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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th July 1879, No. 1,887 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 104. From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Acting Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 2nd July 1879, No. 376 M.D.

I beg to forward, herewith, for such notice as you consider necessary, a letter, No. 684, of the 1st instant, to my address from Mr. Harington, Executive Engineer, Dindigul Division.

2. It is evident that Mr. Harington desires that this letter should be laid before you, and I beg therefore to send it on.

3. It seems unnecessary for me to make any comment on it.

From W. S. HARINGTON, Esq., Divisional Officer, Dindigul, to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, dated Dindigul, 1st July 1879, No. 654.

In bringing the following facts to your notice, I do so that Government, the Chief Engineer, and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation may be made acquainted with them, as I have felt more acutely than any words spoken or written can give any idea of my supersession in November last, and since by officers who are my juniors in the Department, and to whom until very lately I would own neither to myself or others any inferiority. In my consciousness of my ability to perform any duties that might be required from me I believed and felt most bitterly that my earnest efforts to do my duty for a period of very many years had not been acknowledged or appreciated by Government.

2. I have only within the last two or three weeks awoken to the fact (if fact it be, as I fear it is) that I have been passed over and made to feel disgraced and degraded in my own eyes and in those of others, whether friendly to me or the reverse, because I have failed to attend to the very important orders issued from time to time during the last five or six years by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and that now when that point is deemed such an important one, not only in this country but at home, I have been thrust aside and thrown and kept back because most unwittingly I have not realised the importance of my duties.

3. As I am aware that the term "most unwittingly" requires explanation, I proceed to give it to the best of my power, hoping that what I write will be deemed a great palliation for my "shortcomings," which I fear may have been held to be "neglect of duty." On my return from three months' privilege leave in December 1873, I was appointed District Engineer of Malabar, which, as you are aware, is a non-irrigation district. If the circulars issued by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation were sent to me, I failed to realise their importance or to study them as I hope I should have done had I been in an irrigation district. In April 1875 I went home on furlough, returning to the country in November 1876. In the following month I was sent to Madura as District Engineer; the state in which I found the district is, if not a matter of history, at any rate well known to Government, and I aver with all truth and earnestness that from the day I joined till November last I exerted myself for its benefit to the outside of my ability and often beyond my strength. The office records were in a most confused and irregular state; nothing was in order, nothing regularly filed, and my duties were onerous and laborious in the last degree. Famine, as you are aware, was raging, and much was required from me; and I am

conscious of having done my duty zealously, faithfully, and proudly; and now I come to the explanation which is the real purport of my letter. From the 1st of April 1878 Madura was by order of Government removed from the category of famine districts, and my duties became somewhat lighter in consequence. It may seem strange, and possibly the fact may be held not to redound to my credit, that up to that time I had not once seen one of Colonel Mullins' Irrigation Circulars! They had been apparently hidden away; at any rate they had never been shown to me or brought to my notice in any way, and not a single estimate submitted to me as District Engineer by the Range Officers had been prepared in the stipulated form, although, as I now find out, all the circulars issued by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation had been sent by Colonels Roberts and Fischer to each and all of them! but, surprising as it may seem, had been utterly disregarded; all estimates having been prepared in the old irregular manner; not one calculation made as ordered; no formula attended to; nothing worked out. I may, I fear, be told that it was my duty to have looked into each and every record, and I must confess that I trusted too much to my office clerks; but I would crave to have it remembered what a sad and anxious time I had passed through since my return from England; how unbinged every thing was for a time, and that the very existence of these circulars was by a most infortuitous combination of circumstances quite unknown to me. Truly, I may be said to have awoke during the last few weeks only from a dream, and a sufficiently painful waking it has been. Your letters directing my attention to the Chief Engineer's circulars have chiefly had this awakening effect, and now that I have extracted all these circulars from the holes and corners into which they had been allowed to fall, and in which they remained, unnoticed, and have filed them regularly and in order, I see and feel how much better I should have done had I been aware of their contents. Most assuredly these orders shall be rigorously attended to by me for the future, and as assuredly they would have been in the past had I known of their existence. In all truth and honor I did not, and I earnestly desire that this fact may be made known to His Grace the Governor, to the Members of Government, and to my superiors in the Department.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1879, No. 1,887 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. Mr. Harington's explanation is accepted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Ed. C. Howarth.
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GOVT. OF (1879) MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIFTH CIRCLE.

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Dated July 1887.

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G. O. 1876 July 1878, No. 1887 W.

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Nos. 104-105.

Mr. Executive Engineer Harington, Divisional Officer, District. - Accepts the explanations of - in respect to his inattention to the circulars of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

General Harington,

J. W. Randall Esq.
Sg. Supg Engineer 5th Circle

To,

Encls: 1.

Colonel A. H. Lambton R.E.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Madras -

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt.

J. W. Randall
Sg. Supg Engineer
5th Circle

General

I now,

The Supt Engineer
or Brick

To.

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No 376 M.D.

Dated 2^d July 1879.

No 9 18-7-79 No 15077

Enclose

I enclose a letter
from Mr. Harrington
Supt Engineer Sindhi-
gul for disposal.

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Cir 9-7-79 Recd 16-7-79
To P.W.D. - 7-7

No 654.

From.

The Divisional Officer,

To.

Sindhi-gul.

The Superintending Engineer,

5th Circle, Sindhi-gul.

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Your most obed^t serv^t
W. Harrington
Divisional Officer.

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Order thereon: -

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is accepted.

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Memo

In forwarding this
correspondence I do
not know that any
special notice of
it is required & it
might therefore be
'Recorded'

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following:—

Letter from the Supy. Engineer Fifth Circle
No. 376 M. D. d/2^o July 1879.

information and
FOR ORDERS.

C. M. Hankins Col. R.E.
Secy. to Genl. P. W. D.
S.

9th July 1879.

I think something should
be said to assure Mr. Hankins
that his explanation is
accepted & that the Genl.
are not in any way
of his money or duties
of his duties J. H.

I have struck out
the latter part as
not called for by
the occasion J. H.

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Wm. W. Bridges
1400 Broadway
New York

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G. O. 10 July 1873 No. 18876

Nos. 104 - 105

*Mr. R. R. Barnington
Divisional Officer Singapore
Accepts the explanation
of — in respect to his in-
attention to the Circular
of the Chief of Design*