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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th October 1857.

No. 28. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 8th October 1857, No. 4302.

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3. In now again asking for Serjeant McDonnaghs appointment to the D. P. W., I beg to explain that he possesses superior qualifications for the Department. Originally enlisted for the Sappers on the 2nd November 1838, he went through the usual training at Chatham, joined and was for sometime with the Head Quarters of the Sappers and subsequently saw service in Scinde. For misconduct he was remanded to the Artillery, but after approved service in that Corps and promotion to be Karkhana Serjeant, he was appointed an Assistant Overseer in the D. P. W., and employed on that capacity from February 1854, until January 1855, in the District of Bellary, and then transferred to Secunderabad for employment in the Trimulgherry Barracks, early in 1855, he was re-appointed to the Sappers on account of his superior attainments and his excellent character, he was selected for the post of Head Accountant in the Office of the Chief Engineer in the D. P. W. Hyderabad with a salary of Rupees 250 per mensem in which situation he served for one year affording every satisfaction. As a continuance in such post however necessitated his obtaining his discharge from the Army and the consequent forfeiture of the benefits to be derived from his 19 years of Military service he applied for, and on the strong recommendation of the Chief Engineer Hyderabad obtained the situation of Serjeant Major of Engineers.

4. I have the honor to forward Certificates of character and qualifications which he received from Colonel Henderson together with Certificates from the same Officer setting forth his qualifications in Surveying and Civil Engineering which I beg to submit for the favorable consideration of Government in connection with this application.

Extract from General orders by Major General M. BERESFORD, Provincial Commander-in-Chief, 1st February 1856.

The Provincial Commander-in-Chief directs the publication of the names of the undermentioned individuals who have furnished Certificates of qualification in Surveying.

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Quetta for the relief of Noosky in June 1841. Was present at the skirmish in Bolan pass under Major Simmons H. M. 41st Regiment in April 1842. At the capture of Mahomed Shirreef under Major Outram C. B. in the Pisheen Valley in July 1842. At a second skirmish in the Bolan pass under Colonel Marshall, of the Bombay Army in October 1842. Was present throughout the Campaign in Lower Scinde under Major General Sir Charles Napier. At the Capture, and distruction of the Fort of Eman Ghur in the great desert in January 1843.

At the Battle of Meeance on the 17th February 1843.

At the Battle of Hyderabad (Dubba) on the 24th March 1843. At the Capture (surrender) of the Fort of Omerkote on the 4th April 1843.

Serjeant McDonnagh was wounded in the foot by a Matchlock ball at the battle of Hyderabad.

Bellary District, Hospett, 15th January 1843.

(Signed) R. HENDERSON,
Bt. Major Engineers late Commanding Madras Sappers and Miners.

Examination Report of a Candidate for the School Department.

Examiners opinion of qualifications. Subjects.	
Bible History.	Exceeding good.
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General History and Geography of the world.	Good.
History and Geography of India.	Good.
Arithmetic.	As far as Vulgar and Decimal Fractions square and Cube roots.
Writing.	Very good.
Grammar and English composition.	Good.

Acting Karkanah Serjeant John McDonnagh was examined by me on the subjects noted in the margin and passed a very creditable examination his qualification are such as at present fit him for the situation of Schoolmaster Serjeant, but with time to prepare for an examination, which he has not now had, and especially if he could get a few months training in the Madras training Institution (which I should much recommend) he would make a first rate Schoolmaster.

I have known him for the last seven months and believe him to be a man of piety and good temper.

(Signed) A. FENNELL,
Offg. Chaplain Cannanore.

Cannanore, 6th Feb. 1854.

(Signed) M. SNOW, Captain,
Commanding Artly. Cannanore.

I have much pleasure in Certifying that Assistant Overseer John McDonnagh, has been under me as Assistant Overseer in Gooty roads for the last 8 months during which time amidst all the arduous and difficult work in the late famine, I have ever found him most attentive to his work and zealous in all he had to do.

He is a practical Surveyor, and in the many instance which I have had occasion to make use of his services I have found he had a good knowledge of the work, and had he not been removed to the Military Engineers Department at Hyderabad, I should have been most happy to have requested his transfer to the work to which I am posted.

Gooty 2nd January, 1855.

(Signed) W. BISSET, Bt. Major,
Supt. of Gooty Roads.

This is to Certify that Serjeant Major J. McDonnagh was employed under my orders at Hyderabad from December 1854, until 6th July 1857.

His duties until April 1856, were connected with the building of the new Barracks at Trimulgherry when he was transferred temporarily to my office at Bolarum as Head Accountant.

I had every reason to be satisfied with his conduct during the whole of the abovementioned period. He was of great assistance to me in the construction of the Trimulgherry Barracks, and whilst in the Chief Engineer's office at Bolarum, proved himself to be a painstaking and efficient Accountant.

Bolarum, 18th September 1857.

(Signed) R. HENDERSON, Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Engineer Hyderabad.

I have examined Assistant Overseer John McDonnagh and find that he is able to perform Plain Surveying with the Compass, and Levelling, as these processes are described in Lieutenant Foord's notes on Building, &c., and that he has acquired such a general knowledge of all the subjects in that work as to be able to answer intelligently to all queries on the principles upon which materials are prepared and works executed.

Trimulgherry, 31st December 1855.

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He also possesses a good knowledge of Practical Geometry, Plain Trigonometry and Mensuration of Superficies and Solids.

Trimulgherry, 26th February 1856.

(Signed) R. HENDERSON, Lieut.-Col.,
Superintending Engineer H. S. Force.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 1940; dated 15th October 1857.

The Chief Engineer will refer to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 15th September last No. 1752, and if he considers Serjeant Major McDonnagh, more competent than any of the servants of the Department lately discharged, he will then be appointed to fill the vacancy in the grade of Assistant Overseer, caused by the death of Sub Conductor James Loosemore.

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

No. 4302.

Central Office of P.W.
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From The Chief Engineer
To The Secy to Govt PWD
Dated 6th October 1857
Rec'd 9th October 1857

No 1302

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Recommends for reasons stated that the Sergt Major of Engrs & Mr Donnagh be nominated an Assist Overseer & Clerk of Works of Lockmore deceased.

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