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No. 68. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 10th June 1859, No. 1459.

I have the honor, with reference to the orders of Government, as per margin, to submit correspondence with Colonel Faber, late Chief Engineer, on the subject of the gradation of the Officers of the Department of Public Works.

No. 609, dated 24th March 1859.
„ 912, dated 18th April „
Memo. No. 65, dated 19th April 1859.
Copy of letter to Colonel Faber No. 476, dated 2nd June 1859.
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2. Colonel Faber states that the list published on the 27th of January 1857, was prepared in communication with Lord Harris, and revised by His Lordship in person. The list made on the principle laid down in the order above quoted, places the Officers in a different order, I cannot offer an opinion as to which is the proper order since both orders have come down from Government, but though it is quite right that selections should be made of the best Officers for promotion, it appears to me not less so that a strict gradation list should be once for all established; and I therefore request early instructions on the subject, as I am unwilling to recommend Officers for promotion until the question is settled.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1859, No. 1474.

In reply to this reference the Governor in Council has to observe that according to the established rule of the public service, the officers of each rank should appear in the list according to the dates of their respective appoints *to that rank*. Such an arrangement will not prevent the Government from exercising a free selection of officers for promotion.

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

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
10th June 1859.

No. 1459

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary

to Government F.S.G.

Sir,

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I have the honor, with reference to the
No 630 of 24 March 1858 Order of Government, as per margin, to submit
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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint Regis
10th June 1859

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

J. R. Hall Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

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To
Lt. Col. E. Baker
Lake Chief Engineer

Sir,

You are aware that not long ago the Govt. desired that a Gradation List of the Officers of the D.P.W. should be submitted. It appears that such a document had not been prepared since the list of January 27th 1857 was issued, after which the lists were made alphabetical.

2. Upon comparing the Gradation list now prepared according to the form prescribed by Govt., namely, with the dates of each Officers first employment in the Dept. entered, as well as that of his promotion to his present grade, I find that in the list of January 27th 1857 the Officers of the 4 Classes & the Apprentices were arranged in an order very different to that of the dates of their first employments, tho' some of them had occupied more than one grade before the formation of the new Dept.

3. Under these circumstances I am fearful of doing injury to some Officers whose places in the list is necessarily now altered since so many

be were promoted to their present grade on one date, I
to shall feel much obliged if you can inform me
be on what principle the list of January 28th 57 was
ea arranged, as no one in the Office nor the Secretary
to. he first has any knowledge upon the subject.
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4 The present 4th Class Executive
Engineers whose position is altered stands in the old & new lists
respectively as follows:-

Old List	New List
Greenaway	Marshall
Ford	Clay
L. G. Palmer 15th R.I.	L. G. Palmer 15th R.I.
Marshall	Ford
Clay	Phillipps.
Campbell	Morgan
Morgan	Campbell
Moncrieff	Moncrieff
Beckley	Beckley
Nunker	Nunker
Beatty	Beatty
Phillipps.	Greenaway

& the Assistants in the

Old List	New List
Dobbie	W. Warrington
P. Rankin 15th R.I.	Rickells.
W. Warrington	Dobbie

Rickells — Wright
W. Smith — P. Rankin 15th R.I.
Chrystie — W. Smith
Wright — Ronig
Ronig — Lawford
Lawford — Chrystie
O'Hara — George
George — W. H. D Vendegaat
W. H. D Vendegaat. — O'Hara.

Central Office of W.W.
12 June 1858.

W. H. Bell Lt Col
Chief Engineer

June 16th

W. H. Bell Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer —

Enclosure in a letter
from the Civil Engineer
C. D. Bombay

Secretary to Govt.
C. D. D.

Dated 10 June 1859
Received

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Copy of letter addressed
Colonel Fisher requesting the
information of the principle
on which the Gradation List
of 1857 was prepared.

According to the established rule of the Public Service the Officers of each Grade should appear in the List according to the dates of their respective appointments to that Grade, but this will not prevent the Government from exercising a free selection of Officers for promotion

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No. 1518

From the Chief Secretary

To the Secretary to Government H.P.M.

Dated 10th
Received 10th June 1859
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Submits comunications with Colonel Tulloch on the subject of the principle on which the Promotion List of 27th January 1857 was framed for the purpose of enquiries in situations in the subject in order that a Promotion List should be once for all established. —

C. in C. 14. 15th June 1859
H. Lumsden Lt Col

No 1474

Transmits for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief a Memorandum from the Secretary at War, explaining the principle on which the Promotion List of the Army was framed in January 1857, and requesting that any enquiries in situations in the subject in order that a Promotion List should be once for all established.

War Office 15th June 1859

Sir Hugh Rose K.C.B. &c &c &c

No 1068 by