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

No. 19. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 16th April 1862, No. 1,413:—

Declaring that the promotion of Soldiers who were serving in the Public Works Department prior to the 11th January 1861 does not debar them from the benefit of the protective order of the 4th October 1861, No. 3,590, and referring for the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the question of obviating the supercession by their Regimental Juniors of men of the Sappers and Miners placed on the Effective Supernumerary list.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 16th April 1862, Nos. 378 @ 381.)

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1862, No. 899.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer and to the Deputy Chief Engineers, Northern, Southern, and Central Circles, for information and guidance.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.—(Military.)

Read the following letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, Chepauk, 28th January 1862, *No.* 9923; *to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

1. I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, a letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, bringing to notice that the Military Paymaster at Bellary had refused to pass Sapper and Cavalry rates of Pay for November last to 2nd Corporal A. Jeffery, late of Sappers and Miners, and Private C. Seton, late Her Majesty's 1st Dragoon Guards, on the ground that they had been transferred* to the Effective Supernumeraries, and are only entitled to Infantry rate of Pay.

1 *Letter from the District Engineer Cuddapah, No.* 736, *dated 4th January* 1862.

* *G. O. C. C. Page* 686, *of the* 1*st November* 1861, *and Page* 1024, *of the 24th December* 1861.

2. In Government Orders, Military Department, of 11th of January 1861, it was ruled that Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of all branches of the Service who were employed in the Department should draw Infantry rate of Pay in assimilation with the practice in Bengal, but as the application of the Rule operated very injuriously in the cases of men previously in the Department it was subsequently decided that the Order should only apply to men appointed either temporarily or permanently to the Department subsequent to 11th January 1861.

Public Works Department, Order No. 1964, *of 25th October* 1861.

3. It will be observed, however, that the Pay Department consider that the subsequent transfer of the same individuals to the Effective Supernumeraries renders the protective Order of 25th October last of no effect, and I would therefore request that the matter may be again brought under the consideration of Government.

4. The object of the Bengal Order which appeared in the Madras Regulations so far back as Government Notification 23rd June 1857, paragraph 24, page 46, "Fort Saint George Gazette," seems to be, when taken in connection with paragraph 11, Chapter XXV, New Code, which has also been taken from the Bengal Regulations, to entitle men of seven years' approved service to promotion to the rank of Serjeant; but I think it well to bring to your notice on this occasion that in addition to the disadvantage under which they labor by the present decision in regard to Pay, the transfer of many of the men of the Sappers to the Effective Supernumerary List will hereafter be more injurious, and this does not appear to have been foreseen.

Volume 2 *of* 1857.

5. The removal of all the Sappers who are employed in the Department of Public Works from the effective strength of the Corps, has caused large promotion *in* the Corps, and the consequence will be, that men who were yesterday young second Corporals will enter the Department in from six months to two years hence as Serjeants, and they will not only supersede the older men of the same Corps who have gone into the Effective Supernumeraries and who have had considerable experience in the Department, but they will in the rank of Serjeant have established a claim to supersede them still further by their earlier eligibility for promotion to Warrant Military rank in the Department, and the dissatisfaction that will be caused thereby cannot but have a most injurious effect. These remarks have reference only to the men of the Sappers, who are a small body, composed entirely of Non-Commissioned Officers, among whom promotion has hitherto gone as a general rule by seniority, and do not apply to men of other branches of the Service, as *their* prospects of promotion are much improved by their transfer to the Effective Supernumeraries, but the disadvantage of immediate reductions in rate of Pay applies to all alike.

Vide Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd October 1861, *No.* 1944.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1862, No. 313.

1. Referred to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to Proceedings in that Department, dated 4th October 1861, No. 3590.

2. Adverting to paragraph 4 of Colonel Carpendale's letter, it does not appear that Government intended that Soldiers transferred to the Effective Supernumeraries subsequent to the 11th January 1861, but who were serving in the Public Works Department prior to that date, should be debarred from the benefit of the protective Order of the 4th October 1861, above quoted.

3. As to the difficulty pointed out in paragraphs 4 and 5, it is observed that it may be met by the following course. The names of the Corporals from the Sappers and Miners, employed in the Department of Public Works, and therefore transferred to the Effective Supernumeraries, might still be borne in italics on the Roll of their Corps, as is the case with the Officers of the Staff Corps who are thus borne on the Cadrés of their original Regiments; and like them, the Sapper Corporals employed in the Public Works Department should get their promotion when their turn comes.

(True Extract.)

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

With Report of the Controller of Military Finance, 29th March 1862, *C.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.—(Military.)

Read the following letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle, Chepauk, 8th March 1862, *No.* 193, *N.* 46; *to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.*

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Nellore, giving cover to one from Serjeant Rose, Assistant Overseer in that District, wherein it is represented that he has been subjected to the Infantry rates of pay from the date on which he was promoted to the rank of Serjeant in the Corps of Sappers and Miners.

1 *Letter dated 17th February* 1862, *No.* 312.

2. In the Orders noted in the margin, it was ruled that the provisions of the Government Order of the 11th January 1861, should only apply to men entertained in the Public Works Department after that date, and as Serjeant Rose has been employed as an Overseer since March 1856, he appears to me to be fully entitled to the benefit of this decision.

No. 1964, *dated 25th October* 1861.

3. A letter was, I am informed, addressed to Government by Lieutenant Colonel Carpendale, on the subject of the Military pay to which men similarly situated as Serjeant Rose were to be considered as entitled to, and I request therefore that in passing orders upon the case therein noticed, the subject of Serjeant Rose's representation may be also duly considered, as it clearly was not the intention of Government that he should suffer a reduction of pay when promoted to a higher rank in his Corps.

No. 9923, *dated 28th January* 1862.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1862, No. 631.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration, with reference to Proceedings in that Department, dated 4th October 1861, No. 3590, and in continuation of Proceedings in this Department, dated 26th February 1862, No. 313.

(True Extract.)

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

ORDER, No. 1413, 16*th April* 1862.

The Governor in Council is pleased to declare that the subsequent promotion in their Regiments, or transfer to the Effective Supernumeraries, of Soldiers who were serving in the Public Works Department prior to the 11th January 1861, does not debar them from the benefit of the protective Order of the 4th October 1861, No. 3590.

2. The suggestion in paragraph 3 of the earlier of the foregoing Proceedings, for obviating the supersession by their Regimental juniors of men of the Sappers and Miners placed on the Effective Supernumerary List, will be referred for the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works. *With 20 spare Copies*
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