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Government of Madras.

Machine Works DEPARTMENT.
Cor 2514/58

G.O. No. 702	Press Mis.
<i>65-66</i> Dated 16-11-1858.	

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 26th April 1858.

No. 65. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 30th March 1858, No. 1164.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Referring the recommendation Roll for the promotion of Sergeant W. E. Bateman, Overseer in the Public Works Department to the Warrant Grade of Sub Conductor. } (Here enter 26th March 1858, No. 547.)

Recorded. Warrants being under preparation Minutes Consultation 2nd March 1858, No. 797.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, No. 702; dated 16th April 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his letter dated 19th February 1858, No. 7498.

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

No. 547.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th March 1858.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Forwards a recommendation Roll for the promotion of
Serjeant W. F. Bateman, Overseer in the Public Works
Department to the Warrant Grade of Sub Conductor on
the Public Works Establishment, vice Olive remanded to
his Corps. (Here enter 19th February 1858, No. 7498.)

Para. 1. In this letter, the Chief Engineer recommends the promotion of Serjeant W. F. Bateman, an Overseer in the Department Public Works, to the grade of Sub Conductor on the Public Works establishment.

2. Before acceding to this recommendation, it is necessary that the promotion of the Military classes, employed in the Department Public Works of this Presidency, should be laid down by rule.

3. The Notification of the Government of India dated 17th June 1856, No. 117, makes provision for an establishment of Warrant Officers for the Bengal Presidency, of the strength given in the margin, and defines the rules under which promotion is to be regulated in this branch of the Public Works Department.

4. In his letter of the 9th August 1856, the Chief Engineer calculating the relative strength of the Corps of Engineers in the two Presidencies, proposed that the complement of the Warrant establishment for the Department Public Works at Madras should be fixed at 27 of all ranks, viz.

Deputy Commissaries...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Assistant Commissaries	...	...	...	...	...	2
Deputy Assistant Commissaries	...	...	...	...	...	9
Conductors	...	...	...	...	...	12
Sub Conductors	...	...	...	...	...	27

5. The Notification for the Public Works Department of the Madras Presidency dated 27th January 1857, which was based on that issued at Fort William, contained no provision for the promotion of the Military classes, the clause to this effect in the Bengal rules having been intentionally omitted, as the subject had not then been taken into consideration.

6. The circumstances under which promotions to the full extent of the Warrant establishment proposed by the Chief Engineer for this Presidency were Gazetted, having been reported to the Government of India, and the confirmation of that authority obtained to the same, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers the present a fitting time to extend to this Presidency the Bengal rules bearing on the subject. He resolves accordingly that the Warrant establishment in the Public Works Department for Madras shall consist of—

2 Deputy Commissaries.
2 Assistant Commissaries.
2 Deputy Assistant Commissaries.
9 Conductors.
12 Sub Conductors ;

and further, that promotion shall be made in strict conformity with the Bengal rules. A Notification to this effect will be published in the Official Gazette, in continuation of that dated 27th January 1857, as well as in a G. O. for which purpose, these resolutions will be communicated to the Military Department.

7. It is observed that the number of promotions notified in G. O., No. 149 of 1857, is the full complement of the establishment proposed by the Chief Engineer, viz., 27 in all. Some* of the men included in the number do not belong to the Public Works Department, and although they cannot properly be borne on its strength, yet, as they have been promoted, allowance must be made for them in the entire number assigned to the Department, until by some arrangement, they can be brought on that establishment. Besides these cases, vacancies have occurred by the death,† or discharged by purchase,‡ of some who had been promoted, and by others having been remanded§ to their Regiments.

* Conductor Ryan.
Serjeant H. Kennedy.

† Sub Conductor W. Elder
Sub Conductor J. Loosemore.
‡ Sub Conductor Goodchap.
§ Conductor F. Robertson.
Sub Conductor Olive.

8. On the other hand, a recommendation was made on the 7th September last, for the promotion of Serjeant Major McDonnagh, to the rank of Sub Conductor, but in consequence of the general question being under reference to Bengal, this Government declined to take any steps in the matter. This recommendation is not alluded to by the Chief Engineer in his present application, notwithstanding that Serjeant Major McDonnagh continues to be employed in the Public Works establishment.

9. Before therefore any further proceedings can be taken in the matter, the Governor in Council would wish to have before him precise information, as to the parties, and the number in the different grades, who at present stand promoted to the Warrant grade in the Department of Public Works; the number of existing vacancies, and the names of those already employed in the Department who are eligible for promotion, under the Rules which it is now ordered shall be published. He requests the Chief Engineer will furnish the details here called for, and explain why the previous recommendation in favor of Serjeant Major McDonnagh was overlooked.

10. The Governor in Council desires that a Return be furnished for his information at the close of each quarter, shewing the names of the parties borne on the strength of the Warrant establishment of the Public Works Department, the number of vacancies that have occurred during the period embraced in the Return, and the circumstances which occasioned them. It would be convenient if recommendations for promotions to the Warrant grade were invariably accompanied by a verification from the Adjutant General's Office of the Military service of the candidate, and the Government desire that this be supplied in future.

11. In para. 3 of his letter of the 19th February, the Chief Engineer again adverts to the question relating to the issue of Warrants to the parties promoted in the Public Works Department. The point having been referred to the Military Department in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 18th February 1858, No. 285, the present application will be communicated to that Department.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.

„ Military Department.

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Ordered to be communicated
to the Chief Engineer with reference
to his letter dated 19th February 1858
c 10/11/58.

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From Dr. George
16th Apr 1868

Chief to the Chief Eng. Dr. 11/1

Indemnity for the
Harrow to the Harrow
promoted in the Dr. 11/1
under the promotion.

No 11/14.

Robert Bruce Carr
in the Military Dept
Under 13th 1858
Dec 13th 1858

No 711

Letter No 1858 1858
to the Chief Eng. Dr. 11/1

No 702. 16th Apr 1858.

William Department

No 1164

Decorated. Harrow to being under
preparation. c. 10/11/58 1858 1858

For the 11/1
30th March 1858
W. Brown
Harrow to 1858

To the Chief Eng. Department