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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st August 1870.*

Read the following letters —

No. 1. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 23rd June 1870, No. 711.

I HAVE the honour to forward the enclosed petition, (with two enclosures,) dated 9th instant, from Serjeant F. Barnes, Talook Overseer, to your address, and at the same time to submit, for the information of Government, copy of my letter* to the Adjutant-General of the Army, and to add that I see no reason, even now, to recommend Serjeant Barnes' promotion to the Warrant grade.

* No 3,442, dated 5th March 1870.

No. 2. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 8th July 1870, No. 855.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to your Memorandum, dated 20th ultimo, to report as follows on the conduct of Serjeant Barnes. Talook Overseer —

2. When in the Pullumpett Talook, under Conductor Haddock, as Range officer, responsible for the expenditure, etc, Conductor Haddock made a remark, "examined and found the items correct, and the charges greatly in excess" (especially in the Road work) of what it should have been. To this Serjeant Barnes took exception on the ground that "such a detrimental observation was never made by any of my superiors," and appealed to me to call upon Conductor Haddock to substantiate the remark. Serjeant Barnes' letter, No 151, dated 1st February 1869, to me was covered by a docket to the Range officer with a request to forward the same "at once," and of this Conductor Haddock justly noticed that such a peremptory request from a subordinate was objectionable. Serjeant Barnes followed this up with reminders on the 6th, 12th, and 16th, knowing full well that before submitting his (Serjeant Barnes') complaint, Conductor Haddock was collecting some information, which Serjeant Barnes declined to give until I had issued orders on the subject. This information was given in three statements, in forwarding which Conductor Haddock says, "All I wish and most respectfully beg of you is, the removal of this man to some other talook, for I can assure you I have had no end of trouble since I took over charge of the Pullumpett Range."

3. On a further enquiry into the case, it was found that Serjeant Barnes had overpaid the sum of Rupees 80-12-9, and this sum I directed him to make good. Had I, when investigating the matter, thought that any criminality attached to Serjeant Barnes, I should have recommended his removal from the department, but as all this seemed to have occurred from carelessness, I thought it sufficient punishment to make him pay the amount, and I informed Serjeant Barnes that I was very nearly handing him up to Government for his insubordinate conduct.

4. I have known Serjeant Barnes since coming to this division, and Government will allow me to judge of Serjeant Barnes' bearing being insolent towards his superiors. I always found Serjeant Barnes disposed to be insubordinate, and if as a Military man he has been unable to show becoming respect to his superiors, I consider that by stopping his promotion for some time that it would improve him.

3 (Hundred)
Bellary 23rd June 1870

Executive Engineer
for Suptg Engineer 3rd Div.

I may add that his present respectful demeanour, if not due to anything else, may be owing to the prospect of promotion to the Warrant grade which I have been unable to recommend.

5. As an Overseer I have found him apathetic and self-opinionated; very touchy if any remarks are made on his work, and rather careless about the rates.

No. 3.

ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1870, No. 1,830.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

As the Superintending Engineer under whom Serjeant Barnes is serving adheres to his opinion that Serjeant Barnes' behaviour towards his superiors has disentitled him to the immediate promotion which he seeks, the Government regret that his application cannot at present be complied with; but should a more favourable report of Serjeant Barnes' conduct be received at the termination of twelve months, the Government will then be glad to submit his name for promotion to the Warrant grade for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division
,, Military Department.

Exd S T. Augustin.

Copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division, to the Adjutant General of the Army, dated Bellary 5 March 1870 A^o 3442.

Referring to G.O. A^o 370 dated 31st January last in the Public Works Department, I have the honor to inform you that of the Military Sub-ordinations in the Division, only one, Serjeant Frederick Barnes has completed the necessary service of 15 years of which 5 have been in the rank of Serjeant, for promotion to Sub-Commissioner.

2 I regret that I cannot recommend Serjeant Barnes for promotion, as he had recently not behaved in a proper manner to his Range Officer, and I was necessitated to transfer him to another District in this Division.

3 The following is an abstract of service of Serjeant Barnes:-

Enlisted _____ 11 February 1855
Joined the P.W. Dept. 10 July 1863.
Promoted to Serjeant _____ Jan 1864.
(Unattached List)

(True Copy)

Supy Engineer's Office
3 Division
Bellary 23 June 1870

William Lieut Colonel
Executive Engineer
for Supy Engineer 3rd Div.

Copy of letter to the
Adjutant General
of the Army and
the commanding
Sergeant Major
of the 3rd Division
at Fort St. George

Enclosure to the
Adjutant General
of the Army and
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Enc. 707
Copy of docket No. 5308 of 27th Inst. from the Asst. Adjutant General
Fort St. George to the Superintending Engineer 3^d Division

Superint. with reference to his docket No. 2440 dated 12th Instant that
the enlistment of it in no way affects the Local Regulations in the case
of Sergeant F. Barnes who must serve the prescribed of 15 years to
qualify for the warrant grade

No. 2613 of 26th Dec. 1867

Forwarded to the Adjutant Genl. Pullen's Regt for communication to
Sergeant Barnes with reference to his letter No. 157 of the 5th Instant

Yours truly
The Adjutant General
of the Army and
the commanding
Sergeant Major
of the 3rd Division
at Fort St. George

1st Cavalry Regt

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To the

Superintending Engineer
3d Division

Sir

I beg most respectfully that you will be pleased to recommend me for promotion to the Grade of Sub-Conductor as I enlisted on the 16th February, 1855, joined this Department on July 1863, was promoted to Assistant one year subsequent and completed the necessary 15 years service yesterday.

I beg to remain

Sir

your most obedient humble servant

Sgt J. M. Whist

Cavalry 3d Div

This Copy
J. M. Whist
Cavalry 3d Div
9th Dec 1870

Adjutant General's Office
No 231 dated 21st Dec 69 of Adjutant
Adjutant General to 3d Div Engineer 3d Division
Sgt J. M. Whist's certificate No 211 of 21st Dec 69
over Government's name

Forwarded to Mr. General Barnes

with reference to his letter of the 1st Dec 69

1st Lt John Foye
Assistant Engineer
Cavalry 3d Div

3d January 1871

Adjutant General's Office
Cavalry 3d Div

Approved
J. M. Whist

No 44

To the Secretary to the Government of
Port St. George in S. H. O.

The humble Petition of Frederick Davies
Sergeant in the British Supernumeraries, 2nd Division
Admiralty District 2nd Division
Sheweth

That Your Petitioner enlisted in the 17th Lancers on the
16th February 1855 served with that Corps on the
Pyrenees and in Turkey (1855-6) and in the East
Indies since December 1857, taking part in the
suppression of the Mutiny and being present
at the execution of Santa Rosa at Sepehri on the
19th April 1859

That Your Petitioner having passed the entrance exam-
ination of the Royal Engineering College (on the
Recommendation of Captain S. Collier now of the 11th
Lancers) in January 1861 was admitted a student
into that Institution and having obtained the

No 145. Certificate in July 1862 was posted to the
Andamans District being promoted to Sergeant
one year subsequent. His salary &c being then

245. Superintendent Engineer.
That Your Petitioner addressed a letter concerning this
Ando. No 1. Military Promotion to the Superintendent Engineer
at Port St. George on the 5th December 1867 and received
in reply copy of Order No 500 of 21st Jan from
Superintending the Assistant Hospital Steward Port St. George to
the Superintendent Engineer 2nd Division

That Your Petitioner from the above signing himself
Qualified for promotion to the 1st Assistant Grade
1st date 11/2/70 again addressed a letter to the Superintendent
Engineer on 11th Feb 1870 begging to be recommended
for a Sub-conductor ship as there were several vacancies
and Government had called for a list of non-

Commissioned Officers who were eligible. This letter was
forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the
Officer under whom Your Petitioner has served as year

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That Your Petitioner having received no answer to the
letter of 16th February 1870 and being himself dis-
satisfied by Captain Schreyer who has to conduct the
Petitioner from 12th March 1870, requested the
Ranger Officer to refer to the Superintendent
for a reply.

That Your Petitioner received the Superintendent's
orderment on 17th March 1870 directed to the
25th May 1870. Informing that the 'of the
'Petitioner' service was not to be continued but
on 5th March 1870 without any recommendation
or promotion. Nothing had been heard.

That Your Petitioner served under Mr. J. Langsdorf
and Captain W. St. Edwards R.E. at the
Engineering College from 1861 to 1863 and under
Lieut. Henry R.E. from July 1863 to Dec. 1864
in the Madras Regt. Madras Regt. then
the Madras Regt. of the 1st Division
Your Petitioner. Therefore humbly begs that
his recorded conduct register be sent to
whom he has served and claim for promo-
tion be taken into consideration.

And as in duty bound to sign
Yours faithfully,
W. St. Edwards R.E.
W. St. Edwards R.E.

W. St. Edwards
9th April 1870

Forwarded to the Officer in charge of the Madras Regt.
- in view of the Superintendent's order together with
Letter of 9th April 1870.

No. 711

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Bellary 23rd June 1870.

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

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The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

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Wm. H. Hunt Lieut. Col.
Executive Engineer
for Supt. Engineer 3^d Div.

No. 855.

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division. 15

Bellary 8th July 1890

From,

The Superintending Engineer.

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George

Enclosures.

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To Mr. Wm. B. F. Fiske
From,
Dec 1876

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division..

To,

The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George:

No. 771.

Dated 25/11/11
Received by _____

Considered as

The handwriting is in a cursive style, typical of the 18th or 19th century. The text is written on a single sheet of paper, with the words "The handwriting is" visible at the top. The ink is dark, and the paper appears aged. The handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid, with some words being difficult to decipher due to the cursive style. The text continues down the page, but the words are increasingly illegible as the handwriting becomes more compressed and the ink fades slightly.

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From The Sup^r Engineer 3^d Lt. E. No. 855 of 8th July 1874

After a careful
consideration of these papers,
the Government are not
of opinion that the Inf.
Engineer has brought for-
ward any such specific
instances of bad conduct
on the part of Sergeant
Warrus as should debar
him from promotion. His
Excellency the Governor in
Council is not of opinion
that ~~various~~ general imputa-
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I have the honor
to receive from you
Lieut Colonel
Executive Engineer
for Suptg Engineer 3 (Lies-)

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entitled him, and, more-
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Barnes' application of the
17th Feby last was forwarded
by his immediate superior
with his recommendation,
His Excellency in Council
resolves to submit the Ser-
jeant's claims to promotion
for the favorable considera-
tion of His Excellency the
Commander in Chief

it is his duty
to refer it
as a soldier

W. L.

To His Excellency the
Military Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 1st ~~Aug~~ ^{Sept} 1870

From The Superint^d Engineer 3^d 2^d / H. E. No 7112 / 23^d June 1870 /
From 2^d ----- 2^d ----- / H. E. No 8657 / 8th July 1870 /

sent to General Gov
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Commander-in-Chief.

W. H. C.

Lt. The Supr Engr. 3^d Det.
15th Military Depar^t.
Des^o 2/8/71

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Respectfully,
J. H. Curran

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11th Aug. 1830

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Ser't Barnes, Senr, Success,
Richd: 2: Taking orders on
letters from the Adj. Gen. & the
3^d Division regarding ~~the~~
the promotion of Ser't Barnes
Jr. to Success, & the Warrant
grade.

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