

N^o 546.South Arcot Divisional Office.
Cuddalore, 14th August 1880.

From,

Captain A. C. Smith R.E.
Executive Engineer
South Arcot Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer
Third Circle.

Sir,

In reply to your N^o 362 S.A. of the 12th August 1880, I have the honor to request as the Government have been good enough to state that my Services cannot be spared at present for the purpose of passing the examination for promotion to the rank of Major and moreover as they only hope that at some indefinite time arrangements may be made for my so doing, that the Government will be kind enough to protect me from the consequences of their act.

2. That these consequences will be most serious will be easily seen.

No: 305.

South Arcot Divisional Office

Cuddalore

27th April 1881.

From

Captain A. C. Smith. R.E.

Executive Engineer

South Arcot Division.

To.

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

Enclosure No: 1 to Letter No:
305 of 27th April 1881
From the Executive Engineer
South Arcot Division to
the Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle.

1. Enclosure.

1. copy of
letter.

Sir,

In continuation of my No 256
of 6th April /81 I have the honor to enclose
a copy of my No 546 of 14th August /80 as I
am afraid the original may have miscarried
and the subject is a very serious one for me.

2. I wish particularly to point out
that as far as stoppage of my promotion
goes the mischief is already done (if the
Horse Guards order is strictly carried out)
by the refusal of my examination leave in
July last.

3. This leave was refused on the grounds
that:—

1^{stly}, I could not be spared from the
Department,

2^{ndly}, that I could not possibly be

promoted before the end of this year.

4. Now if the new Warrant issues, as we are led to believe, shortly, I will—unless superseded on account of not having passed—be promoted to Major on 1st July next and between this and then there is no time, even if I could be spared for the purpose, to pass the examination.

5-. So that unless some ruling is made exempting officers from passing who are deprived by the exigencies of the Service from the chance of doing so, I shall be immediately superseded instead of being promoted in July next, and I need scarcely say what a serious matter this will be to me not merely from loss of promotion but also on account of the stigma attaching to an officer superseded on such an account.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient serv^t

M. Smith Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer.

From

127. I.A.

28.4.81.

Ep

Captain A. C. Smith R.E.

Executive Engineer,

South Arcot Division.

No: 305.

No. 2649/81

Dated 24thDecd 24th

Re 2.

April 1881.

1. Enclosure.

Captain A. C. Smith R.E.

Executive Engineer—

Submitting again request

of — for a ruling exempting

from passing examination

for promotion to Majorship

Royal Engineer officers

deprived by exigencies

of service from doing so

and forwarding copy of letter

546 of 14th August 1880 on the subject

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 3RD CIRCLE,

No. 80 S.A.

Trichinopoly 28th April 1881.

Desks: 302.

From

Lieut. Col. J. Beatty R.E.

Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle,

To

Col. R. H. Lankey C. B. R.E.

Chief Engineer P. M. D.

Madras.

Encls 2.

Letter No

305
27.4.81. with

Enclosure.

Sir,

By request of Captain
Smith I have the honor to for-
ward a further letter from him
for your information regarding his
examination for promotion.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt

J. Beatty, Lt. Col. R.E.

Supg Engineer 3rd Circle

15-7-80 to 1683 W
13-4-81 - 963 CH
29-4 - 26 -
2nd. from Capt Smith R.E.

P. W. D. 3RD CIRCLE.

From

The Superintending Engineer,

3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 80 S. A

Dated 28th April 1881

Received 3rd May

Enclosures. 2

Examination for
promotion of
Captain A. B.
Smith R.E. Secs:
Engineer -

Forwards for
information a letter
regarding -

D. P.

No. 258.

SOUTH ARCOT DIVISIONAL OFFICE.

CAMP

Trichinamam

1st April 1881

From

Captain A. B. Smith R.E.
The Executive Engineer,

South Arcot Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,

3rd Circle.

Sir,

ENCLOSURES.

I have the honor to remark that it is
stated in this weeks Home News that the Secretary
of State for War has declared that the recommenda-
tions of the Committee on the Retirement of Officers
of the Ordnance Corps will in the main be
carried out.

2. One of these recommendations is that Captains
of the Royal Engineers after 20 years service be
promoted to the rank of Major.

3. I completed 20 years service on 1st November
last.

4. Under these circumstances I shall be glad
of a reply to my letter No. 546 of 14th August praying
that a rule might be laid down exempting an
officer from passing the examination for his majority
provided he is prevented from so doing by the
exigencies of the Service.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

A. Smith Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer

Trichinopoly *W April* 1881.

No. 36 SA

From

Lt Colonel J. Beatty R.C.

Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle,

To

Colonel R. A. Sankar C. B. R.C.

Chief Engineer P. W. Department.

Encls: 1.

In forwarding the accompanying letter for your information and obliging return, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to favor me with an early reply to my letter N^o: 387 S.A of 20th August 1880, suggesting that an Officer who is debarred from passing his examination for Majority owing to the exigencies of the service shall be exempted from passing.

I have the honor to be

Yours most Obedt Servt

J. Beatty - R.C.

Superintending Engineer

From

D. P. W.

The Executive Engineer,

South Arcot Division.

No. 256.

Dated

Despatched

Received

ENCLOSURES.

6th April 1881.

*For an instant - Regard**reply to his previous**letter regarding the**building extending**Boys & Engineers in**Civil and Army from**having the - for**Military Personnel*

Memo No 26 of 29th April 1881.

Letter from the S.E. 3rd Circle No 36 SA
11/4/81

The Supg Engineer 3rd Circle
is requested to be good enough
to forward a copy of his letter
No 387 SA of 20th Aug^r 1880
with enclosures suggesting that
an officer who is debarred from
passing his examination for a
majority owing to the exigencies
of the service shall be exempted
from passing - the original
having apparently been mis-
-laid

(S^r) R. H. Sankey. Collyer
Chief Eng^r S.E. 3rd Circle

To, S.E. 3rd Circle

(S^r) R. H. Sankey
C. W.

Sent to Govt 10-4-81. R 25-4-81
Recd 25-4-81.

P. W. D. 3rd Circle

From S. W. Cho. 2275
The Superintending Engineer,

3rd Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 36 S.A.

Dated 11th April 1881
Received 14

Enclosures. 1.

C.E. No 26 of 29th April/81.

Royal Engineers

Requests orders on
this office letter No
387 SA. of 20th August 1880
regarding exempting -
from passing exami-
-nations for promotion
when prevented by the
exigencies of the service
for passing such exam-
-inations -

Transferred.

No. 546.

South Arcot Divisional Office
Cuddalore 14th August 1880.

From

Captain A. C. Smith R. E.
Executive Engineer,
South Arcot Division

To

The Superintending Engineer,
3rd Circle.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 362 S.A.
of 12th Instant, I have the honor
to request as the Government have
been good enough to state that
my services cannot be spared at
present for the purpose of passing
the examination for promotion to the
rank of Major and moreover as
they only hope that at some inde-
-finite time arrangements may
be made for my so doing, that
the Government will be ^{kind} ~~good~~
enough to protect me from the
consequences of their act.

2. That these consequences will be
met.

most serious will be easily now.

3. As far as can possibly be ascertained at present there is a chance of my running through the majors in the prescribed time & of my obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, but should any delay in my promotion take place I shall probably be compulsorily retired before I attain to the latter rank.

4. Besides this more or less of disgrace must attach to an officer, superseded in promotion for not passing, for it is impossible for every one to know the reason of his failure.

5. I humbly request therefore that Government may be pleased to procure a ruling to the effect that if a R. E. Officer in Civil employ be, by the exigencies of the Service, debarred from passing his examination for Promotion such an

an Officer shall be exempted from passing.

6. I regret having to trouble the Government in this matter but the results may be most serious to me. I may or may not be afforded an opportunity of passing but as long as there is any doubt in the matter I think I should be protected from supersession.

7. I request therefore that a ruling, as above, may be obtained in good time.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Albion Smith Captain
R.E.
Executive Engineer

Supp Engrs Office 3rd Circle
N^o 387 SA
Dated 20th August 1900
Depd: 21

From,
Lieut Col. J. Beatty R.E.
Supp Engineer 3^d Circle
To,

Colonel R. H. Laukey C. B. R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras.

Encl: 1.
To be obligingly
returned.

Sir,
With reference to G.O.
N^o 1683 W. of 15th ultimo decli-
ning to grant Captain A. C. Smith
at present special leave to
pass the examination for promo-
tion to the rank of Major, I
have the honor to forward for your
favorable consideration a letter
just received from that officer
requesting "that Government may
protect him from the possible
consequences of their order by pro-
curing" a ruling to the effect that
if a Royal Engineer Officer in
Civil employ be, by the exigen-
cies of the service, debarred from

P.W.D.
23 WC80
N^o 5330

From
The Executive Engineer
South Circ. Div.
143546.
Dated 14th August 1900.
Recd.

Royal Engineers.
Regarding to get a
ruling from the Govt
concerning - in
Civil employ from
passing the proposed
examination for
promotion when
prevented from doing
so by the exigencies
of the service.

passing his examination for promotion, such an officer shall be exempted from passing".

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt.

L. Beatty. Lt. Col. R.E.

Supg Engineer 3^d Div.

The letter has been
fair copied for
despatches.

The Military Dept.
are unable to say when
the examination is
held. but have
promised to ascertain
from the Adjutant
General's office.

R.S.
13-5

C.A.W.

Retain this
in the moment
a reference by
much to see if
Capt. Smith can
possibly be relieved
in time

13-5 Ottt

Establishment
P.W.D.

23 AUG 80

From No. 5330

The Supt Engineer
3rd Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

No 387 SA

Dated 20th August 1880

Recd - 21/

Encls: 1.

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G.O. No 1683 W of
15th Mth 1880 -

Requesting to
procure a ruling exempt-
ing Royal Engineers
from passing exami-
nations for promo-
tion, when prevented
by the exigencies of the
service from passing
such examinations.

No 1270 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th May 1881

Read the following:—

Team

Capt. A.C. Smith R.E. by: Engr. { (H.E. No: 546 of 14th Aug/80)
South Arcot Divn.

" The Supt Engr: 3rd Circle - (" " 387 S.A. of 20th do -)

" Capt. A.C. Smith R.E. by: Engr. { (" " 256 of 6th April/81)
South Arcot Divn.

" The Supt Engr: 3rd Circle - (" " 36 S.A. of 11th April/81)

" Capt. A.C. Smith R.E. { (" " 305 of 27th April/81)
by: Engr. South Arcot Divn.

" The Supt Engr: 3rd Circle - (" " 80 S.A. of 28th do -)

Ordered that
the following letter
be sent.

(H.E. No: 1271 W of 18th May/81)

L.B.

This is a very serious
matter & I fear may
have seriously affected
Capt. Smith's prospects.
How is the exam. held? How is it

be any use to give
the leave now?
Don't delay the
reply for reply to any
question.

No. 1271 W^r

Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

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

18th May 1889.

SIR,

I am directed to
request the favor
of some general
ruling by the Govt
of India in regard
to the grant of leave
to P.W. officers for
passing examinations
required by the Military
Regulations for
promotion with

special reference to the following case which has lately come before this Government.

2. In June last year an application was submitted by Captain A. C. Smith R.E. Exec. - cutive Engineer of South Arcot Division for special leave of 3 months to enable him to pass the examination required for promotion to Major, but as his presence was then much required in his Division, and as since that time

owing

The date of application appears possible that the refusal could possibly prejudice Capt Smith's interests.

owing to the great damage sustained by the irrigation works in the storm of November his absence would have been seriously inconvenient to the public service, the Govt found, and still find themselves unable to grant his request. ~~It is what~~

3. Captain Smith has now brought to notice that owing to the anticipated changes in next July, he would

if

if passed, he pro-
-moted to Major in his
Corps and that the
consequences to him
of not having done
so will be most
serious.

1st there would be
considered be a chance
of his running through
the Majors in the
prescribed time for
obtaining the rank
of Lieutenant Colonel,
but if now super-
-seded and thus
delayed in his
promotion he
will in all pro-
-bability be com-
-pulsorily retired
before attaining

the

the latter rank.

2^d he submits that
a certain amount
of unmerited dis-
-credit will attach
to him as an officer to
be superseded for not
having passed the ^{this}
^{years} needful examination.

4. The Right Honourable
the Governor in Council
cannot but consider
that there is much
force in the con-
-tentions urged by
Captain Smith, and
as it is ^{not} ~~impossible~~
at present to spare
him from his work
in this Department

of his trust in him & public
interests

By W. W.

which is of a very special character de- manding his presence & he is of opinion that the circumstances should be brought as soon as possible under the notice of the War office in view to this officer being exempted from passing the examination till such time as his services can be spared for so doing.

5. As this case is one which may under existing circumstances not infrequently recur this Government would desire

without prejudice to his promotion

desire to have some ruling for general guidance.

Att

9/15/81

Desd
18/5/81.

Att

Hon 10. Hindes

B. N. 12702 + 12712 9/18 May 1891

Special

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