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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 40. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel C. GREEN, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq. Acting Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 26th March 1857, No. 2646.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to and favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer Bangalore, together with an original letter from Overseer Serjeant Loosemore of his Department addressed to himself, stating that he (Serjeant Overseer) finds that after a period of 9 years passed in the Madras Department of Public Works his name has not been mentioned in the Permanent establishment as laid down in G. O. page 125.

2. The Acting Superintending Engineer gives as a reason, that he believes Colonel Faber does not consider his Department as belonging to the Madras Department of Public Works as shewn in official connection between them. Consequently Major DeButts presumes that when Colonel Faber prepared the revised establishment to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the name of Overseer Serjeant Loosemore was altogether omitted.

3. Major DeButts bears high testimony of the abilities and qualifications of the Overseer Serjeant, and I have the satisfaction in being able also to record that during the time the Overseer was under my Command, I considered him a zealous, intelligent and trustworthy person, and fully deserving of the promotion Major DeButts seeks for him. I trust therefore that his case may be favorably received by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and that his Lordship will be pleased to promote him to such a grade, as His Lordship deem suitable.

Letter from Major A. DeBUTTS, Acting Superintending Engineer in Mysore; to Lieutenant Colonel C. J. GREEN, Chief Engineer, Mysore, dated Bangalore, 25th March 1857, No. 48.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter addressed to me by Overseer Serjeant Loosemore of this department, regretting that his name has been struck out of the Department of Public Works on the Madras Establishment, and that after 9 years service in that Department, he only receives a Staff salary of Rupees 17-8-0 exclusive of Regimental pay and allowances.

2. I presume that the reason of this Overseer Serjeant's name being omitted in the Permanent Establishment published in G. O. of the 3rd February last, page 125 was that Colonel Faber, Chief Engineer Madras, does not consider this Department as belonging to the Madras D. P. W. nor in fact does it, for though I receive my pay and that of my office establishment, from the Military Paymaster here, I have no Official connection with the Central Office Madras but receive all orders from yourself.

3. The case of this Overseer Serjeant is a peculiar one, as detailed in his letter, and I trust you will have the goodness to bring it before the Right Honorable the Governor with your recommendation. As Overseer Loosemore was under your own immediate command for a period of 20 months, you can state as well as myself that he possesses very superior qualifications. He understands Estimate making, Plan Drawing, and Surveying, and speaks fluently two native languages, and tho roughly understands all his duties.

4. Though it is uncertain how long this Department may continue as at present constituted yet until it is decided under whose control the Military Buildings at this place are to be placed. I trust the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be disposed to view favorably the case of Overseer Serjeant Loosemore and authorize his name being again brought on the Establishment of Madras Department of Public Works and respectfully beg I may be permitted to recommend that he be appointed a supernumerary Assistant Supervisor from the 1st February last, for I am persuaded that had he remained in his old situation, viz. that of Assistant Overseer

in the Salem District, his abilities and qualifications would have been found such as fairly to entitle him to such a grade.

5. Perhaps I ought to mention that though Overseer Serjeant Loosemore has no independent charge because it is impossible that he can have such when all the works are under my own immediate Superintendence, yet he fills under me a very arduous and responsible situation. He has the entire charge of my work yard, where I have often 60 or 70 Carpenters daily at work besides Sawyers and Smiths. That he measures and keeps an account of the Timber expended which is no easy matter to prevent loss from wastage, besides attending daily on the Public Works, mustering the work people, &c. &c.

Letter from Overseer Serjeant J. LOOSEMORE, Superintending Engineers Department, Mysore; to Major A. DEBUTTS, Acting Superintending Engineer Mysore, dated Bangalore, 24th March 1857.

SIR,

I observe with much regret, that by the Nominal Roll composing the Permanent Establishment of the Madras D. P. W. published in G. O. by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, dated 3rd February 1857, page 125, my name, is not only omitted; but that there is now no such appointment as that, I am holding with a Staff salary of Rupees 17½ per mensem, exclusive of pay and allowances.

I beg respectfully to state, that I have been in the D. P. W. nearly 9 years, and have always given satisfaction to the Engineer Officers under whom I have served. When on duty as Assistant Overseer in the Salem District, I was compelled, a second time, to apply for leave of absence, in consequence of a severe fever, caught in the execution of my duty, and was recommended by my Medical Officer, to proceed to this place. During the time I was here, the Overseer Serjeant of this Department died, and my health being then pretty well, though not sufficiently established to return to the low country, I applied for the situation, and obtained it though the salary was very much inferior to what I had been receiving as Assistant Overseer, but I never contemplated, I was thereby excluding myself from my promotion in the D. P. W.

By the Roll above alluded to, I observe that men, who are my Juniors in the Department have been promoted Assistant Supervisors and Overseers. I am quite willing to leave you to state to higher authorites, what you know of my abilities, and qualifications and I feel satisfied, my case only requires to be brought to the notice of Government, to place me in my proper position, in the D. P. W. which I trust you will have the kindness to do.

I have delayed troubling you with this communication, as I am aware that in the Nominal Roll, that was called for by the Supreme Government, you were kind enough to make favorable mention of me for a higher grade; but from the length of time that has elapsed, since that was submitted, I fear my prospect of promotion by the Supreme Government is small, and being altogether overlooked by the Government of Madras, will I humbly trust, plead my excuse in laying my case before you.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, No. 674; dated 9th April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who is requested to report on Serjeant Overseer Loosemore's claim to be included in the establishment of the Public Works Department. Colonel Faber will at the same time endeavour to ascertain why the Superintending Engineer in Mysore should not be willing to retain a subordinate of whom such favorable mention is made.

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

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Mysore Public Works Depm.
Central Office.

From
Lieutenant Colonel C. Greew
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. Dpt.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for submission to and favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council copy of a letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer Bangalore together with an original letter from Overseer Serjeant Loosemore of his Department addressed to himself stating that he (Serjeant Overseer) finds that after a period of 9 years passed in the Madras Department of Public Works his name has not been mentioned in the Permanent Establishment as laid down in G. O. Page 125.—

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2. The Acting Superintending Engineer gives as a reason, that he believes Colonel Faber does not considers his Department as belonging to the Madras Department of Public Works as therein in official connection between them. Consequently Major De Butts presumes that when Colonel Faber prepared the Revised Establishment to be laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the name of Overseer Sergeant Cosemore was altogether omitted.—

3. Major De Butts bears high testimony of the abilities and qualifications of the Overseer Sergeant, and I have the satisfaction in being able also to record that during the time the Overseer was under my command, I considered him a zealous intelligent and trustworthy person, and fully deserving of the promotion Major De Butts seeks for him. I trust therefore that his case may be favorably received by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

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Bangalore
26th March
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From.

Overseer Sergeant
J. Loosemore
Sup.r Eng.rs Dep.t
Mysore.

To. Major [illegible] Butts
Asst. Sup.r Eng.rs
Mysore.

Dated 24th March 1857
Rec.d [illegible]

Stating that his name has been omitted in the Establishment of the Madras P.W.D. though he has been in that Dep.t nearly 9 years, and begging his case to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government, with the recommendation of the A.S. Sup.r Eng.r Mysore, for such a rank in the P.W.D. as may be deemed suitable for his abilities, & qualifications.

Public Works 1857 Depos.te
Dto Covr 21st April
No. 638

From.

Lieut.t Col.l Greenhow
Chief Engineer

To. The Secretary
to Government
P.W.D.
Fort St. George

Dated 26th March/57.
Rec.d 30th —
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Forwards copy of a letter from the A.S. Sup.r Engineer and its enclosure from his Overseer Serjt. V soliciting that the claims of the latter may be received favorably.....
No. 674 & returns the order

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Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer who is requested to report on Serjeant Overseer Loosemore's claim to be included in the Establishment of the Public Works Department. ~~and to provide for~~ ~~if he should be considered entitled to, immediately~~ ~~vacancy~~. Colonel Fabre will at the same time explain the reason to ascertain why the superintending Engineer in Mysore should not be willing to retain a subordinate of such favorable mention is made.

Fort St. George
9th April 1857
Copies to the Chief Engr & A.S.E. Mysore

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