

From W. Kingston
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Oct. 17 - Read from note 27/4/81

Madras 19 January 1881

Col. J. Mullins R. E.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation
and joint Secretary to Govt.

Sir,

Being given to understand
that a re-organization of the Dept.
is imminent and as therefore I cannot
make the application herein contained
at no more appropriate occasion, I now
more and for the last time, most
respectfully beg to re-open the ques-
tion of my promotion to the ~~Assistant~~
Engineer grades.

2. In doing this I am fully aware,
I am about to make a request, which
Government have not been pleased
to encourage hitherto; but since time
has now wrought certain changes
in the mode of administration of
the P.W. D., I feel sure that, with your
kind recommendation, on my behalf,
(and which you have always been ^{ready} to

which are gratified to receive a
favorable report of Mr. E. C.
qualifications and they will be
prepared, to consider his claims
to advancement when an oppor-

ready to grant me), Government
be pleased at last to confer on me, the
Iron Screw and which I am
I deserve.

3. Respectfully beg to call your
attention to the following few but
nevertheless important facts, con-
nected with this question of pro-
motion and others connected
with my own career in the P.W.D.

a. When I entered the P.W.D in Octo-
ber 1861 it was not the rule then,
that only military men were to
count upon their promotion
to the Engineer grades and to
that of Major's rank as
synchronous events, which
must necessarily follow, as
is now provided for in Sec
189 of the P.W. code.

b. Many uncouranted men
like myself and who like my-
self have begun life in a very
subordinate position in the P.W.D
have

of his more who are military

have been however unlike me
self fortunate enough to rise to
the Engineer grades as will be
seen in the history of services
published in the classified
list of the department.

4. These uncouranted men,
have steadily risen in common
with the military men, of their
day.

5. There is no distinction of
race made when the appoint-
ment or promotion of natives
as Assistant Engineers is
concerned, for we have
now three of them in the
department.

6. All races without reference
to caste, color, or creed are
freely admitted, into the Engineer
grades, in Bengal, as a glance
at their classified list will
show. I therefore am now com-
pelled to believe that it is owing
to the unfortunate accident
of my being a Eurasian
that
to advance my
-unity

that, in spite of all the recom-
mendations in my favor from others and
yourself, that I am debarred from
being promoted, to the Engineering
grades.

7. I say particularly to state that,
I call attention to these facts, to point
out that I am not too exacting in
my request, to be promoted and
further to prove that I am not
soliciting from Government an
indulgence, which to grant they will
be compelled to go out of their way.
On this point I wish to prominently
place before you sec 95 of the
P.M. code which runs thus: "In
the selection of Officers for perma-
nent promotion, it should be
understood, that seniority is not
in itself sufficient ground, on which
to base a claim, and must not
be allowed to interfere, with the
advancement of junior men
who have rendered exceptional
service + + + No one will be
brought

any of his juniors who are military
subordinates have been noticed!"

brought forward who is not consider-
ably deserving of promotion;
on the ground of good service —
the interest of the public service
being paramount to all other
considerations."

8. In accordance with this
action, I have now only to show
that I have in every way, fulfilled
the requirements therein contained
and in doing so, I am glad and
proud, to be able to have it in my
power, to make the following
extracts.

a. In 1869, to be brief, when I
was recommended for promotion to
class Supervisor, the acting Supt.
Engineers refers, to my previous good
character and in G.O. 1821 of 3^d
June 1869, I read that "Govern-
ment are gratified to receive a
favorable report of Mr. E. E. E.
qualifications and they will be
prepared, to consider his claim
to advancement when an oppor-
tunity

opportunity offers"

b) In 1870. Mr. Randall says "No one out of the many who have been levelling under me, have done the work so quickly and so satisfactorily as you have."

c) In 1871. Lt Col. Hasted writes "After the short time, I have been in charge of this Delta, with my time taken up by other duties to a great extent, I don't think any recommendation of mine would have any effect, but as soon as I can do anything to further your interests, I will do so; in the meantime you are doing the duties of an Assistant Engineer here, and I feel confident that the work I am obliged to leave so much in your hands, will be as well carried out, as it could be under my own eye."

d) In 1878, Lt Col. Bratty in recommending me for promotion said "I have much pleasure in stating, that Mr. Ellis has rendered excellent service, during the time (7½ years) he

any of his juniors who are mentioned
aordinates have been noticed!"

he has been in charge of the Central Delta, an important irrigation Division, of this District and has always done his duty to the entire satisfaction of myself and predecessor. I consider him a most useful and deserving member of the Department. + + + vide R.O. 3369.

of Supt. Engineer Godavari dated 28/1/78.

e) Again in this year you were pleased to do me the great favor honor of recording the following in my favor in para 18 of G.O. 3822 N. dated 30 September 1878 and in which you state "It is with much pleasure that the undersigned brings to the favorable notice of Govt. the excellent conduct of Mr. Sub Engineer Ellis, the Range Officer, under circumstances exceptionally trying. Knowing the Delta thoroughly he set to work to relieve it of the vast amount of water poured into the Canals and the action taken by him, was prompt and judicious. To his exertions are due the absence of all serious damage

and probably the safety of the Gomma-
kam Aqueduct, any accident to
which would perhaps have rendered
the irrigation of Naggarum Island
impracticable for a year at least.
The action taken by him has been
completely successful and the value
of the service rendered by him in
this emergency has been very great.

F) In addition to the above
there is another fact connected
with the history of the Godavari
Central Delta, which I wish to
bring forward. I originally com-
piled and subsequently revised
(twice) its Completion Project and
it will be seen, that I possessed
the ability and the necessary theo-
retical knowledge to do this work.

G) In 1880. Again the following
was from your pen "Col Mullins
has already brought forward
Mr Ellis' claims for promotion to
the Engineering Establishment,
should any promotion be made
and especially Mr Ellis' strong
claims to being promoted before
any

any of his juniors who are military
subordinates have been noticed!"

I admit that I have received
a bonus equal, to three months'
pay but while I am fully alive
to the kindness of the Madras Govt.
in recommending, and to the Govt.
of India in sanctioning, this sum,
nevertheless I most respectfully
beg leave to observe, that it was
not this sort of recognition I
expected.

10 I saved the Godavari and
Government lacs, as will be seen
in L. O. 3822 W of 30/9/78.

11 I have not been superior
to an emergency in this solitary
occasion alone but the chrono-
-logical order of the above few ex-
-tracts, prove that any good ser-
-vice has been continuous and
therefore promotion to the Engin-
-establishment, was the goal of
my ambition and for this, I have
worked hard and well, which
has been admitted by varied
testimony and by the Govt. itself.

12. I did not refuse the special donation when offered to me, fearing to offend Govt by so doing. but I hoped to get myself righted and that I now endeavor to do, as stated in my letter which accompanied the Sept. Eng's 1st Circle No. H.E. 267 G.D. of 2 ~~January~~ May, 1879.

to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

13. As I may not live to enjoy the benefits of another re-organization, I beg you will pardon me, if under all these circumstances, I re-open the question of my promotion to the Engineer grade. I once more most humbly request you will see that a deserving servant of Government, who has served the State faithfully for twenty years, and who has rendered to the Government special services also, rewarded. I beg sir, that such a servant will not be permitted to be at last disappointed, by his not obtaining the boon he craves through

through you at the hands of Govt.

Thanking you for all

Your Kindness to me

I remain Sir

Your most Obedt
Servant

J. W. Ellis

Sr. Engineer

In the course of my time served in the Laundry I have always heard Mr. Ellis spoken of most favorably by the officers, and when he has been known by them by short personal acquaintance with him. I believe him to be a most trustworthy, zealous and useful member of the Department. His professional knowledge, I believe will qualify him for promotion to 1st Lt. Eng. I believe him to be a

As Lieut
Laundry E. Eng
26/1/79

3-5-92



Recd. 5/1/92
Encl.
M. S. S. S.

Enclosure in a letter
No. 3215 dated 31st
January 1901 from
the Supt of Works,
Godavari

No. 3215

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS

GODAVARI DISTRICT.

TO,

THE Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

Enclos.

Dowlaiswaram, 31st January 1901.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward
herewith for your favorable consideration
a letter (dated 19th Instant) from Mr.
J. W. H. Ellis Sub-Engineer applying
for promotion from the "Upper Subordi-
nate" to the "Engineer Establishment."

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant.

C. S. S.

Superintendent of Works Godavari.

compd by

No. 3. E. W.

Transferred to the Chief
Engineer, P.W.D. under
signature in an office
note dated the 3rd instant
already brought Mr. Ellis's
claims to notice and
recommended his
promotion to the Engineer
Grade.

Subordinate in Col. W.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

864.551

+ Smith back to T. Smith
reply

3.6.69	to 1821
29.4.70.	1137
20.7.71	1912
24.8.70.	3772 Cl. X
30.9.	3823 W
29.11.70	4579 W
21.2.79.	564 W
30.9.	2471 A W X

J.W. C. 824
From



Rev. 9-2-81.
The Superintendent of Works
Ra. 279. G. G. G. G. G.

To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
Madras

Dated 31st
Dated 31st January 1881
Received 5 Feb

To amount
reply letter
No 739
No 3215

Enclosure Recd

Callis. Mr. Sub. Engineer.
letter for promotion from the
"Upper Subordinate" to the
"Engineer Establishment" from
- forwarding a - for favorable
consideration

Recd from 27-1-81.
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D. 11.4.

No. 150 N.



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P. W.
DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 11th February 1881.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

Secy. Genl. Commr.

Please return, for
reference, the paper
transferred with
this Office endorse-
ment to 363 d
30 Sept. 1879.

by: H.

TO. W.

THE PAPERS SENT WITH YOUR MEMO
NO. 363 DATED 30TH. SEPTEMBER 1879 HAVE
ALREADY BEEN RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE.

WITH THIS OFFICE NOTE NO. 1036 DATED
15TH. JANUARY 1880 IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN YOUR
OFFICE NOTE NO. 33 OF 12TH. JANUARY
1880.

SECY. CODE COMMITTEE.

1104 W
Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 24th April/87
Read the following:—

Endorsement of the Chief Eng.
for frigation, Madras, on letter
from the Suptt of Work, Godavari, } (N.C. N^o 3 R.W. d/8 February/87)
N^o 3215 d/31st January 1881.
forwarding application from M^o
Sub-Engineer Ellis for promotion to
the Engineer Establishment.

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council regrets
that he is not in a position
to entertain this application.

Supg. Eng. 1st Circle - ✓
C. E. for J. V. Road

27-4-87

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