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No. 420. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 11th February 1876, No. 246 W :—

I HAVE the honor to invite your attention to the following error in the Gradation List of the Public Works Department, published at page 195 of the quarterly Army List corrected up to the 31st December 1875 :—

Passed in Surveying and Civil Engineering.	Lingual Attainments.	Names.	Regiment.	Date of first appointment.	Date of present appointment.	District or other duty on which now employed.
			For			
...	...	Captain L. C. Conway-Gordon	Royal Engineer ...	...	5th April 1875...	Public Works Accounts.
			Read			
...	H. S.	Captain L. Conway-Gordon	Royal Engineer ...	May 1860 ...	March 1875 ...	Public Works Accounts.

2. It is understood that the Gradation List is compiled in the Public Works Secretariat Office. It may be well therefore to invite attention to the manner in which the information given in column 2 has been printed in the first part of the list. For instance, the letters which should appear against the names of Colonel Farewell and Lieutenant-Colonel Mullins have been misplaced, such is also the case with the letters against the names of the other officers immediately below.

3. Lieutenant Awdry is represented as on *special leave* to England, whereas he actually was on *duty*.

4. More important perhaps than these is the fact that when read in connection with page iii, which contains an explanation of the abbreviations used throughout the Army List, the letters entered in the column "*Lingual attainments*" have no meaning whatever. I will take for example the first one on the List against Major-General G. W. Walker. It is a plain capital C in Roman upright type. If printed in *Roman capitals in black letters* it would mean that the officer referred to had passed an examination in Canarese as an Interpreter, if printed in *Italic capitals* it would mean that the officer had passed the Public Works Departmental test in Canarese. As printed it is very doubtful what it does mean, and this being the case it seems advisable to make the Public Works portions of the Army List consistent with the rest of the book.

No. 421. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1876, No. 489.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26-A.

IT is observed that the Army List is compiled not in the Public Works Secretariat but in the Lawrence Asylum Press; and that although the proof sheets are sent to the Government Office for revision, errors of the nature of those referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Controller's letter are liable to occur in subsequently setting up the type. Care is however taken

to make the lists as correct as possible, and this matter will continue to receive attention.

2. The entries against Captain Conway-Gordon's own name will be altered in the next issue now that the requisite information has been supplied. The date of present appointment was taken from the Controller's report of the 5th April 1875, No. 115. The remark alluded to in paragraph 3 against Lieutenant Awdry's name will disappear entirely from the next quarter's list, that officer having returned to India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following :—

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts. No. E. 1226 dated 11th February 1876.

The Controller is of opinion that the Gradation List of the P.W. Department published in the Quarterly Army List is not confined in the P.W. Secretariat but is compiled in the Insurance Department Assistant Surveyor Office to which his remarks should be addressed.

Exd. B. Pl. C.

[Cr. Wks. Form No. 2.]

No. 2402

From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Fort Saint George, 11 February 1876.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my account to the following corrected for transfer to the Public Works Department debitable at par 10s 8d the Sicca Rupee for the month of December 1875.

Date	Particulars	Regiment	Passed	Rate of Exchange	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1875 Dec. 31st	Pay of Establishment employed on Public Works during the month of December 1875 as per Abstract No. 1				1,23,456	
" "	Capt. C. C. Bruce Royal Engineers - Bordeau	Engineer	3. "			1st Class Public Works Establishment
" H.S.	Capt. C. Bruce Royal Engineers - Bordeau	Engineer	3 May 1866.			March Public Works Establishment

2. &c &c &c

16-2-76

List is compiled in the Public Prosecutor's Office. It may be used therefore to answer questions as to the manner in which the numerical figures in Column 1 have been formed in the first part of the List. For instance the letters which placed after Lieut Colonel Ewart & Lieut Colonel Mullins have been recognised and so also the case with the letters against the names of the other officers mentioned in the List.

3. Lieutenant Hardy is referred to as one whose letter is to be recalled, altered & returned for duty.

4. Most important, probably, to note is the fact that where, recalled for correction with key of which corrections and substitution of the abbreviations used throughout the Army List the letters inserted in the column "Original Attainments" have no reference whatever - & will take first example the first case on the List against Major General A. H. Mackenzie & in Column 1 entered & in Column 2 in Italic type - & printed as Lieut. Colonel in black letters, it would seem that the officer referred to has passed some examination in advance of that stated in Column 2, printed in Italic Capitals & would seem that the officer had passed the Public Works Department test in Currency - & printed it as very doubtful what it does mean, need this being the case, it seems advisable to make the Public Works portion of the Army List connected with the rest of the book.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Thomas Jordan

Controller & Accountant

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No 1114

From

The Controller of

H.M. Accounts

To

The Secretary to Government

H.M. Dockyard

No 2466

Barbados 13 Feby 1876

Rec'd 15 Feby 1876

Calls attention to certain errors in the Graduation List of the H.M.D. published at page 195 of the Quarterly Army List corrected up to December last 1875

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No 489. Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Honorable Government Council Held the 23rd Feby 1876.

Read the following

From

The Controller of H.M. Accounts

No 2466 dated 13th Feby 1876

Stating observed that the Army List in Comparison with the Public Works Monthly Accounts that in the Accounts of Regiments Disembarked that although the Pay of Officers are sent to the Government Office for Provision, Errors of the Number of Officers Regimented do in fact exist and it appears that Officers Ration are liable to accumulate Pro Rata Charge Setting upon the Regimental Care in Accounts taken

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The Evidence against
Captain Conway Gordon
now present will be
related in the progress
now that the respective
Impeachments have been
respectively. The Lords
Assembled separately
to vote whether Gordon
Guilty or not Guilty
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Seven Lords Spiritual
Nine Lords Temporal
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Eighteen Lords Barons
Twenty Lords Earls
Seven Lords Dukes
Declared Not Guilty.

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