

Madam,

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I refer to Mr. R. R. Mester's letter in the January 1984 issue of *Municipal Engineer*, suggesting the possible naming of a locomotive after the notable Scottish civil engineer, Joseph Mitchell. Mr. Mester's suggestion would certainly represent a most appropriate recognition of Mitchell's fundamental contribution to the railway development in the north of Scotland and is worth taking up with British Rail to see if it is practicable.

In the Scottish group of PHEW (Panel for Historical Engineering Works), which I convene, we have become particularly aware of Mitchell's outstanding civil engineering achievement through recording his work. Amongst engineers in Inverness, his contribution to the development of the

Highlands is equated with that of his distinguished predecessor and tutor, Telford, and in the Town House it is Mitchell's portrait rather than Telford's that adorns the Provost's office!

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