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Colonel Burton.

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Bangalore
Head Quarters, ~~Mysore~~ Division.
BANGALORE, 29th August 1882.

No. 382.

From

Lieut General W. J. P. C. B.

Bangalore
Commanding, ~~Mysore~~ Division.

To

The Quarter Master General
Colacannund.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, in detail, the following question which was raised by myself during the late visit of the Commander in Chief to this station in view - should His Excellency concur with me - to such remedial measures being introduced, as Sir Frederic R. Roberts may deem best fitting the circumstances.

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Bangalore, though being the largest Military Station but one in the Presidency, has at present, as the immediate adviser, in the P.W. branch, of the General Officer commanding, a Warrant Officer - graded as an Assistant Engineer in the Department - and though Bangalore - as an offshoot of the Presidency Division - is under the ultimate charge of the Executive Engineer of that Division, yet questions that may arise are submitted to the local Departmental Officer for opinion.

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(owing to the extent of Military buildings

to be cared for, and the questions on Sanitary and other points, which constantly arise with reference thereto, the Assistant Engineer is also very often brought into contact with Commanding Officers of Corps, in his official capacity. for these reasons therefore, it presents itself to me that, the Officer filling the appointment should be one, whose position - education, and training would give weight to his opinions.

An Officer of the status of the present 4 Assistant Engineer, is apt to be bound too closely by the routine of his department, to be able to view questions submitted to him in a broad light - and though, for such work as is met with in the district, where much may possibly be mere rule of thumb - this may be advantageous - it is inconvenient under the conditions in which he is now placed.

The Executive Engineer Presidency might 5 be addressed direct on all matters - as he is now on weightier subjects - on which professional advice is needed - but this would give rise to delay, which might at times be inconvenient.

In thus submitting what I consider the disadvantages of having an Officer of the Warrant grade only, filling the position in question, I wish it to be understood that, I pass no reflections on the Assistant Engineer now in Office,

it being the system, and not the present incumbent, to which I raise objection

Have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

Maya L. Gent

Commanding Bangalore
Division

1882
From The Officer Commanding
Bangalore Division

To Lt Col
Ootacamund

No 382
Bangalore 29th August 1882

Submits question relative to
appointment of Asst Engr at this station
should be one whose position, education
and training would give weight to his opinion

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29th Aug 1882

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Head-Quarters, Ootacamund,

23rd September 1882

No. 1059.

From

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN EWING,

OFFICIATING QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order of
the Commander-in-Chief, to forward
to Government the accompanying letter
No 382 dated 29th August 1882 from
the Officer Commanding, Bangalore
Division, bringing to notice the necessity
that exists for having at Bangalore,
as the immediate adviser to the General
Officer Commanding in the Public
Works Branch, an Officer of the
Royal Engineers, the present arrange-
ment of a warrant Officer of that
Department filling that appointment
not being convenient.

2 His Excellency, concurring in the
views expressed by General Poynt on the
subject would feel inclined to recom-
mend that Colonel Norton, the
Executive Royal Engineer Officer in
whose circle Bangalore lies, be stationed
permanently there instead of at Madras
and that an Assistant Engineer
of the Royal Engineer Establishment
be posted to the charge of Military
Works at Madras.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.

Wm King

Lieut. Colonel
Offg Quartermaster General.

N.B. 6. Spare copies of the Oly on
the letter are required.

Military (1882) Department.

No. 5712

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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*Transferred to
the Public Works
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No. 1059

Dated *23rd* September.
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ENCLOSURES. 011.

*Relative to the
appointment of a Royal
Engineer Officer at
Bangalore.*

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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*2nd of September
1882*

*The present arrangement
of having a working
Office at Bangalore has
been out of the
organization facing
the Madras Presidency
Division and Bangalore
into one unit under
Inspection at Madras.*

Notes

*Proposals agreed to in
Council today and
preliminary arrangements
may be made by the
SE reservoir Engineer
actual transfer till
21. R.E. Hamilton and
be spread by the E.R.
and in a position to
take over the works
at Madras.*

*It was not intended
that an Officer lower
in grade than Assistant
Engineer should be placed
in charge at Bangalore
but the demands for
Officers of this rank were
so pressing elsewhere
that the present pro-
visional arrangement had
to be adopted, and
cannot now be altered
till we have an Officer
over the*

29.9.82

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thought
of suggesting to Govt. to
send Lt. R. E. Hamilton
R.E. to Bangalore -

But on the other hand
if an endorsement by the
Cm C. it is thought on
the whole desirable to
change the Head Quarters
of the Division to Ban-
galore this may be done;
at the same time from a
military P.W. point of view
Madras will continue to
have a larger share of the
work

So far as I am enabled to
form an opinion I think the
endorsement change may be
made but Colonel Austin
must in that case be pre-
pared to visit the works
at Indian bridge frequently

Perhaps the H. M. would
desire to have the question
discussed in Council when
I can better state how
the matter will stand

Yes - it might be brought
up in Council tomorrow
but it is I think clear
that a change is necessary
and the moving of the
Headquarters from Madras
to Bangalore seems the
best arrangement
Colonel Austin will
have no difficulty in
visiting Madras as
then no more necessary

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[10,000-19-5-11]

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

B. Order
Specimen

No 2567

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd October 1882
Read the following:—

Endorsement - Military
Sept on letter from the
Quartermaster General
No 1059 of 23rd Sept 1882

(No. 5112 of 15th Sept 1882)

The Head Quarters
of the Presidency Division
will in future be fixed at
Bangalore instead of
Madras. An Assistant
Engineer will be stationed
at the latter place. The
Suptg. Eng^r will arrange
for giving effect to these
orders as soon as Lieut
Hamilton now on other
duty is available to take
over the works at the