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No. 307. Read the following letter from Captain H. T. ROGERS, Commanding Sappers and Miners, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishwaram, 27th January 1862, No. 78:—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for your information Proceedings of a Committee assembled at this station for the examination of 2nd Corporal J. Miller of the Corps under my command, considered eligible for Class "A" working pay.

Proceedings of a Committee assembled by order of Captain H. T. Rogers, for the examination of 2nd Corporals J. Miller and A. Jones, as to their qualifications for Class "A" working pay.

Dowlaishwaram, December 2nd, 1861.

President.—Lieutenant A. J. FILGATE.

Members. { Lieutenant R. THOMPSON. Lieutenant J. PENNYCUICK.

I. The Order for the assembly of the Court having been read, President and Members being all present—

The Committee proceeds to examine the work and plans of 2nd Corporal J. Miller, and is of opinion that he thoroughly understands the principles and practice of Brick-work and Masonry, and also that he is qualified to act as an Instructor in these branches.

On these grounds and taking into consideration the responsible position which he will hold as Bricklayer Instructor, the Committee recommends 2nd Corporal J. Miller to be promoted to the Class "A" working pay.

II. The Committee next proceeds to examine the work and qualifications of 2nd Corporal Jones.

Corporal Jones states that the tools and appliances with which he has always been accustomed to work not being procurable now, he is unable to show any specimen of his own work. Corporal Jones however produced a most satisfactory testimonial from the School of Arts in Madras, in which he was employed as an Instructor for more than two years. The Committee regrets that the want of proper Pottery tools and appliances has deprived 2nd Corporal Jones of an opportunity of proving his ability. The Committee cannot, therefore, at present recommend 2nd Corporal Jones to be promoted to Class "A" working pay.

(Signed) A. J. FILGATE, Lieutenant, M. E., *President.*
(„) R. THOMPSON, Lieutenant, M. E., } *Members.*
(„) J. PENNYCUICK, Lieutenant, M. E., }

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1. The two Native Maistries hitherto employed as Instructors of the Sappers in Masonry and Pottery, on a salary of Rupees 15-8-0 and 11-0-6 respectively, being merely ordinary Native workmen with but an average knowledge of the rude work prevailing among their own people, I have thought it highly desirable to discharge them and substitute as teachers Europeans who themselves thoroughly conversant with those arts as they obtain in civilization will by their instruction raise immeasurably the standard of the Sappers qualifications in these departments.

2. Corporal Miller having been examined and approved by the Committee, has been placed permanently in charge of the instruction in Masonry on the pay of Class "A".

3. Corporal Jones as soon as he is able to produce satisfactory specimens of his skill in Pottery, I propose to place in the same position permanently as Instructor in this branch; but as he is now performing this duty, and it is not his fault that he had no means of proving his abilities to the Committee, I would urge that as soon as he has done so he should be permitted to draw Class "A" pay from the same date as Corporal Miller, viz., the 2nd instant.

(Signed) H. T. ROGERS, Captain,
Commanding Sappers and Miners.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th February 1862.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1862, No. 256.

Ordered to be communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineers, Northern, Southern, and Central Circles, for their information.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of a Committee assembled for the order of Capt. N. S. Rogers. For the Examination of 2nd Corporals J. Miller and A. Jones as to their Qualifications for Class A. Working Pay.

Dowlaisheram Dec. 2nd 1861

President Lieut. A. L. Filgate
Members. Lieut. R. Thompson
Lieut J. Pennycuick

1. The order for the assembly of the Court being read. President and Members being all present. The Committee proceeds to Examine the Work and plans of 2nd Corporal J. Miller and is of opinion that he understands the principles and practice of Brick and Masonry and also that he is qualified to act as an instructor in these branches. In these grounds and taking into consideration the responsible position which he will hold as Brick Layer Instructor. The Committee recommends 2nd Corporal J. Miller to be promoted to the Class A Working pay.

2. The Committee next proceeds to Examine the Work and qualifications of 2nd Corporal Jones.

Corporal Jones states that the tools and appliances of his trade he has always been accustomed to work with being favourable here he is unable to show any specimens of his own work. Corporal Jones produced the Plan

satisfactory testimonial from the School of Arts in Birmingham in which he was employed as an instructor for three years.

The Committee regrets that the want of proper Pottery tools and appliances has deprived Corporal Jones of an opportunity of proving his ability. The Committee cannot therefore at present recommend 2nd Corpl. Jones for promotion to Class A. Working Pay.

RJ.

Alex. J. Gilgate Lieut. Col. President

Geo. Thompson Lieut. Col. Member

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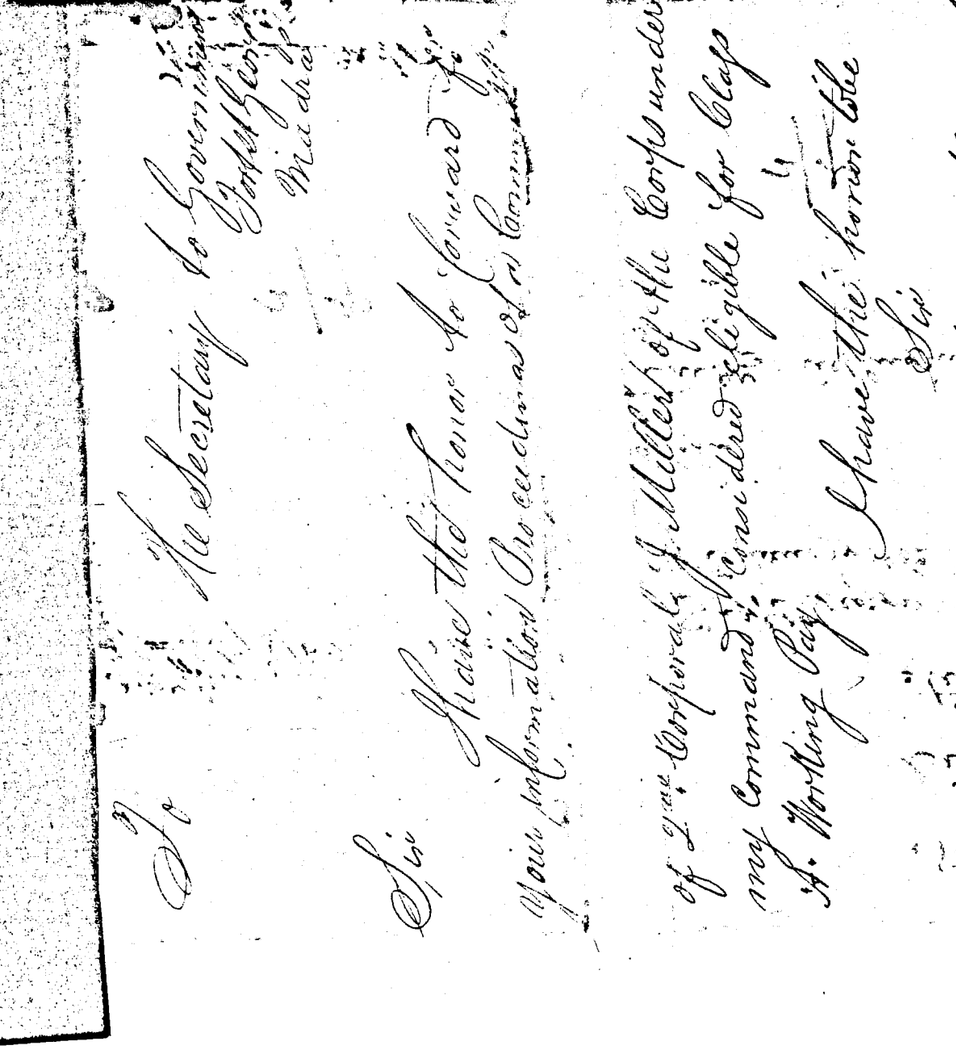
The two Native Masters Artificers employed as instructors of the Soldiers in Modelling & Pottery on a salary of 15/. & 11/. 6 respectively being merely ordinary native workmen with but an average knowledge of the crude work prevailing among their own people I have thought it highly desirable to discharge them & substitute as teachers Europeans who themselves thoroughly conversant with these arts as they obtain in civilization will be able to give instruction daily after the standard of the Soldiers'

qualifications in that department.

Corporal Miller having been examined & approved by the Committee has been selected permanently in charge of the instruction in Modelling for the Corps of Clerks &c.

Corporal Miller is also to be able to produce satisfactory specimens of his skill in potting & to place himself in the same position permanently as instructor in this branch but as he is now performing this duty and it is not his fault that he has no means of showing his ability the Committee should not be able to say from the same date as Corporal Miller viz. the 2nd Inst.

A. J. Gilgate Lieut. Col.
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