

Public Works (1899) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Officers recruited from the Royal Indian Engineering College: Letter from the Govt of India offering certain special terms of retirement to a limited number of ———— Command to certain officers for ~~apart~~ immediate report as to what action they propose to take.

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## No. 955 G. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. GENERAL.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND  
ODDH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.  
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.  
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.

Simla, the 5th July 1899.

SIR,

In Public Works Department Resolution No. 2873 G., dated the 2nd November 1893, the Government of India, with the sanction of the Secretary of State, offered certain special terms of retirement to officers of the Engineer Establishment who entered the Public Works Department in the years 1874 to 1881. The measures then adopted were fairly successful in accelerating promotion in the Department, so far as those who entered it after 1876 were concerned, and exercised a similar effect, though to a less extent, as regards those who entered the Department in the years 1874 to 1876. There are still, however, a certain number of officers of those three years in the Department, who are still in the Executive grades, and have not been able to attain the improved position which it was one of the objects of the scheme of 1893 to secure for them, and who were either unable to accept the terms of retirement originally offered or who would have gained little by accepting them. The Government of India accordingly recommended to the Secretary of State that certain special terms of retirement on similar lines to those offered in 1893 should now be offered to a limited number of officers recruited from the Royal Indian Engineering College in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

### 2. The terms proposed are—

- That a number of Civil Engineers not exceeding 24 who joined the service in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 from the Royal Indian Engineering College, and who are now in Government service and not on deputation in foreign employ, shall be permitted to retire at once or within a reasonable time, with an additional pension equal to one-fourth of that admissible under the ordinary rules on date of retirement. The maximum pension so granted not to exceed Rs. 5,000 per annum.
- That a necessary condition of selection for such special pension shall be that the officer is recommended for promotion to the rank of Superintending Engineer, and would have attained that rank had vacancies been available; or that he had not been hitherto superseded for such promotion, or could not have been promoted even if recommended.

- (iii) That any furlough due may be taken by such officers prior to retirement, subject to the general rules.
- (iv) The Government of India reserve to themselves absolutely the right to refuse the application of any officer to retire under these terms, and to exercise that right without specifying reasons.

3. The Secretary of State has now sanctioned these proposals, and I am accordingly to request that the names of the officers belonging to the named years, if any, who fulfil the above conditions, and who may desire to accept the terms may be reported to the Government of India.

It should be observed that as the number of officers to whom the terms are to be granted is limited, care and consideration is necessary in their selection; and only those who thoroughly deserve the concession, and fulfil the terms as above stated, should be recommended. An early reply is requested.

[To Madras.] [It should be borne in mind in considering further recommendations that the terms have been already offered to three officers of the Madras list in the telegram from this office No. 788 G., dated 5th June 1899.]

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14-6-99

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Walker

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying.  
Nil.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.  
Public Works Dept.

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Kindly see the Honorable Mr. Arnold's remarks on this current.

2. The offer has been made to Messrs Paul, Russell and Lewis. The latter two have retired. Reply from Mr. Paul is awaited.

3. The Honorable Member does not probably require a reply to his remarks and the draft may, therefore, issue.

P. K. S.  
28/7/99

To W. I don't think the H. M. wants a reply to his question? H. C. S.  
28/7

No. 7000

L. H. S.  
W. H. S.