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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th February 1879, No. 380 W.

General.

Establishment

Read the following paper:—

No. 46. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Royacottah, 24th January 1879, No. 2-A.

I HAVE the honor to forward letter, No. 303, dated 18th January 1879, from the Executive Engineer, Wynad, enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Love, Assistant Engineer, Cannanore, and also forwarding a medical certificate stating that he is fit for the ordinary duties of the department.

In explanation of the letter I have to inform you that Lieutenant Love's services were placed at the disposal of the Military Department, and that he on receipt of the order reported to the Executive Engineer that he was unfit for field service and had sent in a certificate to that effect to the Military authorities. When I received this I, considering that Lieutenant Love could not be fit for the ordinary duties, directed he should either go on the sick list or produce a certificate to the effect that he was fit for ordinary duty, and added in one of my letters that I was willing for him to do his duty in a bandy or walking, and did not insist on his riding.

As Lieutenant Love has produced the certificate I called for and is, I suppose, able to carry on his duty, I have nothing more to say in this matter except forwarding the certificate as called for in your memorandum No. 315, dated 18th January 1879.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of Lieutenant Love's letter, I am not aware that I have in any way treated him exceptionally, and I may add that I have informed Lieutenant Love that I have not expressed nor do I hold an opinion that he has acted derogating to his character as an officer.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. KENNEDY, Executive Engineer, Wynad Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated Cannanore, 18th January 1879, No. 303.

I HAVE the honor to forward an original letter from Lieutenant Love accompanied by a certificate from the Medical Officer that he is fit for the ordinary duties of his post. I have only to add that Lieutenant Love informs me that all duties that do not require riding or much walking he is quite able to perform, and that unless he has a relapse his disability is merely temporary and is due not to the present existence of any disease, but to the effects of the operation he lately underwent for the eradication of it; that, nevertheless, he had no choice but to report his condition when it was a question whether he was fit for immediate active service. He has been of great assistance to me since he joined, in drawing up plans and estimates that were called for, and is about to commence his inspection of roads in the sub-division under his charge.

I am of opinion that if a little consideration is shown towards him he will turn out a good active officer. The funds of the Tellicherry Circle exhibit a deficit of upwards of Rupees 30,000, so that there is scarcely any chance of money being found for more work during the current year, and before the allotments for the next official year become available I believe Lieutenant Love will be quite ready to efficiently supervise the expenditure.

From Lieutenant D. LOVE, R.E., Assistant Engineer, Cannanore Sub-division, to the Executive Engineer, Wynad Division, dated Cannanore, 13th January 1879, No. 120.

IN reply to your letter No. 32-A, dated 7th January 1879, I have the honor to enclose a medical certificate to the effect that I am fit for the ordinary duties of the department. This is on the understanding that these duties can be performed without riding or much walking.

2. I shall be obliged if you will point out to the Superintending Engineer that I rejoined the sub-division in November last, before the expiration of my sick leave, purely to prevent further inconvenience to the department, and on the understanding supported by a medical certificate that I was to attempt no locomotion before the end of the year. Since that time my health has improved, and I believe that if some little consideration is shown me during the stoppage of work in the sub-division it will shortly be thoroughly re-established.

3. Captain Bailey, Executive Engineer, Calicut, was recently disabled for some weeks from any but office work, yet he was not offered the alternative of taking sick leave or producing a certificate of fitness. The only point of difference between his case and mine appears to be that he was not asked during his illness whether he was medically fit for duty with troops. I can only conclude from this that my action on the Government Order placing my services temporarily at the disposal of the Military Department has not met with the approval of the Superintending Engineer. Such an opinion on his part would reflect on my conduct as an officer, and the exceptional manner in which my case has been treated forces on my mind so strong an impression that it has been influenced by some such feeling that I feel bound as an officer of the same Corps as Major Mead to request that I may be informed whether he has expressed or holds an opinion that in reporting myself unfit at present for Military duty I have acted in any way derogatory to my character as an officer.

No. 47. **ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1879, No. 380 W.**

A FURTHER medical report as to Lieutenant Love's fitness for service in the Public Works Department should be submitted on the expiration of a month from this date.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE.

Dated February 5th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 5th February 1879, No. 380 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 46-47.

Lieutenant Love's fitness for service in Public Works Department.—A further medical report to be submitted on the expiration of a month from this date as to —

No. 303

Cannanore 18th Jany 1879

From

Lt. Col. H. K. B. Kennedy
Ex. Engineer Wynaad Division

To

The Superintending Engineer

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21/1/79

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I hereby certify that Lieutenant H. D. Love Royal Engineer D. P. W. is fit for the ordinary duties of the Department.

Cannanore
13th January 1879

H. J. Mallins M.D.
Surgeon Major
Civil Surgeon Cannanore

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No. 303

Cannanore 18th Jany 1879

From

Lt. Col. H. B. Kennedy 380/2

Ex Engineer Wynaad Division

To

The Superintending Engineer

4th Circle

Coimbatore

Sir,

No 179/57 380/2

Enclosure in letter from the Superintg Engineer 4 Circle to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. under date the 24 January 1879 No 2 A.

Coimbatore 27th Jany/79

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Lt. Col. K. B. Kennedy
Ex. Engineer Wynaad Division

To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle
Coimbatore

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

Robt. B. Keene Lt. Col.
Ex. Engineer Wynaad Division

No. 120 Cannanore 13th January
1879.

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From
The Assistant Engineer
Cannanore Sub Division
To
The Executive Engineer
Wynaad Division D.P.W.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. A 32 dated 7th January '79, I have the honor to enclose a medical certificate to the effect that I am fit for the ordinary duties of the department. This is on the understanding that these duties can be performed without riding or much walking.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt Servt
H. D. Love. Lt. R.E.
Assistant Engineer

Enclos: in letter from Supg. Engr. 4th Cir: to the Chf. Engr. P.W.D. d/24th Jany/79 No. 2A.

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From
The Executive Engineer
Wynaad Division

to The Superintg. Engineer
4 circle

Dated 18 } January 79
Recd 21 }

No. 303

Enc: 2

C No. 781

Lt. Love R.E. Asst. Engr—

Forwards an original letter from — accompanied by a Medical Certificate that he is fit for the ordinary duties of his post with certain observations—

No. 2A. Supg. Engineer's office
4th Circle
Camp Royacottah
24th January 1879

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From
The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Departt.
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures.
1. Lt. Col. Kennedy's letter with
1 Medical Certificate and
1 Copy of Lt. Love's letter

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
W. W. Mead Major R.E.
Supg Engineer
4th Circle

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I think the simplest plan w.d be for the Ch. Engr. to ascertain privately the nature of the case. I infer that Lt Love has been operated on lately for the removal of tumours – & if so w.d explain the difficulty. for he can drive anything but cannot ride anything much

× Locomotion [illegible]
See last –

Mr Love has only just been admitted to dept: and the circumstances raise doubt as to his fitness for duties in it – it is impossible that the duties can be done entirely in the office – & during the check on work every season should have been ✓ but [illegible] contemplated or incomplete ×

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I think the medical officer should report again – & also explain how he reported an officer fit for duty of the dept – of P W D if he cannot ride nor walk much

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His Grace the Governor

Circulated to His Grace the Governor for information

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Mr Love reports himself unfit for field service & was supported by Med. certif. as he had not been operated upon – this naturally drew my attention – also that of Sup. Engineer who appears to have taken a very proper course – the matter seems singular for the Med certificate now sent says Mr L is fit for the ordinary duties of the dept – while Mr L himself says it is given on the understanding he is to attempt no riding nor much walking – & that he was to attempt no X

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From
The Supg Engineer
4th Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Madra

Recd 5-2-77 per 380

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Dated 24th Januar

Enclosures 3

Lieutt Love R.E. Asstt Engr Wynad Sub Division
Forwards copy of letter from the Executive Engineer Wynaad with a medical certificate reporting that ——— is fit for the ordinary duties of the Departt with opinion

Circulated

P.W. Dept.

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Note

The Chief Engineer has ascertained, that, as noted by the Hon'ble Mr. Hudleston, Lieut. Love suffered from an internal disorder requiring a surgical operation and necessitating rest for awhile. It is believed he is now rapidly recovering and is at present able to perform his duty in the Public Works Department. It is very possible that though quite fitted for duty in the Department he may still be unfitted to perform a long Railway journey or capable of standing the strain Officers are subjected to in a Campaign.

EW 31/1

I think P.W. officers shd be strong & fit for any service – & he having just joined the Dept – this letter be referred to in a month

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G.O. No 380 W 5–2–79

No. 303

Cannanore 18th January 1879

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Executive Engineer
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The Superintending Engineer
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(Sigd) Robt. B. Kennedy
Lt. Col
Executive Engineer
Wynaad Dn

(True Copy)

Major RE
Supg Engineer 4th Circle

In a letter from the
Supg Engineer 4th Circle
to the Chief Engineer
PWD. No 2 A of 24th
January 1879.

Copy of Lt Col. Kennedy's
letter reporting that
Lt Love is fit for the
ordinary duties of
his post

In Pro of 5-2-79 No 280 W.

Cannanore 13th January
1879

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From
The Assistant Engineer
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To
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(Sigd) H. D. Love Lt R.E.
Asst Engineer
Cannanore Sub Dn

(True Copy)
W R Mead Major RE
Supg Engineer

In a letter from the
Supg Engineer
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No 2 A of 24 Janu

Copy of
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 5 Feb/79

Read the following :—

From the Supg Engr Fourth Circle (H.E. No 24 d/ 24 Jany/79)

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A further medical report as to Lieut Love's fitness for service in the P.W. Dept should be submitted on the expiration of a month from this date.

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S.E. Fourth Circle M.S. Desp 5-2-79
Rec 21-2-79

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Govt. of {1879} Madras.

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Lieut Love's fitness for
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