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No. 692. Read the following letter from Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel J MULLINS, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Yerkaud, 22nd February 1877, No. 151 S. L.:—

I HAVE the honor to communicate to you the Examiner's letter No. 161 S.L., dated the 17th instant, in which that Officer takes exception (on the ground

that G.O., No. 256, dated 26th January 1877, sanctions the employment of Sub-Overseers only) to the two temporary appointments noted in the margin, and which were made by me for the supervision of Relief Works in this district under the following circumstances.

1. Pensioned Conductor Mr. J. Doheny, lately a Supervisor in the Department Public Works.
2. T. S. Sashadri Charry, passed candidate to the 1st and 3rd Grades of Overseer respectively.

2. The G.O. referred to by the Examiner, although dated the 26th January, was only received by me on the 8th February. Meanwhile, as I had received no reply from Government to my letter, dated 17th January 1877 or to my emergent telegram, dated 23rd January 1877, and the Collector being most desirous and urgent that the extra hands required to supervise the numerous Relief Works which had been sanctioned should be appointed, I at last, on the Collector's written authority and before the receipt of the G.O., No. 256, sent out invitations to as many passed candidates as I knew of to take up the posts of temporary Overseers on Famine Relief Works. Many of these utterly refused to come to the district even to act in the grade of Overseer; the two men in question, however, arrived and were duly appointed temporarily to the grades they would have been entitled to had they been permanently posted, and more have since arrived.

	Famine Relief Works.	Usual Irrigation Grant.
	RS.	RS.
Salem	91,951	33,958
Oosoor	26,540	24,000
Tripatore	61,284	27,137
Large projects for which sanction has been applied to Government ...	56,500	...
Total ...	5,36,255	78,135

3. From a comparison of the statements in the margin showing the amounts sanctioned for expenditure on Famine Relief Works (Irrigation) in the district up to date and the usual annual Irrigation Grant for Minor New Works and Repairs to each range, it will be perfectly evident that it is to the interest of Government that the extra hands required to superintend this large expenditure on Famine Relief Works must be more qualified and better educated than such persons

as can be induced to take up the appointments of temporary Sub-Overseer.

4. And I have therefore the honor to request that Government will authorize me to appoint for the supervision of the Relief Works in the district passed candidates as temporary Overseers and Surveyors according to their qualifications; besides the temporary Sub-Overseers already sanctioned.

5. If this limited discretion in the appointment of the temporary supervision on Relief Works is not allowed, I beg respectfully to state that it will be quite impossible for me to hold my Range Officers responsible for the profitable expenditure of Relief Funds.

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28th February 1877. No. 679.*

6. I have lately inspected several large Relief Works which are being carried out by the Public Works Department in the usual manner, and I am quite convinced that, if all Relief Works are carried out in a similar manner, the money thus laid out will not only be of the greatest benefit to the people of the country, but a real profit to Government.

7. Requesting that these proposals may receive early attention and that I may be informed by telegram whether they have received the approval of Government or not.

From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, dated Fort St. George, 17th February 1877, No. 161 S.L.

With reference to your memorandum No. 207, communicated to this office, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me of the authority under which the temporary Overseers of the 1st and 3rd grades therein referred to have been appointed. G.O., No. 256, dated 26th January 1877, sanctions the employment of Sub-Overseers only.

No. 693. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1877, No. 670.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 38.

THE District Engineer, Salem, is authorized to entertain temporarily for the supervision of relief works, and with the Collector's concurrence, such Overseers and Surveyors as may be necessary for the effective supervision of work entrusted to the Range Officers. It is understood that passed candidates only will be employed.

2. This order will have retrospective effect as regards the appointments of this kind already made.

(True Extract.)

W. C. Shunker

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Financial Department.
„ Revenue Department. ✓

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
SALEM,
&c. &c.

Dated February 28th.

Issued

Recd. 6 March 77

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G. O., 28th February 1877, No. 679.

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Nos. 692-693.

Public Works, Salem District.—The District Engineer authorized to entertain temporarily such Overseers and Surveyors as may be necessary for the effective supervision of —, the order to have retrospective effect as regards the appointments of this kind already made 121266

Comd. to the Rev. P. W.

J. H. 16 March 77

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