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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th November 1876. No. 3,068.*

Read the following :—

No. 277. Memorial of ALBERT C. SMITH, Captain in the Corps of Royal Engineers, dated 20th September 1876.

No. 277-A. Endorsement of the Military Department, dated 4th October 1876, No. 5,051.

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1876, No. 3,068.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council sees no ground for reconsidering the decision already come to and communicated with

G.O., No. 2,417, dated 11th September 1876.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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See

To The Most Noble
Richard Plantagenet Campbell
Duke of Buckingham and Chandos
Governor of the Presidency of
Fort St George and
its Dependencies

The humble Memorial of Albert
C. Smith Captain in the Corps of
Royal Engineers
Sheweth

That your Memorialist is an
Executive Engineer of the Fourth Grade in
the Department Public Works and that
in the month of July 1875 he forwarded
a letter to the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department representing
the very low position he held in the
Department and praying for a con-
sideration of his case.

That the circumstances under
which your Memorialist came to be placed
in that position have been fully stated
in the above named letter.

That your Memorialist has as
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been referred with other questions bearing somewhat on his case to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

That your Memorialist wishes most respectfully to point out that his case is similar to those of many of his brother Officers in the Madras Branch of the Royal Engineers and he wishes to bring to your notice the most recent case viz that of Major Wood of the Royal (late Madras) Engineers as an example.

That Major Wood's promotion in the Department was stopped because under the Rules he lost his appointment consequent on an absence of over two years from India, but it was at the same time laid down that on Major Wood's return to the Department he should be placed in the same position he held prior to his leaving on furlough, and this ruling has been carried out.

That your Memorialist after having served six years in the Department and seven years in India attained the position of 4th on the list of 4th Grade Executive Engineers and when reverted to tour of Home duty with his Corps, and it after an absence of two years and a month on his rejoining the Department

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That had the same treatment been applied to your Memorialist as has been invariably to Officers of the Royal (late Madras) Engineers he would have been promoted to the 3^d Grade of Executive Engineers in September 1874; since this date he has therefore been losing Rupees One ~~thousand~~ per mensem and he is now only 6th on the list of 4th Grade Executive Engineers whereas when he left the Department in November 1870 he was 4th on that list; or in other words your Memorialist after three years additional service in the Department is now two places below that he held on leaving the Department in 1870.

That under the above circumstances your Memorialist cannot but believe that some ruling will be made in his favor by the Home Government but in the meantime he is, for no fault of his own, suffering great loss.

That your Memorialist therefore requests that pending the receipt of a reply to the questions now under reference, his case may be dealt with locally

locally and most respectfully begs
your Grace will be good enough to cause
him to be placed in that position on the
list which he would occupy had he
been reinstated in his former place
on rejoining the Department in Novem-
ber 1873

And your Memorialist as in duty bound
Will ever pray.

Albion Capron
20 Apr. 1876

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Albert Smith Esq
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Al Smith Capt. M.E.
20 Sept. 1876

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Albion G. G. G.

20 Sept. 1876

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Ans: 13-11-76.

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Military Secretary

Office

20 September 1876. (Andras)

Sir, I have the honour to
forward to you a ^{confidential} ~~information~~
from the Hon. Mr. Smith
of the Royal Engineers transmitted
for information to His Grace the
Governor through the Superin-
tending Engineer Campbell.
The request that you will
be

To. Colonel F. Michael
B.T.
Secretary to Government
Military Department

Si Ching Leung
22-11-76

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So good as to furnish me
with a memorandum for
His Grace's information
on the merits of the case
as regards the allegations made
by the Memorialist - & the
circumstances to which he
alludes.

I have the honor
to be
Your most obedient servant -
Berthe Hobart
Lieut.
Mil. Sec. to H. G. the
Governor.

No 277-

Reference to the
The case of Capt. A. C. Smith
has been discussed in your
report under the heading of the
original date of 20. 11. 1875
of 23rd Nov 1875. The letter
of the Govt. of India of the
same date is 3360. Herewith
forwarded -
The same has been
of India has only lately been
received, and is enclosed
with the B. G. of 27th Nov 1875
1875 - It is believed that
having been seen so
recently by the Hon. Mr. Miller
that it is in your
power to take the same
into consideration when the next
session of the Govt. is
opened -

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Sept 22-11-76

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lie 23-11-75 3359 + 3360
Pla 11-7-76 2417
lie 4th October 1876

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- for the Secretary to Govt.
- lie Public Works Dept.
(By order)

Michael Colver
Secretary to Govt.
Government House
Madras.
9th Nov. 1876.

Returned to the Secretary
Govt. P.W.D. with
memorial noted by
H. H. Grace

By order
277a J. H. H. H.
Lieut Col. J. H. H.
on that date.

Military Dept.
No 5296
From the military Dept
the Govt.
P.W.D.
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13th Sept
14th Oct
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Under Sec

Forward memorial from
Capt A. C. Smith R.E. request-
ing the low position he holds
in the D.P.W. & requests to be
furnished with a memo on the
merits of his case

No 3068

Public Works Department.

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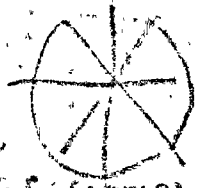
Under date the 16 Nov 76
Read the following :-

Memorial of Albert C. Smith, Capt in the
Corps of Royal Engineers dated 20 Sept. 1876
Indorsement of the mil. Dept (H.R. No 5031 d 14 Oct. 76)

His Grace the Governor
in Council sees no ground
for reconsidering the decision
already come to and
communicated with H.O.
No 2417 dated 11th Sept.
1876.
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Sept 22-11-76

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

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G. O., 1876, No. 3062

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Capt. H. C. Smith, R.E.

Desiring to reconsider the
decision already come to
with regard to the position
of — in the Imperial line
of the P.W. Dept. —