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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd September 1857.

No. 12. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. HENDERSON, Chief Engineer of Hyderabad; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Bolarum, 4th September 1857, No. 819.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose Copies of correspondence as per margin forwarded by me for submission to the Government of Fort Saint George through the Chief Engineer of Madras, the channel by which the Government in their orders dated 18th July 1857, No. 1380, directed that my communications should be sent, but as it appears from the Chief Engineer's Extract of Proceedings dated 29th August 1857, that my recommendation has not been sent on to Government, but that the Chief Engineer of Madras has merely passed his own decision on it, I trust I may be excused for sending the correspondence direct.

To the Chief Engineer D. P. W. Madras No. 744, dated 19th August 1857.
From the Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division No. 46 dated 18th August 1857, with enclosure.
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer Madras No. 3273 dated 29th August 1857.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel R. HENDERSON, Chief Engineer of Hyderabad; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Bolarum, 19th September 1857, No. 744.

SIR,

With reference to Extract of Minutes of Consultation dated 30th May 1857, No. 1021, I have the honor to forward copy of correspondence from Lieutenant Smith No. and date as per margin, and beg you will be good enough to lay it before the Madras Government.

No. 46 dated 18th August 1857.
From Colonel Faber Superintending Engineer H. S Force now Chief Engineer D. P. W. dated 15th August 1853, No. 259.

2. I trust I may not be deemed presumptuous in recommending Lieutenant Smith for the appointment of Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division as he was in 1853 first appointed by yourself to the Superintendence of the Barracks then under construction at Bellary and Ramandroog, and in May 1854 was appointed also by you to be assistant to the Superintending Engineer H. S. Force, and since that date has been constantly employed under my orders for a period of upwards of 3 years. He has served under me from the commencement of the Secunderabad Barracks and is thoroughly acquainted with their details, also he possesses Certificates of qualifications for Surveying and Civil Engineering, and has a knowledge of three vernacular languages in two of which he has passed as Interpreter, under these circumstances I beg that you will be pleased to recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Government, with a view to his being confirmed in this appointment of Executive Engineer of the Secunderabad Division

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Letter from Lieutenant H. D. B. SMITH, Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division; to Lieutenant Colonel R. HENDERSON, Chief Engineer of Hyderabad, dated 18th August 1857, No. 46.

SIR,

I have the honor to return Minutes of Consultation of the Madras Government under date 30th May last, and am much obliged to you for your kindness in forwarding them for my perusal.

2. I cannot but feel grieved at the thought that the question of my competency to hold my present appointment should have suggested itself to Colonel Faber, Chief Engineer D. P. W. Madras, and I trust therefore that without being deemed egotistical. I may avail myself of the present opportunity to state what my qualifications are.

3. In November 1850 when serving with my Regiment at this station, I felt a strong desire to do duty with the Sappers and Miners. Having been but 1½ years in the service, I did not know the regulations perfectly, and thought that a Certificate from the Engineer of the Di-

vision was necessary before I could be warranted in making my application to that effect. I therefore voluntarily appeared before Captain Buckle Superintending Engineer H. S. Force was examined, and passed in Mathematics, Civil and Military Surveying, field and permanent fortification &c. This Certificate was sent to Madras Army Head Quarters.

4. In August 1853, I was appointed Executive Officer of the works in Bellary and Ramandroog. Prior to nomination I had to appear before Lieutenant Colonel (now Colonel) Faber, Superintending Engineer H. S. Force (now Chief Engineer Madras), a copy of his Certificate I have the honor to attach.

5. In May 1854, before these works were completed Colonel Faber entirely unsolicited on my part, was so good as to appoint me assistant to the Superintending Engineer H. S. Force, in which appointment I remained till the latter part of June last, when consequent upon your kind recommendation to the Supreme Government, I was nominated Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division.

6. I would beg in conclusion to add that I have passed as Interpreter in two native languages, and have a slight colloquial knowledge of a third, which the onerous nature of my present duties alone prevents me from prosecuting. I have also obtained Certificates of qualifications in Surveying and Civil Engineering.

7. Under the above circumstances therefore I trust that I may be considered competent for the appointment, that, I at present have the honor to hold temporarily.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. E. FABER, Superintending Engineer, H. S. Force; to the Assistant Adjutant General H. S. Force, dated Secunderabad, 15th August 1857, No. 230.

SIR,

In obedience to the orders conveyed in your letter No. 1231 of the 13th Instant, I have the honor to report for the information of the Brigadier Commanding, that in my opinion Lieutenant H. D. B. Smith is qualified to undertake the duties of completing the buildings at Bellary and Ramandroog on which it is proposed to employ him. I have to add that I should not express myself so unhesitatingly if I believed Lieutenant Smith would at once be at the head of an office; but under the idea that all the works will be carried on under the order of the Civil Engineer of the division giving the Lieutenant the means of stating any difficulty, and of obtaining instructions on doubtful points, I entertain no doubt whatever that Lieutenant Smith will do ample justice to the appointment for which he has been selected.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. D. B. SMITH, Lieutenant,
Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division.

No. 2273.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works under date the 20th August 1857.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer Hyderabad.

(Here enter 19th August 1857, No. 711.)

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter No. 711 of the 19th Instant and its enclosures, to inform the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad, that his recommendation in favor of Lieutenant Smith, will be duly considered when the orders of the Government of India are received, on the

Establishment proposed for the duties of the Military Executive Division of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Supg. Engr. N. Circle.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) ROBT. HENDERSON, Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Engineer of Hyderabad

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 1763; dated 16th September 1857.

The Government resolve to inform Lieutenant Colonel Henderson, through the Chief Engineer, that as it has been determined that the appointment of Executive Engineer at Hydrabad shall be filled by an Officer of the Corps of Engineers, it is not in their power to comply with his recommendation in favor of Lieutenant Smith.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Transl. No. 744
Extract No. 392

Chief Engineer's Office
Bellary 19th September 1857.

From The Chief Engineer of
Hyderabad.

To
The Chief Engineer S.C.P.W.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to Extract of Minutes of Consultation dated 30th May 1857. No. 1134. I have the honor to forward Copy of correspondence from Lieutenant Smith No. and date as per Margin, and beg you will be good enough to lay it before the Madras Government.

2.— I trust I may not be considered presumptuous in recommending Lieutenant Smith for the appointment of Executive Engineer Secundrabad Division as he was in 1853 first appointed by yourself to the superintendence of the Barracks then under construction at Bellary and Ramandroog, and in May 1854 was appointed also by you to be assistant to the Superintending Engineer S.C.P.W. Force, and since that date has been constantly employed under my orders for a period

of

1846 dated 12th August 1857.
From Lt. Col. Fraser Superintending Engineer H.S. Force
to Chief Engineer S.C.P.W. dated 15th August 1853
No. 57.—

2.— I cannot but feel grieved at the thought that the question of my competency to hold my present appointment should have suggested itself to Colonel Fabs, Chief Engineer Fort St. George, and I trust therefore that without being deemed egotistical I may avail myself of the present opportunity to state what my qualifications are.—

3 In November 1850 when serving with my Regiment at this Station, I felt a strong desire to do duty with the Sappers and Miners. Having been but 18 years in the Service, I did not know the Regulations perfectly, and thought that a certificate from the Engineer officer was necessary before I could be warranted in making any application to that effect. I therefore voluntarily appeared before Captain Buckle Superintending Engineer Fort St. George was examined, and passed in Mathematics, Civil and Military Surveying, Field and Permanent Fortification &c. This certificate was sent to Madras Army Head Quarters.—

4.— In August 1853 I was appointed Executive Officer of the Works in Bellary and Nundydroog. Prior to nomination I had to appear before Lieut.t Colonel Jones Colonel Fabs, Superintending Engineer Fort St. George from Chief Engineer Madras, a Copy of this certificate I have the honor to attach.—

5.— In May 1854, before these works were compleated

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed H. Buckle
Chief Engineer & Superintendent

No 46

From

The Executive Engineer
Secunderabad Division.

To

The Chief Engineer
& Superintendent

Sir,

I have the honor to return Minutes of Consultation of the Madras Government under date 31st May last, and am much obliged to you for your kindness in forwarding them for my perusal.—

Completed, Colonel Faber entirely unsolicited on my part, was so good as to appoint me to distant to the superintending Engineer Hd Qrs, in which appointment I remained till the latter part of June last, when consequent upon your kind recommendation to the Supreme Government, I was nominated Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division.—

6.— I would beg in conclusion to add that I have passed as Interpreter in five native languages, and have a slight colloquial knowledge of a third, which the onerous nature of my present duties alone prevents me from increasing— I have also obtained Certificates of qualifications in surveying and Civil Engineering.—

7.— Under the above circumstances I therefore trust that I may be considered competent for the appointment that I at present have the honor to hold temporarily.—

I have the honor &c
Signed W.H. Belmaine Lieut
Executive Engr Secund Divn

Exg. Engrs Office
Secunderabad
20th August 1863.

No 359

To

The Assistant Adjutant General
H.M. Force.

Sir,

In obedience to the order conveyed in

Enclosure returned

your letter No 12854 of the 13th Instant I have the honor to report for the information of the Brigadier Commanding, that in my opinion Lieut H.P. Belmaine is qualified to undertake the duties of completing the Buildings at Bellary and Ramandroog in which it is proposed to employ him.— Have to add that I should not express myself so unhesitatingly if I believed Lieut Belmaine would at once be at the head of an Office, but under the idea that all the Works will be carried on under the orders of the Civil Engineer of the Division giving the Lieutenant the means of stating any difficulty, and of obtaining instructions on difficult points, I entertain no doubt whatever that Lieut Belmaine will do ample justice to the appointment for which he has been selected.—

I have the honor &c
Signed C.E. Faber Lt Colo
Supg. Engineer H.M. Force

Supg. Engrs Office H.M.F.
Secunderabad
13th August 1863.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ W.H. Belmaine Lieut
Executive Engr Secund Divn

No 3273
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works
Under date the 29th August 1863.—

Read

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Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer Hyderabad.
Mem Date 19th August 1835 No 3/11.

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter No 3/11 of the 19th Instant and its Enclosures, to inform the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad, that his recommendation in favor of Lieut. Smith will be duly considered when the orders of the Commissioner of India are received, on the Establishment proposed for the duties of the Military Executive Division of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

True Extract
Signed C. E. Saunders Captain
Acting Dep. Engineer at Bella

True Extract

Lieut. Col. Henderson Mint &c &c
Chief Engineer of Hyderabad

Ed Bof

General No. 819.
Departl. No. 438

Chief Engineer's Office
Bolarum 2d Septr 1857.

From
The Chief Engineer of
Hydrabad.

To
The Secretary to Government, Genl Dept
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copies of correspondence as per Margin, from and to me for submission to the Government of Fort Saint George through the Chief Engineer of Madras, the Channel by which the Government in their order dated 10th July 1857 No 1300 directed that any communications should be sent. But as it appears from the Chief Engineer's Extract of Proceedings dated 29th August 1857, that any recommendation has

To the Chief Engineer Genl P.W. Madras No 7944 dated 19th August 1857.
From the Executive Engineer Secunderabad Division
No 446 dated 18th August 1857. with Enclosure.
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer Madras
No 3273 dated 29th August 1857.

P.W.D. 1796/57.

how and how shall we be circumscribed, but that the Chief Engineer of Madras has surely displayed his own discretion in it, I shall always be ignorant for sending the Correspondence direct.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obd.t Servant

Robt. Henderson
Lieut.t Col.o
Chief Engineer of Mysore &c.

Ed.d Wms.n

P.W. 21 July 57. N. 38139.

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No. 1796.

From The Chief Engineer of Hyderabad

To

The Secy. to Government N.W.P.
Fort Saint George

Dated 1st September 1857.
Rec'd 9th Sept.
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Enclosed Copies of Correspondence for submission to the Government of Madras.—

From Chief Engr. Hyderabad 1st Sept. 57 No. 1872 in 6 Pys.

No. 2 of 13.

Rec'd Sept. 15th

Note in order

No. 1763 — 16th Sept.

No. 1763.

The Government resolve to inform Lieut. Colonel Henderson thro' the Chief Engineer, that as it has been determined that the appointment of Executive Engineer at Hyderabad shall be filled by an officer of the Corps of Engineers, it is not in their power to comply with his recommendation in favor of Lieutenant Smith

Fort St. George 16th Sept. 1857

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