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The Gov. quoted is merely
a misquote of apppt.
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From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

For Orders

The following Order is submitted as meeting the necessities of the case (v. para 4 of D.P. T's letter)

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Miss H. E. in Council

~~The government contract with the D.V.~~

~~and is not prepared to reconsider the~~
~~passes for filling the vacancy in the Principalship~~
~~orders contained in G. O. No. 135 of 8~~
~~of the Engineering College~~
18th March 1898; but Mr. Chatterton will

be informed that the arrangement in question was due to the exigencies of the public service, and in no way implied that his work as an educational officer and as an Engineer had not met with the ~~appreciation~~ ^{approval} of Government.

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Dated 13th May 1898

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SUBJECT

Submitting a letter from Mr. Chatterton
complaining that he has been passed
over in filling up the vacancy in the
Principalship of the College of Engineer-
ing, Madras, caused by Major
Lowe going on leave.

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To The D.P.J. 940 dated 9/7/28

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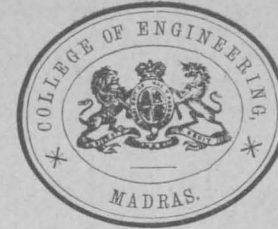
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Dated 29th March 1898.

FROM *Professor of Engineering*
THE PRINCIPAL,

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MADRAS,

TO *The Director of Public Instruction,*
through the Principal of the College of
Engineering.

SIR,

In the last issue of the Fort St George Gazette it is notified Mr. J. P. Davidson an executive Engineer of the Public Works Department has been appointed to act as Principal of the College of Engineering during the absence on furlough of Major Love R.E. or until further orders. As this is the only appointment in the Educational Service at present open to me which can in any way be looked upon as promotion I cannot help feeling that the very marked way in which I have now for the fourth time been passed over is a distinct slight and that my work as an Educational officer and as an Engineer has not met with the

appreciation of Government. This fact is emphasized by the appointment of new as Principals who have no experience of educational work and it seems to me distinctly unfair that I should be called upon to supply their lack of experience and at the same time should have to serve under them.

2 It is I think the invariable rule in the other Colleges in this Presidency to appoint the Senior Professor to act as Principal when the latter goes on leave and I therefore venture to ask that the matter may be reconsidered and that in accordance with the usual practice I may be appointed to act as Principal or that I should be given some equivalent which will fully compensate me for the loss of Promotion in the College.

3 During the whole of my Service I have done a great deal of work quite outside the range of my duties in the College of Engineering and I have always done so with interest and pleasure, but I feel that it is impossible to go on working not merely without recognition

or reward of any kind, but with
the prospect of being continually
passed over in the ordinary course
of Departmental promotion.

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College of Engineering.

To THE

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ABSTRACT.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
H. G. Chatterton
Professor of Engineering



Ms 1873/dated 29 March 1898.

Submitted.

H. G. Chatterton
Principal

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras, 13th May 1898.

No. 5635

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.S.C., LL.D.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Educational DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit, in original, a letter
from Mr. Chatterton, Professor of Engineering, College
of Engineering, dated 29th March 1898, in which he
complains of having been passed over in filling
up the vacancy in the Principalship caused by
Major Love going on leave.

2. I sympathize with Mr. Chatterton and
as the appointment of Mr. Davidson to act for
Major Love was made on my recommendation
I would take this opportunity of stating the reasons
for the recommendation.

3. On learning that Major Love intended to
apply for leave, I placed myself in communication
with the Chief Engineer with a view to ascertain
whether his Department could spare a man to

to serve in the College. I stated that I would prefer to follow the rule followed in all the other Colleges, namely, to recommend a professor to act as Principal, and that I would accordingly prefer to recommend Mr. Chatterton. The Chief Engineer concurred with me, provided that a junior member of the Public Works Department qualified to teach could be obtained. There was only one junior officer available, namely, Mr. Reid, who was about to return from leave, but the Chief Engineer was unable to say whether he would make a good teacher, and, therefore, could not recommend him. The only other officers that the Chief Engineer could suggest were Col. Smart, Lieut. Col. Raddeley, and Mr. Davidson, all of them very much senior in service to Mr. Chatterton. Naturally none of those three would be willing to leave their own Department to serve temporarily under a junior in another Department. Hence the reason for recommending Mr. Davidson to act as Principal and not Mr. Chatterton.

4. While sympathizing with Mr. Chatterton I cannot for the above-mentioned reason recommend that the matter be reconsidered, as requested by him in para 2 of his letter. At the same time I think that Mr. Chatterton may be informed that the arrangement of which he complains was due to the

the exigencies of the public service and in no way implied that his work as an educational officer and as an Engineer has not met with the appreciation of Government.

5. On more than one occasion in connection with the subject of technical and industrial education Government has referred to the difficulty in providing for the inspection of technical and industrial schools. In the present state of the finances, the appointment of a special inspector of such schools is, of course, out of the question. I have already informed Government that the only feasible plan for the present is to utilize the services of specialists in Government service when occasion arises. In pursuance of this policy Mr. Chatterton has at my request and without prejudice to his work at the College been inspecting the leading institutions engaged in technical and industrial work throughout the Presidency. This he can do only on holidays and vacations or at times when the work at the College is less pressing. The reporting on the institutions inspected is done entirely out of office hours. I cannot express myself too strongly regarding the valuable assistance I have always received and do receive from Mr. Chatterton. It is of the utmost importance that technical and industrial training should be laid on right

straight lines at the outset, and the professional assistance of a man of Mr. Chatterton's acknowledged ability and fertility of ideas is invaluable, more especially in connection with schools for wood-work and metal-work.

6. I purpose, therefore, shortly addressing Government and recommending that in recognition of the extra work imposed on him in inspecting and reporting on technical and industrial schools, Mr. Chatterton be granted a personal or local allowance. His work fully deserves such recognition, which is, besides, the most economical way of dealing with technical and industrial schools until such time as their number has so far increased as to justify the appointment of a separate inspector.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. G. G.
Director of Public Instruction.

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