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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th *January* 1874.

No. 142. Read the following endorsement of the District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 13th November 1873, No. 3,493 :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Aroopoocottah, 28th October 1873, No. 3,214.

In forwarding the accompanying letter, No. $\frac{406}{417}$, dated 4th instant, from Executive Engineer Mr. Hawksworth, I have the honour to state that it was received by me almost contemporaneously with the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 7th idem, notifying Mr. Hawksworth's promotion.

2. I therefore referred the question to Mr. Hawksworth, and requested him to state whether he still wished his letter to be forwarded on to Government.

3. In reply Mr. Hawksworth requests me to do so, and he adds "I would take this opportunity of thanking Government for the promotion gazetted on the 7th instant, and make my request at the same time that it may be made with retrospective effect, and that my present state of supersession may be rectified."

4. I have no hesitation in saying that, as far as my experience goes, Mr. Hawksworth's services compare very favorably with those of the two gentlemen alluded to in paragraph 5 of his letter as having superseded him. One of these, Mr. Leggatt, I consider to be quite unequal to his duties; and the other, Mr. Hayne, is still, as I am informed, in such a state of health as to unfit him for the performance of public duties.

Letter No. 3,214, dated 28th October 1873, is re-submitted with the modification requested in the Chief Engineer's memorandum, No. 429, dated 8th instant.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Madura.

No. 143. Order thereon, 12th January 1874, No. 70.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

His Excellency the Governor in Council, under the circumstances, sees no reason for altering the order of precedence in which certain officers of the Public Works Department have been ranked ever since the year 1870.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Promotion of Asst Engr in the Rate of Senr Assistt of the Dist. Engr Officer Dist. Mily & Engr of the Dist. Civil Service. The letter to be forwarded and Govt. — by ordinary Course of Mail Regd

Claudius
10th Octr 1873

Dist. Engr Claudius

To be acknd & returned.

Noted & Returned No 431/650 of 18th October/73.

× All Correspondence to be addressed to the Secretary, and not to individuals

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A. 406/619 Assistant Engineers Office
Camp Secunderabad 4th Octr/73

From The Assistant Engineer
In charge of Divisional Party

To The District Engineer
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for your favorable consideration & submission to Govt this my application for promotion in this Department.

2. I take leave to state that I entered the P.W. Department in 1866 the date of appointment being 4th June of that year, the E. D. P. Roberts who was of the same grade & standing as myself was gazetted the same day, since then however eleven names intervene between ours & for some reason unknown to me, my promotion has been held back & many departmental officers have stepped over my head.

3. You may recollect, that it was on a representation on my part to you when Asst Engineer of the 5th Division Arungary to your notice in October 1870, the fact of my exposition in the Dept that you kindly adopted the Govt on the subject & the result was my promotion

in the very next Gazette to be graded as 1st Assistant Engineer.

4. Since then however, I have ascertained had no official recognition of my claims, and the contrary, four officers junior to me in their entrance into the Dept. viz. Messrs. Wood, Messrs. Vagne, Legatt & Berry, have been promoted before me. You will see that all these names, besides others, were below mine in the Gradation lists of 1866, 67 and 1868. The dates of their appointments being,

30th November 1866.
7th January 1868
20th March 1868
4th February 1868.

5. I have no kind of wish, as you are well aware, to extol my own performances for I feel that I have striven to do my duty, & I shall not attempt to appeal to any one, but to you for the interest of the service. But I would respectfully appeal to you in forwarding this application to submit to Govt. some expression of your opinion as to whether my services are [illegible] deserving of recognition than those above mentioned, two of whom are well known to yourself.

6. I trust in bringing the matter forward I am doing no more than is due to myself & that the Govt can have no wish to damp this ardour or the energies of any one of their Public Servants. But it would not be in human nature not to feel the indignity which, as I consider, has, however unintentionally been thrust upon me by the [illegible] in question.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Asst. Engr. & Executive Engr.

No. 406/619

From
The Assistant Engineer
in charge of Dindigul Camp

To
The District Engineer
Madura

Dated 4th
Desp. 5th } October 1868.
Recd.

Encls.

Forwarding for favorable consideration & submission to Govt. his application for promotion in the Department.

District Engineer's Office

No. 3214 Camp. Arrosfordettab 28th Octr/73

From

Lieut:-Colo. R. A. Roberts RE
District Engineer Madras

To

Colo. G. W. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government Dpt. W.

Sir

I have the honor to forwarding herewith accompanying letter No. 406/619 dated 4th instant from Executive Engineer Mr. Hawksworth, & have the honor to state that it was received by me almost contemporaneously with the Fort St George Gazette of the 7th idem, notifying Mr. Hawksworth's promotion.

2. I therefore referred the question to Mr. Hawksworth, and requested him to state whether he still wished his letter

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Encl: As in a letter from the Executive Engineer, to Secretary Govt Dept No. 3214 dated 28th Octr/73

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3. In reply Mr Hawksworth requests me to do so, and he adds, "I would take this opportunity of thanking Government "for the promotion gazetted on "the 9th instant, and make my "request at the same time "that it may be made with "retrospective effect, and that "my present state of supersession "may be rectified."

4. I have no hesitation in saying that, as far as my experience goes, Mr Hawksworth's services compare very favorably with those of the two Gentlemen alluded to in Para 5 of his letter as having superseded him. One of these Mr Leggatt, I consider to be quite unequal to his duties, and the other, Mr Wayne, is still, as I am

P. W. 1873 Department
From Govt. Fort St. Geo. No. 6263.
The Dist. Engr.
Madura
To
The Secy. to Govt.
P. W. D.
Madras.

Dated 28th October/73.
Rec.d 17th November/73.
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Forwards a letter from Executive Engineer Mr. Hawksworth requesting that his promotion Gazetted on the 7th instant may be made with retrospective effect for the reasons stated No 70 - 12th January/74

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No 70 Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following.

From The Dist.t Engr. Madura. (H. C. No. 2214 of 28th Oct.r 1873)

His Excellency the Governor in Council does not see his way to grant the request under the circumstances for altering the order of precedence in which certain officers of the P. W. Department have been ranked ever since the year 1870 in which certain circumstances occurred, well known to the Govt. to Lieut.t Colb. Roberts and Mr. Hawksworth, coming the

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To The Dist Engr Madura

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the promotion of the latter gentleman to the rank of Asst. Engineer 1st. grade to be withheld till the 18th. October 1870. Since then, no further supercession has occurred, but Mr. Hancock has been promoted in the order of rank that prevailed three years ago; and which His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no just occasion for altering.

Genl.

No. 6263 ☆

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

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To The District Engr
Madura

Dated

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