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16TH OCTOBER 1893, No. 2648 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper :—

From Brigadier-General H. P. PEARSON, c.b., Adjutant-General, Madras Army, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th October 1893, No. M/60.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 1188 W., dated 2nd May 1893, I have the honour to forward, for your information, copy of letter No. 1183 R.E., dated 11th July 1893, from the Commander-in-Chief in India to the Adjutant-General to the Forces, Horse Guards, together with reply * thereto, conveying the approval of His

* No. G. 15/9444, dated 1st August 1893. Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief to the continuance of the practice that has hitherto been carried out with respect to Royal Engineer officers in Civil employment in connection with the information to be furnished as to their professional qualifications in the Annual Confidential Reports on Army Form B 194 (3) submitted on them.

ENCLOSURES.

Copy of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief in India, to the Adjutant-General to the Forces, Horse Guards, War Office, London, dated 11th July 1893, No. 1183 R.E.

In reply to your letter No. G. 15/9444, dated 23rd February 1893, I have the honour to state that orders have been issued to ensure compliance in future, so far as officers in Military employment are concerned, with the instructions you transmit regarding the information to be furnished as to the professional qualifications of officers of Royal Engineers in their Annual Confidential Reports on Army Form B 194 (3).

2. In the case, however, of Royal Engineer officers in Civil employment, there is some difficulty in complying with His Royal Highness' wishes that the particulars as to an officer's professional qualifications on page 1 of the report should be filled in by the Commanding officer and not by the officer himself.

The departmental superior who represents the "Commanding officer" is often, indeed generally, not a Military man, and the view held in the Public Works Department is that it is not possible for a Civilian departmental superior to report on the Military professional qualifications of an officer in a manner satisfactory to the Military authorities or altogether fair to the officer reported on.

The departmental superior might indeed fill in only such qualifications as he had personal knowledge of, such as "construction and estimating," "surveying," or "railways," but it seems undesirable that if an officer has made a special study of, and is proficient in, other subjects, e.g., "fortification" or electricity, no mention should be made of these because he is not at the time employed in connection with them.

3. The rules at present in force—Army Regulations, India, volume II, para. 117-B—impose upon an officer in Civil employment the duty of filling in the answers as to his professional qualifications, but his replies are verified and confirmed by the countersignature of the Commanding officer; I therefore beg that I may be informed whether this practice should be continued, or those answers left blank in regard to which the departmental superior has not personal cognisance of the proficiency of the officer reported on.

16TH OCTOBER 1893, No. 2648 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

Copy of a letter from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Engineers, Horse Guards, War Office, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated 1st Aug. 1893, No. G. 15/9444.

In reference to your letter of the 11th July last, No. 1183 R.E., regarding information to be furnished as to the professional qualifications of officers of the Royal Engineers in their Annual Confidential Reports on Army Form B 194 (3), I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to inform you that His Royal Highness approves of the continuance of the practice that has hitherto been carried out with respect to Royal Engineer officers in Civil employment.

ORDER—dated 16th October 1893, No. 2648 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department concerned for information and guidance with reference to G.O., No. 1188 W., dated 2nd May 1893.

2. Officers of the Royal Engineers employed in the Public Works Department will, in future, themselves fill in the required information regarding their professional qualifications in the Annual Confidential Reports, Army Form B 194 (3), Royal Engineers, as required by appendix U, section (ii) of the Public Works Code.

(True Extract.)

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

To Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect.
„ the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ the Examiner of Railway Accounts.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.

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Dated October, 16th.

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G.O., 16th Oct. 1893. No. 2648 W.

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Correspondence conveying the approval of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief to the continuance of the present practice in connection with information to be furnished regarding professional qualifications of Royal Engineer officers in their—, communicated to officers of the department concerned with instructions.

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Ootacamund,

6th October 1893.

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From

Brigadier-General HUGH P. PEARSON, C.B.,
Adjutant General,

To

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Public Works Military Department.

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(a) No. G 15/9444
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to be furnished as to their professional qualifications in the annual confidential reports on A.F. B-194-3- submitted on them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. Pearson

Brigadier-General,
Adjutant-General

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Office of the Adjutant General in India
Head Quarters
Simla, 20th September 1893.

Copy of a letter from the Commander-in-Chief
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Horse Guards, War Office, London.
No. 1183 R.E. - Dated, 11th July 1893.

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On 22/5/93

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Office of the Adjutant General in India
Head Quarters,

Simla 9th September 1893

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Copy of a letter from the Deputy Adjutant General, Royal Engineers, Horse Guards, War office, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India.

No. G 15/9444 - Dated 1st August 1893

In reference to your letter of the 11th July last, No. 1183 R.E., regarding information to be furnished as to the professional qualifications of officers of the Royal Engineers, in their annual Confidential reports on Army Form B 194 (3).

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From

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

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Dated *6 Oct 93*

Received *7 Oct 93*

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Information to be furnished
as to professional qualifications
of R.E. officers in their
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reports as Army Form B-194

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following

Letter from the Adjt. Genl of 6 Oct 93.

H. P.

Communicated to
officers of the P. W. Dept
concerned for information
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reference to S.O. No. 1188 W
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Royal Engineers, as

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