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13th October 1864.*

No. 224. Read the following letter from Captain W. H. EDGCOMBE, R. E., Principal of the Civil Engineering College, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Chepauk, 1st October 1864, No. 350:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and in reply to paragraph 5 of Government Order No. 2,699, dated 16th September 1864, that the Students therein referred to, who have qualified as Assistant Engineers, hesitate to accept the subordinate position of Assistant Supervisor under the conditions imposed, viz., that of gradual promotion through all the subordinate grades; as they state, and with much reason, that the grade of Assistant Supervisor being one in the Upper Subordinate establishment would ordinarily never lead to the position for which they have qualified in the Engineer establishment.

2. They however express their readiness to enter the Department Public Works as Assistant Supervisors, provided that after two or three years' probationary service, they be appointed Assistant Engineers on the occurrence of vacancies.

3. It appears to me, however, that such a measure would be fraught with injustice to those in the junior grades of the Upper Subordinate establishment, by debarring them from promotion. I therefore, on a further view of the subject, beg to recommend for favourable consideration, that the Students alluded to enter the service of Government as Probationary Assistant Engineers on a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem. They might then at the discretion of the Superintending or Executive Engineer be employed in any subordinate duty, and acquire the same practical knowledge of their profession as if they had entered as Assistant Supervisors; and as vacancies occurred, they could be brought on the permanent establishment as Assistant Engineers.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1864, No. 2,948.

1. The Government are unable to accede to the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of this letter, or to alter the opinion expressed in Proceedings No. 2,699, dated 16th September 1864.

2. With reference to the latter part of paragraph 1, it is observed that there is nothing to prevent members of the Upper Subordinate establishment being promoted to the Engineer grade when they have duly earned that advancement; but the Government decline to bind themselves by any promises.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Principal Civil Engineering College.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Civil Engineering College
Chicago N 1st Oct 1864

From the Principal
to the Secretary to Government
D. V. W.

Sir, I have the honor to state
for the information of Your Excellency
the Governor in Council, and in reply
to Para. 5 of Government Order No.
2679 dated 16th August that the
Students therein referred to, who have
qualified as Assistant Engineers, hesitate
to accept the subordinate position of
Assistant Supervisor under the conditions
imposed, vizt that of gradual promotion
through all the subordinate grades - as
they state, and with much reason, that
the grade of Assistant Supervisor
being one in the upper subordinate
establishment would ordinarily be reserved
to the position for which they have qual-
ified in the Engineer establishment.

2. They however express
their readiness to enter the D. V. W.
as Assistant Supervisors, provided
that after 2 or 3 years' probationary
service, they be appointed Assistant
Engineers.

Engineers in the occurrence of vacancies

3. It appears to me, however, that such a measure would be fraught with injustice to those in the junior grades of the Upper Subordinate Establishment - by depriving them from promotion. Therefore, on a further view of the subject - beg to recommend for favorable consideration, that the Students allowed to enter the service of Government ^{as Probationary Asst. Engineers} on a salary of 150/- per annum - They might then at the discretion of the Superintending or Executive Engineer be employed in any subordinate duty and acquire the sound practical knowledge of their profession, and if they had entered as Assistant Supervisors, and as vacancies occurred, they could be brought in the Permanent Establishment as Assistant Engineers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
W. S. S. S.
Principal

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The Govt are unable to accede to the recommendation contained in para 3 of this letter, or to alter the opinion expressed in Proceedings No 2699, dated 16th September 1864 -

2 With reference to the latter part of para 1, it is observed that there is nothing to prevent members of the Upper Subordinate Establishment being promoted to the Engineer grade when they have duly earned that advancement; but the Govt decline to bind themselves by any promise.

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The Principal C. & College of Arts
Chepauk
13th Oct 1864
Capt. S.

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from the

Principal
C. E. Collier

Madras

Dated 1st October 1864
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No. 350

Submits for the
information of Council
Governor in Engineer
that the Asst. Engineer
hesitates to accept the
post of Assistant Surveyor
in the District in the
-oir in the District in the
of the 18th unit would not
lead to the position they have
qualified for in the Eng. Dept.
-bishment, and would do so
only in prospect of being appointed
Asst. Engineer after 20 years
qualification.

Recommend that they be allowed
to seek the position in the
-temary Asst. Engineer in 1867
for themselves and provided
the permanent grade is vacant
and occurs.

2948-13th Oct 1864

Am. Sec. of the
Governor

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