

Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 412 Marine

DATED 8th June
May 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Purusottam Chowdhary, Post office clerk at
Gopalpur: Correspondence between the
Collector of Ganjam and the D.P. Officer
in the matter of the transfer of the one —, as
translated in the D.C. Court at Berhampur,
recorded.

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8/6/96

To
The Collector Bangalore

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Read the following:—

Letter from the Collector of Ganjam, Ref. No. 726/Eng. of 96, d/26th May 96

FOR ORDERS.

The facts of the case are fully detailed by the Collector in his letter quoted above.

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From

C. J. Wein, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Collector of
Ganjam

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Marine Department.

Dated Chattrapuzh May 1896

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Subject

Submitting for an expression
of opinion certain correspon-
dence between the Presidency
Govt Officers and the Collector.



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No. 1048 c.
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Presidency Port Office.

Madrass 23. April 1856.

To

The Collector of
Ganjam.

Sir,

Having been informed by the Port Officer of Gopalpur that Purnushottam Chowdary, the Port Office clerk at that post, has been transferred by you as Sub-pro-tem Translator in the District and Session Judge's Court at Bishnupore, I beg to invite your attention to the fact that the three months' leave on former appointments allowed by Government in such cases has expired already in this man's case and to enquire whether he has been confirmed in his new appointment, to enable me to make arrangements for filling his former place.

2. In this connection I would point out the desirability of your communicating with the Presidency Port Office in the matter on any occasion of your selecting an employee of the Port department for promotion to your department, as in the present case the transfer of Purnushottam Chowdary has caused great inconvenience to the Port Office at Gopalpur.

in carrying out the clerical duties of his Office,
and both the individuals said to have been
nominated by you for the vacancy at Gopalpur,
viz: C. Raja Rao and N. Venkataratnam are
reported by Mr. Carlyon, the Port Officer, to
be unsuited for the post.

I have &c.
180/ H. A. Street.
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.
(True Copy)

G. J. Vein
Collector.

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Ganjam Collector's Office.
Dated Chhatapur 8th May 1896.

From

G. J. Vein, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Collector of Ganjam.

To

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 23rd April 1896 No. $\frac{1048}{44}$ C, I have the honor to point out that you seem labouring under the somewhat curious delusion that I make appointments to the establishment of the District and Sessions Judge. I had nothing to do with the transfer of Purushottama Choudari, and your criticisms on my actions are therefore entirely uncalled for. Neither can it be said that I nominated the individuals mentioned in the last para of your letter. At the request of the Port Officer I sent him the names of persons willing to take up the appointment after Rajarao had gone on leave. Rajarao was selected by the Port Officer himself.

I have &c.

180/ D. Srinivasan
for Collector.

(True Copy)

G. J. Vein
Collector.

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Presidency Port Office.

Madras, 19th May 1896.

From

The Presidency Port Office,
Madras.

To

C. J. Vein, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Collector of Ganjam.

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter N^o ⁵⁴⁶_{my}
of 8th May 1896, I carefully re-read the
draft of the letter to which it refers, and
as I find nothing therein, which in my
opinion deserves to be termed "entirely
uncalled for", I would suggest that the
letter in question with a copy of your
reply thereto be forwarded to the Govern-
ment of Madras for an expression of
opinion on the matter.

I have &c.

120/ H. A. Street.

Commander, R.I.M.,

Presidency Port Office.

(True Copy)

C. J. Vein
Collector.

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Ganjam Collector's Office
Dated Chatrapur 26 May 1896.

From

C. J. Weir, Esquire, I. C. S.,
Collector of Ganjam.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department.

Sir,

At the instance of Commander
H. A. Street, Presidency Port Officer, I have the
honour to submit to Government for an expression
of opinion the enclosed copies of the correspon-
-dence between that Officer and myself.

2. The correspondence relates to the
appointment of the Port Office Clerk at Gopalpur.

With this appointment I have no necessary
concern whatever and it is filled up by the
Presidency Port Officer himself.

It appears that in July 1895 the
permanent incumbent of this post obtained
an appointment on probation in the District
Court at Berhampur and the Port Officer on 7.7.95
applied to Mr. Partridge who was then acting
for me to nominate a man for the post.
No information was given as to how the
vacancy

Letter No. 1048/44C from Presidency Port Officer
dated 23.4.96.

Letter No. 596 496 from this Office dated 28.5.96

Letter No. 1048/58C dated 19.5.96 from Presidency
Port Officer.

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vacancy arose or whether it was permanent or temporary.

Mr. Partridge selected a clerk named M. Raghavaram Pantulu for the appointment but before this man could be relieved the Port Officer wrote on 17.7.95 to say he had selected one A. Satyanarayana Naidu, an accountant in the Huzur and asked for his immediate relief.

The Treasury Deputy Collector represented that this would cause considerable inconvenience, but as A. Satyanarayana Naidu was stated by the Port Officer to have had experience in Port matters and it was urgently necessary to fill up the post at once, he was ordered to join at Gopalpur in spite of the Treasury Deputy Collector's objections. This man held the Office until some time in September when he had to vacate it on account of ill-health. The Port Officer wrote on September 4th to report this and said he "fell back on his permanent clerk."

3. On 7th October 1895 the Port Officer wrote urgently to ask if the services of Mangra Raghavaram, the man originally nominated by Mr. Partridge, could be spared for the Port Office clerk's post, "Sub. protem or until further orders." Mangra Raghavaram had been appointed

appointed to another post and could not be spared.

Efforts were however made to secure a suitable man in spite of the fact that my Office was then short handed owing to the great prevalence of fever; but meanwhile on 16.10.96 the Port Officer wrote to say "I have selected Raja Row, Sea Custom Assistant Superintendent at Poondi, for the post of Port clerk in this Office (Subprotem) and request you will issue instructions for his immediate relief." This request was again compiled with, though the immediate relief of Raja Row involved some difficulty.

4. Mr. Carlyon having succeeded Mr. Batt as Port Officer in December last sent me a copy of a letter which he had addressed to Presidency Port Officer in which he charged Raja Row with insubordination and incompetence and asked for his removal. Raja Row at the same time wrote a petition to me asking to be relieved. The disposal of the matter between Mr. Carlyon and the Port clerk was of course left to Presidency Port Officer, but as Mr. Carlyon again on January 6th 1896 wrote and asked me to arrange for relief of Raja Row, I circulated a notice in my Office inviting any persons who desired the post to apply. Only one man

N. Venkataratnam

N. Venkataratnam came forward. As this man had been reduced once I sent his service book to Post Office and informed him, this was the only applicant. The Post Office asked for a personal interview with the candidate and this was accorded and N. Venkataratnam was selected, Raja Rao having meanwhile been granted leave on medical certificate.

On 9-4-96 N. Venkataratnam applied to me through the Post Office to be relieved of his duties at Gopalpur and the Post Office recommended that his request should be granted as "both the climate and the work are quite unsuited to him".

He was accordingly allowed to return to his permanent appointment and the report of this seems to have been the occasion for the Presidency Post Office's letter No. $\frac{1048}{44}C$ dated 23-4-96.

5. The statement of facts given above is taken from the Records of my Office which I will forward if so desired. I think they will convince Government ^{1st} that I had nothing whatever to do and could have had nothing to do with the appointment which originally caused the vacancy in the Office of Post clerk.

2nd That the nominations for subsequent vacancies were not made by me but by the Post Office themselves.

3rd That in spite of considerable inconvenience to establishments directly under me, the Post Office's requests were complied with on all occasions.

4th That in order to assist another branch of the administration I took a great deal of trouble — the correspondence on the subject is voluminous — which I might without impropriety have refused to take.

6. I would submit that the phrase "uncalled for" in my letter No. $\frac{546}{my}$ of 8th May 1896 to which Commander Street objects is fully justified. Another adjective would probably have more aptly described the remarks in his letter; but I selected a phrase which though somewhat colourless is suited to the decorum of official correspondence.

7. It is true that Commander Street's letter of the 23rd of April appears to have been based on incorrect information received from the late Post Office Gopalpur; but I would submit that before addressing me in the terms he did in his letter No. $\frac{1048}{44}C$ of 23-4-96 he should have ascertained from me whether

the facts reported by the Post Office were correct
and that at any rate when I had pointed
out to him the erroneous basis on which
his remarks and criticisms rested he should
have withdrawn them. So far from his
showing any disposition to do so, it would
almost appear from his letter of 19.5.96 that
he was still prepared to maintain that
I make appointments on the establish-
ment of the District Judge.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t

B. S. Weir
Collector.

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for
Mr. Weir