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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
from 30th April to 3rd May 1859.*

No. 42. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 31st March 1859, No. 9159.

I have the honor pending communication from the Board of Examiners, to forward for submission to Government, with reference to para. 4 of Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 548, under date the 12th Instant, a List of Officers, who have not yet qualified in any Vernacular for the D. P. W., and who therefore, under para. V of Notification No. 2 of 23rd June 1857, should be departmentally displaced, either permanently or temporarily as the Government may be pleased to decide; but as already stated, the Covenanted Civil Engineers, and the Uncovenanted Assistant Engineers, are entitled to stated monthly salaries whether qualified or otherwise.

Officers of the D. P. W. who have not yet passed the prescribed examination in the Vernacular, under G. O. G. dated 27th January 1857.

Names.	Rank.	Date of present appointment.
W. Fraser, Esq., Covenanted Civil Engr.	District Engineer, 2nd Class.	15th March 1859.
* 2nd Captain H. L. Prendergast, Engr.	do. 2nd "	15th March 1859.
J. H. Dopping, Esq., Covd. Civil Engr.	Executive Engr. 3rd "	13th June 1857.
* R. Kennedy, Esq., Uncovd. Asstt. Civil Engineer.....	do. 3rd "	26th June 1857.
F. L. Moncrieff, Esq., Covd. Civil Engr.	Acting do. 3rd "	20th October 1857.
* R. Smith, Esq., Uncovd. Asstt. Civil Engineer.....	Executive Engr. 4th "	26th June 1857.
* Assistant Commissary H. O'Hara.....	Assistant Engineer.....	27th January 1857.
* Lieutenant H. N. D. Prendergast, Engrs.	do.	27th January 1857.
E. E. Merrall, Esq., Covd. Civil Engr.....	Acting do.	21st July 1857.
* R. E. Norfor, Esq., Junior Uncovd.....	Acting do.	11th May 1858.
* Lieutenant J. Makgill, Engineers.....	Proby. Asstt. Engineer.....	9th April 1858.
* Do. H. R. Mead, do.	do.	12th January 1858.
* Do. C. J. Smith, do.	do.	12th January 1858.
* Do. W. T. Whish, do.	do.	4th June 1858.

Central Office of P. W.,
Fort Saint George,
31st March 1859. }

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

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1859, No. 1020.

Para. 1. The Government regret to find that the Notifications of the 27th January and 23rd June 1857, requiring Officers and Subordinates in this Department to pass an examination in the Vernaculars within twelve months from those dates respectively have been quite disregarded. The defaulters have rendered themselves justly liable to the penalty of ejection from the Department provided in those orders.

2. Before however proceeding to enforce that penalty, the Government resolve to call on Lieutenant Colonel Bell to give his early attention to this important subject and to advise the Government as to the course which it will be just and expedient to adopt in reference to each Officer and Subordinate who has not complied with the established rule in regard to passing a satisfactory examination in the Vernacular language of the District in which he is employed. Officers who, like Mr. Fraser, have been promoted to superior posts in the Department in consequence of ascertained professional qualifications and efficiency may fairly have a more liberal allowance of time made to them; but others, who have no such pretensions, should be called upon for proof of their knowledge of the language at an early date.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

N^o 9159 Central Office of Pub.

From
The Chief Engineer

do
The Secretary to Government.
D.W.

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qualified

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I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St George

31 March 1859

~~W. S. P.~~ Colonel

Chief Engineer

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Officers of the D. & W. who have not yet passed the prescribed examination in the Vernacular, under G. O. S. dated 27th Jan^y 1857.

Names	Rank	Date of present appointment.
W. Fraser Esq ^r .	Govt Civil Eng ^r	Dist ^g Eng ^r 2 nd Class 15 th March 1857.
2 nd Captain H. L. Prendergast	Engineers	D ^g 15 th March 1857.
J. H. Dopping Esq ^r .	Govt Civil Eng ^r	Ex ^g Eng ^r 3 rd 13 th June 1857.
R. Kennedy Esq ^r .	Uncom ^g 1 st Civil Eng ^r	D ^g 3 rd 26 th June 1857.
J. L. Moncrieff Esq ^r .	Govt Civil Eng ^r	1 st D ^g 3 rd 20 th October 1857.
R. Smith Esq ^r .	Uncom ^g 1 st Civil Eng ^r	Ex ^g Eng ^r 4 th 26 th June 1857.

Assistant Commissary H. O'Hara	Assistant Engineer	27 th January 1857.
Lieutenant H. M. D. Prendergast	Engineers	D ^g 27 th January 1857.
G. E. Merrill Esq ^r .	Govt Civil Eng ^r	1 st D ^g 21 st July 1857.
R. E. Norfor Esq ^r .	Uncom ^g 1 st Civil Eng ^r	1 st D ^g 11 th May 1858.
Lieutenant J. Matgill	Engineers	Prob ^g 1 st D ^g 9 th April 1858.
D ^g H. B. Mead		D ^g 13 th January 1858.
D ^g G. I. Smith		D ^g 12 th January 1858.
D ^g W. J. Whisk		D ^g 4 th June 1858.

Central Office of D. & W.
Fort Saint George
31st March 1859.

Wm. Fisher Colonel
Chief Engineer.

S. J. P.

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From
The Chief Engineer.
The Secy to Govt.
J. W. N.

Dated 31st March 1859
Received at
No. 4159.

Forwarded with

reference to para 1 of
Circular of Com^r No. 548
dated 12 March 1857

of Officers who have not
yet qualified in any
Vernacular for the Staff.
S. No. 112029. 2nd May 1859

N. 42

9th April 1857

Memorandum

Grant's C.O. page 357.

In the orders of the 6th August 1856 it was notified that for the future all Officers seeking appointments in the Department Public Works should submit a Certificate of having passed the examination in some Vernacular language, and that unpassed Officers then in the Department should pass within 12 months from the date of

Notification 6th Aug^r 1856
Time to pass extended to 6th Aug^r 1857.

that order, failing which, they would be remanded to their Regiment. It

Grant's C.O. page 381.

was subsequently explained by the Chief Engineer that Officers who had passed for Staff or as Interpreters were not required to study a Vernacular language also.

2 In the notification of the 27th January 1857, para 15, it was stated that the penalty of exclusion would be rigidly enforced against all Officers then in the Department who at the expiration of 1 year from that date may not have qualified in a Vernacular language

Enclosure in letter
from the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
dated 31st March 1857
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Office of the C.E.
who recommended that
the prescribed examination
in the Vernacular.

language, this extended the period for passing to 27th January 1858.

3 In the Notification of the 23rd June 1857 N^o 2, the orders of the 27th January 1857 were repeated as applying to Engineer Officers; and it was added that the same penalty would be enforced against the Members of the two classes of Upper and Lower Subordinates who may fail within one year from 23rd June 1857 to pass to the extent prescribed by the Rules then published.

4 As regards the Covenanted Engineers the Government of India have laid down the rule that they were not to be promoted until they had attained a competent knowledge of the Vernacular.

5 Under the orders quoted above it does not appear that of the parties in Colonel Faber's list whose names are marked with a cross any can be exempted from the penalty of ejection from the Department Public Works.

As far as the Covenanted Engineers are

are concerned they can only be returned to the position which they occupied on the 27th January 1857 the date of the notification.

Not. the rule requiring vernacular qualification, & more particularly that requiring Officers in the Dept. & not having passed to pass in 12 months from Jan^y 27/57, & submit within 12 months from June 23/57, have been since superseded -

It is now to be considered what is to be done - Many of these men are very useful & efficient, & probably their practical knowledge of the vernacular is being improved on - It w^d be a pity therefore to eject them at once, & it w^d be unfair too, as they have been allowed to go on so long in disregard of the order - They might be called on to state when they will be prepared to pass; & a limited maximum time

might be allowed then -
 Mr. Fraser was app?
 to act as D.E., but was told
 to not be confirmed
 till he had passed; four months
 was allowed him to do so.
 Ultimately he was confirmed
 without passing - He is a
 valuable man; but we can
 hardly be more efficient
 if we send out an inferior
 looking also, he
 has not passed, demands
 more than his command
 salary -
 Capt. Cunningham
 was introduced into the
 Dist. & work Dist. Engr.
 of 2. almost only last
 month -

The last Reg. is so moderate
 that it should be insisted upon. Unless
 this is done now it will never be
 enforced - Indeed it will not be
 put into force in one case & not
 in another Reg.

eg April 1859

Dr. Fraser
 Memo.

It becoms well should
 be requested to give his
 early attention to this
 important subject and
 to advise the Government
 what course it will be
 just and expedient to
 adopt in reference to each
 Officer & subordinate who
 has not complied with the
 established rule in regard
 to passing & satisfactory
 examination in the Vernacular
 language of the District in
 which he is employed -

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 be called upon for proof
 of their knowledge of the language
 at an early date M 15 April

* Officers and Subordinates in this
 Department to pass an

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No. 1020

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
 Under date the 2^d of April 1859.

Read the following
 letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 31st March 1859, 29/159)

The Government can
 regret to find that the Notifi-
 cations of the 27th January and
 23rd June 1857, requiring exami-
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 Vernacular within ^{twelve} ~~the~~ months
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 of the Department Public Works
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early attention to this im-
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advise the Government as
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ular language of the Dist-
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The Government thinks
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date.

10 Copies to the Chief Clerk, D.D.

J.W.

Copy in a L^r to E.
Dated 1st November 1859 No 57.

Public Works 1859 Dept^o
Cons 3^d May.

No 1020.

Pro. of the Madras Government.
D^d 2^d May 1859.

From the Chief Eng^r D^d 26th
May 1859 C^o 1365 in 6: 10 June 1859
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From the D^o D^d 22^d July 1859 C^o 1921
in 6: 26th Aug^r 1859 64-65 }

No 42 & 43.

Before enforcing the penalty
provided, on the Officers of the
P. W. D. who have failed to pass
an examination in the Vernaculars,
calling on the Chief Engineer to advise
as to the course just and expedient
to adopt in reference to each of
them.

encl^d 19th