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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 27th April 1858.

No. 76. Read the followirg letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1858, No. 8529.

SIR,

I have the honor in conformity to the order contained in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 515 of the 23rd March 1858, to report for the information of higher authority, that if Captain Hill of the Madras Engineers were to be employed in the Department Public Works agreeably to his regimental position, relatively with other Officers so employed, he would fill the appointment of a District Engineer of the 1st Class, and would therefore draw a Staff Salary of Rupees 700.

2. It is observed, that Lieutenant Foord, a junior Officer to Captain Hill, but of the same standing, has been a 1st Class District Engineer ever since the formation of that grade, and thus the Officer Commanding the Sappers cannot but feel, that for any real or presumed benefit arising to the public service, and to the efficiency of the highly important body, placed under him from his own experience and zeal in the Command, qualities it is believed eminently conspicuous in Captain Hill, he is called upon by the Government to undergo a monthly fine of Rupees one hundred.

3. The arguments adduced by the Secretary to the Government of India against the authorization of any larger salary than that attached to the highest Bengal grade of the Executive Class, bear the appearance, if without violation of perfect respect, I may be permitted to say so, of the greatest candour and fairness, as establishing an equalization of remuneration between the two Presidencies; but with all possible deference, I would submit, that if for local causes the exceptional character of the seven hundred Rupees Class be recognized in Madras, then it becomes a logical sequence, that the Sapper Command should be similarly exceptional also, because the relation and comparison in this Presidency are not as in Bengal with the 1st Class Executive Engineership, but with the 1st Class District appointments, as held by the Sapper Commandant's equals and juniors at Madras.

4. Unless the local peculiarity be extended, so as to comprize the Sapper Command by its equalization with the exceptional grade of 1st Class District Engineer, there will be a permanent non-permanency in the incumbency of the Sapper Command, and that fine and useful body will suffer under the disadvantage of a perpetual change in its Commanding Officer from the moment that a Department Public Works brother Officer of equal standing is placed in higher receipts.

5. The actual extra outlay being restricted to one individual, the financial view of the matter is insignificant, and the vexed question still virtually unsettled by Captain Yule's letter No. 403 of the 11th February 1858, yet remains, namely whether when the services of a zealous and highly effective Officer like Captain Hill have been obtained, they shall only be retainable by his quasi voluntary subjection to a heavy pecuniary loss, and by his foregoing a professional remuneration, which his position would authorize him to expect if employed in the Department Public Works.

6. I respectfully solicit the renewed support of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, No. 780; dated 27th April 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department with reference to an Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department, dated 2nd March 1858, No. 802.

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

No. 8529

Central Office of W.
Fort St. George 26 March 1858

From

The Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor in conformity to the order contained in Ec: Min: Con No 815 of the 25th March 1858., to report for the information of higher authority, that if Captain Fill of the Madras Engineers were to be employed in the D&W. agreeably to his regimental position, relatively with other officers so employed, he would fill the appointment of a District Engineer of the 1st Class, and would therefore draw a staff salary of Rupees 700.-

2 It is observed, that Lieut. Foord, a Junior Officer to Captain Fill, but of the same standing, has been a 1st Class District Engineer since the formation of that grade, and thus the Officer Commanding the Sappers cannot but feel, that for any real or presumed benefit arising to the Public service, and to the efficiency of the highly important body, placed under him, from his own

experience and zeal in the command, qualities it is believed eminently conspicuous in Captain Hill, he is called upon by the Government to undergo a monthly fine of Rupees one hundred.

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6. I respectfully solicit the renewed support of the Right Honble the former Comcy.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedt Svt
W. Hall Col.
Chief Engineer

Chief Office P.W.
Portsdown
26th March 1838

E. Shaw

Cons 23d March 58 No 1819.

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Cons 27 April
No 670

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to the Govt

Dated 26th March 1858
Rec.d 27th March
Extract from Min. of Dep.t 8th May
58 P. 1155 in Sec.y's Office 3029

Supplies the information called for in Govt No 615 of 23d March 58 and respectfully points out that Capt Fowler's letter No 403 of 11th Feby 1858 leaves the exact position of the Upper Commandg Engr free from pecuniary difficulties practically unfettered

No 780-27th April 1858.
With an order

No 76 & 77.

No 780

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department with reference to an Extract Minute Consultation in that Department dated 2d March 1858 No. 802.

From Capt Fowler
27th April 1858
to Colonel to the Secy Govt Genl Dept 28