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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 94. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEADE, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Virdachellum, 18th March 1876, No. 232:—

I HAVE the honor to forward a copy of a letter from Mr. O'Ratigan, Executive Engineer, to you complaining of his supersession by Captain Brockman's promotion to 2nd-class Executive Engineer, which appeared in *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 14th March. Mr. O'Ratigan was appointed Executive Engineer, 3rd-class, 2½ years before Captain Brockman was, and has four years' longer service in the department; he is not aware of there being any reason for this supersession, which is, of course, a very serious matter to him.

From P. O'RATIGAN, Esq., C.E., Executive Engineer, No. 3 Range, South Arcot, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, through the District Engineer, South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 18th March 1876, No. 1.

I REGRET to have to bring to your notice what I consider a personal grievance, *i.e.*, the appointment of Captain Brockman, R.E., as Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, which appears in the *Gazette* of the 14th instant, whereas I, his senior by two steps on the Gradation List, or 2½ years in rank and four years' longer service in the department, have been passed over. I write this in the hope that Government will be able to take my case into consideration.

2. On referring to the Gradation List for the last half year, it will be found that I was the next for promotion, and on Captain Hindle taking leave I naturally looked for the steps, as generally promotions are made in the order in which names stand on the List, except for some strong reason to the contrary; and I am unconscious of having done anything during the period in question that would lead to my supersession.

3. I may, also, mention that by missing this opportunity of promotion, I fear that the chance will not come round again for another year at least, as there are two officers of the grade of Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, now on furlough who are due in India before the next half-yearly promotions are made.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1876, No. 903.

ESTABLISHMENT, Nos. 6 & 7.

THE District Engineer, South Arcot, will inform Mr. O'Ratigan that the comparative merits of Captain Brockman and himself were duly taken into consideration by His Grace the Governor in Council.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.
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N^o 1. N^o 3 Range Office, South Area
Victoria 18th March 1876.

From:

The Executive Engineer

N^o 3 Range, S. Area

To:

The Secretary to Government

P. W. Department.

Thru The District Engineer

South Area.

Sir,

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I have &c
Signed/ P. O'Riagan C.E.
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

M. Munt. Major R.E.
District Engineer

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No 232

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp

Vidachellam

Dated

18th March 1876.

From

The District Engineer,

South Arcot.

To

The

Secretary to Government

D. P. W.

Enclosures

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Enclosed with
No 232 of 18th March 76
to the Secretary to Government
D. P. W. from the District
Engineer South Arcot

Ph 6. 4. 11. 76 BT 94

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt. Servt.
H. M. M. Major R. E.
District Engineer

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Brockman's promotion
to 2nd Class Ex. Eng.
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Dated 18th
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ENCLOSURE 1

To
The District Engineer
South Arcot.
From
The District Engineer
South Arcot.
Dated 21/15

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N^o 903 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 6th April 1876.

Read the following:—

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sideration by His Grace
the Governor ^{in Council}. [But the
promotion of the former
was the result of the
decision arrived at, which
His Grace in Council is
not prepared to reverse.]

G.M.W.

D. E. S. Arch
Desd 24/4/76
En 21/15

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To

~~Mr~~ R. B. South Street

Date

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Encl.

G. O. 5th April 1876, No.

903

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Mr. O. P. Dalgarno, Executive
Engineer — Passing orders
on letter from — Complain-
ing of his supersession by
Capt. Brockman's promo-
tion to 2nd Class. Executive
Engineer.

South St.
27-11-76.