

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1380-81

DATED 25 Mar 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Quitting with remarks

Mr G. S. T. Harris, Consgr: Architect ~~Consgr~~

that Mr Harris' claim for a local allowance from the date he entered on the duties of his appointment and the question of his position in the department be referred for the orders of the Gov^t of India and that that Gov^t be requested to extend his term of probation by three months.

The Gov^t of India addressed

BACK PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	2126c		13.4.97

Please have the Govt. 1381 W of 25.5.97 regarding Mr Harris claim for local allowance noted against letter from India No 1911 of 19.1.97 drawing attention to certain letters from that Govt regarding the terms on which the appointment of C.A. to Govt of Madras was sanctioned by the Secy of State with remarks as regards the local allowance question

noted
29.7.97
27.7.97

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

1381 W of 25 May 1897
No. 1380 W of 25 May 1897
Mr Harris Consulting Architect
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Office Note to Mr. H. S. T. Harris No 1901 C of 2nd April 97
do from — do — No 28 of 2nd April 97
Office Note to the Examiner, P.W. Accounts, No 2126 C of 13th April 1897.
Office Note from the Examiner, P.W. Accounts, No 1721 of 1st May 1897

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed.

2. The question of linking Mr Harris, on his permanent promotion to the Suptg. Engineer class, with Major Baddeley for subsequent promotion will be considered immediately he is permanently transferred to the Madras List.

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(H. S. No 1381 W of 25th May 1897)

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India
P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 2284 dated 23rd Jan'y. 1897, I am directed ~~to have the honour~~ to state that Mr. Harris on being asked whether he is willing to be confirmed in the post of Consulting Architect in the event of this Govt. deciding to retain his services, now requests to be furnished with information on the following points before he replies to the question:—

(1) whether he will be granted a local allowance of Rs 100 per mensem under Vol. I, chap III, para. 26 of the P.W. Code, from the date he entered on the duties of the appointment, in ~~virtue~~ of his exercising the powers of a Supt. of works, and

(2) whether in the event of his confirmation he will be linked in the first instance with Mr. de Winton for purposes of promotion, and

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and he promoted at once from the 22nd April 1897 to Supt. Engineer, 3rd class, substantive pro tem, which is the rank held by Mr. de Winton since 1st October last.

2. As regards the first question put by Mr. Harris, I am ^{to} state that ^{when} Mr. Chisholm was Consulting Architect, an order was passed by this Govt. in 1880 conferring on him the powers of a Supt. of works to enable him to pass estimates ^{to} as a Supt. Engineer. The order was re-affirmed in 1888 as regards the then Consulting Architect, Mr. Brassington, and in November last as regards Mr. Harris. The question of the grant of a local allowance has not however been hitherto raised. Mr. Chisholm drew a consolidated salary of Rs 1200 per mensem, and the question therefore did not arise in his case. Mr. Brassington held

held the appointment as an Executive Engineer, but did not ask for a local allowance. I am therefore directed to refer Mr Harris' claim for a local allowance for the consideration of the Govt. of India.

3. As regards the second question, Mr. Harris was promoted permanently to the rank of Executive Engineer, 1st grade, in August 1892 while Mr de Winton reached that rank in October 1893. According to the terms of his appointment, Mr Harris on his permanent transfer to the Madras list may be promoted to the Subts. Engineer class as a Supernumerary with his contemporaries on that list. Apparently therefore on his confirmation as Consulting Architect he may at once be promoted to the rank held by Mr de Winton. The Examiner

P. W.

Mr. Brown joined as a Subts. Engineer.

P. W. Accounts, to whom the question was referred, is however of opinion that the question of linking Mr Harris with Mr de Winton can only be considered after he has been ~~promoted~~ permanently transferred to the Madras list, and after he has been promoted to the Subts. Engineer class on the Local Administration List. In other words, the Examiner appears to think that if Mr Harris is confirmed as Consulting Architect, he must in any case wait for his promotion to Subts. Engineer till his turn arrives on the Local Administration List.

4. H.E. the Governor in Council does not consider that the Examiner has correctly interpreted the intention of the Govt. of India. In para 2 of your letter No 1795 of dated 18th July 1896 it is stated that properly speaking the officer who is confirmed in the appointment of

of Consulting Architect as an Executive Engineer should obtain further promotion wholly on the Madras list; consequently he could not ordinarily be promoted before his contemporaries on that list. As however it was thought that Mr. Harris' promotion would be retarded by waiting for it on the Madras list, the Govt. of India expressed its willingness to allow him to be promoted at the time he would have received promotion had he remained on the Local Administration list. H.R. the Governor in Council cannot believe that it is intended by this that if it is found that Mr. Harris can be promoted at an earlier date on the Madras list, he must still wait until his turn arrives on the Local Administration list. But as the Examiner holds this view,

I am to enclose a copy of the correspondence, and to request an authoritative decision on this point.

S. I am further directed to ask that Mr. Harris' term of probation may be extended by three months by which time the questions connected with his confirmation will it is expected be definitely settled.

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The said office note no 172 A of 1-5-97, reporting on Mr Harris' case, is submitted for orders.

The grant of a local allowance of £100 per annum. Mr Harris, a Capt. of Works, wife, and two children, have been noted in the notes written in this office, require the sanction of the Secy of State, which in accordance with ^{precedent} he obtained through the Secy of State.

He claims (ii) of his note the Secy states that the question of linking Mr Harris with Mr de Winton or Major Baddley can only be considered after he has been permanently transferred to the Indian list, & after he has been promoted to the

Superior class on the
Local Adv. List. The
Gen. appears to think that
if Mr. Harris is confirmed
as C.A., he must in any
case, wait for his promotion
to S.S. until his turn
arrives on the Local Adv.
list.

The Gen. apparently
has not correctly in-
terpreted the intention
of the Gov. of India. In
para 2 of his letter no
1795-9 of 18.7.96 (C.O. no
22784 of 10.8.96) the
G.O. said that properly
speaking, the officer who
is confirmed in this app.
as an S.S. Gen., should
obtain further promotion
wholly on the Madras
list; consequently he
would not ordinarily be
promoted to S.S. before
his contemporaries on
that list. As however
it was thought that
Mr. Harris' promotion

would be retarded by
waiting for it on the Mad
list, the G.O. expressed
its willingness to allow
to be promoted at the time
he would have received
promotion had he remained
on the Local Adv. list.

This surely
cannot mean that if it
is found that Mr. Harris
can be promoted at an
earlier date on the
Madras list, he must
still wait until his
turn arrives on the Local
Adv. list. It would
be advisable perhaps
to refer the point to the
G.O. & have it author-
itatively settled at once.

The meaning of the
Gen's para 2 apparently
is that as both Major
Babbler & de Winter
were promoted to the S.S.
class before Mr. Harris
came to Madras, they
cannot be regarded as
his contemporaries.

Is - Mr. and Mrs. Harris's

John Harris
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file to you
to the Pr. Secy -
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made by the Circ.
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H. E. Smith for 1880
Aug 1880
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Quarry

1st April 1897.

My dear Campbell,

His Excellency
desires me to ask you to
send up all the papers
connected with the status
& promotion of the Con-
sulting Architect of Madras.

Yours sincerely,

H. E. Mather

Please find them as

sent to H. E.

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H. E. Mather

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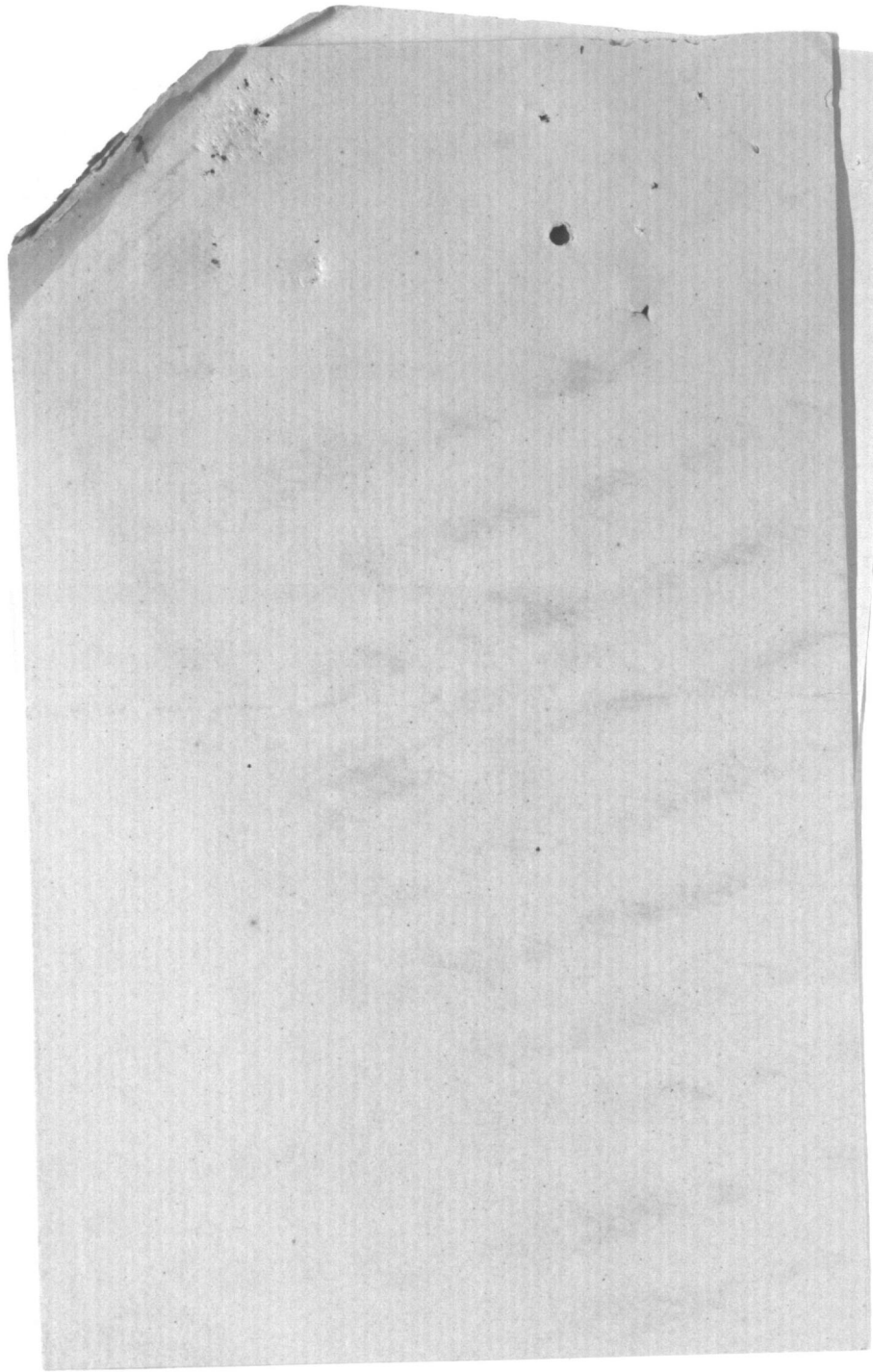
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Yes - but Mr. Harris is
a very very sensitive man
on which I have given
the most delicate treatment
and I mention this to
show he writes with a
the most delicate touch in
the world for H. E.
As the fact of Mr. Harris
being treated with Mr.
Harris will be a lesson
to anyone who is
in my office I am
sure it is shown and I am
of H. E. Harris for a person
very L. Harris & Harris.
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Major Baddley however
seems different. Although
Mr Harris was promoted
to S. S. grade before
Major Baddley,
yet the latter received
permanent promotion
to S. S. grade before
the former arrived
at that rank. Under
Major Baddley became
senior to Mr Harris
a long way by virtue
of his promotion to
the S. S. grade, & he
cannot be said to
be a contemporary
of Mr Harris on the
main list. It
seems very doubtful
whether Mr Harris can
be linked with
Major Baddley, without
a reference to the
division.

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Before drafting note
for this day: on any Harris
position, there is one
point which appears
open to doubt, &
which seems to require
further consideration -

The Govt. of Texas
has ruled that on Mr.
Harris' confirmation, he
can be promoted to the
Superior class ~~and~~
with his contemporaries
on the known list.

Mr Harris is senior
 to Mr DeWinton as E.S.
 1st Grade, & therefore there
 can be no doubt that
 he can be promoted
 with Mr DeWinton,
 i.e. he can at once
 be promoted to S.E.
 3rd class S.p.-L. on his
 transfer to the new
 list.

The question of
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H.C.

I should like to see
Harris' letter with
the which I under-
stand constituted
H.C. A's appoint-
ment as a deputy
works.

C.W.B.

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R.K.

Please
put up, R.K.

with as contemporaries
on the meadows list
Mr Harris is senior
to Mr Robinson as E.S.
1st grade, & therefore there
can be no doubt that
he can be promoted
with Mr de Winton,
i.e. he can at once
be promoted to S.S.
3rd class S.P.-C. on his
transfer to the meadows
list.

The question of

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the meadows list
is a question of
seniority. Mr Harris
is senior to Mr Robinson
as E.S. 1st grade, & therefore
there can be no doubt that
he can be promoted
with Mr de Winton,
i.e. he can at once
be promoted to S.S.
3rd class S.P.-C. on his
transfer to the meadows
list.

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of a Supt. of Works,
as defined in the
"Vocabulary" -

This provides
for the C.A. exercising
the powers of a Supt.
Genl., when the
circumstances are only
an ex. Supt. - No
Special allow. has
hitherto been granted
to an ex. Supt. holding
the post. The local
allow. granted to
a Supt. of Works
must be sanctioned
by the Secy of
State.

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The order of the

Govt. referred

to the Secy of State

sent to the

Secretary of State

for his consideration

To W

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2/4/97

There is no doubt
that the C.A. is
exercising the powers
of a Supt. Genl.
when the circumstances
are only an ex. Supt.
No Special allow. has
hitherto been granted
to an ex. Supt. holding
the post. The local
allow. granted to
a Supt. of Works
must be sanctioned
by the Secy of State.

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There is no order
of the S. of S. Committee
concerning the C.A. as

Supt. of Workers

When Mr. Chisholm
was C.A., an order
of the Executive Board
was passed concerning

on him the position
of a Supt. of Workers.

In 1888, the
order was reaffirmed
as regards the then
C.A. & the same was
added to insert
the substance of
the order in the
minutes P.W. Com.

This was done
as a note to the
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to Govt. held
office, the ap

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would require the
signature of the Secy.
of State.

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The order for the present

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The matter as regards
Mr Harris has already
been arranged - vide
Sp No 3133 W of 2.11.26
& note to C by 4598 C
of 4.12.26.

By Sp No 2062 W
of 1.9.20 & 2361 W of 3.2.22,
the C.A. is an officer as
Supt. of Works. if he is
not a Supt. Supt. the
Special allow of Rs. 100 per
month has however never
hitherto been granted
to the C.A. Supt. of Works.

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W

Mr Harris asks to
be furnished with certain
information before he
replies to the question as
whether he is willing to
be confirmed as C.A.

The question as to
his status as Supt. of
Works has been dealt
with in the notes in
the file - the answers
were given to Mr
Chisholm to enable
him to pass estimates
as a Supt. Supt., &
were contained to Mr
Bassington - the question
of a local allowance
has not hitherto been
raised - Mr Chisholm
draw consolidated pay
at Rs. 1200 per annum.

... Mr. Brownington held
the office as an En. Surg.
and did not ask for a
local allowance. Mr.
Brown joined the office
as a Surg. Genl.

As regards the
officer with whom Mr.
Harris should be listed
for promotion in the S.S.
class, according to
Coopers Hill seniority
Mr. Harris stands below
Mr. Russell - He was
however promoted to S.S.
1st grade permanent (ac-
cording to 2^d & 3^d class
field list) in August
1892 - He was S.S. 1st
grade sub prolein from
June to August 1891 & from
Decr 1891 to August 1892
when he was confirmed.

Major Baddeley

S.S. 1st grade S.P.T. on

became S.S. 1st grade on
1.10.93.

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I see no reason why Mr.
Harris should not be listed
with Major Baddeley - I
thought that had been
the intention. The reason cannot
be that S.C. or Mr. Martin
has object to it & explaining
I believe that I & I
have objection to it.
When Mr. Harris got
to details, if not at once,
I think that might be one
thing to have what
A.E. has to say on the
matter.

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The question as to when

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been definitely decided.

When Mr Harris a
year or so ago applied
to be promoted to S.E.
from the date he joined
his office, he asked that
he might be linked
with Major Baddley
in the event of his
application being suc-
ceeded - the application
was sent on to S.E. &
as it was refused, the
other point dropped.

If confirmed, the
terms of his app't. are that
he is to count against the
retros scale so long as he
is ~~in~~ an S.E. as soon
as he is promoted to S.E., he
becomes superannuating to the
list, but as he joins now.
If confirmed, he can at once
be made S.E. 3rd class S.P.C.,
superannuating, as his senior
in the S.E. 1st grade is S.E. 3rd
class S.P.C. (i.e. Mr Delamater)
on his permanent promotion
to S.E. he can be linked
with Major Baddley -

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I presume this
can now issue, and that
it need not go to the
other H. Secs.

R.R.
17/5/87.

Q.L. Information of
70 Mr Harris in the
yes C.A.M.
part of 97

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CURRENT No. 4317.

From The Examiner
P. W. Stewart
Madras

No. 172 A

Dated 1st May 1897
Received 1-5-97.
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SUBJECT.

Mr G. S. I. Harris.
Consulting Architect
to Govt. Furnishing
opinion as to how
far it would be in
order to grant —
request to.

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EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
15 APR. 1897

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, No.

228 G dated Calcutta the 23rd January 1897:-

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3597 W dated 14th December 1896, with which you forward with certain remarks, a letter from Mr. G. S. T. Harris, Executive Engineer, 1st grade, and Consulting Architect, ----- Madras in which he makes the following requests:-

- (1) That he may be promoted to Superintending Engineer 3rd Class, supernumerary at once.
- (2) That by his accepting the appointment of Consulting Architect he may not be considered as having forfeited his right to promotion to the Chief Engineer Class.
- (3) That he be permitted to rise pari passu with his contemporaries to the Chief Engineer class.
- (4) That when considering the question of his confirmation in his present appointment it be decided to link his name with Major Baddoley, R.E., for further promotion.

2. In reply, I am to state with reference to the first three points, that in the opinion of the Government of India it is undesirable without stronger reason than has been shown to set aside the conditions as to promotion ---- which were specifically laid down when Mr. Harris accepted his appointment.

So far as his claim to immediate promotion to the rank of Superintending Engineer 3rd Class is concerned, I am to observe that till he is confirmed, his promotion must be regulated under these conditions by his position

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in the Local Administration List, and that several of his seniors on that list who are eligible for promotion are still unpromoted.

The promotion of Mr. Newton to which he refers was made on very special grounds, chiefly local, and has now ceased.

I am to add that the condition limiting Mr. Harris' promotion while he holds the appointment of Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras to the rank of Superintending Engineer 1st Class, is not one which the Government of India could in any case set aside, as it is based on the terms of the Secretary of State's orders sanctioning the appointment which distinctly limit the maximum pay to that of the 1st class of Superintending Engineers.

Mr. Harris' fourth request will be a question for consideration and settlement by the Madras Government, when Mr. Harris has been permanently transferred to the Madras list.

Order thereon No. 393. W of 9th February 1897

Communicated to Mr. Harris, with reference to his letter No. 4310 dated 25th November 1896.

(True Extract)

(s/d) D. McNeil Campbell, Col. R. E.,
Secretary.

To
G. S. T. Harris Esq.,
Consulting Architect to Govt.

(True Copy)

Head Clerk, P. W. Secretariat.

EXAMINED,
P. W. ACCOUNTS No. 19016
15 APR. 1897
No. Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 2nd April 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

From

Mr. Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.

To

G. S. T. Harris Esq.

C. A. F. D. O.

Before replying definitely on the question of my relinquishing or otherwise, to be confirmed as Consulting Architect, I should like to be favoured with information on the following points -

From the correspondence, can I understand, is afforded by Govt. of Madras.

(i) Whether, considering that I have been, and necessarily, connected with the powers of a Sup^r Eng^r, apparently under P. W. D. I. III § 26, this appointment of C. A. is not the charge of a Sup^r of Works - and if the sanction of Secy. of State must not be obtained to the grant of a local allowance of Rs 1000 - since joining - This would leave my position on the local administration list in a very awkward position, the allowance of Rs 100 being allowed under Section above quoted -

(ii) Whether, assuming that I am willing to be confirmed in this post, and that Govt. decide to

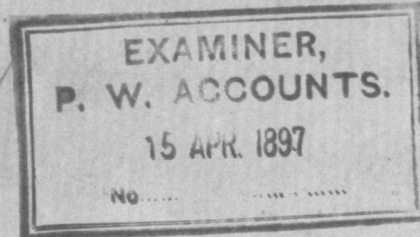
with reference to
No. 2278 W dated 10.8.96
and No. 2854 W dated 2.10.96
please say whether you are willing to be confirmed in the post of Consulting Architect should the Government decide to retain your services.

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cc + on the file with Mr. Secy.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3412



From

The Consulting Architect
to the Government
of Madras

No. 28

2126C of 13-4-97

Order O. U.

To C

Please favour the
Government with your opinion, Dated 2 April 1897
from an account point of view, as to how far
it would be in order to grant Mr Harris' requests. Copy of G.O. 393 W of 9.2.97 is enclosed.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to be favoured
with certain information
from the Govt. of Madras
for saying that if he is
willing to be confirmed
in the post of Consulting Architect

When my services, I would not
be linked at least with Mr. B.
detention - who is now S.P.T. 3rd Class
S.S. and is promoted to that rank
from date of confirmation i.e. from
22.4.97. On my confirmation in
1900. in the S.P.T. 3rd class
along with my Contn. Jony M. det.
I request that the question of
linking me with Major Baddley may
be favourably considered, as this is left
entirely for consideration & settlement by
the Madras Govt. (note § 4 of G.O. 42
letter no. 2 with G.O. 393 W of 9.2.97)
I again mention that Major Baddley
& Mr. det. Winton were both promoted to
S.P.T. 1st class. Some time after
me.

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C. H. 3

P. W. 3

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dated

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Madras, ^{1st May} ~~April~~ 1897.

OFFICE NOTE No. 172 A

To

W.

Your O.N.No.2I26 C.dated 13th.April
1897.

I. (i) The sanction of the Secretary of State would be necessary to the grant of a local allowance to Mr. Harris in addition to the pay of his grade, vide P.W. Code volume I, chapter III, para 26.

(ii) The question of linking Mr. Harris with Mr. deWinton or Major Baddeley can only be considered after he has been permanently transferred to the Madras List, and after he has been promoted to the Supg. Engineer Class, whether temporary or permanent, on the Local Administration List, vide para 2 of Government of India No. 1795 G. dated 18th. July 1896.

2. Mr. Harris is senior to Major Baddeley R.E. and Mr. deWinton as Executive Engineer Ist. Grade. The dates of their respective promotion to that grade are :-

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Mr. Harris - 18th. August 1892

Major Baddeley R.E. - 22nd. April 1893

Mr. deWinton - 1st. October 1893

but both Major Baddeley and Mr. deWinton
were Supg. Engineers prior to the date
on which Mr. Harris joined his appoint-
ment as Consulting Architect, Madras.

3. According to the Royal Indian Engi-
neering College Calendar Mr. Harris' Col-
lege standing is between Mr. Russell and
Mr. Paul.

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