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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd December 1875.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput District, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 26th November 1875, No. 3,637 :—

REFERRING to G.O., No. 3,256, of 13th November, paragraph 2, I have the honor to point out that in *Fort St. George Gazette*, page 404, of 10th March 1874, I was promoted to Superintending Engineer, 3rd Grade, permanently, a fact which has been apparently been overlooked.

2. I was under the impression that I had also been promoted to 2nd Grade, but have apparently been under a mistake.

3. I beg to point out that under G.O., No. 3,946, of 14th December 1866, officers going on leave for periods of more than twelve months are to be considered as supernumerary, and that there is in consequence a vacancy in the 2nd Grade, to which I trust that I may be promoted retrospectively from 1st October.

4. I would also call attention to the point that under above Government order it is the officer who goes on leave who is to be considered supernumerary, not the officer promoted in his place.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1875, No. 3,430.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 4.

It is correctly stated in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 3,256, dated 13th November 1875, that Colonel Moberly's present departmental rank is that of Executive Engineer, 1st Grade. Notwithstanding which he is nominally borne on the list of Superintending Engineer, 2nd Grade, the rank to which he had attained previous to the re-organization of the department in December 1872. The number of Superintending Engineers is restricted to five, and no permanent promotion to that class can be made except in a permanent vacancy. Seeing that no vacancy of this kind has occurred, Colonel Moberly's promotion to Superintending Engineer, 3rd Grade, was wrong in principle and contrary to the orders of the Government of India. It must now be cancelled.

2. Colonel Moberly misapprehends the scope of the rules printed with G.O., No. 3,946, dated 14th December 1866, which refer to the promotion of Executive and Assistant Engineers, and not to that of Superintending Engineers, from a lower to a higher grade in their own class.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Extract from the Fort Saint George
Gazette dated 8 Sept 1872 Page 1480

Colonel F. J. Moberly
R.E. Superintending Engineer of the
third grade to be Superintending En-
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Major Oakes promoted.

Extract from the Fort St George
Gazette dated 13 Nov 1872

Colonel F. J. Moberly
R.E. Executive Engineer of the
1st grade and officiating Superintending
Engineer of the 3rd grade, to be District
Engineer South Arcot but to hold
temporary charge of the Cheyghur
District.

Extract from the Fort St George
Gazette dated 10 March 1874. Page 404

Colonel F. J. Moberly
R.E. Executive Engineer of the first
grade, and officiating Supg. Engineer
of the third grade, to be Superintending
Engineer of the third grade.

NO. 3637

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
GONDY, 26 November 1878.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Chingleput District

To

THE Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.

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Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. H. Roberts Colonel R.E.

Superintending Engineer

Chingleput

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The Superintendent, Ferguson (48 No 3627 of 26 Nov 1875)
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