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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th February 1875.*

No. 367. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th January 1875, No. 8,971:—

I HAVE the honor to solicit consideration of the practice hitherto followed in absorbing Honorary Commissioned Officers into the Assistant Engineer class, not as *special*, but as *regular* members of that class.

2. I beg to refer to the correspondence commencing with my letter, No. 6,526, of the 21st October last, to Government, and ending with my reply No. 6,921, of the 3rd November following, to the reference from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. In that correspondence I referred to G. O., No. 2,692, of the 3rd September 1867, in which the Madras Government accepted the views of the Government of India, and decided that, on the advancement of Upper Subordinates to the Assistant Engineer class in virtue of their Honorary Commissions, they should be regarded as special in that class, and a corresponding reduction made in the number of Upper Subordinates.

3. The particular point with which I am concerned, and on which I solicit the orders of Government, is whether Honorary Commissioned Officers, who according to the present practice, are brought *permanently* into the Assistant Engineer class, and in whose place promotion is *permanently* made in the Upper Subordinate class, can be allowed the option of drawing allowances as subordinates in preference to those of Assistant Engineers—*Vide* Public Works Code of the Government of India, Chapter II., Section II., concluding portion of paragraph 32, the rule in which is referred to in the Government of India letter printed with G. O., No. 441, of the 10th February 1873, I should perhaps add that the whole subject has had to be considered by me with reference to the allowances of Deputy Assistant Commissary W. Jackson who was promoted to the Assistant Engineer's grade in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 3rd November 1874, and who has asked my advice as to the class in which he should elect to draw pay. If Mr. Jackson is to be regarded as entitled to draw his former allowances as an Upper Subordinate, he will receive Staff pay, Rupees 200, and Military allowances, Rupees 180, total Rupees 380; but, if he is to be restricted to the pay of the Assistant Engineer's grade to which he has been permanently transferred (a promotion in the Upper Subordinate class having been made in his place), he will receive a monthly salary of Rupees 350 only.

No. 368. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1875, No. 438.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

THE Controller has already been fully instructed in this subject in G. O., No. 441, of 10th February 1873. Mr. Deputy Assistant Commissary Jackson, like all Upper Subordinates who are promoted to the Engineer Establishment, under the provisions of the Resolution of the Government of India, promulgated with G. O., No. 2,692, of 3rd September

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1867, is entitled to draw the same salary as before, according to the intention of that Resolution, under all the conditions of which he comes.

2. The apparent anomaly to which the Controller calls attention is due to the complement of the establishment of Assistant Engineers not being full. As long as that is the case, the officers promoted are not really (to use the words of the Resolution) "additional to the sanctioned number of Assistant Engineers;" hence to make a "corresponding reduction in the number of Upper Subordinates" would quite unnecessarily deprive the Government of the services of so many Upper Subordinates available for Range or Sub-divisional charges, and retard promotion of the most deserving of their class to the highest grades open to them.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. A. Grubert.
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Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
No 8977 Madras 15 January 1875
From The Controller of P.W. Accounts
To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir, I have the honor to solicit consideration of the practice hitherto followed in absorbing temporary commissioned officers into the Assistant Engineer class, not as special but as regular members of that class.

I beg to refer to the correspondence commencing with my letter No 626 of the 21st October last to Government and ending with my reply No 692 of the 3rd November following, to the reference from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. In that correspondence I referred to G. O. No 2692 of the 3rd September 1867 in which the Madras Government accepted the views of the

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Your most obedient servant.

J. J. J.
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The Controller of P.W. Accounts

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Mt Saint George

Dated 15th
Per 15th } January 1875

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the practice of
appointing Temporary Commissioned
Officers as regular Members
of the Assistant Engineer
Class.

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Read the following:—

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To The Controller of P. W. & S.
D. No. 18-2-45

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To

The Controller
of M. & C.

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G. O. 16 Feb. 1875, No. 408

Nos. 967, 968.

Honorary Commissioned
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Passing orders on
letter from the Controller
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