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No. 51. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 15th December 1858, No. 6339.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2679, dated 11th December 1858, I have the honor to state that in my opinion it would be desirable to allow Conductor James to retain his rank and pay as a Warrant Officer during his absence on sick Certificate in Europe, another being appointed to act for him on the forfeited portion of his salary, agreeably to the usage of the service in other Departments, and if on his return to India he is considered fit for readmission to the D. P. W., he may be appointed to his former grade of Overseer on the first vacancy. But if he should finally be invalided or pensioned, the person appointed to act for him in the Military grade would of course become permanently appointed.

2. With respect to the Civil appointment held by Mr. James, I beg to state that the vacancy caused by his removal under Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1704 of the 24th August 1858 was filled up by the promotion of Sub-Conductor Gray.

3. I am anxious that the Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department should be acknowledged by Government to have the same privileges, rights and status in the service as those in the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments; the principle has I am aware been already admitted by the Honorable Court of Directors, but as the same is not generally known, I would recommend that special orders on the subject, should be published.

Vide G. O. G. 14th December 1858 and G. O. G. G. No 320 of 1855.

4. I would further solicit that the Chief Engineer be authorized to recommend eligible non Commissioned Officers in the D. P. W. for temporary employment as Acting Warrant Officers, whenever any member of the permanent strength may be absent on leave in India or Europe.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 56; dated 6th January 1859.

Para 1. Conductor James having been removed from the Public Works Department, and his Civil appointment having been declared to be permanently vacated, the question at issue is, whether by that circumstance a Conductor's Warrant has been set free in the Public Works Department, and whether it is available for parties who from their service in the Department are entitled to promotion. The Officiating Chief Engineer does not give his opinion on this point; but recommends that Conductor James should be allowed to retain his warrant, and that another should be appointed to act for him in the Military grade. Colonel Lawford also adverts to other points connected with the Warrant grades in the Public Works Department, and applies for the issue of special orders and instructions.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to accede to these requests, and thinks that the proper course for the Chief Engineer to follow would be to consult the Rules of the Bengal Public Works Code regarding the Warrant grades, and if he finds them insufficient for his purpose, that he should specify in what respects they are deficient and particularly note the points on which he need instructions, in order that a reference may be made to the Government of India.

From Officiating Chief Engineer	10th August	1858,	No.	2683.
Extract Minutes Consultation	24th do.	,,	,,	1704.
From Officiating Chief Engineer	5th November	,,	,,	5126.
Extract Minutes Consultation	11th December	,,	,,	2679.
From Officiating Chief Engineer	15th do.	,,	,,	6339.

3. The correspondence noted in the margin will be forwarded to the Military Department in view to its being ascertained whether under Military rule Conductor James can under the circumstances of his removal from active employ in the D. P. W., be allowed to retain his Warrant.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George
15th December 1838

No. 6339

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Depart. Public Works.

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Vide P.W.D. 12th Dec. '56 & P.W.D. No. 320 of 1853.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed Servant
Lt Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
15th December 1858

Lt Gray

Colonies Depart
No 56
Certificate of Commission
Under date 16th
Paul Stevens
Esq Letter from the Office
Chief Engineer
Forwarding Plan
Produced Same
having been renewed
Stamp the Public Works
Department, and this
Civil appointment having
been declared to expire
immediately vacated the
question of fees &c
whether by Mr Cavaignac
Clause or Construction
Mauritius

M. Cons: 14th Decr/58 No 49

From the Military Audr General 2/16th Sept/59
C Mc Gibbon

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Copy to the Treasy Office
6 Jany/59
No 57.

22nd Decr No 3rd Jany

P. Works 8381 Dept
Do to Cons: 11th January/59
No 3081.

From.
The Offg Chief Engr
To
The Secy to Govt
D.P.W.

Dated. 15th
Received 16 Decr/58
S.E. No 56. 6th January/59
No 6336

Suggests that Ensn James be allowed to retain his rank and pay of Warrant Offr during his absence on sick certificate in Europe, another being appointed to act for him on the forfeited portion of his salary. Suggests also that the rights of Warrant Officers of the Navy be specially and

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from active employ
in the Dept Pub Works
be allowed to retain
his warrants.

W. H. B.

10 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dist. 7th
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Cons 11th Dec./58 No 49-50.

Public Works 1859 Dept.
Dr. to Cons. 11th January.

No. 56.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dr. 6th January/59.

From Chief Engineer C/19th Jan/59
Cons 166 in Cons:
From Military Dept. C/15th March/59
Cons 671 in Cons

No 51 & 52.

Stating that as regards the warrant grades the Chief Engineer should be guided by the Rules in the Bengal Code & that if he finds them insufficient for his purpose, he should specify in what respects they are deficient; and desiring

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