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Read the following papers:—

No. 82. From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Malliapooram, 9th November 1871, No. 178.

I. REGRET I have to report that the under-mentioned men sent to me by the Principal of the Civil Engineering College, and strongly recommended by that gentleman, have only passed the Bengal Test. I have called upon them to pass the full Overseer's test within May next, and should they fail I presume I shall be acting rightly in dispensing with their services:—

1. Bombardier H. Webb.
2. Gunner B. McKeon.
3. Bombardier J. Mahoney.
4. Mr. E. Reardon.

2. I beg further respectfully to note had I known that these men had only passed the Bengal Test, I would not have appointed them to the situations they hold, as I have had experience of how almost next to impossible it is for men to study for the examination required, and do their duty as Overseers of talooks at the same time, and I will take care in future that no Overseer is appointed to such post without first producing certificates notifying his having passed the full Overseer's test.

REFERRED to the Principal of the Civil Engineering College for such remarks as he may wish to offer.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

17*th November* 1871.

No. 83. From the Acting Principal of the Civil Engineering College, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 18th November 1871, No. 512-C.

WITH reference to letter No. 178, dated 9th instant, from Colonel Farewell* to your address referred to me in your endorsement of yesterday, I have the honour to inform you that I have always held the opinion that the classification of students at the College examinations as Talook Overseers and Bengal Overseers is altogether a mistake.

* Herewith returned.

2. The existing regulation of the College is that those who obtain half marks on the whole and not less than one-third on each subject shall be classed as Talook Overseers, and that those who gain one-third marks on the whole and one-fourth on each subject shall be classed as Bengal Overseers.

3. An inspection of any printed paper of results of the annual examinations will show how extensive the course of study is, and I think it will be conceded that the test for a Talook Overseer, *i.e.*, an ordinary Overseer of the Public Works

Department, is too high, and that the present test for the so-called Bengal Overseer is a sufficient qualification for any Overseer, especially when it is taken into consideration that for ordinary University degrees one-third marks confer a pass.

4. I would, therefore, strongly recommend that all who have obtained certificates as Bengal Overseers should be considered as duly qualified for Talook Overseers. The present Bengal Overseer's certificate should be called a Talook Overseer's certificate of the second class, and all Talook Overseer's certificate should be called certificates of the first class, in order to distinguish the superior proficiency displayed by their possessors.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1871, No. 3,074.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

THE appointment of the Overseers referred to by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will be considered on probation for twelve months, as they have not passed the full examination.

2. The proposals in paragraph 4 of the letter from the Acting Principal of the Civil Engineering College above recorded will come under the consideration of Government in connection with the Report of the Committee which was appointed in G. O., No. 2,160, dated 22nd August 1871.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Principal of the Civil Engineering College.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 178

Supg Engineer's Office 7th Dn
Camp Mallapooram 9th Novr 1871.

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From
Lt-Coll W. Farewell R.C.
Actg Supg Engineer 7th Dn

To,
The Secretary to Government
D.P.W. Madras

Sir,

I regret I have to report that the undermentioned men sent to me by the Principal of the Civil Engineering College and strongly recommended by that Gentleman have only passed the Bengal Test - I have called upon them to pass the full Overseers Test within 14 days next, and should they fail I presume I shall be acting rightly in dispensing with their services -

1st Bombardier H. Webb.
2. Gunner B. McKeon.
3. Bombardier J. Mahoney
4. Mr E. Reardon.

I beg further respectfully to note that had I known that these men had only passed the Bengal Test I would not have appointed them to the situations they hold, as I have had experience of how almost next to impossible it is for men to study for the examination required, and do their duty as Overseers of Talooks at

at the same time, and I will take care in future that no Overseer is appointed to such post without first producing Certificates notifying his having passed the full Overseers Test.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant

W. Smith Lt Col R.C.
Ag Supt Roy Engrs &c

No 512, C.

Civil Engineering College
Chepauk 18th November 1871

From
Captain H. J. Rogers R.E.
Ag. Principal C. E. College

To
Colonel J. Farquharson R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W. Dept
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to letter No 178 dated 9
herewith returned. Instant from Colonel Strevell to your address
referred to me in your endorsement of yesterday
I have the honor to inform you that I
have always held the opinion that the
classification of Students at the College
& examinations as Salugs Overseers and Bengal
Overseers is altogether a mistake.

2. The existing regulations of the College
are that those who obtain 2 marks on the
whole and not less than 1/3 on each subject
shall be classed as Salook Overseers and
that those who gain 1/3 marks on the whole
and 1/4 on each subject shall be classed as
Bengal Overseers.

P.W.D. Despatch
Received 28 Nov 1871
No 5454.

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College Chepauk

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4 I would therefore strongly recommend that all who have obtained Certificates as Bengal Overseers should be considered as duly qualified for Taluq Overseers. The present Bengal Overseers Certificate should be called a Taluq Overseers Certificate of the 2nd class and all Taluq Overseers Certificate should be called Certificates of the first class in order to distinguish the superior proficiency displayed by their possessors.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
A. W. Rogers Captain R.E.
Actg. Principal C.E.C.

Public Works Department

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Read the following

From

The Supdg Engr 7th Division } H.C. Lr No 178 of 7th November 71

The Principal &c. Coollege } H.C. Lr No 5726 of 8th October 71

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Dated 18th November 1871
(Signed) [illegible]

Recommending that three who have attained certificates as Coolie Overseers should be considered duly qualified as Sahibs Overseers of the 2nd class and three as Sahibs Overseers of the 1st class

Public Works Department
To Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Trichinopoly
No. 5225
The Principal, College
Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Secretary to Government, P.W. Department, No. [illegible] dated 18th November 1871 and to request that you will be pleased to forward to this office the certificates of the Overseers who have attained the standard of proficiency in Surveying and Levelling.
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

Fort St. George
1st Dec 1871

No 83
Nov 71

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College above recorded
will come under the
consideration of Govern-
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the report of the Committee
which was appointed
in G.O. No 2160 dated 22d
August 1871.

No 23.

To The Secy Govt of Bengal
" Principal Civil Engg
College
" Controller - Military
Accts

Dated 25th Nov 1871.