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No. 15. Read the following letter from Captain G. A. SEARLE; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 4th April 1859.

My Dear Sir,

I heard a few days ago from Captain White, Commanding the Residents Escort at Hyderabad, that the answer to the application made by the Resident, for my services was, "that Captain Searle not having passed for the Staff, is ineligible for an appointment." I beg to state that it is a mistake, as, the order* for passing in Hindoostanee for employment in the Department Public Works was rescinded, in its stead, it was ordered, that men in the Department Public Works who did not pass in a Vernacular within 12 months after their appointment, were liable to be removed.

* About the month of March 1856.

I was appointed temporarily to the Department Public Works in the month of March 1856, a 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer on the 27th August 1856, and passed the required test in Canarese in the month of September 1856, vide Fort Saint George Gazette, dated the 2nd September† 1856, by so doing within the twelve months I became a permanent member of the Department Public Works, and was considered so, as my name was entered in Supplement‡ to Fort Saint George Gazette, dated the 3rd February 1857, as a permanent member of the Department Public Works, and not conditional on passing as other men were.

† Fort St. G. G. 2nd September 1856. Lt. Searle has passed the examination prescribed for Officers in the Engineer Department.

‡ D. P. W. Establishment.

I lost my appointment in consequence of the reduction of the department, owing to the Rebellion, and since then, I have exerted myself to the utmost, to stem the Rebellion. For my exertions I have received thanks§ from the Commander-in-Chief, the Brigadier Commanding Malabar and Canara, and the Officer Commanding the North Canara Field Force, as also received very complimentary letters¶ from Mr. Ballard, who was the Special Commissioner, who told me he had brought my name to the notice of Government. I therefore think if any man has a claim to be re-instated in the Department Public Works, I have, and fancy it must have been through a mistake that I was not. Several men who lost their appointments at the same time have been re-instated. I enclose you the accompanying testimonials and letters, and will leave you to judge whether I am eligible for an appointment in the profession I have chosen, and worked for. In conclusion, I sincerely hope you will use your interest in my behalf, so that my services may be given over to the Resident at Hyderabad for employment in the Department Public Works; I am a man with a large family, which makes me more anxious to get an appointment and particularly after the time I have devoted in studying Engineering.

§ Enclosed marked A.

¶ Enclosed.

P. S.—The three Captains of my Regiment on the Staff were all appointed after I was. My sick leave is only to the end of May.

No. 16. Order thereon, No. 878; dated 13th April 1859.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to an Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department, dated 24th February 1859 No. 752, and to Extract Minutes Consultation in the Public Works Department 2nd September 1856 No. 1563 which will now be communicated to the Military Department.

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

Memorandum

Capt G A Searle's employment in the P.W.D. appears to have commenced on the 7 March 1862. At the organization of the P.W.D. he was stationed as a Clerk Secretariat Engineer Vide No. 1 dated the 27 June 1863. He subsequently he was attended to the Corps in consequence of the reduction of establishment ordered by the Govt of India.

On the 23 Dec 1865 the Resident at Hyderabad applied for Capt Searle's services to be employment in the P.W.D. of the Assigned Districts. The application was referred to the Commissioner in Chief, who replied that though the Nizam desired Capt Searle had not passed the prescribed examination in the native languages that he was therefore not eligible for Ordinary detached

Employment.

On Dec 6 April 1856 Grant & Co. page 274
this Ad. communicates to the
Chief Engr. the letter from
Ad. of India dated 18 March
1856 forwg. cover to one from
the late Capt. Dir. in the
subject of Officer passing
an Examination both colloquially
orally & but fully, in the Ver.
-nacular of the Districts
in which they are Empl.
-oyed; And on the
6 Aug. 1856 this Ad. pub.
-lishes the last Gradation
from Officers of the E.I.D.

Grants C.A. page 357.

On the 23 Aug. 1856 Corr. 1st Sept 1856: No 72.73.
the Chief Engineer laid
before Ad. a Report from
the Board of Examiners on
the Examination passed by
Capt Searle in which it
is said that this Officer passed
attained in advance the
standard of knowledge re-
-quired from Officers in
the D.E.Rs, before the

"recent retrospective of the
"6th August 1856 was published"

Capt Searle's name
was retained in the
Gazette as having passed
the Examination in advance
prescribed for Officers in
the Engineer Dept, and
he was granted in
Consequence the usual
Promotion Allowance.

Papers relating to
the Construction
of Asfa Lauk's Arc

Vellaconda 4th April 59

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that Capt Whitt, Cond & the Residency Escort at Hyderabad, have the honor to make application for three months leave, Asst Surgeon Stanton having passed the Staff Medical Board for an appointment to the Staff Corps, & to request that he may be permitted to proceed to Madras, on urgent private affairs, & that he may be allowed to draw his Staff allowances during his absence. He will not pass over Vencatagherry while on leave.

I have appointed Lieut Barratt to act as Executive Engineer during the absence of Capt Whitt on leave, from the 5th inst. to the 5th proximo, or 2 months.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
C. Pennycuick
Lieut Col
Comdg Nizams Contingent

To
The Secretary to Government
Military Department
Fort St George

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on the 27th August 1858, and passed the Inspector General in Command in the month of September 1858 vide Govt Gazette dated the 2d September 1858 = I do hereby certify that I have been appointed* a permanent member of the S.C. and was considered so, as my name was entered in Supplement to Govt Gazette, dated the 3d February 1859 as a permanent member of the S.C. and not conditional on passing, as often mentioned.

I had my appointment in consequence of the reduction of the Department, owing to the Mutiny Rebellion, & since then, I have applied myself to the utmost to

*Vide G.G. 23 Aug 1859 p. 1 Under the provisions for appointments in the Regimental Establishments

S.P.W. & Establishments

Inclosure 9

Rebellion - For my services I have received thanks from the Commander Chief, the Brigadier Commd. & Malabar & Canara, and the officer Commd. the N. Canara Field Force, as also received any complimentary letters from Mr Ballard, who was Special Commissioner, who told me he had brought my name to the notice of Government - I therefore think if any one has a claim to that of mine I do - I have been installed in the S.C. Roll on a salary of Rs 1000 per mensem, but through a mistake Rs 1000 - Several others who have their appointments at the same time have been installed -

Enclose you the accompanying testimonials -

and letters, and will learn you to judge
a letter I am eligible for an appointment
in the Professor Road Engineer Department
for - In conclusion I sincerely trust
you will use your interest with the
Secretary Directors on the part
of the Nizam's Government to
appoint me to the Nizam's
Engineering -

Believe me
yours truly
Lodwick

6/6
J. Bourdillon Esq
Sec to Govt

P.S. The three Captains you kept on the staff
were all appointed after leave. They left Bombay
as soon as the rains set in

Cons. 2d Sept. 65
No. 724/73.

P.W. 1859 Dept.
D to Cons 19 April

No 858

From Captain Geo.
Searle -

Dated 4 April 1859
Recd - 7 "

Encls - 2 Returns
Memo
Jor Sec.
13 June

Asst Cons. Shilly Deposit Rs 720.
Apl 59 Ctr. 1030 inl. 3d May
No 54 58

Points out that he is eligible for an appointment and solicits that his services may be given over to the Resident at Hyderabad for employment in the D.P.W.

No 15 & 16.

No 878. 13th April 1859

With an order

No 878

Ordered to be forwarded to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to and Extract from Cons in that Department, dated 24 February 1859 No 352, and to Extract from Mins Cons in the Pub Works Department of 2d September 1856 No 1563 which will now be communicated to the Military Department -

Fort St. George
13th Apl 1859

J Colvin to the Secy Dep. Dated 14th
with 8 Encls