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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 87. Read the following letter from Major J. J. LOSH, Military Auditor General; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 23rd June 1857, C.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from the Minutes of Consul-

tation under date the 11th Instant No. 1121, and, as therein directed, to report that I have been able to discover only the six cases mentioned in the margin* of the transfer of Carnatic Ordnance Artificers to the Town Major's list:

* G. O. C. C. 18th July 1849.—With the sanction of Government, Artificer William Gage is transferred to the effective Supernumeraries as private promoted to Serjeant and appointed a Staff Serjeant in the Commissariat Department.
† O. C. C. 13th August 1855.—With the sanction of Government, Thomas Edmonds of the Ordnance Artificer Company Overseer in the Department Public Works is transferred to the effective Supernumeraries as private and promoted to Serjeant.
‡ O. C. C. 1st November 1855.—Serjeant Instructor T. W. Skinner of the Ordnance Artificer Company, is transferred to the effective Supernumeraries as Serjeant and appointed Store Serjeant to the Gun Carriage Manufactory.
§ O. C. C. 9th June 1856.—Serjeant Instructors A. Peters and J. Hayes transferred to effective Supernumeraries and appointed Store Serjeants to the Gun Carriage Manufactory.
Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd February 1857, No. 680.—Artificer *W. Hamilton transferred from the Madras to the Bengal Presidency in the grade of Corporal of Infantry.

2. Of these six cases it will be observed that in only one was the Artificer so transferred employed in the Public Works Department of this Presidency. In another the Artificer was permanently removed from the Madras to the Bengal Presidency, and in three others the Artificers transferred continue to be employed in the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and if removed from their Rank of Store Serjeants, would doubtless be remanded to their former grade of Artificers.

3. Under the above circumstances it can scarcely be admitted that the transfer to the Town Major's list of all Artificers permanently employed in the Department of Public Works is the invariable practice followed in this Presidency. In Bengal and Bombay there are no grades corresponding with the Carnatic Ordnance Artificers.

4. The transfer of Carnatic Ordnance Artificers permanently employed in the Public Works Department, proposed by the Military Board in 1856, was approved† by Government, whose final orders respecting the arrangement, (the objections to which were fully detailed in a report from this Department, dated 11th March 1856, A,) have not, it is believed, yet been issued.

† Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Works Department, 2nd April 1856, No. 2197. Extract Minutes of Consultation, Military Department, 2nd May 1856, No. 1026.

5. The principal objection to the plan seems to be the difficulty of disposing of such Artificers as, though intended to be permanently transferred to the Public Works Department, may be found unfit for such employment from incapacity or misconduct. In the other Presidencies it is believed, and, with the above mentioned exceptions, in this Presidency, effective Supernumeraries are all enlisted and trained Soldiers, who on removal from the Town Major's list revert to the performance of Regimental duty for which they are qualified. Carnatic Ordnance Artificers could not be so disposed of, and must, it is presumed, return to their Company, most probably as Supernumeraries.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, No. 1351; dated 14th July 1857.

On the 15th May last, the Government declared that as a rule, Ordnance Artificers engaged in the Public Works Department, in common with all other Military men similarly employed, should draw Military pay and allowances in addition to their Civil salary. With reference to this order, the Inspector General of Ordnance represented in his Proceedings of the 21st Idem, that Government had made an omission in not prescribing that all Artificers permanently employed in the Public Works Department, were to be transferred to the Town Major's list, a practice, he said, invariably followed in this Presidency and in Bengal; and he hoped that Government would not relieve the Public Works Department of charges and cause the outlay to be thrown on the already overburdened Ordnance service. This question having been referred for consideration in the Public Works Department, the Military Auditor General was called upon to

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explain the practice in regard to the Town Major's list, and whether the Ordnance Department could be relieved from any portion of the Military salary of the Ordnance Artificers debitable to the Ordnance Department. The latter question the Military Auditor General has wholly ignored; and in his letter of the 23rd June, recorded above, he confines his reply to the former question, viz., as to the practice in regard to the Town Major's list, simply to the case of men of the Artificer Corps; whereas the object of Government was to elicit an explanation as to the practice in general; its object, and its results as affecting the men and the mode of debiting their salaries. From the report, the Government however learn that it has not been the practice in Madras, to transfer to the Town Major's list, Artificers employed in the Public Works Department, or even elsewhere.

2. There are only two points on this subject which call for notice or orders in the Public Works Department. The one is, that as under the orders of the Government of India, it has been decided that all Military persons employed in the Public Works Department shall, in addition to Civil salary, draw Military pay and allowances, the Government in their recent Extract Minutes Consultation of the 15th May, rightly declared that Ordnance Artificers obtaining employment in the Public Works Department are equally with other Military men, entitled to draw Military allowances in addition to their Civil remuneration. The other point is, that Rule 3, of the Public Works Notification of the 27th January last, provides that the Military pay and allowances of a Military man employed in the Public Works Department, shall be debited to the Public Works accounts of this Presidency, with the exception of his pay proper, which under that provision, it must be concluded, forms a Military charge. This rule must be carried out in its integrity in all cases; and accordingly, the pay proper of an Ordnance Artificer employed in the Engineer Department is to be considered a Military charge, and cannot be debited to the Public Works Department.

3. The question of transfer to the Town Major's list, and as to what Department of the Military Service the pay proper of an Ordnance Artificer employed in the Public Works Department is to be debited, will be considered in the Military Department, to which the report of the Military Auditor General above recorded will be communicated.

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

Military Auditor General's Office,
Fort St. George, 23rd June 1857.

From,
The Military Auditor General,
To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of Extract from the Minutes

G.O.C.C. 18 July 1849—With the sanction of Government of Consultation
Artificer William Edge is transferred
to the Effective Supernumeraries as Private and date the
promoted to Sergeant and appointed a Staff Assistant No 1121,
Sergeant in the Commissariat Department—

G.O.C.C. 13 August 1855—With the sanction of Government and, as therein
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G.O.C.C. 1 November 1855—Sergeant Instructor J. W.
Shinner of the Ordnance Artificer
Company is transferred to the Effective
Supernumeraries as Sergeant and appointed Staff Sergeant to the
Gun Carriage Manufacturer— margin of the

G.O.C.C. 9 June 1856—Sergeant Instructor J. W. D. S.
Hay is transferred to Effective Supernumeraries
and appointed Staff Sergeant to the Gun Carriage Manufacturer— transfer of Carriage
Artificers to the

G.O.C.C. 11 Feb. 1857—Artificer W. Hamilton transferred from the Madras to the Bengal Army in the
grade of Corporal of Infantry—
Town Major's List—

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3. Under the above circumstances it can scarcely be admitted that the transfer to the Town Major's List of all Artificers permanently employed in the Department of Public Works is the invariable practice followed in this Presidency. In Bengal and Bombay there are no grades corresponding with the Carnatic Ordnance Artificers—

4. The transfer of Carnatic Ordnance Artificers permanently employed in the Public Works Department, proposed by the Military Board in 1856, was approved by Government, whose special Orders respecting the arrangement (the objections to which were fully detailed in a report from this Department dated 11th March 1856) I have not, it is believed, yet been issued—

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5. The principal objection to the plan seems to be the difficulty of disposing of such Artificers as, though intended to be permanently transferred to the Public Works Department, may be found unfit for such employment from incapacity or misconduct. In the other Presidencies it is believed, and, with the above mentioned exceptions, in this Presidency, Effective Supernumeraries are all enlisted and trained Soldiers, who on removal from the Town Major's List revert to the performance of Regimental duty for which they are qualified. Carnatic Ordnance Artificers could not be so disposed of, and must, it is presumed, return to their Company, most probably as Supernumeraries—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

J. J. Loh, Mayor,
Military Auditor General.

No 351

Under date Nov. 2nd 1857

(Klause an der 23^{ten} Juni 57 6)

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O. J. P. D. 1837

Mr. My Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

Dear Sir,

Adelphi
June 24th
June 1837

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already overburdened Ordnance
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referred for consideration in the
Public Works Dept, the Military
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corded above, he confines his reply
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entitled to draw military allow-
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that Rule 3 of the P. W. Notifica-
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vides that the military pay and
allowances of a military man
employed in the P. W. D shall be
debited to the Public ^{Works} Accounts of
this Presidency, with the exception
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the Military Dept, to which the
report of the Military Audit Genl
above recorded will be commu-
nicated. RZ

Copy to the Navy Dept
with copy of the letter
to Mr. Audr Genl.

27 July 1810

To the Military
Department
in Dept of P.W. &

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Lieut. H. P. Davis
Quar. July.

No. 1357.

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Michael Collins of Conn:
Jy 14th July/57.

Deciding that the
question of transfer to the
Lower Proprs. List as being
what Dept. of the Mil. Des.
:- was the proper basis of an
advance Application, I
cleared in the 24th, 25th &
the detailed will be con-
sidered in the Mil. Dept.
to which the Report of
the Mil. Audi. Com. of
the 23d June will be
submitted. -

No 87 + 88.