of Temporary Assistant Engineer 1st grade.

3. Early replies are requested to admit of the requisite arrangements being made and the Government of India addressed.

~~Att~~

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No 2311W. **P.W. Department**

Letter from the Government of India No 964 G a/ 10th July /83

A Copy of the above letter from the Government of India will be communicated to Messrs Ottmann, Ellis and Baker, who will be requested to state whether, in view of the decision now come to, they still wish their Memorials to be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

2. The Government are prepared to nominate Messrs Ottmann and Ellis to the post of Temporary Executive Engineer 4th Grade, and Mr. Baker to that of

towards pension.

R H Sankey / Major Genl
R.E.

Secy: to Gvt, P.W.D.

Ootacamund
1st August 1883

~~The Hon H S Sn~~
~~The Hon D F Cam~~
~~The Rt Hon the Governor~~

R S

For Orders

R.S.

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– Noting subordinates whose characters & capabilities are known to giving the appointments to men of a higher social status from outside of whom little is known and who are not conversant with the vernaculars ~~lang~~ & habits of the people – In this view he proposes the names of 4 Upper subordinates for temporary employment as Executive & Asst Engineers – I do not think too much importance should be attached to the language disqualification. Many of our officers are not very expert linguists but they manage to get along & turn out good work – Mr Lambert & Mr Ferguson with their Graduates are strangers to this side of India but have nevertheless showed fair results in the way of work.

My own opinion is that save in exceptional cases it is a mistake to put the subordinate out of his proper station – A good non commissioned officer is spoilt and a bad Ensign is the result. They cannot get rid of the associations of a life time & cannot therefore command the respect of the rank & file

It has to be considered whether these appointments are to be offered to outsiders, of whom several have applied, or whether they are to be conferred on Upper Subordinates now in the Department who have already been made Honorary Assistant Engineers or have passed out of the Civil Engineering College with Assistant Engineers' Certificates.

Col: Hasted is doubtful of the expediency of offering the appointments to Upper Subordinates, and although the Chief Engineer agrees in great measure in this opinion

available :–

Godavari – 1 Ex: Engr 2nd grade
1 Asst Engr 2nd grade

Kistna 1 Ex: Engr 4th grade
1 Asst Engr 1st grade

Cauvery and Pennar } 1 Ex: Engr 4th grade

Rushikulya 1 Ex: Engr 3rd grade
1 Asst Engr 1st grade
1 – do – 2nd grade

The following officers have already been appointed under separate orders of Govt:

Mr Wilks as Ex: Engr on Rs 800
" Cruse as Asst Engr on Rs 350 (under suspension having applied for the benefit of the Insolvent Act)
" Jogson as Asst Engr on Rs 300
" de Closets as Asst Engr on Rs 200

There will thus remain to be filled up
3 Ex: Engineers' posts
1 Asst Engineer's post

FOR ORDERS

Ex. En.
to Asst En.

The grievances made here have been clearly proved & that in consequence for some time recruitment for the superior grade has been rigidly restricted to three sources – Royal Engineers, Coopers Hill & the Indian Engineering Colleges. This restriction it is intended to maintain so far as permanent advancement is concerned but in regard to temporary appts: India has no objection to deserving subordinates being employed in the superior grades, and as to whether in view of this concession memorialists still wish their memorial to be transmitted to the S.S.

This is the first point to be settled –

If they accept the conc. then comes the question – is it expedient for us to employ them – Col: Hasted is doubtful & General Sankey shared his doubts but apparently as a choice of evils, would prefer pro-so far as the post of Executive Engineer is concerned, yet looking to the character of the recommendations of outsiders received from other Provinces, coupled with their ignorance of the Vernaculars and of the habits of the people of this Presidency, he sees no other way of meeting the difficulty of filling up the sanctioned posts with qualified men who would be immediately available for duty.

Letter,

No Royal Engineer Officer will accept any such temporary appointment. This has been ascertained

a department which is
readily yielded to the officer
that gentleman.
At the same time we have
important projects on hand
and a paucity of workmen
so if General Sankey & Col
Hasted can come to an
agreement that the appoint-
-ments proposed will best
meet the exigency I state not
my opinion
H.S.
3/8.

N.B. How about the two
engineers who have recently
been compulsorily retired
from the service of the Madras
Railway — They know the
country & the people & possibly
a little of the vernacular
Yes MW

Certainly
DR 5/8/

Yes. I would leave the
matter to Genl Sankey &
Col Hasted. They know
the men & the circumstances.
I agree generally with
what the Hon. member
says; but we are in great
straits. ~~[illegible]~~
MW

from the Commandant of the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners

Under the circumstances therefore, the Chief Engineer is disposed to recommend that he be authorized to offer the posts of Temporary Executive Engr to Messrs Oldham, [illegible] and Baker, and that of Temporary Assistant Engr to Mr Le [illegible].

The Government of India have decided that service in these temporary appointments may be allowed to count towards

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

Letter from the Government of India No. 964 G. d/ July 10th 1883.

Memo: for orders d/ 20th July 1883 already circulated to the Hon: H. E. Sullivan and the Hon: D. F. Carmichael

FOR ORDERS.

The state of the case seems to be this. Some of our upper subordinates have memorialized against the restriction which they believe, prevents them being promoted to the superior or Engineer branch of the P. W. D. With reference this memorial India remarks that they are mistaken in supposing that the bar to their advancement is solely the [illegible] of appointments made in India being reserved to persons of pure Asiatic descent who have passed through the Indian Colleges — Admitting that there may be certain [illegible] operated against them [illegible] India goes on to say that the disadvantages of the system under which promotions from the subordinate grade [illegible]

Since these papers were originally circulated, complete information has been obtained as to the Temporary posts on the Engineer Establishment now available, and the officers who have applied or are considered qualified to fill them.

The following is a list of the Temporary Posts available

Agree with him as ~~of the~~ to the inadvisability of giving the position of Temporary Executive Engineer to the present Unc: Asst:, ~~but~~ yet looking to the character of the ~~recommendations~~ often outsiders, received, in other provinces, coupled with their ignorance of the vernaculars and of the habits of the people of this Presidency I cannot see how otherwise to get over the difficulty — No Royal Engineer will accept any such appointment (see the replies received by Colonel Sim)

Under ~~these~~ circumstances I am prepared if authorized to give the position of temporary Ex. Engr. to Messrs Ottmann Ellis & Baker and of Asst. Engr. to Mr Debenein

31/7/83

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W.

The Tank Division having been made permanent, we have the following temporary appointments only.

Godavari .	1 Exec Engr	2d grade
	1 Assist.	2d grade
Kistna .	1 Exec Engr	4th grade
	1 Assist.	1st grade
Cavery & Vennar	1 Exec: Engr	4th grade
Rushikulya .	1 Exec: Engr	3d grade
	1 Assist.	1st ..
	1 do	2d ..

and the following men have been appointed.

			Rs
Mr. Wilkes	as Exec: Engr on		800
Mr. Cruse	.. Assist	.	350
Mr. Pogson	.. do	.	300
Mr. de Closets	.. do	.	200

There are therefore to be appointed

3. Exec Engrs
1 Assist.

The first question is. Will you offer your Honble Assist Engineers these temporary appointments? If so will you, as I infer you

~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~

H. E. the Governor
(on return)

Recd 1/8
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the G of I letter you can, appoint them Exec: Engrs? A 1st Grade Sub. Engr. would hardly be better off as a 1st Grade Assist. Engr. but would jump at 4th Grade Exec: Engr. Rs 550 a month.

I am doubtful whether it is expedient to offer appointments as Exec: Engr. to any Hon. Assist Engineer. I need not here give my reasons. If it is considered expedient to do so, you have your 3 Exec: Engrs. in the 3 Hon. Assists who are now 1st Grade Sub. Engineers, and your Assist. in the senior Hon. Assist at present 2nd Grade Sub. Engr.

If it is decided ~~not~~ that Hon. Assist. Engineers are only to be offered temporary appointments as Assist Engineers. There is one vacancy which may be offered to the senior Hon. Assist Engr.

If it is decided not to offer Hon. Assist Engrs. temporary appointments, you will have

to look outside for 3 Exec: Engrs. and can appoint the best qualified Upper Subordinate who has passed out of the College as Assist. Engineer.

30/7/83.

It will be necessary to take the orders of Govt. on this subject, & these orders will dispose of the Office note by D.W. dated 24th inst. I therefore send you the note & file also in separate cover.

C A.W.

Continue please ~~the~~ Second O.N. &c on ~~the~~ subject be circulation ~~of the~~ H.M. adding ~~to~~ Colonel Hasted's opinion ~~tenet~~ although I in my great measure

P. W. Department.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Govt. of India No. 964 G d/ July 10th/83.

Circulated for orders.

In addition to the Surveys named, the Chief Engr. will in all probability be in a position to offer these men, and others similarly situated, the position of temporary Assistant Engineer on some of the works which have been sanctioned, but for which the Department is in need of Establishment.

R H Sankey

Major Genl. R.E.

Secretary to Govt., P.W. Dept.

R.S.

Ootacamund
July 20th 1883

They good – but will the memorialists be contented with these and agree to their memorials being kept back?

H.V.

Memorialists are entitled to [illegible] of the Indian orders – as all they can insist upon, is they have [illegible], to have their memorial sent on to S. of S. meanwhile being com[illegible] see the pro temp. situation [illegible]

Tz 23/7

H.V.

Railway Surveys, under Mr. Lambert, for which the engagement of temporary Engineers was authorized in Public Works Department letter No. 415 R. E. dated 26 Ultimo. I am to add that their temporary detached service will, under Section 71, of the Civil Pension Code qualify for pension.

5. Should the memorialists in view of the above explanation, and of the offer made in para 4 still desire that their memorials be forwarded for the orders of the Secretary of State, I am to say that they will, in accordance with the rules regarding such matters, be duly forwarded, but I am to add that His Lordship will be advised that their prayer should not be granted.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obdt. Servt.

G H W Walker

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

P. W. C. No. 6004

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" 1760 – 6 W 22.6.83
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supposing that their exclusion from advancement to the Engineer Establishment rests wholly on the same grounds as the reservation of the guaranteed appointments of the Indian Colleges, for students of pure Asiatic descent

3. It is true that their exclusion may be attributed partly to the orders which have emanated from successive Secretaries of State, that no appointment of Europeans, except of Royal Engineers, should be made in India, and that all other appointments should be reserved for Natives who pass through the Colleges. But in addition to this, I am to point out, that for some years past the Government of India has consistently declined to promote men of the Upper Subordinate class to the Engineer Establishment. Such appointments it is true, were made in former years when there was no regular system of recruitment, and when men

of

of mature age were admitted in large numbers. The disadvantages of such a system were, however, clearly proved, and need not be now detailed, it is sufficient to say that the recruitment of the Establishment is now rigidly restricted to a certain number of annual appointments made from these sources, — namely from the Indian Establishment of Royal Engineers, from the Royal Indian Engineering College Coopers Hill, and from the Indian Civil Engineering Colleges.

4 While for the reasons above stated the Government of India is precluded from authorizing the permanent promotion, to the Engineer Establishment, of the memorialists, it has no objection to their being appointed temporary Assistant Engineers on some of the surveys &c: now in progress in the Madras Presidency, and I am to suggest that, if deemed qualified, they may be offered temporary employment as Engineers on the Guntur

Railway

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 964 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secy: to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department.

Simla 10th July 1883.

Sir,

No 624 W dated 27th Febry 1883
No 707 W dated 6th March 1883
No 835 W dated 13th March 1883
No 1761 W dated 22d June 1883

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters marginally noted, forwarding for transmission to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, for India, memorials from certain Honorary Assistant Engineers praying for a modification of the rules under which they are debarred from promotion to the Engineer Establishment.

2. In reply I am directed to point out that the memorialists are labouring under a mis-apprehension in supposing

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For back references see
Cir 603/83

PW Cir 5094.

Recd 6/7/83

From Supdg Engr
5th Circle
To Chief Engr & Secy PW.
Dated 6 July 1883
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No 1367

Confidential report
on Supervisor
V. Vythanatha Iyer

No 2311 W dated 16-8-83

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Confidential

No 1367.

Chepauk
6 July 1883

To the Chief Engineer P.W. Dept

Sir
In reply to your Memo No 1230 C of the 29 ult. I have the honor to report that R. Vytheanatha Iyer, B.A. B.C.E. pass'd well thro' the C. Engg College and was highly thought of, by the Principal Colonel Rogers–

He was first employ'd in the Famine time, when he shew'd a good deal of aptitude and energy – He has since been employ'd in the Kistna District, and latterly in Chingleput, where he has not had charge of important works: but he has evinced intelligence and professional knowledge–

I am altogether of opinion that Vytheanatha Iyer, is fit for employment as a temporary Asst Engineer

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
Hew L Prendergast Colonel R.E.
Supeg Engineer 5th Circle –

For truth reference see
Cus 6036/83

the promotion now under consideration.

II. C. Chinnatamby Pillay and R. Kalianaramaiyer are men of some experience; the former having been 12 years, and the latter 9 years in the department. They are reported to have worked well, and to be good at the disposal of office work, but they are not recommended for employment as Asst. Engineers. As far as can be judged at present they are not the class of men likely to give satisfaction in such a position.

II. S.X. Saldanha is a man of under two years service, and was only lately moved to this Circle from the Bellary Division. Nothing is yet known of his character or qualifications and he is therefore not recommended.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most obedient servant
L. Beatty. Col. R.E
Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle

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No. A

Superintending Engineers Office
Coimbatore 10th July, 1883.

From

The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
Public works department
Madras.

Sir

As requested in your Confidential Memo No. 1230 C of 29th ult. I have the honor to report on the subordinates therein mentioned as regards fitness for employment as temporary Asst. Engineers:—

I. Mr. J. E. Lafrenais. Is a very intelligent, careful, well-conducted man; successful in arranging for and pushing on work; and fairly healthy. I agree with the Executive Engineer in considering Mr. Lafrenais a very fit person for

+ Appointed

For health expenses see
Cuo 6036/83

V

PW Clg 5806

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Confidential. Nellore District

No 70 C Camp Kaligiri

9th July 1883

To The Chief Engineer

P.W.D.

Sir

I have the honor, in acknowledging the receipt of your Memo No 1230 C of the 29th Ultimo, calling on me to report on the qualifications of A. Nilakanta Sástri B.C.E., in view to his employment as temporary Asstt Engr., to state that I consider Nilakanta Sástri will require to be employed some time longer on practical work, before he will have sufficient experience to warrant his employment in the position of an Assistant Engr.

Nilakanta Sástri has good abilities & is painstaking, but on my recent inspection

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For back references see C no 60 36/83

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of the Commamur Canal, Mr Wybrow pointed out several instances, in which for want of practical experience, he had, when left to himself, made mistakes.

I do not doubt his eventually being qualified for the post of Asstt Engr, but I do not think he is at present.

His character is good.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servt

J. W. Rundall
Supg Engr
2nd Circle.

him for the post
of an Assistant
Engineer" — x x —
The works on which
he has been chiefly
employed (those in
the Station of Vizagapatam)
have not given him
much scope, but
from what I have
seen of him I
have formed a very
favorable opinion
of him —

(3) R. Veeraragavia
Pantulu C.C.E.
Has undoubted
cleverness but with
regard to the special
object of this report
it will probably
suffice to refer to
the Chief Engineer's
Memo. No. 530 C. 3/3/83

(4) T. Subramani
Iyer B.A. B.C.E.
I have formed an
excellent opinion
of this subordinate

x appointed

in every way — &
both the Executive
Engineers under
whom he has
served in the
Godavari Eastern
Division think
highly of him —

(5) Of the four
subordinates herein
dealt with I
consider T. S.
Kasavachariar &
T. Subramani Iyer
the most suited
for temporary
Assist. Engineers,
after, & some
distance behind,
them I would place
S. Venkataramia

Offg. Supdg. Engineer
1st Circle

Dowlaishweram
7th July 1883

A

Confidential Report

Called for in
the Chief Engineer's
Memo. No 1230C 29/6/83

(1) (1) T. Venkataramiah
Pantulu B.A. & B.C.E.
The Executive Engineer
speaks fairly well
of this subordinate
and I, from my
slight personal
knowledge of him,
think him a good
subordinate — .

+ appointed

(2) S. T. Ragavachariar
BA & B.C.E. —
The Executive Engineer
in Charge of Vizagapatam
says in his promotion
recommendation
Roll 30/6/83
"Is an able man
deserving of promotion,
was promised to be
made an Assistant
Engineer by Government
& his abilities &
qualifications are
such as to entitle

[illegible] Vide C. No
60361 [illegible]

of the College Examinations
is no criterion of a Subordinate's
value as a Departmental
Officer —

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

Major R.E.
Offg Sup. Engr

Bellary
23/7/83

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Confidential Report

Forbush informs vide C. no
to 36/8

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of two of the Officers under whom Mr. E. C. Frank C.E. Supervisor — has been serving —

"Mr. Wodeman states — that he found him ordinarily intelligent — active & diligent — but Mr. F. showed no special qualifications — I should consider him on the whole inferior to any other Sub Engrs. & Supervisors in the Department.

his experience of practical work is not extensive —"

Captn. Jackson — Kurnool Divl. Executive

states Mr. F. is certainly active and intelligent —
He has had but little experience
He is sometimes inclined to be insubordinate —

For my own part — I am unable to judge of Mr. Frank's qualifications so far — but I may be permitted to remark — that the mere passing

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Confidential Report

of the College Examination is no criterion of a Subordinate's value, as a Departmental Officer ——

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Major R.E.
Offg Sup. Engr

Bellary
23/7/83

P.W.C. No 6003

Recd 25/7/83

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Forbeath approves vide C. No 6036/83

P.W.C. No 6003

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 934 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public Works Department

Simla, the 5th July 1883.

Sir,

In continuation of Public Works Department letter No. 932G of this date, I am directed to forward copy of a letter No. 942 dated 19th June 1883, from the Superintendent of Works, Betwa Canal to the Joint Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces & Oudh and of its enclosure intimating the willingness of Mr G. Mee, Overseer 2nd Grade, to accept a temporary employment as Assistant Engineer in Madras, and to state that Mr Mee having had two years experience on the construction of the Betwa Canal in Bundelkhund, is likely to prove an useful Officer.

2 The remarks regarding the engagement of the other Officers and the rules which apply to them as set forth in the letter quoted above apply equally to Mr Mee.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,

G H D Walker

Offg: Under Secy: to the Govt: of India

P.W. Dept
6003/83

No. 942 dated 19th June, 1883, from the Supdt. of Works Betwa Canal, to the Joint Secy. to Govt. N.W.P. and audh. P.W. Deptt.

In reply to G.O. No. 616 E d/6th Instant has the honor to report that Mr. Mee is willing to give up his present permanent appointment and accept temporary employment as Asstt. Engineer in the Madras Presidency. 2/ Mr. Mee bears a very good character and appears to possess the qualifications required for an efficient sub-divisional officer. A report on him by the Exe. Engr. is enclosed.

Report on Mr. Mee

Genl. character Exemplary and praiseworthy in every respect, and most trustworthy and reliable as regards his word promise. He is most moral and abstemious in all his habits, and Undersigned from observation &c feels assured that he is not given to indulge in any excess. Undersigned thinks it right that he should mention that since Mr. Mee joined the department as an overseer in December 1881, he has carried himself in a most becoming

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A. Ayt. 1700W. 16-6-83
A. 377I. 8-5-82
A. 2213W. 28-8-82
A. 2592W. 4-10-82
A. 791I. 7-10-82
A. 972I. 2-12-82
A. 147I. 13-2-83
B. 1131-32W. 16-4-83
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becoming manner and quite in keeping with the position he accepted to serve in ~~he~~ thus has proved himself to possess qualities not always met with and mark him out as fit to hold higher posts of trust and authority.

Mr. Mee is an accurate leveller and surveyor and his field work and plotting is always neatly and intelligently done, he has had a considerable amount of field work experience since he joined the Betwa Canal and is proficient at this class of work. } Professional Qualifications

Besides this he has been engaged in the construction of 4 Inspection Houses all of which are in progress, and in 8 shelter huts (completed) as well as the collection of all material required for the masonry works for about 40 miles of the end of the Betwa Canal, besides the manufacture of lime and bricks he has showed capability and aptitude in the carrying of out these works and is thoroughly able to manage his men and conduct the duties of a

Sub-division

Sub-division which he has now done efficiently for about months Exe Engr. is pleased at this officers advancement for he thoroughly deserves it, while at the same time he regrets ~~to~~ the loss of one of his most reliable subordinates

Sd G. Barnardo
Exec. Engr.
Betwa Canal III Dn.

True Copy
sd M. Cockburn
for Supdt. P.W.D. Sectt.
N.W.P. & Oudh

No. 966 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Simla 11th July 1883.

Sir,

In continuation of Public Works Department letter no 934 G dated 5th current, I am directed to forward copy of a letter no C 737 E dated 5th idem from the Government of the North Western Provinces and Oudh and its Enclosures in original, being application of Babu Ram Lall a passed student of the Engineer Class Thomason College and at present employed in the North Western Provinces and Oudh as a temporary Overseer, for employment as a temporary Assistant Engineer in the Madras Presidency.

C-bo 6003
17-7-83

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt,

G H D Walker

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of Ind

Document accompanying
copy of letter & Encl referred to

I am sorry to lose his services.

From Ram Lall. Temporary Overseer Rohilkhand Provl. Dn.
the Executive Engineer Rohilkhand Dn. Provl. Works.
ated the 20th of June 1883.

With reference to your letter No. 2669 of 18th Instt. iving cover to Chief Engineer's No. C. 615 E. of 6th Instt. I have the honor to state that I am quite willing to go t the Madras Presidency provided the Chief Engineer will be pleased to grant me extraordinary leave without allowances for the period I shall be required t remain there and allow my name to be borne n the absentee list of these Provinces so that I may be able to return to Govt. service after the ter-mination of the temporary appointment to which me now to be posted.— I would further most res-pectfully beg that I should feel highly obliged if I uld be allowed to contribute for pension and thus have this temporary service of mine also counted alifying service.

I beg to offer sir my most respectful thanks e kind offer that has been made to me.

(True Copies)

For Supdt. P. W. D. Sectt.

From the Supdt: of Works 2nd Circle Provincial.
To the Chief Engineer N. W. Provs: and Oudh P. W. Dept: B
No. C. 336. E. Dated Naini Tal the 26th of June 1883.

With reference to your No. C. 615. I. of 6th Jun 1883. I have the honor to forward copy of No. 2736 of 21st June 1883, from the Exe: Engineer Rohilkhan Dn., with enclosure in original reporting the acceptance by Ram Lall under certain conditions of the temporary employment offered to him in Madra Presidency and furnishing a report on his conduc and qualifications.

From the Exe: Engineer Rohilkhand Provl. Dn.
To the Supdt: of Works 2nd Circle Provl.
No. 2736. Dated the 21st of June 1883.

As desired in your No. 1247 of 14th Instt. I ha the honor to enclose in original Ram Lall's rep the offer made to him.

2. Regarding the report wanted in Chief =gineer's No. C. 319. I. of 20th March 1883, I have honor to state that Ram Lall has not yet six months in this Dn., he joined on the 24th Ap 1883, but since he has been here he has been in charge of Works round about Bareilly and fr what I have seen of his arrangements and mode of Working I am in every way satisf and consider Ram Lall a careful pains takin man and one who carries out orders intelligen

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No 6737 E of 1883 Dated Naini Tal the 5th of July 1883

From —— The Secretary to the Govt. of the N. W. P. & Oudh P. W. Dept

To —— The Secretary to the Govt. of India P. W. Dept.

In continuation of this office no 6654 E of 26 June 1883, regarding the temporary employment, in Madras, as Assistant Engineers of passed students of the Thomason College who have not obtained guaranteed appointments, I am directed to forward copy of a letter no 6336 E of 25th ultimo, and enclosures, from the Superintendent of Works 2nd Circle Provincial, regarding Ram Lall who is one of the students referred to.

2. I am to remark that Ram Lall holds the permanent appointment of Computor in these Provinces but is at present employed as a Temporary overseer.

3. The Government will have no objection to the transfer of Ram Lall for employment as Temporary Assistant Engineer for which he applies. In the event of his transfer, his claims to Pension &c will be regulated by the Civil Pension Code.

Govt: of India

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Re 2311 W dy 16-8-83

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Certified that Mr. H. Martin served
under me in the Kohat Provincial Division
P. W. Department. He accepted in that division
the post of Supervisor — in the temporary
Establishment — with the hope that he [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] — he would eventually
get into the permanent Engineer [illegible]
I have no hesitation in saying that I
consider him qualified for an [illegible]
Engineership — He worked [illegible]
[illegible] and was well deserving [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
Lieut R.E.
[illegible] Engineer

[illegible] June 24/83

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[illegible] Mr. [illegible] came
[illegible] from Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] 82. [illegible]
[illegible] acquainted [illegible]
[illegible] refused to accept [illegible]
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[illegible]
via Rawalpindi

No 27

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your [illegible] dated the 1st [illegible]

I need hardly say that I feel greatly [illegible] for your [illegible] very kind [illegible] of an [illegible]

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for I have for some
time been looking
for. I accept with
thanks your offer of
sending my name
I enclose Copies
of two Certificates
which will shew that
I have given satis-
-faction to my
employers. I hope
to send further

recommendations of myself taken
from the official Correspondence
in the Ex Engrs office

Yours truly,

J. B. [illegible]

June 16th 63

Pachmarhi C.P.
17.6.83

Major Alex. Brandreth R.E.
Principal Thomason College.
Roorkee

Sir/

In reply to your D.O. dated the 11th inst. I beg to thank you for your kindness in thinking of me, & to state that I am perfectly willing to take one of the appointments if it does not harm myself now or my prospects hereafter.

Though I am only a Subordinate I have been doing very well & gained some standing as well as experience in the P.W.D. and I am encouraged to hope to do better in my

P.S. I ha

In the first place I do not
wish to throw up Government
service altogether, but per-
haps there may be a necessity
for the [illegible] principal.

Secondly I beg to ask you to
obtain for me the consideration
that a temporary Assistant
Engineership in the 3rd grade
would not give me an increase
to my present salary, and
the appointment would [illegible]
of course carry claims for
promotion. It would be
hard for me to have to
begin life afresh as it
were, though I do most
earnestly daily long for
the position I qualified
for 8 years ago — that
my experience year after
year would along with my
training at College help me
sooner or later has been my
consolation all the time.

I have only a few cer-
tificates which have come into
my hands unasked for — but
when the Executive Engineer
returns from his tour on the
20th inst I shall obtain copies
of the Half yearly reports &
send them to you — It is not
considered regular for us to
get certificates from our
superiors except officially.

I have seen the Chief
Engineer, Col C.M. Browne R.E.
and he has promised to do
all he can to further my
advancement.

I trust that the copies
of the certificates I enclose
will

I have seen the Chief
Engineer, Col C.M. Browne R.E.
and he has promised to do
all he can to further my
advancement.

I trust that the copies
of the certificates I enclose
will
be accepted by you as true
There is no one here to sign
them for me & I do not wish
to delay replying to your
letter.

I know for a fact that
my present ~~Exec~~ Supt. has
reported "highly" of me in
his last report –

I remain Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
Geo. Wright-Neville
Sub Divisional Offr. Supr.
P.W.D. C.P.

transfers to other lines take place
as on State Railways, and it
may be years and years before
any of the officers resigns or retires.
I was very reluctant indeed,
to sign my agreement when called
upon to do so about May or June
1880, unless more definite prospects
were offered, but necessity compelled
me ultimately to do so, and then
simply because I had hesitated to
sign the covenant when called
upon, the Traffic Manager decided
not to allow me to date it from
the day on which I joined the
service viz 21.11/79, but the day
on which I consented to remain
with the Company viz 21.10/80
alleging I had made a convenience
of the Company; so that I had to
pull on in the best way from
21st November 79 to 21st October 81
or for nearly 2 years on Rs 100/-

Rs 100/- a month. The decision was a very hard one, but as I was not certain how the case would be decided, if represented, I dropped the matter and said no more about it; altho' I can assure you I have had a very hard time of it on the small pittance I have been receiving.

The present work is also one I do not care for and can take no interest in it. I would prefer to follow the profession of an Engineer over which I have spent so much money, and it is not too late yet, altho' I have not gone in for Engineering since I left College; in fact I have for some time past been thinking of applying so that I must say I am most thankful for your letter, which was a most unexpected and welcome

welcome one.

The only difficulty at present is that it is necessary for me to furnish 6 months notice of resignation according to my agreement, but I am certain Mr Bocquet's our Agent, would not stand in my way, if I wished to better my prospects, having already told me so; and I think if you would apply to Colonel Medley to assist me in the matter, I would experience no difficulty in terminating my agreement whenever necessary.

Since leaving College I have met Farley of Multan, who is ~~was~~ now I believe at Dera Ghazi Khan and is getting on very well. I also met Copeland at Chunga Munga, one of the stations on the S. P. & D. Ry, to which my duties extend, and learnt he had joined the Forest Department. The only one of my contemporaries at Lahore, P.S.

I am writing this letter from one of the Stations on the Ferozepore extension of our line of Railway. The extension is to form a very important feeder to the Main line on account of the export grain traffic to the Karachi port, and as the line has been opened rather prematurely, my time is chiefly for the present being devoted to the feeder, as our export grain traffic forms the chief source of our revenue.

It was my intention of having written to you some days ago, as Mr Ricketts one of our Engineers on the construction of the feeder, showed me your letter to him and recommended my applying to you – My head quarters at Lahore, which is my head quarters is Lloyd, who has taken employment as an Asst. Engineer with Mr Leslie & Black – and seems to like his work very well as it appertains to a branch of Engineering we were not taught at College viz Drainage schemes & water supplies for towns.

I think I am behind all others, so in thanking you again for your kind offer to send my name up, I would also ask the favor of your assisting me, as far as it is possible.

With my best respects

I am
Sir
Yours affectly
H. G. Whitehurst

was at Lahore, where I must ask you to address my letters.

N.B.

Gunda Singh Ry. Station
S. P. and D. Ry.
Dated, 18th June 1883.

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My dear Sir,

I am extremely hankful to you for your kind letter f 11th inst, and would inform you shall be most willing to proceed to Madras if successful in obtaining any one of the vacancies you speak of, as I have many easons for being dissatisfied ith my present work, one is have very poor and uncertain rospects of making any further dvancement.

I joined the traffic partment of the S. P. and D. Ry Col: Medley's recommendation a probationer on 21st November 79. on Rs 100/- a month, and, at

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it was only on the 21st October 1881 that, signed a covenant with the Company, binding myself down for 3 years on conditions that I was to receive Rs 100/- a month during the first year of service commencing from the date of agreement, Rs 150/- during the second year, and Rs 200/- during the 3rd year.

Since October last I have been drawing my maximum salary of Rs 200/- and my covenant expires n the 21st October next - I find owever there is a very poor chance getting any further promotion, nless a vacancy occurs in the ext grade of Asstt. Distt. Traffic anagers - (my present grade ing that of a Sub: Asstt. Distt. raffic Manager) - and this is st uncertain especially on a ranteed Railway, where no transfers

Bansberriah
Via Mohussaha post office
16-6-83

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To

Lt Col A. M. Brandreth R.E.

Sir

I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter re thinking of me - I shall only be too glad to accept the post and am very thankful to you for the interest you have taken.

It will be necessary for me to obtain my Executive Engineer's consent. Our late Executive Engineer Mr. Cotton left on furlough for England last April. I have only been in the D.P.W. for a little over a year and our new Executive Engineer Captain McArthur has not had the time to know

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me sufficiently to give me a
certificate I fancy I will have
some difficulty in getting one.
However I will try my best, and let
you know the result

Yours faithfully
C. Rooke

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Ex: Drw 5455-E

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Lt Col S. M. Braindreth R.E.
Principal T.C.E. College
Roorkee

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Sir

In obedience to your letter D/11th June 1883, beg leave to state that having passed out, from Roorkee College as an Assist Engineer in August 1876, I obtained an appointment in the Jhelum District as a Dist & Municipal Engineer in February 1877 and served there for 1 year & 4 months.

I was transferred in July 1878 to Karnal in the same capacity on an increase of salary from

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Rs 115/- to Rs 200/-
In April 1881 my pay was again increased from Rs 200 to Rs 250/- which I am receiving up to this date.

I herewith beg to enclose copies of my certificates.

I can not say any thing about my leaving the present appointment for going to Madras until I get full information regarding pay &c.

I have the honor
Sir
to be your most obedient servant
Rup Chand
District Engineer
Karnal

D/17th Jany/83

To
Thomason College of Civil Engin
Roorkee, India

Certified that
Rup Chand is qualifi
for the Grade of Assistant Engi
in the Public Works Depa
having passed the Examina
Successfully.

Signed
A. M. Lang
Major R.E
Principal

Roorkee
29th August 1876

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p Chand served at Jhelum as Municipal and District Engr for 1 year & 4 months. He leaves now to take up a better appointment with higher pay and I am very sorry to lose his services. He is active, hardworking and strictly honest. I have every reason to be satisfied with his work which has invariably been well and ably done.

I wish him every success.

Jhelum
10.7.78

Signed
J. B. Hutchinson
captain
Secy Local Fd

I agree in the above
C G Wace Major
Dy Commr
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Copy of Demi official letter
7 June 78 from the Offg. Deputy Comr
Jhelum to the Deputy Comr Karnal.

Your letter of the 4 June 78 to hand. Rup Chand applied for the appointment with my permission. I shall be able to let him go so as to join at Karnal about the 15th July.
I hope that will suit you.
I would send him sooner only he has some heavy works in hand of which the accounts must be settled before he leaves, moreover I have not at present got any one to take up his place.
I shall be sorry to lose him for during the last year he has done some very good

is, and I have always found him to be strictly honest and trustworthy. He came to this District fresh from Roorkee and was quite inexperienced at first. He has been however shown great aptitude at his work. Will you kindly let me know whether you will be able to let me keep him till the date mentioned.

recommendation being made shortly

in the District.

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Rawal Pindi

To Battu Lall
Jhelam

Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in testifying to the work done by you in the Jhelam District while under me — I have always found your work to be well done and I have had every reason to be satisfied with you — If you apply for the post now advertised in the C. M. G. as vacant at Gurdaspur I hope you will get it. though I should miss you on my return to Jhelam

Your Truly
J. Hutchinson

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True Copy
Battu Lal
15/6/83.

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P. S. I have been absent at
Peshawar and that is
why your letter has been
so long unanswered

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recommendation being made shortly after D.C.s arrival in the District. Having now known the candidate for some months D. C. has pleasure in acting in his predecessors suggestion and forwards this roll for favorable Consideration.

sd J. Parsons
Deputy Commr
Jhelum

True copy.
Baltu Lal
dist. Sd.
Jhelum
15/6/83.

Encl. to No 5653 –

Copy of Col Parson's remarks
made on Battoo Lal's roll
for Moonsif ship.

Though hitherto employed in the Dist. Public works Department as an Asst Engr. the Dep: Comr considers Buttoo Lal would perform judicial work satisfactory as he is very intelligent and quick in learning. He passed out of the Thomason College as an Asst Engr. and obtained some distinction in the Muir College at Allahabad. His father Ramdial Sing is a Tehsildar in N. W. P.
He has a brother in the office of Moonsif and an other a pleader. Buttoo Lal bears a good character and has worked well in the District. D.C's predecessor Cap: Hutchinson spoke to D.C. in favor of this

I have much pleasure in recommending Buttee Lal Asst. Engr. for the appointment at Gurdaspore which is advertised. He has been two years in the Jhelum Dist. as Asst. Engr. in the local Fund Department and has given much satisfaction. He passed out of Roorkee College with distinction and practically he has shown good ability. He is still in the Jhelum Local Fund Department, but as the prospects in it are not so good as offered at Gurdaspore, he is desirous of course to be appointed to the latter Dist. in which I believe he would perform the duties of Dist. Engr. in a very creditable manner as he is very energetic & willing to please by attention to his works.

Choa Saidanshah
Jhelum District
8th June 1880

Sd. J. Parsons
Deputy Comr.
Jhelum

True Copy
Buttee Lal
15/6/83

I certify that I have carefully examined Battoo Lal and to the best of my belief his eyesight is perfect, and he has no disease, constitutional affection or bodily infirmity unfitting him or likely to unfit him for an active outdoor employment as an Engineer on Public Work Department

Allahabad } Sd H. S. Smith
July 29th 1875 } Civil Surgeon

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I with pleasure recommend Buttoo Lal dist Engr. for the appointment he seeks at Allahabad. He has had a large amount of work in the Jhelum dist. which he has performed in a very satisfactory manner. He has good professional abilities, works well in both English and Vernacular Departments and bears a very good charachter.

Jhelum
8th April 1882

Sd J. Parsons
Deputy Commr.
Jhelum District

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Battoo Lal
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Rai Bahadur Kanhya Lal's

Gold Metal

1878

Awarded to Babu Rattan Lal

sd/ A. M. Brandreth

offg Principal

August 26-1878.

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Qualifications

	Mathematics	Civil Engineering	Surveying	Drawing	Physical Science	Languages	Total
Full marks	950	1000	400	400	300	200	3250
Number gained	403	477	282	183	197	187	1729

Standing in Class Eleventh

Prize - Rai Bahadur Kanhya Lal's Gold Medal for Second Native Student -

Thomason College of Civil Engineering
Roorkee, India

Certified that Battu Lal is qualified for the Grade of Assistant Engineer, in the Public Works Department, having passed the examination successfully.

Roorkee
August 28, 1878 } sd A. M. Brandreth
Major, R. E.
Principal

True Copy.
Battu Lal
dist. Eng.
Jhelum
15/6/83.

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Great Eastern Ho
Calcutt
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Dear Sir,
Having been
informed by Major Ne
Under Secy to P.W.D here
that there were vacancie
in the Depart.t in Mad.
I hasten to forward a
of my letters & trust
that I may be success
in securing an appoint
I have had some conside
Experience in irrigation
works in Holland prev

TESTIMONIALS.

Scinde, Punjab and Delhi Railway,
Agent's Office,
Lahore, *10th October* 1882.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with our request I have great pleasure in certifying that during the period you have been in this Company's employment you have conducted yourself in every way to my entire satisfaction, and I regret exceedingly the circumstances which have necessitated a reduction in the Company's staff and the consequent termination of your services.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. LIGHTFOOT,
Acting Agent.

Mr. W. F. Mosse.

No. 691.
Scinde, Punjab and Delhi Railway Company,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Lahore, *10th October* 1882.

W. F. MOSSE, Esq.,
Phillour.

Dear Sir,

As desired I have much pleasure in stating that you joined the Company's service in January last, and that during the time you were employed in the Chief Engineer's Office you carried out all the works entrusted to you to my entire satisfaction.

I regret very much that on account of the reduction in the Engineering Department, which will take place in January next, that your services will no longer be required, and I trust that you will get suitable employment elsewhere.

Yours truly,
J. M. WRENCH,
Personal Assistant to Chief Engineer.

From
L. H. MICHEL, Esq.,
District Engineer,
Phillour.

Mr. W. F. Mosse has been attached to this district for the past five months as assistant, both in the Field and Office works, and I have much pleasure in stating that during that time he has exhibited steadiness, and is very willing, and has executed the works entrusted to him to my entire satisfaction. He is desirous to secure occupation in the profession elsewhere as owing to the recent reductions in the staff his services have been dispensed with.

L. H. MICHEL,
District Engineer.

Phillour, *October 28th*, 1882.

Scinde, Punjab and Delhi Railway,
Agent's Office,
Lahore, *November 7th*, 1882.

My Dear Mr. Mosse,

Since you have been in the service of this Company, in which you have done miscellaneous work in the Engineering Department, I am happy to record that your steadiness and attention redounds to your credit, and I trust may be the means of ensuring you success in the duties you are about to undertake.

I feel sorry that the reductions we have had lately to make in the various establishments should have necessitated the disposal of your services, and trust that the change you have effected may be more remunerative.

With my best wishes for your future success,

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,
R. BOCQUET,
Agent, S. P. & D. R.

W. F. Mosse, Esq.

Simla, *February 12th*, 1883.

My Dear Mosse,

Hearing you are to leave us so soon I have great pleasure in stating that during the time you have been on the Imperial Works here, and under my immediate orders you have carried out all my wishes entirely to my satisfaction. I am very glad that you have succeeded in obtaining a better appointment. Wishing you every success,

Believe me, Yours very truly,
M. CAMPION,
Ex.-Engineer, P. W. D.

Hazaribagh, *16th May* 1883.

My Dear Mr. Mosse,

I have much pleasure in complying with your request as contained in your letter of the 12th instant. Since you have been under my orders on survey you have shewn the most untiring interest and zeal in your work in spite of the many drawbacks owing to bad climate and rough jungle life, and I much regret that your severe illness has necessitated your resignation, but trust that you will soon be in a position to get a new appointment.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,
JAMES RAMSAY,
Ex.-Engineer, Bengal and Nagpore Surveys.

Extract from the Commissioner's Resolution No 367
dated 2nd March 1882 on Road Cess Annual Acco
and Report for the Cess year 1880-81

Para: 7 The amount of original work done during the
is very satisfactory and creditable to the Mymensingh
Committee. Out of an allotment of Rs 111775 as much a
Rs 99715-2-11 has been expended during the year o
this head, against Rs 56423-14-9 in the previous
It is also gratifying to note that some of the mo
important works in the District have been comple
the year. The amount Rs 55,553-11-6 expended
works, also shews more work done than the amo
for work i.e. Rs 52,612-1-9 in the previous year

Para 8 Village roads also appear to have had
attention paid to them the amount spent unde
being Rs 37184-13-3 Mr R Walluuth C.E. be
Mymensingh Road Cess Engineer,

No 694 E

Govt of Bengal, P.W Deptt
Establishment General

To

The Commissioner of the
Dacca Division

Dated Fort William, 2nd June 1881

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter No 621 R of the 9th ultimo, and in reply to inf
ou that the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to
nfirm Mr R Wallnutt C.E. in his appointment as Distr
gineer, under the District Road Cess Committee of Mymen
h the powers of an Executive Engineer

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obdt Servt
Sd G E F Neill
Major M.S.C
Assistant Secretary

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morandum on a Project prepared by Mr R Wallnutt C.E
rict Engineer of the Mymensingh Road Cess Committee for the
truction of a Screw pile bridge over the Boner River on
Mymensingh and Subornocolly Road, by Major Smyth
intending Engineer Eastern Circle

I am glad to see the care and ability
Mr Wallnutt has shewn in the preparation of this
Project,

Dated
lcutta
3 June 1881

Sd R G Smyth Major R.E
Superintending Engineer
Eastern Circle

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himself with the most entire singleness of purpose to his work, and indeed I can state that I have never met any one who more identifies himself with his work than MR. WALLNUTT. But for his aid I could not have hoped for the progress that has been made on the Tongoo road, or for the excellent state of the Pegu road.

I would ask the good offices of the Chief Engineer in obtaining for MR. WALLNUTT the promotion he seems to me to so well deserve.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

(Signed) W. E. MACRONE, *Garrison Engineer.*

Dated, RANGOON *30th June*, 1874.

To the Garrison Engineer, Rangoon.

THE undersigned is to convey sanction to MR. R. WALLNUTT receiving rupees 180/- for passing the Departmental Standard in the Burmese language.

(Signed) H. W. CLARK, *Capt., Royal Engineers,*
Assistant Chief Engineer.

Dated RANGOON, *4th August*, 1873.

EXTRACTS.

At a Meeting of the "Institution of Civil Engineers," held in London, 4th February, 1879,

"MR. WALLNUTT, Executive Engineer, P. W. D., India, was made an 'Associate Member of the Institute.'"

Extract from the Inspection Report by COLONEL W. S. OLIPHANT, R.E., *Chief Engineer, B. Burmah,*
dated Pegu, 17th March, 1873.

"THE road between Wahnet Kone and Pegu is (with the exception of the 33 rd Mile ~~miles~~) in admirable order, and MR. WALLNUTT deserves great credit for having put the road surface, approaches to bridges, road slopes, &c., in such good order."

(Signed) W. S. OLIPHANT, *Colonel, Royal Engineers,*
Chief Engineer, B. Burmah.

COPY OF SERVICE AND TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

MR. R. WALLNUTT, A.M.I.C.E.,

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, INDIA.

Obtained an appointment in the Public Works Department, India, by Competitive Examination held in the India Office, London, December, 1867.
Signed a Covenant with the Secretary of State for India, 23rd December, 1867.
Reported self for duty at Rangoon, B. Burmah, and was appointed 3rd Grade Assistant Engineer, March, 1868.
Promoted to 2nd Grade Assistant Engineer, 27th May, 1869.
Passed the Colloquial Examination in the Burmese Language, 7th July, 1871.
Promoted to 1st Grade Assistant Engineer, 5th November, 1872.
Passed the Departmental Examination in Burmese Language, 1st July, 1873.
Appointed Officiating 4th Grade Executive Engineer, 30th August, 1875.
Promoted to Parmanent 4th Grade Executive Engineer, 31st October, 1877.

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From the Assistant-Secretary, P. W. Department, B. Burmah, to Robert Gordon, Esq., M.I.C.E., *Executive Engineer, Henzadah Division.*

Sir,

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner, B. Burmah, to request that you will convey an expression of his thanks to Mr. R. Wallnutt, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. Henry, Supervisor, for commendable zeal and energy displayed by them in filling in two of the breaches which occurred in the Taboo embankment during the late heavy floods, and in their successful endeavours to prevent other parts of the embankment from being carried away.

Mr. Wallnutt appears to have been particularly indefatigable in his exertions to overcome the threatened danger.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

(Signed) W. G. CUMMING, *Capt., Royal Engineers,*
Assistant Secretary, P. W. Department.

Dated Rangoon, *20th September*, 1876.

From W. B. Macrone, Esq., *Garrison Engineer, Rangoon, to the Assistant Chief Engineer, P. W. D., B. Burmah.*

Sir,

Before handing over charge of this Division to my successor, I would respectfully venture to lay before the Chief Engineer and Chief Commissioner the names of the following officers who have rendered me much assistance in the management of the Division. Mr. R. Wallnutt: I have invariably found this officer an exceedingly painstaking, industrious, and willing assistant. During my charge of this Division he has devoted