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

No. 62. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 3rd July 1857, 1747.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

Forwards copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners regarding the removal of the Survey Instructor and Conductor of the Sappers from Head Quarters consequent on their promotion in the D. P. W. Requests to be informed whether any remedy can be proposed for the inconvenience brought to notice. } (Here enter 25th June 1857, No. 3303.)

The Chief Engineer D. P. W., not feeling at liberty to make direct to Army Head Quarters, any suggestions on the subject of the foregoing letter No. 3303, dated 25th Instant, from the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army ; resolves, to forward a copy of the same, and of its enclosure from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, for the orders of Government, and in doing so, to point out, that Deputy Assistant Commissary Ryan, and Conductor Kennedy, if placed on the permanent strength of the Public Works Department as Supernumerary Overseers, might be permitted by Government to do duty with the Sappers and Miners.

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

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 1494; dated 3rd August 1857.

The Chief Engineer is referred to the order of Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 13th July No. 2272 communicated to him under date the 28th Ultimo, No. 1452, permitting Deputy Commissary Ryan and Conductor Kennedy to remain with the Sappers.

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

No 3303

To The Chief Engineer
Department Public Works.

Sir.

I am forwarding the accompanying letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners dated the 17th Instant No 216, I have the honor by Order of the Commander of the Forces, to request you will be good enough to state at an early date, whether you can propose any remedy for the inconveniences brought to notice.

Regarding the removal of the Sandy Foreshore and Conductors of the Sappers from the Barracks, the Lords consent on this point was given on the 26th ultimo of Public Works Magazine to be removed.

Adjt Genls Office
Fort St George
25th June 1837.

I have &c.
Lt. Col. P. S. Cobbs Major
Dy. Adjt Genl of the Army

No 216

To The Adjutant General
of the Army.
Fort St George

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, a copy of a letter received from the Adjutant of Engineers.

I &c.

Public Department. Ult

"With the view of affording Military promotion to deserving Non-Commissioned Officers employed in the Department, and of supplying a Staff of warrant Officers for service in the field with Engineer parties, the following Establishment will be filled up by promotion from Sergeants employed in the D.P. Works. The Individuals so promoted continuing in the Public Works Establishment, and performing their departmental duties, except when required for field service."

From this rule you will perceive, that all warrant Officers must take up appointments in the Department Public Works that being the condition on which they get their Warrants. I am therefore directed to request that you will lose no time in recommending the two following for employment in the D.P. Works.

P. Ryan — Conductor of Sappers.
H. Kennedy — Instructor in the Survey School Head Quarters Sappers and Miners.

as it will be necessary that Sergeant Major Enright should join the Department Public Works, in order to hold his warrant as Sub Conductor.

I am

Commanding Royal Engineers Office
No 101.

The Officer Commanding
Sappers and Miners

Sir.

I am directed, to call your attention to the rule, in consequence of which, the appointments to Deputy Commissary ships, Assistant Commissary ships, (Deputy) Assistant Commissary ships, Conductor ships, and Sub Conductor ships were made, and published in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 26th May 1837.

The rule is No 4, in Page 11 of the Standard Copy of Extract Minutes of Consultation under date 11th February 1837, which is as follows.

genius to secure the utmost economy and good example for the Young Non-Commissioned Officers, who are destined to fill such important situations in the Public Works Establishment, where so much Economy & Skill are essential.

Dum Dum
1st June 1837.

I have &c
Lieut Colonel
& Commanding Royal Engineers

P.S. I forward this letter direct, as the case seems to demand immediate attention.

In my letter No 123 of 24 March, I particularly brought to notice the impossibility of procuring good men for the Sapper Staff Sergeants, on account of the very superior positions they would occupy in the Department Public Works.

At that time however, I had the comfort of feeling that two respectable individuals, the Instructor of Survey and Conductor would be always at Head Quarters, and capable of guiding the inexperienced Non Commissioned Officers during the first Years of their residence in this country. By the enclosed letter however I find, this advantage is taken away, and it is very apparent that it is not worth while to any single individual belonging to the Corps, to take either appointment, considering that by so doing, it would exclude them from the Department Public Works, and all chances of the Warrant grade. If any Individual left the Department Public Works to obtain a Warrant as Conductor of Sappers, he would by so doing, either exclude himself from ever becoming a Deputy Commissary, Assistant Commissary, or Deputy Assistant Commissary, or else after holding the higher grade of Conductor, he would have to accept the lower grade of Sub-Conductor, and probably enter the Department Public Works in the low rank of Assistant Overseer.

It would be a very different matter indeed from all I can learn of the men in the corps, to find a single individual, who would accept the appointment on the present footing, and who is also qualified to become the Instructor of Surveying, vice Conductor Kennedy.

As from the enclosed letter, it would appear, that the Officiating Commandant of Engineers is very desirous to lose no time in nominating the needful appointments, may I respectfully request that immediate attention may be granted to this subject. I would only further beg leave to notice, that it seems to my mind possible, that Conductor Kennedy might still be retained with the Sappers, and yet hold his appointment in the Department Public Works, for he is now employed almost entirely instructing the Non-Commissioned Officers for the D.P. Works, and not for Sapper duties, as all will eventually join the Department.

I see no other method of arranging for the Conductorship, excepting either by granting the same benefits to the Sappers and Miners as to the Department Public Works, or else sending trued and steady men from the Artillery to the Sappers to be Conductor, Sergeant Major, and Quarter Master Sergeant. If the latter course be adopted, too much care cannot be

given

I am also directed to request that you will recommend a Non Commissioned Officer for the appointment of Sergeant Major of Engineers.

Jas. Gregg
Lt. Colonel
13th June 1837

Thos. Gr.
Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Offg. Adjt. of Engineers

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Bvt. Lt. Col. U. S. A.
Comdg. Sappers & Miners.

A True Copy

Chief Engineer

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No 1747.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works—
Under date the 3 July 1837

Read the following letter.

From the Dep. Asst. General
of the Army—

Forwards copy of a letter from the Officer
Commanding Sappers and Miners regarding
the re-service of the Survey Instructor and
Conductor of the Sappers from Ft. Quarles
consequent on their promotion in the D.P.W.
Requests to be informed whether any
remedy can be postponed for the inconve-
nience brought to notice.

(Here Enter 25 June 1837 No 3303)

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Department as Supernumerary Overseers, so
might be permitted by Government to do duty
with the Sappers and Miners.—

To The Secretary to Government
Ry Department.

Wm Fellowes Colonel
Chief Engineer
D. Ch. Engr. U.C.

Enclosure mentioned in Extract
from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Ry Department

Dated 3 July 1837
Read
No 1747

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith the copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Sappers and Miners, and of the Survey Instructor and Conductor of the Sappers from Fort Quarles consequent on their promotion in the Department of Public Works, and to request that you will be pleased to inform me whether any remedy can be postponed for the inconvenience brought to notice.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
D. Ch. Engr. U.C.

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No 1349

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer dated 4th July 1837 to the Secretary to Government Ordnance Department

Dated 3rd July 1837
Read 4th " "
Sub. 5.

No 1494

Forwards for the orders of Government Copy of a letter from the Sub Assistant Commissary General and Commissariat Officer proceeding on the permanent Establishment of Sappers & Miners.

No 1494

The Chief Engineer is referred to the order of Government in Extract Minute of Consultation in the Military Department dated 18th July 1837 No 2272 communicating to him under date the 28th ultimo No 1494 permitting Deputy Commissary Ryan and Conductor Kennedy to remain with the Detachment

Fort St George
August 1837

2 Copies to the Chief Engr Office

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27th July Rd Aug.

With an order
No 1494 3rd Aug.