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No. 194. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 30th July 1861, No. 3,298:—

SIR,

1. With reference to their Proceedings No. 1,239, dated 3rd July 1861, I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that there is no Upper Subordinate in the Department qualified for promotion to the grade of Sub-Engineer by seniority, good conduct and length of service, and that, moreover, no one has yet passed the examination which by the rules is essential in the absence of the other conditions.

1 Original letter.

2. Further, there is no one qualified for promotion to the grades of Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor or Overseer under the ordinary rules, none having served the periods prescribed in the Notification of the 2nd March 1860. At the same time there are several members of the Upper Subordinate Establishment, whose distinguished merit has been prominently brought to notice, and these may, under the Notification above alluded to, be promoted at the discretion of Government as Supernumeraries to the grade next above that which they hold at present up to that of Supervisor.

3. Government having, however, in their Proceedings quoted in paragraph 1, directed that temporary promotions should be made to fill up Mr. Arnold's place, the District Engineer Cuddapah, was requested to report the arrangements he would suggest with a view of carrying these orders into effect.

4. In the accompanying letter No. 252, dated 17th instant, the District Engineer nominates the undermentioned individuals for promotion to the grades next above their own, and brings to notice that he is unable to recommend any of his Subordinates for promotion to Supervisor and Assistant Overseer respectively :—

Mr. Blacker Supervisor, Rupees 200, to act as Sub-Engineer 3rd Class, Rupees 225.*

Mr. O'Neill, Overseer, Rupees 100, to act as Assistant Supervisor, Rupees 125.

Mr. Lewis, Assistant Overseer, Rupees 80, to act as Overseer, Rupees 90.

* At the rate allowed for Civilians.

These acting appointments to take effect from the 1st June last.

5. It will thus be observed that the arrangements proposed involve an outlay of Rupees 60† per mensem from the sum forfeited by Mr. Arnold during his absence on Medical certificate, and by the temporary promotion of Mr. Supervisor Blacker to the rank of Sub-Engineer 3rd Class, he will be entitled to the travelling allowance of Rupees 3 per diem drawn by Mr. Arnold. Further, Mr. Overseer O'Neill, consequent on his temporary promotion to the grade of Assistant Supervisor, will be entitled to the travelling allowance of Rupees 2 per diem heretofore drawn by Mr. Blacker; but as the travelling allowance of an Overseer is the same as that drawn by an Assistant Overseer, Mr. Lewis will continue to draw Rupees 1½ per diem, leaving a similar sum to be paid to the person who may be appointed to officiate as Assistant Overseer.

	RS.
† Extra amount drawn by Supervisor Blacker.....	25
Do. by Overseer O'Neill	25
Do. by Assistant Overseer Lewis..	10
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6. The balance available from the sum forfeited by Mr. Arnold is only Rupees 65 per mensem, and this amount it will be observed is Rupees 15 less than the authorized salary of an Assistant Overseer. In the event, therefore, of the foregoing arrangements being carried into effect, it will be impracticable to supply the District Engineer Cuddapah with an Assistant Overseer, whose services were represented in the letter from the Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of the Central Office, No. 1,708, dated 19th June 1861, to be very much required for the prosecution of the works in the Kalkadda Táluq. I would, under the circumstances, beg strongly to recommend a reconsideration of the arrangements therein proposed, which provide for the grant of a deputation allowance of Rupees 50 to Mr. Overseer O'Neill from the date (1st June 1861) on which Mr. Howell was relieved of the charge of the Cuddapah Range, as well as for the entertainment of an additional Assistant Overseer to be paid from the balance available out of the sum forfeited by Mr. Arnold during his absence from the District.

		RS.
Amount of Civil salary forfeited by Arnold.....		125
Of travelling allowance by do		90
		215
Extra salary to be drawn by Mr. Blacker	25	
Do. Travelling allowance to be drawn by do.	30	
Do. Salary to be drawn by Mr. O'Neill..... ..	25	
Do. Travelling allowance to be drawn by do.	15	
Do. Salary to be drawn by Mr. Lewis.....	10	
Travelling allowance of Supernumerary Assistant Overseer, if one be appointed to succeed Mr. Lewis.	45	
		150
Balance available for the salary of a Supernumerary Assistant Overseer.....		65
		125
Moiety of Mr. Arnold's salary..		90
Travelling allowance for do.		215
Deputation allowance to Mr. O'Neill	50	
Pay and Travelling allowance of an Assistant Overseer..... ..	125	
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Balance to be carried to the credit of Government.		40

7. Should, however, Government still object to this arrangement, I have no alternative but to solicit their sanction to that proposed above, and to request that the temporary promotions may be authorized to take effect from the 1st June last, in accordance with the District Engineer's recommendation.

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1861, No. 1,523.

The Government are very unwilling to sanction appointments not in conformance with the rules and practice of the Department. If there are not Subordinates in Cuddapah qualified for promotion, such persons can certainly be found in the adjoining Districts. The Government are willing if the Chief Engineer desires it, to appoint Mr. Supervisor Blacker to act as Sub-Engineer during the absence of Assistant Commissary Arnold, or until further orders, and the Chief Engineer can doubtless find a person to succeed him or make other arrangement in accordance with the Order of 3rd July 1861, No. 1,239.

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

Central Office of P. W.
Chepauk.
30th July 1861.

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No. 3298

From
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley.
Chief Engineer P. W.

To
J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government F.S.G.
Fort Saint George

Public

Sir,

With reference to their Proceedings No. 1239 dated 3rd July 1861, I have the honor to report for the information of Government that there is no Upper Subordinate in the Department qualified for promotion to the grade of Sub-Engineer by seniority, good conduct and length of service, and that, moreover, no one has yet passed the examination which by the Rules is essential in the absence of the other conditions.

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3. Government having, however, in their Proceedings quoted in para 1 directed that temporary promotions should be made to fill up Mr Arnold's place, the District Engineer Cuddapah was requested to report the arrangements he would suggest with a view of carrying these orders into effect.

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Mr Blacker - Supervisor Rupees 200 to act as Sub Engineer 3d class Rupees* 225.

Mr O'Neill - Overseer Rupees 100 to act as Assistant Supervisor Rupees 125.

Mr Lewis Assistant Overseer Rupees 80 to act as Overseer Rupees 90.

these acting appointments to take effect from the 1st June last.

5. It will thus be observed that the arrangements proposed involve an outlay of Rupees 60 per diem from the sum forfeited by Mr Arnold during his absence on Medical Certificate and by the temporary promotion of Mr Supervisor Blacker to the rank of Sub Engineer 3d class, he will be entitled to the Travelling allowance of Rupees 3 per diem drawn by Mr Arnold. Further Mr

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Extra amount drawn by Supervisor Blacker Rs 25.
Do by Overseer O'Neill Rs 25
Do by Assistant Engineer Lewis Rs 10
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The balance available from the sum forfeited by Mr Arnold is only Rupees 65 per mensem, and this amount it will be observed is Rupees 15 less than the authorized Salary of an Assistant Overseer. In the event, therefore, of the foregoing arrangements being carried into effect, it will be impracticable to supply the District Engineer Suddapah with an Assistant Overseer, whose services were

Mr Arnold's Salary — Rupees 125
Travelling allowance for 25 days — 50
Mr Bétsill — 37½
Travelling allowance to Mr Bétsill — 25
Deputation allowance to Assistant Overseer — 12½
Pay & Travelling allowance of an Assistant Overseer — 50
Balance to be carried to the credit of Government — Rupees 40

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represented in the letter from the Deputy Chief Engineer in charge of the Central Office dated 19th June 1861 to be very much required for the prosecution of the Works in the Kalhada Taluq. I would, under these circumstances, beg strongly to recommend a reconsideration of the arrangements therein proposed, which provide for the grant of a deputation allowance of Rupees 50 to Mr Overseer Bétsill from the date 1st June 1861 on which Mr Howell was relieved of the charge of the Suddapah Camp, as well as for the entertainment of an Assistant Overseer to be paid from the balance available out of the sum forfeited by Mr Arnold during his absence from the District.

Should, however, Government still object to this arrangement, I have no alternative but to solicit their sanction to that proposed above, and to request that the temporary promotions may be authorized to

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obt Servant

Central Office S.W.
Chepauk
30th July 1861 -

A.B. Lieut Col
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D.W. Woosley Lt Col
Chief Engineer S.W.

To.
J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government S.W.F.
Fort Saint George.

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Lieut Colo H. D. Love
Chief Engineer Coast

To J. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 30th July 1861.
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No. 3298

Requesting sanction to certain arrangements for temporarily filling up Mr Sub Engineer Arnold's place in the Cuddapah District.

With an Order
No 1573. 10th Augt

No 1573.

The Government are willing to sanction appointments not in conformance with the rules and practice of the Department if there are not subordinates in Cuddapah qualified for promotion, such persons can certainly be found in the adjoining Districts. The Govt are willing if the Chief Engineer desires it, to appoint Mr Supervisor Proctor to act as Sub Engr during the absence of Assistant Commissary Arnold or until further orders and can doubtless find a person to succeed him or make other arrangement in accordance with the orders of 3rd July 1861 No 2[illegible]

Fort St George
10th Augt 1861

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