Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 2370 & 2371

DATED 8 September 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Special terms of retirement to certain Coopers Hill Engineers -

Directing, with remarks, that the Govt of India be informed of the decision of certain Coopers Hill Engineers in respect of the Special terms of retirement offered to them.

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Govt of India addressed

BACK PAPERS.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Urgent

READ the following:--

Letter from W. C. De Morgan Esqre No 771 dd 8.8.99
" " A. H. Garrett Esqre No 445/W dd 8.8.99
" " J. P. Davidson Esqre No 9173 dd 15.8.99
" " C. H. B. Burlton Esqre No 4144 dd 21.8.99
Idem the S. E., IV Circle, No 473/W dd 26.8.99

Circulated to H. E. the Governor

[redacted] ORDER.

No: 2870 W dd 8.9.99

Ordered that the Govt. of India be addressed.

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Rw.

D.7.9.99
No 1999

2d Mr Davidson will be informed that his letter has not been forwarded to the Govt. of India, because this Govt. considers that its tone is not becoming and that he should have confined himself to a simple and direct answer to the question put to him

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S.A.

P.W.S.
D.S.P.

2d J.P. Davidson Esqr. dd 4/9/99 (Cf).

A.S.
R.4/9

(H.E. No 237/W dd 8th September 1899)

To

The Jt. Secy. to the Govt. of India
P. W. Dept.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 961 dated 5th Jul 1899, I am directed to state that the special terms of retirement therein offered were communicated to Messrs A. H. Garrett, W. C. De Morgan, J. P. Davidson & C. H. B. Burlton, Executive Engineers

1st

Date.

Grade, who are the only officers in the Madras P.W. Dept. who fulfil the conditions prescribed. All these officers have expressed their unwillingness to retire on the terms offered. Mr. Davidson points out that in his case these terms do not remedy or compensate for the grievance which is admitted to exist.

I am to forward a copy of this letter for the information of the Govt. of India.

2. With reference to the note at the end of para 3 of your letter under reply, I am directed to state that Messrs W. C. Lewis & H. S. Russell have already retired, & that Mr. J. E. Paul will probably do so on the expiry of the special leave which he is at present.

I have &c.

30.9.99

29/9

A.G.H. 1.9.99

Note. I am not sure that the time of Mr. Davidson's letter is quite suitable for transmission to India, except under the impression that the facts are correct.

I do not think the time of Mr. Davidson's letter is becoming. He had better confine himself to a simple and direct answer to the question put to him.

30.9.

Urgent

His Excellency the Governor

Very well. A.G.H. 4.9.99

Note

P.W. in

With reference to this Secretary's remarks dated 1.9.99 I beg to point out that Mr Davidson has, in para 3 of his letter, expressed his inability to accept the terms offered. I therefore propose to send the letter to the Govt of India as drafted, with the exception of the words 'I am to forward a copy of this letter to the information of the Govt of India', and to inform Mr Davidson that his letter has not been forwarded because Govt consider that its tone is not becoming, & that he should have confined himself to a simple & direct answer to the question put to him.

1.9.99

A.G.H. 4/9/99

Dw W

Mr Davidson asks that the facts mentioned in his letter may be brought to the notice of the Govt of India, & in the last it is proposed to send a copy of his letter to India. It is submitted however that it does not seem necessary or expedient to do so. Mr Davidson's letter is virtually a criticism of the action taken by the Govt of India & the Secy of State in the matter. [illegible] intended to be.

I do not know whether the last clause of the para 2 of the draft is correct not having seen the [illegible] the essence consists in the prayer with which it concludes. In this case there is no prayer - Mr Davidson merely criticises the action of the Govt of India.

It all depends on the view the Govt may take of the tone of Mr Davidson's letter. If they consider the tone to be unobjectionable there is nothing to prevent the transmission of the letter, either according to rule or procedure. Special orders might be asked.

R.S.
30 Augt 99

See Note

Govt

Mr. Paul. I.
are assumed that
he intends retiring.
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25.8.99

C.S.W

Can Mr. Davidson's letter
be forwarded with
his report - or must it
be like the journey
a memorial to the
Secy

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Telegram

From Madras Works
To. Works, Simla

30th ult

Send policy index
to
India

Tel. despatched
30-8-99

per No 1311 dated 25th inst. No
Further Papers in the
Residency are wanted
by accept the special
terms of retirement - letter

Public Works (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 7021

Urgent

From The Supt. Engineer
4th Circle

Order

Read 28.8.99 No. 473/45

Dated 26th August 1899

Received 28. 8. 99

Registered

Enclosures Nil

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

C. H. B. Burlton Esq
Ex: Engr, Coimbatore Division

Submits letter from ——
expressing his unwillingness
to retire at present on a pension
not exceeding Rs 6000 per annum

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Note - All replies to G.O. 2037 W of 3. 8. 99
have now been rec'd.
1/9
27/3/1900

O.C. S. 443 n 1/9

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
2037 W	3-8-99
1828 W	14-7-99
597 W	27-2-99
289 W	31-1-99
178 W	12-1-99
2967 W	22-11-98
4879 C	5-11-98
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FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Executive Engineer's office,
Coimbatore Division.
Dated 21st Augt 1899.

No. 4144

FROM,

C. H. B. Burlton Esqr.
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
COIMBATORE DIVISION.

TO,

THE Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

Sir,

ENCLOSURES.

In acknowledging receipt of G. O. No. 2037 W of 3-8-99, received with your forwarding No. 509/C.D. of 7-8-99, I have the honor to state that I do not propose, if all goes well with me, to take furlough until 1901; and as by that time I shall have completed 25 years service, including over 22 years in India, I would respectfully express my unwillingness to retire at present on a pension not exceeding Rs. 5,000 per annum.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt: Servt.

C. H. B. Burlton.
Executive Engineer.

No. 4731 W of 26-8-99
Submitted to the Chief Engineer P.W.D.
with reference to G.O. No. 2037 W of 3rd August 1899

Recd. 26.8
Supg. Engr. 4th Circle

S.J. 17/8/99

cpd
J.C.S.
17/8.

21/8/99

1000—5-10-98.

P. W. D.

No. 6847

From

The Executive Engineer,

Coimbatore Division.

To The Superintending Engr
4th Circle: Coimbatore

Dated 21st
Despatched 23d } Augt 1899.
Received

No. 4144

Enclosures.

states that he does not propose to take furlough until 1901 and expresses his unwillingness to retire at present on a pension not exceeding Rs 5000 per annum

Written

Public Works (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 6728

Order

From The Director of Public Instruction Madras.

No. 9173

Dated 15 August 1899.

Received 16 8 99

Enclosures Letter Plans-nil Abstract Others-1 5 1

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting for Government letter from the Ag Principal College of Engineering, reporting on letter from the Government of India offering certain special terms of retirement to a limited number of officers recruited from the Royal Indian Engineering College.

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6536.

Complete
Rec 17.8.99
Issue
17/8/99.

DESPATCHED
AUG 1899

DESPATCHED
15 AUG 1899

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BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

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Department of Public Instruction.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MADRAS.

No. 396 C, 14th August 1899.

Despatched 14th August } 1899.
Received 14th

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 14 AUG 1899 MADRAS

Enclosures.
Nil
Secure copies.

Subject.

Officers recruited from the Royal Indian Engineering College: Reporting receipt of letter from the Government of India offering certain special terms of retirement to a limited number of ——————.

No. 9173 of 15th August 1899

Submitted to Government

S Dunlop

Director of Public Instruction.

C/4 500—21-8-1899.

OTHER PAPERS.

No.

Dated 189 .

From

PRINCIPAL, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MADRAS,

To

SIR,

No. 396 C Madras, 14th August 1899

From J. P. Davidson Esqr
Executive Engineer, 1st grade
Ag Principal, College of Engineering
Madras

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras
Through the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of G. O. No. 2037 W of 3rd August 1899, and its accompaniment letter No. 965 C of the Government of India, Public Works Department, of 5th July 1899.

2. After a careful perusal of the Government of India letter, I am at a loss to understand why my acceptance or refusal of the so called concession therein made should be required. Had I been willing to accept the offer now made, I would naturally have memorialised the Secretary of State simultaneously with Messrs Russell, Paul and Lewis; my position in the Department, indifferent and virtually hopeless though it is,

owing to my seniority a shade better than
position held by the officers above named,
while on the other hand my private circumstances,
not allow, as theirs fortunately for them did,
my taking pension at the present time.

3. In communicating, therefore, to the Govern-
ment of India my inability to avail myself
of the so-called concession, I would most respectfully
ask that the following facts may also be brought
to their notice:—

(1) I returned from my last furlough on the
29th March 1897, and though I have at the
present moment more than 1 year's furlough to
my credit, I cannot "subject to the general
rules" (vide clause (iii) para 2 Government of
India letter under reply) avail myself of such
furlough till on or after the 2nd April 1900.

(2) I complete 25 years actual service in India
on the 1st October 1900, and on that date, less than
14 months hence, I qualify for the pension now
offered me viz Rs 5000, but I, in addition,
shall also ~~be~~ at the same time, qualify for
and be entitled to, furlough of 18 months.

(3) If therefore I accepted the concession, or in
other words, anticipated my pension of Rs 5000 by
a period of less than 14 months duration, I should
have to forfeit my furlough, and thereby during
the first 18 months of my retirement suffer a
pecuniary loss of £350 sterling nearly, being the
difference between my pension of Rs 5000 at 1s-9d to
the rupee, and my furlough pay of Rs 6300 payable
at 2s to the rupee, the pecuniary advantage would
consequently be entirely on the side of Government-
There would also be the indirect advantage to Govern-
ment of the improved position in which my
juniors will stand owing to my retirement, a
position which will be attained at my expense.

4. In para 1 of their letter, the Government of
India admit that the measures taken in 1893
were a complete failure so far as officers of my
standing were concerned, and in admitting
this, they virtually admit that there was a
wrong to be redressed- The terms now offered
are on a par with those offered in 1893; they are
only capable of acceptance by men with pri-
vate means & suitable to the case of

in broken health ; in the case of other officers, acceptance means a serious pecuniary loss to the officer accepting, and a more than corresponding pecuniary gain to Government, exclusive of indirect advantages - I submit that the offer of such terms cannot seriously be described as an attempt to remedy, or to give compensation for, a grievance, the existence of which is, in this very letter № 965 G dated 5th July 1899, freely admitted -

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R Narasimhan
Ag Principal, College
of Engineering, Madras.

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Public Works (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 6530
6547

From The Supdg. Engineer,
4th Circle -

Order

No. 445
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Dated 8th August 1899
Received } 11-8-99
Registered }
Enclosures ✓ nil
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SUBJECT.

Retirement -

States that he has no desire to take advantage of the favourable terms offered by Government for -

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No. 445 / W

Office of the Superintending Engineer,
FOURTH CIRCLE.
~~Coimbatore~~ Camp Atmur 5th Aug 1899.

From A. H. Garett Esq:
Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle, Coimbatore.

To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Enclosure

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 20370 of 3.8.99, I have the honour to inform you that I have no desire to take advantage of the favourable terms of retirement offered by Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

A. H. Garett
Supdg Engr IV Circle

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2,000—29-3-99.

Public Works (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 6547
6550

From The Supg. Engineer
First Circle

Order

No. 7719 P.

Dated 8/8.8.99.

Received } 11-8-99

Registered }

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Informing that he does not propose to retire under the terms offered in Govt. of India No. 953 Gd. 5-7-99.

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2,000—29-8-99.

No.	Date.

No.	Date.

C/5 200—15-6-1899.

No. 7792

FROM

W. C. De Morgan Esqr., M.I.E.

~~THE~~ SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE,

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WALTAIR, 8" August 1899.

Camp. 8

Enclosures.

SIR,

With reference to no: 2037 W of 3rd August 1899, I have the honor to inform you that I do not propose to retire under the terms offered in Govt of India no. 953 Gp of 5" July 1899.

× not Communicated

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

WDeMorgan

S/E

Supdg Engineer

First Circle

W.O.R.
7.8.99