

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1876. No. 2,417.*

No. 145. Read the following letter from A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment-General,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 31st August 1876, No. 1,206 E.G.:—

I AM directed to acknowledge receipt of your No. 3,360, dated 23rd November 1875, and subsequent reminder, inquiring as to the position to be assigned to Royal Engineer Officers of the Imperial list, (1) on first appointment to the Public Works Department, and (2) on return for a second tour of Indian duty. In reply to the first inquiry, I am to state that the question of the relative seniority of Royal Engineer Officers and the passed students of the Royal Indian Engineering College, has been referred to the Secretary of State, and the decision will be duly communicated.

2. As regards the second point, I am to state that officers who have left India after the first tour of service without expressing an intention to return, but who on the assent of the Secretary of State have been permitted to return, will be placed under the rule applicable to officers who have not served before in India, though the circumstances under which they have previously served in India, will be taken into consideration; while those who have served in the department, and before leaving India, have expressed their intention to return, with the assent both of the Indian Government and the War Office, will retain the full advantage of their previous service.

G.O., Nos. 3,359 and 3,360, dated 23rd November 1875.

3. I am to add that Captain Smith's case should be regulated by the above decision.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1876, No. 2,417.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 6-A.

COMMUNICATED to all Royal Engineer Officers of the Public Works Department of the Imperial List.

2. Under the ruling of the Government of India now communicated, Captain A. C. Smith, R.E., will retain his present place in the Departmental List.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Examiner of Railway Accounts.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Govt. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

DISTRICT ENGINEERS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 11th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 11th September 1876, No. 2,417.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 145-146.

Royal Engineer Officers of the Imperial List
in the Public Works Department.—Passing
orders on letter from the Government of
India regarding the position of—

W.
The question of relative
Seniority of R.E. and
Coopers Hill men
is constantly cropping
up. — and I am
appealed to — It is
unsatisfactory being
unable to reply
authoritatively —

The "decision" promised
in para 1 of the G.O.
attached does not
appear to have been
communicated to us.

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W. W. W. W. W.

In order

With reference to
D. C. Ross Thompson
Office note herewith
it would I think appear
desirable that the proposed
reference should be made
to the S. of I. on although
the subject is particularly
dealt with in paras 139
to 143 of the Code there
are several points open
to discussion — I have
therefore drafted the
annexed letter in the
subject for approval

Att

8/5/82

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11-9-76 to 26/17

B/ No 1213 of 13 May 1872

Lieut. W. S. S.
India

Sir

I am directed by the
R. W. S. in C to
enquire whether the
Emotion of the relative
Seniority of Royal Engineer
Officers and passed
Students of the R. E.
College Cochin Hill
has or not been decided
by the S. S. P. in the
reference adverted
to in your Office letter
No 1206 E. dated
31st August 1876

At present by
the P. W. Code and
R. E. Officers can be
appointed citizens

MH

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in the 2^d or 1st grade
of Asst. Engineer
and Civil-Eng.
Service from the date
of their joining the
Sappers & Miners
provided that within
12 months from that
date they have passed
the needful examination
in the vernacular,
but as it is clear that
much is left open
under this ruling
in determining the
relative Seniority of
the Officers in question
H E in C wishes to
have the latest infor-
mation on the subject
in guidance

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