

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th September 1857.

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.

SIR,

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.

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.

SIR,

Para. 1. In the Notification published at Fort William on the 17th June 1856, declaring

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 Sergeants 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.

Bengal with its Dependencies.	
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Deputy Do. Do.	3
Conductors.....	15
Sub-Conductors.....	20

Sergeants of not less than 8 years standing, and not less than 18 years service in the army (including Departmental service,) will be eligible for promotion to Sub-Conductors from which grade well conducted Warrant Officers will rise by seniority as vacancies occur; but until further orders, no Warrant Officer will be promoted to a higher grade till he shall have served two years in the grade below.

* From the Chief Engineer 9th August 1856 No. 5652.
Extract Minutes Consultation 10th October do. do. 1841.
To Government of India 10th do. do. do. 1842.
From do. do. 19th December do. do. 5963.
Extract Minutes Consultation 22nd January 1857 do. 105.
From Chief Engineer 3rd February 1857 No. 10,005.
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.

"the Regulations applicable to all branches of the Public Works Department in the Lieutenant Governorships, and Local Administrations subordinate to the Government of India," provision is made for the promotion of the Military Classes employed in the department, within certain limits and on certain defined principles. For convenient reference, the Rule referred to is transcribed in the margin.

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 Department 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

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.

2 Deputy Commissaries.
2 Assistant do.
2 Deputy Assistant do.
9 Conductors.
12 Sub-Conductors.
27

4. On the receipt of your letter of the 19th December 1856, communicating the objections of the Government of India to parts of the scheme proposed by this Government, the Chief Engineer was again called upon in an order dated 22nd January 1857, to re-consider, and report on the points noticed; and he was at the same time informed, that an early opportunity would be taken of nominating such parts of the Establishment as had been sanctioned in the Despatch of the above date.

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.

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 October 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."

7. In the letter to the Government of India, dated 2nd April 1857, No. 609, allusion to the Chief Engineer's recommendation was again avoided; but in consequence of the reiteration of the question, the Government proposed to consider and dispose of it in the Military Department. This eventually led to a resolution to notify the promotion of a limited number of Non Commissioned Officers who might be considered deserving of Warrants, and on the Chief Engineer submitting a Recommendation Roll, their names were published in a G. O. No. 149 of 1857 as emanating from the Public Works Department, as will be seen by a reference to page 865 of Fort Saint George Gazette of the current year.

8. From the names thus published, the Government of India will observe that—
Seven Serjeants and five Corporals have been promoted to the rank of Sub Conductor... 12
Five Serjeants and four Corporals have been promoted to the rank of Conductor..... 9
One Serjeant and one Corporal have been promoted to the rank of Deputy Assistant Commissary..... 2
Two Serjeants have been promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissary..... 2
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.

No. 2016

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

in
J.P.W.

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to Enclosure Recommendation Roll of One Sub-conductor
for promotion to Conductor, viz Conductor
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by the removal to his Corps of Sub-
Conductor

Contract Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 10 Aug. 1857

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to request you will do me the favor
to obtain the sanction of His Lordship
in Council for their promotions to be
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the date of the G.O.s, remanding Conductors
Robertson and Subconductor Olas to
their Corps.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant
Wd. Laing Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
10 August 1857

W. Laing

Central Office of Ind.
Fort Sn. Garry Aug 1887
G. Garry

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" for affording Military promotion to deserving non-commissioned officers employed in the Dept. Public Works. The regulation is quoted in the Margin, and purports promotion in the first instance of sergeants

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 Engineers, the following Establishment will be filled up by promotion from sergeants employed in the Department of Public Works; the individuals so promoted continuing in the Public Works Establishment and performing their Departmental duties except where required for Field service:-

Bengal with its Dependencies

Deputy Commissioners	3
Assistant Commissioners	3
Deputy Assistant Commissioners	3
Conductors	15
Sub-Conductors	20

Sergeants of not less than 8 years' standing, and not less than 18 years' service in the Army (including non-Departmental service) will be eligible for promotion to Sub-Conductors from such grade well conducted Warrant Officers will receive by seniority as vacancies occur, but until further orders, no Warrant Officer will be promoted to a higher grade till he shall have served two years in the grade below.

Enclosure in a letter from the Chief Engineer at the Secretary to Govt Public Works Dept

Dated 10th August 1857

No 2816

PP 1601/57

Recommendation of Civil Engineer recommending promotion to conductors, and of two other non-commissioned officers of the Public Works Department for promotion to the grade of Sub-Conductors.

both in the department and of a certain standing 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 accordance to the above rule of the Notification, that a part of the Establishment 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.

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9 Conductors
12 Sub Conductors

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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, on 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 promotions 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.

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

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was to the following effect, and was communicated to the Chief Engineer through the Public Works Department.

"Ordered that the required information 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 Fisher 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. notifying the appointments recommended by the Chief Engineer as emanating from the Public Works Department.

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 being two ² V² Conductor Pyram and Sergeant Kennedy, the latter on the Establishment have been allowed by Extract Minister consultation in the Military Department to remain with the sappers or detached from the Department Public Works for special duty with that Corps.

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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 the sanction of that authority been obtained to the increased charge which these promotions will entail. The principle on which the promotions have been made, appears to be somewhat different from that contemplated by the Dengol's ratification.

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

Since it is no authority
not meant to be passed.

Col. Brown has spoken
on the subject at Council
last Thursday. It says

has been very much to be
satisfied. It has been
the same as the previous
one.

There is no question
but that as a result
of the recent promotions
the military department
has no authority.

Means for Secretaries
on promotions.

Statement showing the increase of pay caused
by the promotions notified in G. O. of 1857.

Rank and Name	What grade promoted to	Pay at former grade	Pay at new grade	Rate	Amount
Sergeant E. Eaton	Sy. Company	32	13 8		
Conductor P. Ryan	do	145	14	223 9 4	135 2 8
Sergeant H. J. Howard	Asst. do	31	3 8		
do J. Curley	do	31	3 8		
do W. Arnold	Sy. Asst. Company	32	13 8	204 10 4	818 9 4
Corporal H. Bailey	do	28	4 4		
Sergeant J. Hill	Conductor	31	3 8		
do J. James	do	31	3 8		
do W. Howard	do	32	12 8		
do H. Irving	do	32	13 8		
Corporal P. Robinson	do	28	4 4		
do P. Reid	do	28	4 4	145 14	1312 14
Sergeant H. Kennedy	do	32	13 8		
Corporal J. Graham	do	28	4 4		
do W. Porter	do	28	4 4		
Sergeant W. Elder	Sub Conductor	32	12 8		
do S. Hoggins	do	32	12 8		
do G. Palmer	do	32	12 8		
do J. Gray	do	32	12 8		
Corporal W. Walker	do	28	4 4		
do W. H. Bywater	do	28	4 4	96 1 4	1153
Sergeant J. Sweeney	do	32	12 8		
Corporal W. H. Bevan	do	28	4 4		
do J. H. H. H.	do	28	4 4		
do W. H. H.	do	28	4 4		
Sergeant J. Oliver	do	32	12 8		
Dr. J. H. H.	do	44	13 2		
Total		959	6		37 67 10
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Public Works Dept.

No. 1727

To
Lieut. Colonel W. C. Baker
Secretary to the Government of
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* From the Chap. Dg. 9 Aug 1856 to 5682.
 From S. in C. 10 Octr 1841.
 To S. of India 10 1842.
 From do 19 Decr 5763.
 From S. in C. 22 Aug 1857 165.
 From Chap. Dg. 8 & 19 10,005.
 From S. in C. 2 April 608.
 To S. of India 2 609.

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Fort St. Geo. 10 Sept. 1857

B. L.

By the Comr 27th January 57/58
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High Letter to Comr 25th Jan 57/58
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