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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th December 1879, No. 3,257 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 82. From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 28th November 1879, No. C.

I HAVE the honor to forward letter No. 595, of the 28th instant, from Captain A. C. Smith, R.E., Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, in which he brings to notice how very erroneously the last classified list of the Public Works Department Establishment has been compiled.

He also adds certain remarks regarding his position in the department which, I beg, may receive your most favorable consideration. I am well acquainted with the circumstances which he thus again brings to light, and I feel that I should be wrong if I did not support his claims in the strongest possible manner.

It is now more than 19 years since he entered the Royal Engineers. He came to India nearly 16 years ago, and joined the Public Works Department in September 1864, and served in the Kistna for six or seven years, where he did excellent service, chiefly in the western delta of that river. In January 1871 he proceeded to England on a tour of home service, and returned to India in 1873 and served in the Chingleput District for nearly four years, he then went home on furlough. Returning last June, he was posted to Cuddalore where he has since remained. It will thus be seen that he has actually served in India over 11 years, and it seems clear to my mind that his proper position in the list of Executive Engineers of Third Grade is immediately above Captain Coaker.

Before concluding this letter I wish to bring to notice other strange errors in the classified List of Establishment which nearly affect myself. In the list corrected up to 1st April 1879 I am placed in my right position, at the head of the list of Executive Engineers, Second Grade.

On looking, however, at the list corrected up to the 1st October 1879, I find I am, greatly to my surprise, placed 8th on the list, the following officers having been placed above me in the most unaccountable manner :—

Captain Brockman.
Major Hindle.
Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy.
W. B. Leggatt, Esq.
Major Morant.
" Pennycuik.
" Thompson.

But this is not all. I am and always have been senior to Major Pennycuik in the department, yet I find in the list lately published that in the list of temporary Executive Engineers, First Grade, Major Pennycuik's name is placed above mine. I know of course that this has only to be pointed out to be rectified. Still it is important to me that it should be altered. The new list is so full of startling and strange errors that it is difficult to understand how they came to be made. The

errors are so great that it would be impossible to correct them by errata, and I would recommend that all the copies of the classified list corrected up to 1st October should be called in, cancelled, and a revised classified list issued at an early date.

No. 82-A. Chief Engineer's Memorandum, dated 2nd December 1879, No. 3,645.

ABSTRACT.—Intimating that the classified list is arranged alphabetically in accordance with the system elsewhere observed.

No. 82-B. From Major H. M. VIBART, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 7th December 1879, No. 7,147.

WITH reference to your memorandum No. 3,645, dated 2nd December 1879, I have the honor to point out that it would be more satisfactory to the officers of the department that the actual order of seniority should be notified in the list published, and suggest that a column might be added in front of the names headed "order of seniority," in which figures could be entered as shown below:—

Order of Seniority.	Name and Rank.	Vernaculars.	Date of Appointment		Total Service in Dept.		Remarks.
			To Grade.	To P.W.D.	y.	m.	

EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS, FIRST GRADE—(8).

	*Barton, W.	..	..	Mar. 79	Sept. 55	24	1	Extra.—Chief Engineer, Travancore. On Special duty in Bengal.
10	Barton, Lieut.-Col. W. H., R.E.	..	..	Mar. 78	..	..	..	
3	*Chisholm, R. F.	..	+ fte.	April 86	Feb. 59	20	8	
1	Fischer, Colonel J. F., R.E.	..	+ fte.	April 89	June 51	28	3	
5	Harrington, W. S., M.I.C.E.	..	DST.	Sept. 75	Jan. 54	25	8	L. 28 mos. fr. 29 April 77.
4	Hunter, Lieut.-Col. J. N., R.E.	..	DSTe.	Oct. 70	Mar. 55	24	6	
7	Lawford, A. C.	..	DST.	Sept. 75	July 55	23	8	
9	Montgomerie, Major P., R.E.	..	DSTe.	Sept. 77	Nov. 59	18	10	
	A.I.C.E.	..	DST.	Jan. 69	..	..	..	Extra.
6	Rundall, J. W., M.I.C.E.	..	DSTe.	Sept. 75	Aug. 55	24	2	
8	Smalley, Major H., R.E.	..	DST.	Sept. 75	July 59	20	2	
2	Smith, Major C. J., R.E.	..	DSTe.	Oct. 70	Jan. 58	21	8	
2	Pennycuik, Major J., R.E.	..	DST.	April 79	April 62	17	5	Temporary rank.
1	Vibart, Major H. M., R.E.	..	DST.	April 79	Sept. 61	18	0	Do. do.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS, SECOND GRADE—(9).

9	Brockman, Capt. R. R. E., R.E.	..	HPT. + fte. DST. DSTe.	March 75	Nov. 64	14	10	L. 24 mos. fr. 13 July 78.
6	Hindle, Major J. W., M.S.C.	..	PH.	Sept. 75	Aug. 55	24	1	
8	Kennedy, Lieut.-Col. R. B., M.I.	..	+	Sept. 75	Oct. 64	14	11	
2	Leggatt, W. B., A.I.C.E.	..	DST. DSTe.	Oct. 70	Feb. 55	24	8	
4	Morant, Major J. L. L., R.E.	..	DSTe. DSM.	Oct. 70	Jan. 54	15	8	L. 2 mos. and 15 days fr. 5 Feb. 79.
	A.I.C.E.	..	DST.	Sept. 75	..	..	..	
5	Pennycuik, Major J., R.E.	..	DST.	Sept. 74	April 62	17	5	
	..	..	..	..	Aug. 62	..	..	
3	Thompson, Major Ross, R.E.	..	+ fte.	Sept. 75	Dec. 63	16	1	Services temply. placed at the disposal of the Milty. Dept. for field service.
1	Vibart, Major H. M., R.E.	..	DST.	Sept. 72	Sept. 61	18	0	
7	Walch, G. T., M.I.C.E.	..	fte. DST.	Sept. 75	Feb. 66	13	7	
4	Clarke, Major S. C., R.E.	..	HSC.	April 79	Oct. 62	17	0	
2	Coaker, Capt. W. H., R.E.	..	DST.	April 79	April 66	13	5	Temporary rank.
3	Norfor, R.E.	..	DST.	April 79	May 68	21	4	Do. do.
1	O'Shaughnessy, J.	..	DSTe. + fte.	April 79	Jan. 55	24	8	Do. do.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS, THIRD GRADE—(9).

6	Awdry, Capt. A. R.E., A.I.C.E.	..	LSSci. L.S.	July 75	Jan. 68	11	8	Extra.
9	Bailey, Capt. and Deputy Com-missary, H.	..	DS. Exmpd.	Mar. 76	Feb. 49	30	7	
13	Campbell, Capt. D. McNeil, R.E.	..	DSTe.	Mar. 78	April 59	10	5	
10	Clarke, Major S. C., R.E.	..	HSC.	Sept. 71	Oct. 52	17	0	
4	Coaker, Capt. W. H., R.E.	..	DST.	Sept. 74	April 66	13	5	
14	*Hennan, J.	..	DSTe.	Mar. 78	July 58	13	2	
	..	..	..	..	Oct. 66	..	..	
5	Harris, T. D.	..	DSTe.	Sept. 74	Jan. 55	13	3	
	..	..	..	..	June 66	..	..	
8	Nordmann, K. F.	..	DST.	Sept. 75	June 62	17	3	
7	Norfor, R. E.	..	DST.	Sept. 73	May 65	21	4	
1	O'Ratigan, P.	..	DST. fte.	Sept. 71	Sept. 59	20	0	L. 12 mos. fr. 11 Dec. 78.
3	O'Shaughnessy, J.	..	DSTe. + fte.	Sept. 74	Jan. 65	24	8	
2	*Paynter, L. W., M.I.C.E.	..	DSTe.	Sept. 71	July 59	20	3	
	..	..	..	..	Dec. 61	..	..	
12	Pringle, E. H.	..	..	Sept. 77	Jan. 68	11	8	L. 18 mos. fr. 20 May 78.
11	Smith, Capt. A. C., R.E.	..	..	Sept. 76	Sept. 64	15	0	

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1879, No. 3,257 W.

THE Government consider that it would be inadvisable to alter in any way the present arrangement of officers in the Classified Establishment List, which is that prescribed by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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Dated December 17th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 117A December 1879, No. 3251 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 82-83.

Classified Establishment List of the Public Works Department—Considers it inadvisable to alter in any way the present arrangement of officers in the

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3^d Circle Supp. Eng^rs Office
Camp Cuddalore 28 Nov 1879.

From

The Supp. Engineer
3^d Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures 1
1. Letter

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He also adds certain remarks regarding his position in the Department in which, I beg, may receive your most favourable consideration. I am well acquainted with the circumstances in which he thus again brings to light, and I feel that I should be wrong if I did not support his claims in the strongest possible manner.

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Isaacs.

Before concluding this letter, I wish
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I am placed in my right position
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On looking however at the list corrected
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But this is not all. I am & always
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I have the honor to be
your most ^{obedient} servant
D. H. H. H. H.
Major, R.E.
Ag. Supg. Engineer, 3rd Grade

From
The Supg. Engineer
3^d Circle

No. 4.
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Dated 28th November 1879

with Librarian

Classified List of
the B. P. W. Establish-
ment corrected up to
1st Oct: 1879. —

Bringing to notice
certain errors in the
and forwards a letter
from Capt. Smith Ex.
Engineer on the subject.

No. 7147. 3^d Circle Supg. Engg. Office
Camp Luddalore 7th Decr 1879.
Dist. 9th —

From
The Supg. Engineer
3^d Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,
With reference to your memo-
randum No. 2645 of 2nd December 1879, I
have the honor to point out that it would
be more satisfactory to the Officers of the
Department that the actual order of
seniority should be notified in the
list published and suggest that a
column might be added in front of
the names headed "order of seniority"
in which figures could be entered
as shown below.

Name and Rank	Home	Date of appointment	Total service in Dept. ment	Remarks
One extra Engineer, First Grade (8)				
* Baston, M.	...	Mar 77	Sept 55 26	1 Extra Chief Engg. Luddalore
Buston, Lieut. Col. R.E.	...	Mar 78	...	on special duty in Camp
* Leischelm, R. E.	+ 16	April 66	Feb. 59 20	8
Fischer, Col. J. S., R.E.	+ 14	April 67	June 51 28	3
Harrington, M. A., M.D.C.	DST	Sept 75	Jan 54 25	8
Hunter, Lieut. Col. J. H., R.E.	DST	Oct 70	Mar 55 24	6

b. b. R. 3645-2-12-79

P.W.D.

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From

The Sup^t Engrs

No 7147

Dated 7th }
Diff. 9th } Dec^r/79.
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Establishment List—

Suggesting that a Column
might be added in
front of the names headed
"order of seniority" in the —

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Letter No 7147 J 70

Dec 1878

The Chief Engineer
considers the addition
of a column showing
the order of seniority in
each grade as unnecessary
~~inasmuch~~ inasmuch
as this can always
be ascertained by
one interested in the
matter by looking at
the dates of "appointments"
to present grade —

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For order.

If it is thought
that this plan
shall be adopted
it might perhaps
be as well only
to have the seniority
order shown in
the case of Sec.
& Suply Engineers.

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Dr. W

What do you think
of this? — If I remember
correctly one of the reasons
assigned in the J. of C. Co. in
an alphabetical
arrangement was that in
the department merit
not mere seniority should
be the guide to promotion
and attempts are also
no doubt properly given
due weight to seniority.
But I cannot but
think that the best pro-

- exactly the same as published
in the classified list the
below

I feel assured that the
introduction of this column
will be the fruitful source
of references & trouble in
the Office

Att

10/12/79 3257W

A note unnecessary I
should say - by one
interested in the matter
can find out the "order
seniority" & the
simple process of looking
at the column headed
"date of appointment to
grade" - If we show the
seniority at all as a
separate column we might
as well arrange the names
in order of seniority at once -
(Draft attached) D 12/12

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rest all
P. W. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th December 1879 -

Read the following

From the Superintending
Third Circle (A.R.C. dated 28 Nov 79)

Do -

Do - (No 7147 of 7 Dec 79)

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~~On full con-~~

~~sideration of the matter,~~

The Government con-
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advisable to alter in
any way the present
arrangement of Officers
in the Classified Es-
tablishment list, which
is that prescribed by
the Govt. of India.

MR

Att

13/12/79

Superintending
Supt. P.W. Dept. S
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