Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 1160W

DATED 2 April 96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Supply of European Stores — Letter to the Govt of Bombay stating that no limit has been laid down by this Govt in giving effect to the orders of the Govt of India relative to the —

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R/ W/ No. 1160-W d/ 2d April/96. P.W. Dept:

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Bombay
P.W. Dept:

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 380.A d/ 20 March/96, I am directed to state that no limit has been laid down by this Government in giving effect to the orders of the Govt: of India contained in its letter No. 216.W d/ 24 June/91, and P.W. Code para. 7 Chapter VIII Vol: I, relative to the supply of European Stores required for works undertaken under lump sum or schedule-rate contracts, & that no difficulty has been experienced in working the rule in the absence of such a limit.

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Public Works Department
Bombay Castle,
20th March 1896.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to the Government of India Public Works Department letter No. 216 m, dated 24th June 1891, and the ruling contained in Public Works Department Code Chapter VIII, paragraph 7, which states that in framing Contracts of any description care should be taken to retain in the hands of Government the supply of English materials if required, to any considerable extent and to arrange the terms accordingly &ca", I am directed to request that with the permission of His Excellency the Governor this Department may be informed whether any definite limit has been laid down by the Madras Government, in giving effect to the orders of the Government of India.

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

Under Secretary to Govt.

. W. CURRENT No. 3028

Ans: 25-3-96

P.W. Department.

Letter from the Government of India, P.W.D., No. 529 G., d/28th Feby. 1896.

— Note for Orders —

The Government of India points out that if Mr. Oertel Executive -- Engineer is appointed as Consulting Architect to this Govt. he will have to count against the sanctioned -- scale of Executive Engineers in -- this department. This will tend to block promotion and be hard on the officers over whom he is placed on the list and will cause a certain amount of discontent.

2. When Col. Pennycuick selected Mr. Oertel for the post, I think he must have overlooked the fact that he is a very junior officer, only an Assistant Engineer though Executive Engineer, temporary rank, and is therefore hardly suited for such an important post as Consulting Architect to the Govt.

3. I therefore recommend that application be made for the services of Mr. Harris, Executive Engineer, 1st grade, this will also reduce the -- sanctioned scale of Executive Engrs. but only for a short ~~time~~ period -- for, as soon as Mr. Harris' ~~term~~ turn for promotion to Suptg. Engineer comes, he

I would ask for the services of Mr. Harris, on the same terms as Mr. Brassington. I am impressed by Sir H. Brackenbury's testimony in ~~[illegible]~~ favour of Mr Harris's ability.

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Very well - but ask for Mr. Harris

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he will get that promotion as extra to the Madras scale.

4. I have spoken to Mr. Irwin, the late Consulting Architect, who is personally acquainted with Mr. Harris and he says he is very well suited for the post.

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Appointment of Cons. Architect to Govt

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For orders.

Mr. Oertel is an Asst. Engr. 1st Grade & Ex. Engr. 3rd Grade temp. rank –

His date of 1st appt. is 10th May 1883, & he was promoted to Asst. Engr. 2nd Grade on 1st Novr. 1884.

Mr. Moss, the senior Asst. Engr. 1st grade on the Madras list was appointed Asst. Engr. 2nd grade on 23rd Sept. 1885 –

If Mr. Oertel is transferred to the Madras list he will come in at the top of the list of Asst. Engrs. 1st grade, & will get the first permanent vacancy in the 3rd grade of Ex. Engrs., for which route he is eligible under the time rules.

Apparently there is no alternative but to accept the proposal of the E. of I., as there is no officer on the Madras List who can be appointed C.A.

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The question seems to be whether, failing a Superintending Engineer, less harm to promotion amongst Executives would not be done by offering the appointment to Mr E. S. T. Harris who, moreover, is an officer of far longer experience than Mr Vertel. Mr Harris is at present Executive Engineer 1st grade, and has been so since August 1892. But to bring him in of the Madras list would entail placing him immediately above Major Baddeley and above all Corps list men who in point of service are one year senior to Mr Harris. If, however, he would get his promotion outside the Madras Establishment and pari passu with his contemporaries on his own list, it is presumed not on ours, his position in the list of 1st grade Executives would do no harm to any one in that grade. It would however, as far as Madras officers are concerned, cut down the scale of 1st grade Executive Engineers by one, as long as he remains in that grade. Whether this would make a difference or not would remain to be seen. At present we are not working up to the sanctioned scale owing to the action of the time limit; and there are at present

three vacancies remaining to
be filled. All these vacancies
can however be filled this
year and next. After this
it looks as if the grade
may be full till the retirement
of a Superintending Engineer; so
I doubt whether it might
not be acting contrary to the
interests of all Engineers, below
the grade of 1st grade Executive
except those who have a
prospect of soon succeeding
to vacancies, if Mr Harris
were introduced in the position
to which his seniority would
entitle him unless he is
sure of getting his step to
Superintending Engineer within (by Decr 1898)
the next two years. This
point might perhaps be
referred to India for an
expression of opinion. Sir
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be a Superintending Engineer for very many years, his appointment would entail blocking the promotion of his present juniors and of future men for a long time to come. Accordingly it seems necessary to decide to withdraw the application for the services of that officer.

If Mr Harris gets his step to SE 2nd grade before September 1898 he will not have lost anything.

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Fair note for orders submitted.

The following remarks are submitted with reference to Dir's note:

The conditions under which the continuance of the appt. of C.E. are sanctioned in 1886, are that the appt. should be open to any officer below the rank of Chief Engr. & should the officer be a Supdg. Engr., or rise to the rank of S.E. while holding the appt., he becomes a supernumerary & receives promotion in his turn –

Under these conditions, if the officer is below the rank of S.E., he is absorbed into the Madras Scale

& receives regular promotion on the Madras list according to his seniority.

As soon as he reaches the rank of S.E. he is linked with a Supdg Engr of his own standing on the regular Madras establt. & receives promotion as a Supernumerary pari passu with the officer with whom he is linked.

Thus if Mr Harris came on the Madras list as E.E. 1st grade, he would probably, according to his date of rank, be linked with Major Baddely & he would receive the same steps in the S.E. classes as that officer, i.e. on his arrival he would be eligible at once to receive promotion to the S.E. Class temporary rank.

The same plan was adopted in the case of Genl. Irwin. He was ~~but~~ linked with Col. A. C. Smith & received promotion & reversion in the S.E. classes with that officer until he ultimately became S.E. 1st Class permanent.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Calcutta, the 28th February 1896.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.220 W., dated 20th January last, in which it is stated that His Excellency the Governor of Madras desires to give Mr.F.O.Oertel, Executive Engineer, a trial in the post of Consulting Architect to the Local Government on the terms mentioned in your letter.

2. Before offering the appointment to Mr.Oertel, I am to point out that the last clause of that letter, quoted on the margin, is not quite in accordance with the terms of the Secretary of State's sanction to the appointment, which, it is necessary, should be adhered to. Those terms mean that the Consulting Architect, while an Executive Engineer, counts against the Madras scale of Executive Engineers. The effect of this order, read in connection with correspondence ending with

> x x "his name will be linked for promotion on the latter list with an officer of his own standing".

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Public Works Department No.689 G.,dated 7th March 1895,is that Mr.Oertel,if appointed to the post of Consulting Architect Madras,will be charged against the sanctioned Cadre of 72 Executive and Assistant Engineers of the Madras list being absorbed in the first vacancy. When however the time comes for his promotion to Superintending Engineer he will be so promoted outside the Madras scale pari passu with his contemporaries.

Go. No. 917-8 W d/22-4-95

3. I am to enquire whether,under these circumstances,it is still desired that the appointment should be offered to Mr.Oertel.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G H Walker

Under-Secy.to the Govt.of India.

Recd. 7.3.96

Documents accompanying:-
Nil.

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No. 917-8 W d/22-4-95 ✓
" 1296 W " 22-5-86 ✓
" 487 D " 5-8-86 ✓
" 533 D " 14-8-86 ✓
" 547 D " 18-8-86 ✓
" 552 D " 20-8-86 ✓
" 3203 C " 21-9-86 ✓
" 3220 C " 22-9-86 ✓
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" 220 W " 20-1-96 ✓

No. 1163. W d/ 2d april/96

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Govt.of India,P.W.D.,No.529 G.,d/the 28th February 1896.

The following reply will be --- sent to the Govt.of India.

(H.E.No. 1164 W.d/ 2d ~~March~~ april/96)

To
The Secretary to the Govt.of India,
P.W.Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge -- the receipt of your letter No.529 G d/28th February 1896,and in reply to state that in the circumstances therein set forth, and in view of -- the fact that Mr.Oertel is a very junior officer ~~for so important a charge,~~ H.E.the Governor has reconsidered the question, and now desires to offer the post of Consulting -- Architect to this Govt.to Mr.G.S.T. Harris,Executive Engineer 1st grade. The appointment will be made on the same terms as in the case of Mr. Brassington,viz,Mr.Harris will be on probation for six months,during which period he will remain on the "Local Administrations" list for -- purposes

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purposes of promotion. If confirmed in the post, he will be transferred permanently to the Madras list, and count against the Madras cadre until he attains the rank of Suptg. Engineer, when he will become a -- supernumerary, and receive promotion pari passu with an officer of his own standing.

2. I am accordingly to request -- that if the Govt. of India see no -- objection to these terms, the services of Mr. Harris may be placed at the disposal of this Govt. at the earliest possible date.

I have &c.

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Appt of Comm. ... to Govt.

No. 1163-64. W d/ 2-4-96.

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OFFICE NOTE.

Station ~~Fort St.Geo~~ date ~~21st March~~ 1896.
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From
The Secretary to Government,
Rev. Deptt.

To
The Joint Secretary to Government,
P.W. Deptt.

With reference to Office Note No. 1464 C, dated 16th March 1896, the undersigned has the honor to forward herewith a revised copy of G.O. No. 941 dated 5th March 1896 and to request that it may be substituted for the one already sent.

A S Arundel
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Revised G. O. to be substituted for the one already sent.

Read Endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 14th February 1896, No. 868C.

Order thereon, d/5th March 1896, No. 941 Mis.

The amendment made by S. O. dated 21st September 1895, No. 58 P.W.D. being clearly opposed to the Provisions of section 33 of the Indian Stamp Act (I of 1879), steps will be taken in the Public Works Department to have that S. O. cancelled. The procedure to be observed under the Act is that indicated in G. O. No. 862 dated 2nd September 1887.

(True Extract)

Lionel Davidson
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Ag. Under Secretary to Government

To the Public Works Department.

Copy to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue)

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Govt. of {1896} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

Dated
Recd. Encl.

Mis./R. G.O., 1896, No.

SUBJECT.

The Stamp Act of 1879. ✓
No. 2221C d/ 4-7-87 ✓
" 338D " 14-7-87 ✓
" 2723W " 14-10-87 ✓
" 868C " 14-2-96. ✓
" 1464C " 16-3-96 ✓

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 1169-W d/ 2d April/96.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Office Note from the Examiner, P. W. Accounts, No. 103 A., d/8th Febry. 1896
Proceedings in the Revenue Department, No. 941 Mis. d/5th March 1896.
Office Note from the Secy to Govt. Revenue Dept. No. 32 d/21st March 1896

The Government of India will be addressed.

(A.E. No. 1170-W d/ 2d April/96)

The Examiner, P. W. Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

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To

The Secretary to the
Government of India, P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to S.O. No. 58 of 1895, modifying para 59, Chapter III, Volume II, P. W. Code, directing that unstamped vouchers should be ~~disbursed~~ returned to disbursing officers for stamps to be affixed, I am directed to forward copies of the Proceedings of this Govt., Revenue Department, No. 862 dated 2nd September 1887 and No. 941 Mis. dated 5th March 1896, and to invite ~~attention~~ the consideration of the Government of India to the suggestion that the S.O. in question should

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should be cancelled.

I have &c,

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