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27th June 1877, No. 315 W.

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Read the following paper :—

No. 266. From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to the
Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 19th June 1877,
No. 982.

I REGRET to have to report that Mr. Brooks, Executive Engineer, and Mr. Russell, Assistant Engineer, have reported themselves sick and unfit for duty on the canal.

2. I have made the following arrangements to have them relieved at once :—
Lieutenant Henderson, R.E., will resume charge of the Iskapully Division vice Mr. Brooks, and Mr. B. Stephens from Tanjore will relieve Mr. Russell.

3. Mr. Brooks has been more or less ill since he joined the district, and has scarcely left his bungalow the whole time. His appointment has in this respect been a sad disadvantage to the work ; he has, however, done a good deal towards bringing up arrears of office work.

4. Mr. Russell has overtaxed his strength, but I hope he is not seriously ill. His patience with the people and his personal attention to all their complaints and wants made his section so popular that he had at one time about 20,000 coolies when other Sub-Division Officers had not a tenth of the number ; even now he has 10,000 people, though there are only about 30,000 on the whole division. One of his Overseers died, two went away sick, and he was at one time left to manage over 10,000 people almost single-handed ; he did it well too, and in such a quiet, uncomplaining, and unobtrusive manner that his difficulties were, I am afraid, overlooked.

5. The idea of having to leave his section of the canal unfinished, and that he is unable to look after his people as he thinks they should be looked after, is no doubt aggravating his illness. I have ordered him into Nellore at once, and I trust that rest will restore him to health and strength in a short time. As the canal will probably be finished before Mr. Russell can return to duty, I take this opportunity of bringing his excellent and devoted service to your most favorable notice.

No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1877, No. 315 W.

THE Government regret to hear of the illness of Messrs. Brooks and Russell. In G.O., No. 267 W, dated 18th June, the good service done by Mr. Russell on the East Coast Canal Works has been acknowledged.

2. As the Coimbatore Range in the Coimbatore District, to which Mr. Russell is acclimatized, is vacant, he is posted to that district, which he will join as soon as his health will permit him.

(True Extract.)

E. A. M. Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Nellore, with Demi-official Note.

„ Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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East Coast Canal.—Report of the illness
of Messrs. Brooks and Russell employed on
the — noticed with regret, and the latter
officer posted to the Coimbatore District.

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