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No. 61. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st May 1857, No. 18.

SIR,

1. In pursuance of the orders contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 6th Ultimo, I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the appointments respectively, of Sergeant Eaton, and Corporal Palmer of the Sappers and Miners, now employed under the orders of the Chief Engineer of Hyderabad at the Trimulgherry new Barracks, to be Assistant Supervisor, and Overseer to fill the existing vacancies created by para. 3 Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 787 of the 25th April 1857.

2. It is quite true, that these positions are less elevated than are claimed by the parties now respectfully recommended for nomination; but not only will an actual status in a permanent Department be thus secured, but some not inconsiderable increase will accrue to their pecuniary receipts.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Henderson C. B., has reported, that both Messrs. Eaton, and Palmer, are compelled by the nature of their present duties, to maintain a full marching Establishment, and therefore, if His Lordship in Council should be pleased to confer upon those zealous subordinates the two existing vacancies, Sergeant Eaton, instead of being restricted to Rupees 146, and Corporal Palmer to Rupees 85, would respectively receive as an Assistant Supervisor, and as an Overseer in the new Department Public Works, the following amounts viz.

Sergeant Eaton as Assistant Supervisor.	Rs.	A.	P.
Assistant Supervisors Departmental pay	100	0	0
Sergeants' Regimental pay	26	7	4
Marching allowance under Clause VI para. 5, G. O. G. 3rd February 1857, at 2 Rs.	60	0	0
Grand total	186	7	4
Deduct present pay	146	0	0
Net Increase	40	7	4

Corporal Palmer as Overseer.	Rs.	A.	P.
Overseers Departmental pay	85	0	0
Corporals Regimental pay	21	15	0
Marching allowance at 1-8 per diem	45	0	0
Grand total	151	15	0
Deduct present pay	85	0	0
Net Increase	66	15	0

4. It appears to me however, that if the foregoing appointments be made, the newly elected Assistant Supervisor and Overseer can no longer be retained at the disposal of the Chief Engineer at Hyderabad. The list of the "Upper Subordinate Establishment," particularly in its higher grades, is far too weak to admit of the withdrawal of two highly paid, experienced and useful professional men for duties never contemplated when that list was prepared and regard being had to the want which the District Engineer of Coimbatore cannot but feel, by losing the services (however deteriorated by the vice now so severely punished) of Assistant Supervisor Gilbank, and Overseer Church, I am quite unable to recommend that their successors shall be employed in a field of great usefulness to Government undeniably, but not in a manner contributing in any degree to the practical efficiency of the Department of which they have claimed to be members.

5. The whole of the operations at Trimulgherry are under the sole orders of His Lordship in Council and as the Superintending or Executive Officer has still at command the large authorized Superintendence Estimate of which copy was sent with my despatch No. 11879 of the 20th Ultimo, Government may perhaps concur in the opinion I have respectfully to submit, that after almost three years of prosecution of those vast new Military buildings at Trimulgherry, the time has now arrived, when the services of two highly skilled Europeans can be safely dispensed with, so that men whose doubtless just claims to consideration the Chief Engineer in Hydrabad has so strongly advocated, may be employed on those specific duties, for the performance of which, they are about to receive such liberal payment.

6. In favor of the views thus put forth, it cannot I think but be admitted, that in the highly effective executive system which has now become fully developed at Trimulgherry in the

execution of a series of works which whether as regards dimensions, spaciousness, workmanship, or excellence of materials, have never yet had (to probably never will have) a parallel in any Military Cantonment, there is by this time a thorough understanding of all the requisite routine and the existence of a class of highly skilled native operatives and Artificers, quite independent so to speak of the continued presence (indispensable at first) of Sergeant Eaton, and Corporal Palmer. Amply supplied as Lieutenant Colonel Henderson is with funds for the purpose, doubtless he can readily Command the services of men in the 3rd Europeans who can meet the comparatively inferior requirements of all that is now wanted, and after very careful consideration of a subject that my personal local experience gives me advantages in forming a correct opinion upon, I have arrived at the opinion, as well on general grounds, as for Departmental reasons, that if, in pursuance of the intention recorded in the Resolution No. 632 of the 6th Ultimo, Sergeant Eaton and Corporal Palmer be admitted in the list of the "Upper Subordinate Establishment," they should at once be directed to re-cross the Frontier in view to employment in the Provinces where their services are greatly needed, and especially in Cuddapah, and Bellary.

7. Any further opportunity of improving the position of both Sergeant Eaton, and Corporal Palmer, will be duly brought forward for the favorable consideration of His Lordship in Council.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, No. 1039; dated 1st June 1857.

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

For Orders.

Public Works' Department No 887.

From the Chief Engineer 1st May 1857.

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Appointt. of Serjeant
Eaton & Overseer Palmer.

Pay & Allowance Letters

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No 18 Central Office of R.W.
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Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office Secy
Fort St George
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& the Secretary & Government
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No 18

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Fort St George
2d June 1857

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