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No. 202. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 31st July 1861, No. 3,353 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government, the accompanying letter from the Commandant of the Sappers and Miners, on the subject of the status due to the Adjutant of that Corps taken in conjunction with the position his Regimental rank would entitle him to in the Public Works Department.

1 Original letter, dated 23rd July 1861.

2. Captain Hill represents that for some time past the above appointment has been filled by an Officer of the Line, but that as henceforth Engineer Officers only are to be appointed to the Sappers, it is desirable that one of that Corps of some standing and experience should be selected for the Adjutancy.

3. To this arrangement, however, Captain Hill believes there will be some objection, unless it be ruled that the position of the Officer who may be nominated shall not in any way be affected by his withdrawal from the Public Works Department for employment as Adjutant, and this I consider to be nothing but fair. I have already given it as my opinion that an Engineer Officer should be selected for the appointment of Adjutancy of the Sappers and Miners, and I quite agree with Captain Hill in the view he has taken of the matter that such appointment should be no bar to his future position and employment in the Department Public Works. Unless this is conceded, no Officer will be contented to remain as Adjutant sufficiently long to be of any real service, either as respects the well-being of the Corps generally, or in the instruction of the young Officers, who by the late orders of Government, are to do duty with the Head Quarters for the first year after their arrival in the country, and for the last two or three months of that year to give their attention to Hydraulic works in the Godavery and Kistna Districts.

Vide paragraph of Memorandum forwarded to Government with letter dated 9th Nov 1860, No. 6,856, paragraph 13.

Paragraph 3, Proceedings of Government, dated 11th Jan. 1861, No. 73.

4. I therefore recommend that should an Engineer Officer be appointed Adjutant to the Sappers and Miners, the situation shall be considered as equivalent to an appointment in the Public Works Department, and his status in that Department be regulated thereby, his name continuing to be borne on the Departmental list (in italics) in the position he occupied at the time of his appointment to the Adjutancy.

5. This principle, I may remark, has been admitted in the case of the Commandant of the same Corps, and under the circumstances mentioned by Captain Hill, it is but fair that it should be made applicable to the Adjutant also, always provided that he is an Engineer Office.

Vide paragraph 10 of letter from Secretary to the Government of India, given in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 515, dated 23rd March 1858.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1861, No. 1,527.

1. Government have no objection to the Adjutant, when an Engineer Officer, retaining his status in the Department as proposed. The subject, however, should have been submitted through the Commandant of the Corps.

2. The Government are not aware of any order declaring that the Sappers shall be solely Officered from the Engineer Corps, as Captain Hill says in paragraph 4 of his letter to the Chief Engineer.

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

Central Office of I.P.W.
Chelsea
31st July 1861.

No. 3353

From

Lieut.t Col.o H. A. Storey
Chief Engineer

To

J. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to Government W.P.
Fort St George

Military

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the orders of Government the accompanying letter from the Commandant of the Sappers and Miners on the subject of the States due to the Adjutant of that Corps taken in conjunction with the position his Regimental Rank would entitle him to in the Public Works Department.

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Vide para of Memo forwarded to Government with letter dated 9th Nov/56 N°680 Para 12.

Para 3 Proceedings of Government dated 11th Jany/58 N°73.

Vide

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4. I therefore recommend that should an Engineer Officer be appointed Adjutant to the Sappers and Miners the situation shall be considered as equivalent to an appointment in the Public Works Department and his Status in that Department be regulated thereby, his name continuing to be borne on the Departmental List in Status in the position he occupied at the time of his appointment to the Adjutancy

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Vide para 10 of letter from Secy. to the Govt. of India given in H. Mins. Cons: No. 515 dated 28th March 1838.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

Chesapeake
31st July 1841

W. H. Wadelley Lieut
Asst Engineer

To
L. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to Government N.W.P.

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Lieut. Col. R. H. Dyer
Chief Engineer
To J. D. Sim Esquire
Secy to Govt N.S.
Fort St George

Date 31st July 1861
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No. 1527. 17th August No. 2353

Submitting with observations letter from the Commandant of the Sappers and Miners on the subject of the Status due to the Adjutant of that Corps taken in conjunction with the position his equivalent rank would entitle him to in the P.W.D.

With a/c Order

No. 1527.7

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Chief Engr

Fort St George
12th August 1861

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