

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd April 1875.*

No. 573. Read the following letter from R. SMITH, Esq., District Engineer of Nellore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 12th April 1875, No. 4:—

In forwarding the enclosed copy of an application,* from Lieutenant Cotter, R.E., I have the honor to draw your attention to the wants of this district, and to inform

you that the staff employed in it cannot be reduced at this critical time without considerable detriment to the public service. In recording this opinion I beg to explain that I do not wish to interfere with Mr. Cotter's wishes, but I must ask you to be good enough to send another Officer here if his services are made available for Military duty.

From Lieutenant E. W. COTTER, R.E., to R. SMITH, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated Dugarazapatam, 10th April 1875.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will forward this my application for permission to place my services at the disposal of the Military authorities in case of troops being required for active service.

2. I may here mention that I commanded one of the three columns of the Pioneer Battalion during the Ashantee Expedition of 1873-74, and was for some time in sole command of the 28th Company, Royal Engineers, during that campaign.

No. 574. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1875, No. 1,134.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 47.

ORDERED that the enclosed application be transferred to the Military Department for communication to His Excellency the

Commander-in-Chief. The services of Lieutenant Cotter will be available if the number of Royal Engineers already doing duty with Sappers is insufficient.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
District Engineer, Nellore.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Sagarapattam 3
10th April 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will forward this my application for permission to place my services at the disposal of the military authorities, in case of troops being required for active service.

I may here mention that I commanded one of the three columns of the Pioneer Battalion during the Ashantee Expedition of 1843-44 and was for some time in solo command of the 28th Company Royal Engineers during that campaign.

I have etc.

Signed E. W. Potter Lieut. R.E.

R. Smith Esquire.

District Engineer

P. W. DeBellore

True copy
Smith
District Engineer

Received by Mr. Potter
10th April 1875



Under Secretary
of the Admiralty

And I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst.

in relation to the application of
Lieutenant Lotter R.E. for a reduction
of his staff. I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 12th inst. and to inform you
that the same has been forwarded
to the Secretary of the Admiralty
for his consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Smith

Enclosure in a letter
No. 2 of 12th April 1875
From the Secretary of the Admiralty
To the Secretary of the Admiralty
J. B. Smith

District Engineer's Office
No. 4
Pitkin 12th April 1875.
From
C. Smith Esquire.
District Engineer Pitkin.
To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government,
War Department,
Fort St. George.

Enclosure
dated 10th April
1875.

Sir,
In forwarding the enclosed copy
of an application, from Lieutenant
Lotter R.E., I have the honor to draw
your attention to the wants of this
District, and to inform you that the
staff employed, in it, cannot be
reduced, at this critical time,
without considerable detriment to
the Public Service. In recording
this opinion, I beg to explain
that I do not wish to interfere
with Mr. Lotter's wishes, but I
must ask you to be good enough

to send another Officer here, if his
services are made available for
military duty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant
J. Smith
District Engineer

P.M. 1875 DEPT
From: The District Engineer
J. E. Stone

To: The Secretary of War
P.W. Department
Fort George

Dated 12th April 1875
Recd 15th

No 4

Enc 1.

Forwards an application
from Lieut. Foster R.E. and
requests to send another
Officer to this District
in case Lieut. Foster's services
are made available
for military duty.

S.O. No. 1134-22-4/5

With an order

S.O. No. 1134 of 22nd April 1875.
Ordered that the enclosed be
transmitted to the Secretary of War
for consideration. The services of Lieut.
Foster will be recommended if
the services of Lieut. Foster are
made available for military duty.
J. Smith
District Engineer

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Govt. of 1875 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Military
Dept.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 22 April 1875. No 134

No. 573-574

Lieut. Colter. R.E. The services
of — will be available, if the
number of Royal Engineers
already doing duty with Tappers
is insufficient and the District
Engineers application for another
officer in his stead, transferred
to the Military Department.