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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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2nd March 1876.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 3. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.
Public Works. INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
3rd February 1876.

No 2.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have received your Grace's letter, No. 44, of the 30th November last, forwarding for my consideration memorials from Majors A. deC. Scott, R.E., and J. N. Hunter, R.E., in which they request to be allowed to revert from the new scale of consolidated salaries, elected by them in 1870, to the scale of staff and maximum rates of pay previously in force.

2. The case involved in these memorials has already been decided by the Government of India, who, in their Circular, No. 16, of the 4th February last, laid it down that, with certain exceptions, "officers who have already made an election must abide by their choice, as, in making their election, they took all risks of subsequent changes in the conditions of their service."

3. I desire that Majors Scott and Hunter may be informed accordingly.

4. I must add that, as in this instance the memorial is an appeal against the operation of a rule laid down by the Government of India, it ought properly to have been forwarded through that Government.

I have, &c.,

SALISBURY.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No. 3-A. From Major H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Officiating Commandant, Sappers and Miners, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 11th February 1876, No. 118.

I HAVE the honor to request you will be so good as to submit to the Government, and, if the Government have no objection, to the Government of India, my application to be allowed to withdraw from the election that I made in the year 1870 of the new scale of consolidated salaries in the Public Works Department.

2. The reasons that I would urge on behalf of this application are that my Regimental rank has been altered, and also that my prospects of departmental advancement have been altered. In July 1872 all 1st Captains of Engineers were made Regimental Majors, and in the subsequent change of organization in the Madras Department Public Works, the number of Superintending Engineers was reduced from eight to five.

3. When the option was given of taking consolidated salary, I found that a Captain of Engineers employed as Executive Engineer, or as a Superintending Engineer of the 3rd and 2nd Grades, would benefit by giving up the old scale of Regimental and Staff pay. There was thus inducement in looking forward to the next few years to choose the new scale of consolidated salaries. Again, at that time, viz., in September 1870, I was acting in the grade of Chief Engineer (as Consulting Engineer for Railways). I had acted as Superintending Engineer from November 1865 to February 1868, and from September 1868 to April 1870, when I was transferred to the Railway

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branch. In November 1865 I was the Senior Executive Engineer, inasmuch as the one officer of that grade above me was already acting as Superintending Engineer, and I was appointed to act in the next vacancy. I had therefore good expectation in 1870 that, in the ordinary course of promotion, I would not in future hold a lower position than that of a Superintending Engineer; however, now, in the year 1876, I am still on the list of Executive Engineers, and no one of my Regimental juniors has been permanently appointed a Superintending Engineer; there has been a stagnation in promotion, and three of the appointments to the grade of Superintending Engineer have been taken away from the department. In 1870 the 6th officer on the roll of the department was a Superintending Engineer of the 2nd grade; he is now only an Executive, while the 7th and 8th officers on the roll were Superintending Engineers of the 3rd grade.

4. On vacating my acting appointment as Consulting Engineer, in 1872, I went to Europe on furlough; and a few weeks after my return to India in 1874, I was transferred to the Military Department to act as Commandant of the Sappers and Miners. My present duty will cease in May, and it is thus only now that I fully realize how unfortunately the election of consolidated pay has turned out in my case.

5. Since the year 1866, when Lieutenant-Colonel Oakes was confirmed as Superintending Engineer, no junior officer of the corps has risen permanently to that grade; and as our prospects of promotion departmentally are so much worse now, through the numerical reduction in the upper ranks, than they were in 1870, I humbly beg to be allowed to revert to the old scale of salaries in the Public Works Department.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1876, No. 563.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to Majors A. deC. Scott, R.E., and J. N. Hunter, R.E., with reference to G.O., No. 3,293, of 17th November 1875.

2. Also to Major H. L. Prendergast, R.E., with reference to his memorial, No. 118, of 11th February 1876, which will not now be forwarded to the Government of India.

3. Also to all Royal Engineer Officers of the Public Works Department.
(True Extract.)

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

To Major A. deC. Scott, R.E.
" " J. N. Hunter, R.E.
" " H. L. Prendergast, R.E.
" all other Royal Engineer Officers of the Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunkor.

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*India Office, London.
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My Lord Wike,

Your Grace's most obedient

humble servant,

J. H. Murray

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 No. 1501
 Public Works
 3rd Feb 1876
 The
 Letter to Mr W. George
 No. 2.

Informing that
 the case involved in
 the memorials of
 Major A. C. Scott and
 J. N. Hunter, Royal Engs.
 regarding the election
 of salary rules has
 already been decided
 in the Circular of the
 Govt of India, No. 16 of the
 16th February 1875.

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Capt. A. F. Morris - Madras
 Capt. A. E. Smith - Chingaput.
 Capt. R. H. E. Brockman - Hooghly
 Lt. Col. M. - by Comd for Bys.
 Lt. D. Michael Campbell - Madras
 Lt. C. H. P. Christie - by Comd for
 Lt. A. F. Howard - Hooghly
 Lt. A. E. Dobson - Madras
 Lt. G. K. Boddie - Madras
 Lt. C. B. Henderson - Madras
 Lt. L. Langley - Hooghly
 Lt. J. J. Romilly - Tanjore
 Lt. R. S. Hamilton - Puduk
 Lt. J. W. Collier - Madras
 Lt. W. L. C. Baddeley - Puduk
 Lt. A. Andrey - Coimbatore
 Lt. Smart - Tanjore
 Lt. C. C. Rowson - Madras
 Major Vibart - Bangalore
 Major H. Smalley - Bangalore
 Major Beatty - Hooghly
 Major Harkiss - Madras

Moll H. Moberg. Co. 2nd. Regt.
 Capt. Ross Thompson - Presy
 Col. J. J. Moberg - Chm. Secy
 Capt. J. P. Venzonick - Secy
 Col. C. V. McKison - Comd. Secy
 Major Gen. E. H. Walker - 22
 Capt. J. L. P. Morant - C. G.
 Major H. L. Pendergast - Bangalore
 Moll H. Bates - Taryne
 Lt. Col. H. J. Rogers - Chap. Secy
 Lt. Col. J. Mullins - Fort
 Lt. Col. J. J. Fischer - Madras
 Major H. H. Mead - Secy
 Major C. J. Smith - Chap. Secy
 Major J. H. Hunter - Salem
 Major A. de C. Lest - Fort
 Major J. Vertice - Madras
 Moll. Shad Stewart - Chap. Secy
 Capt. L. Conway - Gordon Fort

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st Feb'y/76

Read the following:—

From Offg. Commandant (D. E. No 118 dated
 11th February 1876)
 Sappers and Miners.

Ordered to be
 forwarded to the Secretary
 of State in continuation
 of letter No 44 of 1875
 dated 30th November to
 the Home Government

(D. E. No.
 dated

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To Offg. Commandant
 Sappers & Miners

3 June 1876

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To Right Honorable ^{the} Secy of
State for India

My Lord Marquis

We have the
honor to forward, in contin-
uation of our letter No 114 dated
20th November, a letter
from Major P. L. Pendergast,
requesting to be allowed
to select as to the rules
by which he draws his
salary; and we would
recommend the same
to your Lordship's
~~favorable~~ Consideration.

Wm. D.

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Proceedings of the
Madras Government
under date 2nd March 1876

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Despatch from the (N.S. No 2 d/3 Feb 1876)
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November, 1875.

Also to Major
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No 2 March 76 B.N.3

Also to all Royal
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To
- Major A. C. Scott R.E.
- Major J. R. Hunter R.E.
- Major H. L. Pendergast R.E.
- All other P. E. Officers of P. E. Dept.

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Govt. of India
PUBLIC WORKS.

Major Scott
Jr Jr Jr

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Date

From

To

By

2 March 1873

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To the Officer concerned -
Election of Subang Rules -
Despatch from the Secy of
State intimating that the case
involved in the Memorial
of Messrs A. & C. Scott Es.
and J. B. Hunter Es. already
referred in Circular of the
Govt of India No 16 of 4th
Aug 75, communicated