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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 47.

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Endorsement on the above.

Copy of the above forwarded to Captain Cole, R.E., for information.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 47-A.

Telegram from F. C. BLACK, Esq., Jhansi through Morar, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 25th November 1882.

Telegram of 21st just received. Appointment under Captain Cole accepted. Will leave Jhansi immediately for Madras.

No. 2185 C.

Copy of above forwarded to Captain Cole, R.E., for information in continuation of No. 2133 C., dated 21st November 1882.

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

28th November 1882.

No. 47-B.

From F. C. BLACK, Esq., to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras, dated Jhansi, North-West Provinces, 24th November 1882.

I have to-day received a telegram from Madras, offering me the position of temporary second grade Assistant Engineer for one year under Captain Cole, for employment on repairs of Ancient Monuments.

I beg leave to accept the post with pleasure and will leave Jhansi at once for Madras *viâ* Agra and Allahabad. I have telegraphed to you at Madras, as also to Captain Cole at Simla, accepting the appointment.

No. 48.

ORDER—dated 6th December 1882, No. 3214 W., Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineers, Third and Fifth Circles.
„ Accountant-General, Madras.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Financial Department.
„ Curator of Ancient Monuments.
To Mr. Black, with papers, including copy of
Financial G.O., No. 361, dated 9th May 1882.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 6th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O. 6th Dec. 1882, No. 3214 W.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 47-48.

Mr. F. C. Black.

Regarding the appointment of — as temporary Assistant Engineer under Captai Cole, Curator of Ancient Monuments.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Resolution of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce (Accounts and Finance), dated Simla, 19th April 1882, No. 465 :—

Read—a letter from the Comptroller-General, No. 8226-A., dated 7th March 1882, submitting for sanction the following proposals regarding the adjustment of disbursements on account of Captain Cole's Curatorship of Ancient Monuments :—

1st.—So far as charges are borne by Local Governments, to let the Local Governments sanction and arrange them as they think proper. If they are incurred by the Public Works Department, they will be borne by the Public Works estimates; if otherwise, by a charge in the Civil Estimates—Head "Minor Departments."

2ndly.—So far as the charges are borne by India, to debit them all to the head of "Grants" under 18, *Minor Departments—"Repairs of Monuments of Antiquity."* If the Local Government undertakes the work, but receives a *grant-in-aid* to carry it out, the actual expenditure to the extent of the grant-in-aid, should not be charged locally, but be passed on through the Civil Accounts to debit of India. Charges incurred by the Public Works Department of India should similarly be passed on for debit in the Civil Accounts.

Resolution—

The Governor-General in Council concurs in the view that it will be of great advantage to have all the expenditure incurred by India under this head thus brought to a single focus, and that it is not worth while, in the case of these exceptional charges of small amount, to adhere to the usual rule that expenditure by a Public Works officer should go into the Public Works estimates. As the work is centralised under Captain Cole, an officer of the Civil Department, it is desirable that the charges immediately incurred by him should be centralised also; and in this view His Excellency in Council is pleased to sanction the Comptroller-General's proposals.

Order—

Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Public Works and Home Departments, to the several Governments and Administrations, to the Comptroller-General, and to the several Accountants-General and Comptrollers.

(Signed) R. LOGAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Order—dated 9th May 1882, No. 361, Financial.

The Government presume that the abstract of the Comptroller-General's proposals is imperfect, as the first clause of the first proposal seems to be contradicted by the second clause.

2. Acting on the Resolution read with the first clause of the abstract, the Governor in Council directs that all charges on account of Captain Cole's department, by whomsoever incurred, shall be debited to "Civil—Minor Departments."

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, all Collectors.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Govt. of (1882) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

No. 1319W dt. 26th May/82

Communicated to Supg. Engineers & the Examr. P.W. Accts

(True Extract)

signed/ Ross Thompson
Lt Col RE
Ag Under Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Order, dated 9th May 1882, No. 861.

Budgets.—Passing orders on Resolution from the Government of India sanctioning the proposals of the Comptroller-General regarding the adjustment of disbursements on account of Captain Cole's Curatorship of Ancient Monuments.

Supg Engrs.-
Consg Arch to Govt
Examr P.W.A

With orders

Copies of telegrams sent to Captain Cole R.E. 6/92-14

Dated 8th Sept./82

No detailed schemes ready for preservation of Hampi or the few old monuments not hitherto repaired. Better await your next visit when requirements better known. Moderate sums can be provided.

Dated 21st Sept./82.

Your telegram to Carmichael about Amaravatti and Hampi Rs 5,000 will suffice all requirements during current year. An Officer will meet you at both places. Please say probable date of your visit.

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G: W

Mr Blacke wh
may be expected
Simla in a few da
Should on arrival
gazetted as
"Temporary assistant
to the curator of An
Monuments in Indi
on special employ
in the Madras Pres
with the position of
Asst Engineer 2d [illegible]
temporary

2. He should be given
several files regardi
Hampi & 7 Pagodas to
read up, and then
proceed to Bellary a
soon as possible to
report himself to the
Collector and the D

copy

and arrange with the
officers for examining the
Hampi ruins in and
to framing an Estimate
for such work of con-
-servation as may be
most urgently required

// A draughtsman will
likewise be immediately
sent from Simla by Capt.
Cole to join Mr Black
direct at Hampi

// Mr Black will forward
his Estimate direct to
Capt. Cole at Simla who
will return it to me for
submission to Govt. with
his remarks

// Such advances as
may be needed will be
made to Mr Black out
of the Rs 5000 assigned or
to be assigned for the current
years work till orders have
been passed on his Estimate
& further appropriation
made

// Mr Black's bona fide travelling expenses from
Simla to Hampi will be paid by Government
2/12/82 R.H.

C. A. W. 7/214

Please let me know
as soon as possible
about the 5000 Rs we
spoke of for the
conservation of ancient
monuments in current
year — No actual
assignment has I think
yet been made and as
the question first came
up it appeared that
Madras (Provincial)
would be asked as to
bear the amount
but as I understand
from Capt. Cole the
sum will be appropriated
to him from Imperial.
I shall set this de-
finitely from him so
soon as I know precisely
our Government action

Pltt

2/12/82

Capt. Cole is at Mr Carmichael's and begs to remind

C A W.

W. on perusing the G.O. attached - will take the same vie of the financial quest as you do — action must therefore only be taken on such portio of W.S. - On. Wtn (Committee) as Engine it.

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No. 2133 Cdf 21st Nov/82

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Lovedell Hotel
Simla
(deferred message)

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Pltt

21/11/82

Copy

Despatched 21/11/82

Copy of the above forwarded to Captain Col. R. E for information.

Sd/ R. J.

Captain Col. R. E with original papers rtd.

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No 2133 C of 21-11-82

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Chief Engineer

These letters refer to a Mr Black who applied to me for employment. I have not mentioned him to Bombay but think he would suit for work at Hampi - Seven Pagodas - & to supervise repair undertaken by Temple Trustees at such places as Madura, Trichinopoly & Ramasseram. Mr Black was a 2nd Grade Assistant Engineer when his services were dispensed with. His present address is Dovedell Hotel, - Simla -

I have complete surveys of Srirangum, Madura and Rameswaram & these with repair notes will be ready shortly for circulation.

H. H. Cole

Madras 14th November 1882

Dovedell Hotel;
Simla
23rd Octr 1882.

Capt H. H. Cole R. E.
Curator of Ancient
Monuments.

Sir

Should a vacancy exist for an Engineer to assist in the repairs and restorations of the archaeological buildings in your charge, I would beg to offer myself as a candidate. I have had a good deal of experience in both stone and brick building and have no doubt of being able to give entire satisfaction.

I have the honor to enclose 6 copies of certificates given me by the officers under whom I have lately served.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servt
(Sd) H. C. Black.

Copy of certificate from W. Kaye Esq C. S., Commissioner, Jhansi

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I have known Mr H. C. Black for the last eight years. He was District Engineer of Hamirpur throughout the period of nearly two years during which I was Collector of that District. He served in the same capacity in the Jhansi Division for 12 months while I was Commissioner of the Division. While under me at Hamirpur he did very good work, kept his roads and buildings in good order, and was active in his habits
and

And ready to obey all orders given him. In all the years I have known him I have always found him temperate in his habits, & upright in his conduct and in every way a gentleman.

(sd) W. Kaye
Jhansi Commissioner
11th March/82

Copy of certificate from
Lt. Col. J. Liston, Depy Commissioner,
Lalitpur.

Mr H. C. Black held the appointment of District Engineer in Lalitpur for some months.

His diplomas speak for his work; as regards his honesty, Mr Black is a gentleman which I think

is

is paying sufficient.

He is a good rider and walker and from what I saw of him, and I saw a good deal, I should say he is a temperate man.

His temper is good and he appeared to me to treat his subordinates with proper consideration

(sd) J. Liston Lt Col.
Depy Commissioner
21 Feby 1882 Lalitpur

Copy of certificate from
E. B. Thornhill Esq. C.S. formerly
Magistrate & Collector of Hamirpur.

My dear Black

I was very sorry

to

to see that Govt had dispensed
with your services

I can most truly
say that you were active and
willing not only to obey orders
but to act with promptness on
the slightest suggestion with respect
to construction and repairs of any
buildings and roads whilst
I was in charge of the Hamirpur District in 1876 and I had
the fullest confidence in you. I
often wondered how you were
able to get about to do all that
you had to do and inspect as
thoroughly as you must have
done. I never saw roads or
buildings kept in better order
than those in Hamirpur when
you had charge & your

management

Management of roadside trees was
deserving of all praise. I always
thought your wide experience of
great advantage.

Yours sincerely
(sd) E. B. Thornhill

P.S. Pray make any use you
like of this letter

Aligarh
8th March 1887

Copy of certificate from
M. H. McConaghey Esq. C.S. Magistrate and Collector, Bareilly.

During the 4 1/2 years
I was at Banda as Magistrate
and Collector I had the pleasure
of Mr Black's acquaintance. He

resided

resided for several months at Banda whilst in charge of the combined Districts of Banda and Hamirpur, and during the period I was in constant communication with him. Whilst in separate charge of Hamirpur, I also had several opportunities of meeting Mr Black and seeing his work.

He is taken all round the best District Engineer I have had to deal with. As far as I can judge his professional knowledge is much above the average, he is scrupulously honest & conscientious in all money matters, he looks after his subordinates strictly but at the same time treats them

fairly

fairly; he is active and sufficiently energetic and takes much interest in every branch of his work. As regards Office correspondence he is dilatory I admit but I must confess that I always found him prompt enough to answer any letters of mine which were of real importance. He was a most pleasant District Engineer to work with and was always above petty departmental jealousies. He can ride very fairly and walk well and is as far as I can judge fitted in every way for being a District Engineer. I have always heard the Hamirpur Collectors with

whom

whom he worked speaking strongly in his favor, and I know that Mr Ricketts formerly Commissioner of Allahabad had a very high opinion of Mr Black's work and qualifications. Messrs Kaye, Thornhill and Elliot will I am certain bear me out in all I have said.

(sd) M. A. McConaghey
Magistrate & Collector

Bareilly
10th March 1882.

Copy of certificate from H. T. Mulock Esqr. C. S. formerly Offg Magistrate Hamirpur.

Mr H. C. Black has done me the compliment of asking me for my opinion as to his general work and qualification as District Engineer.

Though Mr Bla
been my subordinate
short time, I have
for over two years when in Hamirpur and it is my privilege to call him my personal friend. From what I saw of his work I believe him to be a professional man of great experience and activity, and his being a good rider and walker makes him one of the best District Officers I have ever met.

(sd) H. T. Mulock

11th March 1

Copy of certificate
from W. D. Brockman Esq, Supg
Engineer, P.W.D. N.W.P. Agra.

Certified that Mr H C Mack employed in the P.W.D. P. & Oudh for a period of eight years and a half or from June 1873 to January 1882 as an Asstt Engineer. He held charge of the Hamirpur District for about six years after which he had charge of the combined Districts of Banda and Hamirpur for about half a year and subsequently of the Lalitpur District for eight months when he was transferred to Jhansi. Of this last named District he held charge for about six months upto the time of his leaving Govt service.

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He possesses a very fair knowlege of construction and from what I have seen of his work I may say it has been strong and sound. He is a good rider and walker and capable of standing a deal of exposure. He is also an accurate surveyor and leveller and is a painstaking superintendent of work during construction.

I believe him to be strictly honest in all his dealings.

(sd) W. Drake Brockman
Offg Supg Engineer
1st Circle, N.W.P.

Agra
24th March 1882.

Simla 31st October 1882

My dear Colonel Brownlow

A Mr Black formerly in the P.W.D. N.W.P. has applied to me for employment and produces some good letters from a number of District officers. He tells me his services were dispensed with, but that Govt. writes to him to say there is no objection to his re-employment.

Can you tell me anything about him. I thought of mentioning him to the Bombay Govt for employment at Bijapur and Ahmedabad on repairs to buildings. Please give me any information that

that I can shew Col. Merriman

Believe me
Yours sincerely
(Sd) H. H. Cole

Dear Cole,

The only fault that I know of in Black is that he is a very unbusiness-like fellow, doesn't answer letters regularly and punctually - is late with accounts & so forth. He is a man with a decided turn for archaeology & would, I think, be just in his right place looking after and repairing old buildings, having a good deal of taste &, as I say, a strong liking for that sort of thing. So far as

As I personally know anything of his work in the field it is decidedly good; & un punctuality in Office-work is all that I know of against him. Pardon delay in answering your letter but it has been following me about the country.

Yours sincerely

(sd) Henry A. Brownlow

Rawal Pindi

4-11-82

No 501 18/3214

From Curator of Ancient Monuments.

To Mr H. C. Black.
Simla

Simla 26. Octr. 82

With reference to his letter of 23rd inst. has to to request that he will call at the Office of Curator of Ancient Monuments. (Squire's Hall) on Saturday next at 12 Noon.

(sd) H. H. Cole Capt R.E.
Curator of Ancient Monuments

P. W. Department.

19/324

Read the following :—

Letter from Capt. H. H. Cole R.E. Curator of Ancient Monuments in India d/ Madras, 11th Nov/82

FOR ORDERS.

WP

Captain Cole, Curator of Ancient Monuments, has been here and having proceeded to Amravathi expects to be back before the end of the month when he may or may not go on to Hampi.

He has consulted me about the work to be done at the latter place, and on learning that there

FOR ORDERS.

was no officer of the Dept available for such work as may there be required, advised the temporary engagement of a Mr Black (papers herewith put up) who he thinks would suit and do justice to the work both here at the Seven Pagodas and wherever else his services may be required.

There are now Rs 5000/ aſsigned by Imperial for work of this character and the only chance of utilizing it so far as I can see in the current official year will be to accept Capt Cole's suggestion, wire to Mr Black, offering him first the position of temporary Aſsistant Engineer 2nd grade with promise of 1st grade on giving satisfaction, and set him as soon as poſsible to work at Hampi.

When the work here (consisting mainly of clearing the buildings and their entourage, setting up shaken blocks and otherwise securing the safety of the various structures) ha been provided for, Mr Black might proceed to the Seven Pagodas and there similarly arrange for such work as may be needed to the so called "Shore temple" - some other trifling work might be needed but this is the chief requirement here. He might subsequently proceed to other places where as arranged by Capt. Cole his advice may be required.

In each of the above cases Mr Black would invariably be under the

immediate instructions of the Suptg Engineer of the Circle in which the work may be situated and arrange in communication with that officer for the proper supervision (probably under temporary Overseers) during his absence at the other places.

So far as can be judged at present Mr Black's engagement need not exceed a year, in any case his engagement will be purely of a temporary character.

If wired for now it might be possible

to have him here in time to meet Captain Cole and receive personal instructions from him –

R. H. Sankey Col R.E.

Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

Madras,
Nov 1882

Council
21-11-82

For Orders

No 2133 C/21-11-82

N TELEGRAPH. Local No. 391

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Madras mt Road

Recd (Station) Jhansi ttro morar

Words No. Rate Service

Official Instructions

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urgent

To (Person) Chief Engineer M. W.

From (Person) F. C. Black ~~[illegible]~~

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Telegram of 21 just received appointment under Captain accepted will be Jhansi immediately madras

Recd. from L. N. Sent to

at Hrs. Mts, Bx Hrs. Mts.

MOUNT ROAD 25-11-82

telegram from Mr [illegible]

Copy of above

[illegible] to Capt

[illegible]

C A W 27/12/14

Despatch by
telegram [illegible]
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Capt Coles when
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Circulate the file to the members of Government for information

saw 1/12/82 AH

Capt. Cole at Simla accepting
the appointment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.
F. C. Black

26/3214

W. C. No 8204

Ex. 1319. h. 26.5.82
No 2133. C. 21.11.82
〃 2185. C. 28.11.82

Recd 2/12/82

Accepting of the appointment of 2d Grade Asst Engr for one year under Captn Cole –

No 3214 ~

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 6th Decr/82

Read the following:—

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And Endorsement thereon to Captain Cole R. E — H. E. No 2133 C d/ 21 Nov/82
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5/12/82

To

Despd
19/12

The Supg Engineers, Third and Fifth Circles
The Acctt General, Madras
" Examiner, P.W. Accts
" Financial Deptt
" Curator of Ancient Monuments.
Mr Black, with papers including copy of Finl. G.O. 361 d/ 9th May 82

D.G.W.
9/12/82

PW. No. 1319 W. 81,
25 May /82

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Note. Papers handed to
Mr Black. 4-12 12. Except
A.O 361 d/9 May. 12 (Jail).

Govt. of {1882} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

Recd. Encl

P. 6 Dec. 1882, No. 3214 W

Nos. 47-48-

Mr. H. C. Black

Regarding the appointment of — as Temp: Asst: Engr: under Capt: Cole, Curator of Anc: Monuments.

Entd. in Recpt Reg: