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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th August 1861.

No. 225. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 1st August 1861, No. 2,722:—

Communicating to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief a letter from the Military Finance Commission, and requesting him to submit the information therein called for, regarding the nature and extent of the qualifications required of Native Sappers and the mode of testing the same. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 1st August 1861, Nos. 1-2.)

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1861, No. 1,539.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for information, with reference to Proceedings dated 3rd April 1861, No. 655.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 13th July 1861, *No.* 476*; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

With reference to your letter, No. 1019, dated 16th March 1861, recommending that paragraph 13 of the revised rules published in Government General Order No. 1182, dated 10th August 1858, for working Pay to the European Sappers and Miners, be made applicable to the Native ranks of that Corps, I am directed to request, that you will be so good as to move the Government of Madras to furnish the information required in the 3rd paragraph of the accompanying copy of a letter from the Military Finance Department, No. 381A, dated the 9th instant, as regards the nature and extent of the qualifications required of Native Sappers, and the mode of testing their qualifications.

From Colonel G. Balfour, C. B., Chief of the Military Finance Department, Calcutta, 9th July 1861, *No.* 381*A; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication noted in the margin* forwarding correspondence with the recommendation of the Government of Madras, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that paragraph 13 of the revised rules published in the Government General Order No 1182, of the 10th August 1858, allowing working Pay to European Sappers according to their class, irrespective of the nature of their employment, may be made applicable to the Native Sappers, and requesting this Department to submit a Draft General Order giving effect to the above recommendation.

*731, *dated 14th July* 1861.

2. Adverting to the above, I beg to state that it is but just and proper, when a Native Sapper has been declared qualified for work which would entitle him to receive a higher class of working Pay, that he should receive the Pay attached to that higher class; but I would solicit your attention to the remarks of the Chief Engineer, Madras, as conveyed in his letter, No. 10,477, of 28th February 1861, addressed to Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, from which it will be observed that the Native Sappers' qualifications are very limited, and not such as to entitle them to the rates of Pay usually disbursed to private Artificers; and further, that a 1st Class Sapper is seldom or ever equal to a 3rd or 4th Class Artificer in the Engineer's Department.

3. On referring to Section XI, paragraph 36, page 193 of the Madras Military Pay and Audit Regulations, I find that merely the work that is required to be performed by Native Sappers of the three classes is defined, but no examination for the purpose of testing their qualifications for the duties required of them has apparently been prescribed. I therefore submit that the nature and extent of the qualifications required of Native Sappers should be determined upon by Government, previous to sanction being accorded to the recommendation of the Madras Government, as also the mode of testing their qualifications. At present this is undefined, and the mode in which the Commandant decides about men at Head Quarters, and when detached, is not stated.

Natives.

Class 1st.

Paragraph 36. The First Class to be composed of superior Artificers, and to receive three Annas per diem working Pay, when employed as Artificers at their respective trades, or in making mining frames, or on the superstructure of Military Bridges, or as Native Surveyors, or in making out roads, or in giving instructions in trades, or in surveying, or in more advanced field works, or in Schools.

Class 2nd.

The Second Class to consist of Artificers of inferior skill and First Class labourers. The working Pay to be two Annas and three Pie per diem when employed at their respective trades, and when giving instructions in ordinary field works, or employed in the more advanced duties of Sappers and Miners, executing the regular saptracing Batteries, levelling and boring, driving galleries, and sinking shafts in mining or in pontooning.

Class 3rd.

The Third Class to be formed of third rate Artificers and Second Class labourers. The working Pay to be one Anna and six Pie per diem whilst under instructions as Artizans or Surveyors, and attending school for the purpose of learning Practical Geometry, Plan-drawing, Arithmetic, and Mensuration, and when employed in acquiring a knowledge of the more advanced works, or constructing ordinary field works, *viz.*, trenches, batteries, boring rocks and blasting, and in the construction of roads and other works.

4. Pending the receipt of a reply given you on this subject, the original papers received with your communication under acknowledgment, have been retained in this Department, but will be returned if required.

ORDER, No. 2722, 1*st August* 1861.

Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, in view to the information required being afforded.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Military Auditor General.
" Department Public Works. With 6 spare Copies.
" Commandant of Engineers, for information.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

Mr b^r 11 March 1861 1:
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