Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 2246-47W.

17th

DATED ~~16~~ August 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr C. H. T. Norton Ex. Engineer: Ordered that the letters from — on the subject of his claim to Exchange Compensation allowance under the new rules, be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

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Mr. Norfor's Claim for Exchange Compensation allowance

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from Mr. C. H. J. Norfor, Exec. Engr. No. 2661 d/ 26. 6. 97
Endorst. thereon by the S. E. V Circle No. 221 W d/ 1. 7. 97
Letter from Mr. C. H. J. Norfor, Exec. Engr. No. 2707 d/ 29. 6. 97
Endorst. thereon by the S. E. V Circle No. 224 W d/ 2. 7. 97

Mr. Norfor's letters will be forwarded to the Government of India.

To the S. E. V Circle ✓ A.G.H

d/ 17/8/97

H. E. No. 2247 W d/ 17th August 1897

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

Sir,

In Continuation of my letter No. 1166 W dated 5th May 1897, I am directed to forward for the orders of the Govt. of India Copies of two letters* received from Mr. C. H. J. Norfor, Executive Engineer, in which he brings forward

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* No. 2661 d/ 26th June 1897
No. 2707 d/ 29th June 1897

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forward his claim for Exchange Compensation allowance under the new rules published with the Govt. Resolution of the Govt. of India, Finance and Commerce Dept. No. 2422 Ex. dated 31 May 1897.

2. Mr. Norfor bases his claim on the following grounds:—

(a) He is not a Statutory Native of India, his father having come out to this country as a temporary measure

(b) He was appointed as an European to the P.W. Dept. in which a proportion of Europeans is held to be indispensable, and for the purpose of maintaining that proportion. This he is led to infer from the following facts:

(1) When, in 1870, he was appointed

appointed to the Engineer Establishment of the Madras P.W. Dept., it had been the practice in Madras at all events to admit none but Europeans into that Establishment.

(2) Although in rank, he stood third in the list of the successful students of his batch who passed out of the Madras College, he alone was appointed to the Engineer branch of the P.W. Dept. in preference to his seniors, one of whom was a Native, and the other an Eurasian.

(3) From the beginning of his service, he has been placed under the European Service Leave rules, and his name is included in Appendix No. 3 to the C.S. Regulations

3. I am to add that the first Native appointed to the Engineer Establishment of this Presidency

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Presidency was Rai Bahadur S. Subbarayachariar, B.C.E., who passed out of the Madras College of Engineering in 1863. This gentleman was first posted to the P. W. Dept. as a Supervisor in 1865, and was made an Assistant Engineer in 1871, just a year after Mr Norfor's appointment.

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Desired the copies of 2 letters 17/8/97

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Mr Norfor's claim to Exchange Compensation allowance

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Letter from C.H.T.Norfor Esq., No.2661, dated 26th June 1897.

Endorsement by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, No.221 W, dated 1st July 1897.

Letter from C.H.T.Norfor Esq., No.2707, dated 29th June 1897.

Endorsement by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, No.224 W/R dated 2nd July 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

In these two letters, Mr. C.H.T. Norfor, Executive Engineer, again brings forward his claim to the grant of exchange compensation allowance, and considers that he is entitled to draw it under the new rules (G.O.No.491 x, Financial, d/24th June 1897).

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2. He claims to have been appointed to the Department from the Madras College as a European and with the object of maintaining the "requisite proportion of Europeans". He bases his contention on the fact that previous to his appointment no natives had been admitted to the Engineer rank of the Madras P.W.D., and this circumstance leads him to think that natives were, at that time, not eligible to be appointed to the Engineer Establishment.

3. He overlooks the fact, however, that long previous to his own appointment

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appointment, a number of natives from local colleges had been appointed to the Engineer Establishment of the P. W. D. under the Govt. of India, thus showing that natives were not debarred from such posts. In Madras, the first native appointed to the Engineer Establishment was S. Subbaroyachariyar, who passed out of the Madras College as a B. C. E. in 1863. This gentleman was first posted to the P. W. D. as a Supervisor in 1865, and was made an Assistant Engineer in 1871, just a year after Mr. Norfor's appointment.

4. Mr. Norfor's claim to the exchange compensation allowance was rejected by the Government of India under the old rules. His appeal on the subject is now before the Government of India-vide Pros. Nos. 1165-6 W dated 5-5-97. The decision on that appeal will probably be based on the new rules, and a reply from -- the Government of India might perhaps be awaited.

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I think these first letters had better be sent on. The Govt. of India will then have before them all Mr. N. has to say.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 6470

Order

From The Supg Engineer
5th Circle

No. 221/W.

Dated 1st July 1897.
Received 2.7.97
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SUBJECT.

Exchange Compensation allowance

Forwarding letter from Mr. Norfor requesting permission to draw –

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No 2661.

Tanjore Divisional Office
26th June 1897.

From

C. H. J. Norton Esquire
Executive Engineer
Tanjore Divisi

To,

The Chief Engineer
Madras
Thro: Supg Engine
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Sir,

Under the new Rules for the grant of Exchange Compensation, I have the honour to Enquire if I may draw the allowance.

2 I claim it because I was appointed to the P.W. Department as a European, and for the purpose of maintaining the Establishment of Europeans in that Department, by Examination, in 1870, at a time when it was the ruling & practice to admit none but Europeans into the Engineer branch of the Madras P.W.D.

3. In other words, I was appointed at a time, when it was thought absolutely necessary that the Government of the Country, so far as the Madras P.W.D was concerned, should be entrusted wholly to Europeans, proved by the fact that when I Entered there was not a

native in the Department nor had there ever been one.

4. That part of the Government of India Resolution No $\frac{2422\ Er}{31.5.97}$ para 10, therefore which refers to admission to the Department by appointment in England and in India under regulation, open equally to Europeans and natives, has, I beg to state, no bearing whatever on my case.

5. From the beginning of my service, I have been admitted to the European Service Leave Rules, and my name is included in Appendix 3 of the C.S. Regulations. In fact all those whose names are therein mentioned have been acknowledged by the Secretary of State for India in his Despatch No $\frac{451}{6.12.71}$ to have been appointed as Europeans, hence their admission to the European Service Leave Rules.

6. As a further proof that I had entered the "Department only as a European" I would wish to mention that when I passed out of the College at Madras, there were two others who passed with me, a native and a Eurasian; but, being a European, I

I was the only one of the three" who was appointed to the Engineer branch although I passed, in order of merit, the last of the three".

The native was appointed to the Department as a Supervisor and the Eurasian took service under a native State. This, I think, shews that in my time appointments were not equally open to Europeans and natives. The latter went up for the higher test in order to enter the Department above the grade of Overseer – i.e. they entered as Supervisors.

7. In conclusion I beg to state that I am not a native of India as defined by the Resolution as my father came out to the Country as a temporary measure and died in service.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt servt
C. Morfer
Executive Engineer

P.S. It appears to me that my case should be dealt with as ruled for the Accounts Departments
C.M.

From

C.H.T. Nasr Engineer

Executive Engineer

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
No. 416
29 JUN. 1897
V. CIRCLE, P.W.D. MADRAS.

To

The Chief Engineer

Thro: S.E.V.

No 2661

Dated 26 }
Despd 28 } June 1897.
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Subject.

Exchange Compensation allowance — Request permission to draw.

No 221 W.

Forwarded.

C. Adams
1/7/97
Lt. Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer, 5 Circle

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 6473

Order

From The Supg Engineer
5th Circle

No. 224 W.

Dated 2nd July 1897.
Received 2.7.97
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SUBJECT.

Exchange compensation allowance.

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Forwarding a letter fro
Mr C.H.T. Nasr for giving
reasons for the grant of
to him.

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5.5.97

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Superintending Engineer, 5 Circle

Tanjore Divisional Office
No 2707. 29th June 1897

From

C. H. J. Napier Esquire
Executive Engineer
Tanjore Divisio

To,

The Chief Engineer P. W. D
Madras
Thro: Supt Engineer
V Circle

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 2661/26-6-97. I beg to be permitted to point out that the Government of India, in para 10 of their Resolution, observe that, under regulations, admission to the Department by appointment in India is open equally to European and natives, but that such admission is not made with the object of maintain the "requisite proportion of Europeans".

By this statement, they appear to allude to their P. W. D Resolution No 1443 G/13·12·84, in concluding which they say "In future, therefore, all students coming under the statutory definition of native of India will be eligible to compete for the guaranteed appointme in the Public Works Department", and if this Resolution is referred to, it will be seen that, after limiting appointmen

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for some time to pure natives (which they did after giving them originally to Europeans only) they extended them also to Europeans and Eurasians who are natives of India.

2. The inference to be drawn from this is that now, and from 1884, Europeans entering the Department through Indian Colleges, do not do so "as Europeans" but as natives of India, and that, as such, they are under the new Rules, not entitled to Exchange Compensation.

3. When I entered the Department, however, I did so as a pure European, and long before any such ruling conferring appointments through Indian Colleges to natives of India only, as stated in para 1 of this letter, came out.

4. In my time military Staff Corps Officers with other Europeans were eligible for appointments to the P.W.D through the Madras College, and, when I was there, as a Student, a Captain of the Staff Corps was also there, as a Student, but he died before he entered the Department; I refer to the late Captain Worcester whose name will be found in the College Calendar.

5. This I think proves that, in my time, Europeans, other than natives of India, were eligible for appointments through the College, and, not only so, but that, as preference was given to them, they were appointed to maintain the establishment of Europeans.

6. In conclusion, I beg to state that from 1869 to 1874, there were no regulations under which Europeans (not to mention natives) could enter the Department by appointment in England. The year 1868 saw the last of the Stanley Engineers, and Coopers Hill Engineers were not appointed until 1874.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obdt servt
C. Hooper
Executive Engineer

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Forwarded in continuation of this office No [illegible] dated [illegible] July 1887

From

C. H. J. [illegible] Esquire
Executive Engineer
Tanjore Dt

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
No. 4187
30 JUN 1897
CIRCLE, P. W. D., MADRAS.

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Thro S.E. V

No 2707

Dated 29 } June 1897.
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Exchange Compensation allowance → gives reasons for the grant of – to him.

No 224 W.
Forwarded in Continuation of this office No 221 W dated 1st July 1897

C. S. Lyme
2/7/97
Lt Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engr. 5 circle