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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th January 1866.

No. 436. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Passing orders on certain correspondence relative to the question raised by the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, as to whether Non-Commissioned Officers employed in the Educational Department are eligible for promotion to the Warrant Grades. } (Here enter 12th January 1866, No. 142.)

No. 437. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1866, No. 209.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36 — Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Director of Public Instruction, 5th December 1865, No. 2564; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to submit a letter* from the Principal Civil Engineering College, No. 639 of the 2nd instant, in which Captain Edgcome enquires whether service in the Educational Department, like that in the Public Works Department, will be allowed to qualify Serjeants, under certain conditions, for the grade of Warrant Officer.

**Requested to be returned.*

2. I request that you will be good enough to obtain the decision of Government upon the point.

From the Principal Civil Engineering College, Chepauk, 2nd December 1865, No. 639; to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to ascertain, if the period of service in his present appointment of Serjeant Schoury (4th Assistant Master in this College) will be allowed to count as qualifying service for the grade of Warrant Officer.

2. Under existing orders, Serjeants of not less than five years' standing, and fifteen years' service in the Army (including Departmental service) are eligible for promotion to the Warrant grade in *Public Works Department*; but, I am not aware of the rules that obtain in the Educational Department on this point, and shall feel obliged for information.

Referred to the Military Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th December 1865.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER, No. 142, 12th January 1866.

The Governor in Council observes that the rules* relating to the promotion of Non-Commissioned Officers employed in the Department of Public Works, provide for an establishment of Warrant Officers of various grades, "with the view of affording Military promotion to deserving Non-Commissioned Officers employed in the Department, and of supplying a Staff of Warrant Officers for service in the Field with Engineer Parks."

**G. O. G., 4th June 1858, No. 212.*

2. Military men employed in that Department are, moreover, allowed to draw Military pay, in addition to Civil or Staff salary.

3. His Excellency in Council views these arrangements as having been established with the double object of securing at all times a sufficient Staff of subordinates for the Public Works, and of affording an opening for employment and advancement to well conducted and efficient soldiers.

4. The system in the Educational Department is to fix consolidated salaries for those employed in it, the grant to Serjeant Schoury, of the Civil Engineering College, of Military pay† in addition to salary of office, being purely exceptional.

†Proceedings of Government, Educational Department, 3rd October 1865, *No.* 277.

5. In the Public Works Department Military promotion depends on vacancies occurring in a fixed numerical establishment of the Warrant grades, the primary condition‡ being that a Serjeant

‡G. O. G., 9th November 1860, *No.* 473.

shall be "of not less than five years' standing and not less than fifteen years' service in the Army (including Departmental service,") to be eligible for promotion to Sub-Conductor, from which grade the Warrant Officer receives further advancement as vacancies occur, always provided that he shall have served two years in a lower, before promotion to a higher, grade.

6. No such conditions can attach to promotion in an educational establishment like the Civil Engineering College, where the appointment of Military persons is isolated and contingent. To apply those conditions, therefore, to men so employed, they must be regarded as forming a part of the Public Works establishment, an arrangement, involving a change of system which His Excellency in Council is not prepared to entertain.

7. Reference will, however, be made to the Government of India to ascertain whether any and what provision exists in Bengal, for conferring Military promotion on men similarly situated.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 12th Jan. 1866, No. 143.

(True Extract.)

Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Educational Department, with an enclosure.
" Public Works Department. With 20 spare Copies.
" Controller of Military Accounts, } for information.
" Adjutant General, ... }

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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