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No. 89. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works, dated 20th February 1857, No. 10405.

Read the following papers.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Superintending Engineer Presidency Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 27th January 1857, No. 65.

SIR,

Understanding that the new rules and appointments in the Department of Public Works are to appear in the Gazette this evening, I do myself the honor to request the favor of your informing me if any of my Department have been recommended for promotion, as contemplated by me when I transmitted my last confidential report upon their services and qualifications. Most of the men of my office have been employed for many years and have been found to be thoroughly efficient, and deserving by myself and predecessors, and I must confess that it appears hard that they should be the only ones who have received no advantage or preferment by the new rules. I have several men in my office who have worked zealously and faithfully for Government for years and who are better qualified than most in the Department for the peculiar duties required at Madras and who would make excellent Overseers and Sub Engineers I therefore trust that in the nomination to the Subordinate grades you will take into favorable consideration those employed in my Department and be pleased to favor some of them at least with appointments and promotion, which they so honestly deserve and earnestly hope for.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, in the Department of Public Works, Fort Saint George, under date the 29th January 1857, No. 9861.

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division.

(Here enter No. 65, dated 27th. January 1857.)

Resolved to acquaint the Superintending Engineer Presidency Division that the two Overseers attached to his Department have been nominated Overseers on the strength of the upper Subordinate Establishment of the remodelled Department Public Works. From the establishment of the Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer or other Engineer Officers there have been no nominations whatever, such being considered as purely *office* establishments separately and distinctly authorized irrespective of the classes which form the executive establishments sanctioned by the resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department No. 5500, dated 12th December 1856, communicated to the Government of India in the Department Public Works No. 5963 dated the 19th December. 1856.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. H. ATKINSON, Civil Architect Presidency Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 12th February 1857, No. 117.

SIR,

With reference to your resolution in No. 9861 dated 29th January last upon the subject of the non promotion of any of the Subordinates of my Department in the late list of the appointments in the Public Works; I do myself the honor to bring to your notice again the names of two well qualified men in my Department who I most strongly and earnestly recommend as deserving the consideration of Government, and as worthy of advancement both on account of their former long and faithful services as well as for their present efficiency and zeal in all duties assigned to them.

2. The establishment attached to my Department is not simply an office one but also an Executive, in which very large and extensive works are at all times in progress; and I have had

no one to assist me in supervision and control but my office Establishment most of my people have constantly been in the habit of personally looking after works out of doors, and have been for many years entrusted with the construction of nearly all the principal buildings in Madras, as well as the General management of the work people employed under my orders, and the supervision and expenditure of several lacs of Rupees annualy. They have heretofore borne an unimpeachable character, and for works at Madras both from their professional experience, and local knowledge, would be far more efficient than any new men now appointed in either the upper or lower subordinate grades.

3. I cannot therefore but feel that it is hard so many of my well qualified Subordinates should be passed over for no fault of their own, and superseded by strangers in their own range of usefulness at Madras; and I respectfully trust that when these facts are considered you will be generously pleased to recommend to Government that the omission be rectified on the first favorable opportunity and that my manager Mr. J. C. Fitzgerald and head Estimate maker M. S. Shadagopa Moodeliar may be eventually nominated as Sub Engineers of the 2nd and 3rd Class and to be attached to this Department.

Roll of two of the most deserving men in the Superintending Engineer's Department Presidency Division who are Candidates for permanent employment in the Public Works Department in the grades set opposite their respective names.

Rank and Name.	Age in years.	Service.	Candidate for employment as.	Qualifications.
Manager. J. C. Fitzgerald	34	12	Sub Engineer. 2nd Class.....	Carried on business at Madras on his own account for many years as a stone Mason and Builder; has executed several large works for Government. Manager in Superintending Engineer's Department for the last 6 years. Understands thoroughly the art of building in all its branches viz., that of Mason's Carpenter's, Smith's Stone Mason's, and Painter's works, also Plans and Estimate making. Is well qualified to superintend the control and management of large numbers of work people and is well acquainted with accounts knows English thoroughly as well as three of the Native languages.
Head estimate maker. M. S. Shadagopa..... Moodeliar	36	19	Sub Engineer. 2nd Class.....	Been head Estimate maker for the last 8 years in Superintending Engineer Department, understands thoroughly the art of building in all its branches viz., that of Masons, Carpenter's, Smith's, Stone Masons, and Painters work, also Plan and Estimate making. Is well qualified to superintend the control and management of large numbers of work people. Is a first rate Accountant knows English thoroughly as well as two Native languages.

(Signed) W. H. ATKINSON,

Lieutenant Colonel Civil Architect Presidency Division.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 3rd March 1857.

Resolved to forward to Government copies of the foregoing communication*, and of the Civil Architect's letter No. 65, under date the 27th January last, and of the Chief Engineer's resolution† thereon, and to point out, that the Superintending Engineer and Civil Architect at the Presidency, misunderstood, when submitting his confidential report, the object of the Chief Engineer's Circular,‡ copy of which accompanies.

* From the Civil Architect No. 117 dated 12th February 1857.

† No. 9861, dated 29th January 1857.

‡ No. 8412, dated 27th November 1856.

2. It was not intended to call for a return of office establishments, as such had been separately sanctioned. And whatever service may have been rendered to Government by the Manager and Head Estimate maker of the Superintending Engineer's office, the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle submits, that justly, they have no pretension to the highly paid and important appointments in the Upper Subordinate Establishment, which the Civil Architect claims for them, to the supercession of men who have for years been employed in the onerous duties hitherto required of the Subordinates in the Department Public Works.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,

Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 410; dated 3rd March 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Circular. (Confidential.)
No. 8412.

To,
The
Sir,

Referring to my Circular letter, headed Confidential," No 1917, of the 18th October 1855, I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with a confidential report, for the year 1856, upon each Officer and Subordinate European, East Indian, and Native, including Native Maramut servants employed in the District under your control.—

2 Such report, it is requested, may reach the Central Office not later than the 15th Proximo, and should detail the date of original appointment to the Department, amount of present salary, together with.

1st, General diligence and zeal.
2d, Professional knowledge.
3d Scientific attainments.
4th, Knowledge of local language.
5th, Health and power, and habit of endurance of fatigue and exposure:

and after this general description in words under each of these five heads, you will assign 100 marks to each, and 500 as the aggregate of the five; and you will be pleased to allot to each Officer and Subordinate, such a number as you may consider him, under each head, to be entitled to, as well as on the aggregate 500, which may include other Specialities not included in the particular enumeration:—

3 This Report will be considered as strictly "Confidential", and will not be placed upon the permanent Records of the Central Office. In future, it should be prepared half yearly, and transmitted to the Central Office not later than

than the 15th June, for the first half, and not later than the 15th December, for the latter half of each year.—

Central Office of P. W.,
Fort St. George,
27th November 1856.

A. J. Stuber Colonel,
Chief Engineer.—

N° 10105.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, Fort Saint George, Under date the 20th February 1857.

Read the following Papers

Supt. Engineer's Office

N. 65

From, Lieutenant Colonel W. K. Atkinson,
Supt. Engineer C. D.

To, The Chief-Engineer in the D. of W.
Fort Saint George.

Sir Understanding that the new rules and appointments in the Department of Public Works are to appear in the Gazette this evening. I do myself the honor to request the favor of your informing me if any of my Department have been recommended for promotion, as contemplated by me when I transmitted my last confidential Report upon their services and qualifications. Most of the men of my Office have been employed for many years and have been found to be thoroughly efficient, and deserving by myself and predecessors; and I must confess that it appears hard that they should be the only ones who have received no advantage or preferment by the new rules. I have several men in my Office who have worked zealously and faithfully for Government for years and who are better qualified than most in the Department for the peculiar duties required at Madras and who would make excellent Overseers and Sub Engineers I therefore trust that in the nomination to the Subordinate grades

Enclosure in an Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government

Dated 20th February 1857.
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N. 10105

P. W. 361/57

Copy of a Circular Letter from the Chief Engineer addressed to all District Engineers Superintendents of the Eastern Coast Canal and Superintending Engineer (S.D.) requesting to furnish him with Confidential Reports for the years 1856 preferred Officers, and Lieutenants Captains, Cadets and Native, including Native Assistant Assistants, employed in the Division under their

Grades you will take into favorable consideration those employed in my Department, and be pleased to favor some of them at least with appointments and promotion, which they so honestly deserve and earnestly hope for.

Sup^d. Eng^rs. Office,
Fort Saint George,
27^th. January 1857.

I have &c.
Signed W. H. Atkinson
Lieut. Col^o. Sup^d. Eng^r. P.D.

No 9864

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, Fort St. George
Under date the 29^th. January 1857.

Read the following Letter from the Superintending Engineer P.D.

(Here enter No 65 dated 27^th. January 1857)

Resolved to acquaint the Superintending Engineer P.D. that the two Overseers attached to his Department have been nominated Overseers on the Strength of the Upper Subordinate Establishment of the remodelled D.P.W. From the establishments of the Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer or other Engineer Officers there have been no nominations private, such being considered as purely Office establishments separately and distinctly authorized irrespective of the Classes which form the Executive establishments sanctioned by the Resolution of the Government of India in the Financial Department No 5300 dated the 12^th. December 1856 communicated to the Government of India in the D.P.W. No 5963 dated

dated the 19^th. December 1856.

A True Extract
Signed C.E. Haber, Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Superintending Engineer P.D.

Civil Architect Office.

No 117.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Atkinson,
Civil Architect P.D.

To,
The Chief Engineer in the D.P.W.
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to your Resolution in No 9864 dated 29^th. January last upon the Subject of the non promotion of any of the Subordinates of my Department in the late list of the appointments in the Public Works; I do myself the honor to bring to your notice again the names of two well qualified men in my Department who I most strongly and earnestly recommend as deserving the consideration of Government, and as worthy of advancement both on account of their former long and faithful services as well as for their present efficiency and Zeal in all duties assigned to them.

2 The establishment attached to my Department is not simply an Office one but also an Executive, in which very large and extensive works are at all times in progress; and I have had no one to assist me in Superintendence and control but my Office establishment who of my people have constantly been in the habit of personally look-

after

after works out of hand, and have been for many years entrusted with the construction of nearly all the principal Buildings in Madras, as well as the general Management of the works people employed under my orders, and the supervision and optimation of several cases of Rupees annually. They have heretofore borne an unimpeachable character, and for works as Madras both from their Professional experience, and local knowledge, would be far more efficient than any new men now appointed in either the Upper or Lower subordinate grades.

I cannot therefore but feel that it is hard to many of my well qualified subordinates should be kept over for no fault of their own, and superseded by strangers in their own Manager of Surveyors, and Draftsmen; and I respectfully trust that when their facts are considered, you will be generously pleased to recommend to Government that the omission be rectified on the first Permanent Vacancy and that my Manager Mr. J. C. Fitzgerald may be eventually nominated, and that Engineer of the 2nd and 3rd Class and to be attached to this Department.

Chas. Fyfe
Lieut. R.E. Superintending Engineer

Fort St. George
12th February 1855.

Roll

Roll of two of the most deserving men in the Superintending Engineer's Department Presidency Division who are Candidates for permanent employment in the P. W. D in the grades set opposite their respective Names.

Rank and Name	Age in years	Service	Candidate for employment as	Qualifications
Manager J. C. Fitzgerald	34	12	Sub Engineer 2nd Class	Carried on business at Madras on his own account for many years as a Stone Mason and Builder, has executed several large works for Government. Manager in Superintending Engineer's Department for the last 6 Years. Understands thoroughly the Art of building in all its branches viz. that of Masons Carpenters, Smiths Stone Masons, and Painters works, also Plans and Estimate making. Is well qualified to superintend the control and management of large numbers of work people and is well acquainted with accounts. Knows English thoroughly as well as three of the Native Languages.

Rank and Name	Age in Years	Service	Candidate for employment as	Qualifications
Head Estimate Maker M. S. Shadagopa Moodeliar.	36	19	Sub Engineer 2nd. Class.	Been Head Estimate Maker for the last 8 years in Superintending Engineer Department, understands thoroughly the art of building in all its branches viz: that of Masons, Carpenters, Smiths, Stone Masons, and Painters work, also Plan and Estimate Making. Is well qualified to superintend the control and management of large numbers of work people. Is a first rate Accountant knows English thoroughly as well as two Native languages.

Fort Saint George,
12th. February 1857.

Signed W. H. Atkinson
Lieut. Col. Civil Architect P.W.D.

Resolved,

Ordered to forward to Government Copies of the foregoing Communication, and of the Civil Architect's letter No. 63 dated the 27th January last, and of the Chief Engineer's

*From the Civil Architect No. 11/Q/12. dated 27th January 1857.

Letter from, dated the 2nd February 1857.

Letter from, dated 27th November 1856.

Engineer's Division, Copy of which is accompanied.

2 Head not intended to call for a return of Civil establishment, as such had been separately transmitted. Chief Architect

Civil Architect may have been ordered to Government Engineer's Division

Head Estimate Maker of the Superintending Engineer's Office

the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle submits,

that justly they have no pretension to the highly paid and important appointment in the Upper Subordinate Establishment,

which the Civil Architect claims for them, to the supervision of

men who have for years been employed in the merest duties

subordinate to those of the Subordinate Establishment.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the
Civil Engineer
To the Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Dated 20th February 1857
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Forwarding copies of letters from the Supt Engr and Civil Architect on the subject of promotion to subordinates in his Department and setting forth what services may have been rendered to Government by the two individuals recommended by the Civil Architect - it does not appear that they have any just pretensions to the highly paid and important appointments in the Upper subordinate Establishment which the Civil Architect claims for them.

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