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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 262. Read the following letter from Major J. G. STEEL, R.E., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Establishment General), to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 23rd March 1875, No. 479 E. G. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 3,001, dated 21st October 1874, and in reply to communicate the confirmation of the Government of India to the proceedings of the Government of Madras in having promoted Mr. Conductor G. E. Wiffen to the Assistant Engineer grade in anticipation of his obtaining an honorary commission.

2. I am further to forward, for information of the Government of Madras, a copy of the correspondence marginally noted, and to request that the Warrant Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of the Sappers and Miners in the Madras Presidency and of the Civil Engineering College at Madras may be placed on the Public Works Department List of Warrant Officers in *italics*, as desired by the Military Department.

Memorandum from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 9th February 1875, No. 191 E. G.

IN reply to Military Department Memorandum, No. 495 ^{Warrant Officers Promotions}, of the 9th January 1875, inquiring if there is any objection to the Warrant Officers with the Sappers and Miners being graded on the Public Works Lists and their promotion regulated accordingly, the undersigned is directed to state that this Department entertains strong objections to the grading in the Public Works Department, for the following reasons.

2. Warrant Officers doing duty with the Sappers and Miners cannot in any sense be considered to be undergoing a training for the Public Works Department, their usefulness, if they ever do join the Public Works Department, is not necessarily in any direct ratio with the time they have been with the Sappers and Miners, and their military promotion is not a matter of concern to this Department.

3. Promotion in the Public Works Department is assuredly a matter of selection; under the proposed scheme it would be one of mere seniority, and after a lapse of time this Department might be asked to take over a highly paid subordinate with no qualifications except his length of service.

4. Again, it is unnecessary because this department can always appoint any person of whose qualifications satisfactory evidence has been adduced, and it would be a mistake to admit the principle that mere service should qualify for departmental promotion, especially when the claim is based on a comparison with those whose qualifications have been tested and whose advancement has been controlled by this Department.

5. But this Department will have no objection if the Military Department desire it to enter the names of the Non-commissioned Officers with the Sappers and Miners in the Public Works Lists of Sergeants and Warrant Officers for the purpose of comparing more easily their relative military advancement.

No. 163.

Government of India, Military Department, dated Fort William, the 3rd March 1875.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Public Works Department No. 191 G, dated 9th February 1875, paragraph 5, the undersigned is directed to forward, herewith, extract paragraph 4 of Military Department.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th April 1875.*

ment letter, No. 161, of this date, to the Adjutant-General, and to request that Deputy Assistant Commissary Cannell of the Sappers and Miners, and Sub-Conductor James Johnston of the Roorkee College Press, together with any Sergeants employed in the College, may be taken over on the Public Works Department List, their names being borne in italics on that list solely with a view to regulate their further military promotion should they be recommended for advancement hereafter.

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Public Works Department.

Extract from a letter from Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General,—(No. 161, ^{Warrant Officers} _{Promotions}, dated Fort William, the 3rd March 1875.)

PARAGRAPH 4.—As regards the Warrant Officers in list No. 1, submitted with your letter under reply, I am to forward, herewith, copy of Public Works Department No. 191-G, dated 9th February 1875, and to state that in accordance with paragraph 5, the Public Works Department will be requested to take over on their list Deputy Assistant Commissary Cannell of the Sappers and Miners and Sub-Conductor James Johnston of the Roorkee College Press, their names being borne in italics on that list, solely with a view to regulate their further military promotion, should they be recommended for advancement hereafter.

No. 164.

Government of India, Military Department, dated Fort William, the 3rd March 1875.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

WITH reference to Public Works Department No. 2,056 E G, dated 10th December 1874, the undersigned is directed to refer to Military Department memorandum No. 163, of this date, regarding the transfer to the Public Works Department List of Deputy Assistant Commissary Cannell of the Sappers, and to suggest that the Warrant Officers of the Sappers and Miners in the three presidencies should be borne on that list in italics, with a view to their promotion in due course if recommended for advancement.

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Public Works Department.

No. 263.

ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1875, No. 982.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

RECORDED with the remark that the names of Warrant Officers of Sappers and Miners are already borne on the list of

Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department published in the Army List, which is the only list of Warrant Officers that is kept.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

— Controller of P.W.D.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Warrant Officers.
Promotions.

No. 163.

Government of India,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 3rd March 1875.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

WITH reference to Public Works Department No. 191G, dated 9th February 1875, paragraph 5, the undersigned is directed to forward herewith extract para. 4 of Military Department letter No. 161 of this date to the Adjutant-General, and to request that Deputy Assistant Commissary Cannell of the sappers and miners, and Sub-Conductor James Johnston of the Roorkee College Press, together with any Sergeants employed in the college, may be taken over on the Public Works Department list, their names being borne in italics on that list solely with a view to regulate their further military promotion should they be recommended for advancement hereafter.

(Sd) H. K. Burne, Colonel,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Extract from a letter from Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General,—(No. 161, Warrant Officers Promotions, dated Fort William, the 3rd March 1875.)

PARA. 4. As regards the warrant officers in list No. 1, submitted with your letter under reply, I am to forward herewith copy of Public Works Department No. 191G, dated 9th February 1875, and to state that in accordance with paragraph 5 the Public Works Department will be requested to take over on their list Deputy Assistant Commissary Cannell of the sappers and miners and Sub-Conductor James Johnston of the Roorkee College Press, their names being borne in italics on that list, solely with a view to regulate their further military promotion, should they be recommended for advancement hereafter.

Exd. H. de Silva.

Warrant Officers.
Promotions.

It is requested that the
above heading, with number
and date of this communi-
cation, may be quoted in any
subsequent correspondence
on this subject.

No. 164.

Government of India,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 3rd March 1875.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Public Works Department No. 2056EG, dated 10th December 1874, the undersigned is directed to refer to Military Department memorandum No. 163, of this date, regarding the transfer to the Public Works Department list of Deputy Assistant Commissary Cannell of the sappers, and to suggest that the warrant officers of the sappers and miners in the three presidencies should be borne on that list in italics, with a view to their promotion in due course if recommended for advancement.

W. A. R. Burne Colonel,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Exd. H. de Silva.

P. H. 2083/95

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

From

The Govt of India. — H.C. No. 479 E.G. dated 23rd March 1875.

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C.S.W.

To The Military Dept. & Comd'r in Chief
Atty. Secy. Dated - 14-4-75

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From
Govt of India.

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No. 479 E.G.

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forwarding certain correspond-
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Eng. College at Madras may

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M. G.O. 7th Decr. " No. 51.
G.O. 5th Sept 74 No. 119-120
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Govt. of (1875) Madras.

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G. O. 13 April 1875, No.

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Warrant & Non Commissioned
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