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Revenue (1898) Department.

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From Board of Revenue
Land Revenue(1) H.M.
(2) H.B. the previous

Order

H.M.

The Board's action is
amply justified

J.L. 20/8/98

Forest No. 345
Conf No. 25

Dated 25 August 1898.

Received 30th doRegistered 30th doEnclosures 7
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Yes. Mr. O'Leary has systematically
neglected uncongenial but
very important duties in a most
discreditable way. His
removal from Ganjam was
inevitable & he ought to
be put as arranged by the
Bd. in a subordinate position
under a capable officer until
he learns to do better.

H.M. 31/8/98.

Now obliged to accept, but it is with regret that
this action must be taken. The well done.
To the under Secy

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt a report on
the office-work of Mr. O'Leary
as District Forest Officer, Ganjam,
& recommending that he be ordered
to revert to his substantive
appointment of Assistant
Conservator of Forests, 1st Grade,
and posted to the Kurnool
District to work under the
supervision of the District
Forest Officer subject to a
report at the end of 6 months.

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G.C.P.13-10-97. 100.

GANJAM COLLECTORATE

Forest Branch,

OFFICE NOTE.

To

The Collector,

Ref. Collector's Confidential & 23-7-98
 x B. P. 499 Conf. Communicated 29.7.98
 in Collector's 33 Conf. 8/4.3.98
 Dated 11.8.98 1998
 Camp Chatrapur.

With reference to the above
 I beg to make the following
 explanations. With reference to
 Collector's letter dated 23.7.98
 para 3 about diaries and
 about the Malial boundary
 demarcation. The explanation
 for delay in diaries is sent today
 to the Collector as also the report
 with map, on the Malial demarcation
 with proposals for its upkeep.

para 4 - The report on economic
 products was sent some time ago
 as also the report on the Afanti
 Nirogam casuarina plantations.

5 As for the darakhats I have
 done my utmost - I have issued
 3 or more & more stringent
 Circulars & I have verbally
 & de minimally done all

Received - Aug 1st 1898. The report
 was due for months & the collected
 what official was. It is now ready.
 1951
 10.8.98

Forwarded to the Commission
 of Land Revenue with reference
 to B. P. Proceeding No. 499
 dated 23.7.98

Thrupa Curran
 N. C. Rich
 14.8.98

that I could to stir up the Range Officer
the Range Officer has been fined for
delay in clearing off the darkhats.
I would submit that it is hard to
clear off these darkhats. The
Karnams in Gumsur, usually
have a large number of villages
(Galeri has 13) besides hamlets
under them & a large part of the
taluk is unsurveyed. In this
matter I submit that I am not
to blame.

6 I thought that as the transit
rules were now being rigorously
enforced, and as I had not
previously visited Surada
Range or, Mot'apoda, while at
it would be advisable to stay
in Gumsur. Had I consulted
my own convenience & health
I should have returned to H. Quarters
as soon as my 6 months' annual
touring minimum had expired.
I was unable to put a man of
higher grade than a Master in
charge of the plantation as
I had to put the best men in
the 5 range charges in the District,
while the other senior man to Natera Gera
(P. Annappa) was quite
new to practical work & so I
had to put him under a Ranger
to learn practical work.

The reason that Natera Gera was
shown in a dual capacity,
was that he acted for 15 days
while the R.O. took urgent
leave - with regard to the last
para of the Collector's proceeding,

while accepting his leave statement
that he has done his work with the matter, which
I know attended with a constant
difficulties of course, the special records
which should have been at once
returned with applications to collect
was being done.

HOP
12.5.23

I consider that his leaving has put in
an unnecessary length of time at
Rumelhada. His doing half of the work
submitted to the B.O. then I think he
does for the half year ending June 1923. He
is Rumelhada, and very few months
except along the main road.
A long time was spent at Rumelhada
last year. Mot'apoda is only 8 miles
distant on the main road and might
well have been inspected previously. I
think that more inspection of range officers
might have been made in the ranges
themselves.

HOP
12.5.23

I do not deny having delayed in
Rass, but I delayed in order to
see some important cases of
forgery of Govt. hammer marks
concluded. The Dy Collector advised
them repeatedly (in fact when I last
heard, judgment had not been pronounced)
I gave it up & came into
H. Qrs. I arrived in Berhampur
20th morning after 4 marches in
abominable weather & I halted
one day to rest my servants &
then came in here on 22nd morning.
I would have gone at once to the
Collector, had I not heard in Berhampur
just before I started that he had
come in - as soon as I found out
that he was in I went to him.

2. While I admit that my
office work has been immensely
neglected, still I would submit
in attenuation that my field
work has been good on the whole.
During the past 6 months I was
able, by being in Rass & Gumsur,
to give the Range Officer much
verbal assistance & advice. In many
cases, I ordered the release
of produce that would otherwise
have been detained pending a
reference to my office in head
Quarters.

The revenue too since March
is 22000 rda as against 9900 last
year for the same period, & for
some of these this, I think I
may claim credit.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE. Initials of

3. In conclusion I may submit that my health has been much impaired by a continuous service of nearly 7 years, in which I have been in the plains the whole time - of these over 5 years have been spent in Ganjam, which is a notoriously unhealthy district; and for the hot weathers 95, 96, 97 I was engaged in particularly hard work - first in Krishna & the last two on the particularly hard work of demarcating the Agency boundary. This has affected my health; & this last hot weather I was under treatment for debility by the medical officer Russellkonda. This made me quite incapable of settling down to any steady office work.

4. Lastly, I would submit that I have hitherto worked well - I was favourably reported on in 1895, & though I say it, have done well in this district until the past few months. I regret that I have no better explanation for my lapses than that of ill health.

Maaf. Odeahy
District Dist. Officer
11.8.98.

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The proper course would have been to apply for leave.

13.8.98

I believe that Mr. Odeahy has done as can be expected work as an outdoor officer - but ill health which would prevent him from writing a diary once a week would certainly have complicated him for all work of any kind.

It is not the first time that delay has occurred in submission of the diaries, and however good the outdoor work of an officer may be, it is deniable that those under whom he works, and who are responsible for his work, should be kept informed of what he is doing.

He last thing that I wish to lose a capable officer, who has a knowledge of the District - and whom

11.8.98

G.C.P.13-10-97. 100.

GANJAM COLLECTORATE
Forest Branch,

OFFICE NOTE.
13.8.

To
The Collector,

Ref. Collectors' $\frac{682}{11.6.98}$; $\frac{601}{21.5.98}$; $\frac{369}{28.6.98}$.
and the remainder to the C.M. $\frac{60}{207.98}$

Dated 11th August 1898.
Camp Chatrapur.

With reference to the above quoted proceedings and to Board's Proceedings Forest No. $\frac{395}{5.7.98}$ referring to the delays in submission of my diaries and other office work, I beg to say that I have no satisfactory explanation to submit, save on the score of ill health, which I fear is an unsatisfactory one.

I may however point out that I have now spent 7 hot weathers in the plains (5 of them in Ganjam) and that three successive hot weathers were spent; in 95 in heavy work in Krishna and in 96 & 97 on the very arduous toil of the demarcation of the Maliah

Forwarded to the Commissioner of Land Revenue - with reference to

Bd's Proceeding No 395 Rank. dated 5th July 1898. and a P.O. do 24th July 1898. 7. No. 499. Conf. No 6.

12.8.98

Thrup the Conservator
M. B. Peachey

Mahiah boundary. This hot-
weather I had spent only 26
days in Head quarters up to
June 30th. I was very much
run down in March and April
and was under treatment by
the Medical officer, Russelkonda,
for debility. This resulted
in a great inability to settle
down to steady office work,
which has, however, greatly
improved since my return to
the Coast.

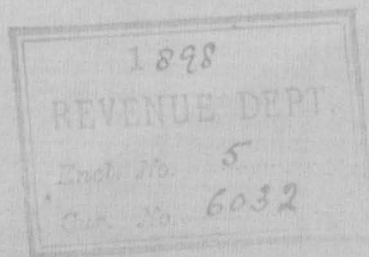
2. I regret that I have
no better explanation to offer
for my neglect of office work.

Thos. J. Odealy,
District Forest Officer.

But 64 days in Russelkonda
HOS
18-10-98

True. But I consider the improvement
in the result of an effort on the part of
H. J. Odealy to make his self together with
the climate of the Coast - which at this
time is as in H. J. Odealy's handwriting.

HOS
18-10-98



Office Note
The Collector

I have the honor to forward
a list showing the letters
that remain unanswered
by Mr. Odealy. Numbers
of remittances have been
sent to him but he
pays not the slightest
notice to letters or remittances.

The way in which Mr. Odealy
carries on his office work
is simply disgraceful. I
have several spoken to him
more than once & although
he has promised to
pay more attention to
letters from this office
I see no improvement.

If Mr. Odealy will not
improve I must ask
for another R. Officer
& recommend that he
be transferred to another
dist. Before I do this
I wish the Collector
will speak to him

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Thos. O'Shea,

District Forest Officer.

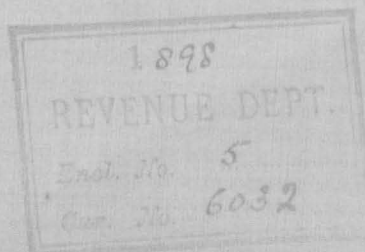
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18-11-98

True. But I consider the improvement
rather the result of an effort on the part of
Mr O'Shea to make his self together with
the climate of the Coast - which at this
time is so as to be means success.

405

18-11-98



Office Note

The Collector

I have the honor to forward
a list showing the letters
that remain unanswered
by Mr O'Shea. Numbers
of reminders have been
sent to him but he
pays not the slightest
notice to letters or reminders.

The way in which Mr O'Shea
carries on his office work
is simply disgraceful. I
have several spoken to him
more than once & although
he has promised to
pay more attention to
letters from this office
I see no improvement.

If Mr O'Shea will not
improve I must ask
for another R. Officer
& recommend that he
be transferred to another
dist. Before I do this
I wish the Collector
will speak to him

(he will appear before
him in a few days)
I give him a last chance.
I think he should be
permitted to do more
of all the letters in
a few days.

I regret having to make
this report but Mr. O'Leary
C.D. has been kept out
of his office with more
than he has done &
the others are given
a few days.

Yours truly
H. D. Taylor

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Confidential
Your R.C. no $\frac{33}{7}$ of 98

Gangam Collector Office
Dated Gangam Russelcunda 13th Aug 98

From
H. D. Taylor Esq. I.C.S.
As Collector of Gangam

To
The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Land Revenue
Forest Branch.

Through the Forest Conservator I.C.S.

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With reference to Board's Proceedings

Forest no 499 M.S. (Conf) no 6 dated 29th

July 1898 I have the honor to forward
herewith the written explanation of Mr.

O'Leary

1. The report ^{and map on the} ~~and map on the~~ ^{and map on the} Malial
boundary demarcation has been re-
ceived today. No explanation is
furnished for the delay in its

Submission. Mr. O'Leary appears
to have done good work in the matter of
the matter of

(he will appear before
him in a few days)
I give him a last chance.
I think he should be
permitted to dispose
of all their claims
today.

I regret having to make
this report but Mr. O'Leary
C.D. has been neglected
in office with more
than he has done &
the show is given to
Mr. O'Leary.

W. H. H.
1898

1898
REVENUE DEPT.
Encl. No. 3
6032

Confidential

Local R.C. no $\frac{33}{7}$ of 98

Gaugam Collector Office
Dated Camp Russell Canada 13th Aug 98

From
H. D. Taylor Esq. J.E.S.
As Collector of Gaugam

The Secretary to the
Commissioners of Land Revenue
Forest Branch.

Through the Forest Conservator &c.

Sir

With reference to Board's Proceedings

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O'Leary

2. The report ^{and map on the} ~~on the~~ ^{map on the} Malial

boundary demarcation has been re-

ceived today - no explanation is

furnished for the delay in its

submission. Mr. O'Leary appears

to have done good work in ^{the matter of} this

demandation under not very easy
surroundings. The report will follow.

3. The report on economic products
was received this month after
Mr. O'Leary's return to Head Quarters.

As the products were called for and
wanted after the within the last official
year the report is now of little use.

The failure to return the special re-
minders has not been explained.

4. Mr. O'Leary's explanation regarding
pendency of Darkhast may be
accepted: he should however have
reported to the reminders as to what
was being done to expedite matters.

5. I still consider that Mr. O'Leary
halted at Russell Canada for unne-
cessarily long periods and that
it was undesirable to trust

General
J. A.

a Forester with the expenditure of
such large sums actively without
supervision. I have not yet heard
from Mr. O'Leary whether as a result
of his inspection, value for the money
expended has been turned out.

6. I believe that Mr. O'Leary has
done and is capable of excellent
work as a field officer. Results
show this. He has moreover since
his return to Head Quarters cleaned
up the affairs of his office.

7. At the same time I am unable
to hold that the plea of ill-health
put forward is sufficient. An
officer who is too debilitated to
write a diary once a week cannot
have much energy left for outdoor

Mr.

book and clearly should apply
for leave.

& Though I am sorry to part with
an officer who has an extensive

local knowledge ^{and} who is capable of
good work in the field, yet I am

unable to alter my request that
he may be transferred. It is es-

sential that the Collector should
know what work his Forest Officer

and Forest Sub-ordinaries are doing.

Without the punctual submission
of diaries this is impossible.

The present occasion is not
a single instance of this neglect
on the part of Mr. O'Leary. There

was delay though not so extensive

last year. The enclosed office-note

of Mr. Batten taken from my con-
fidential records shows that the
same state of things existed as
long ago as 1893. Moreover Mr. O'Leary
by failing to keep his verbal promise
twice made to me has forfeited my
Confidence.

Though Mr. O'Leary has in the
last three weeks pulled himself
together and cleared off the arrears

I consider that there is no guarantee
that this state of things will not
recur in the future.

I have the honour,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servt.

H. B. Loring
18.5.98.
Acting Collector.

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H. B. Loring
12.8.98.
Acting Collector.

From

The Collector of
Gaujam

To

The Secretary to the
Commissioners of
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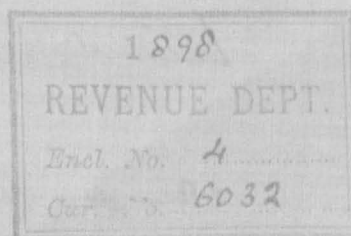
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Through the Conservator
Northern Section

Re No $\frac{33}{7}$ of 98

Dated 13th August-98
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Subject -

Forwarding with re-
marks the explanation
of Mr. O'Leary regarding
the delay he made in the
submission of reports
due from him



Re No $\frac{369}{7}$ of 98

Gaujam Collector Office

Dated Dussilconda 12th Aug 98

From H.D. Taylor Esq. D.C.S.

As Collector of Gaujam

To

The Secretary to the Commissioners
of Land Revenue
Forest Branch

Through the Conservator of Forests -
Northern Section

Re

With reference to Board's Official

Memo. Forest No $\frac{395}{Routine}$ dated 8th

July 98 and in continuation of

my R.G.B. $\frac{369}{Eng}$ dated 30th ultimo

I have the honor to forward here-

with Mr. O'Leary's explanation

for the delay in submission of

his devoirs together with my re-

marks

2. The orders were communicated

to Mr. O'Leary on 30th ultimo and
should have been received by him
on 31st idem.

His explanation was received
by me this morning or one day
later after allowing for 2 days
post between Russelcunda and

Chattrapur. The despatch of the ~~subordinate~~
was however notified to me by telegram.

3. As admitted by Mr. O'Leary
the plea of ill-health cannot
be accepted in itself as a satis-

factory excuse for such an
inordinate delay in the sub-

mission of the devoirs which

when received are practically

worthless as a check upon the

work of himself and his sub-

ordinates for the period to which they

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
As Collector

12.8.80

From
The Collector of
Lanjan

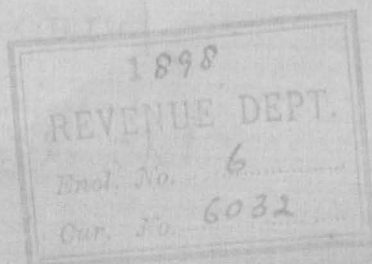
To
The Secretary
to the Commission
of Land Res.
Forest-Branch
through the Conservator
of Forests N. C.

No. 269
of 28

Dated 13th Aug 98
Enc 1

Subject

Forwarding the explen-
ation of Mr. O'Leary
regarding the delay
in the submission of
his deoris.



Forwarded. In view of Mr. Taylor's
remarks the undersigned need not
refer to the explanation in detail. He
regrets his inability to speak in
Mr. O'Leary's favour and can only
endorse the opinion held of this officer
by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Battie
and recorded in this report and
enclosure.

Mr. O'Leary was under the orders
of the undersigned in 1892 when he
came at once under censure Transferred
to Lanjan, he was complained of for
short culture of survey work but
promised Mr. Johnson the then collector
to do better - but no permanent
improvement.

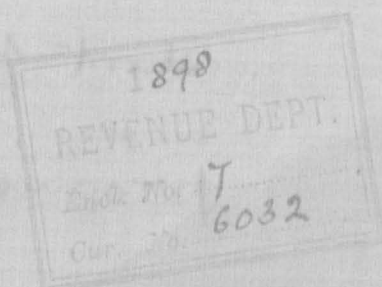
improvement was made.

It seems desirable that Mr. O'Leary
be made to fully comprehend the
nature of his contract with Government
it being one requiring absolute
obedience on his part.

E.D.M. Hooper

Ag. Conservator of Forests
N.C.

W. D. Waller
16 August 98



Confidential

Revenue Board Office
Land Revenue
Madras, 25th August 1898

Read :-

again Board's Proceedings Forest NO.499 Mis., dated 29th --
July 1898, instructing the Collector of Ganjam to direct Mr. MacC
O'Leary to submit a written explanation for his extraordinary -
delays and neglect to obey orders in connection with his office
work and to report himself in person to the Forest Member at --
Madras after the explanation has been submitted.

(2) again Board's Proceedings Forest NO.406 Routine dated
3rd August 1898, recording letter from the Collector of Ganjam
stating that District Forest Officer Mr. O'Leary has been called
^{out} for an explanation of his delay in submitting diaries &c and
that a further report will be made after 10 days as required by
the Board.

(3) Endorsement of E.D.M. Hooper Esq, Ag. Conservator of ----
Forests, Northern Circle, dated 16th August 1898, forwarding re---
ports from the Collector of Ganjam on Mr. O'Leary's explanations
regarding his delays in office work and in the submission of dia-
ries.

Reference NO. 345 dated 25th August 1898.
Conf. No 25

On the 23rd July last, Mr. Taylor, Collector of Ganjam, report-
ed that his District Forest Officer, Mr. MacCarthy O'Leary, had been
guilty of gross neglect of his office duties in connection main-
ly with the following matters:-

(1) No office diaries had been submitted since the 19th of
March;

(2) A report on the demarcation of the boundary between -
the ordinary and Agency tracts of Gumsur called for on the 16th
June 1897 had not yet been submitted;

(3) A report on economic products called for on the 15th
February last had not been submitted;

(4) A very large number of darkhasts were pending with him

(5) The work at head-quarters generally was suffering owing to the District Forest Officer residing so much at Russelkonda;

(6) Large advances were given to Range Officers to spend on the casuarina plantations near head quarters without adequate supervision;

(7) Reminders were ^{habitually} ~~habitually~~ ignored.

2. In forwarding the Collector's letter, Mr. Hooper, Ag. Conservator, Northern Circle, noted that in a separate paper the Collector had brought to notice that the District Forest Officer's office work was conducted by his head clerk whose drafts were signed by revenue officers at head-quarters, and added that since he had received charge of the circle, nearly four months before, no information had been received of any work carried ^{on} by the District Forest Officer, nor any diaries or response to calls of any kind. It may here be noted that in Proceedings of the 30th July 1898, the Collector accepted Mr. O'Leary's assurance that he was not leaving his office work to --- others and modified his former Proceedings accordingly.

3. In Proceedings NO. 499 Mis. Confdl., dated 20th July 1898, the Board called for the District Forest Officer's explanation and directed that as soon as it was submitted he should report himself personally to the Forest Member at Madras. As it was clear that whatever explanation might be made, it was impossible to retain Mr. O'Leary in his permanent appointment, His Excellency the Governor was also asked to gazette Mr. Fischer to relieve him.

4. Mr. O'Leary's explanation was received through the Collector and the Conservator, Northern Circle, on the 19th instant, and after relief by Mr. Fischer he proceeded to Madras and reported himself to the Forest Member on the 24th.

5. Referring seriatim to the items noted in para I supra, the Board concurs with the Collector in accepting as satisfactory Mr. O'Leary's explanation regarding the pendency of darkhasts (item 4). With regard to (5) also, Russelkonda being the most important Forest centre of the District, no serious blame need be imputed to the District Forest Officer for his protracted residence there, except in so far as it led to the neglect of work forming the other items of the charges against him. Practically no explanation is forthcoming with regard to these items. The plea of ill-health is hardly seriously offered, though no doubt the debility for which Mr. O'Leary was under treatment may have

had the effect of rendering uncongenial work more distasteful than ever.

6. With respect to Mr. O'Leary's work in the forests, there seems rather to be no ground for complaint, but rather reason to believe that it was very well done. The demarcation report has not yet reached the Board, but the Forest Member has reason to know that the local officers at the time were very well satisfied with it, and the present Collector alludes to Mr. O'Leary's having done good work in this matter under not very easy surroundings. He also states his belief that Mr. O'Leary has done, and is capable of doing excellent work as a field officer, and reports that since his return to head-quarters, after his neglect had been reported to the Board, he has cleared up the arrears of his office. At the same time, while expressing his regret at parting with an officer who has an extensive local knowledge, and who is capable of good work in the field, Mr. Taylor is unable to alter his request that he should be transferred.

7. So far as the Board can gather from the papers and from Mr. O'Leary's past record, he seems to have a constitutional repugnance to office work which he has never yet made a serious effort to overcome, and until he succeeds in doing so, he is unfit to be again entrusted with the charge of a district.

8. The Board, therefore, recommends that Mr. O'Leary be ordered to revert to his substantive appointment of Assistant Conservator, 1st Grade, from the date of his relief by Mr. Fischer and posted to the Kurnool District to take Mr. Fischer's place and be under the supervision of Mr. A. W. Lushington, the District Forest Officer, with whom he did good work in Kistna some years ago. If at the end of six months he be favourably reported on, the Board considers that he may again be tried as a District Forest Officer.

9. Pending the orders of Government on this reference, Mr. O'Leary has been directed to proceed to the Kurnool District and report himself to Mr. Lushington at such station as Mr. Lushington may direct.

/True Extract/

Lonel Davidson

Ag. Secretary

To the Secretary to Govt. Revenue
Dept. with the Consr's endorsement & 5 Enclos. in origl. to be ret'd.
& minute of appointment.

20 Dec 98

Read B.P. Lb. For Ref No 345
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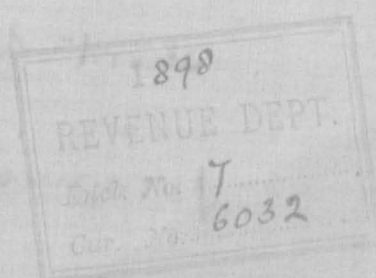
improvement was made.

It seems desirable that Mr. O'Leary
be made to fully comprehend the
nature of his contract with Government
it being one requiring absolute
obedience on his part.

E.D.M. Hooper

Ag. Conservator of Forests
N.C.

W. Allan
16 August 98



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Revenue Board Office
Land Revenue
Madras, 25th August 1898

Read :-

again Board's Proceedings Forest NO.499 Mis., dated 29th --
July 1898, instructing the Collector of Ganjam to direct Mr. Mac
O'Leary to submit a written explanation for his extraordinary -
delays and neglect to obey orders in connection with his office
work and to report himself in person to the Forest Member at --
Madras after the explanation has been submitted.

(2) again Board's Proceedings Forest NO.406 Routine dated
3rd August 1898, recording letter from the Collector of Ganjam -
stating that District Forest Officer Mr. O'Leary has been called
^{out} for for an explanation of his delay in submitting diaries &c and
that a further report will be made after 10 days as required by
the Board.

(3) Endorsement of E.D.M. Hooper Esq, Ag. Conservator of ----
Forests, Northern Circle, dated 16th August 1898, forwarding re----
ports from the Collector of Ganjam on Mr. O'Leary's explanations
regarding his delays in office work and in the submission of dia-
ries.

Reference NO. 345 dated 25th August 1898.
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On the 23rd July last, Mr. Taylor, Collector of Ganjam, report-
ed that his District Forest Officer, Mr. MacCarthy O'Leary, had been
guilty of gross neglect of his office duties in connection main-
ly with the following matters:-

- (1) No office diaries had been submitted since the 19th of
March;
- (2) A report on the demarcation of the boundary between -
the ordinary and Agency tracts of Gumsur called for on the 16th
June 1897 had not yet been submitted;
- (3) A report on economic products called for on the 15th
February last had not been submitted;
- (4) A very large number of darkhasts were pending with him

(5) The work at head-quarters generally was suffering owing to the District Forest Officer residing so much at Russelkonda;

(6) Large advances were given to Range Officers to spend on the casuarina plantations near head quarters without adequate supervision;

(7) Reminders were ^{habitually} ~~habitually~~ ignored.

2. In forwarding the Collector's letter, Mr. Hooper, Ag. Conservator, Northern Circle, noted that in a separate paper the Collector had brought to notice that the District Forest Officer's office work was conducted by his head clerk whose drafts were signed by revenue officers at head-quarters, and added that since he had received charge of the circle, nearly four months before, no information had been received of any work carried ^{on} by the District Forest Officer, nor any diaries or response to calls of any kind. It may here be noted that in Proceedings of the 30th July 1898, the Collector accepted Mr. O'Leary's assurance that he was not leaving his office work to --- and modified his former Proceedings accordingly.

3. In Proceedings NO. 499 Mis. Confdl., dated 20th July 1898, the Board called for the District Forest Officer's explanation and directed that as soon as it was submitted he should report himself personally to the Forest Member at Madras. As it was clear that whatever explanation might be made, it was impossible to retain Mr. O'Leary in his permanent appointment, His Excellency the Governor was also asked to gazette Mr. Fischer to relieve him.

4. Mr. O'Leary's explanation was received through the Collector and the Conservator, Northern Circle, on the 19th instant, and after relief by Mr. Fischer he proceeded to Madras and reported himself to the Forest Member on the 24th.

5. Referring seriatim to the items noted in para I supra, the Board concurs with the Collector in accepting as satisfactory Mr. O'Leary's explanation regarding the pendency of darkhasts (item 4). With regard to (5) also, Russelkonda being the most important Forest centre of the District, no serious blame need be imputed to the District Forest Officer for his protracted residence there, except in so far as it led to the neglect of work forming the other items of the charges against him. Practically no explanation is forthcoming with regard to these items. The plea of ill-health is hardly seriously offered though no doubt the debility for which Mr. O'Leary was under treatment may have

had the effect of rendering uncongenial work more distasteful than ever.

6. With respect to Mr. O'Leary's work in the forests, there seems rather to be no ground for complaint, but rather reason to believe that it was very well done. The demarcation report has not yet reached the Board, but the Forest Member has reason to know that the local officers at the time were very well satisfied with it, and the present Collector alludes to Mr. O'Leary's having done good work in this matter under not very easy ^{and} surroundings. He also states his belief that Mr. O'Leary has done, and is capable of doing excellent work as a field officer, and reports that since his return to head-quarters, after his neglect had been reported to the Board, he has cleared up the arrears of his office. At the same time, while expressing his regret at parting with an officer who has an extensive local knowledge, and who is capable of good work in the field, Mr. Taylor is unable to alter his request that he should be transferred.

7. So far as the Board can gather from the papers and from Mr. O'Leary's past record, he seems to have a constitutional repugnance to office work which he has never yet made a serious effort to overcome, and until he succeeds in doing so, he is unfit to be again entrusted with the charge of a district.

8. The Board, therefore, recommends that Mr. O'Leary be ordered to revert to his substantive appointment of Assistant Conservator, 1st Grade, from the date of his relief by Mr. Fischer and posted to the Kurnool District to take Mr. Fischer's place and be under the supervision of Mr. A. W. Lushington, the District Forest Officer, with whom he did good work in Kistna some years ago. If at the end of six months he be favourably reported on, the Board considers that he may again be tried as a District Forest Officer.

9. Pending the orders of Government on this reference, Mr. O'Leary has been directed to proceed to the Kurnool District and report himself to Mr. Lushington at such station as Mr. Lushington may direct.

/True Extract/

Lionel Davidson

Ag. Secretary

To the Secretary to Govt. Revenue
Dept. with the Consr's endorsement & 5 Enclos. in origl. to be ret'd.
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in the Map read above regarding the O'Leary
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Dr. F. J. O'Leary in the
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To the Board of Ref L.B.

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