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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

6th August 1878, No. 3,170 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 98. From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Establishment—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th June 1878, No. 847 E—G.

1. I AM directed to state that your letter, No. 1,904 W, dated 1st December 1877, and its enclosures, regarding Mr. Clark, Assistant Engineer, have been considered by the Government of India, and the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, with the view of determining whether Mr. Clark should be retained in the service of Government.

2. It is now known to the Government of India that Mr. Clark is an Architectural Draughtsman, and not an Engineer at all, and his failure on works or in the management of gangs of workmen, even with the best intentions, would not have been wondered at.

3. The evidence of Mr. Clark's intemperate habits is of a hearsay character. The District Engineer, Karnool, had heard of his being in a constant state of intoxication. Mr. Scotland writes that he was not possessed of habits of temperance. Mr. Johnston, Divisional Officer, Cambum, writes from personal observation that Mr. Clark is too fond of spirits. A demi-official letter from Mr. Scotland is alluded to, but it has not been placed before the Government of India.

4. I am directed to inquire if there is any further and more conclusive evidence forthcoming, and, if so, to request that it may be submitted. If not it will be for consideration whether Mr. Clark should not be sent to Madras in order that a Court of Inquiry may investigate the charge of drunkenness preferred against him, and ascertain whether his alleged uselessness was the effect of intoxication, to enable the Government of India to deal finally with the case.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1878, No. 3,170 W.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 3,171 W, dated 6th August 1878.)

(True Extract.)

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

Edw. C. Howarth.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 100.

No. 3,171 W.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO

Public Works Department.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Public Works Department.

Sir,—In answer to the Under Secretary's letter, dated the 28th June 1878, No. 847 E—G, regarding Mr. Clark, I am directed to forward the demi-official report Mr. Scotland alluded to in Mr. Sampson's third paragraph, and to remark that that letter, coupled with the hearsay evidence from several quarters, would seem very conclusively to prove that, if not an habitual drunkard, Mr. Clark during his stay in Kurnool indulged in intemperate habits.

2. With regard to the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of the letter under reply, I am to say that His Grace the Governor in Council is not of opinion that a Court of Inquiry is necessary, or could well be now held. Major Hindle, the District Engineer, has been invalided to England, Mr. Scotland has left the Kurnool District (and may not return to it), and by the time Mr. Clark arrived in Madras some of the other officers, whose evidence would have to be taken, might not be able to appear, or be in the Presidency. Mr. Clark's uselessness was more due, it may be said, to his entire ignorance of engineering than to his intemperate habits, for even had he been of the most sober character he did not possess the knowledge necessary to enable him to carry out his duties efficiently.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

RECEIVED
8th August 1878.

Edw. O. Howarth.
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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 847 E. S.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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with the case.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedt servant,

W. Sampson
Under Secy. to the Government of India
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st Aug/78.

Read the following :—

From,

The Govt of India (H. E. 847 E. L. 7 28th
June 1878.)

Ordered that the
following letter be sent.

H. E. 847 E. L. 7 28th

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To The Secretary to the
Govt of India, P.W.D.

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suggestions contained

in the last paragraph
of the 1st. article, I
am sorry that the
Hudson River
Council is not of
opinion that a
committee of inquiry is necessary
or would be of any
use. I feel that
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have carried out his
duties efficiently.

3. The House the Governor
in Council directs me
to suggest ^{that} Mr. Clark's
services might be
retained for a year on
probation, at the end
of which time it ^{will}
be known whether
his

in the self
interest of the
public

I think it
was a reasonable
suggestion

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interest, more than
national, due to his
position in the
in relation to
the habits of intemperance
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of good in this

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