



No 1655

Executive Engineer's Office
Coimbatore 9th August 1887

From

Captain O. V. Boddy R.E.
Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Through The Superintending Engr
Fourth Circle

Sir,

I have the honor, most respectfully, to bring to your notice the facts connected with my supersession in the Department by Lieutenant, now Captain C. B. Henderson R.E. with the request that they may receive your consideration, and that I may be reinstated in my former position in the Department.

2 In G. O. No. 997B dated 31st March 1873 Lieutenant Henderson and myself were appointed Assistant Engineers 2nd Grade, and I, as the senior officer took my place above him in the Department.

3 On the 1st September 1876 both Lieutenant Henderson and I received temporary promotions as Assistant Engineers 1st Grade. In the Fort St. George Gazette of 26th December 1877, these promotions were made permanent - but the date of Lieutenant Henderson's permanent promotion was ante dated to 1st September 1876 and mine to 1st March 1877. Lieutenant Henderson was thus given 6 months' seniority over me.

4 The question was referred to Government and answered by them in their G. O. No. 1039W of 1st

1st March 1878. I beg to refer you to that G. O. and the letter embodied in it. My supersession was strongly deprecated by the then Superintending Engineer in Kistna District.

5 In the G. O. I was informed that my supersession was entirely due to my not having passed in any vernacular language. The only examination Lieutenant Henderson had to then passed was the Lower Standard in Hindustani. It will thus be seen that I was actually promoted although I had passed no examination in a vernacular language, and is I was apparently punished by my next junior receiving 6 months' ~~and~~ permanent superior service to mine, although I do not remember that I was ever warned that I was liable to such punishment.

This is not counted as a vernacular promotion for Henderson's case.

punishment. When we ^{were} promoted temporarily on the same date I could not without such warning have anticipated that on permanent promotion my position would be other than that occupied on temporary promotions.

6 I would point out that the first two years of my service were passed in a Tamil speaking country, and when there, I engaged a Moonshi and studied Tamil, and should have gone up for examination had I not been transferred to a Telugoo speaking country, where shortly after my arrival, famine duties did not give me much leisure for studying languages. Hindustani was one of the languages I studied when at Woolwich and I passed a good examination in it. but I did not go up for examination in that language after

after arriving in India.
7 I would further, most respectfully urge that my supersession be dealt with on the same principles laid down in your Memorandum No. 3171c dated 18th September 1886 to the Superintending Engineer Fourth Circle.

8 In that Memorandum which deals with the case of an officer who had failed to pass the (comparatively more important) professional examination it is laid down "Failure to pass this examination does not affect an officer's promotion for the whole of his service, but entails his temporary supersession by officers who have complied with the test."

"On an officer who has been superseded for this reason passing the Examination, he may

"may be restored to the position
"he held on the list when he
"first joined the Department".

9 I have already suffered
considerably from my super-
cession and I trust that you
will view this, my appeal with
favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. V. Boddy

Captain R.E.

Executive Engineer

No 335

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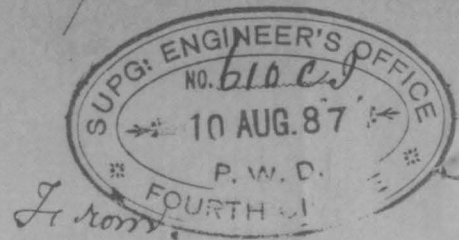
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vourable consideration of the
Chief Engineer. Captain Boddy's
request appears to be a reason-
able one.

L. Beatty - Colonel. A.C.

Comdantore

11th Aug. 1897

Superintending Engineer



The Executive Engineer
Commutator Division

Dated 9th } August 1887
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No. 1655

Captain O.V. Boddy R.E.
Executive Engineer

Brings to notice the
facts connected with
his supersession in
the department by
Captain C.B. Henderson R.E.

B. No 2216 W. 22.9.85
 " 1187 W. 20.5.85
 Memo No 835. 12.3.80
 B. No 2214. 20.1.80
 Memo No 3373. 8.11.77
 B. No 2605 W. 17.10.79
 B. No 2010. 30.8.81
 B. No 170 W. 13.1.79
 " 4462 W. 22.11.78
 " 4461 W. 22.11.78
 " 1039 W. 1.3.78
 " 997 B. 31.3.73
 B. No 2367 W. 10.10.83
 " 2368 W. 10.10.83
 B. No 1748. 22.6.83
 " 12522. 31.5.83

From (1)
 Colonel J. Beatty R.E.,
 Supg. Engineer, & Co.

Dated 11th August 1887.

No. 335
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Captain O.V. Boddy
 R.E., Executive Engi-
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Forwarding for favor-
 able consideration a
 letter from — bringing
 to notice the facts
 connected with his
 supersession in the
 department by Capt.
 Henderson R.E.

Q. 18.8.87 Q. 26.8.87



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Note

In G.O. Nos 1187 W of
 20th May 1885, 2216 W of
 22nd September 1885, and
 2367 of 10th October 1885
 it was ruled " that an
 Assistant Engineer who
 fails to pass a qualify-
 -ing examination in
 time, and is thereby
 superseded by one or
 more of his juniors
 should generally be
 allowed to resume
 his previous position
 when he does pass".

The Case of Captain
 Boddy is one coming
 under the Government

ruling.
For orders.

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In my opinion Capt Boddy
should be placed in his
old position, above Capt Henderson.

Order.

In accordance with the
ruling laid down in
the Government Order noted
in the margin Capt O.V. Boddy
will be ^{placed} ~~placed~~ in his former
position in the Department
with reference to Capt O.B. Henderson
from the date of this order.

Wm
17.8.87

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No 2303W

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26th August 1887
Read the following

From Capt. O.V. Boddy R.E.
Ex: Engineer Coimbatore
Division.

Endorsement thereon by the
Supg. Engr. IV Circle

Memo. 1655 of 9 Aug 1887.

" No. 335 En of 11 Aug 1887.

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23 Aug

In accordance

with the ruling laid down
in the Government order
noted in the margin,
Captain O.V. Boddy R.E.,
will be placed in his ^{original} ~~former~~
position in the Department
with reference to Captain
C. B. Henderson R.E., from
the date of this order.

Wm
17.8.87

- G.O. No. 1187 of 20.5.85
- " 2216W of 22.9.85
- " 2367 of 10.10.85.

These orders do not seem to affect
Capt. Boddy's position until he does
pass. He does not say that he
has passed or made any attempt
to do so.

In my latest list of the Engrs I find 2522
against his name, but in that list he
is put above Henderson, as well as 2 others.
Some caption seems necessary

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20 Aug

Captain Boddy passed Telugu in July 1881

- 2. The list referred to must be the Classified List which is arranged
I. E. IV Circle ✓ alphabetically - the 'Gradation List' - a larger book.
- Engr. O. W. ✓ shows relative positions

The subject is Dept.

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didn't he
say so?
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Hon. Mr. Hutchins

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