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23rd June 1879, No. 1,672 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 111. From the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, dated 5th April 1879, No. 1,998.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the consideration of Government to a demi-official letter addressed to him by the late Acting Secretary, Public Works Department, and submitting for orders copies of correspondence which has recently passed between himself and the Executive Engineer of the Buckingham Canal Division.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1879, No. 1,672 W.

THE Superintending Engineer here submits copies of correspondence which had taken place between his own office and that of the Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division, showing that in several instances Mr. O'Shaughnessy had placed himself in a position of deliberate opposition to the legitimate demands of his superior officer, exhibiting a spirit of insubordination wholly incompatible with the requirements of departmental discipline. At the same time he, the Superintending Engineer, seeks redress from censure which he conceives to have been implied in a demi-official communication which he received from the late Acting Chief Engineer in disposing of the above case.

2. The whole correspondence having thus for the first time come up for the consideration of Government, His Grace in Council must view with serious displeasure the insubordinate conduct of Mr. O'Shaughnessy as thereby evinced, and desires that he may be distinctly cautioned against the repetition of any such in future; but as regards the second point adverted to by Major Wood, he sees no reason to consider that the view of the Acting Chief Engineer was wrong.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.

Exd. C. Howarth.

Spare Copies

Dear Sir

The draft Bill sent to you yesterday about Lagan Wood and the Obstructions down the Lough. I dare say we shall have it printed before Col. Stewart returns to Londonderry. It is very out of a town of inspection the V.H. Line

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26/6

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York 29th October 1879

My dear Lord

I acknowledge yesterday of the letter you have lately written expressing to Sir O'Shaughnessy

I had a long interview with him on Tuesday. He explained to me that he offered the Harbour Commrs you had not been what I should have been and he did not attempt to palliate his offence. At the same time, he said that he thought there had been a determination on your part from the first to give him in the throng, and I gathered that he felt deeply a want of the official sympathy and support which he thought himself entitled to look for from his Department superior.

I need not make the remark to you that all men are not cast in one mould, and that one of the chief proofs of fitness for

administer, cannot be expected to make allowances for the differences in character which are found among the men with whom we have to deal, in so to say, humouring their weakness with a view to obtain from them the maximum of work.

I am sorry to see that in the letter which I have had the honor of addressing to you on the 7th instant, which in my opinion should be shown to a man of Colonel O'Shaughnessy's well-known temperament, at various times he has done the State excellent service, but his faults are very apparent, being due probably as much to defective education as to nature.

From your letter I gather that in your official dealings with him you have not made sufficient allowance for his failings, while on the other hand you have yourself failed to act towards him with that tact and discrimination which alone can preserve the wheels of the official machine from friction. I am certain that this view would be taken by Government if the correspondence had gone before them.

I have not given to Colonel O'Shaughnessy any reason to suppose that I hold this opinion but it of course weighed with me in disposing of the matter.

Colonel O'Shaughnessy has given me his assurance that he will to the best of his power endeavour in future to observe towards you the respect and obedience which are your due; and I trust that you will make your bearing towards him so conciliatory and tolerant as to render it impossible for him to suppose that you are actuated by any but friendly motives.

Yours sincerely

Signed J. Chamberlain

(Duplicate) Approved & sent

Sd. J. F. Elliot

Enclosure in a letter from the Officer commanding Bombay & the Chief Engineer Bombay No 1125 dated 5th April 1879

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Copy of Admin. Officers letter dated 27th March 1879 from the Chief Engr. B.B.&C.I. to the Supt. Engr. 3rd Circle.

No 1125.

Circular.

The attention of Supt. Engineers is drawn to the fact that Completion Certificates, Travelling Allowance Bills &c &c are forwarded to this office by the Divisional Officers without any covering memo showing the number of such papers forwarded. As this causes in the event of any of the papers being lost or misplaced, much trouble and difficulty, it is requested that in future a memo be invariably forwarded with such papers, stating the name and number of the papers forwarded. To avoid confusion it will be well not to include in the same memo, papers of different description, but to send completion certificates, Inspection Reports and Travelling allowance bills, bills of office contingencies &c &c with separate memos. These memos should be regularly numbered and dated and duly recorded in the Divisional offices.

To all Divl Officers.
3rd Circle
5th March 1879

Signed H. R. Hood Major R.E.
Supt. Engineer
3rd Circle

No 553. Buckingham Canal Dn Office
Madras 15th March 1879

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to draw your attention to para 14 Section 2 Chapter XV of the Madras P.W. Code which seems to preclude compliance with the instructions contained in your Memo No 1125 dated the 5th instant.

I have &c
(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn.

No 1414.

Memorandum

From
The Supg Engineer
3rd Circle

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn

The Ag Supg Engineer desires to know by return of post whether Mr O'Shaughnessy proposes to conform to the orders conveyed to him in Ag Supg Engineer's Memo No 1125 dated 5th inst or not.

2. It will be as well that the question of Mr O'Shaughnessy's submission to the Supg Engineer 3rd Circle be settled at once without further correspondence and any but a categorical reply to the above question will not be acknowledged by the undersigned. In event of such a categorical reply not being received by the undersigned within the time mentioned the matter will be referred to the Chief Engineer for disposal.

(Signed) A. N. Wood Major R.E.
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

Chepauk
15th March 1879

No 1579. 3rd Circle Supg Engrs Office
Chepauk 20th March 1879

From
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir

Sir, the time which has passed since I wrote the following Minutes

Dennis O'Brien was in the habit of resorting to the office in Eagle Lane, a number of drunkard and disorderly outcasts. Finally Messrs Hill, Superintendent Sinclair, Sergeant Dean, Officer Dougherty & I, in a manner, by accompanying and assisting the police, at last succeeded in driving the rabble away.

2. The cabin is objectionable in two respects, it is neither in good shape, being much out of repair, and so quite unfit for embarkation purposes. 3. When coming down, much time is lost in going through the whole number of passengers quartered under a single roof, in order to ascertain to what subject they refer. The accidents which Government have been pleased to appoint to a Civil Engineer by the appointment of an assistant to discharge of ordinary matters, is due to a Health certificate signed

by Dunwoodie Superintendent of the Board to such a convenient place, stating the names and number of passengers which they embarked in error in order to be along with the supplies which I have specified.

5. Acts passed by Dougherty the Assistant Engineer Quarantine Canal Division are my attention to Para 14 section 2 Chapter XV of the Old Master Mr Cole which he adopted seem to preclude compliance with the instructions which I received to the above subject.

6. Whether the provisions of the Code are now in force or not, it does not seem to me that the paragraphs by Mr Dougherty have upon the point, I consequently upon the 15th March called upon him to state categorically by return of post, whether he intended to conform to my orders or not.

7. No answer having been received from Mr Dougherty, I have the honor to report the circumstance for your orders. The question of the

Subordination of the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division to the Supt Engineer 3d Circle on such a subject as that requires early and decisive attention.

Have &c

(Signed) H. M. Hood Major

Supt Engineer 3d Circle

No 111. P.W.D.

Memorandum

Letter from the Supt Engineer Third Circle No 1879 dated 28th March

The attention of the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division will be drawn to those portions of Chapter III Section III P.W. Code which treat of the subordination of Executive Engineers to the Supt Engineer of the Circle.

In the instance brought forward, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that the Supt Engineer has acted strictly in the right direction and authority, the only instance directed, which well and sensible

=sonable and calculated to help the despatch of business.

In disposing of this matter, the Chief Engineer begs to attention to his Memorandum of this date No 1110.

(Signed) J. Shaw Stewart Col RE

Ag Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To The Supt Engineer, 3d Circle.

Fort Saint George
27th March 1879

No 1833.

True copy - forwarded to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division for information and guidance.

Chepauk
29th March 1879

(Signed) H. M. Hood Major RE

Supt Engineer 3d Circle

No 693. Buckingham Canal Div office
Madras 28th March 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div

To

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No 1125 dated the 15th instant, I have the honor to inform you that in bringing to your notice the Loading order of Government to which the instructions contained in your Memo No 1125 dated the 5th instant are directly opposed, I had no intention of disregarding your orders or of questioning your authority as the Chief Supt Engineer, I merely desired to draw your attention to an order which I supposed you would admit to be as binding upon yourself as upon the officers of the Department generally and which I supposed you had overlooked. In giving you this assurance there is therefore no question as far as I am concerned of subordination at issue. I however request your permission to observe that the order to which I have referred cannot in my opinion be set aside except by Government and in this view I request you will be good enough to submit the matter as you propose for the orders of the Chief Engineer, I request permission to observe further that the arbitrary tone of your communications to me on this and other occasions are quite opposed to my experience of the service hitherto.

I have &c

(signed) J. O'Donoghue
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div.

(True Copy)
Mr [illegible]
No [illegible] 3rd Circle

Enclosure in a letter from the Supt. Engr. Circle & the Supt. Engr. Buckingham Canal Division No. 993 - dated 5th April 1879.

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Copy of correspondence

Letter from Conductor J. H. Power Superior, to J. O'Shaughnessy Esqre Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division No. 12 forwarded by the Superintendent

No 501

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for order, the Executive Engineer does not think the gigue which was proposed by Colonel O'Connell will be of the slightest use

Sd/ J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div.

Colgar
1st March 1879

No 1202 Memo.

From
The Supt. Engineer
3rd Circle

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

With reference to his endorsement No 501 dated 1st March 1879 on an estimate and specification prepared and signed by Conductor

Power the Supdg Engineer has the honor to remark as follows.

2. The above documents it is presumed are those necessitated by the orders of Colonel O'Connell, copy of which accompanied No 137 dated 4th December 1878 from the Executive Engineer to the address of the Supdg Engineer 3rd Circle.

3. If such be the case it is not understood why Mr O'Shaughnessy forwarded the papers without his own signature being attached to them. The duties of Conductor Power's superior officer being to scrutinise that subordinates estimates and specifications and to testify to their correctness by adding his countersignature.

4. Mr O'Shaughnessy is good enough to say in his endorsement under reply that he "does not think" "the groyne which was proposed by" "Colonel O'Connell will be of the slightest" "use". Critical remarks of this sterile nature are of less use than even the proposed groyne is likely to be. If Mr O'Shaughnessy's local knowledge and experience, prompts him to suppose in good faith that he can suggest some work which is more likely to serve the desired purpose of keeping the Canoe bar open, it was his duty, while carrying out the instructions he had received from the Supdg Engineer to have forwarded definite proposals of his own. His omission to do so, might at least have suggested to Mr O'Shaughnessy the impropriety of passing disparaging remarks on his official superior's project, although no other consideration seems to have prevented him from making such remarks.

5. It is requested that the estimate already called for from Mr O'Shaughnessy, may be submitted at an early date. The undersigned will be glad to consider any other plan also, which the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division may have to suggest.

Chepauk
8th March 1879

(Signed) W. H. Wood Major R.E.
Supdg Engineer
3rd Circle.

Copy

Buckingham Canal Co. Office
Adyar 28th March 1879

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division
To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle
Chepauk

Sir,

In reference to your letter No. 1202 dated 8th instant, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to return the estimate and specification referred to.

I am fully aware of my responsibility in respect to estimates and the omission of my signature in this case is an oversight which I regret.

The remark which is made the subject of para 4 of your letter was expressed personally to Colonel O'Connell and he did not seem to consider it disrespectful, disparaging or improper, he said on the contrary, in a properly courteous manner, that although he disagreed with me it was my duty to have expressed my opinion on the subject and on further consideration you will I hope arrive at the same conclusion.

I have &c
Signed J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div.

True Copy
M. Gwynne Lewin
Offg Secy to Govt

Enclosure in a letter from the Deputy Engr 3rd Circle to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department - No 1993 dated 5 April 1879 -

Proposed by Capt 1672 R

E

Copy of Correspondence.

No 850. Dep Circle Engr Office
Lucknow the 18th Sept 1878

From
The Deputy Engineer
3rd Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Cancd

I have the honor to inform you that Mr O'Loughlin Executive Engineer Bareilly has reported to receive any communication from me assuming that he is my superior officer and I would beg to attach for formal the enclosure which made by that officer on one of my communications to him.

I have &c
(Signed) S.G. Clarke Major R.E.
Dy Engr 3rd Circle
P.W.D.

No 742.

Memorandum.

In returning the paper which accompanied the Dy Engr's letter No 850 dated the 18th inst the Chief Engineer regrets to learn

x This paper was destroyed by order Major Clarke R.E. 17/7/81.

is hereunto forwarded to Lt. Colonel Shaw=nessy Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division for his attention.

Memo
21st Feb 79

(Signed) R.C. Clarke Major
Supt Engineer 3rd Circle

No 489. Buckingham Canal Div. Office
Madras 25th February 1879

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Thro. the Supt Engineer 3rd Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to explain for the information of Government certain proceed=ings of mine to which exception has been taken in regard to the appoint=ment of Major Clarke R.E. to act as Supt Engineer of the 3rd Circle.

2. I received a letter from Major Clarke R.E. about the beginning of this month in which he signed himself Supt Engineer. I had received no pre=vious intimation of any sort of Major Clarke's appointment, and considering

Major Clarke's position in the Department
I could not suppose that he was expected
to act on a long Engineer by Government
I therefore concluded, rightly, as I have
since learned, that Major Clarke was
acting on this Chief Engineer authority
alone and on his supposition, I having
stated to Major Clarke that I had no time to
degrade me by having submitted figures
which I had prepared, Major Clarke
wrote a letter which was intended to be
and I the order of Government by which
he acted was communicated to me in
the name and signature of Major Clarke
not as his senior officer receive any
orders from him.

3. Major Clarke naturally referred
my proceedings to the Chief Engineer and
he has now communicated to me for
my attention a Memo from the acting
Chief Engineer, in which it is asserted
that the course I followed was improper
and subversive of discipline.

4. The question at issue was not I
believe according to the rules of the service
cognizable by the acting Chief Engineer in the
Executive branch of his office. It was
a question of administrative routine which
could in my opinion be disposed of
only in the Secretariat, and on the
authority of Government alone, and I have
not to this day received any communi-
cation on the subject of Major Clarke's
appointment from or in behalf of Gover-
ment, in the manner adopted in other
Departments and recognised by the
rules of the Government service generally.

5. I regret very much however that
the Head of my Department should
consider himself justified in condemning
my proceedings in such strong terms
though I cannot even now see what
other course I could adopt, and
I venture to assert that the Chief
Engineer would be unlikely himself,
to accept what he believed to be
insufficiently authorized orders,
from a Junior officer, in that spirit
of patience and humility, which I infer
from his memorandum he expected
me to exercise.

6 I accepted of course without
any reservation the acting Chief Engineer's
assurance that Major Clarke had
been duly appointed Asst Supt
Engineer by Government, and equally
as a matter of course I have since
the receipt of that assurance implicitly
obeyed Major Clarke's instructions

and I have reason to believe that Major Clarke's appointment was sanctioned by Government on the misleading information supplied by the Chief Engineer, to the effect that Major Clarke is senior time in the P.W. Deptt, this however is not really the case and I beg to submit the matter for the consideration of Government.

7. Major Clarke belonged to the Mysore P.W.D. from October 1862 to March 1872, he then went on furlough for 2 years and as he did not return to duty at the expiration of that period, he lost his Civil appointment in that Government and his place was apparently filled permanently by another officer, he remained in England for nearly 5 years, and as the Government of India refused probably to make room for his re-employment in Mysore to the injury of the officer who had been continuously at work during his long absence, he had to fall back on the Madras Government for employment, and he was appointed Superintending Executive Engineer 3rd Grade in December 1878. I was appointed Executive Engineer of the

3rd

3rd Grade in September 1874, and I am therefore some more than two years senior to Major Clarke in the permanent grade he now holds in the Department.

8. It is said however that as Major Clarke entered the P.W.D. of Mysore in 1862 and that as I was not promoted to the Engineer Establishment until 1865, he is therefore being senior. In this view of the case he is senior to 5 Second Grade and 3 3rd Grade Executive Engineers including Majors Thompson, Moreton, Colonel Kennedy and Captain Brockman and Chisholm and his proper place would be 3rd from the top of the list of 2nd Grade Executive Engineers. In the same view Colonels F.J. and A.S. Mobely and Colonels Fisher and Hunter and Major Wood should be far higher up in the lists than they are. But the Government have not adopted this view of the case in any previous instance and it is manifest that such a view of the case cannot be adopted with any show of justice to the officers of the Department or without great

agreeable to the interests of the Government service.

9. I have nothing whatever to say against Major Clarke personally. He is no doubt well qualified for the appointment of Superintending Engineer, but his present position in the Department by seniority of his own choice is considered by many much higher than he has any real right to. He is probably, ironically, upon which he is placed only not altogether unfairly a matter which I again lay before the Secretary to Government for the matter into consideration.

I have &c

(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Engineer and Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

P.S. In claiming seniority to Major Clarke. I have taken no account of my 10 years service as a subordinate but it would I hope be taken into account and have some weight in the consideration of any other claim I may have to retain my present position at least in reference to other officers in the same service.

(Initialled) J. O'S.

From

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

The officiating Superintending Engineer believes that he would injure Mr O'Shaughnessy very materially by forwarding on to the Secretary to Government, his letter No 269 dated 25th February 1879.

2. The undersigned has no wish to do this, and Mr O'Shaughnessy is informed that the letter in question will not be forwarded but retained in the Chief Engineer's office.

Chepauk
4th March 1879

(Signed) J. M. Rod Major
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

No 523. Buckingham Canal Division
Madras 6th March 1879.

From

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division
To The Superintending Engineer
22nd Circle.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Letter noted in the margin, with the request that the Superintending Engineer will be pleased to take the necessary steps to have the Canal from my main Stone.

I have
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div

No. 1108.

Memo.

Letter No 523 dated 5th March 1877
from the Divisional Forest Ranger
Indian Canal C.

The Superintending Engineer
has nothing further to add to the letter
1077 of 4th March.

C. The letter referred to by the Executive
Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division
will be returned to the Superintending
Engineer.

Recorded
Superintending Engineer 22nd Circle
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Enclosure of a letter
from the Staff Engr
3rd Circle - to the Chief
Engineer - Letter
forwarded - the 1973
dated 5 April 1879

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Copy of Correspondence

Chief Engineer's Memo No. 453 dated
29th January 1879.

No. 508.

Eng=g
1 Section
2 Bridge Plans
1 Estimate
1 Specification report
1 Data
1 Plan from Mr. Moffatt
2 Estimates &c.

True copy with the plans and estimates forwarded to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal with the request that he will review the whole project and resubmit=tal in course of time.

(Signed) C. Walker Asst. Engr.
for Chief Engineer 3rd Circle.

5th February 1879.

No. 377. Buckingham Canal Office
5th February 1879.

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Plans you received with your Asst's endorsement No. 508 dated 5th Feb/79 with a request that you will be good enough to give me some indication

of the manner in which you wish the Project to be revised, in order to avoid further waste of time and labor upon it.

I have &c

(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

No 895 — 3rd Circle Supt Engr's Office
Saint Thos Mount Sub Offi.

From
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

Sir,

With reference to his No 377 of the 15th instant.

I have the honor to request you will read the Chief Engineer's Memo No 453 of the 29th of January 4th para. and revise the project for erecting wooden structures resting on screw piles with clear bays of 30 feet as early as convenient.

I have &c

(Signed) J. C. Clarke Major R.E.
Ag Supt Engineer 3rd Circle.

Engy

No

No 474 — Buckingham Canal Div. Office
Madras 25th February 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to again return the papers received with your letter No 895 dated the 21st February 1879 for the purpose of being reconsidered in your own office as directed by the Chief Engr.

If I can assist you in revising these papers I shall be happy to do so, but I have no time to undertake it at present and I should require some more definite information of what the Supt Engineer may decide to propose.

I have &c

(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

No 1543 — 3rd Circle Supt Engr's Office
Chepauk 19th March 1879.

From
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information and orders the following circumstances

2. Among the papers connected with a proposal in this office when I took charge was a file relating to certain proposed bridges over the Cooloy Lake. This file I found had been there and by the Chief Engineer E. Deane to the Buckingham Canal and had been there returned by the latter officer.

3. On the second occasion upon which these papers were returned to the Canal office I received from the following letter dated 25th February.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the papers received with your letter of 25th dated the 2nd January 1879 for the purpose of being remembered in your office as directed by the Chief Engineer. If I can assist you in reviewing these papers I shall be happy to do so but I have no time to undertake it at present and I should require some more definite information what the Chief Engineer may decide to propose."

4. On looking into the papers I found that the plans and estimates in question had been submitted by the Chief Engineer Canal to the Chief Engineer in July last and that they had been returned with a Memo dated 20th January 1879 by the Chief Engineer to the Chief Engineer E. Deane. The Chief Engineer after reviewing the proposals submitted, expressed his opinion that there would be economy both of time and of money in using screw piles in lieu of masonry for the Bridge piers and that there was no necessity for such large openings as 50 feet but that these should not be less than 30 feet. The Memo containing these directions was transferred with all the papers and plans relating to the subject to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division with a request that he would revise the whole project and "resubmit it in course of time".

5. A perusal of the above papers in connection with the letter of the Collector of Kistna which I have transcribed in the 2nd para of this communication did not at all enlighten me as to the meaning which that officer intended to convey to my predecessor. It appeared to me that even supposing it was written

a good deal of unnecessary offensive
feeling made regarding the letter
and I felt inclined to express full & frank
regret in reference to our first friendly
meeting. Mr Mulholland in a friendly
manner stated he had written
to Mr O'Haughnessy and got back
a letter from Mr O'H. enough to meet me
& the Chief Engineer appeared well
satisfied with the explanation
& friendlier matters ended over
the Council.

8. Mr O'Haughnessy recently
arrived at Oldbridge to the very much
surprised & annoyed to learn
of public time wasted in consequence
of my being supposed with the Chief
Engineer. Public I did not consider
it necessary to make any remark
upon this unfortunately I mention
it here merely in relation to what
subsequently occurred.

9. After talking over the other
matters with Mr O'Haughnessy the
subject of the bridge over the Omeloy
Creek under was taken up and I told
him that I was unable to see where
in the objection laid, which he seemed
to experience in diverting of the fact
since the Chief Engineer & Peter on the

subject

subject measurements of the Dead
of Connaught the bank above the
Corner of which I understand to be
overhead in that case which the
Frame Foreman & Gangs
& which that bank for the most
part to a reference of Mr O'Haughnessy
that as the Frame was under the
Chief Engineer that Officer & the
Foreman & the Foreman & the
[illegible] reading from the [illegible]
by the Foreman that the
matter was accordingly and which
I understood Mr O'Haughnessy to the
[illegible] and that the office in charge
of the bank for [illegible] as [illegible]
as laid down by the Chief Engineer
that the [illegible] of [illegible] offer
ently the only matter that he
he determined when he was here
O'Haughnessy which led him to offer
considerations leaving to show that
some other officer should be appointed
9. In fine of what I said Mr
O'Haughnessy firmly adhered to the

-cise upon further examination he
received information that he might say
on the morrow. He commenced the
while at the same time he doggedly
adhered to the statement that his
orders were unequivocal. I intimated
to him that it would be necessary for
him to pick down plainly in writing
his objections to reading the scheme
in conformity with the directions he
had received. I remarked and took
up from my table his above mentio-
-ned letter that I was really at a
loss to say when reading it whether
the phrase I had seen used from
in reading these words he would be
happy to do so, was intended ironi-
-cally or if it was "sheep" the word
I beg to state was used in no offensive
way and as very far I submit in
lieu of "insolence" which or similar
language might have employed
shows that I was careful to avoid
harshness in speech up to the time
the remarks just recorded were made
the discussion had been carried
on in a friendly manner at any
rate on my part and though un-
-manfully feeling needed that Mr
O'Loughnessy should be so wrong

headed

headed. I had not the slightest wish
to show that such was the case, nor
may I add did I show any impatience
but feel the discussion though on an
official matter had been carried on in
entirely official and mechanical lan-
guage on both sides.

10. On the word "sheep" Mr O'Lou-
-ghnessy immediately took objection and
represented that objection very strongly
on the ground that it was deliberately taken to
imply that I applied "sheep" being a
term of contempt. I replied that "sheep" being a
strong word was doubtless an inpro-
-per one for me to have used, but that
as my meaning had been by its use
made perfectly plain, I would substi-
-tute for the objectionable word
the one which he might suggest as
being more appropriate for the occa-
-sion.

11. Notwithstanding the strongly
-jection that was thus raised by Mr
O'Loughnessy I did not believe at
the time nor do I now think that he
really felt personally aggrieved by
my employing the word "sheep". Had
he been actually aggrieved at, was
the fact of my presuming to question
him personally on any official mat-
-ter at all. On my request that he

would explain what he did mean by his letter, he replied that "there I had it in writing and that he would not assist me: further that he declined to be "catechised" in any way by me and that he had only come to my office "to oblige me" with more improper talk of the same kind.

12. Regarding all this I reminded him that I was asking his question on official business and had requested my asst Mr Usher to write a note to him to attend my office for the purpose. Mr O'Shaughnessy then most offensively said that I had not arrived at a position to have a private secretary and that I had no business to write to him as I would to an Overseer by calling out to Mr Usher, "Here tell that fellow to come here", supposing that this was a complaint against my asst for courting his note in, the brusque terms. I asked this officer who was in the room during the whole of my interview with Mr O'Shaughnessy what he had actually written to the latter gentleman. It appeared however that the objection was not to Mr Usher's style of writing but to the fact of my not having written the cream sauce in my official letter. The cream sauce is a sauce unknown to the fruit of course. I respect Mr O'Shaughnessy's susceptibilities on the matter and cannot say that being busy at the moment I did not respond as politely as I should have done. Mr O'Shaughnessy a few hours subsequently left Mr Plumer and made precisely the same request to him that Mr Usher did, a thing I desire to tell Mr O'Shaughnessy.

13. But whether Mr O'Shaughnessy is needlessly susceptible or not on the point not glanced at, he had no justification whatever for his cavilling and aggressive demeanour or for informing me as he did that he declined for the future noticing any letter which might direct him to attend my office. On hearing this I requested him at once to put his determination into writing in order that the matter might be placed before you for orders. This he refused to do, upon which I asked him what I was to understand by such a refusal and whether he

and apparently intended to repudiate remarks which he made no scruple in giving vent to viva voce in my office. I offer some further obje=tionable remarks from Mr O'Shaugh=nessy, the interview ended and the whole affair is with regret sub=mitted by me for orders, since no other course appears possible.

14. It was my unfortunate lot on taking charge of my present post to find several papers for disposal, which displayed in a startling light, the view which Mr O'Shaugh=nessy holds regarding duties of subordination to his official superior. One set of these papers has been dis=posed of by Mr O'Shaughnessy having conformed to my orders, in withdraw=ing with a suitable expression of regret a very offensive letter. A second matter has been referred back to you for disposal with my letter No 1435 of 15th March 1879. A third, I apprehend, may yet engage the attention of the Govern=ment. The present letter deals with a fourth subject while I fear a fifth which has arisen subsequently, will have to be submitted for orders. I beg to express my conviction that the duties of Life Engineer of this Circle cannot be carried on properly so long as Mr O'Shaughnessy is per=mitted to remain in the belief which he apparently holds, that he personally enjoys a practical immunity from conforming to the rules which are imposed upon all other officers of the P.W. Department. This exceptional position, I have little doubt Mr O'Shaughnessy de=liberately intended to assert all through the proceedings which I have related.

I have &c

(Signed) H. B. Hood Major R.E.
Life Engineer 3rd Circle.

P.W.D.

No 110.

Memorandum

Letter from the Life Engineer Third Circle No 1543 dated 19th March 1879.

Upon the matters brought to notice in this letter, the Chief Engineer

observed with regret that the Executive Engineer of the Buckingham Canal Division appears to have lost sight of the subordinate position which he, in common with other Executive Engineers, holds in respect to the Life Engineer of the Circle.

The relations between Life Engineer and Executive Engineers are defined in Chapter III of the Code Regulations I and III, and the language employed by Mr. O'Shaughnessy in his No. 474, dated the 29th January, as well as the action which appears to have been assumed by him in the embarrassment between the Life Engineer and the Chief Engineer, are in direct ignorance of the Chief Engineer's authority.

The Chief Engineer has not thought it necessary on this occasion to lay the matter before Government, and he trusts that Mr. O'Shaughnessy will in future see that it is due not only to the Life Engineer, but also to himself, to the position which he holds in the Department as well as to the high character which he has hitherto borne as an Executive Officer, to respect and to uphold in every possible manner the authority of his Departmental Superiors.

The Life Engineer is requested to retransmit the papers to Mr. O'Shaughnessy, for submission of the information called for in Memorandum No. 453 dated the 29th January 1879.

To the Life Engineer
3rd Circle
Fort Saint George
27th March 1879

Signed J. Shaw Stewart Colonel
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

No. 1834.

Eu=34.

True copy - forwarded to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division for information and guidance.

2. The file of papers relating to the Bridge over the Coolum River under are hereunto re=transmitted to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal

which

Duisburg

Regierungsrat Dr. Ing. Agricola
Leitender Ingenieur
Berlin

Chefpräsident
29. March 1899
Schulmann
Regierungsrat Dr. Ing.
Leitender Ingenieur

Enclosure in a letter from the Chief Engineer E. Division to the Chief Engineer P.W. Department No 1993. Dated 5th April 1879

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P.W.D.

No 659.

Memorandum

With reference to the letter from Mr O'Shaughnessy which is printed in the accompanying order, and especially the last three paragraphs, the Supt Engineer will be so good as to call upon that officer to report whether it was by inadvertence that he omitted to make any mention of the fact that the Chief Engineer P.W.D. had already enquired into the matter, and decided that the accusation against Mr Cyon was in no way proven; or whether the omission was intentional.

An early reply is requested.

To the Supt Engr. E. Circle.
Fort Saint George
14th February 1879

Signed E. A. Ford Col R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

No 878.

E. Circle Supt Engr's Office
Saint Thos' Mount 15th Feb 79

From
The Supt Engineer E. Circle.

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div

Sir,

In accordance with instructions received from the Chief Engineer 2nd I have the honor to request that you will report to this office whether it was through inadvertence or intentionally that in your letter No 818 dated 15th ultimo, 1878 and transmitted in Public letter dated 23 December 1878, you omitted to make any mention of the fact that the Chief Engineer S.P.W. had already enquired into the matter, and had decided that the accusation against Mr Bow was in no way proven. Your attention is especially requested to the last three paras of your letter above mentioned. An early reply is requested.

I have &c

(Signed) J. C. Clarke Major R.E.
Offg Supy Engineer 3rd Circle.

No 384. Buckingham Canal Dn office
Madras 16th February 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.
To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 818 dated 15th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the letter referred to is not in my present office and the G.O. referred to has not been communicated to me. I request you will be good enough to send me a copy of the G.O. to enable me to comply with the Chief Engineer's enquiry.

I have &c

(Signed) J. O'Loughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn.

No 894 3rd Circle Supy Engr's office
Saint Thomé Mount 21st Feb 1879

From
The Supy Engineer, 3rd Circle.
To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

Sir,

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With reference to your No 384 dated 16th instant I have the honor to forward herewith G.O. No 1006 I, dated 9th December 1878 and request that it may be returned with your reply to this office No 818 dated 15th instant.

Please
signed J.C. Clarke Major R.E.
Sup Engr Calcutta

No. 470 Buckingham Canal Division
Madras 25th February 1879

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

To
The Supt Engineer Calcutta

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 918 dated the 15th instant I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Chief Engineer that as only one out of several of the cases referred to, had been decided by the Chief Engineer and as the circumstances of that case having been already reported were mentioned there was no necessary information withheld by inadvertence in my No. 2013 dated the 16th November 1878, as to whether any information was withheld intentionally I decline to answer the question.

I have &c
signed J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

No. 1070. Calcutta Supt Engrs Office
Chepauk 3rd March 1879.

From
The Supt Engineer
Calcutta

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

The Supt Engineer has received with surprise Mr O'Shaughnessy's letter No. 470 dated 25th February 1879.

2. This purports to be a reply to the Supt Engr's No. 918 dated 15th February and requires from Mr O'Shaughnessy whether he had inadvertently or intentionally omitted to mention in his letter No. 2013 dated 16th November last that the Chief Engineer had made an investigation and decided that the accusation against Mr Gyon was in no way proven.

3. The information was called for by order of the Chief Engineer yet Mr O'Shaughnessy thinks fit to answer by a letter in which (first) he criticises the judgment of the Board of the Public Works Department in an offensive manner and

Second) he declines unconditionally to answer a certain question.

4. It is the duty of the undersigned to inform Mr O'Shaughnessy that his letter under reference is a highly improper one and must be withdrawn with a suitable expression of regret within forty eight hours, failing that a categorical reply, couched in proper language, must also be sent at the same time, to the enquiries made in Supt Engr's No 818 dated 15th ultimo.

5. If as appears to be the case Mr O'Shaughnessy should search to submit for the Chief Engineer's consideration any circumstances relating to the matter and connected with the queries put by the Chief Engineer, there can of course be no objection to such a proceeding, provided always (the undersigned must add) that the tone and terms used are those which official usage and departmental subordination demand.

(signed) H. S. Wood. Major R.E.
Supt Engineer. 3rd Circle.

No 521. Buckingham Canal Dn Office
Madras 5th March 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

Sir,

As you have decided in your Memo. No 1070 of the 3rd instant that my letter No 470 dated the 23rd February is improper and should be withdrawn I beg in hereby withdrawing it, to express my regret that it should have been written.

I have &c
(signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn

No 522. Buckingham Canal Dn Office
Camp Adyar 5th March 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

To The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.
Chepauk

Sir,

In reply to your No 818 of the 15th ultimo, I am unable to say it was by

inadvertence that I omitted in the letter posted to you to the Chief Engineer, merely from and, and it is due to myself to state that I did not keep to you that particular case though I had reason to rely upon it implicitly in connection with other cases upon which my decision has been based, and in which engineering opinions were involved.

I have &c

Signed J. O'Loughlin
Assistant Engineer
Burlington Canal Works

No 1104

(True copy)

Submitted to the Chief Engineer
P. W. D. with reference to his Memo
No 659 dated 4th February 1879

Signed J. H. Pinel Esquire
Chief Engineer P. W. D.

Chepauto
5th March 1879

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Enclosure in a letter from the Inspector General of Civil Works to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. No. 1993 dated 8th April 1879.

No. 257. Buckingham Canal Div. Office
Madras 16th January 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.
To
The Superintending Engineer
S. Circle.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of Deputy Chief Engineer Colonel Haswell's letter No. 4829 dated the 25th October 1878, informing me in reference to your No. 9 P. dated the 4th April 1878 No. 1869 that although it "stated incorrectly the facts" it cast no reflection on the management of my Division and that the explanation called for is therefore unnecessary.

2. I respectfully decline to accept this apparently unauthorized disposal of an Order of Government, in which "the Governor in Council much regrets" the circumstances referred to and which are attributed to my mismanagement.

3. I attach much greater importance to the Order of Government than Colonel Haswell seems to do and as the censure of Government was admittedly based on

No. 23. 6. 79. [illegible]

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a more presentable place. I have no doubt that when this is explained, the Government will be ready to remove the application as unnecessarily and thinking to me in this instance.

In this regard, I regret you will be good enough to have the correspondence on the subject of Cuttack repairs submitted for such orders as the Govr. in Council may be pleased to bestow upon it.

I have &c

Signed J. Hangham
Executive Engineer
Pumbingham Canal Division

No. 489

Item

With reference to his letter No. 5938 of 8th June 1878 and 1619 of 28th September last the District Engineer of Ganjam is informed that the first of the above mentioned letters was duly received in the department but having been mislaid in the office was not at once replied to as it should have been.

The remarks contained in para 1990 of No. 1699 of the 4th April appear to be partly incorrect, inasmuch as only one of the returns that for the well in the Bazar at Gunjam, of Pollore Talug was discontinued after October 31st last then only for a time owing to for the first, third and fourth

fourth week in November not having been reported.

For the well at Berhampore Station in the Ganjam Talug for the second and fourth weeks in October were not received. For the well at Purih no observation would seem to have been taken during October. While those of the Cuttack Taluqs well Angul Talug, have been forwarded without a break.

With reference to the conclusion of the first of this letter only, no reply has been received upon the Public Works Department Order. It simply contains incorrectly in fact as it now seems, the facts as they then appeared, and the District Engineer has now shown that the explanation called for is not necessary.

Signed P. Fargueil Colonel
Dy Chief Engineer

Forwarded
25th October 1879

(True copy)
Signed J. Hangham
Executive Engineer
Pumbingham Canal Division

No. 319.

Public Works Office
Madras 21st January 1879.

From

The Superintending Engineer
Public.

To Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

In submitting for orders the enclosed letter in original of the 19th January 1879 received from Mr J. O'Shaughnessy Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division, I have the honor to observe that as it refers to business connected with the Chittoor District which is not in the Circle I know nothing more of the matter than what is in the enclosed letter contains.

I have &c
Signed P. O'Connell Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer 3rd Circle.

P. W. D.

No 442.

Memorandum

Letter from the Supt Engineer, Third Circle No 319 of 21st January 1879.

The Superintending Engineer is requested to have the goodness to call upon Mr O'Shaughnessy to immediately withdraw his letter, part of which is couched in most objectionable language.

On the receipt of a second letter in which a more fitting style is adopted, the Chief Engineer will consider anything that Mr O'Shaughnessy has to say.

This is not the first occasion that Mr O'Shaughnessy has chosen to adopt a reprehensible style in his official correspondence, and another repetition of this offence must lead to serious consequences.

To the Supt Engr
Signed Geo. Fred. Lyon Col R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Fortham George
28th January 1879

No 604. To Circle Supt Engr's Office
Saint Thomas Mount 5th Feby 79

From The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle

To The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 442 of the 28th of January, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to return the letter referred to received from Mr O'Shaughnessy in order that it may be returned to

that office as directed.

I have &c

(Signed) J. C. Clarke Major R.E.
Asst Engineer St Croix

No 592 P.M.D.

Memorandum

Letter from the Asst Engineer, Rivd Croix No 65 dated 6th February 79.

The Executive Engineer, to be informed as requested.

It is presumed that Mr Boughner has officially authorised the letter. It should not be sent to him unless he has done so.

By the Engineer
(Signed) E. S. Jones Capt R.E.
Fort St George
10th February 1879

No 708.

Chief Engineer's Memorandum No 442 of 28th January 1879.

— do — do — No 592 of 10th February 1879.

True copies — forwarded to Mr J. O'Boughner, Executive Engineer in reference to his No 257 dated 16th January 1879 for early reply.

(Signed)

(Signed) C. J. Clarke
Asst Engineer

Saint Croix Mouth
14th Feb 1879

No 915. St Croix Superintending Office
Saint Croix Mouth 20th Feb 79.

From
The Superintending Engineer
St Croix.

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will reply at once to the Chief Engineer's Memorandum communicated with this office No 708 dated 14th Feby directing you to withdraw your letter No 257 of 16th ultimo.

I have &c
(Signed) J. C. Clarke Major R.E.
Asst Engineer St Croix.

No 475. Buckingham Canal Div Office
Adyar 28th February 1879

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

To
The Superintending Engineer
St Croix
Saint Croix Mouth

Sir,

Sir,

In reference to the Chief Engineer's Memo. of 28th ult. dated the 29th February 1872, I beg to inclose the expression of my regret at the 3rd Para. of my letter of 25th ult. being deemed to be objectionable in Colonel Fanshawe's opinion, and to request that my letter be submitted to Govt.

I have &c

Lynch O'Donoghue

Executive Engineer

Buckingham Canal Div.

No. 1109

Memo

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Executive Engineer

Buckingham Canal Div.

The Chief Engineer has the honor to observe, in reference to No. 475 dated 26th February 1872 from the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division to his address, that Mr O'Donoghue has not conformed to the direct order to withdraw his letter No. 257 dated 16th January, conveyed in Chief Engr's No. 442, dated 28th January 1872, which

Your

service he may have done the State previously, will be multiplied.

4. Mr O'Shaughnessy's immediate attention is recalled to this office endorsement of 28th ult.

Signed. F. J. Todd Major R.E.
Supdg Engineer 3rd Circle.

Chepauk
5th March 1879

No 435.

3rd Circle Supdg Engr's Office
Chepauk 15th March 1879.

From

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 442 dated 28th January 1879, I have the honor to state that my predecessor called upon Mr O'Shaughnessy on the 14th February to withdraw his letter No 257 dated 16th January 1879.

Encl.

2. No reply having been received Major Clarke again addressed Mr O'Shaughnessy on the subject on the 22nd February 1879.

3. In a letter No 475 dated 26th February to the address of the Supdg Engineer 3rd Circle Mr O'Shaughnessy begged to withdraw the phrase "his representation of facts" and to substitute therefor, "an incorrect statement of facts". With this alteration he requested that his letter 257 alone mentioned might be resubmitted to Government.

4. In reply I addressed Mr O'Shaughnessy on 5th March and pointed out to him that he had not conformed to the distinct order of the Chief Engineer to immediately withdraw his letter, that the orders of superior authority must be promptly obeyed, that I would under no circumstances constitute myself a conduit for communicating to those in authority the improper criticism which Mr O'Shaughnessy might think fit to make, that there was a right as well as a wrong way of making representations and that he would probably injure his prospects and nullify his former good service by persisting in a wrong course of procedure. These remarks I considered it necessary to make, in reference to Mr O'Shaughnessy's phrase, "I respectfully

Respectfully beg to acquaint the Chief Engineer that I have carefully examined the report on the subject of the Chief Engineer's Memorandum No 442 dated the 28th January 1879, and have to state as follows:

1. The Chief Engineer's letter under acknowledgment is accordingly returned.

2. The enclosure which accompanied the Supt Engineer's letter under acknowledgment is accordingly returned.

To the Supt Engr 3d Circle without enclosure
25th March 1879.

(Signed) J. Shaw Stewart Col R.E.
Ag Chief Engineer N.D.

No 1756. Memo.

From
The Superintending Engineer
3d Circle.

To
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

The undersigned is desired by the Acting Chief Engineer to call upon the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division to follow the course prescribed in Chief Engineer's Memo No 442 dated the 28th January 1879.

(Signed) F. H. Hood Major R.E.
Ag Supt Engineer 3d Circle.

Chepauk
27th March 1879.

No

Respectfully beg to acquaint the Chief Engineer that I have carefully examined the report on the subject of the Chief Engineer's Memorandum No 442 dated the 28th January 1879, and have to state as follows:

1. The Chief Engineer's letter under acknowledgment is accordingly returned.

2. The enclosure which accompanied the Supt Engineer's letter under acknowledgment is accordingly returned.

To the Supt Engr 3d Circle without enclosure
25th March 1879.

(Signed) J. Shaw Stewart Col R.E.
Ag Chief Engineer N.D.

No 1088. P.W.D.

Memorandum

Letter from the Supt Engineer 3rd Circle No 1435 dated 15th March 1879.

The undersigned has the honor to request that the Executive Engr Buckingham Canal Division may be called on to follow the course prescribed

No 680

Buckingham Canal Div. office
Adyar 28th March 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Div.
To
The Superintending Engineer
S. Circle

Sir,

In reference to your Memorandum No 768 dated the 1st February 1879 and in compliance with the instructions contained in Chief Engineer's Memo No 4[illegible] dated the 28th January 1879 I beg to withdraw my letter No 237 dated the 16th ulto. I request that my letter No 475 dated the 20th ultimo be allowed to be withdrawn also, and returned to me to be cancelled.

In thus complying with the Chief Engineer's instructions I beg to express regret for having inconsiderately and under a feeling of injury used language of which he disapproves.

I have &c
(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division.

No 677.

Buckingham Canal Div. office
Adyar 28th March 1879.

From
The Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division
To
The Superintending Engineer
S. Circle.

Sir,

In reference to the Deputy Chief Engineer's Memorandum No 4839 dated the 25th October 1878, I have the honor to request the Chief Engineer to be good enough to reconsider the subject of my letters to his address No 593 and 650 dated respectively the 8th of June and 28th September 1878.

I have &c
(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

True Copy
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Enclosure in a letter from the Supt. Engr. 3rd Circle to the Chief Engr. No. 270 – Referring minute No. 1993 – dated 5 April 1879.

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Letter from the Ag. Supt. Engineer Sind Circle No 1993 of 5 April 1879.
Note by the Chief Engineer of 7 April

FOR ORDERS.

Mauthwaite
7/4. Lt. R.E.
Ag. Supt. Engr.
April 1879.

Reinstitution Service from the date in the Ag. Chief Engineer's Circular letter, subject to the approval of Government, and he may thereby bring the proper bearings.

Such allowances may be made from the Sind Revenue from the date when the minute of the

I have gone over this correspondence —

If some — I think — would do officious of Spanish and the U.S.'s letters &c being insubordinate & deserving condemnation

(I think however my Govt — the U.S. — this letter was misunderstood)

Govt for this conduct

The U.S. has been duly censured — has apologized to the Ag.t C. for the unfeeling language used in the letter of June 6/79 —

This matter of the U.S. conduct has been

Court should write an
it would be an Insult
& Affront unprecedented
and Unknown that
Court of Inquiry order
Especially when the G.C.L.
after personal interview
with both had proved
at the conclusion that
there were faults on both
sides —

Now here does this
Matter come before us —?
It is brought up by a
letter of the Insp.r Genl
in which he centually
appeals against certain
remarks contained in

a D.O. letter addressed
to him by the G.C.L.
In effect it is an appeal
to Genl. against the action
of the G.C.L. in the
Matter —
To set aside the G.C.L.s
D.O. letter — and
To substitute for a Court
order the censure passed
by the G.C.L. on Capt. J.
Now I am of opinion
that this discipline
& subordination must
be rigidly maintained
Strengthen the Dept — &
Discourage all Courts —
that it is as in Justice
& suspect the position of
the C.L. In the time being

of the Deering Papers
& other Papers —
Does the Office of C. E. was
at the time held by an
Appointed officer of
Much ability & the Cost
He taught in the Court
May I decide on a letter
Movements but after proper
Inquiry — Mr. Greer
I believe Mr. Greer & the
Opinion in the Court
Then by any Opinion I
May form in documents
without the advantage of
Personal explanation
received —
My Wife I consider
Should also have obtained
the Sanction of the G. C. E.
I making the D. O. letter
official before doing so —

(The letter appears
have absent the
Warrants for Private
use —)

I send also rough Draft
Your Work — but
Being prevented the
letter from Mr. O. J.
of 25th February —
Having referred to also
the Opinion of Mr.
Withheld it from the
G. C. E. when the
Subject of Mr. O. J.
Conduct was under
consideration is in
My Opinion not

Entitled Now to bring it up - in preparation as it was of the case during disposal of when another Officer Was recalled to the Station of C. L.

I did I may say that I see no Reason to ~~[illegible]~~ consider the view of Mr C. L. in the Matter referred to was wrong

B.M. 11/10

P. W. D.

Note.

Letter from the Supg. Engineer Third Circle
No. 1993 of 5th April 1879.

In this letter the
Acting Superintending
Engineer of the Third
Circle requests the con-
sideration of Government
to a demi-official letter
addressed to him by me
on the 27th March. With
reference thereto, he submits
copies of a voluminous
correspondence which has
recently passed on several
subjects between himself
and the Executive Engineer

of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

He then stated the position in which he saw the officers of Major Wood's letter, marked C. He then referred to the papers marked B and E among those officers.

He stated here that the subject had written these papers had better be disposed of by the Chief Engineer, instead of being laid before Congress and in that view I was strengthened by the opinion of the Hon. Mr. Dobbin, to whom I showed the papers.

Before disposing of the matters brought forward I took opportunities to talk over both with Major Wood and with Mr. O'Shaughnessy, not only the particular points under reference, but also the general subject of their official relation to one another.

The result was to convince me that the state of affairs was due to faults on both sides. Mr. O'Shaughnessy was without doubt greatly to blame for want of proper subordination; but on the other hand much of what occurred might have been avoided if

[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Major Wood appears
to be under the impression
that I should have given
him a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

My views were formed
solely from Major Wood's
own words and from
his letters.

The two subjects
were therefore disposed
of by me on the 27th March,
in No. 1110 and 1111, which
will be found in Major
Woods appendices B & E,
respectively. In them
Mr O'Donoghue was

censured for want of
subordination; but the
censure would have
been stronger if the
fault had been solely
on his side.

While censuring Mr
O'Donoghue, it was
my duty to let Major
Wood know that I
could not hold him
free from blame, and
I accordingly addressed
him demi-officially in
the letter to which he
takes exception.

As regards the
rest of the correspondence
forwarded by Major

Appendix A refers to a subject which was not of sufficient importance to be submitted to the Chief Engineer, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, the Deputy Engineer, & others, and of them Mr. O'Shaughnessy claimed for discharging certain patients. The matter was referred to him by the Deputy Chief Engineer in a Memorandum dated the 25th October 1878 No. 4829.

On the 15th January 1879 Mr. O'Shaughnessy wrote to the Superintending Engineer a letter enclosed in a separate envelope, which he was ordered by the Deputy Chief Engineer to withdraw. Mr. O'Shaughnessy has now withdrawn the letter and has apologised for the improper language used in it.

Appendix C refers to Mr. Lynch's case, in which separate orders have been passed by Govt.

Appendix D refers to a refusal on Mr. O'Shaughnessy's part to receive orders from Major Clarke, then acting as Superintending Engineer of the

the Cards, on the ground that he had received no official intimation of Major Clarke's appointment.

Under-forwarded instructions from the Governor. I dealt with this matter as Chief Engineer, and he proceeded of it on the 20th February, in R. 922.

Mr. O'Maughey's letter dated the 25th February has now come forward for the first time. It will be seen that Major Wood at first declined to lay it before Govt.

Appendix II refers

to a matter of which I know nothing, and which has now come forward for the first time.

Mentioned
7/4. Cl. 86
Sd. Chief Eng. P.W.D.

7th April, 1877.

No 1993 Locomotive Engineer's Office
Chicago 5th April 1879

From
The Superintending Engineer
Locos.

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the annexed correspondence,* may be submitted for the personal and orders of Government. Some of the letters refer to matters which have been disposed of, while others are still under disposal. The whole have been kept back for information, in order that full information may be afforded on the subject to which they relate.

2. The objects which I have in view, in soliciting the Government to consider the correspondence, are two in number; viz (a) that my respectful remonstrance against the censure conveyed to me in your demi official letter dated 27th

* vide notes attached

and the Government should make
it a point to be represented
by a Member of the Council
Legislative Council Question
is largely to the Legislative
Council, may be approached
and considered as another matter,
which appears to the Com-
-mittee, which appears to the
Committee as a matter of
-mere detail.

I will regard the first point
of the memorialists with which the
Committee agrees, namely the
Superintendent Engineer of Works in
Mr. Stanley, that the Superintendent
Engineer Buckingham and Quan
-ne in an attitude of firm resist
-ance consistent with their
duty to their Lordships.

Some reference has been made to
that time and waiting for a
study of Mr. Stanley's report and
Government's subject the ac-
-tion was unfortunate for prac-
-tical measures with the appro-
-priation on my part in most
-ion the difference due to

both the Superintendent Engineer
Public, and I think that
with the information still lacking
been misinterpreted by the
many. The question has not
evidence this to me more
strongly during the discussion
without which nothing such
evidence can be adduced. It seems
in such strong opinion expressed
with and believe in the Public
-many. Something should in fact
-ing therefore on account of
-quired during the last year
which have delayed other Works
undertaken the earlier of the Marine
Government.

Mr. As regards the second point
Mr. I think been unfortunately that the
Government attach great importance
under the arrangement to the re
-organized P.W. Department to the
-ment of the public and more
-tained personal relation be
-tween the Superintendent and Com
-mission Engineer. Have attention
I have endeavoured to bring out
practice, but so long as there is

[illegible] as she described in my letter No 693 dated 27th March, I felt to your extreme, that I could not sufficiently urge it in any manner which hope that the matter of Jamaica and the Lord can be carried out. My letter just named, might, I think, if duly have included further particulars respecting Mr O'Shaughnessy's visit to the French Lady, the offer her relations made the slightest reason for thinking that he considered she has been in any way to blame or that he owed me the least apology. In fact his letter No 692, 693, 694 dated 28th March 1879 and written after your conversation with his office to display as cavilling and as insubordinate a spirit as previous letters. Under these circumstances I beg that the Government may unmistakably assert the subordination of the Executive Engineer Building & Road Division to the Superintending Engineer Sub Circle.

5. I further beg leave to record in this place, the statement which I have already made viz: that Mr O'Shaughnessy had no reason whatever for supposing that I was actuated by any bad temper feeling in my intercourse with him. On contrary conduct in doubtless be the best answer that could be found for his behaviour. But I venture to respectfully claim from the Government, that due consideration for my position which is much on the Head, as Mr O'Shaughnessy's statement have not made from you. The most which I could hold to which the tone of my station would with any other Officer have been a proof of my conciliatory if any such proof were required, and the conciliatory nature of my personal bearing can be evidenced by the testimony of third persons. For such were present on the only two occasions on which I have spoken to Mr O'Shaughnessy.

6. In conclusion, I would remark that before my arrival in Montserrat

Mr. O'Donoghue, you are aware that I have never said that I had done the best service. But, notwithstanding this conviction I appear, and I feel it my duty to report in Engineer charge of my office from Major Carroll C.E., the actual circumstances clear and I respectfully submit, sometimes my record with the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division, should reach from me and with your approval or otherwise, numerous which are not recorded by not promotion to other officers of the R.D. I also have also done the best good service. As while fully appreciating your position regarding the necessity of a good understanding between Mr O'Donoghue and myself, can I think that the public interests would be served by my acquiescence to concession, whose nature I confess I do not entirely understand, but of the sufficiency of which Mr O'Donoghue is apparently to be the judge. The carrying out

of such a policy with an officer of Mr O'Donoghue's special temperament, would I believe, in all submission result in an entire reversal of the relative existing position of the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle and the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Major R.E.

Supt. Engineer 3rd Circle.

Copies of correspondence submitted with the 1893 Report of the Superintending Engineer of Circle to the Chief Engineer.

Folio 87 page. The Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division declines to accept as correct by the Chief Engineer an application of unfavourable remarks made by Government on certain proceedings of the Executive Engineer under the Officers were the District Engineer. These adverse remarks the Executive Engineer stated were founded on a misapprehension of facts. An thing called upon by the Chief Engineer to immediately withdraw his letter forth which is couched in most objectionable language. The Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division after delay qualifies his statements. The Supt. Engineer points out that orders issued by superior authority must be obeyed literally and

promptly by the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division and being received no reply from the officer reported the matter to the Chief Engineer who directed that the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division be again called upon to follow the course prescribed to him. The Executive Engineer then conferred to the Overseer and requested that the matter may be reconsidered by the Chief Engineer.

Folio 19 page. Certain direction regarding repairs to bridges on the Cooum Navigation are then transmitted from the Chief Engineer through the Superintending Engineer to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division who returns the papers to the Superintending Engineer. The officer again forwards the papers to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division who again returns them. The Superintending Engineer then sent for the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division and said to which intemperately was more explicitly

very the Executive Engineer was not carry out the order transmitted to him. The discussion ends by the Executive Engineer declining to answer questions put to him by the Superintending Engineer and by assuming his attitude of not attending to any written by the Superintending Engineer on behalf of the Officer. The circumstances are then reported by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer who censures the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division and directs that the papers regarding the bridges be retransmitted to this Officer.

Folio 19 page. In answer to a call made by the Chief Engineer the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division criticises the orders of the Chief Engineer and declines to answer a question. The Superintending Engineer then orders the Executive Engineer to withdraw his letter with a suitable expression of regret and to reply to the question put to him. The Executive Engineer conforms to these orders.

Folio 8 pages. The Chief Engineer
reports to the Chief Engineer, that the
Commissioner Buckingham and
Division Engineer to receive orders
whether from him, the Chief Engineer
concerning the Commissioner and
the authority vested in the Commissioner
in his contract and with
respect to Roger Sanders appointed
Field Engineer. The commissioner
requests the Chief Engineer to
forward to the Chief Engineer.
The Commissioner recommends
respectfully that the matter may be
forwarded or returned to Chief of
Field Engineers are referred by the
Chief Engineer

Folio 10 pages. The Chief Engineer
having called for an estimate of
from the Commissioner Buckingham
Canal Division the office transmits
with one enclosed in one of the
enclosures with the statement
that he thinks the work required
by the Chief Engineer will be of
any use. The Chief Engineer recalls
the estimate as furnished and requests
a statement by the Commissioner

and

and in addressing the same
should have the benefit of the
opinion of the Commissioner upon the
matter as he respectfully asks that
he should be furnished with a
statement and opinion as to the
propriety of the Chief Engineer
to furnish the Commissioner with
instructions issued by the Chief Engineer
for the more speedy transaction of the
Canal business. The Chief Engineer
calls upon the Commissioner
to state officially whether he is
obey the orders received or not and
having received no answer reports
the matter to the Chief Engineer. The
officer concerning the Commissioner
and informs him that it was his
to have obeyed at once the commands
order issued to him. The Commissioner
Engineer submits certain remarks in
requests that the matter may be
referred to Government.

Folio 19 pages. The Chief
Engineer Colonel Chow states that

[illegible] the
want of conciliation tact and discri-
mination displayed by the Ag Supg Engr
Major Wood R.E. in his dealings with
an officer of Mr O'Shaughnessy's well
known temperament and hopes that
Major Wood's conduct in future will
be such as will make it impossible
for Mr O'Shaughnessy to take any
offence whatever.

[illegible]
Major R.E.
Actg Supt Engr
[illegible]

Index to Correspondence forwarded with No 1992 dated 5th April 1879 from Superintending Engineer Nerbudda Circle to the address of the Chief Engineer.

Letters from Chief Engineer to Superintending Engineer N. Circle.

No	Date	Folio	Pge
489	25th October 1878	9	2
490	28th January 1879	9	4
498	20th January 1879	13	1
598	17th February 1879	9	6
659	4th February 1879	9	1
722	20th February 1879	9	1
1088	25th March 1879	9	12
1110	27th March 1879	13	13
1111	27th March 1879	9	6
Demi official letter from Colonel Chesney R.E. Chief Engineer to Major Hodges Superintending Engineer N. Circle 27th March		9	1

Letter from Supt Engineer N. Circle to Chief Engineer.

319	21st January 1879	9	3
568	29th January 1879	13	1
604	6th February 1879	9	5
856	13th February 1879	9	1

474	25th February 1879	3	3
478	26th February 1879	3	7
501	14th March 1879	8	1
521	5th March 1879	0	6
522	5th March 1879	0	7
523	6th March 1879	0	10
553	14th March 1879	4	2
679	28th March 1879	3	15
680	28th March 1879	3	4
693	28th March 1879	4	7
694	28th March 1879	8	4

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when
Bishop
Office

Letter from Archbishop Lynch to Bishop Dwyer

208	5th February 1879	0	1
218	14th February 1879	1	1
218	15th February 1879	0	1
224	21st February 1879	0	2
225	21st February 1879	0	3
226	21st February 1879	3	1
239	1st March 1879	3	1
1107	1st March 1879	0	1
1109	5th March 1879	4	8
1125	5th March 1879	4	7
1168	7th March 1879	0	10
1202	8th March 1879	0	1
1214	15th March 1879	4	2
1256	27th March 1879	4	13
1333	29th March 1879	4	1
1334	29th March 1879	0	5

Letter from Executive Engineer Bishop Dwyer to Archbishop Lynch.

257	16th January 1879	4	1
377	15th February 1879	0	1
337	16th February 1879	0	2
469	25th February 1879	0	3
470	25th February 1879	0	5

Draft for Optimus

Regarding the consideration of Government to a semi-Official letter addressed to him by the Late Acting Secretary P.B. Hoff & submitting for orders copies of correspondence which have recently passed between himself and the Executive Engineer

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Draft to Offmann

Read letter from Engineer
Engineer 3rd Cols dated 27th
April 1873 No 1953

In Engineer has deputed
Assist Officer for Cooperation
which took place between
his own Office and that of
the Executive Engineer Buckingham
Canal Division, stating that
in several instances Mr
O'Shaughnessy had placed
himself in a position of
deliberate opposition to the
legitimate demands of his
Superior Officer, exhibiting
a spirit of insubordination
wholly incompatible with
the requirements of efficient
discipline. At the same
time he the Superintending
Engineer refrains from comment
which he considers to have
been inflicted in a Service
Official Communication which
he received from the
Actg Chief Engineer in
disposing of the case and

Submit in duplicate
for Govt information
[illegible]

Recd 16th Oct 1873
Cir 17th Oct 1873
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The whole misfortune
having [illegible] for the first
time come to be the co-
-ordination of Government
The Jones in Council must
mind with severe displeasure
the insubordinate conduct
of Mr O'Shaughnessy as
thereby evinced and desires
that he may be distinctly
cautioned against the
repetition of any similar
~~conduct~~ in future, but
as regards the [illegible]
ground adverted to by
Mr Wood he sees
no reason to consider
~~that~~ the man after acting
Chief Engineer was wrong

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