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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st November 1862.*

No. 19. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 24th October 1862, No. 3,685:—

Communicating letter from the Adjutant General of the } (Vide Military Proceedings, 24th October 1862,
Army, regarding the system of appointing Infantry } Nos. 534 @ 536.)
Officers to the Sappers and Miners, &c.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1862, No. 2,615.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

Observing that Lieutenant Filgate's appointment as Adjutant of the Sappers and Miners and the appointment of an Infantry Officer to take Command of the Company now under his charge, are questions to be dealt with in the Military Department, and that the Chief Engineer's recommendation in the paragraphs noted, will also be considered in the same Department. } Here enter 12th September 1862, No. 2182.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

20th September 1862.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters Ootacamund, 2nd October 1862, No. 593; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department, No. 2182, dated 12th September 1862, referred to His Excellency under date 20th idem.

2. Lieutenant General Sir P. Grant considered the system of appointing Infantry Officers to the Sappers and Miners decidedly objectionable, and, as stated by Captain Winscom, intimated his intention of not appointing any more, at least until orders from the Supreme Government should be issued regarding the re-organization of that Corps, consequent on the amalgamation.

3. The Commander-in-Chief has called for further information from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, in regard to Lieutenant Filgate's qualifications for the situation of Adjutant, and whether the necessity for the appointment to the Corps of an Infantry Officer, cannot, for the present, be obviated by other arrangements Regimentally.

4. His Excellency concurs in the propriety of the recommendation contained in paragraphs 3, 6, 7 and 8, of the letter from the Chief Engineer, and the attention of the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, has been called to the Order of Government, under date 11th January 1861.

5. The enclosures of the Proceedings of Government, under reply, are herewith returned.

ORDER, No. 3685, 24th October 1862.

Government await a further Report from the Adjutant General, with respect to the Adjutancy of the Sappers and Miners. Meanwhile, his present letter will be communicated to the Public Works Department.

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief having concurred in the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, that Sapper allowance should be withheld from Engineer Officers attached to the Sappers and Miners, who fail to pass in Tamil or Telugu within a prescribed period, the Governor in Council accords sanction thereto, and in accordance with Colonel Birdwood's suggestion, limits the period to one year from date of joining Regimental Head Quarters. Unpassed Officers now with the Sappers, who have already completed one year's Regimental duty, will come under the operation of the Rule from the 1st January 1863.

(True Extract.)

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 Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works, with five enclosures. 420 per copies
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