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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
from 22nd to 31st October 1859.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from Captain A. FRASER, Under Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 24th September 1859, No. 6700.

Your letter No. 761, dated the 31st March last, having been laid before the Governor General in Council, I am now directed to state that his Lordship in Council, after reconsidering the matter, is pleased so far to authorize a revision of the orders of 22nd February 1856 as to admit of the grant of Moonshee allowance to uncovenanted officers of the Public Works Department for acquirements in the native languages in excess of the preliminary requirement of a good colloquial knowledge of one vernacular, which must be insisted on in the case of all officers and subordinates entering the service in India.

2. For useful attainments above that, all European uncovenanted officers of the Engineer establishment may be allowed Moonshee allowance, but not to a greater extent than 18 months, (or Rs. 540); that is to say :

For a good colloquial knowledge of a second vernacular language current in the district in which the officer is employed...	Rs. 180 0 0
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For passing an examination equal to the Hindustani examination which is the qualification for staff employ, in the language of the districts in which the officer is employed ...	„ 180 0 0
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For a second ditto, or for the Interpreter's examination, or for a third colloquial examination ...	„ 180 0 0
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3. I am to request that, with the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Governor of Madras in Council, you will forward, for the information of the Government of India, a draft of a set of rules such as the Madras Government would propose to adopt for that Presidency, containing also a lower scale of Moonshee allowance for subordinates.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1859, No. 2485.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will prepare and submit for consideration a draft of the rules necessary for giving effect to the instructions of the Government of India.

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

No. 6700.
FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
To THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 24th September 1859.

General.
Establishments.

SIR,

Your letter No. 761, dated the 31st March last, having been laid before the Governor General in Council, I am now directed to state that his Lordship in Council, after reconsidering the matter, is pleased so far to authorize a revision of the orders of 22nd February 1856 as to admit of the grant of Moonshee Allowance to Uncovenanted Officers of the P. W. Dept. for acquirements in the native languages in excess of the preliminary requirement of a good colloquial knowledge of one Vernacular, which must be insisted on in the case of all Officers and Subordinates entering the service in India.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Alen Lister
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Genl. A. S. Johnston
to 18th March 1868-59.

From Genl. A. S. Johnston
to 24th Decr 1859 - 1860.

From the Chief Secy
to 22nd May 1860.

From 14th Feb 1860
to 1860 423.

From 1850 (Johnston)
to 24th May 1859.

From the Chief Secy
to 22nd May 1860.

From 24th May 1859
to 22nd May 1860.

From 1860

From the Chief Secy
to 22nd May 1860.

From 1850-22nd Decr 1859.

From 1860

From 24th 1859

Communicated to
the Chief Engineer with a request
that he will prepare and submit
for consideration a draft of the
provisions for giving effect
to the instructions of the Government.

W. H. Johnston

From 1860

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