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No. 13. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Bellahoonsy, 17th March 1870, No. 3,558 :—

One original letter from Mr. Howell with an enclosure.

With reference to G. O., No. 275, of 22nd January 1870, of which a copy was sent on the 29th idem for communication to Mr. Howell, and which he appears to have received on or about the 5th February, I have the honour to forward an original letter from Mr. Howell to your address which I have only just received.

2. On referring to the receipt attached to Mr. Howell's letter, and which is signed by his wife, you will observe that the name of the person in whose favour this receipt is granted is T. Palanyandy Pillay; this is the name of the Head Accountant of the Nundial Range, and there is no mention of the name of "the party who advanced the loan through the Head Accountant," as explained by Mr. Howell.

3. The loan is said to have been contracted on 2nd October 1868, and Mr. Howell states it was not until after a lapse of sometime that it was brought to his knowledge, when he adopted immediate steps for its liquidation. The date of his becoming acquainted with the transaction is not mentioned, but I would beg to inform you that he was at Nundial during February, and April 1869 and yet the loan was not paid off until November 1869.

5. In paragraph 3 Mr. Howell seems to wish to throw the blame on his Head Accountant. This man should, of course, have declined to do anything in the matter, but I think that like most of his class he would be afraid to refuse, believing that he would get bullied and otherwise annoyed if he declined.

From Mr. S. HOWELL, Supervisor to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 1st March 1870.

With reference to G. O. of 22nd January 1870, No. 275, I beg respectfully to submit an explanation called for on the report made by the Superintending Engineer in paragraph 3 of his letter, dated 5th idem, No. 2,868.

2. With regard to my getting a loan of Rupees 200 from the Head Accountant of the Nundial Range while I was in charge in an indirect manner, I beg to state that I was quite ignorant of the transaction, and that it was done without my knowledge, consent, or sanction by my wife, for the benefit of one of her relations who was then in trouble. I find on my referring to my diary of the 2nd October 1868, the date on which the transaction appears to have taken place, that I was away from head-quarters. It was not until after a lapse of sometime that it was brought to my knowledge by the party who advanced the loan through the Head Accountant; viewing the transaction as an improper one, I adopted immediate steps for its liquidation. I paid the whole myself, as the party for whom it was obtained was not in circumstances to do so, and thus got rid of a transaction which under peculiar circumstances was forced on me.

3. I cannot but regret the circumstance, more so indeed as the Head Accountant who knew the orders of Government regarding monitary transactions should have promoted it himself.

4. It is a matter of deep regret that the Superintending Engineer, who could have obtained the above explanation from me, should have referred the matter for the orders of Government at a time when the question of my continuance in the public service was under consideration.

5. I have spent my health and a good portion of my life in its service. I repudiate the allegation of my complicity in this matter. I enclose the original voucher for Rupees 200 in

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support of my statement, and I pray that the Government will be pleased, in consideration of all the circumstances connected with my case, to view it with indulgence, and otherwise to extend me that protection and relief for which it is at present so peculiarly and highly distinguished.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1870, No. 1,154.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 2.

ON a careful consideration of these papers the Government are of opinion that it is not expedient to retain Mr. Howell's services, and His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly resolves to require Mr. Howell to take measures for placing himself on the Pension Establishment within three months from the date on which these orders may be communicated to him, and to direct that, failing in succeeding to do this, Mr. Howell's services be dispensed with at the expiration of the period in question.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 3558. *Superintending Engineer's Office.*
3rd Division.

Camp Belakooney, Hoovinhuddilly Taluk
Bellary. District.
The 17th March 1870.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Enclosures. two.
1 Original letter from Mr Howell to the Collector

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C. S. Abbott Lt Col RE
Supdg Engineer 3rd Div

P. W. Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 2 May 1870.

Read the following

From. The Superintending Engineer 3d Division. } No. 3558 of 17th March 1870.

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The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

No. 3558

Dated 17 March 1870.
Received 25 March 1870.

P. W. D. 1454-2 May 70.

Transmitting with the Answers
the Petition of Mr. Howell and the
Petitioner's Letter and the
Enclosures from the Executive
Engineer Trichinopoly Division
Forwarded for Explanation
thereon Calendaring Petition
and Returning Enclosures to the
Executive Engineer Trichinopoly
Division.

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To
The Sup.g Engr 3d Dn. with
two Enclosures
Desp.d 4/5/70.

on the whole I think it will
be desirable to direct Mr.
Howell to retire on the pension
due to his period of Service.
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† See G. O. 16th Oct./68. No 3281.
8th Feb./69. " 396.

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For Orders.

These papers have re-
ference to the case of Mr. Howell,
a Supervisor employed in the
3d Division.

Mr. Howell's unfitness
for an independent charge in
the Public Works Department
having † more than once been
brought under the notice of
Government, the Superv.r
of the 3d Division was instructed
in G. O. No 1334 dated 22d
April 1869 to take steps for
transferring the Supervisor
to the Pension Establishment.

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With this view Mr Howell applied for and obtained permission to visit Madras for the purpose of presenting himself before a Medical Committee, and, on the recommendation of that Committee, he was granted six months leave to proceed to Bangalore.

In his letter of the 5th January 1870, No 2818, the Supg: Engineer brought to notice that, instead of going to Bangalore, Mr Howell passed the period of his leave at Cuddapah, and that as the leave had nearly expired, Mr Howell wrote for instructions regarding his return to duty.

Lieut Col:

Lieut Col. Moberly requested attention to the correspondence that had taken place on the subject of Mr Howell's transfer to the Pension Establishment, and represented that it had come to his notice that Mr Howell, when in charge of the Sundial Range, had, in contravention of the orders of Govt., obtained the loan of 200 Rupees from his Head Accountant. Br G. O. No 275 dated 22d January 1870, the Supg: Engr was directed to obtain and submit Mr Howell's explanation of this transaction, and, pending further orders, Mr Howell was permitted to resume his duties.

Lieut Col:

Lieut Col. Moberly now lays before Government the explanations called for. It will be seen that Mr. Howell alleges that the loan in question was obtained by his wife, without his knowledge or consent, through the Head Accountant, and that on becoming aware of the transaction some time after its occurrence, he took immediate steps for liquidating the debt. Lieut. Col. Moberly, however, draws attention to the fact of Mrs Howell's receipt having been granted in favor of the Head Accountant himself and not

of the party from whom Mr. Howell states the money was obtained.

Mr. Howell's conduct has been altogether unsatisfactory, and orders are accordingly requested as to the manner in which his case should be dealt with.

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Govt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr.
3rd Division.

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 2 May 1870, No. 1167

Nos. 13-14

Overseer. (Br. Supervisor)
Informing that
Br. Supervisor Overseer
should place himself
on the Pension establishment
stating when
his services are to
be dispensed with.