

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3152W

DATED 11 November 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr J. C. Larmine, Observing that — is incorrect in his supposition that Govt has not the power to make the appointment of a ^{Chief} deputation as Chief Engineer ~~and~~ and declining to comply with his request that his letter ^{may} be referred to the Govt of India for decision.

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4th. The Governor
in Council observes that
Mr. Laminie is incorrect
in his supposition that
Govt. has not the power
to make the appointments
in question.

2. The Govt. ^{cannot} ~~has not~~
~~therefore~~ ^{reason} to comply with
the request in para 7
of Mr. Laminie's letter.

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J. C. Lammie M. J. C. S. / 2 13/1/19

S.A.W. *cm*
2. *h*

His Excellency the Governor ✓
the Hon the Secy of War U.S.A. ✓
the Hon Mr. Groce, C.D.S.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

Letter from the Sup^t Engr^s I enclose the $\frac{C}{867}$
dated 20 Dec 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

I forget the precise terms of the answer
given to Col. Smart, but a similar
answer should be given to this.

A.S.H.
2.11.97

Yes— There's one thing
I've said, vizt., that as
we reading this confused
production would think
Mr Lammie the man for
the post created by St. Campbell.

W.A.
4/11/97
Yes
J.G.
5/11/97

This letter is a
protest from Mr. J.C.
Lammie, Sup^t Engr^s 1st
Class, against the
appointment of Mr.
de Winton to act as
Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Fort.

The arguments
brought forward are
much the same as
those employed by
Colonel Smart and
Lt. Col. Boddy, and
the remarks made
in the note from

FOR ORDERS.

orders circulated with
the appeals of these
offices are applicable
to the present one.

W. B. Seal
27.10.97

W. B.

~~Public~~ Works (1897) Department.

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Order

From J. C. Laraine Esquire M.P.
Supt. Engineer T. C. C.

No. *C*
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Dated 20. 10. 97.

Received 23-10-97

Enclosures *h/b*

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SUBJECT.

Appointment of the Chief Engineer
and Secretary of the Government
P.W.D. from Senior Executive Engineer
— informs that the — is against
Code Rules and requests to submit
this letter for consideration
of His Excellency the Governor
in Council with the necessary
papers noted within —

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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667 Office of the Suptg Engrs. India
Camp Dufaisheram
Dated 20. 10. 97.
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Now

J. C. Laraine Esq. Wt.
Superintendent Eugene
First Circle.

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The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Department.

Sir,

I believe I am not far wrong in stating, that I have, in common with every other member of the P. W. Department observed with much surprise your appointment as Acting Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government. P. W. Departt. With surprise! not that I would in any way question your qualifications for the post in question, but at what must seem an extraordinary thing that; amongst

amongst six other officers
some of them a long way
your senior, Officers who
have for many years
administered with credit
heavy and important
Charges; none should be
considered qualified to
hold the post in question,
and that in consequence
Comparatively quite a
junior, should be selected.

2. If such is the case,
it can only be regarded
as little short of lamentable
and would seem to point
to some radical defect
in the system under which
Superintending Engineers are
appointed.

3. That such a
condition of affairs might
however arise, seems to have
been contemplated by the
Government of India when,
to prevent the feelings of
hardship

+ The authority for the
statement is not
quite clear. There is nothing
in the rules applicable
to minors which fetters
the action of the Govt.
H. J. Wood

hardship and discouragement
not alone to the men
immediately concerned
but to the whole Department,
which the appointment of
a junior, in such a case
would be certain to give
rise to; they ruled, that
application should be made
to them for the services of a
senior officer.

4. Under these condi-
tions, the only inference is,
that in appointing you, the
rules referred to, have been
completely lost sight of,
and I have therefore the
honour to request that you
will be so good as to submit
this letter for the considera-
tion of His Excellency the
Governor in Council,
along with the papers men-
tioned in the next
para.

5. The first point
for

for consideration will be the fact, that had not Colonel Campbell taken leave, you would, on the return of Colonel Smart from deputation, on the 14th December next, have promoted to your permanent rank in the Department as Executive Engineer, First grade, and consequently, that being even now, your permanent rank, you are quite ineligible, under the rules of the Government of India for appointment as Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Govt of Madras.

C. This being the case, the next point for consideration will be the eligibility for promotion of one of the six permanent Superintending Engineers, your Seniors, when, if none are considered qualified, the services of

* P.W. Code
Volume I, Chap. I Para 80
Item 6.
Also GO: no. 822 W of 19³/₅₉
" no. 6 W of 4¹/₉₂
" no. 1550 W of 23⁶/₉₄

a Senior officer should be applied for, to the Government of India.

I would also respectfully request that in the event of their being any doubt as to the Government of India rules on this question, this letter may be referred to them for decision, the point at issue being one of such vital importance to the Department generally for, if the Senior Executive Engineer is eligible for such rapid advancement, there appears to be no reason why the principle should not be

* But the Govt of India has prescribed a time rule for promotion in the Executive and Assistant grades. (vide Clause 2, para 59, Chap. I, Vol. I, P.W. Code) and this rule applies to Madras also - vide G.O. 2604 W of 13.10.93, para 6 of the Govt of India Resolution read therein. Still further extended to the junior grades, thus obtaining a wider field for selection.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedt Servt

J. C. Lawrence
Suptg Engineer First Class
20/10/94