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No 419 Read the following letter from Lieutenant D McNEIL CAMPBELL, R E, Executive Engineer in charge Godavery District, to Major-General G. W WALKER, R E, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 21st August 1876, No 1,424 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying letter from Mr. Burlton, Assistant Engineer, attached to the Western Delta Division of this district.

From C H B BURLTON, Esq, Assistant Engineer, Western Delta Division, Godavery, to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Narsapur, 11th August 1876

I HAVE the honor to lay the following statement before you in the hope that you will kindly take my case into consideration In February 1875, I completed my final examination at Cooper's Hill and was then sent to a practical Engineer for five months to pursue the prescribed course before proceeding to India. In the following June I received intimation that I had disqualified by a fraction of a mark in the applied mechanics examination, the minimum required to be obtained being ten. In mathematics (of which applied mechanics was a branch) my marks were considerably above the average of my year, and, besides this, my place in the total was not low But, on account of my slight disqualification in applied mechanics, I was not informed until September whether or not I had been appointed to the Department of Public Works, and then I was told that the Secretary of State had been pleased to give me an appointment as Assistant Engineer in the 3rd Grade On account of my being a 3rd instead of a 2nd Grade Assistant, I have lost places in seniority, (as men who would have been placed below me, had it not been for the aforesaid slight disqualification in applied mechanics, have been placed above me) and by the end of this month I shall have lost pay to the extent of a thousand and one hundred Rupees I have therefore the honor to express a hope that you will think that I have been sufficiently punished, and that you will accordingly see fit to appoint me to the 2nd Grade before the next set of Cooper's Hill men comes out to this country, otherwise it appears to me that the whole of my future career might be impaired

2 I trust that I may be allowed to add that the President of the R.I E College wrote to me last February, saying that he would be very sorry to hear of my being superseded by the next set of Cooper's Hill men, and that he thoroughly appreciates my case I have no doubt.

No 199

FORWARDED through the District Engineer.

ELLORE CANAL,
13*th August* 1876

(Signed) A. R F DORWARD, Lieut, R.E,
In charge No 3 *Range*

No 419-A. Minute by the Hon. Sir W. ROBINSON, K C S.I.

I AGREE. We should hear about the others

In the meantime I object to promoting if there are not specific vacancies

I gather that the 1st Grade (one-third of the establishment of Assistants) is full. If there are 2nd and 3rd Grades, the gradation has a purpose, but it certainly was not that the administration should treat both as one when convenient, at the cost of the State. If the code leaves some discretion, more than ordinary care is needed in its use,

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and I certainly think that except in very special cases we should not have more than one-third in the 2nd, and one-third in the 3rd Grade

I do not see any hardship in Mr Burton's case. The Secretary of State assigned to him what the result of his examination justified, and he must accept it He even appears to have two above him in the list that guides us

I am strongly opposed to the system pursued of filling up vacancies, even of absentees only, which are no vacancies, every half-year in the Public Works Department. It is done in no other department of civil administration.

All papers of this kind should go to the Controller for check as to rules and vacancies before submission to Government, and I submit that these should now be so referred.

9th September 1876 (Signed) W. ROBINSON.

No 420. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1876, No 2,561.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 30.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council declines to make any promotions from the 3rd to the 2nd Grade of Assistant Engineer till the occurrence of regular vacancies It is observed that no Assistant Engineers from Cooper's Hill have been applied for this year.

(True Extract.)

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

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Narsapur,
Godavery
August 11th 1876.

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No 1424 District Engineer's Office, Coty. Dt.
Doulaishweram 21st August 1876.

From,

Lieutenant D. McNeil Campbell R.E.
Executive Engineer in charge Godavery Dt.

To

Lt. Colonel G. T. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer, Public Wks Department.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying letter from Mr Burton Assistant Engineer attached to the Western Delta Division, of this District.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant
D. McN. Campbell Lieut R.E.
Executive Engineer in charge Coty. Dt.

P.W.D.
26 AUG 76
No 6154

From
C. N. Burlton Esq
Assist Engineer
Western Delta Dn
Godavery District

To
The Chief Engineer
D P W.

Dated 11th August 1876.
Recd 18th August /76

No

Burlton C N Mr Assistant Engineer - Praying to move the examinations under which - was appointed as 3rd Grade Assistant Engineer and, as he looses much in point of salary, requesting he may be promoted before the next batch of Coopers Hill men, comes out

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Executive Engineer in charge of Godavery District No. 1424 dy 21st Augt 1876.

FOR ORDERS

Circulated for orders, with a letter from Colonel Cheney referring to the subject.

The number of Assistant Engineers 1st Grade alone is restricted to 1/3 the total number of Assistant Engineers, the 2nd and 3rd Assistants make up the other 2/3; but the other 2/3 may be all 2nd Assistants according to the Govt of India Code. Accordingly there

Dy Asst Secy

Lapse - Dr Dear

P.W.D.
26 AUG 76
No 6159

From
The Executive Engineer
In charge Godavery Dt.
To
The Chief Engineer
& Secy to Govt
Rlwy & Public Works Dept.
Madras.

Dated 21st August 1876
Received 24th August 1876

No. 1424

Subdn. etc

Burdon - Mr Assistants Engineers - Forwards - for favorable consideration a Letter from - regarding his position on the Godavery Dt.

No 419

Recd 22-9-76 Wrote 26-9-76
Recd 20-9-76 Wrote 22-9-76
Cir - 12-9-76 Wrote 20-9-76
Dispd to Ch 28-8-76

there is no objection to

Majs. Traill

Maclean

Burton

Evans

being promoted to the 2d Grade from 1st September on which date the usual half yearly appointments are made.

Major Genl. Ellis.

Secretary to Govt. Ph.

Majs. Maclean
Burton
& Evans

are the young men of whom Col. Tierney writes, the 2 former mentioned by name - Traill has been out 1 year longer than they have, & has been passed over by all the 2d Majs. on that ground

above the others
In the meantime I
regret & promise if there are
no specific vacancies -
Letter that the 12 years
1/3rd of the Lieut. Classes is
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Majs & the Controller for
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J.B. Robinson

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To

Mr. Trail Secy
Genl Dept
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Wm C. A. B. Burlton. Asstt
Engineer. Godavery Dt - Passing
orders on Endorsement of the Exg
Engr in charge of the Godavery
Dt - submitting for favorable
consideration letter from —
regarding his position in
the Department -

Letter Rect
1 Nov 76

Offg 2d Asstt