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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 23rd June 1857.

No. 45. Read the following letter from J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector of Prisons; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 15th June 1857, No. 214.

SIR,

Having received an appeal from Pensioned Private Lee against his dismissal from the office of Jailor, addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I have the honor to submit the same.

2. I declined to interfere, knowing that Private Lee was not efficient. This I did on information received from Mr. Dowdeswell, from my own observation, and from enquiries made from Mr. Morehead, from all which I conclude that Private Lee was useful chiefly as a Superintendent of a working gang, but that he has not and never had, the tact and management requisite for the office of Jailor. Mr. Dowdeswell has repeatedly excused himself from carrying out reforms, the success of which were dependant on his having an efficient Jailor, and I think he was right in doing so, he speaks highly of the contrast afforded in the efficiency of the Jailor he now has, and of his firm yet quiet mode of enforcing order, and of the respect thereby induced.

(Signed) J. ROHDE,
Inspector of Prisons.

To the Right Honorable G. F. R. LORD HARRIS, Governor of the Presidency of Madras.

The humble memorial of Pensioned Gunner
Patrick Lee, late Jailor at Chingleput, in
the District of South Arcot.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Lordship's memorialist after serving in the Honorable Company's Artillery from the 18th of March 1823 till the 31st of December 1838, was pensioned through severe sickness, on twelve Rupees and eleven Annas per mensem. He subsequently recovered his health, and had an offer to be re-admitted on the strength of the Artillery, with promises of future promotion, and there is every probability that he might have retired ten years ago, on the higher rate allowed to Serjeants of thirty Rupees per mensem. This offer your memorialist unfortunately declined, having in the interim succeeded in obtaining employment as Jailor at Chingleput. After steadily performing the duties allotted him for a period of upwards of sixteen years, your memorialist was summarily removed, at a moment's notice, and without any previous warning whatever. The reasons for which removal are clearly stated in Mr. Dowdeswell's certificate herewith attached. This your memorialist most respectfully and humbly submits is at variance with the spirit of the rules of the public service generally, and your memorialist having committed no fault whatever, justifying a summary removal by Mr. Dowdeswell, humbly craves your Lordship's kind enquiry into the matter, when, if your Lordship should feel satisfied with the result of the enquiry, your memorialist earnestly entreats that some Government employment may be given him in lieu of the gratuity proposed by Mr. Dowdeswell, as your memorialist has a family of seven young children to provide for, and your Lordship's memorialist as in duty bound, will ever pray.

PATRICK LEE, Pensioned Gunner,
late Jailor of Chingleput.
Saint Thomas' Mount, 13th June 1857.

(COPIES.)

The bearer of this, Mr. Patrick Lee, has lived in the Parish of Cuppa, united to the Parish of Rothkeal, of which I am the officiating Minister. I have known him from his childhood, and never heard anything to his disadvantage. I believe him to be a sober, honest, well-conducted young man. He now wishes to serve His Majesty, and I am confident he will not disgrace his respectable connexions by any improper conduct.

Dated at Rothkeal Glebe, this 13th day of February 1823.

(Signed) JOSEPH JONES, Curate,
Minister of Rothkeal, &c.

This is to certify, that I know the bearer, Serjeant Patrick Lee, of the D. Company 2nd

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Battalion Artillery, for a period of about six years, during the greater part of which time he has been under my charge. He has borne a good character, both as a Soldier and a private individual.

(Signed) J. W. CROGGAN, Lieutenant,
St. Thomas' Mount, 3rd November 1830. *Artillery.*

Pensioned Gunner P. Lee, having requested me to give him a character, as he is about to proceed to Chingleput, I have much satisfaction in stating that, since he has been with the General Depot under my command, he has behaved himself in a most respectable manner, and I consider him a very deserving man.

(Signed) W. LEGGATT,
Cuddalore, 1st December 1840. *Commandant General Depot.*

Chingleput, March 24th, 1848.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to Mr. Lee's steady conduct as Jailor of this Zillah Court, during the three months I have acted as Civil and Sessions Judge.

(Signed) J. BIRD.

On resigning the appointment of Judge of Chingleput, it affords me pleasure to meet the wishes of Mr. Lee, by expressing my satisfaction at his steadiness of conduct and diligence, as well as attention bestowed, in the performance of his duty as Jailor during the time I presided in the Court; and it is but his due to mention that the numerous improvements immediately within the Fort, as well as on the neighbouring public roads, were suggested by him, and carried out by his active supervision, and I consider him both a confidential and valuable public servant, and shall be glad if this Testimonial may prove of service towards his securing a better post.

(Signed) F. BOILEAU,
Madras, 31st January 1848. *Civil and Session Judge of Chingleput.*

At the request of Mr. Lee, the Jailor of the Chingleput Jail, and also Superintendent of the cloth manufactory in the said Jail, I have much pleasure in certifying, that during the five years I have been here, I have found him always a most steady, well-conducted man, and most zealous and attentive in the performance of his duties.

(Signed) W. A. D. INGLIS,
Chingleput, 17th February 1853. *Session Judge.*

I hereby certify, that Patrick Lee held the office of Jailor at this station, for nearly 17 years, and it appears from the records, that during that period, he performed his duties to the satisfaction of the different Judges.

He has now been compelled to resign his situation, not from any fault or misconduct, but simply that by the new rules, the whole of the complicated accounts, and all the books are to be kept in the hand-writing of the Jailor. This, together with the other duties, I consider more than Patrick Lee could perform, although I feel perfectly satisfied he would use his best endeavours. I can give him the highest character for sobriety, respectability and willingness to oblige, and hope he may succeed in obtaining some situation to assist him in educating a large family of young children.

(Signed) W. DOWDESWELL,
Chingleput, 11th April 1857.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 712; dated 23rd June 1857.

Under the circumstances represented by the Inspector of Prisons, Government are unable to order Pensioned Private Lee's restoration to the office of Jailor at Chingleput, for which he does not possess the necessary educational qualifications; but as his character is so favorably mentioned, they will be glad that employment should, if possible, be found for him in some other department.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd, F. Cartledge.

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To the Secy^r of the Govt.
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