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No. 59. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1859, No. 9012.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of Government, copy of a letter from the District Engineer Canara, and of the appeal accompanying it, from Serjeant Campbell, temporarily employed in superintending the repairs of the Sumpajee Ghaut and Fraserpet Road, on a salary of Rupees 70 per mensem, paid out of the Estimate for the work, with regard to the Serjeant's present position in the Department.

1 Copies of correspondence, viz.
Letter from District Engineer Canara, No. 219 dated 8th March 1859.
do. from Serjeant Campbell, dated 21st February 1859.
Extract Minutes Consultation dated 16th July 1858 No. 1379.

2. In the late Officiating Chief Engineer's letter of the 21st July 1858, No. 2111, the claims of Serjeant Campbell were specially urged on the consideration of Government, and as it was deemed inexpedient to place a person not permanently belonging to the Department in so responsible and comparatively independent a position as that held by the Serjeant, and as moreover the Perambaddy Ghaut was not under efficient superintendence, permission was requested to employ 2 Extra Assistant Overseers in Coorg.

3. In Extract Minutes Consultation of the 12th August 1858 No. 1601, the Government declined to comply with this application, on the ground of the Establishment of the Public Works Department having been finally fixed by the Government of India. The endeavour therefore to bring Serjeant Campbell on the strength of the Department proved unavailing.

4. The case of the Serjeants' is one of a peculiar nature after serving in the professional Department in Burmah for some time, he was appointed to his present charge in July 1854, and subsequently by Extract Minutes Consultation of the 28th May 1856, No. 812, transferred to the Mysore Department Public Works. He was thus deprived of the opportunity of being brought on the permanent strength of this Department, on the occasion of its general organization in January 1857. During his employment in Mysore, Lieutenant Johnson, Executive Engineer, bore testimony to his usefulness and efficiency in the prosecution of the important works placed under his superintendence, and it is but fair to presume that with his professional abilities thus recognized, he would have been permanently provided for in the Mysore Department Public Works, if his re-transfer to this Department did not involve the forfeiture by him of all claims to such employment.

5. As Serjeant Campbell appears therefore clearly entitled to every consideration, I beg that the Government will be pleased, as a special case, to authorize his appointment as an Assistant Overseer on the occurrence of the first permanent vacancy in that grade, without subjecting him to the examination which the Rules of the Department prescribe, some compensation being justly due to him for the advantages which he has hitherto forfeited.

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Letter from Lieutenant J. N. HUNTER, Acting District Engineer, Canara; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Mangalore, 8th March 1859, No. 219.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward an appeal from Assistant Overseer Campbell of the Sappers and Miners, and to request your attention to it.

2. That Assistant Overseer Campbell's case is a hard one, is I think a fact. He is a Serjeant of Sappers and at present holds no appointment at all. He is employed as an Assistant Overseer, but paid out of the Sumpajee Ghaut Estimate, on which he is at present employed.

This ambiguous position is owing entirely to his having been constantly employed in Coorg on the borders of Mysore, and his having been constantly transferred and re-transferred from that Department to the Government of Madras.

In a previous letter you had stated that Assistant Overseer Campbell was to be absorbed on the first vacancy. May I be allowed to request that he may not be overlooked, and that his subsequent promotion may be attended to, to place him in that position with regard to his con-

temporaries in the Corps which the satisfactory style of his work and the high opinion that he has borne from his superiors, as testified in the Extract of Lieutenant Johnson's letter, entitle him to expect.

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Letter from Serjeant W. CAMPBELL, Sappers and Miners Assistant Overseer, Canara; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Mercara, 21st February 1859.

SIR,

I beg leave most humbly and respectfully to plead that desiring most earnestly an inquiry into my case, will I trust under the circumstance, excuse me for thus taking the liberty to address you, relative to my long unsettled, and unsatisfactory position in the Department Public Works, a position which for evident reasons, tends to neutralize any benefit I might otherwise have derived in the way of regaining my former health, the object for which you formerly so kindly and considerately allowed me to remain in Coorg.

After having served since the 4th July 1854, in my present charge, besides sometime in a similar capacity in Burmah, six years ago, and altogether in the service about 10¼ years, I am now by a most extraordinary combination of circumstances over which I had no control, only an Acting Assistant Overseer, getting at present much less emoluments (my batta was reduced from Rupees 2 to Rupees 1-8-0 per diem, and at present to Rupees 30 per mensem) than in the Mysore Department Public Works, and only about Rupees six per mensem more than I was allowed by your favor so far back as the month of October 1855.

Being somewhat isolated in my present charge, I have not had the same opportunities of getting recommended for advancement as most others of my contemporaries of the Sappers who are far in advance of me, through I believe merely the influence of their immediate superiors. I however have had no reason to complain of any neglect in this respect until after my transfer to the Mysore Department Public Works in the month of May 1856, through which cause I lost the chance of getting a suitable grade when the general promotion took place the following January. I then with unwearied care and attention to my several duties endeavoured to merit the approval of my then immediate superior Lieutenant Johnson, in order that he might be induced to bring my case to the notice of Colonel Green, with a view that I might get a permanent appointment on the strength of that Department, I was led to expect that I would not be deceived in this expectation, as may be seen from the subjoined quoted extract of a letter to the Head of the Mysore Department Public Works, acknowledging my usefulness and ability after nearly two years trial, but this recommendation, owing to my re-transfer to this Department had not the desired effect. Finally, I therefore can now only solicit most respectfully that I may have a grade allotted me on the strength of this Department, in accordance with a due consideration of my case, and I confidently trust that under better auspices in future that my exertions for the good of the service will in due season always merit the approbation of my superiors.

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Extract from a letter from Lieutenant W. R. Johnson, Executive Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel C. Green, Chief Engineer, dated the 6th February 1858. "Assistant Surveyor "Campbell copy of a letter soliciting advancement is herewith forwarded—he is now in charge "of the Perianbady and Sumpajee Ghauts and Roads, the Veerajenderpett Ghaut and Road, the "whole of the Civil and Military Buildings and Public Bungalows. From having been some-"time with the Sappers he is well acquainted with all the detail of work, can survey, level and "draw plans. His pay and batta has been hitherto drawn entirely from the Sumpajee Ghaut, "it will now be divided with the Periambady. He states that his contemporaries of the "Sappers hold higher appointments than he does, he is the best and most efficient Sub-"ordinate that has been placed under me (with the exception of Sub-Engineer Vardon) and "I recommend him for promotion on account of his general knowledge and ability, his claims of "service and the quantity and responsibility of the works he has to superintend."



No. 60. ORDER THEREON, No. 844; dated 11th April 1859.

The Chief Engineer brings forward the claims of Serjeant Campbell now employed in superintending the repairs of the Sumpajee Ghaut and Fraserpett Road for a permanent appointment in the Department Public Works, and recommends that he may be appointed an Assistant Overseer on the occurrence of the first permanent vacancy, without subjecting him to the examination required by the Rules of the service.

2. Under the circumstances represented by the Chief Engineer the Government will not object to the measure proposed, and accordingly authorize the appointment of Serjeant Campbell to the first permanent vacancy that may occur in the Grade of Assistant Overseer.

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

Northern Circle.
No: 219.

District Engineer's Office,
Canara,
Mangalore 8th March 1859

From,
Lieutenant J. N. Hunter
A.d.g District Engr. Canara

To,
The Chief Engineer Depart.t P.W.
Fort Saint George

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(Signed) J. N. Hunter Lieut^t
Ag^t Dist^t Engr^s Canara

To.

Colonel C. C. Faber
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Mercara
21st February 1859

(Signed) W. Campbell Lt. & Adjt.
Actg Ft Overseer D.C.P.W.
Coorg

(True Copies)

Charles A. Ch Captain

Asst. Engineer N. Circle

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1859 Department
No.

Enclosure
From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 26th March 1859
Rec'd
Ans. 9012

Correspondence regarding the Claim of Chief Overseer Campbell to be an appointment in the Department.

DD 1859



Central Office of Works,
Fort Saint George,
26th March, 1859.

No. 9012

From,
The Chief Engineer.

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To,
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Public Works Department.

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4 The case of the Sergeants is one of a peculiar nature. After serving in the professional Department in Burmah for some time, he was appointed to his present charge in July 1854, and subsequently by Extract Minutes Consultation of the 28th May 1855, No. 812, transferred to the Mysore Department Public Works. He was thus deprived of the opportunity of being brought on the permanent strength of this Department, on the occasion of its general organization in January 1857. During his employment in Mysore, Lieutenant Johnson, Executive Engineer bore testimony to his usefulness and efficiency in the prosecution of the important works placed under his superintendence and it is but fair to presume that with his professional abilities thus recognized, he would have been permanently provided for in the Mysore D.P.W. if his pre-transfer to this Department did not involve the forfeiture by him of all claims to such employment.

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5 As Sergeant Campbell appears therefore clearly entitled to every consideration, I beg that the Government will be pleased, as a special case, to authorize his appointment as an Assistant Overseer on the occurrence of the first permanent vacancy in that grade, or from subjecting him to the examination which the Rules of the Department prescribe, some compensation being justly due to him for the advantages which he has thereby forfeited.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
26th March 1859

Alex Taber Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

P.W. Dept

No. 844

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Under date the 11th April 1859.
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from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 26th March 1859 No. 902)

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2. Under the circumstances
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P.W.Dept 20th July 1858 No. 1243
— 17th August 1858 No. 2728.
— 3rd December 1858.

P.W.D. 1859 Despatch
Dated 12th April
No. 718

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 26th March 1859
Rec'd 2nd April

P.W.D. No. 844 of 1859.
Mr Brodie's letter No. 1-
Forwards copy of a letter
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J. G. M.

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Public Works 1859 Dept.
D.to Cons 12th April

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Authorizing the appointment of Sergeant Campbell to the grade of Assistant Overseer in the D. P. W. on the occurrence of the first permanent vacancy in that grade-

No 59 & 60.

Ex. April 13/59