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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1359 Press ~~Mis.~~

418. 419

Dated 21-7-~~19~~ 1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st July 1863.

No. 418. Read the following letter from Major J. J. BRINE, 4th Regiment N. I., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 11th June 1863:—

SIR,

Dated 16th March 1863, No. 521.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, and Order thereon marginally noted, I have now the honor to submit for their consideration the following circumstances.

2. I have, since the resignation of my appointment, twice written to Mr. Lennon, my late Head Overseer, requesting to be furnished with certain explanations regarding the alleged discrepancies between the measurement of the planks, as reported by Captain Beddome, and the measurements as taken by the Overseer and recorded in the Office. The first letter to the Overseer was written in December 1862, and it is only now that I receive a reply after having been obliged to request Captain Beddome to communicate my desire for it officially to Mr. Lennon.

3. A copy* of his reply I append in the margin. I beg to submit that it appears to me to contain no information whatever. It will be observed that Mr. Lennon maintains that the measurements are correct. May I therefore respectfully request that he may be afforded an opportunity of proving this by being directed to attend in person, when the measurement of the planks takes place, as directed in the G. O. above alluded to.

4. It will be impossible for me to be present on that occasion, as I am on Medical Certificate here. Neither will it be in my power to depute any friend, as advised in the above G. O. I however respectfully submit for the earnest consideration of the Government, that it is clearly Mr. Lennon's interest to prove that the measurements are correct. If they are so, then my responsibility is at an end. If they are incorrect it is manifest that Mr. Lennon is guilty of wilfully falsifying them.

5. In conclusion I beg most respectfully to urge this on the attention of the Government, and also to state, with reference to paragraphs 12 to 15 of the G. O. now under notice, that it never was my intention to shift the responsibility of these planks on my Overseer, except in so far as pertained to the performance of his duty in measuring them correctly.

* From Mr. J. LENNON, to Captain J. J. BRINE, 4th Regiment N. I., dated Ayaloor, 2nd June 1863.

SIR,

1. Captain Beddome writes me and says you have addressed me twice on the subject of Chinnah Rowten's planks, and have not replied to it: and he requests me to do so at once.

2. I beg leave to inform you that I can only refer you to my Memorandum book (which I dare say is still in the Office) in which the measurements are clearly laid down.

3. These measurements and deductions were taken as near as possible. Had I any other information to give you I should have done so before.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. J. BRINE, Major,
4th Regiment N. I.

No. 419. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1863, No. 1,359.

The Government cannot spare Mr. Lennon from his present duties. As stated in paragraph 14 of their Order of 16th March last, they will determine, after the planks have been measured, whether Mr. Lennon shall be called upon for an explanation. Meanwhile Captain Brine must understand that if he neither attends at the re-measurement of the planks, nor deputes some one to attend on his behalf, the Government will not allow the correctness of the re-measurement to be questioned.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

16th March/63 No 158-159.

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Pro: of Govt for July
No 1769.

From
Major Brine I. I.
4th Regt R. I.

Dated 11th June 1863.
Received 21st July

Town Council of Fourth
9th April/63 No 941.

Requesting that
Overseer Dennison may be
afforded an opportunity
of proving that the measure-
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Forest are correct.

No 1359. 24 July/63.

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Pet. 25 July/63

Mr. Lennon's Petition - Dismissed

No 418 & 419.