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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th May 1878, No. 2,069 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 53. From Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, North Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 30th April 1878, No. 539.

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of letter, No. 40, of the 27th instant, from Assistant Engineer Mr. Vincent.

2. The two officers referred to as promoted while of less service than Mr. Vincent are Lieutenant Hamilton and Lieutenant Baddeley; but both these officers stood above Mr. Vincent on the roll of Assistant Engineers of the 2nd Grade.

3. There certainly has been an exceptional time during the last eighteen months, and I would recommend for your consideration that some allowance might be made for an Assistant Engineer who has remained steadily at his work throughout the long period of famine in North Arcot.

From C. VINCENT, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Vellore Division, to the Superintending Engineer, North Arcot, dated Vellore, 27th April 1878, No. 40.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that in the *Gazette* of December 26th last some promotions were made in the Public Works Department from the grade of Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, to that of Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade. Three such promotions were then made of officers, one of whom had just the same service in the department as my own, while the other two had less service.

2. If, as I think I am justified in supposing, my own promotion was delayed from the fact of my not having passed in the vernacular, I would beg respectfully to point out the extreme disadvantages in this respect under which I have been placed.

3. I joined this district originally in January 1875, and in April 1875 was appointed to the charge of the Palar bridge works. During the whole of the ensuing twelve months I was constantly on the bridge works, and the proper supervision of them absorbed the whole of my time. In May 1876, in addition to the bridge works, I assumed charge of the Vellore Range, and from then till October 1876 my making myself acquainted with the new form of work and getting a knowledge of my range prevented all other occupation. From that time forward till the present time the preparation of famine estimates, the supervision of famine works, and the additional work of all kinds which has been thrown on the department generally, and which will be fully known to you, has prevented my having any leisure. I may therefore say that with the exception of the first three months of my service, I have never had sufficient time to allow me a fair opportunity of passing in the vernacular. During those three months I did study the language, though I did not become sufficiently advanced in it to justify me in presenting myself for examination. Since that time I have also from time to time taken opportunities of increasing my knowledge. Two of the other officers to whom I have referred have not been similarly placed. They were in Madras for a long time, where facilities for study are far superior to those of up-country.

4. Under these circumstances I would respectfully request that the matter may be brought to the notice of Government with a request that, having regard to the great increase of work caused by the famine during the last eighteen months, I may not be debarred from promotion

by not having passed in the vernacular, or even that if permanent promotion should not be practicable that my promotion may be made temporary with the condition of my passing in a certain stated time.

5. Besides the loss of standing in the department, I am a very heavy loser in point of salary, and I trust that you will be able to comment favorably on my application in submitting it to Government.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1878, No. 2,069 W.

MR. VINCENT's claims will receive due consideration whenever promotions may next be ordered.

(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 District Engineer, North Arcot.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
NORTH ARCOT.

Dated May 7th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th May 1878, No. 2,063 W.

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Nos. 53-54.

Mr. Vincent, Assistant Engineer.—The District Engineer, North Arcot, informed that the claims of — will be considered when promotions are next ordered.

North Arcot
Vellore Division Office
Vellore 27th April 1878
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From
The Assistant Engineer
Vellore Division
To
The Superintending Engineer
North Arcot
Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice that in the Gazette of December 26th last some promotions were made in the Public Works Department from the grade of Assistant Engineer 2nd grade to that of Assistant Engineer 1st grade. Three such promotions were then made of officers one of whom had just the same service in the Department as my own, while the other two had less service.

If, as I think I am justified in supposing, my own promotion was delayed from the fact of my not having passed in the Vernacular, I would beg respectfully to point out the extreme disadvantages in this respect under

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three months of my service, I have never had sufficiently ^{time} to allow me a fair opportunity of passing in the Vernacular. During those three months I did study the language, though I did not become sufficiently advanced, in it to justify me in presenting myself for examination. Since that time I have also from time to time taken opportunities of increasing my knowledge. Two of the other officers to whom I have referred have not been similarly placed. They were in Madras for a long time, where facilities for study, are far superior to those of up country.

4. Under these circumstances, I would respectfully request, that the matter may be brought to the notice of Government with a request that having regard to the great increase of work caused by the Famine during the last 18 months. I may not be debarred from promotion by not having

Besides the loss of standing in the Department, I am a very heavy loser in point of salary, and I trust that you will be able to comment favorably on my application in submitting it to Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) C. Vincent
Assistant Engineer
Vellore Division

(True Copy)

Wm S. Underhill Lieut. J. G. P. B.
Officiating Superintending Engineer North West

Mr. Lincoln was
very much
pleased to see
him and to hear
of his success -

Enclosure 1-

General No. 539

NORTH ARCOT,

off. *Sup. 2* District Engineer's Office.
Vol. 30, April 1878.

FROM *Offg. Supd.*
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
NORTH ARCOT.

TO THE Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit
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2. The two officers referred to, as promoted while of less service than Mr. Vincent, are Lieutenant Hamilton and Lieut. Baddley: but both these officers stood above Mr. Vincent on the roll of Assistant Engineers of the 2nd Grade.

3. There certainly has been an exceptional time during the last 18th months: and I

I would recommend for your consideration that some allowance might be made for an Assistant Engineer who has remained steadily at his work, throughout the long period of famine in North West.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Lis

Yours most obedient Servant.

Heidelberg 18. Sept. 1886.

Offg. Superbg. Engineer North West

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From General
The District Engineer,
North Arcot,

Dated 30th April 1878.

No. 539

ENCLOSURE 1

Subject.

Mr. Vincent Asst Engr.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 7 May 78.

Read the following:—

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Mr Vincent's claims
will receive due considera-
tion whenever promotions
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In the North Arcot
Asst Engr as per
as he has been.

D.E. North Arcot.

20-5-78

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Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated *H. S. K. K. K.*

Issued

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G. O. 7th May 1878, No. 206911

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