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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th December 1877, No. 2,246 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 227. From Mr. H. LYON, Assistant Engineer, dated 6th December 1877,
No. 33.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting consideration of the remarks upon G.O. No. 1,901 W
of 1st December 1877.

No. 228. ORDER THEREON, 27th December 1877, No. 2,246 W.
THE Government decline to re-open the case.
(True Extract.)

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

To Mr. Lyon, through the District Engineer, Cuddapah.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

P.D.

Note

All Mr. Lyon's letters as well as those of the District Engineer were circulated for the information of Government.

E A M L L
Chief Engineer P.D.
and Secretary

G.O. 712189 W. dated
14 December 1897.

I have seen the Governor in Council
bureau that Mr. Lyon has been grossly
subordinate and insolent to his
Superior Officer who appears to have
dealt fairly and by no means
harshly with him.

Remarks by M. L. Lyon.

The two letters and telegram from me
quoted at the head of the Order did
not appear to me grossly insubordinate
and insolent. I certainly had no
intention whatever of making them
so. My letter No. 8 of 12 October 1897
to the Chief Engineer was written
because that gentleman had promised
to transfer me as soon as I should
be relieved of charge of the Southern
Division. Extracts from 3 letters showing
this are given in enclosure marked A.
I certainly felt degraded by being
suddenly and without any reason
whatever communicated to me removed
from my Range and put in charge
of a Sub-division of that Range and
if the tone of my letter quoted above
in which I expressed my feeling to the
Chief Engineer was insolent I did not
intend it to be so.

I would respectfully submit that
the District Engineer did not act fairly
towards me in the following particulars:-
1st As Executive Officer of the Southern
Division I was also the Officer in
charge of the Engineer Store yard and
responsible

responsible for the stock used and
work done there.

The stockholder and rest of the
establishment are not paid from
Government funds but from the
profits of the work turned out. The
members of the establishment were always
appointed by the Executive Officer
without any reference to the District or
Superintending Engineer.

Since Mr. O'Shaughnessy was District
Engineer orders used constantly to be
given to the Stockholder that I knew
nothing whatever about and when great
Government Work, namely the construction
of the Archimedean screws &c was being
carried out private individuals used to
apply direct to the Stockholder to have
work done. I therefore wrote a Memo-
to the Stockholder a copy of which
is attached marked 1 in the enclosure
B. As the work in Storeyard was
so much increased when the Canal
north of the Peninsular was commenced
the Stockholder was quite unable to
attend to his usual duties namely,
keeping the accounts &c so I wrote memo
213 in enclosure B. I only submitted
these notes for the Stockholder's
perusal and did not expect
they

they would be shown to the District
Engineer. But they were shown to him
whereupon he wrote a letter to me a
copy enclosed marked B. in which
I was asked to sign an apology to the
Stockholder for the orders I had given him.
As I concluded I had given no orders
contrary to those of the District Engineer
and the orders or special notes I
had sent to the Stockholder were not
negotiable I could not apologize
to him (the letter of apology was returned
unsigned to the District Engineer
so I cannot enclose a copy)

I have strenuously and carefully
carried out my arduous duties as Executive
Officer of the Southern Range since
August 1876. When I left Melbourne
on the 26 September last I did so
for a tour of inspection in the Goulburn
valley where many relief works were
going on, there was no sub-divisional
officer and the Officer at Epsom
Messrs. Mordaunt was so ill that
I was obliged to send him at once
to Melbourne for medical treatment.
I paid the Civil Engineer employed upon
the famine relief works myself
on the 27 September and inspected
all broken stone and gravel collected
throughout.

throughout the Venkatapur Road a distance of 24 miles on the 27th & 28th Sept.

The District Engineer went to my office on the 28th and asked where I was; he was told I had gone for a tour towards Venkatapur. A tapal was sent to me every day and a letter from the District Engineer would have found me. I was only absent from my Division on the Sunday 30th September.

I despatched Cheques to the Officer immediately ~~then~~ the impost accounts were received. I positively assert I did not neglect my duty at all. The action of the District Engineer in turning me out of my Range on the 1st October on a simple surmise that I could not be found was a ~~thin~~ ^{thin} unfair and harsh treatment.

I state that the District Engineer during the months of September, October & November did draw Travelling Allowance of Rs 25 per diem for days in which he did not go 5 miles from his head quarters and did not keep up carriage for work. Consequently was not entitled to draw any allowance.

Yr

Mr. Lynn also charges the District Engineer with "unful discharge" no date or amounts are given in support of the charge.

The District Engineer must know that he cannot claim Travelling Allowance for going to the audit which is only 3 miles from his home and back. I noticed the days on which the claim had been made and the allowance drawn when the audited bill came through me with a check from the District Engineer to send a cheque for the amount and on comparing the date charged for with my knowledge of the distance travelled and places visited by the District Engineer I am able to state that he did not travel 5 miles from his house. I can give date and purp from the audited Travelling Bills.

When called upon to substantiate the charge Mr. Lynn wrote expressing his wish to be allowed to withdraw it. He then in two days after telegraphed and sent on the 4th instant but to cancel the withdrawal. This is a mistake. My letter asking permission to withdraw the charge was No. 29 and was written and sent on the 4th instant but inadvertently dated the 5th. As soon as I discovered that I had dated the letter 5th instead of 4th I wrote to the District Engineer to inform him and he acknowledges that it

was

was written on the 4th in his
letter No 2846 of 7th November -
an extract of which is enclosed
marked C.

Now the District Engineer's despatch
No 2815 (copy enclosed marked D)
calling upon me to send proofs
of the Charges was dated 5th and
was received on the 6th midday.

So that it is perfectly clear I
asked to be allowed to withdraw
the charge, 2 days before I received
order to send proof of them. My
telegram was dated 8th November or
4 days after my letter of withdrawal
and not two. I also wrote a letter
to Colonel Ford pointing out that
my withdrawal was written on the
4th.

The only accounts that came
through my office were the
audited Travelling allowance bills
and I did not consider that it was
part of my duty to bring to notice
anything wrong in a claim passed
by the Examiner and with which

all I had to do was to draw a
charge and send to the District
Engineer.

Mr Lyon has neglected the payment
of the Stanning people entrusted to
his charge and has shewn himself
quite unfitted for the position which
he holds in the Department.

This I must respectfully state
not so and Mr. Wilson the Deputy
Examiner who is now at Killis
look at the Overseer's Cash extract
and see the date of receipt at
office and date of cheques drawn
to recap the imports, he will see
that I never delayed sending for
to Overseer to pay stanning in
Corkis. I wrote to Col. Ford in
28th November after seeing the District
Engineer's letter (number and date
not known) replying why he
(the District Engineer) removed me
from my Range and which the
Engineer at my interview on the 2nd
gave me to read and requested
to reply to but recalled soon after
I had left the office.

I do not know whether the letter
written by me to Col. Ford has
been laid before Council but if
not I request that it may be
for

All the accounts passed through
the Office of Mr Lyon as Range Officer
if improper charges were made Mr Lyon
had an opportunity of bringing them
forward at the time

for I have explained therein how
it was there was delay in paying
certain bills and showing clearly
that the fault was not mine.

Reference to date of cheques and
cash receipts will fully establish
this.

I had an sub-divisional office
in the whole Range for about
9 months I have constantly paid
bills myself so they should not
have to wait unnecessarily for them
here when the Officer has been
very busy and I am quite
convinced that every Officer and
Contractor in the division would
state that they were not delayed in
getting their cheques and receiving
prompt attention and help from me.
I earnestly request that an
impartial Officer should enquire, not
from the District Engineer, or from the
Range Officer, but from Officers or
Peons and other respectable natives

in Nellore whether my character is
that of an energetic and useful
Officer or if I am really to be
quite unfit for the position I hold
in the Department.

This is the undertest cut of all
for I can point out to work carried
out by me to visit the Kalingamuddy
Bridge in 50 miles of Trunk
Road the whole of the foundations
of which I laid. I built 4 or 5
Bridges over the Ganapully channel
besides cut a great portion of the
channel itself and I appeal with-
out fear to the qualification returns
concerning me. I hold testimonials
of a favorable character from Col.
Ford, Col. G. J. Motley and the
late Mr. Smith and Capt. Edgewood -
Copies enclosed marked B.

It is only the present District
Engineer that has complained of my
insubordination and incapacity.

The Government observe that this is
the 3^d occasion on which Mr. Lynn
had disgraced himself by deplorable
conduct of various kinds

I am not aware of having once
disgraced myself since I have been
in the Department. I am conscious
of having been indiscreet upon two occasions
and was then more than sufficiently
punished. In the present instance
I have been guilty, at most of a
want of sufficient deference perhaps
to the District Engineer but I would
ask consideration of the provocation
received and beg to know whether
I can have much respect for an
Officer who swears at me in the foulest
language in my own house, asks me
to

to apologize to one of my own subordinates
order another of my subordinates to
check work measured and paid for
by me, sends or causes to be sent a
police inspector to look after me because
Shaffan to be absent from my dinner
for one Sunday on an urgent domestic
affair, and finally draws assurances
that he knows he is not entitled to.

Madras
5/12/77

R. H. You
Asst. Secy

Enclosure to
my letter No 33 of 6/12/77
to Chief. Engineer &c

Remarks upon S.O.
No 1891 W of 1-12-77

R. H. You
Asst. Secy

Enclosure A

Copy of letter dated 14th September 1904 from Col. Ford.
Would you like to go to Cuddasah Range. It is the only
vacancy. Let me know at once. You would have to go to Miller
for over charge and then pay the public expense.

Signed E. A. Ford.

Extract from a letter from Col. Fennell for Col. Ford
dated 19th September 1904.

"As soon as the exigencies of the service will permit your
request will not be lost sight of and will receive as early attention
as possible."

Extract from a letter dated 5th October 1904 from Col. Ford.

But I hope to transfer you from Miller when you
have handed over charge in a proper manner.

Signed E. A. Ford.

True Extracts
H. Lyon
and Son

Enclosure B.

No 1

Stockholder

Understand no special work in the
Engineer Store Yard without my order in future.

Signed H. Lyon
Officer in Charge Engineer Store Yard.

No 2.

Storekeeper Ruma Raw.

I intend having another person in the store yard
to manage the working part of the business and
keep accounts. It is impossible for you to do this as
well as attend to requisition of all officers. Do you wish
to take the former or latter office, let me know at once.

Signed H. Lyon.
The Engineer Store Yard
District Engineer.

No 3.

Ruma Raw.

You are not the Storekeeper District Engineer Office
and if you intend to be please resign your appointment
as Storekeeper Engineer Store Yard as it is utterly impossible
for you to attend to your duties in your proper Office
if you are to attend to requests from ^{all} officers
on the Canal.

Signed H. Lyon.

True copies
H. Lyon
and Son

Enclosure Ba. 211
No. 1932. Melbourne.
District Engineer Office
3 February 1897.

From

The District Engineer of Melbourne

To

The Executive Officer in Charge
Southern Range.

Sir,

I have perused with much surprise and regret
your endorsement in my memo No. 276 dated the
20th ultimo addressed to the District Storekeeper.*

I cannot allow you to contradict my order in this
disrespectful and improper manner but I will give you
an opportunity of withdrawing the endorsement to which
I refer as well as other improper instructions which
you have addressed to the Storekeeper and which
are equally disrespectful and unjustifiable.

I enclose copy of a letter which I request you
will at once address to the Storekeeper, I request
also that you will send me a copy of this letter
to be recorded in my office before 12 o'clock on
Tuesday next the 3rd instant.

I have the honor to be

Sr

Yours most obedient servant
J. O. Shaughnessy.
District Engineer.

True copy

W. H. Jones
Asst. Engr

* Note - the order was addressed to the
Storekeeper District Engineer's Office & not
the District Storekeeper, hence my objection.
J. O.

Enclosure F.

Enclosure C.

Extract from a letter from the District Engineer, Salem
No. 2546. dated 17th November 1877.

"In reply to Mr. Lyons letter No. 28 dated
the 17th Instant, he is informed that his letter of the
"4" (dated 15th) has been duly forwarded to the Chief
"Engineer • without any expression of the District
"Engineer's opinion on the subject."

J. S. O'Shaughnessy,
District Engineer.

True extract

By
A. S. R.

all documents in the
office of the District Engineer
Salem

for an enclosure of the same

Enclosure D.

No 2815

From

The District Engineer, N. H. S.

To

W. H. Lyon Esq. Asst Engineer.

Station N. H. S.

Date 5th November 1877

Received 6th 1. P. M.

Subject.

Under instructions from the Chief Engineer dated the 1st instant and received on the date you are directed to substantiate by such proofs as you possess the charge which you have recently made against your District Engineer namely that he has drawn travelling allowance to which he was not entitled in a "wilfully dishonest way"

W. H. S. Esq. District Engineer

True copy
W. H. S.
Asst. Engr.

all to be remembered in the all - 1877 +
and a copy of the report sent to the
District Engineer, N. H. S.

Enclosure F.

I. Copy of letter No 129 of 18th June 70 from the Suptg Engineer 2^d Division forwarded with S.O. No 608 of 23rd July 1870.

In reply to S.O. No 845, 13th March 1868 I have the honor to report that Mr H. Lyon, Assistant Engineer, N. H. S. District passed in College at the quarterly examination in September 1869, and has done his duty satisfactorily in the position of Range submitted to him.

2. He has taken great interest, more particularly in the new bridge on the Hunt road now in progress, the work which I inspected last year, so far as the water in the river would allow, was thoroughly good and did Mr Lyon credit.

3. He is so useful when he is, under a Range Officer who has the large Surveying project in hand that I have not thought it necessary to place him in independent charge of a Range, by displacing one of the upper subordinates.

II. Copy of letter dated 7th 25 (you not given but was 1874) from Col. Moberly Superintending Engineer Chingleput.

I am very glad to be able to say that during your service under me in Nellore I had every reason to be pleased with you.

Your design for various works were well thought out and suited for their purpose, and I was very well satisfied with the execution of those that were in your charge.

I trust that you will succeed in your new office if it is in any way ^{an} advantage to you.

W. H. S. Esq. District Engineer Chingleput.

III. Copy of testimonial from the late R. Smith Esq. District Engineer, Nellore dated 1st December 1874.

Mr H. Lyon Assistant Engineer having applied to me for an expression of my opinion of his services as

an Engineer I have much pleasure in stating that, if he devotes as much of his time and talents to his duties as he did when he joined the District D. E. W. I feel confident all work entrusted to him would be well and satisfactorily done. He has had considerable experience in Irrigation works and has in charge of a Range for some time before he left this District.

Yours

Sig^d A. Smith

5th Decr 1874

District Engineer.

- IV Copy of qualification return from June 1873 to September 1874 (attached).
- V Extract from letter from the late Captain Edgemoor offg. District Engineer Bullington of 29th Aug^t 73. Camp Sinaloa.

29th August 1873.

I received yesterday evening your papers about the supply of water to the Horsfall wells - and I must thank you for having gone into the matter so thoroughly and carefully. I have looked through the papers this morning, and it was quite a pleasure to examine a project that bore such distinct traces of personal thought, and provision for more than the primary object of the Channel. I hope the L. & B. will approve and will give us the money, so that the work may be carried out without delay.

I should like certain other Range officers (I need not mention names) to see the way in which you personally enter into the details of your work. It is what I used to try to do, and I appreciate greatly the same quality in another.

True extract

Sig^d Arthur Edgemoor.

W. H. You and I

Extract from the conduct and qualification Return of the District Engineer Bellary for the quarter as shown below

Name	Rank	Overhead duty employed	Headquarters	Remarks.
Mr W. L. L. L.	Asst Engineer 2 ^d grade	Hospett Range	Hospett	Joined the District in the middle of April. Is a thoroughly efficient Range Officer, and very prompt in carrying out instructions. I should esteem it a favor if Government should see fit to restore this Officer to his proper place and grade in the Department. 15/7/73 Sgt Arthur Edgemoor Capt R.E. Offg District Engineer, Bellary.
Do	Do 1 st grade	Hospett Range	Hospett	A thoroughly efficient Range Officer and continues to merit the good opinion that I expressed regarding him in my last quarterly return. 24/9/73 Sgt Arthur Edgemoor Capt R.E. Offg District Engineer, Bellary.
Do	Do 1 st grade	Hospett Range	Hospett	A thoroughly efficient Range Officer. 26/3/74 Sgt Arthur Edgemoor Offg District Engineer, Bellary.
Do	Do 1 st grade	Hospett Range	Hospett	A thoroughly efficient Range Officer. 25/3/74 Sgt Arthur Edgemoor Capt R.E. Offg District Engineer, Bellary.
Do	Do 1 st grade	Hospett Range	Hospett	Described in the last quarterly Return as a thoroughly efficient Range Officer. 8/7/74. Sgt E. A. Ford Col R.E. District Engineer Bellary. Efficient Range Officer, does not trust too much to subordinates but goes into details himself. 13/10/74 Sgt E. A. Ford Col R.E. District Engineer, Bellary.
Do	Do 1 st grade	Hospett Range	Hospett	Communicated to Mr W. L. L. L. Asst Engineer in charge Hospett Range. 21/11/74 Sgt E. A. Ford Col R.E. District Engineer, Bellary.

True copy

W. L. L. L.
and
S. L. L. L.

Appendix to
my remarks upon
C.O. No 1891 W. of 1-12-77

W. H. H. H.
Ant. H. H.

No 33

Enclosure 1. - High Road
Pursuakuma

From W. H. H. H.
Ant. H. H.

To The Chief Engineer
& L. H. H. H. p. H. H.

Sir I have the honour respectfully
to point out that in the C.O.
No 1891 W. of 1st Dec/77 it is
stated "when called upon to
substantiate the charge" Mr
Lyon wrote expressing his
wish to be allowed to withdraw
it" -
As this is a mistake, and there
are other remarks in the order
which I think would have
been modified if I had
been supplied, as, I in justice,
I should have been, with
copies of the District

W. H. H. H.

Supreme's unfavourable reports
against me I humbly request
you will give your considera-
-tion to the enclosed memorandum
of my remarks upon the
order under notice.

Very truly
yours
J. H. P. Esq.
your most obedient servant

Wm. H. P. Esq.
O. P. Esq.
21st

401-12-77 to 1901 m. nigh

General

From Mr. Dyson Esq
Asst. Secy

To The Chief Secy
& Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

No 33

Enclosure 1 ✓

Dated 6-12-77

Subject.

Requests consideration
of the remarks, enclosed,
upon the G.O. No 1871 W
of 1st Dec 177 —

4027: d. w. p. 134-227.

Lin 22-12-77.

No 2246 W <sup>Genl
Estab</sup> Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 27th Decr 1877-

Read the following:—

From Mr. Dyson, Asst Secy (P.W.D. No 33 of 1st Decr 1877)

H.D. The Government
decline to accede to Mr.
Dyson's request, or in any
way to reopen the question
case. ^{cut} v/p

Mr. Dyson, through
the S. L. Gaddapah. ✓ Decr 4-1-78

H.D.

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Govt. of 1877: ~~1877~~

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. Lyon

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 27 Dec 1877, No. 2245

Nos. 227-228

Mr. H. Lyon Asst Eng
Desiring to open the
case of -

Ent. in 1877