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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th June 1874.*

No. 143. Read the following letter from Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 22nd May 1874, No. 286:—

WITH reference to O. G., No. 787, dated 21st March 1874, I have the honour, at the request of Lieutenant Bevan, again to ask the attention of Government to his claims to promotion to the rank of Executive Engineer.

2. That Officer was passed over by several of his juniors under the supposition that paragraph 6 of the Government of India Circular, No. 76 of 7th August 1867, applied to him, and when it was admitted, by the order above quoted, that such was not the case, it was natural to suppose that the earliest opportunity would be taken of correcting the mistake. Indeed, I had fully expected that he would be promoted at once, one of the Officers promoted over his head becoming a supernumerary until a further vacancy occurred.

3. The *Gazette* of the 28th ultimo promotes Lieutenant Campbell to the rank of Executive Engineer, thus again superseding Lieutenant Bevan and Captain Graham.

4. No one will question the right of Government to withhold promotion from any officer, either with or without reason assigned, but this right is not usually exercised without special grounds, and as no such grounds are known to exist in this case, it is only natural that Lieutenant Bevan should feel surprised, as I confess I do myself, at finding himself refused the promotion to which the Government have just acknowledged his right.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1874, No. 1,511.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. The Governor in Council reserves to himself the right of deciding on the claim of Officers to promotion. It was open to Captain Pennyuck to advance what he could in favour of Lieutenant Bevan's claim, but in his letter he has gone beyond this, and he must understand that criticism on the acts of the Government will not be tolerated.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 286

North Arcot,

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Vellore 20 May 1874.

From

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,

NORTH ARCOT.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 787 of 21st
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2. That affair was passed over by some
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3. The Gazette of the 28th ultimo promotes Lieut. Campbell to the rank of Executive Engineer, thus again superseding Lieut. Beraud and Captain Graham.

4. No one will question the right of Government to withhold promotion from any Officer, either with or without reason assigned, but this right is not usually exercised without special grounds, and as no such grounds are known to exist in this case it is only natural that Lieut. Beraud should feel surprised, as I confess I do myself, at finding himself refused the promotion to which the Government have just acknowledged his right.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Benjamin J. Captain R.E.
District Engineer &c. &c.

P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 187.

Read the following:—

From The R. Engineer S. Arcot. (H.S. no 286 of 2nd May 1874.)

Ordered to be re-
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Sub: Madras 1874 Sept.
1100/1000 and No: 2632.

The District Engineer,
North Arcot.

The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Deptt.

Dated 2nd May 1874.
Received 4th May 1874.

No. 286

Enclosure

Subject: (1100/1000)
Regarding award the
attention of Government -
ment to the claim of
Lieut. Dr. G. Dewan
for promotion to the
Rank of Esquire
Engineer.
P.D. No: 1511. 4-6-74.
With order.

Reference to the record of the District
Engineer will find a sufficient answer to his
the words of his own 4th paragraph.

No 143
C. 85/74
Confidential May 1874

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That criticism on the
acts of the Government
will not be tolerated.

G.M.W.

Sir J. P. Northcote

S. Capric despatch 13/6/71.

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On 17 May/71. RD-20/5/71

criticism on the

2632V

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The D. Engr.
N. Arcot.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 9 June 1874, No. 1511

Nos. 143-144.

Lieutenant Bevan

Letter from the D^r Engr.
N. Arcot on the subject
of Lt. Bevan's claims to
promotion records of with
an intimation that the right
of deciding on the claim of
Officers to promotion is reserved
to Govt & that criticism
on the acts of the Govt will
not be ~~tolerated~~ tolerated.