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My dear Hancocke. Your letter of the 11th came yesterday, and I have shown it to Mr. Grant Duff.

I am desired by him to say that the Madras Govt. have every reason to believe that Lt. Col: C.J. Smith is fully competent to perform the duties of Consulting Engineer & Joint Secretary, and in addition to undertake the supervision of the Nellore, Guntur, & Vizagapatam lines, should the Govt. of India decide to place the construction of those Railways under his supervision.

As I have already mentioned, Col: Smith has nearly 28 years Indian service, of which one half has been spent in the Railway Branch, as Senior Deputy Con: Engineer to this Govt. During his Railway Career, he has been intrusted with very responsible duty in connection with supervision of construction over nearly the entire S.I.R. system, as well as over a considerable part of the M.R. That duty he has always performed to the satisfaction of the Madras Govt, who have every reason to consider him an able & accomplished Engineer. They have no reason to believe that any one of the three Officers named in your letters, Colonels Pemberton, Luard, or Bonus, is in any way

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Yours very sincerely

better suited than Col: Smith for the duties of the appt.; — While on the other hand he has over them the great advantage of local knowledge & experience.

I am therefore to say that H. E. the Governor will be glad that Lt. Col: C. J. Smith should be appointed to succeed me as Consulting Engineer & Joint Secretary to this Govt.

Please let me know by wire whether the appt. should be made by this Govt. On the strength of your telegram dated 11th Current, he has already been gazetted to act., until further orders.

With respect to your other question, I am directed to say that the appointment of Col: Hopp as Senior Deputy will be in every way most acceptable to this Govt., — should it be found that his services can be spared. If not, the Govt will be glad if the Govt. of India will nominate to the post the most suitable man who may be available.

I would only remark that, as the Junior Deputy, Major Sidney Smith, has had little or no Indian Railway experience, it would be well to appoint, as Senior, a man like Col: Hopp, with considerable experience.

There is one remark in your letter which I do not understand. You say - "It was thought that with the Railway Dept. thus strengthened (by addition of Pemberton - &c.) "the Madras Govt would no longer "demur to undertaking the supervision "of railways in progress".

No one here knows what you refer to. So far from demurring having ever demurred to undertake such supervision, this Govt are not aware that any such proposal has ever been made to them. If it had been made, they would certainly have signified their willingness to accept the duty.

Yours sincerely

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These papers may be filed in office with other papers bearing on question
N 2ᵈ. Col: Smiths appt.
to E. R is post

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These should, I think, be attached to the draft of the letter to India.

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From

The Superintending Engineer,

III ~~1st~~ Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer
MD
Madras

Dated 20th } September 1883.
Recd. 22nd }

ENCLOSURES.

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No. 1737

Quarters for Asst Collr Civil Surgeon, Forest Asst Supdt, Apothecary, and Police Inspector at Cuddapah —

Requesting to be informed whether — are not to be provided for.

Letter order

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

~~Murree,~~

No. 1737

Bellary ~~Chepauk~~, 20th Septr, 1883.

From Major L. A. Clarke RE

~~The~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

~~III~~ ~~1st~~ CIRCLE,

To THE Chief Engineer.

P.W.D.

Madras

SIR,

Enclosures.

Nothing

Copy W of 8th Jany: 1883.

With reference to your Memo No. 373 E. of the 17th of September, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the Government have finally decided to relinquish the idea of providing House accommodation for the following Officers and Subordinates.

Assistant Collector (European)

Civil Surgeon.

Forest Asst. Superintendent.

Apothecary.

Police Inspector.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. Servant

Major RE.

Offg Supdg. Engineer.

III Circle

An excellent letter —
My only fear is that it may be a little too strong — The jobbers are sadly in want of the kick which they fully deserve but is it prudent when we have an object to gain to demolish their position as utterly? Sec. His Excellency has initialled his D.O. Col Hancock but has I think overlooked the Secret & Indra. Before despatching it I think he had better see it. — If he pass it I have no objection to the express style. H.L.

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Colonel Hancock, in this D.O. note, states that the Amalgamated List for the Consulting Engineers Dep.t may be published in the Gazette of India at any time.

The consent of this Gov.t to the Amalgamated List was accorded expressly on the condition that no Officer was to be taken from, or sent to, this Presidency, without the previous concurrence of H.E. the G. in Council.

Lieut. Colonel C.J. Smith has nearly completed 28 years' service. He joined Railway work in April 1870, — & has therefore had 13½ years' experience in it. He has already acted 4 times as Consulting Engineer, — & is in

Vide Rep:
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every way qualified for the post.

The two officers named by Colonel Hancock as "senior officers" left Addiscombe in June 1855, whereas Lt. Colonel Smith left it in December the same year. In point of age, he is senior to both of them, — and in Railway experience I do not think he can be their junior.

He has the great advantage of local knowledge & experience — in which they are entirely deficient.

11-9-83.

Colonel Bonus. (Bombay.)
Colonel Luard. (Bengal.)

Decided in Council to commit members of the Resolution as Sub.d

in the Gazette of India constituting Lessonte Railway Branch, and that pending Final Settlement of the Question that Col C J Smith is to act- In Col Stewart

Attd

12.9.83

~~Lt. Col. Smith.~~

Note.

I trust that the Govt. will be pleased to approve the despatch to the Govt. of India & some letter protesting strongly against the way in which it has been proposed to degrade Lt. Col. Smith.

I submit for approval a draft, which I endeavoured to make as brief as possible, — but owing to the necessity of dealing with all points of a complex case, the draft is longer than I expected.

I may mention that I discussed this matter with General Lankey before his departure, and that he entirely takes my view that the contemplated degradation is in every way unjust & indefensible.

I attach a brief note received from Gen: Lankey since his departure, and I may add that, in a confidential memorandum

on the character & professional
qualifications of the officers
& subordinates which he
left with me at my
request, he uses these
words respecting Lt. Col:
Smith

"Few officers in the Dept.
"have earned, and I
"believe deservedly, a
"higher reputation than
Lt. Col: Smith."

I also attach the two
D.O. notes on the subject
which I have received
from Colonel Hancock,
— with the reply to the
last of them which,
under instructions from
H.E. the Governor, I
sent yesterday.

A brief note by Lt. Col:
Smith himself, which
he drew up at my request,
— and which was seen
and approved by Sir
Lackey in Madras, is
also attached.

V. Maclean

21.9.83.

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Madras Works

From (Person)

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amalgamation conducting
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approved today in the
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To (Person) Col Shaw Stewart

From (Person) Col Hancock

1 Your demi official of
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To (Person) Col Shaw / Stewart

From (Person) Col C. J. Smith

I accept condition suggested by India

x India

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RECD. FROM L. N.

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TACAMUND 1-11-83

Telegraph Master.

Chesapeake.

18th Sept

My dear Colonel,

Received your

this morning.

I have despatched the

criers to the Sagetha for publ

I have shown the pap

with Genl Sankey & C. J. C

& now return your note

Ordry with the telegrams

Yours ev

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[illegible] Tuesday

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which he is
to you — I
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2-9-83.

by Lieut Hamilton, Chief
Asst Qrt-Master Cavalry
Marks must under be
Signed - I presume we all
accept him - You know
we doubt that the amalgamated
List of Cons: Events will come
at once as Lincoln or the
proposed has passed the Senate
& Congress:- Slaughter returns at
the end of this week or Monday
Wilson

[illegible] Brooks - and
probably not return for a
couple of years or so -

The result (all
this as I afterwards
learned) is that I shall have
to go either to Madras or
Calcutta - (the latter where
Hedley quite most [illegible]
& I should much prefer
Madras - I gave them
nothing about me one way
or the other but I have
an idea my Brahmin [illegible]
was

[illegible] 6th. I have written to
[illegible] Hedley

Yours ever
Gubbins

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Jdear Shaw-Stewart

Is the

effect contained in

the enclosed extract

true: and if so then

does Sankey go, &

her place fall to you.

Shane had a

second bout of fever

since I wrote to you &

am still rather

a worm in consequence -

Yours ever

H Luard

WE (*Madras Mail*) learn that the Hon. Major-General Sankey, C.B., the Secretary to the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, has been offered, and has accepted, an important post in connection with the Public Works Board in Dublin, and that he will be shortly leaving Madras for Ireland to take up his new duties. Major-General Sankey has nearly completed his five years' tenure of his present appointment, and has, on the whole, been one of the best heads of the Public Works Department we have

15. September 83.

Dear Crosby...

I understand from the Chief Secretary that my appointment to succeed General Lanoe will appear in next Gazette. If 15th — and in consequence I spoke to W. Sullivan this morning if how the duties of Consulting Engineer for Railways were to be carried on until we hear further.

I enclose therefore a draft notification to that effect. If H.E. approves, will you kindly return it initialled by him, in time to go to Madras by Monday morning post.

Yours sincerely

V. Maistwood

with the subject from the
Govt. of India.

Will you please show
to H.E. the enclosed two
telegrams. one dated
4th addressed to General
Parker - and one dated
11th to me.

Mr. Sullivan agrees
with me that, under the
circumstances, the best
course, if H.E. approves,
will be to appoint Lt. Col.
C.J. Smith to act until
further orders.

This will be clearly in
accordance with the views
of the Govt. of India, & will
prevent an interregnum.
No friction can result,
as the order will of course
only be temporary, until
the matter is settled.