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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st February 1878, No. 874 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 225. From the Government of India, dated 10th December 1877, No. 1,735.

No. 225-A. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 9th February 1878, No. 735.

From Colonel J. W. RIDEOUT, Officiating Controller of Military Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th February 1878, A.

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from Major W. H. Burton, Her Majesty's Royal Engineers, under docket of the Adjutant-General, No. 42, dated 30th January 1878, requesting authority to draw his net Military pay while employed as a Madras Public Works Officer on the Indian Defence Committee in Calcutta.

2. From the above Major Burton, R.E., appears to be now serving at Calcutta as a Madras Public Works Officer, but as no portion of the pay of any officer employed in the Public Works Department is payable in the Military Department, and the whole charge is borne by the Public Works Department, a reference to that department on the subject is suggested.

From Major W. H. BURTON, R.E., to the Adjutant-General, Fort St. George, dated Military Secretariat, Calcutta, 21st January 1878.

With reference to the enclosed "arrival certificate," I have the honor to state for your information that I necessarily came *via* Calcutta from China in order to carry out the Deputy Adjutant-General's R.E. order "to go to India at my own expense as early as practicable," because Calcutta is not only the one Indian Port to which a line of steamers run from Hongkong direct, but is moreover the quickest and cheapest route to Madras from that station.

Upon arriving in Calcutta and reporting myself to the Military Authorities in Fort William, I was informed that I "must await the orders of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief." A few days after the Secretary to Government of India in the Public Works Department and the Hon. Colonel Sir A. Clarke both informed me that I was to be employed on the Indian Defence Committee then (1st week in December 1877) about to assemble in Calcutta. Therefore, and in the absence of any orders from the Military Authorities which I personally asked for, I remained in Calcutta, and have, during the present month, commenced duties, as a Madras Public Works Officer, on that Committee.

As I am likely to be here sometime, and have received no pay nor advances of any kind since and for a later date than the 13th November 1877, I have the honor to request you to authorise me to draw such pay as may be due to me from the 14th November 1877, and to continue doing so, so far as the net Military pay of a Major, R.E., in the Public Works Department is concerned, in Calcutta.

Colonel Burne, the Military Secretary to the Government of India, informs me this day that he is addressing the Madras Government concerning my arrival in India and detention at Calcutta.

The following papers are enclosed:—

- (1.) Arrival certificate, dated Fort William, 15th December 1877.
- (2.) C. R. E.'s Hongkong copy of a letter from Horse Guards No. R.E. 66,483-9, 12th September 1877, to General Officer, Hongkong, with Minute No. 1,341, B.M., Hongkong, 24th October 1877.

CERTIFIED that Major W. H. Burton, Her Majesty's Royal Engineers, arrived from China on the 28th day of November 1877 in the steamship *Hindustan*, and landed on the same date.

FORT WILLIAM,
1st December 1877.

(Signed) G. F. HALLIDAY, Captain,
Deputy Assist. Adjutant-General.

From Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Engineers, to the General Officer, Hongkong, dated Horse Guards, War Office, S.W., 12th September 1877, No. 66,483-9.

I am directed by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to inform you that Major W. H. Burton, Royal (Madras) Engineers, now serving at Hongkong, is at present employed upon Imperial duty by exchange with Major A. deC. Scott, R.E., who is in Madras; as the latter officer will be promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel from the 1st proximo the exchange will become void, therefore I am to request you will be pleased to direct Major Burton to report himself in India, at his own expense, as early as practicable after the receipt of this letter.

The date of his departure is requested to be notified to this office.
A separate communication will be addressed to you regarding his successor.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. S. St. CLAIR, Captain,
Brigade Major.

No. 1,341.

To the Commandant, Royal Engineers.

For information. Major Burton will proceed to India at his own expense as early as practicable in conformity with the instructions herein contained. To be communicated to Major Burton and returned.

(By Order.)

(Signed) T. S. St. CLAIR, Captain,
Brigade Major.

B. O., 24th October 1877.

Passed to Major Burton, R.E.

(Signed) W. J. STEWART, Lt.-Col.,
Commandant, Royal Engineers.

No. 42.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted.

(By Order.)

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th January 1878.

Through Controller to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

TRANSFERRED, with the Adjutant-General's memorandum and enclosures, to the Public Works Department.

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2. Referring to the penultimate paragraph of Major Burton's letter, no such communication from Colonel Burne, as there mentioned, has been received in the Military Department.

(By Order.)

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

No. 225-B. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 12th February 1878.

THIS office letter No. 1,735 E.G., dated 10th December. How is Major Burton graded departmentally? Your telegram, 14th instant. Is he at disposal of Works, India.

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1878, No. 874 W.

APPLICATION will be made to the Military Department for Major Burton's services which, on being placed at the disposal of this Department, will be lent to the Government of India in the Public Works Department for special duty.

2. Major Burton will be graded on the Establishment of the Public Works Department as an Executive Engineer of the 1st Grade, Supernumerary, and will be absorbed on the occurrence of the first vacancy. Major Burton's position will be at the bottom of the 1st Grade.

3. The Government of India will be advised by telegraph as to the action taken.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

An. 60.

Dated February 1st.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O. 21st February 1878, No. 871 W.

FEBRUARY,
Nos. 225-226.

For Mr. H. M. M. A. S. - Application
made to the Military Department for the
services of -

Public Works Department.

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List of Papers sent in Circulation on the 22nd July 1878 and not yet returned.

Dept. No.	Date	Subject	When sent out
P.W.D. 13026.10	Dec 2 1877.	Letter from the Govt of India enquiring whether the services of Major Burton can be temporarily placed at their disposal.	

The undersigned requests the return of the papers above specified as further correspondence on the subject has been received. The papers were circulated in connection with Lt. Colonel A. de Courcy Scott's retention in the Survey Department.

(Signed) E. G. Ford Col R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

13.2.78

To
His Grace the Governor

Lieut M H Burton R.E.

Extract from the ^{Service} Register of Officers
of the Pth Department. 874/A.

Date of rank - 7th Aug 1857 - Gazette 12th June 57
Page 1066.

Arrived at Madras on the
26th July 1857 - Leo 31st July 1857
Page 1166

Appointed to the 6. Company
If he proceeded on service } Leo 8th Sept 1857
to Bengal } Page 390.

Placed at the disposal of the Govt } Leo 14th May 1858
Page 858.

Probationary Asst Engineer from
13th May 1858 } Leo 25th May 1858
Page 939

Appointed Asst Field Engineer - Leo 26th Dec 1858
Asst Eng of the 2nd Class Ordnance } Leo 26th Dec 1858
Services are replaced at the } Page 1142
disposal of the Madras } Leo 22nd June 1860
Government } Page 1382.

Appointed as an Asst Sd Eng
in the Pula Khind Estate } Leo 3rd July 1860
Page 1

Appointed as an Asst Sd Engineer
in the Pula Khind Estate } Leo 3rd July 1860
Page 1

Reports the arrival of - at Coarada - Leo 11th Sept 1860
Page 461

Application for one month's leave
to proceed to Madras for the
purpose of obtaining a final
Medical Certificate for leave
to Europe } Leo 27th 1883-9
22nd June 1861

Forwarded an Emergent Certificate
and left Calcutta on the 4th June } Leo 2886
1907-9
22nd June 1861

Application for leave to Europe on
in. 6 for 15 months { Gazette Page 40
9 July/61

Reports his departure to England
on leave of absence for 15 months { do 4211
14 July/61

Obtained in extension for twelve
days leave { Gazette Page 53
12 July/61

Ordered to join the Dep't of his Regt -
Communicating letter from the
Adjt Genl of the army
7-17-12/63

noting that - has vacated
his appointment according
to the Furlough Regulations
of 1854 { G.O. No 1457
8 June/63

Exchange between Captain Scott
and Lieut. Burton { G.O. No 98
11 Jan'y/68

PROBATIONARY ASST. ENGINEER ON THE
12TH. JANY: 1858 NOW HOLDS
THE RANK OF SUPG. ENGINEER
3RD. GRADE { TEMPORARY }

MAJOR SMALLEY WHO WAS APPOINTED
AS AN ASST. ENGINEER ON THE
15TH. JULY 1859 NOW HOLDS
THE RANK OF EX. ENGINEER
1ST. GRADE.

MR. R. E. NORFOLK WHO WAS APPOINTED
AG. ASST. EX. ENGINEER ON
THE 11TH. MAY 1858 AND CON-
FIRMED AS ASST. ENGINEER
ON THE 26TH. AUG. 1859 NOW
HOLDS THE RANK OF EX.
ENGINEER 3RD. GRADE.

FROM THE ABOVE IT WILL BE SEEN
THAT MAJOR BURTON'S POSITION IN
THE GRADATION LIST MAY BE AS
ABOUT THE LINE DIVIDING MAJORS
HEAD AND SMALLEY.

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DEP.

SECRETARY:

Madras
Oct 20 1878

22 Jan 1878

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Can you show
any light on Major
Burtin's place on the
Gradation List while
in the P.W. Dept. of this
Presidency. The
accompanying is an
extract from the
Service Register of the
office.

W.F.
22/1/78

TO W.

ACCORDING TO THE EXTRACT FROM
THE SERVICE REGISTER, ACCOMPANYING,
MAJOR BURTIN WAS APPOINTED PRO-
BATIONARY ASST. ENGINEER FROM 12TH.
MAY 1857.

MAJOR BURTIN WHO WAS APPOINTED PRO-
BATIONARY ASST. ENGINEER
ON THE 12TH. JAN. 1858 NOW
HOLDS THE RANK OF EX. EN-
GINEER 1ST. GRADE.

MAJOR SMITH WHO WAS APPOINTED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Telegram from the Govt. of India
dated 12th Feb. 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Major Burtin's case.

In their Telegram
of the 12th Instant the
Govt. of India ask

- (a) How is Major Burtin
graded departmentally.
- (b) Is he at disposal of
works India.

It seems necessary
that the facts of the case
should be clearly apprehended
and early action taken so
as to place it on a proper

footing - and to explain what has already been done with what remains to be settled.

The first intimation received of Major Burton was a letter from the Govt of India N^o 1735 E.G. dated 1st December 1877. In this letter the Madras Govt were asked to

- (a) obtain Major Burton's services from the Military Department.
- (b) Gazette him into the Public Works Dept., and thereafter.
- (c) Place him temporarily at the disposal of India for special work.

The proper action was immediately taken on this letter by the Secretariat

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i.e. the Military Dept. were in the first instance asked to place Major Burton's services at the disposal of the Public Works Dept. The draft further intimated that as the services being so placed, they would be made available to the Govt of India.

This draft was not passed by the Members of Govt. who raised questions of Lt. Col. Scott's position consequent on Major Burton's return. These questions were referred for the opinion of the Examiner, and the papers were finally re-circulated to His Grace the Governor.

on the 22nd January, with
whom they still appear
to be. A reminder calling
for them was issued this
morning.

While this discussion
was going on, Telegram
dated 10th January was
received from India to
which reply was sent.

"Major Burton's services
are placed at the disposal
of Govt of India"

It will be observed
that this action is taken
in anticipation of those
services being made avail-
able by the Military
Dept. But it was done
under special orders of

the Members of Govt.
At present therefore the
case stands thus:-

Major Burton has been
placed at disposal of
India, in anticipation
of the following prelimi-
nary steps which will
have to be taken:-

- (a) Application to
Military Dept. for Major
Burton's services.
- (b) Gazetted orders in
Military Dept. making
services available.
- (c) Gazetted orders in
Public Works Dept. bringing
Major Burton on the
permanent strength of
the Establishment and
assigning him his position
- (d) Gazetted orders in

Public Works Dept formally
placing Major Burton
at disposal of India for
special duty.

Correspondence subsequently
received and requiring
disposal is

(a) Papers through Military
Dept. on the subject of
Major Burton's pay.
(Endorsement No. 735 dated
9th Feb 1878).

(b) Telegrams from India
dated 12th Feb enquiring

(1) How is Major Burton
graded.

(2) Is he at disposal of
Public Works India?

The remarks made above

explain the position of

the latter of these questions.

As regards the former

Major Burton would,

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9 apparently, from the
Examiners Office Note
dated 30th Jan'y, fall
into the 1st Grade of
Executive Engineers between
Majors Mead and
Smalley.

E A Mnd Col. R.E.

Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

13th Feb 1878

It appears from
this paper that Major
Burton cannot be
paid as a supernumerary
but - if he is paid as a
retired Major he is
senior to the 1st grade of
the 1st class of the 1st grade
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of the City of New York
to New York
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N^o. 13026

From the Govt of India
N^o. 10-12-1877.

N^o. 1435 E. G.

Enquires whether
the services of Major
Burton can temporarily
be placed at their
disposal.

This paper was
sent to His Grace the
Governor in a sealed
Cover with Call Scott's
(48)
paper on the 22-1-1878.

CERTIFIED that Major W. H. Purton
Her M^ys Royal Engineers 874
China
arrived from England on the 28th Twentieth
day of November 1877 in the Steam
Ship Hindostan and landed on the
Same date

Residency District Office.
BRIGADE OFFICE,
Fort William,
15th Decr 1871.

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From Major W.H. Barton R.E.

To the Adjutant General. Fort St. George

Military Secretariat Calcutta. 21 January 1878.

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(2) C.R.E. Hong Kong copy of a letter
from Hon Secy No. ¹³² 66483 12/9/77
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to General Officer Hong Kong
with minute No. 1341 B.M. Hong
Kong 24/10/77.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours Obedt. Servant
W. H. Burton.
Major. R. S.

Horse Guards
War Office S.W.
12th September 1877

Royal Engineers
No. 66, 483.
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The General Officer
to H.
Hong Kong

Adjutant General's Office
West Bt. Camp
20th Aug 1878
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10th 1878
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Colonel
Adjutant General's Office
West Bt. Camp
20th Aug 1878
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Other documents
Military Regs

Recd 20 Aug 1878

the receipt of this letter.

The date of his departure is requested to be notified to this office.

A separate communication will be addressed to you regarding his successor.

I have &c &c
P R Dawson Scott
for D. A. Genl. R. L.

True copy

P J S. St. Clair
Captain
Brigade Major

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To.
Com^d Royal Engineer

For information Major Burton will proceed to India at his own expense as early as practicable, in conformity with the instructions herein contained - To be communicated to Major Burton and returned -

By order
P J S. St. Clair
Capt.
Brigade Major

B. O.
24th Oct. 1844.

Passed to Major Burton
R. L.

P W. J. Stuart
Lt. Col. I. R. L.
24. 10. 44

True copy

W. J. Stuart
Lt. Col. I. R. L.
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Office of Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George, 6th February 1878.

From

Colonel. J. W. Pident
Off. Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George,

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To

Colonel. J. Michael C.S.I.,
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is suggested.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours obedient servant

W. D. Miller Colonel,

Off. Controller of Indly. Accts.

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July 1898 Dept
No 762

From
The Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort St. George.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Dated 6th February 1898.
Received 6th February 1898.
Enclosures 3

Forwards letter of
Major Burton M.A. R.E. under
docket of the A.O.P. Genl. request
authority to draw his salary
pay while employed as a
Madras P.W. Officer on the
Indian Defence Comd in
Calcutta.

Transferred

15 Jan 78 No 219-220
5 May 78 No 148-149
5 May 78 No 18-19
16 May 77 No 153-156

Military Dept
Fort St. George
Feb 1898

No 735 Transferred,
with the Adjutant
General's Memo and
enclosures, to the
Public Works Dept.

Referring to the
permissible para
of Major Burton's
letter, no such com-
munication from
Col. Burne, as is
there mentioned,
has been received
in the Enly. Dept.

(By order)
Michael Col.
Secretary to Govt
to the Public Works Dept
12-2-78 with No 1251-1915

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

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To (Station) Madras FROM (Station) Calcutta

Words 90 Time tendered for transmission (Madras time.) Day 12 H. 12 M. 9

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS 374/18

(Person) Madras Works FROM (Person) Works

This	office	letter
no	1435	E.
of	Dated	10 th
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Major	Burton	graded
departmentally.	Your telegram	
14 th	instant.	is
he	at	disposal
of	works	India.

RECD. FROM (L. L.) SENT TO (L. L.)
At H. M., on the
By [Signature] Telegraph Master.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SERVICE MESSAGE DESPATCHED BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM Calcutta.	To Madras
FROM Works.	To Madras Works.

This Office letter No. 1735 El., dated
10th December - How is Major Burton
graded departmentally? Your telegram 14th
Instant - Is he at disposal of Works India?

No. 237 El.

Copy forwarded by Post for information.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 12 February 1878.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.
[Signature]

PM,

The letter referred to
is not put up -
Major B is not
employed in Madras
and wanted sep-
as I know

No 13026

From the Govt of
India

D 10-12-1877

No 1435 & G.

Enquiries whether
the services of Major
Burton can tempo-
rarily be placed at
their disposal.

Cir - on the 10-1-78

Genl W. Hasleson

Sir M. Robinson

His Grace The Governor

circulated on 16-1-78

W. H. M. not yet 24

22-1-78

No 874 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

874/2 UNDER date the 21st Feb 1878.
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Telegram from the Govt of India 3/12 - to

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Telegram to Govt of I.
Sept. 21/2/78

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1906 Oct 77
Capt. 1258 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To *The Military Dept.*

Dated

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Nos.

Burlton. W. H. Major R.E.
Application made to
The Military Dept for the
services of —

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