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No. 368. Read the following letter 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, 13th July 1876, No. 110 W.:—

With reference to a notification that appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 11th instant, posting Major H. W. Wood, R.E., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, to the Vizagapatam District as District Engineer, I have the honor to point out that no notification has yet appeared appointing this officer to the Public Works Department. As Government is aware, this officer by overstaying his leave forfeited his appointment in the Public Works Department. On his return, however, his services were placed by the Commander-in-Chief at the disposal of the Public Works Department, but no notification has apparently issued appointing him to that department.

2. Assuming, however, that an order to this effect has been passed without having as yet been communicated to me, I have the honor respectfully to inquire whether any vacancy exists in the grade of either 1st or 2nd Grade Executive Engineer to fill which Major Wood has been appointed.

3. This is, I may point out, not an ordinary case of an officer having a lien on his appointment becoming supernumerary on his return from leave. Major Wood by overstaying his leave forfeited his appointment; on his return he did not belong to the department; and his appointment as supernumerary, according to my reading of the rules, cannot, in the absence of a vacancy, be made by this Government without the previous sanction of the Government of India. And, as far as I can see, no vacancy exists; in the 1st Grade there is actually at present one officer supernumerary, while in the 2nd Grade the full complement of officers already exists.

4. I feel it desirable to point this out, for I observe that the charge for Public Works Establishment has attracted the notice of this Government, and has already been reported to the Government of India as burdensome beyond measure.

5. To appoint supernumerary officers, for whom there is no Budget provision, and the pay of whom must fall entirely on Provincial Funds, cannot, I think, do otherwise than aggravate the evil complained of.

No. 369. Order thereon, 21st July 1876, No. 1,856.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

The Military Department having in their notification, No. 410, dated 30th June, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 4th July 1876, granted Major Wood an extension of leave covering the period overstayed by him, it does not appear that he can be held to have forfeited his appointment in the Public Works Department, having in view the terms of the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 249, dated 14th October 1875. His being brought on the strength of the department therefore as a supernumerary in his grade is not contrary to usual practice.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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No. 1102

From THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 13th July 1876.

Sir

With reference to a notification that appeared in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 11th instant posting Major H. P. Wood R.E., Executive Engineer 2d Grade to the Vizagapatam District as District Engineer, I have the honor to point out that no notification has yet appeared absolving this Officer to the Public Works Department. As Government is aware, this Officer by overstaying his leave forfeited his appointment in the Public Works Department. On his return however his services were placed by the Commander-in-Chief at the disposal of the Public Works Department, but no notification has apparently issued appointing him to that Department.

I assuming however that an order to this effect has been passed without knowing as yet been communicated to me

I have the honor respectfully to enquire whether any vacancy exists in the Grade of either 1st or 2nd Grade Executive Engineer to fill which Major Wood has been appointed.

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I feel it desirable to point this out for I observe that the charge for Public Works Establishment has attached to notice of this Government, and has already been reported to the Government of India as burdensome beyond precaution.

5 To appoint supernumeraries Officers, for whom there is no Budget provision and the pay of whom must fall entirely on Provincial Funds, cannot I think, do otherwise than aggravate the evil complained of.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servant
Henry Jordan
Examined P.W. Accounts

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From
The Examiner,
P.W. Accounts,

To
The Secretary to Government,
P.W. Department

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Offering certain observations relative to the appointment of Major Wood R.E. as Exr: 2nd grade & the Vizagapatam Distt:-

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Public Works Department.

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To

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Date

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Major H W Wood - RE

Passing orders on letter from the Exr- PW Accts Bering observations relative to the appointment of —— as Executive Engr 2d Grade to the Vizag & Godavari Dists

Entered 25 July