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No. 12. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 19th January 1859, No. 7198.

SIR,

With reference to para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 56, dated 6th January 1859, it is observed that according to Section 2, Chapter XVI. of the Bengal Code, Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department, are under the same Regulations in every respect as to Pensions, Invaliding and Furlough, as their congeners in the Ordnance Department, so that if these rules had been made applicable to the Warrant Officers of the Department Public Works in this Presidency and had already been published in the Government Gazette, they would have secured to Conductor James and others the full benefit of the rights conferred on the Warrant Grades in Bengal, and the object sought in the letter addressed to Government on the 15th December 1858, No. 6339, would have been attained.

2. With respect to Acting Appointments no precise rule on the subject appears to have been issued, but as it is laid down in para. 5 of the Section quoted in preceding sentence, that the allowances of Warrant Officers absent on leave are to be regulated by the same rules as apply to Commissioned Officers similarly situated, there seems every reason why a similar course should be adopted in the Department Public Works, as is already done in the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments, particularly as the permanent strength of the Department would be thus maintained at no extra expense to the State and encouragement at the same time would be held out to deserving members of the Military branch of the Subordinate Grades, who further would be greatly benefitted by the adoption in this Presidency of the Section in the Bengal Code relating to Non-commissioned Officers, the para. regarding pay being so far revised as to admit of the men receiving the pay of their respective Corps.

3. Under the practice now current, men of the Artillery or Infantry entering the Department as Carporals or Privates can never hope to reach the Warrant Grade, as all Military Regimental promotion ceases on their joining the Department Public Works, an obviously great hardship, and the cause of much discontent to the deserving men, who find that from no fault of their own the prospect is shut to them of ever reaching a rank and position which it is the great ambition of every well conducted man in the Department to attain.

4. A Draft of the revision proposed in para. 2 is forwarded for the favorable consideration and early authorization and publication of Government.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 820; dated 6th April 1859.

Resolved to refer the Draft Rules, as proposed to be corrected in pencil, to the Military Auditor General for report in communication with the Adjutant General of the Army.

2. The Draft Rules, being in original, will be returned with the report.

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

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Central Office of C. Works
Fort Saint George
19th January 1859

No 7198

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From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

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With reference to para 2 of Contract Minutes Consultation No 56 dated 6th January 1859, it is observed that according to Section 2. Chap: XVI of the Bengal Code, Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department, are under the same regulations in every respect as to pensions invaliding and furlough as their congeners in the Ordnance Department so that if these rules had been made Applicable to the Warrant Officers of the Department Public Works in this Presidency and had already been published in the Government Gazette they would have secured to Conductor James and others the full benefit of the rights conferred on the Warrant grades in Bengal and the object sought in the letter addressed to Government on the 15th December 1858 No 6339, would have been attained.

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2 With respect to Acting Appointments no precise rule on the subject appears to have been issued, but as it is laid down in para 5 of the section quoted in preceding sentences that the allowances of Warrant Officers absent on leave are to be regulated by the same rules as apply to Commissioned Officers similarly situated, there seems every reason why a similar Course should be adopted in the Department Public Works as is already done in the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments - particularly as the permanent strength of the Department would be thus maintained at no extra expense to the State and encouragement at this time would be held out to deserving Members of the Military branch of the subordinate Grades who further would be greatly benefitted by the adoption in this Presidency of the Section in the Bengal Code relating to Non Commissioned Officers the para regarding Pay being so far revised as to admit of them receiving the pay of their respective Corps.

3. Under the practice now current those of the Artillery or Infantry entering the Department as Corporals or Privates can never hope to reach the Warrant Grade as able Military recommended promotion Ceases on their joining the Department Public Works obviously great hardship, and the cause of much discontent to the deserving men who find that from no fault of their own the prospect is shut to them of ever reaching a Rank and position which it is the great ambition of every well conducted man in the Department to attain.

4. A draft of the revision proposed in para 2 is forwarded for the favorable consideration and early authorization and publication of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.
W. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of Ch.
Fort St. George
19th February 1859

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Forwards to Govt. Mily Cons. No 56 of 6th January 1859 and submits a Draft of revised rules relative to Warrant Officers proposed for adoption in the Public Works Departs. of the Madras Presidency.

Wilkinson
Secy

No 820. 6th April 1859.

Ref.

No 820.

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2 The draft rules, being in original, will be returned with the report.

For Govt
6th April 1859.

Copy to Mily Audr Genl with Draft Rules.
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Chief Engr Dukd 9th
Adjt Genl of the Army &c