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No. 247. Read the following letter from Lord H. ULICK BROWNE, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 12th October 1860, No. 2,304 :—

SIR,

1. The Government of Madras in their Revenue Despatch to the Secretary of State No. 95, dated the 6th ultimo, have recommended the grant of a sum of £500 to Captain F. Applegath of the 33rd Madras Native Infantry, to enable him to prosecute a search for Coal in the Masulipatam District.

2. This recommendation has no doubt been made by the Madras Government in ignorance of the precise circumstances under which it was found necessary some months ago to dispense with the services of Captain Applegath in the Department of Public Works, and I am desired therefore to forward herewith a copy of the papers regarding that Officer's removal from the Province of Nagpore, where he was employed as an Executive Officer.

3. But apart from the special objection which thus exists to Captain Applegath's employment, the Governor General in Council considers it objectionable, when a Geological Survey of India is being conducted in a systematic manner under the able superintendence of a highly qualified Geologist specially deputed to this country for the purpose, that public money should be spent in such desultory researches as that proposed by Captain Applegath, without any communication either with Mr. Oldham or with the Officers of the Geological Survey who are working in the Madras Presidency, and who may possibly have good reasons, even assuming that Captain Applegath's personal fitness for the duty was unquestionable, for recommending that expenditure should not be incurred in the particular investigation which he has recommended to the notice of the Madras Government. The Governor General in Council regrets that Captain Applegath's letters were not forwarded to this Government in order that Mr. Oldham's opinion upon them might be obtained.

4. Under this view of the case and not being able to feel satisfied that the expenditure of public money is likely to be judiciously controlled by an Officer whose general inefficiency rendered his retention in the appointment of District Executive Officer unadvisable, the Governor General in Council has deemed it proper to communicate to the Secretary of State the objections to which the proposal to employ Captain Applegath on the duty in question appears to be open.

No. 248. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1860, No. 2,139.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

From Major E. K. Elliot, Commissioner of Nagpore, to C. Beadon, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General, Camp Cawnpore, No. 111, dated the 12th November, 1859.

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government a copy of the correspondence noted on the margin,* having reference to a recommendation made by Colonel Boileau, that Captain Francis Applegath, of the 33rd Madras Native Infantry, Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division, be removed from the Public Works Department of the Province, in the event of his proceeding to the Coast on medical certificate.

No. 1.
* From the Chief Engineer, No. 2340, dated the 29th October, 1859, with enclosures.
Commissioner in reply, No. 792, dated the 2nd instant.
From the Chief Engineer, No. 2450, dated the 5th idem, with enclosures.

2. Captain Applegath was appointed Executive Engineer of the 4th Class in this Province by Government Notification in the Public Works Department, No. 151, dated the 1st June, in accordance with a recommendation made by the Chief Engineer, a copy of which was forwarded to Colonel Yule with my predecessor's letter No. 11, dated the 6th of February last, but in consequence of Colonel Boileau having on various occasions complained of Captain Applegath's inefficiency during the time that he was in temporary Executive charge of the Nagpore Division, Mr. Plowden in May last, prior to the receipt of the orders permanently appointing Captain Applegath to the Department, had addressed the Chief Engineer on the subject of his qualifications; a copy of the correspondence† which then took place, is also herewith annexed, and although the Chief Engineer did then, notwithstanding Mr. Plowden's caution, adhere to his former recommendation that Captain Applegath should be appointed to the Bhundara Division as an Executive Engineer of the 4th Class, it is evident that he has now, after ten months' experience, come to the conclusion that Captain Applegath is not qualified for even a comparatively small charge. Under these circumstances therefore, as the Chief Engineer is in my opinion not only the person best able to judge of the qualifications of his subordinates, but is also the Officer immediately responsible for their fitness, I would suggest, if the Government concur in Colonel Boileau's views, that Captain Applegath be removed from his appointment, and his services replaced at the disposal of the Government of Fort St. George, without any reference whatever to his leave on medical certificate, and which ought, it appears to me, to have nothing to do with the question at issue.

No. 2.
† Mr. Plowden to Chief Engineer, No. 347, dated 31st May, 1859.
Chief Engineer in reply, No. 578, dated 11th June, 1859.

From Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer of Nagpore, to Major E. K. Elliot, Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 2340, dated the 29th October, 1859.

I have the honor of forwarding for your information, as requested by Captain F. Applegath, copies of the undermentioned correspondence relative to his application for leave, and of bringing to your notice that his No. 222, dated 25th instant, does not apply for any leave in particular, but after protesting against my course of procedure, announces that he has made over charge of the Bhundara Division to Assistant Overseer Sergeant J. H. Sharpe, and is gone away, he does not say whither, on medical certificate, in anticipation of leave.

2. After a trial of ten months, I may safely declare that Captain Applegath's services are not worth Rupees 300 per month when present at his Head Quarters, still less 150 Rupees in addition to his Regimental allowances which he will be entitled to draw when away from it for more than a few days, I therefore recommend that as regards the Public Works Department he should only have temporary leave under Rule 10, page 184 of the Code, for 15 days from the 25th instant, to the 8th November, 1859, and that leave should be obtained from the Government of India to place his services at the disposal of the Government of Fort St. George for Military duty, if he does not rejoin his appointment at Bhundara by the latter date, notwithstanding that a Medical Committee at Kamptee may uphold the sick certificate granted by Apothecary Harper.

1. Copy of letter No. 214, dated 18th instant, from the Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to my address.
2. Ditto No. 2228, dated 20th instant, in answer.
3. Ditto No. 219, dated 22nd instant, from the Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to my address.
4. Ditto No. 2288, dated 24th instant, in answer.
5. Ditto No. 222, dated 25th instant, from the Executive Engineer to my address.

From Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, D. P. W., to Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 214, dated the 18th October, 1859.

I have the honor to request the favor of your granting me nine days' privilege leave from the date of my quitting the Bhundara Division, delivering over charge of Division to Sergeant J. H. Sharpe, Assistant Overseer.

From Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, to Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, No. 2228, dated the 20th October, 1859.

In answer to your letter No. 214, dated 18th instant, I have the honor of stating that as you returned to Bhundara from privilege leave only a few weeks ago, I have not any authority to grant you even one day's privilege leave until after the expiry of half a year from the date of your rejoining.

2. If you require temporary leave (with the forfeiture of half your staff salary) under rule 10, page 184 of the Code, I will apply to the Commissioner of Nagpore for nine days, or more if required.

From Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 219, dated the 22nd October, 1859.

In acknowledging your letter No. 2228, dated 20th October, 1859, I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to apply to the Commissioner for temporary leave (handing over charge of the Division to Sergeant J. H. Sharpe, Assistant Overseer, Bhundara Division) under Rule 10, page 184, of the Code from the 27th October till the 15th November, 1859, in anticipation of leave being granted me on medical certificate to proceed to the nearest Coast.

From Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, to Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, No. 2288, dated 24th October, 1859.

In answer to your letter No. 219, dated 22nd instant, applying for temporary leave from the 27th October to the 15th November, 1859, in anticipation of leave being granted you on medical certificate to proceed to the Coast, I have the honor of stating that Lieutenant Colonel C. S. Guthrie of the Bengal Engineers, my predecessor at Nagpore, and Lieutenant W. H. G. Palmer, of the 40th M. N. I., Executive Engineer of the Chanda Division, were both summarily removed from their appointments by the Government of India for quitting the Province on medical certificate almost immediately after having joined their situations.

2. If you wish simply to apply for temporary leave from the 27th October to the 15th November, 1859, I am ready to submit the case to the Commissioner of Nagpore for favorable consideration; but if this leave has any connexion with an intended departure for the Coast on sick certificate, you, having so very recently taken charge of the Bhundara Division, appear liable to be removed altogether from your appointment, as were the two Officers abovementioned.

From Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, D. P. W., to Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 222, dated 25th October, 1859.

In acknowledging your letter No. 2288, dated 24th October, 1859, I have the honor to express my feelings of deep regret and surprise that you should show such utter want of consideration to an Officer of my character and standing. In the first place I complain that you should have refused me a few days privilege leave when I applied for it on 18th October, 1859, when I have only had six days' leave during the last three years of my service, and when refusing the favor I asked, you plainly stated that if I would apply for temporary leave with the loss of half my staff salary, under Rule 10, page 184, new Code, you would ask the Commissioner for it; and when I did apply for it accordingly on the 24th October last, you absolutely threaten me with the loss of my appointment, because under the trying circumstances, in which I have been placed for the last four months, my health has given way under anxiety and exertion; I trust, however, that some more favorable view will be taken of my position by higher authority.

2. It is now 13 years sence I first entered the Department Public Works in 1846, having served five years at once in one Division under Colonel Arthur Cotton, a very distinguished Engineer Officer, to his entire satisfaction, and I consider your threat or hint whatever you may be pleased to call it, as most uncalled for, and very arbitrary, and considering the emergent nature of the case, *viz.*, the dangerous illness of my wife of which you have been for some time past well aware, I have ventured under these circumstances to quit the Division under a medical certificate, granted me by the Medical Officer here, and have this day handed over the Division to Sergeant J. H. Sharpe, Assistant Overseer, Bhundara Division.

3. In conclusion I have now the honor to request that a copy of this letter may be sent to the Commissioner as my urgent remonstrance on this subject.

From Major E. K. Elliott, Commissioner of Nagpore, to Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 792, dated the 2nd November, 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2340, dated the 29th ultimo, with the enclosures marginally noted, and in reply to grant Captain Applegath leave of absence for 15 days, from the 25th ultimo to the 8th instant, under Rule 10, page 184, of the P. W. Code, agreeably to your recommendation.

1. Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 214, dated 18th October, 1859.
2. Chief Engineer in reply, No. 2228, dated 20th idem.
3. Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 219, dated 22nd idem.
4. Chief Engineer in reply, No. 2288, dated 24th idem.
5. Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 222, dated 25th idem.

2. With reference to the remaining portion of your letter under acknowledgment, I observe some previous correspondence in this office on the subject of Captain Applegath's fitness for an Executive charge, the whole of which will be laid before Government with his proposed application for leave on medical certificate.

From Colonel A. H. E. Boileau, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, to Major E. K. Elliot, Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 2450, dated the 5th November, 1859.

As requested by Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division, in his letter No. 4A, dated Kamptee, the 4th instant, I have the honor of forwarding in original, after retaining a copy for record, letter No. 3A of the same date from the abovementioned Officer, Lieutenant A. B. Cumberlege, Officiating Personal Assistant Commissioner, requesting that his services may not be dispensed with in the Public Works Department, in the Nagpore Province, should he even be compelled to go to the nearest Coast on medical certificate.

2. From the nature of the certificate given some years ago by Colonel A. Cotton of the Madras Engineers to Captain Applegath, I had hoped that, although unequal to managing the Nagpore Division, he might be able to conduct satisfactorily the duties of a small one like Bhundara; but his way of doing business is so indifferent, his professional knowledge so disproportionate to the long time he has been in the Department; and his capability of remaining out of doors to inspect his works after 8 A. M. so small that I am not inclined to recommend his being retained any longer in the Public Works Department if he quits the Bhundara Division now.

From Captain F. Applegath, Executive Engineer, Bhundara Division, to Lieutenant A. B. Cumberlege, Personal Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpore, No. 3A, dated Kamptee, the 4th Nov. 1859.

With reference to a letter No. 2340, dated the 29th October, 1859, received from the Chief Engineer Nagpore, to the address of Major Elliot, Commissioner of Nagpore, I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to lay the following particulars, together with the correspondence referred to in the above named letter before the Commissioner.

2. In December 1858, the services of Captain A. Cadell, Executive Engineer Nagpore, being urgently required by Government for duty at Fyzabad, on that officer's leaving Nagpore, the officiating appointment was offered to me by Mr. Plowden with Colonel Boileau's approval; as I possess a handsome testimonial of ability given me by Colonel A. Cotton, after having been employed upwards of five years under his orders to his entire satisfaction, I of course accepted the appointment *vice* Captain A. Cadell. In the month of February following, Colonel Boileau recommended me to the Commissioner for permanent employment in the Department of Public Works, Nagpore, and again in the month of May (I believe, but as I have no records here to refer to, I cannot be sure) repeated his recommendation, and on the 1st June, 1859, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India appointed me an Executive Engineer 4th Class, and posted me to the Bhundara Division.

3. The acting appointment at Nagpore was deeply involved in arrears (19 months) with no proper Draughtsman, and for five months without any permanent Head Clerk; these drawbacks, together with the onerous nature of the duties at Kamptee and Nagpore, the former especially, with only one European Assistant Overseer; till I contrived to prosecute the current duties of the office, and despatched for audit 12 out of the 19 months' arrears; it is true the Native Cavalry lines were not completed in time before the monsoon (which set in unusually early on the 29th of April), but this was owing to a variety of accidents and hinderances, such as working in the rains with sun dried bricks, &c., and the Government have in one of their Minutes acquitted me of blame for their non-completion.

4. I am fully aware that in such an extensive charge some works must, and have been delayed; but there are, I venture to submit, extenuating circumstances, such as paucity of workmen and labor, mainly owing to the bad exchange of the Rupee, as only 14 annas were obtained,—numbers of bricklayers and others left Nagpore and Kamptee for Jubbulpore and Oomrawatty.

5. I have been informed that Mr. Plowden had written to Colonel Boileau, complaining that such a work was not completed; but that officer did not think fit to represent the crippled state of the Executive Engineer's Office referred to in the 3rd paragraph of this letter, but subsequently Mr. Plowden recorded officially that every allowance should be made for Captain Applegath owing to the heavy arrears left on his hands by Captain Cadell.

6. I wish respectfully to represent that, so far from Colonel Boileau's lending any real assistance to the Executive Officers under his orders, a continual series of letters and correspondence on trifles, and if my memory serves me well, I once received 13 letters in one day, occupying a large portion of my time, for I speak from 10 months' personal experience, and I have even had a long letter about a broken pickaxe left by my predecessor when repairing a Travellers' Bungalow.

7. I trust that full credit may be given me for having exerted myself to complete a large portion of the wash houses and other buildings for the accommodation and comfort of Her Majesty 91st Regiment at Kamptee, and though my health has temporarily given way from exertion and severe anxiety, I have duly handed over the Bhundara Division to Superintendent J. H. Sharpe on receiving the medical certificate from the officer in Medical charge of the station, and quitted the Division in anticipation of my leave to Bombay and the Western Coasts being confirmed by a Medical Board at Kamptee, and though I may be compelled to visit the nearest coast, still I hope its cause may not be a stumbling block to my prospects of advancement in future, or the loss of employment on the Staff as threatened by Colonel Boileau.

8. In conclusion I have much pleasure in reminding the Commissioner that it was only a few days ago he communicated his approval on my arrangements for carrying on the works in the Department of Public Works, Bhundara Division, in a letter received from and signed by Colonel Boileau himself, now on record in the Bhundara Office.

TRANSMITTED to the Commissioner of Nagpore with my letter No. 2450, dated 5th November, 1859.

(Signed) A. H. E. BOILEAU, *Colonel,*
Chief Engineer, Nagpore.

From G. PLOWDEN, Esquire, Commissioner of Nagpore, to Colonel A. H. E. BOILEAU, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 347, dated the 31st May, 1859.

WITH reference to your letter No. 3100, dated the 21st of February last, and to the frequent complaints you have since made of Captain Applegath's slow and inefficient performance of his duties as Executive Officer of the Nagpore Division, I have the honor to request that you will report distinctly whether you are of opinion that Captain Applegath is duly qualified for the appointment of Executive Engineer.

2. I beg to remind you that a constant plea for the inordinate delays incurred in the construction of any public works ordered in this Province, and their inefficient execution, is the incapacity and inexperience of your Executive subordinates. If, therefore, Captain Applegath should be deliberately pronounced by you to be qualified for the post of Executive Engineer, the responsibility of any future failure on his part, if he should be appointed, will rest entirely with you.

From Colonel A. H. E. BOILEAU, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, to G. PLOWDEN, Esquire, C.S., Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 578, dated the 11th June, 1859.

IN compliance with your letter No. 379, of the 9th instant, just received, calling my attention to your No. 347, dated 31st ultimo, concerning Captain F. Applegath, I have the honor of informing you that a copy of the latter communication was forwarded to this Officer with my No. 478½ of the 4th instant, requesting him to furnish me with a memorandum of each separate appointment which he has held in the Public Works Department, to let me know his qualifications in Civil Engineering and Surveying, and to favor me with copies of any testimonials which he might have.

2. In his letter No. 95½, dated the 6th instant, of which a copy is annexed, Captian Applegath has furnished the information called for by me, has produced for my inspection the book of Plans, Surveys, and Sections mentioned in his 7th paragraph, which are considerably better than I expected to find them; and has put in testimonials, or rather copies of those granted to him by Colonel Arthur Cotton of the Madras Engineers, and Mr. Bruce of the Madras Railway Department, the latter having reference only to his preparation of cements, but the former being of a much more extensive and satisfactory character.

3. Though I ought not to conceal that after five months experience of his manner of doing business, I cannot pronounce Captain Applegath to be capable of managing satisfactorily such a Division as the one of which he is now in charge, containing as it does extensive accommodation for European Troops at Kamptee, and other classes of work with which he is not familiar; yet after maturely deliberating on the caution given in the 2nd paragraph of your letter No. 347 of the 31st ultimo, that the responsibility of any future failure on his part should rest entirely on me, I adhere to the recommendation made in my No. 3100, dated 21st February, 1859, that Captain Francis Applegath, of the 33rd M. N. I., be appointed an Executive Engineer of the 4th class, with retrospective effect from the 22nd December, 1858, when he relieved Captain A. Cadell from the charge of the Nagpore Division.

From Captain F. APPLEGATH, in charge of Nagpore Division, D. P. W., to Colonel A. H. E. BOILEAU, Chief Engineer, Nagpore, No. 95½, dated the 6th June, 1859.

IN acknowledging your letter No. 478½, dated 4th June, 1859, I have the honor in reply to paragraph 2 to afford the following information, and enclose copies of the under-

mentioned Testimonials as requested:—Testimonial from Colonel A. Cotton, 7th August, 1851; letter from Mr. G. B. Bruce, Chief Engineer, Madras Railway, 31st July, 1855.

2. To enable me satisfactorily to reply to the third paragraph of your present letter, I shall be compelled to enter at some length, and to state as follows;—that I was appointed Assistant Civil Engineer in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 13th March, 1846, and placed under the orders of Major A. Cotton (now Colonel Cotton) in the Rajahmundry District on the Godavery Anicut, where I continued to do duty till appointed (I believe), in November 1849, to the sole Executive charge of the Masulipatam District, and which appointment I held till 14th August, 1851, when I was compelled to proceed to England on medical certificate, then serving more than five years under Colonel Cotton whose testimonial is appended.

3. On the 28th December, 1854, I again landed at Madras, and was immediately offered (three days after landing) an appointment of superior grade and allowances on the Upper Godavery, which I felt myself compelled to decline on entirely private grounds, and within a few weeks my services were again applied for, and I was placed in sole charge of the new Hydraulic Current Works about to be established at Madras, and after having succeeded in making a first rate cement, and supplied it to the Railway Department, who highly approved of it and built a stone pier with the surf with it, *vide* Mr. G. B. Bruce's demi-official letter, the works were recommended to be given over to another Officer, and I was appointed Assistant District Engineer at Tanjore, and placed in charge of the Sub-Division or Sub Collectorate of Tanjore, the revenue of which was 19 lakhs of Rupees, and this charge I continued to have till April 1856, when the dangerous illness of my only child compelled me to apply for leave, and in consequence to resign my appointment

4. In November 1856, while en route to join my Regiment, the 33rd Regiment Madras Native Infantry, my leave being nearly expired, the Bombay Government applied for my services solely on the strength of Colonel Cotton's testimonial,—my services were refused on account of the scarcity of Officers, and I joined my Regiment on the 19th December, 1856, and remained with it, and accompanied it with the Kamptee Moveable Column throughout from July 1857 to 30th April 1858.

5. On Captain Cadell's removal from Nagpore, I was offered the officiating appointment in the D. P. W. by the Commissioner of the Province, who is acquainted with Colonel Cotton's testimonial, and at the same interview I was informed that if I did not succeed in retaining the Nagpore appointment, which Mr. Plowden did not think probable, he promised that I should be permanently appointed either to Bhundara or Chanda. I accordingly accepted the appointment, and stated my anxiety to do my best to supply Captain Cadell's place, and I was accordingly appointed to relieve him, and which I did on the 22nd December, 1858.

6. With regard to passing the examinations in Surveying and Civil Engineering, I wish to state that when I was appointed in March 1846, there was no order to pass such examinations, as it was not published till 8 or 9 years afterwards during the time I was in England, and the order was not retrospective; but at the same time I may mention that in a conversation regarding the examinations above referred to, with some Engineer Officers whom I consulted, who stated their opinion that the testimonial given me by Colonel Cotton was more satisfactory than any theoretical examination.

7. In reply to your fourth paragraph, inquiring if I am acqmainted with Captain Foard's Book on Building, I have the honor to state that I have always by me one of the latest Editions, and that it is a very good book of reference; and with regard to Captain Stoddard's Book on Hydraulics, it being a compilation from Mr. Bessanieu's works, is useful to assist me in calculating the water way of Sluice Bridges and Collingulahs, and with special regard to my being able to survey and level, I shall be most happy to submit a book propsed from plans, surveys,

and levels done entirely by myself for your inspection, and from it you will be able to judge of my practical ability to use these Instruments; and with reference to my being able to level, I may state that I was entrusted with many miles of levels, and which I carried out to Colonel Cottons entire satisfaction.

8. In conclusion I hope I may be permitted to offer a few remarks in explanation of the delays that may have occurred in the transmisson of the various plans and estimates, and documents called for, and to state in the first place, that for nearly three months there has been no real Head Clerk, and that is one of the reasons also that the only Draughtsman employed is a lad capable of drawing the most ordinary plans, and that the Sub-Overseers are very young men, and can only copy plans, and they too are often out in the District.

9. The Office of the Sub-Division at Camptee, being much in arrears, and greatly overworked, and though I am myself responsible for all these delays, still taking into consideration the large correspondence extending nearly to 1,600 letters (exclusive of plans, estimates, requisitions, circulars and bills) received and despatched from this Office during the time, (5½ months) I have had charge of it, and do hope that these explanations will in a measure be considered satisfactory, and offer some valid excuses for the delays that have occurred.

From Lieutenant Colonel A. Cotton, Civil Engineer, 1st Division, to Lieutenant Applegath, Assistant Civil Engineer, dated Dowleswaram, the 7th August, 1851.

On the occasion of your leaving this Division on account of the failure of your health, I think it right with reference to your future employment on the Public Works, to certify that during the last five years you were actively employed in various works connected with the irrigation and communications of this Division, especially on the Godavery Annicut (Weir) of one branch of the work connected with which you had charge, this work extending across the four branches of that river with an aggregate length of watering of 4,000 yards, you were employed from the first, and thus had experience in the various operations of blasting, &c. the apparatus for Railways, &c., you were latterly employed in planning and inspecting various works in other parts of this Division, especially in building the Point Dery Light house of which you had sole charge throughout, and in your arrangement of it gave me entire satisfaction. I also bear testimony to your general activity, intelligence, and usefulness, and have no doubt of your proving a valuable Officer in this Department; I have no doubt that you will turn to good account two or three years in England with the opportunities you will there have, especially with the advantage you will have in the assistance of so eminently talented an Engineer as your father.

I trust that you will return to India thoroughly restored to health, and have an opportunity of doing good service in this Department again.

From George Bruce, Esquire, Chief Engineer, Railway Department, Madras, to Captain Applegath, dated Madras, the 31st July, 1855.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the several specimens of Hydraulic Cements sent with your descriptive list, and am most happy to give you my opinion of them, and can state that some of them are very excellent, they are not all alike, but I shall be much obliged by your sending a quantity of No. ( ) to enable us to build a stone pier into the surf, and I have also much pleasure in stating that the specimens of the raw materials are very good, and will produce a first rate Cement.

Notification No. 787, Foreign Department, dated Camp Meerut, the 24th December, 1859.

THE services of Captain Francis Applegath, of the 33rd Madras Native Infantry, Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Fort St. George.

(Signed) C. BEADON,
Secy., Govt. of India.

From C. BEADON, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 788, dated the 24th December, 1859.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 111, dated 12th ultimo, forwarding copy of a correspondence regarding Captain Francis Applegath, Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division.

2. In reply I am directed by the Governor General to state, that it is quite evident from the correspondence submitted, that Captain Applegath is an inefficient Officer, his own letters serving to confirm this conclusion.

3. He has left his station without leave, and has no right to complain if he is remanded to his Regiment—a course which the interests of the Public Service in the Public Works Department require.

4. Captain Applegath's services have accordingly in General Order of this date been replaced at the disposal of the Government of Fort St. George.

No. 789.

ORDERED, that a copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Department of Public Works for information.

From C. Beadon, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, No. 790, dated Camp Meerut, the 24th December, 1859.

I am directed by the Governor General to state, for the information of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council, that the services of Captain Francis Applegath, of the 33rd Madras Native Infantry, Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Fort St. George.

2. A copy of a correspondence with the Commissioner of Nagpore regarding that Officer is herewith enclosed.

From Captain FRANCIS APPLEGATH, 33rd Regiment Madras Native Infantry, to CECIL BEADON, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 4 Letter A, dated Mahableswur Hills, Bombay, the 25th January, 1860.

I HAVE taken the liberty of asking you to do me the favor to submit, for the consideration of the Most Noble the Governor General, this my respectful appeal in a letter addressed to the Personal Assistant, Nagpore, which has been kept back at Nagpore, and never seen by the Governor General.

2. In your letter No. 788, dated 21st December, 1859, the Governor General plainly shows that he has never seen my letter of appeal No. 3, Letter A, especially as in paragraph 3, where he mentions "that Captain Applegath has left his station without leave," as I first of all duly handed over the records and office of the Bhundara Division, in the usual manner, to the Assistant Overseer Sergeant J. H. Sharpe, a highly respectable Non-Commissioned Officer, who had been entrusted with the sole charge of the Division for nearly two years previously, and on receiving a medical certificate I quitted the Bhundara District agreeably to the new Code, in anticipation of leave, the circumstances being most urgent; I subsequently appeared before a Medical Board at Kamptee, who confirmed my leave of absence, and recommended me to proceed to the nearest Coast at once, in anticipation of Head Quarter leave, and thus His Excellency has either been misinformed, or not wholly made acquainted with these important facts.

3. As Major Elliot has thought proper to send on Colonel Boileau's recommendation for my removal (without sending on my appeal to himself), and after I had quitted the Nagpore Territory, I could only at Ahmednuggur telegraph to yourself, respectfully requesting the favor that my short appeal to the Commissioner of Nagpore might also be submitted to Government; I had no means of writing official letters, my wife's dangerous illness, and my own weak state, precluded my writing officially at all.

4. It causes me deep regret on every account to submit to such remarks made by the Most Noble the Governor General, who has never been informed of what I have gone through, as no report whatever has been made on this subject; whereas had he been acquainted with full particulars, a very different result may have been anticipated.

5. I respectfully beg your earnest attention to the following facts: About the latter part of May, 1859, Colonel John Millar, commanding my own Regiment, the 33rd Regiment Madras Native Infantry, wrote to offer me the Acting Quarter Mastership of the corps. I mentioned this circumstance to Colonel Boileau, as I had by this time been employed under his immediate orders for more than six months, and had been twice recommended by Colonel Boileau for permanent employment in the Department Public Works; and

who also suggested my declining the appointment of Regimental Quarter Master, as I was so much better off in every respect in the Department of Public Works under his orders; I accordingly did so.

6 When Colonel Boileau first commenced his system of objectionable official correspondence, so far as I am aware, without any cause on my part, I reported his doing so personally to Mr. Plowden, who recommended my appealing in due course officially by letter, which I did, but which correspondence Colonel Boileau did not send on to the Commissioner; and in another similar instance he did not forward on one of my letters "intact" regarding my explanations of the reasons for the non-completion of the Native Cavalry Lines at Kamptee for the same obvious reasons.

7. I have good reasons for believing that prior to these circumstances, three Executive Engineers, Officers of the line, employed in the Department of Public Works, Nagpore, under Colonel Boileau, have, sooner than submit to his system, resigned their situations, and so long as Colonel Boileau is permitted to indulge in slander with impunity, and accuse an Officer of a criminal breach of trust, it is only fair to ourselves to take any opportunity of bringing this and other circumstances to the notice of Government. Colonel Boileau's style of correspondence to the Officers under his orders is, generally speaking, of the kind I have mentioned. He is also very illiberal about privilege leave, and has refused me anything more than six days which was all I had had during the whole year; and further he did absolutely stop and deduct from my Sergeant's salary at Bhundara 10 days' pay, though he had only had the usual 30 days' privilege leave allowed by the new Code, Department of Public Works. All these and similar acts considered, I hope that some further inquiry will be made, or that some modification of the censure passed on me may be soon decided on, more especially as the circumstances in which I have been placed were beyond my control, and which have compelled me to seek for a change of climate; and I also very much regret that no consideration whatever has been shown me by Major Elliot, and my appeal which has never been taken any notice of at Nagpore, as my health has mainly given way under the hardships and anxieties of the last three years' service in that Province.

From C. U. Aitchison, Esquire, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to Captain F. Applegath, 33rd Madras Native Infantry, No. 498, dated Camp Umritsur, the 7th February, 1860.

In reply to your letter No. 4A, dated 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Governor General to acquaint you that you were not removed, as you seem to suppose, from your appointment of Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division, for having left your station without leave, but because your were considered unequal to the proper performance of the duties required of you.

2. I am to add that your present appeal, and the reckless accusations which you bring against your superiors, only confirm His Excellency's opinion that your return to your regimental duties was for the interest of the public service.

3. The Governor General desires me to observe further that your letter of the 4th November was not suppressed by the Commissioner of Nagpore, but was submitted by him for His Excellency's consideration.

No. 491.

Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing correspondence be sent to the Public Works Departmen[illegible] continua[illegible]ion of No. 789, dated 24th December last.

From C. U. Aitchison, Esquire, Under Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor General, Foreign Department, to the Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 491, dated Camp Umritsur, the 7th February, 1860.

In continuation of the letter to your address, No. 788, dated the 24th December last, regarding the removal of Captain Applegath from his appointment of Executive Engineer of the Bhundara Division,

No. 4A, dated 25th January, 1860.

I am directed by the Governor General to forward for your information copy of a letter from that Officer on the subject, and of the reply to it under this date.

to this Government in order that Mr Oldham's opinion upon them might be obtained.

4 Under this view of the case and not being able to feel satisfied that the expenditure of Public money is likely to be judiciously controlled by an officer whose general inefficiency rendered his retention on the appointment of District Executive Officer inadvisable, the Governor General in Council has deemed it proper to communicate to the Secretary of State the objections to which the proposal to employ Captain Applegath on the duty in question appears to be open.

I have the honorable,
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t,

J. Ulick Browne
Undersecy to the Govt of Ceylon

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From the Under Secty
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Dated 12th October 1860.
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Communicates the opinion of the Govt of India on the proposed employment of Capt. F. Applegath in prosecuting a search for Coal in the Nasuti Palaun Distt, and forwards Copy of the papers regarding that officers removal from the Province of Nagpur.

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