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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
Cons. 21-4-57

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

No. 155. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th March 1857, No. 10984.

Read again letter from District Engineer of Chingleput, tendering the resignation of 1st Class Sub Overseer, Bugler I. A. DAMMERMOTH.

(Here enter No. 211, dated 27th February 1857.)

The Chief Engineer having now been personally informed, that Bugler Dammermoth has tendered his resignation on no less than three previous occasions, is clearly of opinion that he should be relieved of his present employment without delay; and as His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to place the "services of Private W. Loftus at the disposal of the Chief Engineer, for employment as an Assistant Overseer," Resolved, that pending the preparation of a revised list of upper subordinates, in which the former Assistant Revenue Surveyor will be recommended for re-employment as an Assistant Overseer, as indicated in G. O. C. C. of the 14th Instant, the District Engineer of Chingleput be authorized to supply the place of 1st Class Sub Overseer Dammermoth, by the nomination of Private W. Loftus, who will be directed to report himself to Lieutenant A. Moberly at Guindy for orders without delay.

2. The date on which Private Loftus joins the District to be reported as usual.

3. Resolved, also to forward a copy of these Proceedings for the favorable consideration of Government, and for confirmation of Mr. Loftus's appointment as 1st Class Overseer (third grade) as a temporary measure to supply the place of Bugler Dammermoth, whose repeated applications to resign unfit him for further useful employment in the Department Public Works. The high professional qualifications and previously unblemished reputation of Mr. Loftus will be specially brought forward hereafter in recommending his appointment to the junior grade of the upper subordinate Establishment, and when the revised list of that branch is submitted for the approval of Government.

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

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, No. 731; dated 21st April 1857.

From the above Proceedings, the Government learn that 1st Class Sub Overseer, Bugler Dammermoth, who was only so recently as the 22nd May last, admitted into the Public Works Department, has already three times previously tendered his resignation, and that he now does so again. There is nothing on the Government records to shew that Bugler Dammermoth has so frequently offered to resign his appointment, as the Chief Engineer now reports; but as it would appear from this report, that he is desirous of relinquishing his situation in the Department, his resignation will be accepted. Colonel Faber recommends the nomination in his stead of Private Loftus of the First Madras Fusiliers. In consideration of the strong testimony to his abilities and past usefulness in the Public Works Department, and the report on his late conduct by the Officer Commanding the Fusiliers, the Governor in Council authorizes the employment of Private Loftus as a first class Sub Overseer in Chingleput, in succession to Bugler Dammermoth; but he must observe that the mode in which the Chief Engineer obtained the services of Private Loftus from the Military Department, was irregular; and is to be excused only on account of the pressing nature of the case, arising from the fact of the Fusiliers being about to embark on foreign service.

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

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No explanation could be afforded in the Central

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Office, and an official
 communication was addressed
 to the Adjutant General of
 it in the same subject.
 It is desired that it be
 referred to the Adjutant General
 and that he be directed to have
 the papers in the subject
 of the Adjutant General regarding
 the employment of Private
 Loftis are requested.

Ed

I have heard - that Loftis is an able
 man - of great use in the Dept. A. G.

The only reason for the course adopted
 by the Adj. Gen. was the peevish nature
 of the case - as the facilities were not
 there.

There is nothing to show, but
 Major Sumnerston has suggested
 to the Adj. Gen. - if he has - I would suggest
 to Loftis replacing him temporarily.

I hear from all I have heard that
 he is a case - which deserves some
 little money.

I enclose \$100
 to the Adj. Gen.

N^o 731

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 2th April 1857.

I read the following
Ex. from the Progs. of the
Chief Engineer.

/Here enter 17 March 1857.
N^o 10984/

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1st Class Sub Overseer, Angler
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show that Angler Sammermoth
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about to embark on foreign ser-
vice.

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr
Distt. Engr
3 - Military Dept

St. Thome Monday 4th March 1857.
My dear General,
Your Excellency's wonderfully tena-
cious memory will readily recall the case of
Revenue Surveyor Loftus Sergeant Gappers and minor,
and now Private Fusiliers by virtue of sentence of a
District Court Martial confirmed 3rd September 1856?
I took the liberty of sending Loftus's own statement
of the occurrence of that fatal night or rather morning;
and then it was that you had the great kindness to
declare that out of consideration for the strong testimonials,
assurances, and applications in his behalf from the
General Officers he has served under Departmentally, your
Excellency would no longer oppose his re-employment
provided he should come unharmed, or without default-
ing out of an period of six months with the Regiment.

This probationary period expired on the
5th Instant and I applied to Stevenson on Saturday
for Loftus's character and learnt that he had not
once found his way into the defaulters books, nor
been punished in any way.

Your Excellency knows how unusually
high professional qualifications Loftus has, and how
little we can afford to lose him and them. My object
in introducing direct (caused by the Regiment being under
orders

propos for Foreign Service / is to request that you
will be pleased to let Woods replace Loftus at
the Chief Engineer's disposal in B.O.C.B. at as early
a moment as may be convenient.

I must add however that the man's
penalties will still be great, and that instead of
being a Supervisor or even a Sub Engineer on 200 or
250 Rupees per mensem, he will have to rejoin as
only an Assistant Overseer on Rupees 70 per mensem
a month.

Trusting you will pardon the intrusion,
I remain your Excellency's much obliged servant

Signed / Edward Faber

To His Excellency
Sir P. Grant R.C.B.
Comd. in Chief.

No 124

The Assistant General of the Army
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 1374
of the 9th Instant, I have the honor to
state that since Private William Loftus
joined the Regiment under my Command
his

his Character has been good.

Fort Saint George
14th March 1857

I have &c
Signed / D. H. Stevenson Bt. Col.
Comd. 1st Madras Fusiliers

/ True Copies /

McCordell Lt. Col.
Assistant General
of the Army

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From

No. 333.

The Adjutant General of the Army
To The Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir

I have the honor, by order of the
Commander in Chief, in acknowledging your Memo-
randum of the 27th Instant, to forward copy of a
note addressed by Colonel Fisher to the Commander
in Chief, as also copy of letter from Officer Com-
manding 1st Fusiliers.

I am directed to explain that on making
the services of Private Loftus available for em-
ployment in the Department Public Works without
previous reference to Government it was concluded
that the Chief Engineer Department Public Works
would obtain the requisite sanction.

Adjutant General's Office
Fort Smith, George
3rd April 1856

I have the honor to be
Your most Obedt Servt
Wm. D. Little
Adjutant General
of the Army

Wm D Little

Publicity Dispatch

No 643

From the Hon. Secy. of the Army
to the Secretary of the War

October 21st
Recd. Oct 23rd April 1833.

My dear Sir

I forwarded copy of a note
addressed by General Taylor to the
Genl. in the past also copy of
letter from Genl. Perry, in relation
and stated that in making the
service of Smith's report would
be for improvement in the 3rd M.
without previous reference to
Genl. It was concluded that the
Genl. would be able to obtain
the necessary sanction

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons 244 April

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Extract Minis. of Cons.
Of 244 April 1857

Accepting of 1st Class
Sub Overseer Bugler Daminero's
resignation of his appoint-
ment in the S. H. D., and
appointing in his stead Prince
Lalith, of the 1st Madras
Musicians.

No 155 & 156.