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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 10th March 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 59. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, in the Department of Public Works, dated 2nd January 1857, No. 9262.

Read the following letter from Captain H. W. RAWLINS, 1st Assistant Civil Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 1st January 1857.

SIR,

In reply to your kind communication No. 6723, of the 23rd September last, offering to lay before Government any further remarks, I may wish to make on the subject of my position and prospects, by the antedation of my appointment as a 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer from April 1854, to 13th January 1847, (the day on which I commenced my duties at the Godavery annicut) I have the honor to state, that no Infantry Officer in the Department has been employed on Public Works nearly so long as myself, and that there is no case parallel to my own amongst those Officers.

2. I was specially appointed to the Godavery Works as a Sapper Officer, in command of the Detachment of Sappers detailed for employment there, and both at the Godavery and Kistnah annicuts, my charge was that of a 1st Assistant's, in addition to my more immediate Sapper command.

At both places I voluntarily superintended very large bodies of work people, and had the exclusive charge and responsibility of all the accounts, and had I not performed this duty, some other Assistant must have been detailed in my stead.

3. I joined the Godavery works before even Lieutenant Haig, or any Engineer Officer junior to him, was in the country, and during my ten years active and arduous employment, I have scarcely ever had any leave, and for the first 8 years, only drew 80 Rupees a month additional pay.

4. I do not venture to prefer my application, with a view to any retrospective pecuniary benefit, but merely with the hope that the whole of my past bonâ fide service in the Public Works may be allowed to count, in assigning my position in the new Department.

5. I trust I may not be thought egotistical in appending a copy of some of the very handsome testimonials received from the several officers under whom I have served, during the time I have been employed in the Public Works Department, and that I may not be thought presumptive in respectfully submitting them to your favorable consideration.

Resolved to submit to Government with the support of the Chief Engineer,

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 60. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 4th February 1857, No. 10007.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Official memorandum dated 14th January 1857, requesting me to give a verification of the facts stated by Captain Rawlins in his letter dated 1st January 1857, and to forward the accompanying statement of Captain Rawlins' services since he took command on the 14th January 1847, of the B. Company of Sappers and Miners which was then engaged on the Godavery annicut work.

2. It will be seen that Captain Rawlins' statements are by this document shewn to be correct as to dates; the accompanying copy of a letter from Colonel A. Cotton then Major Cotton and Civil Engineer of the 1st Division* will I believe satisfy Government that, the services per-

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formed by Captain Rawlins fully entitle him to believe that his present request will be complied with.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 430 ; dated 5th March 1857.

In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 20th September 1856, No. 1699, the Chief Engineer was requested to state what would be gained by Captain Rawlins by a compliance with his request to be allowed to count as a 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer the whole time he was employed with the Sappers on the Godavery and Kistnah annicuts, and whether a compliance with his request would necessitate other nominations.

2. The Chief Engineer does not reply to either of the above points, but in para. 1 of his letter of the 1st January to Colonel Faber, Captain Rawlins says that his object is, that the whole of his bonâ fide service should be counted in assigning his position in the new Public Works Department. Captain Rawlins does not solicit any retrospective pecuniary benefit, and the Government observe from para. 2 of his letter of the 2nd September, also to Colonel Faber, that during the time alluded to, he drew the actual allowance of a Second Assistant Civil Engineer.

3. Captain Rawlins has, however, since the date of his application attained his object by his appointment as Officiating Garrison Engineer ; but as he undoubtedly has been arduously and zealously employed in the Department since January 1847, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to direct that he be considered to have rank as Second Assistant Civil Engineer retrospectively from 14th January 1847, the date on which he commenced to do duty with the Sappers and Miners on the Godavery annicut.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

*The Chief Engineer is re-
quested to give his verification
to the facts stated by Capt
Rawlins respecting his services
and their remuneration, if
they are correct.*

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From,
The Civil Engineer of the
1st Division.

To,
The Secretary
of the Board of Revenue D. O. W.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that information has reached me, that orders have been sent from Army Headquarters to the Headquarters of the Sappers, for the removal of Lieutenant Rawlins, and for his being replaced by an Officer recently attached to the Sappers. From the reports which the Board have already received of the progress and present state of the works, the Board will be in some measure able to judge of the terrible effect of removing any Officer from the works at present, but especially the Officer who has had charge of the Quarries, Railways and their apparatus. The substitution for him of one who is totally ignorant of every part of the duties now performed by Lieutenant Rawlins, and who will not, even had he — Lieutenant Rawlins' remarkable qualifications, become fit to supply his place, much before the Annuet is finished, would be so great an obstruction to the works as I cannot fully express to the Board. The order has doubtless been issued in compliance with a general Regulation, —

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intended for ordinary circumstances, but it seems scarcely possible, but that his removal might be deferred rather than most seriously hinder a vast and important public work in such critical circumstances as the Annamut, now is, when with our utmost efforts we shall have no time to spare, to get it into a state of security before the freshes.

I would also most earnestly bring to the notice of the Board the valuable service that Lieutenant Rawlins has been of, since he has been at the works, and recommend him to their favorable consideration. It seems very hard upon an Officer employed upon an extraordinary work of the sort in which he has incurred such trouble, fatigue, and exposure as the Board cannot easily imagine, should be brought under the operation of a regulation for ordinary circumstances. I can safely say that Lieutenant Rawlins has labored night and day for, for as long time we have been working the Quarries and principal Railroad through the whole twenty four hours which could not possibly have been done unless they had been under the charge of an Officer who was willing to be on the works any hour of the day or night, and I had no Officer disposable to help him.

I trust therefore the Board will be able, on Lieutenant Rawlins' own account as well as on that of the work, to obtain permission to remain at least till the Monsoon of forty Nine.

Perhaps should the Military Regulations be insisted on, some arrangement could be made to secure me his services, by appointing him a temporary second Assistant in the Division, though this would only avert half the mischief, as he could not fully perform his present

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duties, unless he had the Command of the Sappers. I would take this opportunity of putting it on record, that if incessant attention to his duties, & zeal which went far beyond any orders I could give, excellent and successful management and the undergoing the most severe fatigue, and exposure in the performance of his duties, can give a man any claim upon the consideration of Government, Lieutenant Rawlins has such a claim.

I have &c

Signed J. A. Cotton, Major,
Civil Engineer 1st Division

Received 26 April 1848.

J. A. True Copy.

Wm. Lister, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

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Statement of services of Captain H. H. Rawlins from 11th January 1847 the Date of his joining the Corps of Sappers & Miners.

	Years	Months
Doing duty with A. Company of Sappers & Miners on the Godavery Annual works from 11 th January 1847 to 31 st December 1850	3	11½
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2 nd Assistant Civil Engineer in a Krishna Division from 18 th April to 17 th July 1854	"	3
2 nd Assistant Civil Engineer 1 st Division under orders of Lieut. O'Connell in Surveying & Levelling in connection with the Summer Tanks &c from 18 th July to 12 th October 1854	"	3
2 nd Assistant Civil Engineer 1 st Division & employed in the Construction of Coonoor Bridge Madras from 13 th October to 1 st December 1854	"	1½
2 nd Assistant Civil Engineer in the 1 st Division and Temporarily employed in the Construction of Groynes from 5 th December 1854 to August 1855	"	9
1 st Assistant Civil Eng ^r 1 st Division & Temporarily employed in the Groynes works in the North Beach from September 1855 to 11 th February 1856	"	5½
Career over	9	1

Passed an examination in Hindustani on the 10th June 1853 also in Surveying & Civil Engineering about 1853.

Enclosed in a letter from the Chief Engineer to the Secretary to Government G.O. No. 4th Dated 11th February 1857
 Copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer 1st Division stating that with reference to the removal order for the removal of Lieutenant Rawlins from the Godavery works strongly represents the injuries & results likely to accrue therefrom and on account of his remarkable qualifications for the duty he is engaged in. recommends the Board retaining him in his present position at the Godavery at least till the end of 1854.

1st Assistant Civil Engineer 1st Division and to
 be Assistant to the Superintending Engineer in the
 Presidency Division from 15th February 1856
 to 31st January 1857

Year	Month
Brought Over	9
"	11 1/2
Total service up to 31 st January 1857	10 1/2

Central Office of P.W.
 Fort Saint George,
 4th February 1857.

Wm. Lister Colman
 Chief Engineer

Memo:

In submitting with his
 Proceedings of 2^d January 1857
 No 262 the application of Captain
 Rawlins, the Chief Engineer having
 omitted to give his verification to
 the facts stated by that Officer
 respecting his services and their
 remuneration he is now requested
 to supply the omission.

Harb. St. George (S. E.) J. D. Boardillon
 14th Jan. 1857 } Secy. to Govt.

To

The Chief Engineer.

Enclosed in a letter from the

Chief Engineer

to the Secretary to Govt. dated

21st Dec.Date 11th

Received

{ 27 January 1857

N. M. D.

17th Dec 1857

Statement of Services of

Captain R. W. Rawlins from

16th January 1857 the date of

his joining the Corps of

Artillery and Engineers.

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To the Chief Engt.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 5th March 1857.

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