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20th December 1875.*

No. 335. Read the following letter from Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 6th December 1875, No. 2,705 :—

At the request of Mr. A. J. Chancellor, Assistant Engineer, now employed in this district, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter I have received from him

setting forth his claims to certain arrears of pay which he considers to be due to him.

2. I have read through the letter, and the claims appear to me to be just, and I am of opinion that Mr. Chancellor has shown good reason why he should not be considered as having forfeited the pay in question.

3. He petitioned the Secretary of State direct immediately after his arrival in India, but his petition was returned with an intimation that it should be made through the Madras Government.

From A. J. CHANCELLOR, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Godavery, to Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery, dated Dowlaishweram, 4th December 1875, No. 1.

In March last I addressed a petition to the Under Secretary of State for India, the purport of which the following pages will exhibit.

2. It being returned to me with the intimation that it must be presented through the proper channel, I herewith submit it to you, with the request that you will forward it to the Madras Government.

3. The hardship of my case is the more apparent in that I was compelled to borrow money (necessary for my equipment) from the Madras Government, which would have been unnecessary had I received the arrears of pay herein claimed.

4. In 1871 I became a member of the Indian Civil Engineering College at Cooper's Hill. After passing the second annual examination in July 1873, I was sent to undergo my course of practical instruction at Messrs. Dubs and Company's Locomotive Works, Glasgow. While there it was my misfortune to be attacked with a fever, for which reason I lost six weeks of my practical course.

5. By remaining at work for more than a fortnight after the other students of the College had left their respective works, I was enabled to reduce my lost time to less than a month. Still the public examiners at the final examination held at Cooper's Hill in July 1874 determined that I should complete my course of practical instruction by a month's further study.

6. The first intimation of this resolution was conveyed to me in a letter from the Secretary to the College (dated August 3rd, 1874). In it he says "I am directed by the President to forward you an extract from the report of the examiners on the recent examination. This report has been submitted for the orders of the Secretary of State in Council; but the President recommends that you should lose no time in arranging to serve the needful time under some Civil or Mechanical Engineer in good practice in anticipation of a reply, so that you may be able to furnish the necessary certificate, in a satisfactory form, as soon as possible."

7. Immediately on receiving this, I wrote to several Engineers on the subject, but they did not appear desirous to take me for so short a time as a month, and, as I did not wish to return to Glasgow, having learnt all I could while there, I applied to several Architects, asking if they were willing to take me, and wrote, at the same time, to Professor Reilly (Engineering Professor at Cooper's Hill), asking his opinion as to whether such a course was advisable. I received a reply from him (dated August 19th) in which he said "actual observation of large building operations busily carried on would no doubt benefit you more than going back to Dubs. But merely

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lounging about an Architect's office will not do you much good." All this time I fully expected to receive an official order directing me what steps to take in the matter, such an order being directly alluded to in the letter of the College Secretary of August 4th. I accordingly took no further steps in the matter till I received a letter from the College Secretary (dated September 2nd) in which he "concluded that I was keeping a regular diary of occupation in the prescribed form while going through my practical course."

8. I at once replied that, owing to not having received any official order directing me what steps to take, and being consequently unaware as to whether a month's course under an Architect would satisfy the examiners, I had not yet placed myself under one.

9. I was justified in this by the fact that no students of Cooper's Hill had been placed under Architects hitherto. I received a reply from the Secretary to the College (dated September 8th) in which he said "the President desires me to say in reply to your letter that he concluded, from the terms of Professor Reilly's letter to you on the same subject, that you would understand that service for a month under an Architect of repute would be acceptable, provided you were employed during that time on really useful practical work in connection with building. You should therefore lose no time in arranging to place yourself under Mr. Rhind, as proposed."

10. At the time when I received this letter I was residing in the north of Scotland, and consequently it was some time before I could commence my studies; but, on September 16th, I placed myself under Mr. David Rhind, Architect, of 51, Great King Street, Edinburgh.

11. I remained with him until October 17th, and on completion of my studies received from him a satisfactory report.

12. Two days after leaving him I received a letter from the College Secretary, in which he said "I am directed by the President to inquire what steps you have taken towards undergoing the month's practical course ordered, and to request that on its completion you will forward your diary and report of the works on which you have been employed without loss of time for inspection by the examiners. I am to remind you that unless you arrive in India by the 1st of December you will forfeit all arrears of salary, and that you will not receive your sailing orders from the India Office until a satisfactory report has been received from the examiners regarding your practical course."

13. This was the first intimation which I had received regarding my having to arrive in India by 1st December. I was also totally unaware as to the means employed by the Government to forward Cooper's Hill students to India.

14. Had I known that I was obliged to be in India by December 1st, I would have gone personally to Cooper's Hill in August, and satisfying myself as to the desirability of studying under an Architect, would have commenced and terminated my studies some weeks earlier than I did.

15. Immediately on receiving the letter above alluded to I forwarded Mr. Rhind's report of my studies, together with my own notes and reports, consisting of a set of drawings and a specification.

16. On October 28th I received a letter from the College Secretary returning my notes and reports as incomplete. The fault he found with them was that I had not headed the drawings and had not signed the specification. As I had sent them with all possible expedition on receiving the Secretary's letter of the 17th, these small matters escaped my notice.

17. I went to London on October 29th, and on October 31st went to inquire at the India Office as to the steps I should take for arriving in India by the specified time.

18. I was shown to Mr. F. C. Danvers who told me that my reports had been submitted to the examiners, who would report on them and forward their report to the weekly board, so that it would be some time before I received my sailing orders; he further told me that I would not forfeit my arrears of pay by not arriving in India on December 1st, but that my service for pension would not be antedated.

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20. On November 12th I received my sailing orders and was then told that I had forfeited my arrears of pay. I could make no complaint till I arrived at Madras, and then I found that the Government there were acting under home orders.

21. I accordingly, as previously explained, apply to you that you will take into consideration the peculiar circumstances of my case and forward to the home Government my appeal that the arrears of my pay from October first to December 23rd be refunded to me, October 1st being the date from which the other students of the College have been paid, and December 23rd being the date of my arrival in India, since when I have received pay. Had I known earlier of the necessity of arrival in India by December 1st, I should have gone through my practical course at an earlier date, and had I not been told on October 31st that my arrears of pay were not to be forfeited, I might easily (by travelling overland by British or Foreign line of steamships) have arrived in India by December 4th, the date of arrival of many Cooper's Hill students.

22. I may further mention that (with two exceptions) all the Cooper's Hill students who went to Madras left the Presidency town to commence work about the same time as myself.

23. Soliciting the favor of a reply.

No. 336. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1875, No. 3,566.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

ORDERED that the petition be forwarded for the consideration of the Home Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No 1.

Now Cairncross,
4th December 1875.

To. The Acting Superintending Engineer,
Godavery District

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work, about the same time as myself.
Soliciting the favor of a reply.

I am - Sir -

Your most obed^t serv^t

As Chancellor

No. 2705 Offg. Superintending Engrs Office
Dowlaiswaram, 6 December 1875
From,

Major A. Peatty R.E.

Offg. Superintending Engineer Godavari
Co.

Major General G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras.

Sir,

At the request of Mr. A. P. Chancellor Assistant Engineer, now employed in this District I have the honor to forward herewith a letter I have received from him setting forth his claims to certain arrears of pay which he considers to be due to him -

2. I have read through the letter, and the claims appear to me to be just and I am of opinion that Mr. Chancellor has shown good reason why he should not be considered as having forfeited the pay in question.

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From

A. P. Chancellor Esq. Secy.

District Engineer

no.

no. 3. Super. Engineer

Godavari

No. 1

Dated 4th December 1875

Requesting that his

claims to certain arrears

of pay may be

referred to the Secy.

of State through

the Madras C.

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through the Madras Government

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Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

L. Peatty Major R.E.

Offg. Superintending Engineer Gody

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Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 20 Dec/75.

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G.O. No 3358.B of 27/11/74
G.O. No 45 of 8/1/75

P. W. 1875 Sept

From, No 7963

The Offg. Supg. Engineer
Godavery Dist.

To,

The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.MadrasDated 6th December 1875
Recd. 14th

No. 2705

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Forwards a letter from

Mr. A. P. Chancellor

setting forth his claims
to certain pay disallowed
him by the Secretary of
State—

G.O. No 3566. 20 Dec/75.

From,

The offg. Supg. Engineer
Godavery

{ H. E. No 2705 of 6 Dec/75.

Ordered that the
Petition be forwarded
for the consideration
of the Home Government.S. H. W.

To. St Engr Godavery No. 7-1-76

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To. The Secretary of State
for India
My Lord Marquis

We have the honor
to forward for such
notice as may be
considered necessary
the accompanying
petition from Mr.
Chancellor one of the
Assistant Engineers
referred to in your
Lordship's despatch
No. 20, dated 12th November
1874. In the event

of Mr. Chancellor's claim
to arrears of pay being
admitted it would also
be necessary to ante-
date correspondingly
his service towards
pension, which under
existing orders only
commences from date
of arrival in India.

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Dated
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G. O. 21st 1873, No. 3546

Nos. 235-336

Mr. A. S. Chancellor: Petition
that the petition from —
setting forth his claim to
certain arrears of pay dis-
allowed by the Secy of
State, be forwarded for the
consideration of the Hon-
or.

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