a disadvantage
by not being in a position to
prove this officially; but as
there may have been misapprehension
and Mr. O'Shaughnessy may not
have intended all that he is
alleged to have said to con-
tact to me, I do not desire
to say anything against him.
No one has regretted more than
I have the unhappy difference
that has arisen, but I cannot
admit, however much I might

be willing to humiliate myself,
that I have been the cause of
it. If the District Engineer
had shown the slightest disposition
back in a conciliatory manner,
the matter must have
come to the notice of government.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

A. S. Crocker

Genl. Engr.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

From the Attyr Nellore (H E dated 9th Oct/77)
 " Mr Brooks — (— 19th do)
 " Attyr Nellore — (No 2676 of 26 do)
 " Do. Do. (No 2779 of 2 Nov/77)
 " Mr Brooks — (— 4th do)
 " Attyr Nellore — (— 5th do)
 Telegram from Mr Brooks — (— 5th do)
 Telegram from Do. — (— 8th do)
 Telegram from Do. — (— 8th do)
 Telegram from Do. — (— 20th do)

rec^d 28th Nov?

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The papers before Government show that for some time past Mr Brooks conduct has been marked by a readiness to take offence and to dispute the order of the Officer under whom he is working. The charges that he has brought against the District Engineer of Karachi and

unfair treatment have
the Government consider
been fully and satis-
factorily answered by
the District Engineer.

In a letter of the 6th Oct.
of most insolent and
insubordinate nature
he charges the District
Engineer (on information
obtained from another
Executive Officer of the
District) with drawing
travelling allowance to
which, by the rules, he
was not entitled. Mr.
Brooks afterwards in a
letter addressed to the
District Engineer withdraws
the charge and then in
a telegram and letter
addressed to the Chief
Engineer corrected the

withdrawal. Subsequently,
however, he finally
withdraws the charge
preferred in a letter the
tone of which was carping
and complaining.

In this case the Governor
in Council cannot over-
look conduct so utterly
subversive of discipline
and resolves to replace
the services of Mr. Brooks
at the disposal of the
Government of India.

Mr. Brooks was sus-
pended from the per-
formance of his duties
under orders of the Chief
Engineer dated 13th Oct.
which reached him on the 19th
but the Government
his service being allowed to count
authorised and full pay

Lyon
Brooks
Delta
Messrs Lyons and Brooks

Mr J. Brooks, Esq
dated 20 Aug 1877

Appeals against the
very objectionable manner
in which the District Engineer,
in para 3 of his letter No 982
dated 19th June (recorded
with L.O. No 315 W of 27 June
1877) reports to Government
his services on the Buckingham
Canal.

Chief Engineer, Bureau No 2469
dated 20 Aug 1877 Refers to the District
Engineer for explanation

D.H. letter No 2301
dated 30 Sept 1877 In forwarding correspond-
ence on the subject of the
measurements of works on the
Perrins south flood bank,
explains that, owing to the
absence of the Range Officer
Mr Lyons, and definite in-
formation, the Delta Super-
intendent was ordered to

measure the work which
he never carried out. Further
draws attention to the tone
of Mr Lyons letter and
suspends the Delta Superd
pending orders of the Chief
Engineer.

Chief Engrs Memo No 3062
dated 4 October 1877

Approves of the furnish-
ment of the Delta Superd
-int, and states that the
Range Officer had no grounds
for complaint ^{in respect of} the order
given to the Delta Superd
for measuring the works
and remarks on the nature
of the correspondence sub-
mitted. Also requests in-
formation as to where Mr
Lyons has gone to and on
the state of accounts and
works in his Range.

Telegram from the DR Wellme
dated 20 Oct 1877

Reports that Mr Lyons
has gone away from the works
without paying the cost
for work done with him

Chief Engrs Memo No 3023
dated 20 Oct 1877

Petition from Delta Superd
dated 10 Oct 1877

Chief Engrs Memo No 3075
dated 4 Oct 1877

Cheque Books therefore
causing much confusion
and aggravation of distress
is caused.
and Requests the Examiner
may be directed to grant
him credit to the extent of
Rs 50000, payment of
cheques issued by Mr Lyons
being stopped.

Requests the Examiner to
take immediate action
in respect to issue of credits
and informs District Engrs
accordingly.

Appeals against his
suspension by the District
Engineer, and explains that
from want of time he could
not carry out the orders
of the District Engineer in
measuring the work on the
Pernar North flood bank.

Lodges the above paper
with reference to memo
No 3062 dated 4 Oct ap-
proving of the District Engineer

action.

Petition from R. L. A. Supdt

Letter from Mr H. Lyon
dated 5th October

Submits attention to the
previous petition and prays
to be freed from suspension

Forwards copy of letter
from the Deputy Collector
dismissing his charges, and
appeals against the conduct
of the District Engineer. Also
explains that his absence
from the works for a day
(Sunday) was owing to having
proceeded to Tripatty to bring
down his wife and child
who were ill; the latter
having since died. Further
charges Mr O'Changhney
with dishonestly drawing
travelling allowance.

Submits explanation on
the charges preferred by Mr
Brooks, forwards that Officer's
Inspection Reports, adds that
he has treated Mr Brooks
with more consideration
than he could claim,
states

From District Engr. Bellm.
No 2421. dated 8th Oct 1877.

states that he has on
several occasions refrained
from bringing his conduct
to the notice of Government,
forwards copies of letters
from certain Officers ex-
pressing satisfaction at
the treatment received from
him, and appeals to Govern-
ment for protection from
further insults and humili-
ations from Mr Brooks.

From O. C. Walling
dated 7th Oct 1877.

Submits letter from
Mr Brooks requesting ex-
planation with reference
to the report submitted to
Government (recorded with
H.O No 315W of 27 June 1877)
on the works under his
supervision, and charging
the District Engineer with
dishonestly drawing travelling
allowance and intimating
that he is prepared to
prove the charge, and
stating that he

Considers it derogatory
to continue ^{Mr. Brooks'} under ^{his} orders. Explains that

Misses Dymis and Brooks ^{Chieftain's} memo. No 3457
met at Condur and the ^{date}
former officer addressed
him two very violent
letters, the subject of one
being that now brought
forward by Mr Brooks.
and promises to forward
Mr Dymis letters in due
course.

Directs that Mr Brooks
be suspended and relieved
of all work and called on
to substantiate the charges
brought against the District
Engineer.

Submits explanations
of the charges brought by
him against the District
Engineer and requests that
if further explanation is

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required, he may be fur-
nished with the District
Engineer's journals for the
past 12 months.

Refers the above letter to
the District Engineer for
any remarks he may
wish to offer.

Notifies attention to his
former appeals and prays
to be freed from suspension,
or that orders may be
passed on his case.

Intimates with reference
to para 3 of memo No 3062
dated 4 October that the
anonymous reports re-
ferred to were by mistake
brought in the records of his
office, and explains the
action he took in regard
to them. Further states
that owing to want of time
he cannot examine the

Chieftain's memo No 3229
dated 13 Oct 1877

From Dr McIlwain No 2576
dated 19 Oct 1877

From Mr Brooks No 30
dated 19 Oct 1877

work of the Pemas Ranth
flood bank, but that he
has called on the Incentive
Officer to report on it, and
adds that the accounts
of the Furthem Division
are in a very confused
state, but that he expects
matters to be all right
shortly. Further reports
certain appointments.

From Mr. Dyson 7th Oct 1877

Requests to be transferred
to another district especially
now that he has been
degraded to a subdivi-
sion and also on account
of his own and wife's ill
health.

From Mr. E. H. H. H. H. H.
dated 26 October 1877

Forwards letter from
Mr. Brooks requesting a
statement of the specific
charges which he has to
substantiate and intimates
that if he is to remain
under suspension for

Chief Engineer No. 3604
dated 29 October

From Mr. H. H. H. H. H.
dated 10 Oct 1873

Do Do No 2563
dated 18 October 1877

bringing the same charges
as those of Mr. Dyson he
will appeal against the
order, and adds that
all that can be demanded
of him has already been
said in his letter to the
Chief Engineer dated 19 Oct.

Draws attention of the
District Engineer to Memo
No 3451 of 23 Oct calling
for remarks in Mr. Brooks
letter of the 19 Oct No 30.

Submits letter from Mr.
Dyson complaining of being
degraded by his removal
from the Hullo Range to
a newly created subdivision
and requests to be transferred
or appointed to some inde-
pendent charge pending
the appointment of a Com-
mittee of investigation.

In forwarding correspond-
ence together with Mr. Dyson's

petition addressed against him.

Reports circumstances connected with the abstraction of cheque books by Mr Dym and their subsequent recovery, brings to notice the irregular manner in which a cheque for Mr Brooks' salary was cashed, and promises a further report.

Requests the District Inquiries be made may be called on to substantiate the statement made in his letter recorded with L.O. No 315W of 27 June 1877 that he has been more or less ill since he joined the District & scarcely left the Bungalows, or that he may withdraw the statement.

Remarks on letter from Mr Brooks explaining charges brought against

Inspection reports, explains the circumstances of the removal of Mr Dym from charge of Bellare Range and the appointment of Mr Armstrong, and states that Mr Dym's charge of his dishonestly drawing travelling allowance is utterly false.

From O.R. Bellare No 2575 dated 19 Oct 1877. Submits with explanation letter from Mr Dym charging him with dishonesty and unfair treatment.

Chief Inquiries Bureau No 3669 dated 1st Nov. Calls on Mr Dym to substantiate the charge brought against the District Inquiries for dishonestly drawing travelling allowance.

From O.R. Bellare No 2726 dated 30 Oct 1877. Submits letter from Mr Dym demanding copy of certain anonymous

From O.R. Bellare No 2741 dated 21st Oct 1877. Also Telegram of 31 Oct 77.

From Mr Brooks No 36 dated 31 Oct 1877.

From O.R. Bellare No 2777 dated 2nd November 77.

Telegram from Mr Brooks
dated 5th Nov 1877

From O R Mellore
dated 5th November 1877

To
7th Nov 1877

To
dated 5 Nov 1877
No 27 7th Nov 1877

The District Engineer, and
states that if an examination
of his journals are necessary
they can be seen at the
Engineers Office.

Requests permission
to withdraw all letters
relating to charges against
District Engineer regarding
travelling allowance.

Submits letter from Mr
Brooks withdrawing the
charge in respect to
travelling allowance, and
apologizing for the tone
of his correspondence

Submits letter from Mr
Lyon withdrawing certain
portions of his letters charging
him with dishonestly
drawing travelling allow-
ance, and intimates that
he has informed Mr Lyon
that he was out of employ
from the 20th Oct. and

Telegram from Mr Brooks
dated 7th November

Telegram to Mr Brooks
dated 7th November

Telegram from Mr Brooks
dated 8th Nov 1877

Telegram from Mr Lyon
dated 8th November 1877

Letter from O R Mellore
No 2807 7 Nov 1877

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that he is not to resume
duty until the orders of
Government are passed
on his letter refusing
to obey orders.

Requests permission
to proceed to Madras to
have a personal interview

Declines personal
interview

Cancel letter of 4th
and telegram of the 5th instant
withdrawing charges against
Mr O Chaugheesay in regard
to travelling allowance.

Cancel letter of 27th Oct
withdrawing charges against
Mr O Chaugheesay in regard
to travelling allowance.

Submits explanation
of Mr Armstrong with reference
to the payment to Mr
Brooks from his Cheque
Book.

Letter from Mr Ex Sur
Brooks.
dated 8th Nov 77

Cancelling his with-
drawal of charge
against Mr. O'Shaughnessy

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No 190245 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1 Dec 77

Read the following

From Mr Brooks (H.E. 320 Aug 77
 " D.E. Kellie " 29 Oct 77
 " Mr Brooks " 19 do
 " D.E. Kellie " 25/6/25 do
 " Mr Brooks " 31/2/31 do
 " D.E. Kellie " 27/5/27 1 Nov.
 " do do 27/7/27 2 do
 " do do 27/7/27 5 do
 Telegram from Mr Brooks (H.E. 27 5 do
 do do 27 7 do
 From Mr Brooks 27 8 do
 Telegram from do 27 8 do
 From Mr Brooks 1 27 20 do

The papers before
 Govt. show that for some
 time past Mr Brooks
 conduct has been marked
 by a promptitude to
 take offence at and a
 determination to dis-
 pute the order of the
 officer under whom
 he is working. The

charges that he has brought
against the District
Snr of Harah and un-
fair treatment more
fully and satisfactorily
answered by the District
Engineer. In a letter
of the 6th October of a
most insolent and in-
subordinate nature
he charges the District
Engineer (on information
obtained from another
Executive Officer of the
District who however
was unable to give
particulars) with
drawing travelling allow-
ance to which, by the
rules, he was not entitled.
Mr Brooks afterwards
in a letter addressed
to the District Snr

withdrews the charge
and subsequently in
a telegram and
letter addressed to the
Chief Snr cancelled
the withdrawal. Sub-
sequently he finally
withdrew the charge
preferred in a letter
the tone of which however
was carping and com-
plaining.

His Grace the Governor
in Council cannot
overlook conduct so
utterly subversive of
discipline and resolves
to replace the services
of Mr Brooks at the
disposal of the Govt
of India.

Mr Brooks by his

unsubordinate conduct
has caused serious
loss and prejudice
to the Public Service
at a time of pressure
and having rendered
it impossible for the
duties of the District
to be carried on owing
to his behaviour, he
was suspended from
the performance of his
duties under orders of
the Chief Magr dated
13th Oct. which reached
him on the 19th. The
Government however
are pleased to cancel
the suspension as
from the 31st October
having regard to
the fact that Mr.
Brooks belongs to

a different Presidency
and that his services
were only borrowed
for the occasion.

9/11/77

D. E. Nelson ✓
By Mr. A. A. ✓ Sep- 3-12-77
Mr. F. Branks ✓

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