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To

THE SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 38.

1. With reference to your letter No. 409 E., of the 5th March 1866, conveying intimation of the refusal of His Excellency the Governor General in Council to sanction the appointment of Mr. R. F. Chisholm to be a Superintendent of Works, I am directed to explain more fully the nature of the duties on which Mr. Chisholm is employed, and, in again urging attention to the injury to the prospects of promotion of many Officers of long standing which Mr. Chisholm's appointment as an Executive Engineer of the first grade will cause, I am to request a re-consideration of the matter.

2. Mr. Chisholm having completed the working drawings of the Presidency College is now employed in overlooking the details of the construction of that building by a Contractor, but this forms a very small portion of his engagements, and he is otherwise exclusively employed in the preparation of designs or in the correction of designs referred to him by Government for revision. He fills therefore really the position of Architect or "Consulting Architect to Government," and stands exactly in the same relation to this Department which Officers similarly employed in Bombay hold. It is observed that in that Presidency there is not only an "Architectural Executive Engineer and Surveyor" but also "a Consulting Architect to Government," and that both these appointments are *special* and extra to the fixed Executive Establishment.

3. Under these circumstances, and seeing that, if Mr. Chisholm, who is an Officer of $7\frac{1}{2}$ years standing, be confirmed in the rank of a first class Executive Engineer, he will supersede Officers of more than double his length of service and impede promotion which, owing to the very narrow basis on which the Executive establishment is constituted, is already so slow in the Public Works Department of this Presidency as to cause very great dissatisfaction and discouragement, the Government cannot but hope that His Excellency the Governor General in Council will take a more favorable view of this application, and will accord his sanction to Mr. Chisholm's appointment being treated as a special one under the designation of "Consulting Architect to Government" on the footing and emoluments of a first class Executive Engineer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

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No 23456

To The Secretary to the Govt
of India PWD.

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Establishment is constituted, is already too low in the Public Works Dept. of the Colony, and the very great discrimination and discernment, the Govt. can alone hope that His Excellency the Governor in General, will take a favourable view of this application and will accord his sanction to Mr. Chisholm's appointment hereby heated as a special one under the designation

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