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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th August 1867.*

No. 593. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—Irrigation,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd July 1867, No. 16 E. I. :—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 2,001 A., of the 31st May 1867, stating that Lieutenant-Colonel T. Greenaway, Commanding 23rd Native Infantry, declines to accept the appointment of Superintending Engineer for Irrigation in the Central Provinces, which had been offered to him by order of His Excellency the Governor General.

2. The question now arises of providing an Officer to take up this duty, and it appears to the Governor General in Council that this question must be dealt with having regard to the general position of the Government as to the possible supply of Officers having needful talents and experience for giving its new impulse to the spread of Irrigation in India. It is plain that the only source from which such Officers can be drawn, is India, which possesses two Schools of Irrigation Engineers, one in Madras, and the other in the North-Western Provinces. The style of Irrigation in the Southern half of India is very different from that in the Northern, principally because the seasons are unlike, and the physical features of the country are different. Madras, for these reasons, appears to the Governor General in Council to be the proper and necessary source from which the supply of Officers to carry out extensions of Irrigation in the Southern Provinces of India must be drawn, while the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab must be looked to to meet the requirements of the Northern Provinces.

3. The Governor General in Council having been forced to these conclusions, and having at the same time resolved to do what is necessary for the early extension of Irrigation in the Central Provinces, is led to request the Governor in Council of Madras to co-operate in the important duty of filling the post which Lieutenant-Colonel Greenaway has declined to accept. The Government of India will therefore be glad if the Government of Madras will nominate an Officer to go to the Central Provinces as a Superintending Engineer, for the special purposes of carrying out the intentions of the Government of India for the extension of Irrigation in those Provinces. His grading as a Superintending Engineer will depend on his previous services, and it is requested that the Government of Madras will make a definite recommendation on this point.

4. In making this request the Governor General in Council trusts that the matter will not be looked at only in the light of what is best for Madras, but that due consideration will also be had to what is necessary for the progress of India generally. In this aspect of the question His Excellency in Council does not doubt that the Government of Madras will cordially co-operate in doing what it reasonably can in the way of supplying Officers when requested to do so in this, and any other like cases that may hereafter arise. On the other hand, the Government of India will be careful not to overtax the Local Governments in this respect. But the Governor General in Council is satisfied that there is absolutely no other course open than that which is here indicated; and if it be not adopted, satisfactory progress will be impossible.

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5. His Excellency in Council desires me to add an expression of his hope that whenever an Officer is thus asked for by the Government of India, one as thoroughly efficient will be supplied, as though the appointment had been in the gift of the Government of Madras, and that it had been called upon itself to fill it in the best way practicable from among its own Officers, and for the good of its own territories, bearing in mind, of course, the reasonable requirements of works already in existence, or of enquiries actually in progress. It also appears to the Government of India that it should be understood that a selection made under the circumstances now contemplated must be held to be obligatory on the Officer named, and that no excuse based on merely personal grounds should be accepted any more than if the duty had to be performed in his own Presidency.

No. 594.

ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1867, No. 2,603.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 63.

The withdrawal of any more Officers of Engineers from this Presidency cannot but be attended with the utmost

inconvenience, but the Government are nevertheless desirous of meeting the wishes of the Government of India by selecting for the appointment of Superintending Engineer for Irrigation in the Central Provinces an Officer of experience, and thoroughly acquainted with the irrigational system of this Presidency, and they accordingly resolve to place at the disposal of that Government the services of Captain J. F. Fischer, of the Royal Engineers, who, from his previous services in the Department, and his successful management of the irrigation works in Bellary, is believed to be possessed of all the requirements referred to in the letter above recorded:—

(Here enter No. 2,604, dated 26th August 1867.)

(True Extract.)

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

To Captain J. F. Fischer, R. E.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th August 1867.

No. 595.

No. 2,604.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 69.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 16 E. I., under date the 23rd July 1867,

requesting that, as Lieutenant-Colonel Greenaway has declined to accept the appointment of Superintending Engineer for Irrigation in the Central Provinces, an Officer of experience in the irrigation system of Madras may be nominated by this Government to go to the Central Provinces as a Superintending Engineer for the special purpose of carrying out the intentions of the Government of India for the extension of irrigation in those Provinces, and I am, in reply, to state that the services of Captain J. F. Fischer of the Royal Engineers are available for the duty in question.

2. Having thus met the wishes of the Government of India, as expressed in your letter, I am desirous to call the attention of His Excellency the Governor

No. 1,282, 30th April 1867.
" 1,880, 24th June "
" 1,990, 4th July "

General in Council to the letters of this Government as per margin, in which are earnestly pointed out the great difficulties that are now experienced in this Presidency in obtaining the services of Officers of experience for the Public Works Department, and more especially for the investigation of new, and for the execution as well as the executive management of sanctioned and existing irrigational works, owing to the transfer of so many Officers of Engineers of the Madras Establishment for employment under the Government of India. Representations to this effect have been made to the Secretary of State, with a request that a reinforcement of Officers of Royal Engineers may speedily be sent out. A still more pressing application will now be made for those Officers, and I am to add that, till their arrival, any further withdrawal of Engineer Officers from under the orders of this Government will have the worst effect on the efficient management of all the public works of this Presidency, and seriously injure those of irrigation, as well as impede their extension.

3. Taking into consideration Captain Fischer's standing in this Department and his lengthened irrigational experience, this Government are of opinion that he cannot be graded as a Superintending Engineer of any but the highest class.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 16E. I.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Establishment—Irrigation.

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIMLA, the 23rd July 1867.

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Engineer for the special purposes of carrying out the intentions of the Government of India for the extension of Irrigation in those Provinces. His grading as a Superintending Engineer will depend on his previous services, and it is requested that the Government of Madras will make a definite recommendation on this point.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. A.

Colonel, R. A.,

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Establishment—Irrigation

Establishment-Irrigation
Proc of Govt for Budget
To : N: 2239

To
THE SECY. TO GOVT., MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 16 E. 1.

Dated Simla, 23rd July 1867.

Received 6th Aug.

To the next

*Appointment of a Superintending Engineer for
Irrigation Works in the Central Provinces, and
of Officers generally for Irrigation purposes.*

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Under date the 26th August/67

Read the following

From The Govt of India H.E. 23rd July 1867- No 16E's

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To ²⁶⁵⁴
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The Secretary to the
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P.W. Dept
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26th Aug 1867 }

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Pro. of Govt. for August
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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
of 26th August 1867

Further his Pro. of 26th 13-14-77

Using orders and letter
from the Govt. of India
requesting the services of an
officer for the appointment of
Supg. Engrs. for irrigation
in the Central Provinces.

Placing the services of
Captain Fischer R.E. at the
disposal of the Govt. of India
for the above appointment.