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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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

No. 538. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 22nd February 1875, No. 867 :—

From Major H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Officiating Commandant, Sappers and Miners, to Brigadier-General R. C. STEWART, Adjutant-General, dated Bangalore, 9th February 1875, No. 98.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the circumstances of precedence being given to Civil Engineers from Cooper's Hill, in the Public Works Department, over officers of Royal Engineers who come out to this country from Chatham.

2. Several Civil Engineers landed at Bombay on the 23rd November 1874, from a troopship, and in the Madras Army List the date of these gentlemen's first appointment to the Public Works Department is 1st October 1874.

Lieutenant Baddeley, R.E., came out in the same troopship; but according to G. O., Public Works Department, No. 1,366, of the 1st June 1872, at the end of a year's service with the Sappers and Miners, he is entitled to enter the Public Works Department in the same position as if he had joined that Department on his arrival in India, that is from 23rd November 1874. This officer obtained his commission in December 1871, he was on duty at Chatham till July 1874, and then had leave until the departure of the troopship *Malabar* on the 6th October 1874.

3. On the publication of the last Madras Army List, it became known that the Civil Engineers had the commencement of their service as Assistant Engineers ante-dated to the first day of the month on which they left England, and Lieutenant Baddeley asks if it is decided that his place in the Public Works Department is to be below the seven Civil Engineers with whom he sailed from England.

4. I have not seen any order of Government which determines the date of the Civil Engineers' commencement of service, and I therefore beg to be informed if the Government have made a general rule which has lately had effect for the first time, and is to be followed in future.

BANGALORE,
15th February 1875.

No. 111.—SUBMITTED.

(Signed) A. BORTON, Major-General,
Commanding Mysore Division.

No. 62.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Commander-in-Chief has the honor to forward this letter for the orders of Government.

His Excellency is not in possession of any papers to guide him in giving an expression of his opinion on the subject referred to.

By Order,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th February 1875.
To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

(Signed) T. C. LONGCROFT, Colonel,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

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22nd March 1875.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 539. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1875, No. 802.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

His Excellency the Governor in Council decides that Officers of Royal Engineers who join the Department of Public Works under the Regulation of G. O., No. 1,306, of 1st June 1872, shall not be superseded by Civil Engineers who come out from England at the same time. But, in order to regulate the number of students of the Cooper's Hill College for which application shall annually be made, it is necessary that Officers of Royal Engineers, doing duty with Sappers, shall intimate, before the 1st April, whether it is their intention to join the Public Works Department at the end of their first twelve months' tour of such duty or not.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
To all District Engineers.

His Excellency the Governor

19th March 1875

Mr. C. L. S. M.
Mr. J. P. S. M.
Mr. J. P. S. M.

Consideration of the Government in Council of the circumstances of the case has been given to the Cooper's Hill, in the Public Works Department, an Officer of Royal Engineers who is now stationed at Chatham, 2. General Lord Raglan's letter of 19th May 1874, from a D. of W. and in the 1st Army List. The State of the establishment of the PWD is not satisfactory.

Vide G.O. No. 112 of the 2nd July 1872.

Lieutenant Duddley P.C. came out in the same tour of duty but according to G.O. No. 112 of the 2nd July 1872, at the end of his tour of duty with the Sappers Officers he is not to be transferred to the PWD in the same position as if he had joined that Department on his arrival in India. He is from the 1st November 1874.

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The Secy. to Govt.
 Mil. Dept.

Dated 22 Febry 1875.
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No. 867.

Referring a letter
 from the Commandant
 Sappers and Miners
 on the subject of the
 precedence being given
 to Civil Engineers from
 Cooper's Hill College
 over Officers of the
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 G.O. No. 22.22.3.75

G.O. 3rd July 1875 No. 60-61.
 1st June 1872 - - - 1-3
 2nd June 1872 - - - 472-494
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 27th - - - 5016-5018
 28th - - - 481-482
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The Public Works
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt Read the following

Endorsement from the
Military Department } (H.E. No 867 of 22nd Dec 1874)

The question of
Lieutenant Boddley's
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Works Department will

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No 3616 of 28th December 1874.

G.H.W.

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