

G.O., No. 3596-97

DATED 14 December

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr G. S. T. Harris: Ordered that Mr Harris' letter urging his claim to be promoted to the rank of Suptg. Engineer 3rd Class, Supernumerary, with effect from the date on which he assumed charge of the Office of Consgr. Architect to this Govt. be forwarded to the Govt. of India for favourable consideration. —

BACK PAPERS.

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	2278W		10.8.96				
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DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the Comm. and. Govt. No. 4310 of 25-11-96

10th CA. Govt.

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Mrs. Harris' letter will be forwarded to the Govt. of India for favourable consideration.

H.S. No. 3597 W of 14.12.96

To the Secy to the Govt. of India P.W.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1795 of dated 18th July 1896, I am directed to forward copy of a letter from Mrs. E. S. J. Harris, No. 4310 dated 25th Nov. 1896, urging his claims to be promoted to the rank of Sub. Eng. 3rd Class, Superannuation, with effect from the date on which he assumed charge of the office of Secy. Assistant of this Govt., and to state

That H.B. the Gov^r in Council
considers that there is much
force in Mr. Harris' argument
that as he has, in addition
to designing works, to supervise
the construction & repair of
public buildings, & to exercise
the functions of a Surveyor,
it is only reasonable that he
should be granted rank &
emoluments as such -

2. Mr. Harris further
urges that it should be
clearly laid down that he
does not, by accepting em-
ployment in India, forfeit
his right to promotion to the
Chief Eng^r Class, & that he
will rise pari passu with
his contemporaries to that
class -

3. I am to say that H.B.
the Gov^r in Council commends
Mr. Harris' request to the
favourable consideration of
the Gov^r of India, & that this
Gov^r is willing to bear the
extra charge involved in
his immediate promotion

to the rank of Super-
H.B. in Council is a
that promotion to
of Chief Eng^r was ex-
from the conditions
which the app^r of
Architect to this Gov^r
functioned, but
Mr. Harris' advance-
to that rank is all-
this Gov^r will be forth-
to bear the charge
will of course be in-
understood that as
can be given that
Harris will actually
promoted to the Eng^r
Class, as that was and
on the view that in view
of his services which
time comes; all
needed is an ass-
that he does
enter of rank
of promotion - of India
terms of

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order of his promotion

Read the following:—

Letter from Mr. Harris, Consulting Architect, No. 4310 of 25-11-96, relative to his position & promotion.

FOR ORDERS, whether Mr. Harris' letter may be forwarded to the Govt. of India with the support of this Govt. and with an intimation that this Govt. is willing to bear the cost of his immediate promotion to Supply Engineer, and of his ultimate advancement to the Chief Engineer class as a supernumerary.

Yes. But of course no pledge can be given that Mr. Harris will be promoted to Chf. Eng. That must depend on the view that is taken of his services when the time comes. At least, so it seems to me.

Yes. A.S.H.
4.12.96

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In Mr. Harris' case, the Govt. of India held that the terms of his app't. did not admit of his promotion.

To Chief Eng^r as a super-
annuity, but towards
the end of his service he
was granted a personal
allowance to bring up
his pay to that of a
Chief Engineer.

FOR ORDERS.

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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 10741

Order

From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

No. L310

Dated 25 November 1896

Received 26.11.96

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Mr. G. S. J. Harris—
Regarding position and
promotion of — Consulting
Architect to Govt. of the
Madras List.

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"	547	A do -	14-8-86 ✓
"	533	A do -	5-8-86 ✓
"	487	A do -	14-11-95 ✓
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"	1015	A do -	

C. A. 10-29-10-96.

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chepauk, Madras,
25 November 1896.

No. 4310

From

G. S. T. Harris, Esq.,

Consulting Architect

to the Government of Madras,

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

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10.8.96

I have the honour to request
that you will kindly lay the following re-
presentations before His Excellency the Governor
in Council for his favourable consideration.

2. Under the terms of the Government of India letter No. 1795 G. dated the 18th July 1896, my promotion to the rank of Superintending Engineer 3rd class ^{Supernumerary} ~~Temporary~~ is rough saved to me at the same time that I would have obtained such promotion, whether temporary or permanent on the Local Administration list to avoid the necessity for me to consider my position at the end of my term (6 months) of probation.

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the offer of this appointment. I was under the impression that the duties of the Consulting Architect were confined to designs. I however now know that my duties involve not only the designing of Architectural & other works but also the supervision of construction & repair works of some magnitude. Further I understand myself to be under the responsibility of a Superintending Engineer, that is, immediately under & responsible to you, with higher powers of sanction, i.e. Rs 5000/- than other Superintending Engineers. With these duties imposed upon me, it seems reasonable for me to ask for the rank & emoluments when I assume these duties.

4. From a reference to the Government of India Classified List corrected to 30 June 1896, the latest information at my disposal, I find that Mr. W. G. Newton who is considerably junior to me in the first grade of Executive Engineers has for some time been holding temporary rank as Superintending Engineer III class on the Local Administration List. my position on the List warrants me in believing that were my services available on that list, selection would be an early one being

immediately available my temporary promotion is prejudiced, viewed in the light of selection & convenience. I cannot help feeling this, even if my view is a wrong one.

5. I would therefore request that my promotion to Superintending ^{Superannuating} Engineer III class temporary may be notified under the terms of the Government of India letter No. 17954 dated 18 July 1896, the question of my confirmation in my present post being considered at the end of 6 months from 22 October 1896, when I beg that I may be linked with Major W. L. B. Baddley A.E. for further promotion.

6. Major Baddley was promoted to Executive Engineer I grade permanent in April 1893 while I was promoted there in August 1892, so that my request to be linked with the above officer is reasonable & in accordance with the terms set forth in the letter to me from the Under Secretary of State for India where I was informed that my,

will be regulated by comparison with
the my contemporaries in the Madras List
From a reference to the ages
and other considerations of the officers
above me in the Local Administration
As last, it will be observed that my
chances of attaining to Chief Engineer's
rank are very favourable, and I
would therefore request that in consideration
of this, it may be clearly laid down that
I do not, by accepting employment
in Madras, forfeit ^{my right to promotion to the Chief Engineer class.} the prospects, & that
I would rise *pari passu* with my
contemporary in that class.

I trust that His Excellency
the Governor will find himself able
to support my request, and obtain
the sanction of the Government of
India to the same, more especially
since the proposal is one which can be
sanctioned without affecting the
individual claims of any officer in
the Madras List.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. Harris
Consulting Architect
to Government