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FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, the accompanying memorial from the daughter of the late Mr. G. Williams, formerly of the Madras Forest Department, and then of the Upper Godavery Traffic Department, in which he died in 1862, praying that, in consideration of her father's services, in which his life was sacrificed, and of the painfully destitute condition of the surviving members of his family, a gratuity may be awarded for their relief.

2. In the letter from this Government, dated 2nd September 1856, to Mr. Secretary Beadon, proposing the organization of a Forest Department in this Presidency, allusion was made to Mr. Williams' services in drawing attention to this important subject. Mr. Williams underwent great labour in investigating the condition of the valuable forest tracts, and his reports were of considerable value. He was appointed one of the First Assistant Conservators in 1857, but, owing to misunderstanding with Dr. Cleghorn, he resigned his appointment in the following year. In accepting it the Government bore testimony to his zeal and energy in the discharge of his duties, and stated that his retirement involved no reflection on his character, and would prove no bar to his re-employment in the public service.

3. Of his further services in the Upper Godavery, this Government has no information, but it is believed that Colonel Haig will be able to give details and to testify to their worth.

4. The Governor in Council trusts that the Governor-General in Council may be able to view favourably this application from the distressed members of Mr. Williams' family. There is no question as to the accuracy of the statements.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secertary.

OOTACAMUND,
13*th June* 1873.

TO THE RIGHT HON. HENRY VERE HOBART, *LORD* HOBART,
Governor of Madras.

The humble memorial of AUGUSTA WILLIAMS, an inhabitant of Madras,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH—

That your memorialist is one of the surviving daughters of the late Mr. Godlieb Williams, Assistant Conservator of Forests in 1857-58, and at the date of his death, which happened in the month of October 1862, Manager of the Upper Godavery Traffic, Chandah. At the time of her father's death, your memorialist, together with

a younger sister and a younger brother and their mother, was left quite unprovided for to the care of an elder brother, who shortly after was reduced to the most indigent circumstances in consequence of continued ill-health and the loss of his official appointment, and has been for many years, and now is totally, unable to maintain himself, much less to afford any suport to your memorialist. Your memoralist's mother died shortly after her father, and the only source of maintenance was the rent of a small house which your memorialist's father's sisters, then in England, purchased through the agency of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. Your memorialist and her younger sister and brother continued to live on this scanty subsistence till the year 1871, when Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. were compelled, in consequence of circumstances over which they had no control, to sell the house, and the result is that your memorialist and her sister and brother are left destitute, but for the small income of Rupees 20 per mensem which your memorialist draws as one of the Assistant Mistresses of the Doveton Girls' School, Madras, and an equally small salary earned by her brother. Frequent ill-health and weakened eyesight prevent your memorialist from studying sufficiently to enable her to pass successfully the Government test for a "Teacher's Certificate."

2. Under these distressing circumstances, your memorialist ventures to appeal to your Lordship in Council for the sympathy and aid which have never been denied by your Lordship's Government in cases of genuine distress, and your memorialist bases her appeal on the following grounds.

3. Before the period at which her late father was appointed by Government Assistant to the Conservator of Forests, there was no such Department as the Forest Conservancy, and the Government, in consequence, annually lost a very large source of revenue. Your memorialist's father having been employed during the years 1855 and 1856 as a Contractor for sleepers by the Madras Railway Company, had occasion to travel through large tracts of country throughout almost all the districts of the Presidency. In the course of his travels he found large tracts of whole timber being destroyed for the want of proper conservancy, the ignorant cultivators ruthlessly cutting them down for the purpose of clearing the ground for their ephemeral cultivation. He spent all the leisure moments from his immediate work in investigating and discovering the extent of the damages thus committed, and the amount of the loss of revenue sustained by the Government. These investigations and observations, made at an extra expenditure of time and gratuitous labour on his part, he embodied in reports which he submitted to Government. These reports were so eminently practical and suggestive that the Government immediately took up the matter. Mr. J. D. Bourdillon, the then Revenue and Public Works Secretary to Government, saw and appreciated your memorialist's father's usefulness and fitness for the service of the State, and obtained him employment as a kind of Commissioner for examining and reporting on forest resources; and in the Forest Conservancy Department, which was soon after created, with Dr. Cleghorn at its head, your memorialist's father was appointed Assistant to the Conservator, and in that capacity materially helped to found and strengthen the Department on a sound basis. Your memorialist respectfully begs to submit that it was chiefly, if not altogether, owing to her late father's gratuitous exertions that the State first reaped, and is still reaping, a revenue which is increasing year by year. Owing, however, to unhappy misunderstandings with the Head of the Conservancy Department, Dr. Cleghorn, who had virtually superseded your memorialist's father, who was really the pioneer and practical discoverer of our forest resources, he was constrained to resign his appointment, the Government recording their high sense of the valuable services rendered by him in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th July 1858, No. 1039:—"In accepting Mr. Williams' resignation, the Governor in Council thinks it but just to bear testimony to the zeal and energy which he has exhibited in the discharge of his duties, and to state that his retirement from the Forest Department involves no reflection on his character, and will prove no bar to his re-employment in the public service, on occasion occurring, in any capacity for which he may be qualified." Your memorialist's father was accordingly re-employed by the Government as Superintendent and Manager of the Upper Godavery Traffic, and it was while engaged in the active discharge of this duty that he contracted a fever in the malarious jungles, in the midst of which a great portion of his time was passed, and he finally succumbed to the disease on the 24th October 1862, leaving his family totally unprovided for, as he was then in the prime of life, and had, in all human probability, many more years of life before him but for the fatal exposure of his health and strength in a sickly and malarious district in the service of the State.

4. Taking these circumstances into consideration, and that your memorialist's father gave up his business as a cabinet-maker for service under Government, thus forfeiting the prospect of creating a competence for his family, your memorialist respectfully begs to appeal to your Lordship in Council, not for any permanent pension (for her father's services, though highly profitable and invaluable to the State, were of too brief a duration, and the rules of the service will no doubt preclude your Lordship's government from conferring any such desirable boon), but your memorialist confidently appeals to your Lordship in Council to grant her such a gratuity as will enable her to purchase a small house, in which she, her younger sister, and her brother might reside, or the rent of which might help them to eke out the small income they receive, the amount of which has been stated above.

5. Your memorialist is aware that this appeal comes somewhat late, after the lapse of ten years, but she begs respectfully to remind your Lordship in Council that, from the time of her father's death in 1862 to 1867, she and her sister and brother had an income, however scanty, from the rent of the house provided by their late father's sisters, and the loss of which is detailed in paragraph 1 of this memorial. But for the loss of this income your memorialist would not have troubled your Lordship in Council with this appeal. As it is, your memorialist has endeavoured from 1871 up to the present moment to maintain herself and those dependent on her with her own income and that of her brother, which taken together hardly amounts to Rupees 40 a month; but the increased dearness of living in every way since 1862, her failing health and weak eyesight, which preclude her from studying to pass for a Government Schoolmistress' place, and the difficulty of her brother obtaining a better-paid appointment have constrained her to set forth her father's services to the State, and to appeal to your Lordship's generous and liberal consideration of them to obtain for her the boon she so earnestly craves. Your memorialist begs respectfully to assure your Lordship in Council that she has made this appeal as a last alternative, having put it off for more than two years, during which she has endeavoured to maintain herself and those belonging to her on the scanty income already mentioned, without troubling the Government with her case. In earnestly begging consideration to the accompanying papers, and to the correspondence on the records of Government on the creation of the Forest Department, your memorialist will say no more, but leave the decision of the matter wholly in the hands of your Lordship in Council, feeling

assured that your Lordship will give her case all the compassionate consideration it deserves. And, as in duty bound, your memorialist will ever pray.

MADRAS, (Signed) AUGUSTA WILLIAMS.
21*st May* 1873.

No. 52 of 1862.

Major Crichton, the Deputy Commissioner of Chandah, regrets he has to inform Mrs. Williams of the death of her husband, from fever, on the morning of the 25th instant; his remains were interred the same evening in the burial-ground of this station.

2. Mr. Williams had only one attack from fever, and had every attention paid to him by Dr. Beach, the medical officer; the attack was severe, and he never rallied after it.

3. The late Mr. Williams' effects are kept under seal of the Court, and the Deputy Commissioner is willing to meet Mrs. Williams' wishes regarding the disposal of the property, letters, &c. An early reply is desired.

CHANDAH,
27*th October* 1862.

Ex4. J. H. Burns.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 13th June 1873.

Recd.

No. 840.

Enclosure.

Transmitting application from Miss Augusta Williams, praying that, in consideration of her father's services, a gratuity may be awarded for the relief of the surviving members of his family.

The Right Honorable
Henry Vere Lord Hobart
Governor of Madras.

The humble Memorial of Augusta Williams, an inhabitant of Madras, respectfully sheweth:—

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himself, much less to afford any support to your Memorialist. Your Memorialists Mother died shortly after her father, and the only source of maintenance was the rent of a small house which your Memorialists father's sisters, then in England, purchased thro' the agency of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. Your Memorialists and her younger sister and brother continued to live on this scanty subsistence till the year 1871, when Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co were compelled, in consequence of circumstances over which they had no control, to sell the house, and the result is that your Memorialists and her sister and brother are left destitute but for the small income of Rupees twenty per mensem which your Memorialist draws as one of the Assistant Mistresses of the Doveton Girls' School, Madras, and an equally small salary earned by her brother. Frequent ill-health and weakened eye-sight prevent your Memorialist from studying sufficiently to enable her to pass successfully the Govt. Test for a "Teachers" Certificate.

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for the sympathy and aid which have never been denied by your Lordship's Government in cases of genuine distress, and your Memorialist bases her appeal on the following grounds.

3. Before the period at which her late father was appointed by Govt. Assistant to the Conservator of Forests, there was no such department as the Forest Conservancy, and the Govt. in consequence annually lost a very large source of revenue. Your Memorialists father having been employed during the years 1855 and 1856 as a Contractor for sleepers by the Madras Railway Company, had occasion to travel thro' large tracts of country throughout almost all the districts of the Presidency. In the course of his travels he formed large tracts of whole timber being destroyed for the want of proper Conservancy, the ignorant cultivators ruthlessly cutting them down for the purpose of clearing the ground for their ephemeral cultivation. He spent all the leisure moments from his immediate work in investigating and discovering the extent of the damages thus committed and the

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Deputy Commissioner's Office
Chanda, 27th October 1862

Financial Department.

No. 964.

From Miss Augusta Williams.

Dated 21st May 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

This is a painful case and I should be glad if a Gratuity could be granted - but I do not know that can be done. Mrs Williams has only a few years in the service & then forfeit - resigned his post. Obtained

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that the gratuity is not to be granted
if the petitioner
is not in possession of
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be ascertained — I suppose the Govt
could be to read the case & the fact of
India with a strong recommendation
on the part of their Govt.

We are very doubtful of the — It is against
principle of any such application —
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To

The Secretary to the
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