MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	Press Mis.
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No. 20. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 10th August 1857, No. 2816.

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I have the honor to forward a recommendation Roll of one Sub Conductor for promotion to Conductor, vice Conductor Robertson remanded to his Corps G. O. G. 1st July 1857, and of two Non-Commissioned Officers of Sappers and Miners employed in the D. P. W., for promotion to the grade of Sub Conductor, the one to replace Sub Conductor W. Elder recommended for promotion vice Robertson, and the other to hold the warrant become vacant by the remand to his Corps of Sub Conductor Olive; and have the honor to request you will do me the favor to obtain the sanction of His Lordship in Council for their promotions to be Gazetted, to take effect respectively from the date of the G. O. G. remanding Conductor Robertson and Sub Conductor Olive to their Corps.

G. O. G. 14th July 1857.

No. 21. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to Lieut. Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, dated 10th September 1857, No. 1727.

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4. With the view of affording Military promotion to deserving Non Commissioned officers employed in the Department and of supplying a Staff of Warrant Officers for service in the Field with Engineer Park's, the following establishment will be filled up by promotion from Serjeants employed in the Department of Public Works; the individuals so promoted continuing in the Public Works Establishment and performing their Departmental duties, except when required for Field service.

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2. A question has arisen as to the applicability of the Rule quoted to the Public Works Department of this Presidency and I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit it for the decision of the Government of India, in connection with the correspondence* that has passed on the subject with the Chief Engineer, copies of which have already found their way to the Supreme Government, in the Proceedings of this Government of the dates noted in the margin.†

3. In his letter of the 9th August 1856, the Chief Engineer, submitting, in reference to the instructions conveyed in your letter of the 17th June 1856, a revised scheme for the permanent Establishment of the Public Works Department for this Presidency, recommended, in advertence to the Bengal Rule, that provision should be made "for the "promotion of deserving Non Commissioned Officers in the Depart- "ment of Public Works, in order to supply a Staff of Warrant Officers for service in the Field;" and calculating the relative strength of the Corps of Engineers in the two Presidencies, he proposed that the complement of the Warrant Establishment in the Department of Public Works

Para 4.

* From the Chief Engineer 9th August 1856 No. 5652.
Extract Minutes Consultation 10th October do. do. 1841.
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Extract Minutes Consultation 2nd April do. do. 608.
To Government of India 2nd do. do. do. 609.

† 14th October 1856 Nos. 10 to 13.
7th April 1857 Nos. 26 to 28.

at Madras should be fixed at 27 of all ranks, and that it should be filled up by promotion from the Non Commissioned Officers employed in that Department. In the letter to your address dated 10th October 1856 No. 1842, forwarding a Tabular statement for the revised scale of the Public Works Department for this Presidency, this Government made no allusion to the Chief Engineer's proposal for the promotion of the Military classes.

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5. Pursuant to this intimation, the Government, under date the 27th January last, published a Notification based on that issued at Fort William, in which was specified the strength of the several branches of the permanent establishment, and the rules that would apply to them. It should be noted in this place, that the clause in the Bengal Notification providing promotion for the Military classes was omitted in the Notification for this Presidency, inasmuch as the subject had not then been taken into consideration.

Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 28th January 1857.

6. In replying to the order of the 22nd January above mentioned, the Chief Engineer availed himself of the opportunity afforded by this further reference, to solicit early and particular attention to what he considered an accidental omission on the part of this Government, in not noticing, in their letter to the Government of India dated 10th Ootober 1856 No. 1842, the application contained in his previous letter of the 9th August 1856. His allusion to the subject is to be found in para. 28 of his letter of the 3rd February 1857 No. 10,005, and is in the following words—

"It was in conformity to para. 4 of the G. O. G. G. No. 117 of the 17th June 1857, that I respectfully claimed on behalf of the Corps of Sappers and Miners in the Madras Presidency, the like proportional amount of Warrant promotion that has been so liberally bestowed on the Bengal Army. His Lordship in Council, and His Excellency the Commander in Chief, are fully aware on how disadvantageous a position compared with Bengal and Bombay, the European Non Commissioned Officers of the Madras Sappers and Miners have long been placed, with but a single Warrant Officer at Regimental Head Quarters throughout the whole Corps. If I do not greatly mistake, Deputy Commissaries, Assistant Commissaries, and Deputy Assistant Commissaries, have already been appointed under the G. O. G. G. 17th June 1856; and feeling sure that the Madras Government will vigorously support the just pretensions thus brought forward, I now respectfully renew my application of the 9th August last, and I trust that His Lordship in Council will recommend the Warrant Commissions to bear the same date in the Madras Presidency, that they already do in Bengal."

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8. From the names thus published, the Government of India will observe that—

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and
One Serjeant and one Conductor to the rank of Deputy Commissary..... 2

9. It must be here noticed that in the Chief Engineer's recommendations to which effect was thus given, four of the parties promoted did not at the time belong to the Department of Public Works, viz.

Conductor P. Ryan,	Serjeant I. Gray,
Serjeant H. Kennedy,	Quarter Mr. Serjeant Enright,

Of these four, the two latter have since been admitted on the strength of the Public Works Establishment, the two former continue as heretofore with the Sappers Corps in purely Military appointments.

10. As regards those who did belong to the Public Works establishment at the date of the submission of the Chief Engineer's Recommendation Roll, as no Warrants had yet been given, there were none who could claim the higher grades by virtue of length of service in the lower, and it was therefore that at the commencement all grades were filled up at once the higher ranks being filled by the most deserving men. The men had all done good and prolonged service in the Military Department as well as in Civil Engineering, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of the Chief Engineer's Recommendation* Roll submitted for the information of the Government of India.

* Recommendation Roll of Warrant and Non Commissioned Officers of the Corps of Sappers and Miners for the grades of Deputy Commissary, Assistant Commissary, *Conductors* and Sub Conductors.

11. It now however appears doubtful to the Government whether in their at once granting the Warrants thus recommended by the Chief Engineer, *they may not have gone beyond the intention of the Government of India*, and whether it would not have been more in accordance with the intention of that Government, had the Warrants been restricted in the first instance to the lowest grade, allowing promotion to the higher to follow on the completion of the two years service in the lower grade, to which the letter of the rule confines it.

12. I am now desired to convey the request of His Lordship in Council to be favored with information as to the practice pursued in Bengal and the North West Provinces, with reference to para. 4 of the Notification of the 17th June 1856; and further that you will have the goodness to obtain the decision of the Government of India on the proceeding adopted by this Government as reported in the preceding paragraphs, in order, that if incorrect, the error may at once be rectified by cancelling the promotions notified in the G. O. No. 149 of 1857. The *Supreme Government will no doubt be pleased to consider the services rendered in the Military* Department by the men whose case is now in question, as certified in the Chief Engineer's Recommendation Roll, and will allow those service weight in deciding whether the Warrants can, or cannot be retained.

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 10 Augt. 1857

No. 2816

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
D.P.W.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a

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G.O.G. 14th Sulley

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed Servant
Wm Sabin Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
10 August 1857

G. Gray

Recommendation Roll of a Sub Conductor recommended for promotion to Conductor, and of two Non Commissioned Officers of the Sappers and Miners recommended for promotion to the grade of Sub Conductor -

Regt No	Date of Enlistment	Rank and Names	Present appointment in the D.P.W.	To what grade	Remarks
67	23d November 1840	Sub Conductor W. Elder	Overseer	Conductor	To take effect from 1st July 1857 the date of G.O.G. remanding Conductor Robertson
138	12th June 1849	Corpl D. Shaw	Asstt Supervisor	Sub Conductor	
144	7 November 1848	Corpl W. Menzies	Asstt Overseer	Sub Conductor	To take effect from 14th July 1857 date of G.O.G. remanding Sub Condr Oliver

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St George 11th Augt 1857

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W. Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

Recommendations recommended in the above Letter belonging to that Establishment. R.R.

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Public Works Dept. Fort St George
Dated 10th August 1857
Recd 11th August 1857
S.C. No 2797 - 10 Sept 1857
Confidential -

Forward to Government the Roll of one Sub Conductor for promotion to Conductor, three Conductors to Conductor, remanded to the Corps, and of two Non-Commissioned Officers of the Sappers and Miners for promotion to the grade of Sub Conductor. Robertson remanded to the Corps, and of two Non-Commissioned Officers of the Sappers and Miners employed in the S.P.W. for promotion to the grade of Sub Conductor, the one to replace Sub Conductor W. Elder recommended for promotion in his Letter, and the Two Men to hold the Warrant Warrant on Cadet - Access

Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept. Fort St George
No. 1601

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Recommended for disposal of the Military Department. The promotions recommended in the above Letter belonging to that Establishment. R.R.

Secretary to Govt. 5th Sept. 1857

Vacancy vacant by the remand of Sub Conductor Olive to the Corps, and requests sanction for three promotions to be gazetted to take effect respectively from the date of the G.O.G. remanding Conductor Robertson and Sub Conductor Olive to their Corps.
No. 20.

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Enclosure in a letter
from
The Chief Engineer
&
The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Deptt.

Dated 10th August 1857
Recd. No. 2816.
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Recommendation Roll of
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Memorandum.

The Notification of the 17th June 1856, published at Fort William, laying down the Regulations applicable to the Public Works department in the Lieutenant Governorships and local Administrations subordinate to the Government of India, contains a provision, "viz Rule IV" for affording Military promotion to deserving non Commissioned Officers employed in the Deptt. Public Works. The regulation is quoted in the Margin, and purports promotion in the first instance of Serjeants of

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of a certain standing both in the department and in the Military service, to the rank of Sub Conductor, and thence after, promotion from that grade to the higher ranks, by seniority as vacancies occur.

2. In his letter of the 9th August 1856, the Chief Engineer in submitting a revised scheme for the permanent Establishment of the Public Works department for this Presidency, recommended in advertence to the above rule of the Notification, that a part of the Establishment to the extent noted in the Margin should be filled up by promotion from the non-commissioned officers employed in the department. This Government in forwarding the revised scheme of Establishment of the Department Public Works to the Government of India, made no allusion to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for the promotion of certain of the Military classes to the warrant grades.

No. 5652 p

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3. The reply of the Government of India, contained some exceptions to parts of the scheme forwarded by this Government, and involved a further reference to the Chief Engineer. In answering this communication the Chief Engineer, paras 27-28. noticed, what he considered to be an accidental omission on the part of this Government to advert in their letter to the Government of India to his proposition for a proportional amount of warrant promotion in the department. He therefore renewed his application, and recommended that the warrant commissions should bear the same date in the Madras Presidency that they did in Bengal.

3rd February 1857 No. 10,005

4 The Chief Engineer's communications bearing on this particular proposition were sent to the Military department for consideration and disposal. The order emanating from that department was

Ex. Mdo. 2d April 1857 p. 7 No. 608

was to the following effect, and was communicated to the Chief Engineer thro' the Public Works department.

"Ordered that the required promotion of warrant officers be notified in G.O. as soon as the grades and number shall have been determined upon in the Public Works department and nominations made of the individuals to be promoted."

5. Colonel Faber furnished a recommendation role of warrant and Non commissioned officers of the Corps of Sappers and miners, for promotion to the higher grades, which on being communicated to the Military department, led to a G. O. G. notifying the appointments recommended by the Chief Engineer as emanating from the Public Works Department. 14th May 1857 No. 390. 22nd May 1857 No. 972. 13th

6. In the Chief Engineer's recommendations thus notified, are to be

be found the names of four persons who did not at the time belong to the Public Works Department. Of these four, two* have since been admitted on the strength of this Establishment, the remaining two Vizt. Conductor Ryan and Serjeant Kennedy, tho' never on the Establishment, have been allowed by Extract Minutes Consultation in the Military department to remain with the sappers as detached from the Department Public Works for special duty with that Corps.

Serjeants Gray & Enright.

P.W. Cons. 7th July 1857 No. 29-30
Do. 28th [illegible]

7. From the Notification of this Government published on the 27th January last, it does not appear to have been intended that the scheme for the Public Works department of this Presidency should contain a provision similar to that in the Bengal scheme. No communication has been made on the specific point to the Government of India, nor has

have the sanction of that authority been obtained to the increased charges which these promotions will entail. The principle on which the promotions have been made, appears to be somewhat different from that sanctioned by the Royal Notification.

8. The increase of charges in the recent promotions will be purely on Military, and it will be a question for the Military department to consider whether there is sufficient authority for incurring this charge.

Memo for Secretary
on forwarded Rolls.

Statement showing the increase of Expenses caused by the Steam Vessel recently fitted out for C. G. Service in 1857.

Rank and Names	To what Service employed	Pay & Allowances per Mo. when first fitted out			Pay & Allowances per Mo. at the higher grade Rate			Amount		
		£	s	d				£	s	d
Sergeant Edward	Dy Commissary	33	12	8	@ 228	9	4	485	2	8
Conductor Ryan	do	118	14	4						
Sergeant Hy O'Hara	Asst do	31	3	8						
do J. Cooley	do	31	3	8						
do W. Mc Neil	Dy Asst Commissary	33	12	8	@ 204	10	4	818	9	4
Corporal Hy Bailey	do	28	14	14						
Sergeant J. Hill	Conductor	31	3	8						
do J. Jones	do	31	3	8						
do W. Woodward	do	32	12	8						
do H. Irving	do	32	12	8						
Corporal P. Robertson	do	28	14	14						
do J. Reid	do	28	14	14	@ 145	14	4	1312	14	4
Sergeant H. Kennedy	do	32	12	8						
Corporal F. Bradshaw	do	28	14	14						
do H. Porter	do	28	14	14						
Sergeant H. Elder	Sub Conductor	32	12	8						
do J. Scaggerdges	do	32	12	8						
do G. Palmer	do	32	12	8						
do J. Gray	do	32	12	8						
Corporal H. Walker	do	28	14	14						
do H. H. Sywader	do	28	14	14	@ 96	1	4	1153	4	4
Sergeant O Brockmare	do	32	12	8						
Corporal H. H. Bezard	do	28	14	14						
do J. H. Hopkins	do	28	14	14						
do H. H. Woodbach	do	28	14	14						
Sergeant S. Olive	do	32	12	8						
Pte Joseph Enright	do	14	13	2						
	Total	959	14	6				3759	10	4
					Difference			2810	9	6

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11 Sept.

Public Works Dept.

No. 1727

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Lieut. Colonel W. E. Baker
Secretary to the Government of
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filled by the most deserving men. The men had all done good and prolonged service in the Military Department as well as in Civil Engineering, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of the Chief Engineer's recommendation* roll submitted for the information of the Government of India.

It now however appears doubtful to the Government whether, in their at once granting the warrants thus recommended by the Chief Engineer, they may not have gone beyond the intention of the Government of India, and whether it would not have been more in accordance with the intention of that Govt. had the warrants been restricted in the first instance to the lowest grade, allowing promotion to the higher to follow on the completion of the two years service in the lower grade, to which the letter of the rule confines it.

I am now desired to convey the request of His Lordship in Council to be favored with information as to the practice pursued in Bengal and the North West Provinces, with reference to para 4 of the

* Recommendation roll of warrant & Non Commissioned Officers of the Corps of sappers and Miners for the grades of Dy. Commissary, Assistt. Commissary, Conductors & Sub Conductors.

the Notification of the 17th June 1856, and further that you will have the goodness to obtain the decision of the Government of India on the proceeding adopted by this Government as reported in the preceding paragraphs in order, that if incorrect, the error may at once be rectified by cancelling the promotions notified in the G.O. No 149 of 1857. ~~It~~ The Supreme Govt will no doubt be pleased to consider the services rendered in the Military Department by the men whose case is now in question, as certified in the Chief Engineers' recommendation roll, and will allow those services weight in deciding whether the warrants can, or cannot be retained.

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Relative to the Notification in the Fort St George Gazette of a limited number of Non Commissioned Officers in the P.W.D. considered deserving of Warrants & requesting the sanction of the Govt of India thereto, in order that if incorrect the error may at once be rectified by cancelling the promotions.

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