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2. In my letter of the 21st August 1862, No. 2,698, I reported that Lieutenant Sim had not apparently acquired any knowledge of either Tamil or Telugu, and that Lieutenant Clarke was studying Telugu, since then I have not been informed of the progress which they may have made in their study of the vernacular, but of this I am certain, that they have not passed the required examination.

3. In justice, therefore, to this Department, I beg respectfully to request that no more young Engineer Officers may be permitted to leave the Corps of Sappers and Miners for employment in the Public Works Department of other Presidencies, without a reference being first made to the Chief Engineer on the subject, as their services are required for the same Department of this Presidency.

4. There is now and has been for some time seven vacancies* in the grade of 2nd Assistant District Engineer, which I have been unable to fill, for want of properly qualified Officers, and should it be found at Dowlaishwaram that an Officer can obtain employment in the Public Works Department of other Presidencies without passing an examination in the vernacular, few of the young Engineers sent there will care to study for employment in the Public Works Department of this Presidency.

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Central Office of P.W.
Chennai
18 October 1862.

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From,

Colonel W. S. Birdwood R.E.,
Chief Engineer S.P.W.

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Military

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Central Office
Chepauk
28 Oct 62.

I have the honor to be,
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Your Most Obedt Servt.
W. Cunningham Colonel R.E.,
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The Secretary to Government
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