

No. 19 Public Works.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Simla, June 10, 1881.

MY LORD MARQUIS,

We have received your Lordship's despatch No. 19 P. W., dated 21st April, pointing out that, from the returns on pages 21 and 22 of the Bombay Classified List of 31st December 1880, it would appear that three Europeans, other than officers of Royal Engineers, had been appointed to the Engineer establishment in that province. We have the honor to explain that the so-called admissions to the Department were transfers from the establishment under the Government of India, *viz.*,—

Mr. W. L. Buyers, Executive Engineer;

Colonel G. J. Melliss, B.S.C., Examiner of Accounts;

Mr. J. W. A. McNair, Assistant Examiner of Accounts:

vide page 16 of the same list. The Government of Bombay will be requested to adopt in future the form used by the Government of India, and to exclude all mere transfers.

2. In regard to the enquiry whether the 33 "other Military officers" entered in page 76 of the Government of India list as serving in the Department were all appointed previously to the receipt of Lord

Cranbrook's despatch No. 1P.W., dated 8th January 1880, in which the Government of India was desired to restrict appointments made in India to natives and officers of Royal Engineers, we beg to explain that the only exceptions are Warrant Officers, who, under the operation of Public Works Code, chapter II, paragraph 53, are promoted from the rank of Upper Subordinates to that of Assistant Engineer on receipt of honorary commissions. The departmental promotion is only honorary, and the officers are in excess of the sanctioned scale of Assistant Engineers. In future an explanatory foot-note will be added to the return.

3. A copy of this despatch will be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for future guidance.

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD MARQUIS,

Your Lordship's most obedient
and humble Servants,

(Signed) RIPON.

„ D. M. STEWART.

„ W. STOKES.

„ RIVERS THOMPSON.

„ J. GIBBS.

„ E. BARING.

„ T. F. WILSON.

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*Public Works Depart^y
Simla
The 13th June 1881* }

*By Order
J. F. F. F.*

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

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