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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

15th July 1878, No 2,891 W.

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Read the following paper —

No 154 From A B SAMPSON, Esq, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 13th June 1878, Nos 771-76 E—G.

THE question of the preparation of fresh Volunteering Regulations for service in the Public Works Department of India for men of the corps of Royal Engineers being now under consideration, I am directed to request that the Government of India may be favored with an expression of the opinion of the Government of Madras as to whether, after the experience gained from the employment of this class of subordinates, it is desired to have any more Royal Engineer soldiers, either of Class A or Class B for employment in the Public Works Department It may be explained that men in Class B are supposed to be practical artisans, who under existing conditions of volunteering are admitted to the department without any educational test after passing one year with the Sappers and Miners Class A men are not regularly trained artisans, and are required to qualify by passing the usual examination for Upper Subordinates

2 A very early reply is requested

No 155 ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1878, No 2,891 W.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent —

(Here enter No 2,892 W, dated 15th July 1878)

(True Extract.)

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

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No 2,892 W.

No 156

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—In answer to Mr Sampson's letter, under date 13th June 1878, Nos. 771-76 E—G, I am directed to observe that in this Presidency men of the Royal Engineer Corps in Class B are *not* admitted to the department "without any educational test" An exception was made in the case of the soldiers referred to in Mr. Sampson's letter of the 13th April 1876, No 628 E—G, but it was at the same time intimated that no more soldiers of that class would be sent to Madras

2. With regard to the general question asked, I am to say that men of these classes, after qualifying for their duties in the Public Works Department, either at the Civil Engineering College, or, as in the case of the B Class men to whom I have already alluded, by service in the department itself, have in some cases proved themselves zealous and efficient servants of Government His Grace in Council however is not prepared to recommend that any special arrangements should be made for getting out men of either of these classes from England as appears to be contemplated by the Government of India, and I am to add that but little use could be made of these Europeans as Overseers, &c, in the Madras climate for out door work,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Govt, P.W.D.

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15th July 1878.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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General

To

THE SECRETARYS TO GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS AND BOMBAY IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
THE JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, RAILWAY BRANCH
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MILITARY WORKS
THE DIRECTORS OF STATE RAILWAYS, CENTRAL AND WESTERN SYSTEMS

Simla, June 13th 1878

Sir,

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2. A very early reply is requested.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. Lambert

Under Secy. to the Govt of India.

No. 771-E.G.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

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General

Enquiring whether after the exercise of Royal Engineer Soldiers as Subordi[nates] desired to have any more Royal Engi[neers] number of Class A or Class B

Ex Corr 25-6-78

Gen[l] Strutt

No 2992 Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 15 July/78

Read the following :—

From,

The Govt of India (H.E. Nos 771-76 E. G.
& 13th June 1878.)

Ordered that the
following letter be sent

H.E. No 2992 dated 15 July/78

to

The Secretary to the
Govt of India
P.W.D.

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His Grace in Council however is not prepared to recommend that any special arrangements should be made for getting out crew of either of these classes from England, as appears to be contemplated by the Govt of India.

Draft 25-7-78 with blo to Govt of India

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G. O., 15 May 1878, No. 2831 2872

Nos.

Royal Engineer Soldiers of Class A & B. as subordinates in P.W.D

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed regarding the working of

Forwarding the opinions of the Govt regarding the working of R.E. Soldiers of A & B Class as subordinates in the P.W.D