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Read the following:—

No. 144. From Mr. C. HODGSON, dated 25th February 1876.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1876, No. 633.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 8.

UNDER present circumstances His Grace the Governor in Council does not consider he would be justified in permitting the supersession by Mr. Hodgson of any passed candidates for the appointment of Taluq Overseer.

(True Extract.)

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

To Mr. C. Hodgson, with fourteen original enclosures.

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I beg to lay before you the following, and
solicit an order of Govt. for an exemption from
the Rules, which prescribe the passing of the
test, of Telling Officers.

I have from youth been trained to the C. E.
field, I have served the
Municipality, — as an Inspector in charge of the 7 Division of the
M. & H. Co., — as a 1st class Surveyor.
Major R. W. D. — as a Surveyor & Estimator,

Officer 2nd, and 1st Lieut.,
 District Surveyor, & for a considerable
 time, Contractor, of Roads and Bridges.
 Latterly I established the Firm of Hodgson & Barton,
 after undertaking considerable Contract work
 in Road Surveys and Sections, in C. & E. Contract,
 & did extensive work in Rail-way & P.W., in the
 Decan. My Speculations, owing to the sudden
 rise in rates for labour, compelled me to seek
temporary employment, under Col. Moberly,
 with a view to entering the imperial list.

I have obtained 1 Certificate for Asst. Quartermaster Major,
1 Certificate for Sub Quartermaster 1st Class Madras.
1 Certificate as Draughtsman 2nd Class.
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in the year 1861. Col Carpenter in order to
meet the requirements of the Mysore Service, sent
me this Bengal Certificate, on my Application
for examination-papers, for a Madras test.

The disadvantages of a Mysore Certificate of
superior Subordinate, through the prospect opened in
different quarters of this Presidency, & as circum-
stances preclude from me the time required to cover
the subject for examination, my difficulty to ob-
tain employment in the Presidency, is augmented.

As one trained exclusively for the C.P. field,
and tried by the hardships (which no other than
an Engineer of a Mullamud Range can attest),
having exclusively devoted to the Profession for
18 years, the Rule requiring a different Certifi-
cate for Madras, places me under a great disadvantage.

I do not ignore the studies required by the
Service, but I submit, that mine has been of a
higher standard, & has passed into field practice
and experience, creating in the ground-work,
a settled readiness, to ^{take} the field, in the most
trying situations, which gives me, if not a
priority, a precedence in election, over the theorist,
who the practical Engineer, generally finds useful.

They further to state, that as an Officer
in charge of Mullamud Ranges, the field has
laboured in ^{with} which you are personally acquainted
viz South, Sagur, Muzes, Manitapur, Shemoga,

Luckrully, Ippa, Howlading,
severe field for practice, not only
deadly climate, but from the impracticability
obtaining Labor and Materials; & as the ex-
perience of a difficult field, besides the professional
advice, hint, and active duty under distinguished
Engineers, like Col Cotton, Mr. W. Latham, Mr. H. H.
Johnston, Col. Sanford, Col. Stanley, and numerous
Executive Officials, claim a precedence to a Soldier
Bry. I am certified as a Salary Officer,
and I am exempted, if it please
Government, a Certificate of Salary Officer:
because as a Certified Officer of my son, &
one in charge of a Head Quarter Range, I have
done more important work, than any Salary
Officer in the Presidency.

Col. McNair, Major Vertue, & other gentlemen
have expressed their regret, that the Rules of
Joint Practice my employment, so long as
Naked Candidates are obtainable, & as I have
a large family, the advantages of a liberal
Education, & the experience of a Profession, tried
in various fields, I am compelled to lay my
principal Case at your feet, & become for
that emergency, which has characterized the
past, and does noble your administration.
They are not to be lost.
Charles Johnson

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry that I am unable to give you a more satisfactory answer at this time, but I am sure that the same will be given to you as soon as possible. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. M. Smith

no date
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~~27th March 1916~~
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Mr C Hodgson

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