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No. 142. Read the following letter from Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., on furlough, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Summerhouse, Prior Park Road, Bath, 20th December 1872:—

I HAVE the honour to request you will place before His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council my appeal against my degradation from the 1st grade to 2nd grade Superintending Engineer, which I see from extracts from the *Madras Gazette* in the English papers has been the case in the revision of the Public Works Establishment.

2. I would most respectfully remind the Government that I am the senior officer both regimentally and departmentally. I am senior in the grade of Superintending Engineer, 1st class. I was first appointed as Officiating Deputy Chief Engineer in November 1862, then, in February 1863, as Comptroller of Public Works Accounts on the grading and pay of 1st class Superintending Engineer, an appointment I obtained from Sir W. Denison after special study of accounts whilst in England. After this I was transferred to Superintending Engineer, 1st class, in Salem and South Arcot, then Acting Mint Master, then Officiating Chief Engineer in Mysore, when the Supreme Government offered me the Superintending Engineership at Hyderabad, Deccan, which I accepted, and was transferred to the Supreme Government list on the same footing. On a vacancy occurring of the Superintending Engineership at Madras, the Madras Government offered it to me. I resigned my Hyderabad appointment and came to Madras. I found there was a mistake about my position, when a correspondence ensued with the Supreme Government, the file of which is in the Government Office. On the first vacancy I was restored as Superintending Engineer, 1st class, without the stipulation which, I hear, was made with all superior appointments, that it was pending the re-arrangement of the Public Works Department, the reason being that I resigned and came back to Madras before the proposed department was in the course of re-organization.

3. Whilst at home on furlough in 1861-62, I was employed by the War Office in building the barracks and hut encampment at Fleetwood, the Cavalry wing at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, and on the defences of Liverpool including the Boote Battery at the mouth of the Mersey, so I am not without English experience as well as Indian. I received, with five other Officers, the thanks of the War Department through Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge for my services.

4. Even if, my being absent on furlough, or if I was not considered the best qualified man for the post of the Inspecting Engineer, yet I contend I might still have held my position as 1st grade Superintending Engineer, even though the two appointments are to be held by Superintending Engineers, for, according to the rulings of the Department of Public Works guaranteed by the Secretary of State for India, an Officer of that class, but of a lower grade, could hold any appointment, so that the Inspecting Engineer might be a Superintending Engineer of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade.

5. I would most respectfully add, except in special cases, all officers have to go up through the grades in each class, which I do not think has been the case with Lieutenant-Colonel Farewell.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th March 1873.*

No. 143.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1873, No. 724.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21.

It will be intimated to Colonel Wilkieson that the Government have not considered it desirable to appoint one of the Inspecting Engineers in a lower grade of the Superintending Engineer rank. Under the present organization, Public Works are classed under the three heads of—

Irrigation,
Civil and Military Buildings,
Ports and Communications,

presided over by a Chief Engineer and two Inspecting Engineers, who have been selected by Government as specially qualified for the duties assigned them, and to whom the Government have felt themselves bound to assign corresponding departmental rank above that of all other Officers of the department, whose work they have to inspect and control.

2. Only two Superintending Engineers of the 1st grade being allowed in the new scale, and that grade being necessarily conferred upon the Inspecting Engineers, the Government have been unable to place Colonel Wilkieson in a higher grade than the second; but they have preserved to him under the new arrangements a personal allowance equalizing his pay with that of a Superintending Engineer of the 1st grade, and have reserved for him one of the districts which he formerly held as Superintending Engineer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Colonel C. V. Wilkieson, R. E.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

*Public Works 1873 in Parliament
Proposed for March
80-971*

*From
Colonel C. V. Wilkieson
R. E.
to Hurlough*

*Dated 20th December 1872
Received 13th February 1873*

*Complaining
of his degradation
in the Re-organiza-
-tion of the P.W.
Dept.*

No 724-8th Decr/73

*No 142
Ac. 16th July 1734-22nd
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I shd. like to have
some further discussion
in Council on this
subject. If we could
do anything to bring
the two communities
deeper into each other
better arrangements
have instead,
it wd. be a great
advantage.

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His Excellency the
Governor in Council
would be very glad
to show his considera-
tion for Colonel
Willison's feelings
in the manner he
has suggested, but
that Officer will see
by the Proceedings
of Government No. 2970
of 14 December 1870
of which copy is supplied

him, that the suggestion
has already been reported
on by the Controller
of Public Works Ac.
counts and compliance
with it stated to be out
of rule. His case is not
in fact a singular one,
and cannot be treated
exceptionally from the
cases of all other officers
of the Superintending
Engineers and Executive
Engineers Rank, who
are now entered in
the Departmental list
as holding lower Rank
or grades than those they
formerly held, but with

their old allowances.

Col. Pitt Rivers is
at liberty to submit any
appeal that he may
think fit to address to
the Government of
India or to the Secretary
of State for India, or
through the Madras
Government, accompa-
nied by such compa-
rative statement of
services as he consi-
ders may support
his claim, but the
nature of which His
Excellency the Governor
in Council does not
clearly understand.

G.M.W.

P. W. Dept
as per

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To Col Willmson R.E.

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Col. C. F. Wilkinson R.E.

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Nos. 142 & 143

Col. C. F. Wilkinson R.E.

Passing orders in letter
from Col: Wilkinson
complaining of his degrada-
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tion of the M. Dep.