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Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 12th September 1862, No. 3,105 :—

SIR,

Proceedings of Government No. 879, dated 30th April 1862.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 2,074 of the 1st September 1862, I have the honor to state that under the Orders noted in the margin, the whole of the senior Sapper Corporals adverted to by the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, in his letter No. 9,923, dated 28th January 1862, can be promoted to the rank of Serjeant, and that Recommendation Rolls for the purpose are now being prepared for transmission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, agreeably to paragraph 11, Chapter 25 of the New Code.

2. The reference therefore which the Controller of Military Finance suggests should be made to the Government of India is unnecessary, as the supersession complained of by Lieutenant-Colonel Carpendale is not likely to occur again, moreover, under any circumstances, it appears desirable that the promotion of the Corporals in question should be regulated in the same manner as that of the men of other branches of the Army employed in the Department.

3. In the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 15th August 1862, page 240, it is notified that in supersession of previous regulations on the subject, Soldiers on the Unattached List under the rank of Serjeant are to be considered as eligible for promotion to that grade after one year's approved effective service on Staff employ, provided their total service as Soldiers be not less than three years. It is not clear whether this rule applies to the men of the Public Works Department, but if it does not, I beg that its benefits may be extended to them in the same manner as to other Military Subordinates on Staff employ.

ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1862, No. 2,325.

1. Under the circumstances represented in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the foregoing letter, it does not seem necessary to make the reference to the Government of India suggested by the Controller of Military Finance in the letter communicated to this Department in Proceedings of the Military Department dated 18th August 1862, No. 2,829.

2. Paragraph 3 of the Chief Engineer's letter will be referred to the Military Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
„ Chief Engineer.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 3405

Central Office P.W.
Chepauk
12th September 1862.

From
Colonel H. L. Birdwood R.E.
Chief Engineer L.P.W.

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Military Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government Pub: Gen: No 2674 of the 1st September 1862, & 19th & 30th 1862, I have the honour to state for the information that under the orders noted in the margin the whole of the Senior Sappers Corporals advertised to by the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle in his letter No 9923 dated 28th January 1862, can be promoted to the rank of Sergeants, and that recommendation rolls for the purpose are now being prepared for transmission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, agreeably to Para

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11, Chapter 25 of the Statutes.

2. The reference therefore on which the Controller of Military Finance suggests should be made to the Government of India is unnecessary, as the supercession complained of by Lieutenant Colonel Carpendale is not likely to occur again. Moreover under any circumstances it appears desirable that the promotion of the Corporals in question should be regulated in the same manner as that of the men of other branches of the Army employed in the Department.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servt

Central Office P.W.
Chepauk
5th Sept 62

W. Linthorst Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To
The Secretary to Government
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The Chief Engineer
Dated 12th Sept. 1862
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No. 3105
Replying to Pro: of Govt. No. 2074 of 1st Sept. 62 and requesting that the G.O. published in page 2110 of the Fort St. George Gazette of the 5th Aug. 62 may be made applicable to the Inundees of the P.W.D.
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With an order

No. 2325.

Under the circumstances represented in Paras 1 & 2 of the foregoing letter, it does not seem necessary to make the reference to the Govt. of India suggested by the Comptroller of Military Finance in the letter communicated to this department in Pro: of the Military Dept. of 18th August 1862 No. 2329.

Para 3 of the Chief Engineers letter will be referred to the Military department for consideration.

Chepauk
29th September 1862

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