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Public DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 6 February 1889
No. 130.

Confidential No. 26
of 1889

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Public Servants Passing orders on letter from Collector Kurnool regarding alleged professional petition writing by the Head Clerk of the Executive Engineer's office Kurnool.

BACK PAPER, No. 1426 of 1886

FURTHER PAPER, No. of 188

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, dated 188 ; No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

	P.W.D. -	Collr. Kurnool
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to P.W.D. for ~~[illegible]~~
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Professional fees writing
of a D.P.W. clerk in Kurnool

(Form Orders)

Public DEPARTMENT. of 1886

[5] Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

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Order. G.O. 6.2.89. No. 130. Mis.

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(Frame orders)

Issue 30/1

2/2/89

Secy. P.W.D. for favour of counter-initials

To The P.W.D.
2nd " Collr. of Kurnool } Despd. 7/2

Note I presume O.O. No. 2C will be dealt with in the Educa. (or Judicial ?) Dept. in which the previous correspondence has occur

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No. 4303 & 223
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For orders

Issue 22/1

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Copies of affidavits not sent up: Should they be called for? L.

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W.L.
29 Jan

Public ~~Correspond.~~ (1889) Dept:

Current No. 223

From Charles Kough Esquire
~~The~~ Collector of
KURNOOL.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Department,
MADRAS.

19 JAN 89

Camp Dibagutta
Dated 17th
Received 19 } January 1889.

No. 1C.
Enclosures. 2

Enclosing copies of correspondence asked for in Govt. Reference No. 4303 dated 12th January 1889.

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(Draw orders)

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Enclosure No: 2
to letter No: 1.C/17.1.89 from
the Collector of Kurnool
to the Chief Secretary to
Government.

Copy of letter (Confidential) dated 8.12.88
from the Superintending
Engineer Bellary to the
Collector of Kurnool

Pub. 22/1|89.

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Put. 22/1/89.

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I have &c

Sd H. Smalley Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer
3d Circle

(True Copy)

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Collector.

Confidential

Bellary
8th December 1888

To

The Collector of Kurnool District

Sir,

In reply to your letter No: 3112 dated 8th October 1888 marked "Confidential" the original of which with the affidavits enclosed never reached me but of which you forwarded me a duplicate on the 9th November 1888 I have the honour to inform you that I handed your letter to the Chief Engineer P.W.D with a demi-official note of my own giving a résumé of the Case of Lutchman Doss, now Head Clerk of the Executive Engineer's office. Kur d when employed in the Guntoor Municipality, and asking to arrange for his transfer out of this Circle if possible.

The Chief Engineer replied, also demi-officially, that what happened at Guntoor in 1880 had passed and could not be taken up, and that as the case now stands he did not feel justified in interfering with or removing Lutchman Doss on account of certain rather vague charges made against him by the Collector of the District. The Chief Engineer goes on to say "If you find that the man is a professional petition writer, and if you find the Office in bad order, and consider it due to Lutch Doss' neglect of w duple

grounds for reducing him, if not doing more, but of course he should be allowed to make a defence. He is, I believe a man of some service and has excellent characters".

Now I gather from this that the Chief Engineer considers that if the man is proved a professional letter writer, yet if the office is in good order, or if in bad order, that it cannot be laid to his charge from neglect of public duty there would be no case against him departmentally.

I purpose to inspect the Executive Engineer's office at Kurnool before long and I should then be glad to be furnished with copies of any affidavits made before you as to petition writing by Lutchman Doss in order that I may endea certain whether

his public work has been neglected for his private gain, but I anticipate great difficulty in proving that.

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I have &c

Sd H. Smalley Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer
3d Circle

(True Copy)

Ch. P. Keough(?)
Collector.

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WITH REPLY.

Enclosure No: 1 to.
Letter No: 1.C./17.1.89 from the
Collector of Kurnool to
the Chief Secretary to Govt.

Copy of letter No: (Confidential) 3102/8-10-88
from the Collector of
Kurnool to the Superin-
-tending Engineer,
Bellary.

Public 22/2/89

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etter No 1.C / 17.1.89 from
Collector of Kurnool to
the Chief Engineer

Copy of letter No 3102 / 8-10-88
from the Collector
Kurnool to the Superin-
-tending Engineer
Bellary

Confidential

No 3102 Kurnool Collector's Office
Enc: 1 Kurnool 8th October 1888.

From
Charles Kough Esquire
Collector of Kurnool

To
The Superintending Engineer
Bellary

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that Lutchman Das, Head Clerk in the Kurnool Division appears to be a professional petition writer making large sums from this source. In support of this allegation I enclose three affidavits taken by me. Were it necessary numerous others could be procured.

his 2. I have reasons for suspecting him also of being the sender of offensive anonymous letters, not only to Officials but private individuals, and this has become of late a perfect nuisance. Of course I cannot prove this or I would not trouble you ~~about it~~.

3. But I am sure you will agree with me that a public servant has no business to occupy himself in petition writing, and in receiving large fees for this. If no other punishment is considered desirable, I shall feel greatly obliged if the man can be sent from this District as I consider him a very unsafe character here. You are doubtless aware of his antecedents at Guntoor.

I have &c

Sd C. Keogh

Collector

(True Copy)

Chas Keogh

Collector.

as "Certain rather vague charges by the Collector" are established facts i. e. that the man professionally writes petitions for gain, and that his antecedents are not without a stain.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours most obedt. Servt.

Chas T Forsyth

Collector

No 1.C. Kurnool Collector's Office
Enclosures 2 Camp Panyam 15th Jany/89

Public C. No 223

From

Charles Hough Esquire
Collector of Kurnool

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras

Sir,

As directed by Order on reference No: 4303 of 1888, I have the honour to enclose copy of my letter to the Superintending Engineer and his reply thereto.

2. May I be allowed to remark that what the chief Engineer describes

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[10] Pub DEPARTMENT.

Ref. on C No 4303 of/88

SUBJECT.

For

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Public Department.

N.B.—The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Chief Secretary.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT, MADRAS.

C. No. 4303.

Memorandum.

Desp^d 11/1

Dated the 12th January 1889.

No.

Ref. only

With reference to his letter of the 12 Dec. 1888, No. 1(E), the Collector of Kurnool is requested to furnish copies of the correspondence he refers to in paragraphs 1 & 2.

(H. orders)

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Collr. of Kurnool. Desp^d 12/1/89.

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12 Dec

For orders

There has been no order, as far as can be traced, against the practice, but it certainly seems most undesirable that any Govt. servant should be a writer of petitions for hire.

15 Dec

17 Dec

G.O. 10 July 86 No. 1426 seems to me sufficient to cover the case and I think it most undesirable that any Govt. servant should be a petition writer for hire. But I don't think orders should be based upon an abstract report of this sort [illegible] & the degree in which the practice is objectionable greatly depends on the office held.

Call on Mr. Keogh by Ord to furnish copies of the correspondence he refers to, showing what the office is.

H.C.S.
1 Jan

Kurnool Collector's Office

Public (1888) Dept
C. No. 4303
CHIEF SECRETARY
14 DEC 88
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From
The Collector of
Kurnool

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Madras.

Dated 12th } December 1888.
Received 14 }

No. 1 (E)

Enclosure nil

Subject

Requesting orders as to whether a Head Clerk of a Government Office can be a professional petition writer.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Public (1888) Dept

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From The Collector of Kurnool

To, The Chief Secretary to Government, Madras.

Dated 12th } December 1888
Received 14 }

No. 1 (E)

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C 31/12

Confidential

No. 1 (E)

Kurnool Collector's Office
Dated 12th December 1888.

Public C. No 4303.

From

C. Kough Esqr
Collector of Kurnool

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras

Sir

Having recently proved the Head Clerk of a Government Office here to be a professional writer of Petitions to the Government, Board of Revenue &c for hire (generally at a fee of not less than Rs 25/ I reported the matter Officially but confidentially to his Superiors.

2. The position taken by the latter is that so long as the occupation of a "professional petition writer for hire" takes place out of Office hours, and does not interfere with the discharge of

Office-work

Public DEPARTMENT.

No. of 188 .

To
The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State for India.

Confidential.

MY LORD,

We have the honor to enclose a Memorial addressed to your Lordship by Mr. C. S. Crole of the Madras Civil Service praying (1) that orders may be passed on his case as now presented (2) that he may be granted a solatium for the various injuries inflicted on him, and (3) that instructions may be given to us to provide him with a suitable appointment.

2. The facts of the case have been before your Lordship so frequently that we do not consider it necessary to ~~re-open them~~. We therefore merely forward the memorial as it stands; ~~[illegible]~~ requesting at the same time that your Lordship ~~will understand~~ [illegible] that in doing this we do not intend to endorse the accuracy of the

Statements which it contains

We have the honor to be

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16 Feb

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Public (1889) DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Crole's Memorial

Confidential

Letter to the Right Honorable
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Dated
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~~Transmitting~~, ~~[illegible]~~, a
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Secretary of State's orders for his reinstate-
-ment have been carried out by the
Madras Government

27th FEBRUARY 1889, No. 6 , PUBLIC.

CONFIDENTIAL.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

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We have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

" Connemara
" C. G. Arbuthnot
" H. E. Stokes
" J. H. Garstin

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th *February 1889.*

Exd. E. Fernandes.

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Send this report to
the Press ~~[illegible]~~
and have it printed
[illegible] Mr Sharp

I will [illegible] for
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26 7 J.

Chief Secretary

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GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

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Fort St. George,
27th February 1889.

Exd. E. Fernandes.

32 Hyde Park

Jan 18.

UNDER SEC. 15 FEB 89 PUBLIC Etc DEPt.

Esq

Government,

Mr. Blair

GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

PUBLIC (1889) *DEPARTMENT.*

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GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

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32 Hyde Park

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UNDER SEC. 15 FEB 89 PUBLIC &c DEPT.

From H. W. Bliss Esq

Madras C.S.

To the Chief Secretary to Government,

Madras

Sir In reply to para 1 of G.O. 31st Oct, 1888, No. 1027 Public, I have the honour to state that Mr Bliss has several times endeavoured to sell the Sheddon House property, but without success. There seems to be no demand at all for property at Ootacamund. As an instance of this, I may mention that I gather from the newspapers that the Snowdon property was put up for sale the other day and

Upon the rules Mr. Bliss
may not make any profit
by his drawings. He may
have them & let them out or
sell or I presume he may
give them away – though I
have little doubt that even if he
did that his conduct would be
misconstrued by some one or
other – I concur in the
~~to~~ reply proposed by the Hon Mr
Stokes in the first paragraph
of his note –

J.M.S.

11/2/09

For orders

6/2

7 Feb

There is a good deal of truth in the contention that the land is unsaleable, and I don't think it is necessary to put any great pressure on Mr. Bliss about it. 28 acres, even according to Madras ideas is a very large compound at Ootacamund

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I would say that the Govt. trust Mr Bliss will continue to do his best to get rid of the land which the Govt. of India consider superfluous as an appendage to a residence.

As to para 10 of Mr Bliss' letter to the Secretary of State the rule is clear. There is nothing to prevent Mr. Bliss from making such thinnings or doing anything else wh. is necessary to keep the property in good order, but none of the produce may be sold. If he cannot use the thinnings they must be wasted. It is one of the restrictions wh. the Govt. have chosen to impose on civilians holding house sites. The rule is not put up, but I believe it to be to the effect that nothing must be sold off the land. Put up the rule with the reply

C. 8/2

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CURRENT No. 453

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Confd No. 72

From

H.W. Bliss Esqre C.S.

No. —

Dated 18th January 1889

Received 5th February 1889

Enclosures –

SUBJECT.

Re Shedden house property

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Current No. 72 of 1889, dated 18 Jany. from H.W. Bliss Esq. C.S.

Current No. of 188 , dated from

Order 9.4.3.89 No. 217 Mis

The Govt. trust that Mr. Bliss will continue to do his best to get rid of the land which the Govt. of India consider superfluous as an appendage to a residence.

2 With regard to para 10 of Mr. Bliss' letter of 11th June 1888 to the Sec. of State, it will be pointed out to him that while there is nothing to prevent Mr. Bliss from carrying out such thinnings or other operations as may be necessary to keep the property in good order, the sale of any produce from the land is forbidden by G.O. 30th Oct. 1885 x

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22 Feb.

24/2/89

x This is the paper ref'd to in [illegible]

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To H. W. Bliss Esq CS. with copy of G.O.
30 Oct 1885 No ~~2529~~ 2530

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Mrs Bliss' property
in Ootacamund
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Draft from Orders

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BACK PAPER, No. 6027/8 of 188 8.

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No. 217

Confidential 44 of 1889.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Landholding. Passing orders on letter from W. H. W. Bliss regarding the land pertaining to Sheddon House Property Ootacamund

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Public DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 26-2-89
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Confidential No.

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