



From,

Major A. F. Fraser R.E.
Executive Engineer Trichy D. W.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
6th Circle
Trichinopoly

October 23. 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an application relating to my promotion in another Province which I request may be forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

I have seen

(Signed) A. F. Fraser Major R.E.
Executive Engineer Trichy D. W.

No 632 T.C

Encl: 1.

True Copy of the above with the original letter to the Secretary to Government, forwarded to the Chief Engineer for favourable

Consideration

Consideration.

There is no doubt but that
Major Tracer has been superseded
by many of his juniors and that
he has a claim on the Government
of India for employment.


Lieut Col R B
Superintending Engineer
C Circle.

Trichinopoly 3
23rd October 1882 3

No 2963 Wd of 9th November 1882

Ordered to be for-
-warded for the Con-
-sideration and orders
of the Govt of India

N.E. No 2964 Wd of 9th November 1882

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with original
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From,

The Sup^r Engineer
b: Circle
To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No 632 T.C

Dated 23rd October 1882

Encl: one

2963 W
G.O. No 2964 Wd of 9. 11. 82

Letter to the Se-
-cretary to Govt
from Major Fraser
R.B. Sec^r Engineer
Trichinopoly

Towards for
favorable considera-
-tion a - regarding
his promotion -

W. H. B. B. B. B.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 1611 G

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Fort William, 7th December 1882.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2964 W of 9th ultimo, I am directed to state that the Government of India is unable to entertain Major Fraser's application for transfer to the Government of India list, he must it is considered, remain on the list of the Madras Presidency to which he belongs -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

G. H. W. Walker

Off^r Under Secretary to the Govt of India

W. H. B. B. B. B.

W.C. # 8525

ALW.

Being doubtful
as to the funds
on which the right
have advanced
is claimed I
should be glad
before taking the
action of Government
if Major Fraser

New 12/12/82

No 3307 Waf 14 12.82

B.B.

Communicated to
Supg Engineer, Secreta
Circle for Major
Fraser's information

C.S.
12.12.82

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SEB Circle

Sept 12-12-82
Said in Receipt Recd
Vat. in Receipt Recd

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Could supply
me with any
transferable reference
on the point.

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5/1/83

From

Major A. J. Fraser R.L.

Executive Engineer

Trichinopoly Dn.

To, The Superintending Engineer.
6 circles.

Trichinopoly. December 22, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor in returning
Govt order no 3307 of the 14 December, in-
forming me that the Govt of India is un-
able to entertain my request for transfer
to the Govt of India list in a higher grade,
to point out for the consideration of the
Madras Government in the matter that
belonging to the Madras Presidency list —
always carried the right, at the discretion
of the Supreme Govt, to be employed in the
Nizam's Dominions, the Sangor & Nor-
budda Territories, & elsewhere; & to
mention that it is one I would most
unwillingly forego as it would effect
my advancement very materially.

I have &c.

signed. A. J. Fraser Capt. R.
Executive Engineer.



no. 65 T.C.

Copy forwarded to the Chief
Engineer, P.W.D. as requested.

Taiching 1823
22^d Decr/823.

 A. J. Fraser
Sup. Engineer, Circle.

B 3307 m 2/14. 12. 82
P. 2963. 4 m 2/9. 11. 82

No 47 C of 8 January 83
In his letter of the
22 Decr 1882, Major
Fraser states that "belong-
ing to the Madras Presy.
"has always carried the
right at the discretion
"of the Supreme Govt
"to be employed in the
"Nizam's Dominions
"the Sangor & Kerbude
"Territories and Elsewhere"
Being doubtful as to
the grounds on which
this right is claimed,
the Chief Engineer
would be glad if
Major Fraser could
supply before submit-
ting the matter to
Govt. any tangible
reference on the
point

Sd/- R. H. S
C.E.

P. 11 C No 8961

From,

The Supr Engineer
b: circle

To,

The Chief Engr
P. W. D

No 765 T.C

Dated 22 Decr 82
Recd 26 —

No 47 C of 8 January 83
Major Fraser R.E.
Deccan Engineer —

Enclosed copy of
letter from — on the
subject of India
Govt declining to
transfer him to the
list of that Govt —

Sd/- in Receipt Rep.

with memo

January 17. 1883.

From,

Major A. J. Fraser R.E.
Executive Engineer

Trichinopoly Division

To,

The Superintending Engineer
b: circle.

Sir,

With reference to your memo-
randum asking for additional
information I have the honor to point
out more at length that the question
is similar to that raised lately in
connection with the Staff Corps,
and that it appears to have been
decided that the Staff Corps of the
minor Presidencies are to have a
full share of the appointments in
the gift of the Government of India.
2. In my own case I believe
this to be a very old right or privi-
lege. I do not know of a distinct
ruling on the subject, but think it
is sufficient to refer to the ordinary
East India office maps of the

Madras Presidency which have for a long time included Central India, and the Nizam's dominions, &c, within the limits of the Madras Presidency. It has been a principle understood as well as acted upon that appointments in the Nagpur, Hyderabad, Mysore, & Burmah Commissions, should be mainly conferred upon those belonging to the Madras list.

3. Findings that I was being promoted over my head, and as I have been losing pay under the operation of a maximum, it became necessary to look into the causes and represent the supersession.

4. The Government of India when fixing a maximum of salary laid down I recollect a scale of departmental standing or an average according to rank, and it is obvious that this could not be carried out in Madras

if the former right enjoyed of employment beyond the frontier were in any way curtailed.

5. When I joined the service the following appointments, Chief Engineer Mysore, Chief Engineer Hyderabad, Chief Engineer Straits Settlements, had been filled from the Madras list; the Heads of departments in turn recommending those belonging to the Madras list for vacancies; and I may mention that I myself contributed to the purchasing out of two of these Chief Engineers in order to benefit by their retirement.

6. There were then also the following Madras appointments, Joint Master, Civil Architect, Auditor of Public works accounts, and Consulting Engineer for Railways, which have been either abolished or modified.

7. So that at present the prospects

on the Madras list which used to compare very favorably, are markedly below those of the Bengal Establishment.

8. The ruling of the Govt of India if I have read it correctly, while scarcely touching upon the matter of which I had complained, seems to exclude from employment in the Madras Presidency in its widest sense, in the various Commissions, and the Accounts, Rail-way, and Survey branches, and in fact from the right of succeeding to any of the superior appointments of an engineering character in India, except one or two in Madras.

9. What I have to point out is that such was not the case formerly, and that in accordance with old practice I have as much title to employment under the selections of the Supreme Government

in



in the territories comprised in the Madras Presidency as any member appointed in my time to the Bengal Establishment.

10. All I respectfully presume to ask is that the advantages I had in belonging to the Madras list may be as far as they can be retained.

I have &c.

[sd] A. J. Fraser Major R.E.
Brevet Brig. Trichinopoly Bz

No 802 T.C. [True copy]

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P. W. D. with reference to his memorandum No H 7 C of 8 January 1883.

In the above Major Fraser explains his former letter; his complaint is that the officers of the Madras list do not hold ^{now} the number of senior appointments under the Government of India and in other Presidencies that they

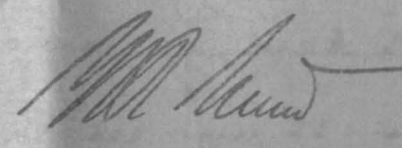
did formerly and there is no doubt but that this is the case with the result of the supersession of officers of the old Madras list by the officers of the Bengal and Bombay lists.

A reference to the Return of Royal Engineer officers serving in Madras Presidency (see page 110 of the official army list corrected to the 30th June 1882) shows that the complement of Royal Engineer officers of this Presidency is laid down as 60 of different ranks. There are 57 serving in the Presidency but there are 5 Lieut Colonels + 6 Majors in excess of the strength for officers of these ranks as laid down and 3 Captains and 11 ~~Lieutenants~~ deficient, this clearly shows that there are more senior officers (11 Field officers) employed in this Presidency and 14 junior officers less than intended and this of course accounts for the

slowness of promotion of the officers of the old Madras list compared with those of other Presidencies.

This being the case it appears but right that senior officers of the old Madras list should be given opportunities of serving under the Government of India and receiving the promotion that it was thought their length of service entitles them to.

Major Fraser is an officer of 24½ years service in the Army and nearly 23 years service in the Department of Public works; he is an Executive Engineer 2nd Grade of more than 4 years standing; his temporary promotion 1st Grade has been cancelled in the last Gazette.

 Lieut. Col. R. B. B. B.

Tanjore
20th January 1883.

Sup^r Engineer B. B. B. B.

47C of 8. 1. 83
B. 3307 w of 14. 12. 82
B. 2963-4 w 39. 11. 82

No. 360 Cd. 5th Feby/83.

The Chief Engineer
feels that it would
be quite useless to
submit a claim based
on the grounds advanced
by Major Fraser. But
there will be no objection
to Major Fraser Memo-
rializing on the subject
should he think fit.

5/2
Sd. Col. R. H. Key Col. M.
Chief Eng. P.W.D.

Sd. I fear it will
be quite useless
to submit a claim
based on the
grounds advanced by
Major Fraser. But
of course there will
be no objection to
his memorializing
on the subject.

3/12/83
To The Superintending Engineer

No. 669

From,

The Supg. Engineer
6th Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

No. 802 J.C.

Dated 20th
Depd. 23rd
Received 25th } January/83

No. 360 Cd. 5th Feby/83

Major A. J. Fraser R.E.
transfers to other Presidency.

Forwarding the explanation
afforded as to the tangible
referred on the point
of —

With mine

Sd. 10. 2. 83. Right Rev



No. 546.S.E.

From

The Executive Engineer
Trichinopoly Division.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
6th circle.

Sir,

With reference to your No 8507C
of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to
forward a Memorial in quadruplicate
to the Government of India on the
subject of my departmental promotion
and request that it may be transmitted
for favourable consideration.

I have &c.

Signed/ A. J. Fraser Major R.E.
Executive Engineer,

No. 916 T.C.

encs: 3.

Copy with Memorial in triple-
cate forwarded as requested.

Trichinopoly. 2
1st March 1883.

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Lt. Col. R.E.

Sup. Engineer, Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

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47 C.A. 8. 1. 83

Simon,

The Super Engineer
b: Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No 916 T.C.

Dated 1st March 1883.

Encls: 3.

Major Fraser R.O.
Suez Engineer

I enclose copy of
letter from — with
a memorial in tripli-
cate to the Govt of India
on the subject of his
departmental promotion.

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Mr. Col Sanders
opening 15 this

~~Superseded~~
~~by Mr. Col Sanders~~
~~opening 15 this~~

Superseded
J.P. 31-3-83

Ci 19. 3. 83

Mr. H.E. Sullivan
Rt. Hon. the Governor
To the Sec. Works
India

In forwarding the
annexed memorial
addressed by Major A.
J. Fraser R.E. to H.E.
the Viceroys I am desired
to observe that while
disposed to admit
the validity of much
that has been urged
by that Officer as regards
the causes which have
led to the undue re-
tardation of promotion
in the Estab^t of the
Pub Works Dept of this
Presidency the R. Hon.
the Govt is not prepared
to view them as especially
or solely applicable
to any one Department
or to raise at present
any General Question

in the grounds used
by the Memorialist

Att

18.3.83



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From orders



N^o 1017W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3^d April 1883
Read the following

From,

The Supty Engr. South Circle (A.E. N^o 916, 1st Cd/1st March 1883)

Ordered that the
Memorial be transmitted
to the Govt of India.

(A.E. N^o 1018W of 3^d April 1883)

To,

The Secretary to the
Govt of India. P.W.D.

Sir,

Per 100
7/4

S.E. South Circle

I am directed by
the Right Honorable the

Governor in Council
to transmit for the
consideration of the
Government of India

the accompanying Memorial

from Major A. J. Fraser,

R.E., Executive Engineer

2nd grade of the Madras

S.W. Dept., praying that

he may be admitted

on the general list

of the Government of

India in the position of

Executive Engineer 1st grade.

Desks to Simla with
Memorial in.

Duplicate

4/4/83

Att

31/3/83

31/4

Entered in the ...



All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 607 G

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras

Public Works Department.

Simla 25th April 1883.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 10184 dated
3rd Inst. forwarding a memorial from
Major A. J. Fraser R.E., Executive Engineer 2nd
grade, praying that he may be admitted to
the general list of the Government of India
in the rank of Executive Engineer 1st grade.
I am directed to state that the Government
of India will not object to an exchange
being effected between Major Fraser and another
officer of equal standing in the 2nd grade of
Executive Engineers on some other list, with
the consent of the Madras Government and of
the other Government concerned. But unless

Not 1017 WD 3-4-83
1018

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Entered
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C. H. S.
come at once
Munro
31/3

R.S.

C. H. S.

Such an exchange can be arranged the pro *J.W.C. No. 3687*

posal for Major Fraser's transfer to the Govern-
ment of India list can not be enter-
tained.

2. I am to add that if an exchange
is effected Major Fraser will have to take
his chance of promotion with the officers
of the same grading on the list to which he
may happen to be transferred.

Recd 2/5/83

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

G.H.W. Walker

Offg. Under Secy to the Govt of India

No 1366 W of 10 May 83

Bms 1017 W of 3.4.83
1018
360 C of 5.2.83
47 C of 8.1.83
Bms 3307 W of 14.12.82
Bms 2963 W of 9.11.82
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B Communicated to
the S. & South Circle
for Major Fraser's
information.

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