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11th October 1869.*

No. 200. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 16th September 1869, No. 306:—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of His Lordship the Governor in Council the case of Mr. F. J. Jacques, who has now served as Head Clerk in my office since April 1867.

2. Were it not that Mr. Jacques' case is such an exceptional one, I would not venture to bring it forward after the former decision of Government, *vide* G. O., No. 2,520, dated 9th August 1866; but if ever faithful and most valuable service can be pleaded to cancel a fault, I do not think that its claims could be more reasonably urged than in this instance.

3. The testimonials forwarded herewith, relative to Mr. Jacques' previous services, require no remark beyond the one that they could scarcely be worded more eulogistically; and I must add that my own experience permits me to say that I consider them fully deserved.

4. The post that Mr. Jacques at present holds carries with it a salary of Rupees 100, and is a temporary one, dependent on the continuance of the present organization of the Department in Wynaad; but though fully aware of this, Mr. Jacques some time back refused an offer of the situation of Manager in head office of the Irrigation Company, at a salary of Rupees 150. This I know for certain, as Mr. Jacques brought me the letter in which the offer (which it appears was unsolicited) was conveyed; but as it was coupled with an intimation that he must take it up at once, he knew that it would cause me the very greatest inconvenience to lose his services at such short notice; and although I told him that I would not allow that to stand in the way of his advancement, he with extreme good feeling and disinterestedness refused the post, saying, that as I had given him employment when he was in want, he would not like to make such a return as to leave me at a time when it would be so inconvenient. I would beg to mention that the difficulty I should have been placed in would have been very great, as independent of the fact that it is scarcely possible to get competent persons to fill vacancies in the Wynaad establishment, especially when the drawback of the posts being temporary is added, I was at the time in bad health myself, and the other members of the office would have been quite incompetent to manage the work. Mr. Jacques has since remained steadily at his work, although he has by no means escaped the illness which has, at one time or another, prostrated every employé in the district; last season he suffered severely from fever, and was frequently obliged to leave office from its effects, but always made an effort to return to work as soon as he possibly could, and when in reality his state would have justified his absence; nor during the whole time did he ask for leave, although sickness in his family (of whom he lost one member, a young child,) obliged him to send it down to Calicut, where they have lived at an increased expense to him ever since. I would add also that, in addition to his special duty as Head Clerk of my office, he has discharged the duties of Accountant for the Vythery Range without any additional salary, being assisted only by a Clerk on Rupees 40 per month, while other Ranges have an Accountant on Rupees 75; so that there has been a saving of Rupees 35 per month to Government, which but for Mr. Jacques' industry and special qualifications would not have been possible.

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5. Taking the foregoing into consideration, and the high testimonials in Mr. Jacques' favour, as well as the venial nature of the fault he committed, (the only one that appears against him during his whole service), also that I have ascertained from Colonel Walker that, if referred to, he would not make any objection to my application, I beg permission to be allowed to appoint Mr. Jacques to a vacancy now existing on the permanent strength of the establishment, as Head Accountant of the Goodaloor Range, and that his previous service may be restored to him to count for pension, as well as the time during which he has served in my office; and I feel myself quite safe in guaranteeing that should His Lordship be pleased to extend this indulgence, Mr. Jacques' future service and conduct will make good return for the same.

6. As however I could not spare Mr. Jacques' services myself, I would beg to retain him still in my own office on his present salary, and entertain another person to act temporarily in the Goodaloor Range Office on the salary of that post, a step that would entail no extra expense to Government.

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1869, No. 3,274.

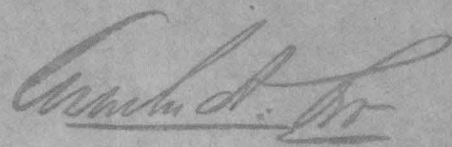
ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

In consideration of the very favourable testimony which is borne to Mr. Jacques' conduct and qualifications, His

Excellency in Council is pleased to exempt him from passing the Uncovenanted Service Examination, and to authorize his employment by Major Kennedy in the manner proposed.

2. Mr. Jacques' claims to count his former service towards pension will be duly considered when he is an applicant for pension.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
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To

MAJOR R. B. KENNEDY.

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Dated October, 11th.

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G. O., 11th October 1869. No. 3,274

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Jacques, Mr.—Permission granted for exempting Mr. Jacques from passing the Uncovenanted Service Examination, and for employing him in the manner proposed by the Officer in charge of the Public Works Operations in the Wynaad; and Mr. Jacques' claims to count his former service towards pension, promised to be considered when he is an applicant for pension.

Order thereon 8th Nov 1869 No 380.

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W. C.