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READ—the following letter from G. H. W. WALKER, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 2nd November 1883, No. 1458 G.:—

In returning the original enclosures of your letter, No. 2764 W., of the 24th October 1882, I am directed to state that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India has ruled that the active service of the students of the Royal Indian Engineering College, who were appointed to the department in 1877 and previous years, commences from the date of joining their first appointments in India. An amendment to the rules in the Civil Leave Code to this effect will shortly issue.

ORDER—dated 12th November 1883, No. 3216 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers concerned for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Architect to Government.
" General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
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Students of the Royal Indian Engineering College

The active service of the students of the —, who were appointed to the department in 1877 and previous years, to count from date of joining their first appointments in India.

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FROM
THE EXAMINER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS,

To
C. VINCENT ESQUIRE.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
D. PROJECT DIVISION.
Madras, 7th AUGUST 1882.

SIR,

IN REPLY TO YOUR NO. 76 OF 3RD. INSTANT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD COPIES OF THIS OFFICE LETTER NO. 117 A. OF 4TH. OCTOBER 1878 TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND THAT OFFICER'S REPLY NO. 1139 E. OF 16TH. DECEMBER 1878.

I HAVE ETC. ETC.

D. C. Gordon

EXAMINER P. W. ACCOUNTS.

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Copy of letter from the Examiner Public Works Accounts to the Accountant General Public Works Department. No. 117 A dated 4th October 1878

I have the honor to solicit the favor of an expression of your opinion as to the date from which the Services of Students of the Royal Indian Engineering College Coopers Hill appointed to this Department as Assistant Engineers should be considered as Active within the meaning of Chapter II Section 4 of the Civil Leave Code.

2 Under Chapter IV Section 14 of the Civil Pension Code, Coopers Hill Engineers are permitted to count their Service for pension from the date of the despatch appointing them to the Service, provided they land in India within three months from the date of appointment; but in the case of certain

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Engineers appointed to this Presidency the letter of appointment from the Secretary of State for India shews the 1st of October* as the date of appointment and allows joining time up to the 1st of December, for which period full pay is admissible, and the service counts towards pension.

3. Should these Engineers count Active Service for the purpose of calculating the amount of furlough earned under Chapter IV Section 10 from the 1st October in the event of their reporting their arrival in India before the 1st December or from the date of reporting their arrival at the Capital town of the Presidency or Province to which appointed vide Civil Leave Code Chapter II, Section 4(a) Clause (4), Rule 1, (b)(2).

4. The favor of an early reply is requested.

(True Copy)

G.C. Patton

Supdt. Correspondence Branch

*Vide also your Circular No. 45 of 1876

Copy of letter from the Accountant General Public Works Department to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts Madras No. 1139 C. dated 16th December 1878.

With reference to your No. 17 A dated 4th October last, I have the honor to forward for your information and guidance, copy of Public Works Department No. 1698 C.G. dated 10th current, regarding the qualifying service of Engineers from the Royal Indian Engineering College.

(True Copy)

G.C. Patton

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Copy of a letter No. 1698 C.G. dated 10th December 1878 from the Government of India Public Works Department; to the Accountant General Public Works Department.

In reply to your No. 942 C dated 23rd October 1878, I am directed to state that the active Service of Engineers appointed from the Royal Indian Engineering College counts from the date on which they join their first appointment in India.

(True Copy)

G. E. Ratton

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Madras
September 23rd, 1882.

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From
C. Vincent Esqre.
Executive Engineer

To,
Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
(thro' the Chief Engr. for Irrgn.)

Sir,

Enclo: 1. I desire most respectfully to solicit the favour of a representation from you to the Govt. of India on behalf of the Cooper's Hill Engineers serving in Madras, regarding a point affecting the date of commencement of their service for furlough.

2. The case stands as follows:- In consequence of a discussion I had with the Examiner P.W. Accts about my Famine Leave, on which point I recently took the liberty of addressing you, I enquired of him when my active service for furlough commenced. To my astonishment I

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I received the reply that in accordance with a Government of India ruling of December 1878 (enclosure No. 1) the active service for furlough of Cooper's Hill Engineers is held to commence only from the date of joining their first appointments. It is I think, legitimate matter for surprise that the Examiner's Office, when they had obtained a decision on a point admittedly doubtful and of extreme importance to certain officers, did not at once communicate it to those officers. Had this been done, every officer would, I am sure, have protested against a decision which he would have been convinced was erroneous. As it is, I only now venture to state the case in our favour with the most extreme diffidence and after much hesitation, knowing well how much an argument, however good it may be, loses in force by delay in bringing it forward. For this delay, however, we must, I submit, be wholly exonerated for the reason above given. I would not therefore venture to press for a reconsideration of a decision given by the Govt of India did I not feel absolutely

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absolutely convinced ~~that~~ it must have been given under a mistaken impression that Cooper's Hill Engineers were, as regards the point at issue, on the same terms as Uncovenanted Officers generally, so at variance is it with the privileges now expressly attached to students coming from Cooper's Hill College, and also with what seems to be the intention of the Civil Pension Code.

3. The Note attached to para 62 of the 5th edition of the Civil Pension Code is as follows:-

"In every covenant with an officer appointed in England by the Secretary of State, not being a Covenanted Civil Servant or a Civil Engineer or Telegraph Officer educated at the Royal Engineering College, Cooper's Hill, a clause is inserted to the effect that service for Leave and Pension begins only from the date on which the Officer joins his first appointment in India."

Were no other evidence available, this Note might, I think, not unreasonably be held to prove that, in the case of Cooper's Hill engineers, service for Leave and

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and Pension does not begin on the date they join their first appointments. That their service for Pension does not so begin is admitted, for it was provided in the conditions under which I, and men of my standing, entered Cooper's Hill College, that full pay and service for pension should commence on the 1st. of October of the year in which the final examination was passed. The rule that governs the case of Pensions might therefore have been held to govern in that of furlough, though no mention was then made of the commencement of service for furlough.

4. It was doubtless due to this fact that, in 1878, the Govt. of India ruled that such service only commenced on the date of joining the first or appointment, which was certainly contrary to the belief universally entertained at Cooper's Hill College itself, and among Cooper's Hill engineers in this country. Subsequently, however, this point has been elucidated, presumably by the Secretary of State, in the clearest manner possible.

To prove this it is only necessary to quote the Calendar for 1881-82 of the Royal Indian Engineering College, which is "published by authority."

para 7. "The College course extends over"
"three years."

para 20. "The passed students will be"
"appointed Assistant Engineers,"
"2nd. grade, from the date of their"
"passing out of the College, from"
"which date also their service"
"for furlough and pension will"
"count."

para 23. "Every Assistant Engineer may"
"be required to go through a"
"course of practical training"
"before proceeding to India".

para 26. "The time spent on the practical"
"course will count as service" &c
"towards furlough and pension".

para 27. "If the practical course should"
"be dispensed with, the you
"engineers will proceed direct"
"to India, and their salaries,"
"at Indian rates, will commence"
"from the date of embarkation",
"unless from any cause they"
"fail to arrive in India within"
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"two months from the date appointed"
"for their embarkation, in which"
"case their salary will commence"
"from the date of their landing"
"in India, as well as their
"service for furlough and pension,"
"instead of from the date of"
"passing out of College".

5. I trust, Sir, you will consider that the above extracts make it abundantly clear that one of the privileges attaching to Cooper's Hill College is that service for pension and furlough commence on the same date, and prior to arrival in India. And that such a privilege belongs to all engineers who have entered the public service from the College must surely, I think, be admitted. The original omission to mention anything about service for furlough would appear to have been an oversight, which subsequent regulations have, as I have shown, completely remedied, for I cannot suppose it to be argued, that Cooper's Hill men entering the public service recently should have more privileges than those who joined it previously.

All Cooper's Hill men are proud to consider themselves as belonging to "a service", in which equal rights and privileges attach to each member. In this view, the earlier years of Cooper's Hill men might perhaps successfully request to have their services for furlough and pension antedated to when they left the College, in accordance with the rule now obtaining.

This point, however, would undoubtedly be a question of a favour, which, if bestowed, would, I feel sure, be gratefully appreciated. The other point, on which I have presumed to ask for your good offices, is one that I am convinced has only to be fairly put before the Govt. of India to obtain a reversal of the decision given in 1878.

6. Earnestly soliciting therefore the favour of your intervention, not on behalf of myself in particular — though as my furlough is due in April, or, as the Examiner says, in July next year, I am very nearly concerned in the question — but on

behalf of Cooper's Hill Engineers in Madras generally,

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

Executive Engineer

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From
C. Vincent Esqre.
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Cooper's Hill College Engineers – Requests that a representation may be made to the Govt. of India regarding the date of commencement of service for furlough of –

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obdt Servant,
G H W Walker
Offg Under Secy to the Govt of India

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