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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd May 1878, No. 2,025 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 19. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th April 1878, No. 1,948.

From Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, to the Adjutant-General, Madras Army, dated Bangalore, 8th April 1878, No. 341.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will favor me by moving Government to allow Serjeant Price, R.E., as a special case, to enter the Department Public Works, without passing through the Civil Engineering College or passing the Overseer's Test.

2. Serjeant Price came out to India in Class C, and passed his Entrance Examination for the Civil Engineering College in May 1876; after that he should have spent a year at Bangalore to learn Tamil; but when Overseers were urgently required for the East Coast Canal, he was appointed as a temporary Overseer in G.O., No. 328, dated 25th January 1877, and has apparently done good service on the Buckingham Canal and in North Arcot till the end of March 1878.

3. On the 14th June 1877 the District Engineer of Nellore wrote to Government to recommend that the Serjeant should be exempted from passing the prescribed test for Taluq Overseer, praising him for his activity, steadiness, and attention to his work, and stating that it would be almost wasting his time and service if he were sent to the College.

4. In reply to this the Government Order, Public Works Department, No. 285, dated 22nd June 1877, states that "Serjeant Price, R.E., has been appointed to the Public Works Department on special duty. Pending the completion of the work on which he is engaged, it is premature to propose his exemption from the Engineering College Test with a view to his permanent employment on the effective strength of the department, more especially as there are at present 12 men of Class B unabsorbed."

5. Serjeant Price served with a reputation for zeal, energy, and good conduct on the Buckingham Canal till February 1878, when he was transferred to the regret of the District Engineer of the canal for famine duty in North Arcot.

6. In March 1878 the Serjeant was permitted to give up his temporary employment in the Department Public Works with a view to entering the Civil Engineering College, and has reported his arrival at head-quarters, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, on the 1st instant.

7. If the famine had not occurred or if the Serjeant had not been employed on the canal he would have joined the Civil Engineering College in August 1877 and passed as an Overseer in May 1879, after having lived in comfort at Bangalore and Madras.

8. The Serjeant, however, responded to the call for European Overseers and worked with energy and success in the hot and unhealthy district of Nellore, and, though apparently quite fit for the post of Overseer, will have to join the Civil Engineering College with the prospect of

* If the course in either case lasts a year. obtaining his certificate in 1880.*

9. Thus it would seem that the reward of 14 months' good service is a loss of 14 months' seniority in the Public Works Department.

10. Government Order, Public Works Department, No. 285, dated 22nd June 1877, seems to imply that the Serjeant's exemption from examination would be considered on the completion of the Buckingham Canal, and I trust that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will deem this a suitable time to move Government to consider the Serjeant's case.

11. It might be thought that the Serjeant should not have wished to resign his employment in the North Arcot District, but if he had not done so he would have grown too old for admission into the College, as he is now 24 years 3 months and 21 days old, and would thus have forfeited all his prospects of promotion in the Department Public Works, the limit of age for admission being 25 years.

No. 170.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th April 1878.

(Signed) A. R. CLEPHANE, Colonel,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1878, No. 2,025 W.

THE Government admit the force of Colonel Prendergast's remarks and consent, as a special case, to exempt Serjeant Price from the Overseer's Test.

2. He must address District Engineers with the view to obtain employment in the Department.

3. Government Order, No. 1,809 W, of the 11th April, will be considered as cancelled.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Military Department.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated May 3rd.

To Mr.

Dear Sir,

Enc.

G. O., 2nd May 1878, No. 2423 W.

MAY.

Nos. 19-20.

Subject: The exception of
the Overseer's Test related to
special case.

No. 341

The Division

Engineering

Bangalore 8 April 1878.

I am

The Commandant
Queens Own Engineer and Miner

The Adjutant General
Madras Army.

I have the honor to request that you
will favour me by moving Government to allow Sergeant
Price N.C. as a Special case to enter the I.P.W.
without passing through the Civil Engineering College,
or passing the Overseer's Test.

2. Sergeant Price came out to India in Class C
and passed his Entrance Examination for the Civil
Engineering College in May 1876. After that he
should have spent a year at Bangalore to learn Tamil,
but when Overseers were urgently required for the
Coast, Coast, Canal he was appointed as a temporary
Overseer in G. O. No. 328 dated 25 January 1877
and has apparently done good service in the
Buckingham Canal and in North Street till the
end of March 1878.

3. On the 14 June 1877 the District Engineer
of Bellary wrote to Government to recommend that
the Sergeant should be exempted from passing the
prescribed test for Salug, Overseer, praising him for
his activity, steadiness and attention to his work and
stating that it would be almost wasting his time and
service if he were sent to the College.

4. In reply to this the G. O. P. W. D. No. 285
dated 22 June 1877 states that "Sergeant Price N.C."

has been appointed to the P.W. D. in Special duty.
Pending the completion of the work on which he is
engaged, it is premature to propose his exemption from the
Engineering College test with a view to his permanent
employment on the Effective strength of the Department,
more especially as there are at present 12 men of Class
B unabsorbed."

5. Sargeant Price served with a reputation for
great energy and good conduct in the Buckingham
Canal, with February 1878, when he was transferred
to the post of the District Engineer of the Canal
for famine duty in North Arcot.

6. In March 1878 the Sargeant was permitted to
give up his temporary employment in the P.W. D. with
a view to entering the Civil Engineering College and
has reported his arrival at Head Quarters Quinsu Cui
Sapper Mines on the 1st Inst.

7. If the famine had not occurred or if the
Sargeant had not been employed in the Canal he
would have joined the Civil Engineering College
in August 1877 and passed as an Engineer in May
1879 after having lived in comfort at Bangalore
& Madras.

8. The Sargeant however responded to the call
for European Oversees and worked with energy and
success in the hot and unhealthy district of Mellur
and the apparently quite fit for the post of Overseer,
will have to join the Civil Engineering College
with the prospect of obtaining his Certificate in 1880.

9. It would seem that the period of 14 Months
good service is a long 14 Months service in the P.W. D.

10. G.O. P.W. D. No. 285 dated 22nd June 1877.
Seems simply that the Sargeant's exemption from
examination would be considered in the context of
the Buckingham Canal and I trust that
His Excellency the Commandant in Chief will deem

this a suitable time to move government to consider
the Sargeant's Case.

11. It might be thought that the Sargeant
should not have wished to resign his employment
in the North Arcot District, but if he had not
done so he would have grown too old for admission
in to the College, as he is now 24 years, 3 Months
and 21 days old and would thus have forfeited
all his prospects of promotion in the P.W. D. the limit
of age for admission being 25 years.

I have the honor to be

Yr Most Obedient Servant

Commandant Quinsu Cui Sapper Mines

Asst. Adjt. General Dyed Eng. Div.
Bangalore 9th April 1878

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Colonel
Commanding
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