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No. 64. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th October 1857, No. 4412.

SIR,

It has been ruled by Government that young Officers of Engineers (vide Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1422 30th April 1857) shall commence their Indian service as Probationary Assistants in the D. P. W. but that previous to such nomination, they shall be placed in the Military Department under the orders of the Commandant of Engineers for whatever period may be necessary (yet not the less forming a portion of the Probationary year) in his judgment to enable that Officer to certify to the professional qualifications of the young Engineer in respect of his Military education.

2. Inasmuch as the latter Officer has not been permitted to leave the Royal Engineers Establishment for instruction in Field duties at Chatham, until the director has reported the Officer to have completed the course of professional education comprising the several branches of sapping Pontooning, Mining, Escalading &c. &c. &c. which form the practical Military Engineer in the field, it has required some careful consideration on the part of the Commandant of Engineers to arrive at the exact meaning which the Government attach to their recent revised order.

3. Finally however, it was decided that the object in view would be fully attained by subjecting the young Officer of Engineers to an examination which should test the actual knowledge of Military Engineering he might possess; and for this purpose the Commandant called upon me to have a paper of professional questions drawn up by my personal Assistant for his approval. This having been done and the written answers having proved satisfactory. I now do myself the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the Commandant's Certificate of Military qualification as prescribed by para. 2 of the Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1142 of the 30th April 1857.

4. I am apparently in a position now therefore in conformity with existing orders to respectfully recommend that 2nd Lieutenant H. R. Faber of Engineers be appointed Probationary Assistant Executive Engineer in the D. P. W. counting from the 10th of August 1857, the date on which he reported himself for duty.

5. Under the provisional orders of Government No. 1341 dated 17th October 1854, all young Officers of Engineers have as His Lordship in Council is aware, attended a two months course of practical instruction in the Central office and within this brief period it has been found practicable to communicate a highly useful amount of Departmental information to an extent indeed that in several instances has proved sufficient to admit of the young Officers of Engineers being at once nominated to an independent charge in the Mofussil acquitting themselves of their new and responsible duties in a very satisfactory manner to the District Engineers.

6. It has not seemed advisable to forego under the action of the revised regulations the above short course of practical instruction in estimate making and designing Hydraulic works after it has been found to work so well in the Districts wherefore 2nd Lieutenant H. R. Faber during the two months that have elapsed since his arrival, has been duly punctual in his attendance at the Central office, and he has in point of fact completed the usual number of professional exercises which hitherto have enabled me to report our young Engineer Officers qualified for employment in the Mofussil.

7. At present, by the favor of His Lordship in Council and during the absence of any qualified permanent incumbent whose services could be obtained for so small a Staff salary as Rupees 137 one hundred and thirty-seven, 2nd Lieutenant H. R. Faber is officiating as the personal Staff of the Commandant. As this employment offers considerable advantages for acquiring a general knowledge of an Engineers duties and of the public service generally and more especially offers great facilities for obtaining an acquaintance with the languages of the country, I have the honor to request that the nomination of 2nd Lieutenant Faber to the Probationary grade of the D. P. W. may be allowed to take place without prejudice to his appointment as Acting Adjutant of Engineers, on the understanding that the incumbent shall use his best endeavours not only to qualify for the permanent office by passing in Hindustanee for Staff but shall

further qualify within the prescribed period of one year for the P. W. D. also, by the attainment of the vernacular standard laid down for Officers of the Department in the Fort Saint George Gazette under date the 8th of August 1856.

I do hereby declare, that having as required in para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 807 of 28th April 1857, examined 2nd Lieutenant H. R. Faber of Engineers, in his knowledge of Military Engineering by means of a set of questions testing his professional acquirements, I find him fully qualified for the performance of Military Engineering duties in the field, and eligible therefore for nomination to the Probationary Grade of the D. P. W. under the orders of Government above quoted.

Fort Saint George,
12th October 1857.

(Signed) A. COTTON, Colonel,
Commandant of Engineers.

No. 65.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1922; dated 13th October 1857.

In the letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer applies for the appointment of 2nd Lieutenant H. R. Faber of the Engineers to be a Probationary Assistant Executive Engineer from the 10th of August, 1857, the date on which he reported himself for duty, without prejudice to his appointment of Acting Adjutant of the Corps. Colonel Faber, at the same time, forwards the certificate of proficiency in Military Engineering, granted by the Commandant to Lieutenant Faber, in accordance with the order of Government, dated the 28th of April 1857, No. 807.

2. The Government remark that the terms of the order last referred to are that when young Officers of Engineers have been reported qualified in Military Engineering, they may then be nominated Probationary Assistants, and that Colonel Faber's application for the antedating of Lieutenant Faber's appointment being opposed to that order, cannot be complied with. Lieutenant H. R. Faber will be nominated a Probationary Assistant Executive Engineer from this date.

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

Central Office of P.W.
No. 4413. Fort St. George 12 Oct. 1857

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.F.

Sir,

It has been ruled by Govern^t that Young Officers of Engineers (vide Ex. Min: Con: No. 1422. 30th April 1857) shall commence their Indian Service as Probationary Assistants in the D. P.W. but that previous to such nomination, they shall be placed in the Military Department under the orders of the Commandant of Engineers for whatever period may be necessary (yet not the less forming a portion of the probationary year) in his judgment to enable that Officer to certify to the professional qualification of the Young Engineer in respect of his military education.

2 Inasmuch as the latter officer has not been permitted to leave the Royal Engineer Establishment for instruction in Field duties at Chatham, until the Director has reported the Officer to have completed the course of professional education comprising the several branches of Sapping

his arrival, has been duly punctual in his attendance at the Central Office, and he has in point of fact completed the usual number of professional exercises which hitherto have enabled me to report our young Engineer officers qualified for employment in the Mofussil.-

7 At present, by the favor of Their Lordships in Council and during the absence of any qualified permanent incumbent whose services could be obtained for so small a staff salary as Rs 137 one hundred and thirty seven 2d Lieut. A. R. Faber is officiating as the personal staff of the Commandant - As this employment offers considerable advantages for acquiring a general knowledge of an Engineers duties and of the public service generally, and more especially offers great facilities for obtaining an acquaintance with the languages of the country, I have the honor to request that the nomination of 2d Lieut Faber to the Probationary grade of the D.P.W. may be allowed to take place without prejudice to his appointment as Actg Asst of Engineers, on the understanding that the incumbent shall use his best endeavours not only to qualify for the permanent office

by passing in Hindustanee for staff but shall further qualify within the prescribed period of one year for the P.W.D. also, by the attainment of the vernacular standard laid down for officers of the Department in the Fort St George Gazette under date the 8th of August 1855.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St George
12 October 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
W. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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I do hereby declare, that having as required in para 2 of Ord: Mem Corps: Roorkee of 28th April 1857, examined 2d Lieut. H.C Baker of Engineers, in his knowledge of Military Engineering by means of written questions testing his professional acquirements, I find him fully qualified for the performance of Military Engineering duties in the field, and eligible therefore for nomination to the Probationary Grade of the D.P.W under the orders of Government above quoted

Fort St George
12th Octr 1857

H. Tulloch Colonel
Commandant of Engrs.

P.W.D
Consig. No. Establishment
Item
No 2034.

The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt
&c. &c. &c.

Dated 12 October 1857
Despd 12 October 1857
Recd: 16th Octr 1857

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith Certificate of Qualification in Military Engineering for Commandant Baker of 2d Lieut. H.C. Bengal Engrs. and to request that he may be nominated to the Office in the minimum Grade of Rs 250 per mensem.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H. Tulloch Colonel
Commandant of Engineers.

No 64.

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Enclosure as to the

From The Chief Engineer

& Secretary to Govt. Bom.

Dated 12th Sept. 1857

Rec'd 15th Sept.

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Certificate of qualification in Hydrographic Engineering by the Court of Directors for 2d Lieuts. H.C. Indian Navy

A. from the Secret. to Govt. under date the 18 October 1857
Read the following letter from the Chief Engr.
Here enter 12 Oct. 57. N. 4412.

In the letter above recorded Lt. G. Engineer applies for the appointment of 2nd Lieut. & Acting Executive Engineer from the 10th August 1857, the date on which he was promoted Lieut. for duty, or Whether prejudice to his

appointment of
acting adjutant
of the corps. Colonel
Baker, at the same
time, forwards
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Military Engineer-
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Commandant to
Lt Baker, in accordance
with the order of Genl
dated the 28. of March
1837. No 807.

No Genl return

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be complied with-

Lt. R. B. Babcock
to command a
Probationary Act.
Executive Engineer
June 8th 1864.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr
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Appointing Second
Lieutenant W. R. Jaby, a
Probationary Assist. Executive
Engr. from this date.