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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	221	(W)	Press
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Dated	11-6-	1877.	

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The Government cannot accept Mr
O'Shaughnessy's explanation of the
delay that occurred in relieving
Mr Mutchings. No man who was
transferred from Dawson and Mr
Mutchings to Ladang and Madras
respectively sent Mr de la Cour
and back in their places. Mr
O'Shaughnessy was informed of their
transfer by telegram on the 14th of
March. It is ill to argue that
because the words "at once" were
not opposite the name of Mr Mutchings
it was intended that he alone should
not be expeditiously relieved. Besides
the telegram of the 14th of April could
have left no room for doubt as to
what was intended.
Mr O'Shaughnessy, in giving his opinion
as to the impossibility that will
be incurred by transferring Mr
Mutchings has overlooked his duty.
He cannot possibly be in a position
to judge of the requirements
of other districts or of the
reasons for the transfer of Mr Mutchings.
From Nelson to Madras E.H.F.
7/5/77

Copy of the letter from Mr. Hutchings,
Assistant Engineer, to the Executive Officer in Charge
Sikaphully Division, dated 31st May 1877. No 272

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that
I gave over charge of this sub-Division to
S. Ramiah Pambolos this day before 12
A.M.

Yours

(Signed) H.B. Hutchings

Assistant Engineer

No 365

(a true copy)

Forwarded to the District Engineer below
for information

(Signed) F.G. Brooks

Executive Engineer Sikaphully D.

31st May 1877

No 410

(a true copy)

Submitted to the Chief Engineer for
information in reference to G. O. No 153 W
dated 28th May 77. Oversee Ramiah is the
best man available at present for the
charge of the sub-Division but the
District Engineer does not consider him
qualified for such an important charge
and the responsibility of the appointment

must rest with the officers who have
advice Mr Hutchings has been removed

W. Humphreys
District Engineer

District Engineer's Office
St. Louis
1st June 1877

General.

From, P.W.D.
The District Engineer
No. 5508.

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

No. 710.
Dated 1st June 1877
Recd.

Mr. Hutchings, Asst.
Engineer—

Reporting that—
gone over charge of
his sub-division of
the East Coast Canal,
to Querser & Rennie
on the 31st May 1877.

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No. 712

District Engineer's Office
Yellow.
2nd June 1877

From,
The District Engineer,
Yellow.

To, The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to G.O. dated the
28th May 1877 No. 153 W. & F. Reg.
respectfully to bring to the notice of
His Grace the Governor in Council that
I received no orders "two months since"
to the effect that Mr. Hutchings
should proceed to Madras at once.
I beg to point out also that Mr.
Hutchings is the only officer mentioned
in the order of 2nd months since namely
G.O. dated 15th March 1877 No. 875. who was
not directed to proceed at once or
expeditiously to his new appointment.

I know of course that it was
my duty to relieve Mr. Hutchings as

soon as possible but considering the
notable exception made in his case
in the order just referred to, I was
under the impression that Government
had no desire to remove Mr. Hutchings
so hurriedly as to put me to inconvenience
or to injure the work and the people
in his charge, and I informed you
semi-officially some weeks ago that
I had no possible means of relieving
Mr. Hutchings in a proper manner.

I have at the present moment
probably twice as much work on my
hands as any other District Engineer
I am doing my best to carry out what
I believe to be the wishes as well as the
orders of Government as speedily and
effectually as possible, but if I am
sometimes unable to carry out all the
orders I receive with machine-like
regularity. I beg respectfully to
submit that it is not fair to censure
me for not doing what is sometimes
quite beyond my powers.

It has never entered my mind to
disregard, or even to waive a positive order
of Government, and in the present case
which, by some mistake, is altogether
misrepresented, there are no grounds
whatever for such a charge.

Under these circumstances and
on this explanation I beg His Grace
in Council to consider the justice of
removing the censure conveyed to me
in the order under reference.

Mr. Hutchings has now been relieved
and will leave Kollon for Madras
probably today. I have replaced
him by Aricut Superintendent Ramiah
the best man at present available, but
who is not by any means qualified for
such an important charge, and the
Executive Engineer must do the principal
part of the work until the two superiors
who I have been informed are coming
actually arrive.

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

W. H. M. S. S. S.
District Engineer

W. H. M. S. S. S.

Cto 861
3015-3-77 to 875 npt
Cto 5208 (Telum)
3028-5-77 to 153 n.

P.W.D.

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From The District Engineer
Nellore
To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Dated 2nd June 1877
Received

No 712

Mr Hutchings Assistant
Engineers—

Explains the cause
of delay in relieving
— to join Madras

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Public Works Department

No 221 W

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 11th June 1877

Read the following—

From the District Engineer Nellore (H.B. No 710 dated 1st June 1877)
District Engineer Nellore (H.B. No 712 dated 2nd June 1877)

6.7.

The Government
cannot accept Mr O'Shaugh-
nessy's explanation of the
delay that occurred in re-
lieving Mr Hutchings. The
said order that transferred
Lieut. Rawson and Mr Hutchings
to Godavery and Madras
respectively sent them to
Grosilliers and Brooks in
their places. Mr O'Shaugh-
nessy was informed of their
transfer

transfer by telegram on the
14th of March. It is idle to
argue that because the words
"at once" were not opposite
the name of Mr Hutchings
it was intended that he alone
should not be expeditiously
relieved. Besides the tele-
gram of the 26th of April
could have left no room
for doubt as to what was
intended.

2. Mr. Shaughnessy
in giving his opinion as to
the responsibility that will
be incurred by transferring
Mr. Hutchings has ^{forfeited} himself and
-ped his duty. He cannot
possibly be in a position to
judge of the requirements
of other districts, or of the
reasons

Although I have
no doubt that the
order of the 14th of March
was intended to
relieve Mr. Hutchings
at once - the officers
who were ordered to
join at once - that the
original of the
order was not at
the time of the
transfer.

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 reasons for the transfer of
 Mr. Hutchings from Nellore
 to Madras. It is desired that
 he will abstain from such remarks
 in future. EAT
 8/6/77

dictated by Col. Hutchings
 himself in his message
 accompanying the draft.
 Special mention is made
 of the need for early
 relief of the district.

To District Collector, Madras (11-6-77)
 SC Despd. 16-6-77

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General
Postals.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The D. C. Nelson

From

Recd.

June 11th 1894

Box 88-94

Mr Hutchins, Asst. Sec.
S. House Canal, N. Y.
D. C. Remarking on
Mr O'Changhmer's
Explanation of the delay
that occurred in receiving

Entered in Reg.