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*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

26th June 1877, No 303 W.

General  
Establishment

Read the following paper —

No. 242 From T. D HARRIS, Esq, District Engineer, Ganjam, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chatterpore, 8th June 1877, No. 16.

In continuation of this office No 10, dated 5th May 1877, I have the honor to forward herewith true copies of copies of letter No 57, dated 28th May 1877, from the Sub-Divisional Officer (Sub-Conductor J Cormac), Russelcondah, and his Service Register for disposal

From Sub-Conductor J CORMAC, Sub-Divisional Officer, Russelcondah, to A J CHANCELLOR, Esq, C E, Assistant Engineer, dated Russelcondah, 28th May 1877, No 57

With reference to your endorsement No 74, of the 2nd instant, forwarding G O, No 1,140, of the 4th April 1877, for my information, I beg respectfully to be permitted to offer the following explanation, and to request that it may be laid before the Chief Engineer

2 In the letter of the District Engineer, Vizagapatam, upon which Government Order referred to was passed, I am charged with neglect of duty, but, as the former letter from that officer, dated 6th February, has not been communicated to me, I am at a loss to know on what grounds this charge was based, I gather, however, from the letter under reply that I was considered to have neglected my duty in that a site for a powder magazine had not been determined in January 1877 though I had received orders to select such site on the 17th June 1876; that this charge of neglect seems also to have been incurred conjointly with me by Serjeant Bennett, who is said to have been much more to blame in the matter than I

3 The order regarding the selection of a site most probably reached me about the 20th of June 1876, and on the 27th of that month I was granted one month's privilege leave, and directed to join this district on its expiration

4 I handed over charge of the Jeypore Range on the 19th July 1876, after having been engaged about a week in so doing, to Serjeant Bennett, and availed myself of the leave granted me from the same date, my responsibility in connection with the selection of the site must, I beg leave to say, be considered as having ceased at the same time, as I joined this district and took over charge of the Berhampore Range on the 12th August, one week before the date on which my leave would have expired

5 I beg, however, to state that I had, in a measure, anticipated the order which I am said to have neglected, as when, at Koraput, in the month of May, or one month prior to the date of the order, I made inquiries from the Inspector of Police as to the site selected for the powder magazine by his Superintendent and it was pointed out to me, I afterwards inspected the spot with Mr Huxham, Overseer, and considered the selection unobjectionable

6 In conclusion, I beg respectfully to state that I leave it to Government to decide to what extent I am to be considered as having neglected my duty in this matter.

7 The opinion formed by Government that I did not give satisfaction in the Vizagapatam District will, I think, be much modified if a copy of the entry made in my Service Register by the Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, and stated about one month prior to my removal, be submitted for consideration, and I beg to request that such may be done, my Service Register is in the Range Office

No. 243

ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1877, No 303 W.

SUPERVISOR CORMAC in the letter above recorded clearly exonerates himself from the charge made against him in paragraph 4 of Major Wood's letter, No 2,201, of the 6th February.

(True Extract )

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

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam  
" " " Ganjam.

[illegible]



Character of officer  
No entry need be made in the  
Coleman except when there is  
anything either good or bad to  
be recorded. Suspensions should  
be noted here when the order  
the suspension is passed.

this Range. I consider  
you fit for a supervisor  
ship and charge of a  
Range. Possibly this  
letter may be of some  
use to you and it is  
with that intention I write.

at H. M. Alley, Capt. R. E.  
Executive Engineer

A very good Officer I have known him for many years and have never had occasion to find any fault with him. He is thoroughly acquainted with his work, which during the time he has served under me in this District he has performed to my entire satisfaction. He has lately been promoted to Sub Conductor and I hope that it will be followed by still further promotion.

2. May } Col J. W. Hinkle Major  
officer's wife viz. 2nd



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No 57

Sub Divisional Office  
Russelcouda

From

28<sup>th</sup> May 1877

Sub. Conductor J. Cosmas  
Sub Divisional Office  
Russelcouda

I

A J Chancellor Esq  
Assistant Engineer

Sir.

With reference to your  
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that it may be laid before the Chief  
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in my Service Register by the off-  
District Engineer Vijayapatnam and  
dated about one month prior to my  
removal be submitted for consideration;  
and I beg to request that such may  
be done; my service register is in the  
Range office

P.W.D.  
18 JUN 77  
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I beg to remain Sir  
Yr. Obedt. Servant  
Sub. Dist. Office

/True copy/

/H. J. Chancellor C.E.  
Assistant Engineer

/True copy of a copy/

*[Signature]*  
District Engineer

4026: June 77, D. No. 242

District Engineer's Office  
Chennai  
18 June 1877

N. B.

Thm

The District Engineer  
Chennai

C. S. The Chief Engineer  
Madras

to;

In continuation of this office  
order dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 1877, I have  
the honor to forward herewith for  
the files of the office a letter dated  
28<sup>th</sup> May 1877 from the Sub. Dist. Office  
(Sub. Engineer & Cormac) Respecting  
the Service Register for disposal

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Yr. Most Obedient Servant  
*[Signature]*  
District Engineer Chennai

1298 of 17. May 1877 B.E.  
G.O. 1140 of 14. Apr

S.P.

1877

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From

The District Engineer  
Gangam

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Dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 1877

8<sup>th</sup> of Enclosures 2

Statement

Forwards two copies of  
Copies of letter N<sup>o</sup> 57 of 28<sup>th</sup>  
May 1877 from Sub-Collector  
of Coimbatore & his  
Register for disposal.

G.O. 26 June 77 S.B. No. 242

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No. 303 Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 26<sup>th</sup> June 77

Read the following:-

From the District Engineer Gangam (H.C. N<sup>o</sup> 16 dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 1877).

Supervisor Cormac

in the letter above recorded clear.

~~He is not himself~~ ~~by~~ ~~proven~~ ~~that~~ the charge made

against him in para 4 of Major

Wood's letter N<sup>o</sup> 2204 of the 6<sup>th</sup>

February cannot be sustained.

G.O.

G.O. N<sup>o</sup> 588 d/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: 1877.

20<sup>th</sup> 21/6/77

To

The District Engineer Viragapattam.

The District Engineer Gangam.

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To

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G. O. 26<sup>th</sup> June 1877, No 303 W

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Supr. Carnac Exonerated

from the charge of neg-  
lect of duty preferred  
against him by the  
Whig Vrijzapaam.

Entered in Register