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19th February 1880, No. 376 W.

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Read the following paper :—

No. 43. From Major A. FILGATE, R.E., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Establishment,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 10th February 1880, No. 26 A.—E.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. — W., dated the 31st October, and in reply to inform you that Lieutenant Love's request to be permitted to count departmental service from the date of his arrival in India cannot be acceded to, the Secretary of State's orders on the subject, copy of which is attached, distinctly prohibits it.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 9th November 1876, No. 61.

I HAVE received and considered in Council your Excellency's Despatch, Public Works No. 91, dated 29th June 1876, requesting my approval of certain rules which you propose for determining the relative seniority of the members of the Public Works Establishment drawn from the Corps of Royal Engineers and the Royal Engineering College, respectively, for purposes of promotion.

The system which has hitherto prevailed in the Public Works Department has, as your Excellency's letter mentions, been essentially based on the principle that promotion should be dependent on professional merit, and not on seniority. The regulation of the advancement of Public Works Officers from one grade to another in the department, as high as, and including that of Superintending Engineer, has been left to the complete discretion of the Local Governments. It is only in the establishments under the minor administrations that the Government of India continues to intervene, and even in these all action is based on the recommendations of the local heads of the administration.

The constitution of the Department has not changed in respect to the classes of officers of which it is composed, in any important manner, for the last fifteen or twenty years, and, as far as I am aware, no embarrassment has arisen from the absence of any rule upon the question which your letter discusses.

Having given this matter my best consideration, I have been led to the conclusion that it would not be expedient to issue rules such as you describe. I am of opinion that it would be injurious to the public service to give colour to the idea that in the Public Works Department seniority confers any right to promotion. Wherever any difference of merit is to be discerned among officers whose experience qualifies them for promotion to any vacancy, it is by merit alone that the promotion should be determined. The cases in which no such guide is to be found will probably be so rare that a special rule for the regulation of them appears unnecessary.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1880, No. 376 W.

COMMUNICATED to Lieutenant Love; also to Superintending Engineers for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Lieutenant Love, R.E., Principal, Civil Engineering College.
„ Superintending Engineers.
„ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Encl. S. T. Austin.
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To
Lieut. LOVE, R.E.,
PRINCIPAL, C.E. COLLEGE,
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A. J. L. M. M. M.

Documents accompanying

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