

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

6th January 1882, No. 20 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 21. From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 28th December 1881, No. 1641 G.

In reply to your letter No. 2920 W., of the 23rd ultimo, I am directed to state that, in accordance with the ruling laid down in Public Works Department Code Chapter V, paragraph 57, Conductor Keenan must remain on the Government of India List of Warrant Officers for the purposes of promotion. So also must Conductor Fitzgibbon.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1882, No. 20 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineers, Fourth and Fifth Circles, for the information of the Warrant Officers concerned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Fifth "
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 6th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th January 1882, No. 20 W.

JANUARY.

Nos. 21-22.

Conductors Fitzgibbon and Keenan.—Letter from the Government of India stating that — must remain on the Government of India List of Warrant Officers for purposes of promotion, communicated to the Superintending Engineers, Fourth and Fifth Circles, for the information of the Warrant Officers concerned.

No. 399

Supg. Engineer's Office, II Circle
Coimbatore, 20th September 1881.

From,

The Superintending Engineer,
II Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
D.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that Conductor Keenan, Sub Engineer, has been transferred from the Mysore Province to Madras and I suppose he will be brought on the Madras Establishment of Warrant Officers of the P. W. Department. He is anxious that his position on that list should be known and trusts that he may be placed in that list according to his length of service, date of promotion to Seryt. Jee and not

not according to the date of his Warrant as Conductor.

This I consider but reasonable and hope you will if you agree with me bring his case to the notice of the Military Authorities.

2. Mr. Keenan was sent on the public service from Madras to Mysore and in consequence his Warrant promotion was in Bengal list in which list being very full his promotion has been much slower than his contemporaries in Madras.

In 1878 this was represented to the Government of India, who took a very favorable view of the case in their letter No. 526 E.G. dated 2nd April 1878, were desirous to transfer Mr. Keenan to Madras in view of his being placed in his position among the Warrant

Officers of that Presidency.

The Madras Government however in their letter No. 2267 W. No. 283 of 23rd May 1878 declined to do this on the grounds that Mr. Keenan had served uninterruptedly for 16 years in Mysore and that having regard to the claims of the men whom he could supersede it could not be done further that there was no Vacancy in the list.

3. As now however Mr. Keenan belongs to Madras I suppose he will have to be absorbed in the Madras list and if this is the case it appears that the objections urged in 1878 have no force.

4. Should Mr. Keenan be placed on that list according to

to the date of his Warrant as
Conductor 1st September 1880 he
would be last but one on that
list and junior to 6 Conductors
all of whom with the exception
of 1, Mr. Jack, have less total
Army service and who were made
Sergeants some years after Mr.
Keenan.

5. According to date of pro-
motion to Sergeant Mr. Keenan is
senior to ^{all} but Lieutenants West
and Falvey both of whom
obtained last year their promotion
to Dy. Assistant Commissary
and the Honorary rank of
Lieutenant.

Mr.

Mr. Keenan has always borne
a high Character and I trust every
endeavour may be made to place him
in what must be considered his
proper position and I think it
must be conceded that he is fully
entitled that of 2nd on the list next
to Mr. Jack.

The dates of his Appointment & rank
are as follows:-

Enlistment	18 th December 1855.
Made Sergeant	13 th October 1861
Appointed to P.W.D.	7 th April 1862.
Sub Conductor	24 th March 1874.
Conductor.	1 st September 1880.

He has upwards of 18 years Depart-
mental Service and nearly 25 years Army
Service.

I have the honor to be,
Your most ^{obd.} servant.

 W. J. Keenan
Supplymaster, & Clerk.

T.L. No. 2116 of 3/10/81

C.E. No. 2188 of 23 Sept/81

Transferred to the
Military Department.
(Provisional)

John B. Cunningham
Major R.E.
Dy. Comm. & Asst. to Govt. Secy.

REQUESTED TO BE
RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Dr. Macnamara
26 Sept 1881

No. 5126.

Referred to the
Provincial Commander
in Chief.

Edmund Colwell
As Secy to Govt

To the Asst General.

Military 1881 Sept

From *Mr. 5520*
~~The Superintending,~~
Second Circle.

From the P.W. Depto
No. 2188

Dated 23rd
Recd. 26th Sep: 81

No. 1110

~~Dated 20th Sept: 81~~
Sept: 81

No. 399.

Conductor J. Keenan:—

Recommends that
— may be placed in his
proper position amongst those
of the rank of Conductors
and considers that he
is fully entitled to that
of the 2nd place in the
list— next to *John Jack*

Transferred

No. 5993

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort St George the 11th November 1881.

From the Public Works Department, No. 2188
dated 23rd September 1881.

Retransferred to the Public
Works Department, with the remark that
Conductor Keenan's application for transfer
from the Bengal to the Madras Establish-
ment of Warrant Officers, P.W. Dept, is a
matter for decision in that department.

The question of Mr. Keenan's
position in the Madras List, if transferred,
can be considered hereafter, if necessary.

/By Order/

Edmund Colwell
As Secretary to Government

To
The Public Works Department.
with *Exch. 5520 of 81*

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Genl. W. H. D. ...

For Orders

The Case of Conductor
Sub Engineer Keenan
not long since transferred
from Mysore in July last
forth in letter from the
Super Engineer No 395
of 20 September/81

He originally belonged
to Madras and at the
Special request of the
Mysore Government (at the
instance I believe of the
late General Lawford)
was transferred to Mysore

This brought him on
the India scale to Subaltern
to the Warrant grade
and thus him behind
all his Madras con-
temporaries

His return to Madras
was particularly brought
into prominence the
disability he has suffered
not from any failure

Pl. no. 2266 W. 23-5-78.
2267
" " 1114 W. 10-5-80.
" " 13124 W. 2-6-80.
" " 364 W. 10-2-81
C.E. " 182 17-6-81.

No 6662

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Recd. 14 Nov. 81

Kaywell
A. L. ...

Encl. in Receipt Reg.

to perform his duty
- but from the very reverse
he was originally selected
for service as a very
zealous and thoroughly
reliable subordinate
- a character he has
fully maintained
all the time I have
known him in service

The least I think
that could be done for
him would be to place
him in the occurrence
of the next vacancy
(our warrant scale
is now full) immediately
below Mr. Jack as
conductor *supra* 5 of
major grade's letter
to prevent any feeling
of hardship to our
own warrant officer.
Perhaps the most
equitable way of
arranging the matter
would be to ask the
S & D in transferring him
to our list (which will
even now be the preliminary

step) to promote him
at once as a compensating
the step to be absorbed
when in the occurrence
of the 3^d or 4th subsequent
promotion

Att

15-11-87

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From order
V^o 2919 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23^d Nov^r 1881

Read the following:—

From

The Military Dept^t (M.E. N^o 5993 of 11th Nov^r 1881)

Ordered that the
Gov^t of India be addressed.

(M.E. N^o 2920 W of 23^d Nov^r 1881)

To

The Secy. to the Gov^t of India,
P.W. Department.

Sir,

I am directed to forward,
for the consideration of the
Gov^t of India, the accompanying
correspondence regarding
the position of Conductor J.
Keenan on the list of warrant

officers of the Madras Presidency
2. It will be observed that
owing to Conductor Keenan's
transfer in 1862
for duty in Mysore for
which Province he was
specially selected on the
score of merit, his Military
promotion has been unduly
retarded - and on his
retransfer now to Madras
he finds that he has been
succeeded on the warrant
list by several of his
juniors.

3. His transfer from the
Gt of India list of warrant
officers has not yet been
formally sanctioned. As
it is desirable that he
should be brought on

the Madras list in his
proper relative position
without hardship to
those Conductors whom
he will thus supersede,
I am to suggest that
^{he} be regarded as supernumerary
to be absorbed after
the third or fourth
subsequent promotion
shall have been made -
R.S.

Att

19.11.81

Desd To Calcutta

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W's signature
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