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## Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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| Dated | 29-7- | 1857 |

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## *Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 4th August 1857.*

No. 3. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 26th June 1857, No. 1564.

SIR,

In a letter No. 12315, dated 7th April last, the District Engineer of Tanjore was called upon for a report on the qualifications of the Officers, and Upper Subordinates in his District.

Lieutenant Georges of the 30th N. I. not qualified for the performance of his duties.

2. The report on Lieutenant Georges extracted from the District Engineer's reply dated the 18th April, is as follows.

" Lieutenant Georges I am sorry to say is careless, and has not the knowledge of irrigation " works that might be expected of him from the time he has been in the Department. In my " opinion he is not competent for so important a charge as will devolve upon an Executive " Officer in the Tanjore District, comprising generally, Channels irrigation, Drainage, and the " careful Superintendence of River embankments."

3. The District Engineer's letter was forwarded with Extract from Proceedings No. 243, dated 12th May, for the opinion of Major Lawford, and that Officer in his reply No. 134, of the 21st Idem, in noticing that he was not able to form an opinion of Lieutenant George's qualifications, as none of his Proceedings had come under his observation, remarked that he did not think Lieutenant Georges had had any previous experience in the duties to be executed by him, and that he considered Major Birdwood's opinion of his want of knowledge a sufficient reason for his removal from the Tanjore District.

4. Major Lawford being unable to confirm Major Birdwood's statement the latter Officer was again called upon in Extract from Proceedings No 1062, dated the 10th Instant, for a further report on Lieutenant Georges ; sufficient time having elapsed to enable him to decide more fully on the extent of his qualifications, and business habits.

5. The further report as given in a letter dated 13th Instant, from Major Birdwood, is as follows.

" My further experience of Lieutenant Georges enables me to state that he has improved " considerably in diligence ; careless he seems naturally to be and remains so, with regard to his " incompetency for the important charge that will devolve upon him I have no reason to alter " my first impression."

6. Lieutenant Georges having thus been declared incompetent for the performance of his duties, and no hope being entertained of his better qualifying himself, I have the honor to recommend his immediate removal from the Department.

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No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1165 ; dated 29th July 1857.

The Government observe that Lieutenant Georges was under date the 18th Instant, ordered to join his Corps.

2. If again allowed to join the Public Works Department, it will be the Chief Engineer's duty to attach Lieutenant Georges to some District requiring a smaller extent of professional attainments, than are needed in Tanjore, and the Government hope that the improvement in his habits of industry already reported by the District Engineer, will soon be apparent in all those requirements which, as Lieutenant Georges is aware, go to form the character of an efficient Officer in the Public Works Department.

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

Central Office
Fort St. George
26th June 1867.

No. 1564.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Sir,

General

Lieut. Burgess of the 30th N.I. not qualified for the performance of his duties.

I have the

I Letter from Supt. Engrs. circ. No. 1134 dated 21/5/67.

I Letter from Ag. Supt. Tanjore dated 15th June /67

In a letter No. 1215, dated 7th April last, the District Engineer of Tanjore was called upon for a Report on the qualifications of the Officers, and Upper Subordinates in the District.

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4. Major Lawford being unable to concur in Major Birdwood's statement that the latter Officer was again called upon in Extract from Proceedings No 1162 dated the 18th instant for a further Report on Lieut Georges sufficient time having elapsed to enable him to decide more fully on the extent of his qualifications and business habits.

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Fort St George
26 June 1857

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Sir,
Your most obt Servt
W Hyde Ewart Lt Col
Offg Sec. to Govt
Mily Dept

A H Farquhar Col
Chief Engineer

allowed

Public Works Dept

No 1465

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date 19th 29th June 1857.—

Read the following letter from the Chief

Engineer.

Toronto 26th June 1857

No 15641

Re Government

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under date the

16th inst, or-

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Lic corps.

Public Works, 1857 Dept.

Registered 4th Augt. 1857

No 1283

Chief Engineer

Copy

Public Works Dept

Toronto 29th June 1857

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Report from Lieut Colonel Lysons, Assistant Inspector General of Fortifications, on the Reserve at Rockland, and to request that you will be pleased to submit the same for the consideration of the Executive Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

W. Hy Bartley

Chief Engineer

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The Provincial Secretary

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J Copy to the Chief Engr Coast Divn
with J Ltr

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do to Jan 4. Engr.

No 1465.

Extract Minis of Cons.
Dy 29. July/57.

Observing that Lieutenant Georges was ordered to join his Corps on the 18th July 1857 and it again allowed to join the P.W. Dept. directing the Chief Engr. to attach Lieut. Georges to some Distt. requiring a smaller extent of Professional attainments than are needed in Canada.

No 344.



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