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9th February 1874.

No. 82. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 20th January 1874, No. 6757:—

It has been the practice of this office to withhold audit of salaries to members of the Regular or Imperial Establishment until receipt of reports or certificates of the prescribed examinations having been passed, but in respect to Local Fund Overseers and other members of the Local Fund Petty Establishment all appointments, as reported by District Engineers, have been accepted unquestioned. As men so appointed do not rise higher than the grade of Local Fund Overseer, and as they would not continue to be employed if found unequal to the work required of them, I see no reason for a change of the present practice, the more so, as District Engineers would probably often find it difficult to get the services of men who have passed the prescribed examinations, while it would be easy to push on Local Fund Works with the help of available men, who, though unable to produce certificates of having passed examinations, are known to possess practical knowledge and experience.

2. My reason for raising the question for the decision of Government is the existence of a rule which requires that "persons appointed to any office under the Local Fund Boards must have passed the tests and possess the qualifications prescribed* for similar offices under Government," and to which my attention has been drawn with reference to an anonymous letter, in which this office is informed that pay is being claimed for, and passed to, men who are not qualified for the appointments they hold. I, therefore, think it necessary to solicit the orders of Government as to the course this office should follow in future, in respect to members of the Local Fund Establishment.

* Local Fund Rules, Clause 5, communicated in G.O., No. 265, dated 30th June 1871, Financial Department.

3. If the rule above quoted must be followed, I would suggest, for the consideration of Government, that District Engineers be instructed not to employ any men on the Imperial and Local Fund Establishments who have not passed the tests, without a report to Government. Were this made the rule, the exceptional cases would come to be known to this office by receipt of the Orders of Government on each case, and District Engineers would be spared the numerous references that have now to be made from this office to ascertain whether, or no, newly appointed men have passed the prescribed tests.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
23*rd January* 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D

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No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1874, No. 221.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Fort St. George, 20 January 1874.

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Your most obedient Servant,

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Off Controller of V. W. Accounts

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