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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th December 1876. No. 3,554.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 605. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st December 1876, No. 311 W.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information and orders of Government, the accompanying letter from Lieutenant A. E. Dobson, R.E., in which he requests that he may be allowed to elect the old scale of staff pay and military allowances.

2. Lieutenant Dobson explains the cause of his not having elected within the time prescribed in G.O., No. 2,465, of the 15th September 1876.

3. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that in the event of his election being now accepted, the net difference between the salary actually drawn by him under the consolidated scale and that due under the old scale will be in his favor.

4. Lieutenant Dobson is aware that his future pay as Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, according to the old scale will be Rupees 4-4-0 less than that which he now receives under the consolidated scale.

From Lieutenant A. E. DOBSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer in charge Cannanore Division, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated Cannanore, 23rd November 1876, No. 235.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 2,998, of 9th instant, received to-day, I have the honor, if not too late, to beg that I may be allowed to elect old rate of salary. I did not elect till just now as I should have been a loser by it, but as the Government of India have sanctioned the difference of pay to be passed to an Officer to which he may be entitled consequent on his election now made, I find that I shall be a gainer. I beg therefore that I may be allowed to make the election for the old rate.

2. I conclude that the order above alluded to will cancel the G.O., No. 2,465, of 15th September 1876, laying down the fixed time, as a reference appears to have been made subsequent to this order.

No. 605-A. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 7th December 1876, No. 324 W.

HAVING been informed by Lieutenant F. J. Romilly, R.E., Assistant Engineer, Negapatam, that he desires to elect the old scale of staff pay with military allowances, I have the honor to request that, in anticipation of his formal official letter on the subject, the re-election may be made known to Government.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that the net difference between the salary actually drawn by him under the consolidated scale and that due under the old scale will be in his favor.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th December 1876. No. 3,554.*

No. 606. From the same Officer, dated Fort St. George, 18th December 1876,
No. 343.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information and orders of Government, the accompanying letter from Lieutenant C. B. Henderson, R.E., in which he requests that he may be allowed to elect the old scale of staff pay and military allowances.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that in the event of his election being now accepted, the net difference between the salary actually drawn by him under the consolidated scale, and that due under the old scale, will be in his favor.

From Lieutenant C. B. HENDERSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, Nellore, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Nellore, 25th November 1876, No. 7.

I UNDERSTAND by G.O., No. 2,998, of 9th November 1876, that if I elect to change to the old scale of pay, I shall be entitled to recover the difference I have lost since I joined the department and elected the consolidated rules.

2. As I am not quite sure of the amount I shall recover I beg you will be good enough to inform me how much it will be; I presume the pay will date from 4th May 1873, the date I reached my appointment, and from 1st April 1873, the date I was gazetted to the Public Works Department, or from the date I left the Sappers at Bangalore to take up my appointment.

3. Up to 23rd July 1873, as I had not completed three years' service in the corps of Royal Engineers, my scale of pay was less than it was subsequent to that date; after 23rd July 1873 I calculate that by electing the old Rules I shall be entitled to receive Rupees 45-12-0 a month, or a sum of about Rupees 1,800 up to date. I beg that you will be good enough to let me have a statement of the difference of pay, and the dates from which they will commence, should I elect the old Rules.

From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Lieutenant C. B. HENDERSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer on Special duty, East Coast Canal, Nellore, dated Fort St. George, 7th December 1876, No. 151 N.L.

As requested in your letter No. 7, of the 25th November 1876, I have the honor to enclose a statement of the amount drawn by you under the consolidated scale, and that which you would have drawn had you originally elected the old scale of staff pay with military allowance.

2. In the event of your now electing the old scale of pay, and of Government accepting your election, you will be allowed pay, according to that scale, retrospectively from the date (4th May 1873) on which you joined the Public Works Department.

From Lieutenant C. B. HENDERSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 2nd Division, East Coast Canal, to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Ramathirtham, 12th December 1876, No. 95.

G.O., No. 2,998, of 9th November 1876.

2. I shall be obliged if you will inform me when I may commence to draw my salary under the "old scale," and when the amount to be drawn by me, as shown in the statement accompanying your letter No. 151 N.L., is likely to be paid to me.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th December 1876. No. 3,554.*

No. 607. ORDER THEREON, 28th December 1876, No. 3,554.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 39-AA.

THE applications of Lieutenants Dobson, Henderson, and Romilly are accepted by Government, subject to the orders of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3,555, dated 28th December 1876.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 28th December 1876.

No. 608.

No. 3,555.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 39-AAA.

SIR,—Applications have been received from several Officers of the Royal Engineers, requesting permission to re-elect the

rules under which they at present draw their salaries.

2. In Government of India Circular No. 49, dated the 15th August last, it was ruled that such re-election must, in the case of Officers serving in India, be made within one month from date of Circular, or, as it was construed by the Madras Government, within one month from the date of the orders passed upon the Circular by the Local Governments.

3. I am, however, instructed to observe that no Officer had a full month within which to make his decision. For, before he could make his decision, it was necessary for him to know precisely how much he would gain or lose by his choice.

4. To give each Officer that exact knowledge, elaborate statements had to be prepared in the Office of the Examiner. And although all possible speed was used in getting out these statements, the junior Officers, whose cases were dealt with last, received them very late, and thus had but a brief time in which to form a decision upon which so much depended.

5. Again, the questions raised in my letter of the 5th October were such as to materially affect the choice of some Officers. And the reply to that letter was not in the hands of those concerned until a month after the limit fixed for re-electing had expired.

6. It appears to His Excellency in Council that if those Officers who, being in India, re-elected within one month from the issue of this Government's order passed upon the ruling conveyed in your letter No. 1,485 E.G., or who, being on furlough, re-elected within one month from the receipt of those orders, were held to have made their choice in time, the spirit of the original Circular—which was obviously to allow each Officer a reasonable time within which to make his decision—would be fully upheld.

P.W.D.
2DEC76
No. 8730

No. 235
Cannanore Division Office
Cannanore 23rd Nov 1876
From: The Officer in charge
Cannanore Division, D. P. W.
To: The Examiner of
Public Works Accounts,
Madras

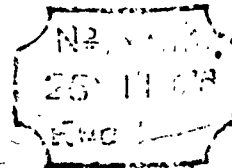
Sir,
With reference to G. O. No.
2995 of 9th Instant, received today,
I have the honor, if not too late,
to beg that I may be allowed
to elect old rate of salary. I did
not elect till just now, as I should
have been a loser by it, but, as
the Government of India have
sanctioned the difference of pay
to be paid to an officer to which
he may be entitled consequent on
his election now made, I find that
I shall be a gainer. I beg therefore
that I may be allowed to make
the election for the old rate.

I conclude that ^{only above alluded to} the will cancel
the G.O. 2465 of 15th September 1876,
laying down the fixed time, as
a reference, appears to have
been made subsequent to this
note.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant

A. E. Dobson Lt/RS

Asst. Engineer
Malabar



P.W.D.
2 DEC 76
No 8730

FROM L. CONWAY-GORDON.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 311.W.

FORT ST. GEORGE. 1ST. DECR. 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT, FOR THE INFORMATION AND
ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT, THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER FROM LIEUT.
A. E. DOBSON. R. E. IN WHICH HE REQUESTS THAT HE MAY BE AL-
LOWED TO ELECT THE OLD SCALE OF STAFF PAY AND MILITARY
ALLOWANCES.

2. LIEUT. DOBSON EXPLAINS THE CAUSE OF HIS NOT
HAVING ELECTED WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN G. O. NO. 2465
OF THE 15TH. SEPTEMBER 1876.

3. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT
THAT IN THE EVENT OF HIS ELECTION BEING NOW ACCEPTED, THE
NET DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SALARY ACTUALLY DRAWN BY HIM
UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED SCALE AND THAT DUE UNDER THE OLD
SCALE WILL BE IN HIS FAVOR.

4. LIEUT. DOBSON IS AWARE THAT HIS FUTURE PAY AS AS-
SISTANT ENGINEER 1ST. GRADE ACCORDING TO THE OLD SCALE
WILL BE RS. 4-4-0 LESS THAN THAT WHICH HE NOW RECEIVES

UNDER

UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED SCALE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEQT. SERV'T;

Howay-Jordan

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

No 330877 Recd

The Government of India
having limited the time
allotted for elections
to one month in the
case of officers in India -
no extension of this
period can be sanctioned.

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2015-9-76 No 2465
5-10-76 - 2681 & 2682
9-11-76 - 2998.

No 605

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FROM THE EXAMINER,

P. W. ACCOUNTS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 311. W.

DATED. 1ST. DEC. 1876.

RECD.

ENCLOS. 2. ✓

FORWARDS LETTER FROM LIEUT. A. E.
DOESON. R. E. ELECTING THE OLD SCALE
OF STAFF PAY AND MILITARY ALLOW
ANCES.

With Order

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Lieutenant C. B. Henderson, P. Co. Assistant Engineer 2^d Grade, Yellow District.

Scale of pay	Rank	Pay	Military Allowance	Total	Difference from	To	Period	Marine	Leave	to be	Refunded	drawn	Amount
Consolidated	1 st Lieut. Ass't Surg.	350 "	60 "	410 "									
	Tenant 2 ^d Grade	200 "	213 5 "	413 5 "	3 5 "	16 May 1873 to 1 July 1873	2	19 "	" "	" "	" "	8 10 6	
Consolidated	1 st do	350 "	70 "	420 "									
	1 st do	200 "	265 12 "	465 12 "	115 12 "	25 July 1873 to 1 Dec 1873	3	9 "	" "	" "	" "	4797 8 6	
Old Scale													

For Saint George
18 December 1876
W. A. M.

(True Copy)
Lieutenant
Chief Accountant
Office of Engineer P. W. Account.

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P.W.D.
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No.

No. 7

Nellore District 25th November 1873

From

Lieutenant G. B. Henderson R.E.

Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade
Nellore

To

The Examiner of P.W. Accounts

Madras

Sir

I understand by G. O. No. 2998 of 9th November 1873 that if I elect to change to the old scale of Pay I shall be entitled to recover the difference I have lost since I joined the Department and elected the consolidated Rules.

2. As I am not quite sure of the amount I shall recover, I beg you will be good enough to inform me how much it will be. I presume the pay will date from 1st May '73 the date I reached my appointment and from 1st April 1873 the date it was gazetted to the P.W.D. or from the date I left the Sappers at Bangalore to take up my appointment.

3. Up to 23rd July '73 as I had not completed 3 years service in the Corps of Royal Engineers my scale of pay was less than it was subsequent to that date; after 23rd July '73

I calculate that by electing the old rules I shall be entitled to receive Rs. 15-12 a month or a sum of about Rs. 1800 up to date. I beg that you will be good enough to let me have a statement of the difference of pay and the dates from which they will commence should I elect the old rules.

I have &c.
(Signed) L. B. Henderson Lt. Col.
on special duty, C. C. Canal Nilgore
(True Copy)

Received
Chief Accountant Office of the
Examiner, P. W. Accounts

10/11/12

1912

From THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
To Lieutenant L. B. Henderson R.E.
Assistant Engineer on special duty East Coast Canal - Nilgore
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 7th December 1876.

Sir,
As requested in your letter No. 7 of the 25th November 1876, I have the honor to enclose a statement of the amount drawn by you under the consolidated scale, and that which you would have drawn had you originally elected the old scale of staff pay with Military allowance.
In the event of your now electing the old scale of pay and of Government accepting your election, you will be allowed pay, according to that scale, retrospectively from the date (1st May 1873) on which you joined the P.W.D.

I have &c.
(Signed) L. Conway Gordon
Examiner P. W. Accounts
(True Copy)

Received
Chief Accountant Office of the
Examiner, P. W. Accounts

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No.

No 95
H.L. 8
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Ramathirtham
12th Dec: 1876

From

Lieut CB Henderson R.R.

2nd Division E.C. Canal

To

The Examiners of P.W. Accounts
Madras

Sir

With reference to the G.O. ^{of} marginally quoted

G.O. No 2998

9th November
1876

I have the honor to intimate to you that

I wish to elect the "Old Scale" of Pay
and I beg that you will be good enough to submit
my application to the proper authorities.

2. I shall be obliged if you will inform me when I
may commence to draw my Salary under the "Old Scale"
and when the amount to be drawn by me as shown
in the statement accompanying your letter No 151 H.L.
is likely to be paid to me.

I have the honor, to be, Sir, Your obed. Servant.

CB Henderson 29/12

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From
Lieut AB Henderson M.E.
Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade
2nd Divⁿ P.C. Canal N.L.
To The Examiner of P.W. Accounts
Madras

Dated 12th December 1876
Recd

Intimating the Election of
the Old Scale of Staff Pay
with Military Allowance

M.A. 7/12

7-12-76

23A

[Cr. Wks. Form No. 1.]

No. 343

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From

Examiner
THE CONTROLLER,

PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 18th December 1876.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the information and orders of Government the accompanying letter from Lieutenant B. Henderson with which he requests that he may be allowed to elect the old scale of Staff pay and Military allowances.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that in the event of his election being now accepted, the net difference between the salary actually drawn by him under the consolidated scale, and that due under the old scale will be in his favor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Lowry-Jordan

Examiner, P. W. Accounts

Dec 18/76 W.A. 7/12

18/12

QD 15-9-76 No 2465

P.W.D.

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No. 1125

Amount of ...
...
...

The Examiner P.W. Accounts

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

No. 34311

Dated 18th Dec 1876

December 1876

Submits for the information
and orders of Government copy
of a letter from Lieutenant G.B.
Henderson about his election
to the old scale of staff pay and
Military allowances.

Lieutenant St. J. Pennelly P.W. Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade Tanjore District

Scale of pay	Military Department	Pay	Military pay and allowances	Total	Difference from	To	Princ. More Less	Revised Co.	Checked New Rules
Consolidated scale	2 nd Grade Ass't Engr	360 "	60 "	420 "					
Old scale	2 nd Grade	200 "	213 5 "	413 5 "					
Consolidated scale	1 st do	350 "	70 "	420 "					
Old scale	1 st do	200 "	265 12 "	465 12 "					
Consolidated scale	do	350 "	70 "	420 "					
Old scale	do	200 "	265 12 "	465 12 "					
					12 August 5 th August 1876	2	"	"	
					15 12 "	23 rd July 1873 3 rd August 1876 36 12 "	"	"	
					3 5 "	1 st May 1873 22 nd July 1873 2 14 "	"	"	
					45 12 "	23 rd July 1873 3 rd August 1876 36 12 "	"	"	
					15 12 "	6 th August 1876 3 rd August 1876 2 26 "	"	"	
					41 23 "	"	"	"	
					1802	11 2			
					Amount to be drawn	1802	11 2		

Forfeited pay having
overlaid the sum by
leave granted to him

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For & Saint George
7th December 1876
W.A. 7/12

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ENG.

P.W.D.

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NR 8900

[Of. Wks. Form No. 1.]

No. 324. W.

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From

Examiner
THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
FORT SAINT GEORGE, 7th December 1876.

Sir,

Enc: ONE.

Having been informed by Lieut. F. J. Romilly, R. E. Assistant Engineer Nagapatam, that he desires to elect the old scale of staff pay with military allowances, I have the honor to request that, in anticipation of his formal official letter on the subject, the re-election may be made known to Government.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that the net difference between the salary actually drawn by him under the consolidated scale, and that due under the old scale, will be in his favor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Blonway-Gordon

Examiner P. W. Accounts

WV
6/12.

OR
4/12/76

No 1842.

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Returned to the
Examiner, who is requested
to state whether the infor-
mation received by
him from Lt. Romilly
was made within the
month allowed for
re-election.

Vide No. 2465 of the
13th September, para.
3.

Commander Major General
Secy: Government
11th Dec 76.

L.B. 16th Sept 76 - 2465
" 5th Oct " - 2681-2682

No 6050

22-12-76

P.W.D.
8 DEC 76
No. 8900

From
The Examiner P.W.D.
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

No 3217
Dated 7th } December 1876
Recd
Encl: One ✓

Requests that in antici-
pation of Lt. Romilly's formal
official letter on the subject
of an election, his re-election
to the old scale of staff pay
may be made known to
Government.

Returned

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OFFICE NOTE.

TO W.

ACCORDING TO THE LETTER OF
THE ORDERS, MR. ROMILLY'S APPLICATION
WAS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THE TIME SPE-
CIFIED. THE LETTER OF THE ORDERS OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WERE A MONTH
FROM DATE OF CIRCULAR (15TH. AUGT.
1875), A CIRCULAR WHICH WAS NOT
ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPART-
MENT IN MADRAS TILL SEPT. 18TH. OR
THREE DAYS AFTER THE LIMIT FIXED.
TO KEEP TO THE SPIRIT OF THE ORDERS,
WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY TO GIVE EACH OF-
FICER A REASONABLE TIME TO CONSIDER
AND CONSIDER OVER MATTER SO
IMPORTANT TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, THE
MADRAS GOVERNMENT FIXED THE TIME AS
A MONTH AFTER THE DATE (15TH. SEPT.)
OF THEIR ORDERS. ACCORDING TO THE
STRICT LETTER OF THE ORDERS THERE-
FORE, LT. ROMILLY'S DECISION WAS
DUE ON THE 15TH. OCTOBER.

BUT PRACTICALLY, NO OFFICIAL

HAD THE DATA FOR FORMING A DECISION
UNTIL THIS OFFICE HAD BEEN ABLE TO
DRAW UP AN ELABORATE STATEMENT SHOWING
HOW THE ALTERATIONS OF SALARY AFFECT-
ED HIM, HOW MUCH WAS DUE EITHER TO
HIM OR FROM HIM, &C, AND ALL THIS
REQUIRED A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
HIS PAY FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.

THESE STATEMENTS WERE
DRAWN OUT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, BUT
THEY REQUIRED BEING DEALT WITH BY
MEN, WHO WERE SPECIALLY ACQUAINTED
WITH THE AUDIT OF SALARIES, AND
CONSEQUENTLY COULD BE GOT OUT ONLY
VERY SLOWLY. THE SENIOR OFFICERS
WERE DEALT WITH FIRST, THE JUNIORS
MR ROMILLY INCLUDED, CAME LAST.

FURTHER, THE REPLY FROM
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO A MOST
IMPORTANT QUESTION BEARING ON THE
DECISION (VIDE GOVT. ORDER NO. 2998
OF THE 9TH. NOV. 1876) WAS RECEIVED
ONLY
IN THIS OFFICE ON THE 18TH. NOV.
MR. ROMILLY APPEARS FROM HIS LETTER
TO ME TO HAVE SENT IN HIS DECISION
IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE RECEIVED THIS
ORDER

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ORDER, AND THUS I THINK THAT IN THE
SPIRIT OF THE ORDERS HE ELECTED
WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED.

Lt.
14/12.

*Is Lieut. Brown's
a parallel case?*

AMM
15/12

To Mr.

Yes. I think so, for

*Lt. Brown in his letter
distinctly says that it was
the receipt of G.O. no. 2998
of the 9th Nov. (received at
Cannanore probably about the
22nd) that made him
alter his mind -*

*The same remark applies
to the case of Lt. Henderson
which I have just sent on*

No. 333 N.

From

Examiner,
THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 11th December 1876.

Memorandum.

Copy of the following letter received from Lieutenant L. J. Romilly R.E. is forwarded to Government for information and orders in continuation of this office letter N^o 324 N. of the 7th December 1876.

Lowry-Jordan

Examiner, P.W. Accounts.

Letter from Lieut. L. J. Romilly R.E. Assistant Engineer, Nagasaki, to the Examiner, P.W. Accounts, N^o A dated 7th December 1876.

I have the honor to request that my name may be included among the names of Royal Engineer Officers of the S.P.W. who wish to revert to the old scale of salaries.

M. J. J.

M. J. J.

318 P.W.D.
12 DEC 76
From The Examiner
P.W. Accounts.

To The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Department

Dated 11 } December 1876.
Recd }

N^o 333 W.

Forwarding copy of letter
from Lieut. J. J. Remillyn
Asst. Engineer, Tegapatan.
requesting that his name
may be included among
the names of P. E. Officers who
wish to revert to the old scale
of salaries.

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No 3554

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th Dec^r/76.

Read the following:—

From Examiner

- M. No. 311 W dated 1st Dec^r 1876
- " " 324 W " 7th " "
- " " 343 W " 18th " "

The applications of
Lieutenants Robson, Henderson,
and Ramilly are accepted
by Government subject
to the orders of the Govt of
India.

(M. No. 3555 d/ 28th Dec^r/76)

To
The Secretary to the
Government of India

Sir,
Applications have
been received from several
Officers of the Royal Engineers
requesting permission to
re-elect the public under which

2. P. W. A. ✓

Recd - 13-1-77

they at present draw their salaries.

2. The Government of India Circular No 49 of the 15th August 1881, it was ruled that such re-election must, in the case of Officers serving in India, be made within one month from the date of Circular— or, as it was contained by the Madras Government within one month from the date of the order passed upon the Circular by the local Government.

3. Again, however, it was stated to be true that no officers had a full month within which to make his decision. For, before he could make his decision, it was necessary for him to know

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precisely how much he would gain or lose by his choice.

4. To give each Officer that exact knowledge as to the statements he had to be prepared in the eyes of the Examiners. And, although all possible speed was used in getting out these statements, the prior Officers, whose cases were dealt with last, received them very late, and thus had but a brief time in which to form a decision upon which so much depended.

5. Again, the questions raised in my letter of the 5th Oct^r were such as to materially affect the choice of some Officers. And, the reply to that letter was not in the hands of those concerned until a month after the

limit fixed for re-electing
had expired.

6. It appears to this Ex-
cellency in Council that
if those Officers wishing
in India, re-elected within
one month from the
issue of the Government's
Order passed upon the
pending case of, in your
letter No. 1485 to Ex-
cellency, or who, ^{re-elected}
being on furlough, ^{within}
one month from the re-
ceipt of these Orders, were
held to have made their
choice in time, the spirit
of the Original Circular—
which was obviously to
allow each Officer a
reasonable time within
which to make his ^{decision}—
would be fully upheld.

I am to command,

this view to the favorable
consideration of the
Governor General in Coun-
cil.

G. W.

Sept. 13.-1-77

St. L.

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