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No. 108A. Read the following letter from Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated The Summer House, Prior Park Road, Bath, 17th April 1873 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government of 6th ultimo, passing orders on my letter of the 20th December last on the subject of my recent degradation from first to second class Superintending Engineer, and, in reply, beg most respectfully to state that it was never my intention to complain either of the allowances assigned to me or of the class of duties I should be required to perform, and still less to arraign the propriety of the new departmental arrangements, however much I might regret them personally and professionally. My remonstrance was limited, or intended to be limited, to the injurious reflection cast upon my character as an Engineer Officer by the unusual, and—may I be permitted to say—unnecessary change of grade, as proclaimed to my brother officers, and the public generally, in the Gazette and in the Army List; and all that I ventured to hope for was that having once held the position of a first-class Superintending Engineer, I should still be permitted to retain the grade as a supernumerary, signing myself, and being addressed by others, and being registered in the Army List in the way to which I had for ten years been accustomed.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council will perhaps consider this as a sentimental rather than a substantial grievance, but I belong to a profession perhaps peculiarly sensitive on such points, and I find the feeling universal among my brother officers of every branch of the Army that, as the case at present stands, I am placed, however unintentionally, in a position of humiliation. I still hope to be relieved from this by my own Government, if not in the simple and inexpensive manner suggested, in some other equally efficacious; but should this appeal be denied, I trust I shall be excused for respectfully requesting that my letters (accompanied by a comparative statement of services) may be forwarded for the orders of the Supreme Government, or of the Secretary of State for India, as may be deemed proper.

No 108B. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1873, No. 1,515A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15A.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,515B, dated 7th June 1873.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, *7th June* 1873.

No. 108c.

No. 1,515B.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Public Works Department.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15B.

SIR,—As the Government of India are aware, the re-organization of the department on the 1st December last rendered it necessary, in consequence of the limitation of numbers in each grade, to place officers in positions inferior to those which they substantively filled on that date. With the sanction of that Government it has been arranged that officers so situated shall suffer no loss of emolument; but the representations which have been made lead this Government to believe that the inauguration of the recent changes has been attended with a feeling of discontent, which, for the harmonious working of the department, it seems expedient to remove.

2. The accompanying letters from Colonel C. V. Wilkieson, R.E., now on furlough, will explain the nature of the alleged grievance. Although more fancied than real, the expression of the grievance, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, renders it desirable to make such concession as is calculated to allay the prevailing feeling of discontent. It is accordingly proposed that the accompanying Gradation List shall be issued in which each officer is supposed to hold as a supernumerary the position substantively occupied by him at the time of the re-organization, it being understood that in filling up vacancies, the officers, whose names have been placed in higher grades than the new scheme of organization will permit, shall be considered as actually belonging to the grades in which they were placed on the 1st December last.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council hopes that the special circumstances which render this mode of grading officers necessary in the interests of a department which has undergone a radical change in its system of administration, will commend themselves to the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council, and secure his sanction to an arrangement which will not entail any additional outlay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA.

Dated June 73

Rec'd. Encl.

G. O., 7th June 1873, No. 1,515

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No. 1089

FORWARDING letters from Colonel C. V. Wilkieson, R.E., complaining of his supersession in the recent re-organization of the Public Works Department and suggesting certain arrangements for consideration.

Duplicate

The Seamen Hanna Prior Parkroad Bath.
17th April 1873.

From

Lieut C.V. Wilkieson
Royal Engineers.

To

Colonel Walker R.E.
Secy to Government in Dept of Public Works
Madras

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of Government of the 6th Ultimo, passing orders on my letter of the 25th December last, on the subject of my recent degradation from 1st to 2nd Class Superintending Engineer: and, in reply, beg most respectfully to state that it never was my intention to complain either of the allowances assigned to me, or of the class of duties I should be required to perform, and still less to arraign the propriety of the new departmental arrangements however much I might regret them personally and professionally. My remonstrance was limited, or intended to be limited, to the injurious reflection cast upon my character as an Engineer officer by the unusual, and may I be permitted to say unnecessary change of grade as proclaimed to my brother officers, and the public generally in the Gazette and in the Army List; and all that I ventured to hope for was that having once held the position of a first-class superintending Engineer I should still be permitted to retain the grade as a supernumerary, signing myself, and being addressed by others, and being registered in the Army List in the way to which I had for 10 years been accustomed.

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I have the honor to remain
Your most obedient servant
C. Williams. Colonel Royal Engineers

Batt 17th April 1873.

The Summer House
Prior Park Road. Bath.
17th April 1873.

From /
Colonel Williams
Royal Engineers

To / The Secretary to Government
in the Department of Public Works
Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government of the 11th inst passing orders on my letter of the 20th December last on the subject of my recent degradation from 1st to 2nd class Superintending Engineer; and in reply, beg most respectfully to state that it was never my intention to complain either of the allowances assigned to me, or of the class of duties I should be required to perform, and still less to canvass the propriety of the new departmental arrangements, however much I might regret them personally and professionally. My remonstrance was limited, or intended to be limited, to the injurious reflection cast upon my character as an Engineer Officer by the unusual, and may I be permitted to say, unnecessary

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Morrison Colonel

Royal (Madras) Engineers

The Secretary Govt
Bath

Name	Date of first appointment to the Dept.	Date of present appointment
	Chief Engineer 1st Class	
Col. J. H. Walker	R.E. 21st Jan/45	4 May 1872
	Chief Engineer 2d Class	
Lt Col. J. Mullins R.E.	2d Feb/52	1st Nov/70.
	Superintending Engineers 1st Grade (2)	
Col. E. A. Foord R.E.	13 Oct/46	1 Dec/72
Lt Col. W. T. F. Farewell S.C.	7 Oct/63	Do.
Col. C. V. Wilkinson R.E.	13 Oct/46	5 Sept/71 Supernumerary (Furlough)
Major R. F. Baker R.E.	15 July/56	3 Sept/72 Supt'g
	Supt'g Engrs 2d Grade (2)	
Lol. C. V. Wilkinson R.E.	13 Oct/46	1 Dec/72
Major R. F. Baker R.E.	15 July/56	Do.
Lt Col R. A. Roberts R.E.	June/49	19 Dec/71 Supt'g
Col F. J. Moberly R.E.	19 Oct/47	3d Sept/72 Do.
	Supt'g Engineers 3d Grade (1)	
Lt Col R. A. Roberts R.E.	June/49	1 Dec/72
Col. F. J. Moberly R.E.	19 Oct/47	Do. (offg)
Col. J. Bram R.E.	Do.	1 Feb/70 Supt'g

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Name.

Colonel C. V. Wilkinson R.E.

Present Rank and Appointment.

Retired List 12 days { 1872 / 73.

Employment during the period to which the Return refers.

Date of Return.

Remarks.

Ordnance Office, Halifax, N.S. No. 8 Colonel Wilkinson Return for 1873 Ordnance Office Halifax N.S. 1873

Executive Engineers 1st Grade (6)

Col: F: J: Moberly. RE	19th Aug/47	1 Dec/72	Offg 3d Grade Mag	
Col J. Bean RE	Do	Do		
Lt Col: J. F: Fischer RE	17 June/51	6 April/69		
Major N: L: Prendergast RE	27 Nov/57	17 Nov/63	Supy (Furlough)	
" J. Vertue RE	22 Nov/53	18 Aug/67		
" J O Nesbitt RE	30 Jany/56	3 Sept/72		
Mr R Smith - Lund	28 Feb/49 24 Apl/55	5 April/70		
Lt Col A S Moberly RE	25 July/48	1 Dec/72	Supy (Furlough)	
" J: Goddard RE	31 Jany/51	7 June/61		
Captn C: J: Smith RE	22 Jany/58	15 Aug/70	Supy (Furlough)	
Major A de C Scott RE	29 Nov/57 10 Dec	26 April/71	Do	
" J. Beckley RE	13 March/55	14 Jany/68	Do	
Mr R: D: Chisholm	4 Feb/59	1 Dec/72	Supy	
" W. Fraser.	6 March/55	4 Aug/70	Supy	
Major J. A Hunter RE	13 Do	Do	Do	
" J. Beatty RE	13 D.	5 Sept/71	Do	
" W. S. Harrington. Lund	27 Jany/54	1 March/72	Do	

Executive Engineers 2d Grade (8)

Mr W. Fraser -	6 March/55	1 Dec/72	
Major J. A. Hunter RE	13 Do	Do	
" J Beatty RE	13 Do	Do	
Mr W. S: Harrington. Lund	27 Jany/54	Do	
" Lt: A Lage - Lund	July/57 24 April/55	10 Oct/67	

Assistant Engineers 1st grade (15)

Mr H. F. Nordmann	29th June/62	1st Dec/72	
Capt: & Dy Comy: R. Bailey	28th Feby/67	Do	
Capt: & Dy Comy: F. Graham	14th Feby/68	4th Oct/70	
Lt & Asst Comy. Dr. C. Bevan	30th May/51	Do	Supy (Furlough)
Mr O. A. Hayne	7th Jany/68	Do	
" C. R. Leggatt	1st Feby/55 30th March/66	Do	
" R. J. Lawry	4th Feby/68	Do	
" J. M. Hawthorne	8th June/66	18th Do	
" E. H. Pringle	14th Jany/68	4th April/71	
" W. M. Montserratt	Do	Do	Supy (Furlough)
Lt M. Greer R. E.	20th March/69	8th Sept/71	
" D'Arc. Neil Campbell	14th April/69	Do	
Mr J. Hannant	31st July/66	8th March/70	
" H. R. Norris	26th July/67	Do	
" C. D. Wyborn	Do	Do	
" C. J. Peters	Do	Do	
" J. N. Grainger	23rd Dec/67 13th March/68	1st April/73	Supy: Genl Supt P.W. Stores
" Mr F. Brickwell	Do	8th Do	

Assistant Engineers 2nd grade (22)

Mr H. Lyon	23rd Dec/67 13th March/68	5th April/70	
" J. F. Martin	Do	14th June/70	

Mr. G. J. Turner	23d July/68	14th June/70	
" J. D. Grant	Do	30th Augt/70	
" Fr. Hughes	Do	Do	
" J. C. Larmanie	2d March/69	18th Oct/70	
" J. Grimes	26th June/67	7th Feby/71	
" C. H. S. Norfor	30th Augt/70	Do	
" A. Fr. Hunter	Do	Do	
" J. M. Bell	23d Decr/67	14th June/70	
Lt. A. Fr. Smart R.E.	13th March/68		
" C. C. Rawson R.E.	14th Jany/71	14th March/71	
" R. R. L. Dorward R.E.	13th June/71	13th June/71	
L. Subraya Chariar B.C.S.	32d Augt/71	32d Augt/71	
Mr. H. L. Silby	2d May/65	32d Augt/71	
Lt. A. E. Dobson R.E.	1st Septr/58	12th Septr/71	
" F. Greenaway L.C.	12th Oct/71		
Ensign & Dy Asst Commy J. Lever	17th Feby/72	1st Apl/73	
	27th Augt/72	27th Augt/72	
Lt. C. T. Boddy R.E.	17th May/53	4th June/72	
" C. B. Henderson R.E.	1st Apl/73	1st Apl/73	
" " L. Langley R.E.	Do	Do	
" C. B. Wilkinson R.E.	Do	Do	
" F. J. Romilly R.E.	Do	Do	
	Do	Do	

J. W. Rundall-Lieut	2d Augt/55	12th Oct/69	
A. C. Lawford Do	18th July/55	Do	
Capt A. W. Wood RE	1 Dec/57	4 Oct/70	
" A. W. Stead RE	12 Jany/58	5 Septr/71	Leave/71
" C. Montgomerie RE	23 Nov/60 12 Jany/69	Do	Do (Offg Ex. Engr)
" A. M. Vibart RE	13 Septr/61	3 Septr/72	Do
Lt W. B. Leggatt-Lieut	1 Feb/55	4 Oct/70	Do
Capt J. L'L Morant RE	20 Jany/64	Do	Do

Executive Engineers 3d Grade (9)

Capt A. R. Stead RE	12 Jany/58	1 Dec/72	
" A. Smalley RE	15 July/59	8 March/70	
" C. Montgomerie	23d Nov/60 12 Jany/69	1 Dec/72	Leave/71 (Offg Ex. Engr)
" W. Cunningham RE	13 Septr/61	Do	
" A. M. Vibart RE	Do	Do	
Lt W. B. Leggatt-Lieut	1 Feb/55	Do	Leave/71 (Furlough)
Capt J. Pennycuick RE	4 April/62 19 Augt	6 Oct/68	
" R. Thompson RE	17 Augt/63	Do	Leave/71 (Offg Dy Commr of Railways)
" J. L'L. Morant RE	20 Jany/64	1 Dec/72	
Major H. C. Law S.C.	10 Feb/57 10 Oct "	5 April/70	Leave/71 (Furlough)
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" A. R. Edgcome RE	15 Jany/63	Do	
Lt G. T. Walch-Lieut	27 Feb/66	Do	

Ex: Engrs 3d Grade (Continued)

Lt R. L. Norfor Lind	11 May/58	4 Oct/70	Surveyg
Major R B Kennedy	15 Oct/64	Do	Do
Lt P. O Rahigan	20 Sept/59 / 3d Jany/60	5 Sept/71	Do
" L W. Paynter	20 Sept/59 / 17 Dec/61	Do	Do

Ex: Engrs 4 Grade (11)

Lt R L Norfor. Lind	11 May/58	1 Dec/72	
Major R B Kennedy	15 Oct/64	Do	
Lt P O. Rahigan	20 Sept/59 / 3d Jany/60	Do	
" L. W. Paynter	20 Sept/59 / 17 Dec/61	Do	
Lt R A L Brockman	8 Nov/64	8 Mch/70	
Lt W a Goodchap	30 May/67	Do	
" J O'Shaughnessey	22d Jany/65	14 June/70	
Lt W H. Cooker RE	13 Apl/66	30 Augt/70	RE Com Engr Jrs Railways
Lt R. S V Roberts.	5 June/66	18 Oct/70	
Lt J. L. Dowad RE	30 Nov/66	1 Apl/71	
Lt T S Harris —	22d Jany/65	Do	
Captn R F. Taylor	29 May/68	13 June/71	
Lt R. F. Nadriann	29 June/62	22d Augt/71	Survey
Captn & Dy Commissary } Lt Bailey —	28 Feb/69	Do	Do

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Ensign & Adjt. Commy J. Haddock	}	20th March/54 to 4th June/73
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G. O. 7th June 1873. No. 1515 A.
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Col. C. J. Wilkins R.E.

Forwarding Plans and Letter from Col. Wilkins complaining of the position in which he has been placed by the recent reorganization of the P. W. Dept.