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**23*rd June* 1874.**

Read the following letters :—

No. 484. From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th May 1874, No. 1,547.

With reference to the order in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 19th instant, appointing Major J. O. Hasted, R.E., Executive Engineer of the 1st grade, to officiate as Superintending Engineer of the 3rd grade, vice Colonel J. Bean, R.E., proceeded on furlough to Europe, I have the honour to invite the consideration of Government to the fact that Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Fischer, R.E., although an Executive Engineer of the 1st grade, is drawing allowances superior to those of a Superintending Engineer of the 3rd grade, and equal to those of a Superintending Engineer, 2nd grade.

2. I am not concerned with the fact that Colonel Fischer is senior to Major Hasted, or with the fact that there is no difference in the duties required of those officers, both being District Engineers, but as the appointment of Major Hasted to officiate as Superintending Engineer causes extra expense to the State, which would have been avoided had Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer been advanced to the Superintending Engineer class, I think it my duty to bring the matter to the notice of Government, the more so as Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer, in addition to the allowances of a Superintending Engineer, actually draws the travelling allowance of that class.—*Vide* G. O., No. 522, of the 17th February 1873.

3. I take the opportunity to mention that, in filling up the vacancy in the Superintending Engineer class, the excess in the Executive Engineer class noticed in my letter No. 1,077 of the 6th instant, no longer exists.

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No. 485. From the same Officer, dated Madras, 22nd May 1874, No. 1,617.

To prevent misapprehension, I have the honour to state that the remark in the 2nd paragraph of my letter, No. 1,547 of the 20th instant, viz., that extra expense would have been avoided had Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer been advanced to the Superintending Engineer class, should be held to refer to temporary advancement during the time there may be a vacancy in that class by the absence on leave of permanent incumbents.

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No. 486. Order thereon, 23rd June 1874, No. 1,633.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

In this letter the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts invites the consideration of Government to the fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer draws certain allowances, which fact the Controller appears to think should have led to his advancement to the rank of Superintending Engineer.

2. That rank is one to which officers are advanced by selection, and the selection of Government has been deliberately made in this instance and cannot be recalled. The Controller has apparently omitted to take into his consideration the fact that Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's special allowance was granted him by

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the Government of India, without reference to the scale of Establishments of this Presidency. It would not, therefore, be consistent on their part to support his objection to the extra charge.

3. With reference to the fact brought forward by the Controller, that Lieut.-Colonel Fischer draws the travelling allowance of a Superintending Engineer, his having been passed over when his turn for promotion came, will carry with it the deprivation of that privilege. He will accordingly draw the travelling allowance of an Executive Engineer only, after joining the Madura District.

4. But for the Controller's omission to take note of the vacancy in the Superintending Engineer class now under discussion, the objection referred to in paragraph 3 of this letter need never have been raised.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

No 1547

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 20th May 1874

From The Officiating Controller of
Public Works Accounts

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to the order in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 6th instant appointing Major J. O. Hasted R.E. Executive Engineer of the 1st Grade to officiate as Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Grade vice Colonel J. Bean R.E. proceeded on furlough to Europe, I have the honor to invite the consideration of Government to the fact that Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Fischer R.E. although an Executive Engineer of the 1st Grade is drawing allowances superior to those of a Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Grade and equal to those of a Superintending Engineer 2nd Grade.—

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¶3. I take the opportunity to mention that in filling up the vacancy in the Superintending Engineer Class, the excess in the Executive Engineer class noticed in my letter № 1077 of the 6th Instant no longer exists.—

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

Deputy
Offg Comptroller of
Public Works Accounts

Dept. Works & Buildings
Rec'd 30 Jun 1874
The O.K.G. Controller
& Wks Accounts

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Deptt
Fort St George

Dated 20th May 1874
Rec'd 29th " "

No 1517

Submitting Remarks
with reference to the
promotion of Major
Hasted to the Super-
intending Engineer-
ship

No 1684

Ex. No. 1683. 23-6-74

Dated 6 Aug 20 Nov 74

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No 1617.

Copies of the Executive &
Public Works Accounts
Madras 22nd May 1874.

From
The Executive & P.W. Accountants

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the
remarks in the 2nd para of my
letter No 547 of the 20th instant
namely that Extra establishment
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been advanced to the Superintending Engineership
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Jean Jacob Alexander Edward

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Esq. Barrister at Law

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To
The Secretary
Treasury Dept.
Port of Ferry
No 1617
Dated 22 May 74
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in Letter No 1547
of the 20th Inst -

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Received Cody 23 May/74

Letter from the Collector of P.D. Wash
No 1617 dated 22 May 74.

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Read the following

From the Offg. Controller of P. W. Accounts } (P.C. No. 1547 of 20 May 74)
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With reference to the
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by the Controller Colonel
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Yours

To the Controller
" P.E. Madras
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Lieutenant Colᵉ Fischer and
Major Macleod - R.E.

Passing orders on the re-
ference of the Controller of Pro
Accounts relative to the exhi
charges incurred by the
promotion of Major Macleod
to the rank of Supg: Dirᵗ,
and directing that the hon
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Engineer be passed to Colᵉ
Colᵉ Fischer after joining
the Madras Station -

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