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No. 293. Read the following letter from Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., District Engineer, Kistna, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 23rd October 1873, No. 72:—

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith letter, No. 321, dated 21st instant, from Lieutenant D. McNeil-Campbell, R.E., on the subject of his supersession in the department by Mr. Montserratt, and to request your consideration of the same.

2. The facts of the case, as stated by Lieutenant Campbell, I believe to be correct, and that Mr. Montserratt is of less service, though really senior, in the department, to him. There may of course be special reasons with which I am not acquainted for allowing Mr. Montserratt to count the time spent at the College as actual service in the department; but if his present status in the department is due to his merits, I am anxious to bring to your notice the high character which I found Lieutenant Campbell to hold on my taking charge of this district, and to state my opinion that no Assistant Engineer in the department is more worthy of promotion than he is.

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From Lieutenant D. McNEIL-CAMPBELL, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, in charge of 7th or Masulipatam Range, to Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., District Engineer, Kistna, dated Masulipatam, 21st October 1873, No. 321.

HAVING noticed in the Gazette of the 14th instant that Mr. Montserratt is promoted to be Executive Engineer, 4th grade, I have the honour to bring the following facts to your notice with a request that you will forward this letter to Government should you be of opinion that I am in the right. I was appointed to the Public Works Department on the 14th April 1869, and have been serving without any break ever since. Mr. Montserratt was appointed to the department *on probation* in August 1868, and his appointment was conditional on his passing the required examination within a certain time, which he failed to do; after a short time he got permission to enter the Civil Engineering College to study, his name being retained on the departmental list. He left the College about December 1869, and was soon afterwards gazetted 2nd grade Assistant Engineer with effect from 1*st January* 1870.

2. The Gazette* expressly said "with effect from 1st January 1870," but through some mistake he has always been retained in the departmental list, as though his appointment had effect from January 1868, and it appears that he has now been promoted accordingly. I am not the only officer who has been superseded by Mr. Montserratt. Lieutenants Walker, Christie, and Greer were all entered below him, and I understand that these Officers petitioned Colonel Carpendale, R.E., on the subject, who promised to consider the subject when the time of promotion came; but I do not know if anything was left on record concerning the matter.

* *Vide* Fort St. George Gazette of 11th January 1870.

3. Having read this I am sure you will be of opinion that I am entitled to promotion before Mr. Montserratt, unless indeed he has got this step on account of exceptional professional merit; for even supposing the words of the Gazette "with effect from 1st January 1870" were ignored, it still seems hard that the time spent at College should count before actual service in the department; and I must have entered the department nearly one year before Mr. Montserratt left College.

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No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1873, No. 3,038.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 29.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council observes that Mr. Montserratt was appointed to act as Assistant Engi-

neer on probation in January 1868, and posted to the Madura District on the understanding that he was to qualify for the department. In October 1868 he was permitted to proceed to Madras to study at the Civil Engineering College for six months, which period was extended to one year; and on a report from the Principal of the College he was confirmed as Assistant Engineer of the 2nd grade with effect from the 1st January 1870. This is clearly the date which should determine his position in the gradation list of the department, and His Excellency in Council is satisfied that Lieutenant McNeil-Campbell, who was appointed to the department in April 1869, has reasonable ground for complaining of supersession; but he regrets that the subject should not until now have been officially represented.

2. Mr. Montserratt's promotion to the grade of Executive Engineer notified in the Gazette of the 14th October will be cancelled, and he will in future lists of the department be placed next below Lieutenant McNeil-Campbell in the grade of Assistant Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kistna.
" " " Bellary.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

Kistna District Engr's Office
No. 72. Masulipatam 23. October 1873.

From

Major J. O. Haslett R.E.
District Engineer Kistna

To

Colo. G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith letter No. 321 dated 21st Instant from Lieut. D. McNeil Campbell R.E. on the subject of his supersession in the Department by Mr. Montserratt and to request your consideration of the same.

Enclosure 1.

2. The facts of the case, as stated by Lieut. Campbell, I believe to be correct, and that Mr. Montserratt is of less service though really senior in the Department to him. There may of course be special reasons, with which I am not acquainted, for allowing Mr. Montserratt to count

count the time spent at the College as actual service in the Department, but if his present status in the Department is due to his merits, I am anxious to bring to your notice the high character which I find Lieut. Campbell to hold on my taking charge of this District, and to state my opinion that no Assistant Engineer in the Department is more worthy of promotion than he is.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt

John Astell.
Major R.E.
District Engineer
Kristna

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Rec'd 15th Nov 73 Letter No 298
Dated 13th Nov 73

P. W. Dept. 1873 Nov 17
No. 5887.

From The District Engineer
Kistna

To The Secretary
to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 23rd Oct. 73
Received 30—0—0
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Recommends
Lieut D. Albert Campbell
for promotion to
Executive Engr

No 3038 dated 4th Dec 73.

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P.W.D.

Pro. of the Madras Govt.
Read the following:-

From the Dy. Sec. Govt. Kistna (H.E. No 72 dated 23rd Oct 73)

N. E. The Governor in Council observes that Mr Barberratt was appointed to act as Asst. Engineer on probation in January 68, and posted to the Madras Division on the understanding that he was to qualify for the Dept. In Oct 68 he was permitted to proceed to Madras to study at the C. E. College for six months which period was

extended to one year; and on a report from the Principal of the College he was confirmed as Asst Engr of the 2d Grade with effect from the 1st January 1870. This is clearly the date which should determine his position in the gradation list of the Dept. & N.E. in Council is satisfied that Lt Mc Neill Campbell, who was appointed to the Dept in April 69, has a reasonable ground for Complaining of supersession, but he regrets that the subject should not until now have been officially represented.

On Handserrard's promotion to the grade of Executive Engineer notified in the Gazette of the 14 Oct. will be Cancelled, and he will in future lists of the Dept be placed next below Lt Mc Neill Campbell in the grade of Asst Engr.

Genl

To The Dy Engr Kistna Sirka orgl letter &c
do — Bellary
Offg Supt of Pro

Desp dated L.C 18/12/73

No 5887

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To The District Engr.
Kistna

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 17 Decr. No. 3038.

Nos. 293 & 294

Lt. McNeill Campbell.

Asking orders on letter from the Dist. Kistna, submitting one from Lt. McNeill Campbell complaining of his supersession in the Dept. by Mr. Monkerratt.

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Civil Dept.