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2nd March 1878, No. 1,074 W.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 38. From the Superintending Engineer, Kistna, dated 18th January 1878,
No. 191.

No. 38-A. From the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 25th January 1878,
No. 5 E.W.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1878, No. 1,074 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council desires it to be distinctly understood that the promotion of Lieutenant-Colonel Beatty to his correct position in the Public Works Department which had been before recommended by the late Chief Engineer, General Walker, is in no way whatever intended to convey any censure on Major Hasted, whose acknowledged efficiency during a lengthened service is known and appreciated.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To Major Hasted, R.E.

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Major HASTED, R.E.

Dated March 2nd.

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O. O., 2nd March 1878, No. 1,074 W.

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Nos. 30-39.

Suppression of Major Hasted by Lieut-
Colonel Beatty.

From,

Major J. O. Hasted R.E.
Superintending Engineer, Public Works.

To, Colonel E. A. Foord R.E.
Chief Engineer Public Works Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that, by the appointment of Major Beatty to be 2nd grade Superintending Engineer, I have been superseded, and as I cannot but consider my supersession to convey a censure, to regret you will be good enough to inform me what it is I have done, or left undone, that I should forfeit my position in the Department.

2. In September 1871, I was appointed to officiate as Superintending Engineer 3rd grade, and continued to act in this appointment, until the reduction of Superintending Engineers in 1875, when I reverted to my permanent appointment.

Fort St George
Gazette of 26
December 1877,
page 852.

appointment, as Executive Engineer
1st grade, and was made District Engineer
of the Arizua. In May 1874, I was
again appointed to act as Superintending
Engineer 3rd grade, and in May 1875,
as Chief Engineer 3rd grade, which
appointment, I held for 3 months.
In February 1877, I was confirmed
as Superintending Engineer 3rd grade.
Having received no intimation that
my duties were conducted inefficiently,
and not being aware that I, in any
respect, failed in doing the work
entrusted to me, I think I was
entitled to expect that I should be
promoted to fill the vacancy which
has so long existed in the 2^d grade
of Superintending Engineers.

3. It may be that the appointment
which is such a grievance to me, may
be justified by merit, but as I
have been employed in the Irrigation
Department since 1861, uninterruptedly
(with an interval of 20 months furlough)
and

and have for some time, ^{been}
senior officer next to the Chief Engineer
in that Department, it seems to me
that I have a claim to promotion,
unless I have shown that I am
unfit for it, in which case, I
am probably unfit for the Irrigation
Department.

4. I submit this letter through
the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
as the Head of the Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant
J. W. Major W. B.
Superintending Engineer
Arizua 8th

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From

The Superintending Engineer
Kistna District

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Dept.

Dated 18 January 1878

Received.

No. 191.

Major J. O. Hasted M.E.
Superintending Engineer Kistna

Brings to notice the
supercession of ———
and shews grounds for
promotion.

No. 5-EW.

Memorandum

Encls. 1

The letter No. 191 of the 18th Instant
from Major Hasted, on the subject of
his supercession by Lieut. Colonel Beatty,
by the latter's recent promotion to the
2^d Grade of Superintending Engineer,
is transmitted to the Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

2 The Chief Engineer for Irriga-
tion is of opinion that Major Hasted
has good reason for making a repres-
entation on this subject. He has for
a long time been treated as senior
Departmentally to Lieut. Colonel Beatty,
and his appointment as 3^d grade Superin-
tending Engineer last February confirmed him
in this seniority. The question whether
this particular appointment should be
given to Major Hasted or to Lieut. Colonel
(then Major) Beatty was discussed in
Council, and it was determined to bestow
it

it on Major Hasted, after due consideration of the merits of the two officers. Since then, so far as the undersigned is aware, nothing has occurred to make it desirable to alter the seniority thus fixed, and when Lieut. Colonel Beatty's appointment to the 3rd grade and promotion to the 2nd grade appeared in the Gazette of the 26th December last, the undersigned supposed that a mistake had occurred.

3. Both Major Hasted and Lieut. Colonel Beatty are zealous and efficient officers of the Department, and both have for a considerable time been in charge of highly important irrigation works and Districts which they have administered very satisfactorily. The undersigned, however, considers that the decision arrived at by Government in February last, whereby Major Hasted's seniority was confirmed, was based upon good and sufficient reason, and that

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that his claim to promotion to the 2nd grade is fully deserving of consideration.

Camp Godavery
Eastern Delta
25th January, 1878

W. L. Williams Colonel
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To,
The Chief Engineer D. P. W.

1878

From
The Chief Engineer for Dragoon

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Dated 25 Jan'y 1878
Depd 4 Feb'y 1878

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Supercession of Major Hasted
by Lt Col Beatty. - memo. for
forwarding Major Hasted's letter on
the subject of - with remark that
his claim to promotion to the 2nd grade
is fully deserving of consideration.

Encl 2-28-22.2.78.

To order. P. H. Dept
10/12/78
Major J. O. Hasted R. E. No: 191 d/

I have your own
these papers
which no doubt
disclose a career of
in representation
of Major Hasted -
I passed the promotion
of Beatty - which
had been one before
disputed with Gen
Walker in his command
and only deferred on
with the General (Col)

confirmation 15 calls appearing
Superintending Engineer
Col. Mullins 3rd grade should be
two less than

grounds -

I had no recollection
of Mr. Carr I find
any trace of having
seen - The February
promotion of Hester
there no question
of doubt as to my
mind when the C.E.
brought up the question
of a promotion
firmly recommended
by Walker - of an
offer of rather large

standing in the office
experimentally senior -

That promotion of
Brady was made
21 Dec: of yesterday
26th -

I do not see on what
ground we can send
that he has been
gageted nearly 2
months - I suppose
his rank & draw
the pay - cannot
that promotion without

respecting on him
 a certain amount
 of public disapproval
 for an actual purpose we
 can do it. He is
 qualified for it
 by length of service
 & merit equally
 with Hasted - and
 which regretting the
 occurrence - I do not
 see that we can do
 more than express regret
 to Hasted that the
 circumstances of his

Relative position was
 clouded before the fact
 of his being the

Feb 18th 78

My dear Sir William
 It is very difficult to
 say which should be the Senior
 Beatty or Hasted.

Their arrivals in India:-
 B — 6-1-55
 H — 1-12-55.
 Appointment as 2nd Asst. Comd. Inf.
 B — 13-3-55
 H — 30-1-56

was proposed
 which ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~was~~
 at the same time
 state over night
 with the
 of L. E. Army
 that
 that been done
 with that
 of the
 Commission
 been decided
 seems appearing

Promotion to 1st Dist. Insp.

B ——— 20-9-59

H. { Acting } 28-10-59
 { Perm. } 15-6-60

Promotion to 3rd grade Insp.

B ——— 1-8-65

H ——— 1-3-67

Promotion to 1st grade Insp.

B ——— 1-3-74

H ——— 1-9-72 X

Offg. Insp. Insp.

B ——— 6-7-75

H. ——— 15-8-71

Insp. Insp. (Permanent)

B ——— 22-8-77

H. ——— 1-2-77

Lately Hastick has been
decidedly ahead & when
Walker went home he

insisting on him
a certain amount
of public disavowal.

For as what you
can do it. He is
qualified for
by length of service
& merit especially
with Husted -
which regretting
occurrence - I
see that we can
have more express
to Husted that
circumstances of

operated as Chf. Inf: vice
Hullins, who acted for Walker.
In the face of this decision,
Husted could not possibly be
passed over without a show being
thrown on him, & I pointed this
out when these ^{last} propositions were
suggested.

Yours sincerely,

Lowrey-Jordan

Delator function was
gladly before the fact
at the time when the
function was, especially
and which function
apparently some plan
accounted overnight
in connection with the
2 changes of C. E. during
the year - that
had that been done
it is possible that
a different course
of promotion might
have been decided

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Mr. Gov. who are
convinced of the
merit of Gov. service
of the officers - who
attend the service
all at once -
Major Brattle has
been the first to
enter the department,
and vigorously
serve - while Major
Hackett had been
departmentally minor
during the last years
By 2/2

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J. W. Sept 24
For order.

Letter from Major J. O. Hasted. R. E. No: 191 of
18 January 1878 with - 1/5 m. Thereon by the Chief Eng^r
for Irrigation No: 5 E. B. d/ 25 Jan 1878.

It is much to be regretted
that this order of command
is impossible that
the result can be otherwise
than getting two or three
of 2 good officers.
He understands that
at the beginning of 1877. The
injury Bratby and Hasted
as 2. Eng^r 1st grade; &
of 3rd Eng^r. The former
being the senior lieutenant.
at the latter senior in the 2nd
rank of Sept 78.

In Feb. 77. Major Hasted
is confirmed as 1. E. 3rd grade
in the recommendation of Col. Mullins.
Gen. Bratby being promoted
Major Bratby's confirmation
in preference. Col. Mullins
and the situation has been

In circulating for the
order of Government
Major Hasted's appeal
and the Memorandum
of the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation, the
Chief Engineer has
the honor to offer
the following explanation.

In the memorandum
which accompanied the
recent list of officers
selected for promotion,
we have used
that Major (now T. Col)
Bratby officiating
Superintending Engineer
3rd grade should be

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promoted to Sup^r
Engineer 2nd grade.
V. Colonel Beatty
entered the department
before Major Nester,
and is also regimentally
his senior, but the
Chief Engineer overlooked
the fact that Major
Nester was already
a Superintending
Engineer 3rd grade
and therefore department-
ally senior to Col
Beatty, who was only
officiating in that
grade.
From the papers now
put up, and which
also accompanied the
recent list of promotions,
it will be seen that
General Walker re-
commended that two
vacancies in the list

in Council. That this is
nothing & that the ground for
it is the fact that
the question of
departmental promotion
is considered to be the decision
of the then Regiments
in Dec. 77. among the list
of long deferred promotions was
included that of Major Nester
for 2 steps.
The confirmed as 3rd grade.
2nd — promoted — 3rd grade.
recommended by Col. Beatty
as Major Nester's Regimental
Senior.
There is no question that in
structure in the F.W. organization
that the giving of a 2nd grade was
that the decision was made
of the practical decision of Col.
(Guided by the F.W. promotion)
on the relative claims. It was
that the 2nd grade was given to the 3rd grade
S.E. within some 6 months. &
that Major N. was senior in the
service. It was not the case
that his promotion was deferred.
It was Major N. departmentally.
that it was. or that he
promoted on. It was not
that he had to accept of Col.
3rd recommendation. That

Given the matter now
under consideration, I
recommend Col. to
advance this step and
nullify the decision of
in Dec. 77. I gave
Major Nester departmentally
the step and Major Nester.
I make this recommendation
only on the principle of
as conclusive to the
decision of Col. as a
former period. If the
senior his chief likely to
from oscillation in such a
question as individual promotion.
There is no question in the
case of remedy in justice.
All officers have without
claims. very much balanced.
Major N. because of 1st grade.
Col. does not appear to be Col.
a former occasion as Col.
deliberately give him the benefit
of this position. by comparing
them for the grade.
It maintains the principle
of seniority. There must be
closely balanced. I cannot
the objection by promoting
Major N. to 2nd grade. I.E.
to giving that in the Council
Major N. promotion to 2nd grade.

of Superintending Engineer
2nd grade, should be
filled by Col. Beatty,
and Major Nester should
be confirmed in the
third grade.
In a later memorandum
of Colonel Mullins, who
had succeeded General
Walker, Major Nester
was recommended
for promotion in preference
to Major Beatty, and this
recommendation was
carried out.
The Chief Engineer reports
very much that he
overlooked this decision
of Government, for,
though holding the
same view as General
Walker, he certainly
would not have
recommended V. Col
Beatty, without

Major Stuart R. G.

Mr. [unclear]
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P. M. G.
No 1074 W dated 2nd March 1878
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Send the Supt. [unclear] [unclear] (H.R. No 191 d/18 Jan 1878)
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His Grace the Governor
in Council desires it
to be distinctly
understood that the
promotion of Lieutenant
Colonel Beatty to
his Council position
in the Public Works
Dept. which had
been recommended by
the late Chief Engineer,
General Walker, is in
no way whatever
intended to curtail
any measure on
Major Keetel, whose
acknowledged
efficiency during a
lengthened service
is known and
appreciated.

Major Keetel N.E.C.

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To *Major Gustaf Beatty*

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*Suppression of Major
Beatty by Col Beatty*

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