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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers.

Letter from the Chief Engineer.

Requests attention to the last paragraph of his letter to Government No. 2303 dated 1st July last submitting revised draft rules for entrance into and promotion in the Department Public Works ; and solicits orders thereon to guide him in the present revision of the rules.

(Here enter 26th September 1859, No. 5416.)

Minute by the Honorable the President.

Recording his views on the above letter.

(Here enter 7th October 1859.)

ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1859, No. 2192.

1. The question which forms the subject of the Chief Engineer's letter dated the 26th ultimo arises out of the following orders of Government.

Public Works Department, 23rd June 1857, Notification No. 1, paragraph 13.

"Soldiers are permitted to study at the Government college for the purpose of qualifying themselves for the situation of Assistant Overseers, under rules that will be laid down in general orders by the Commander-in-Chief. Rolls of the men who have qualified themselves for this situation, will immediately after the periodical examinations, be sent to the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department. The Principal having previously communicated with the Chief Engineer, will at the same time suggest to Government the division to which each student should be appointed to serve for one year on probation. On the recommendations being approved of, the men will be appointed probationary Assistant Overseers."

Public Works Department, 15th March 1859, No. 596, paragraph 7.

"In partial exception to the rules in the preceding paragraph, paragraph 13 of the Notification No. 1 of June 23rd 1857, respecting soldiers who shall have qualified at the Engineering college for the post of Assistant Overseers, will still be adhered to."

Military Department, 6th May 1859, No. 175.

"The Governor in Council is pleased to intimate that it has been resolved to select from the European non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to H. M.'s Indian, and (with the concurrence of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief) H. M.'s British forces on the Madras establishment, twenty stipendiary students for the Engineering college at Madras, if a sufficient number of eligible candidates should be forthcoming.

2. "The stipendiary students of this class will be allowed the same pay, rations and clothing as when they were serving with their respective regiments, and, in addition, ten Rupees a month.

3. "Their position will be strictly that of probationers. They will continue to be borne on the strength of their respective regiments; and such of them as prove not to be qualified either in respect of character or attainments will be sent back to their regiments.

4. "On the other hand, those who prove every way fit, will be appointed Sub-Overseers in the Department of Public Works, or to such other situations as may be considered proper.

5. "Time spent in the college of Engineers will be counted for promotion to the grade of Assistant Overseer.

6. "Candidates for stipendiary studentships must

- 1st. "Be less than 25 years of age.
- 2nd. "Have uniformly conducted themselves to the satisfaction of their Commanding officers in the discharge of their duty as privates or non-commissioned officers.
- 3rd. "Be thoroughly trustworthy, well conducted men, who can be relied upon to superintend native workmen efficiently, and to treat them in a becoming manner.
- 4th. "Be able to write correctly and legibly from dictation, and to express themselves with reasonable correctness and intelligence in a letter or report.
- 5th. "Be familiar with the four first rules of arithmetic and with vulgar and decimal fractions, and be able to keep accounts—and
- 6th. "Be either acquainted with one of the vernacular languages of India, or have shown such aptitude and intelligence as furnishes a reasonable presumption that they would acquire a native language if the necessary facilities were given.

"Commanding officers are requested to furnish full particulars to the Principal of the Engineering college at the Presidency under each of the above heads of such non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to their respective corps as they can confidently recommend for stipendiary studentships in the Madras Engineering college."

2. A comparison of these orders clearly shows what were the intentions of the Government. It was desired to open the Public Works Department to deserving non-commissioned officers and soldiers; and the order of June 23rd 1857 prescribed the course for such persons to qualify themselves and to obtain the post of Assistant Overseer. When the Government order of the 15th March last entrusted the nomination of Assistant Overseers to the District Engineers, "subject to the approval and confirmation of the Chief Engineer," a reservation was made in favor of "soldiers who shall have qualified at the Engineering college for the post of Assistant Overseer;" and, lastly, by the order of the 6th May last, a regulated process was prescribed for giving effect to the arrangement in a manner suited to encourage good conduct and self cultivation throughout the European army in this country; and it was intimated that the suitations to which the military stipendiary students who had acquitted themselves well at the Engineering college might look forward would not be confined to the Department of Public Works.

3. The word "Sub-Overseer" obtained a place in the order of the 6th May by accident. The intention was, that the military stipendiary students, after they had passed their course at the college, should be appointed to vacant Assistant Overseerships. The position of Sub-Overseer would not, in general, be suited to their character and attainments.

4. But it was not intended nor would it be proper that appointments of this class should be made in excess of the actual vacancies.

5. In order that there may be a clear understanding of the matter the Honorable the Governor in Council resolves that the following course be adopted.

- 1st. The Principal of the Engineering college shall, after each periodical examination, furnish to the Chief Engineer a statement of the military students who are qualified for employment in the Department of Public Works, with full details as to the character, attainments &c. of each individual;
- 2nd. The Chief Engineer shall appoint the persons so recommended to vacant Assistant Overseerships or other suitable situations in the department whenever he thinks they are better qualified than other candidates;
- 3rd. The Principal shall, in like manner, furnish descriptive rolls of passed military stipendiary students to the Commissary General, the Inspector General of Ordnance, the Commissioner of Mufassal Police and other heads of departments in which the services of persons of approved character and ability, such as the passed military students will be, are likely to be required; and

4thly. Passed military students who cannot be immediately provided for in any of these ways, shall be retained at the college as part of the regulated number of twenty military stipendiary students; new selections of students being made, under the order of the 6th May last, only as vacancies take place in that number.

6. If, notwithstanding these precautions, it should turn out that twenty is a larger number of military students than can be provided for under these arrangements, the Principal of the Engineering college will report the circumstance in order that suitable orders may be given.

7. Ordered that the above resolutions be communicated for the information and guidance of the Chief Engineer, and that copies be also furnished to the Military and Judicial Departments for the guidance of the officers concerned in those departments.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

- " Director of Public Instruction.
- " Principal of the Civil Engineering College.
- " Military Department.
- " Judicial do. ✓

Ed. Wm. Thomas.

At No. 21st Dec 1893
Sub no. 28th March 1893

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Proc of Court No. 1100th/59.
Judicial. 1899. Sept

Proceedings of Court in
the Little Mount Sept 1899

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2/29 Oct 1899.

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As per copy.

Communicating to the
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also to the Subjector General
of Jails, & the Commissioner
of Police.

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Sub Inspector General of Police.
" Sub Inspector General of Jails. }
" Commissioner of Police. } (Depd and