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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th October 1857.

No. 48. Read the following Petition from Mr. W. JELLY, late Assistant Overseer in the D. P. W; to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, dated Bezoarah, 22nd September 1857.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner was on the 14th Instant, dismissed from his situation under the following circumstances, and humbly solicits from your Lordship in Council a patient hearing of the merits of his case and knowing that he has committed no offence intentionally or otherwise and having full confidence in the justice and clemency of the Government under whom he has had the honor to serve for a period of upwards of eleven years, he ardently hopes and fully expects an order for his re-appointment to the situation from which he has been so summarily dismissed.

The merits of his case so far as they are to him known are simply these:—About four months ago he was transferred from the Godavery to the Kistnah Division, and the state of his health since his arrival in this hilly country has been such as to make a change of residence desirable. He accordingly wrote at the suggestion of his immediate Superior (Captain Pollard,) and humbly requested to be transferred to another Division, when to his extreme surprise and grief he learns that he has been dismissed from the service of Government.

Your Petitioner has been informed that an Official letter was sent by the Chief Engineer to the District Engineer Kistnah Division in reply to his application for removal to another District intimating that his request could not be granted, and that if he could not serve at his present station he must resign, which letter or the option therein allowed was never officially communicated to your Petitioner; and had it been he would most gladly and thankfully have chosen to serve in the Kistnah Division than resign. For the truth or falsity of this allegation your Petitioner will not vouch as it was not officially communicated to him, but he humbly begs your Lordship in Council to call for copies of *all* the correspondence relating to his case.

Had your Petitioner committed any misdemeanour or been guilty of any dereliction of duty he believes that it would be only fair that he should be informed of it, and therefore humbly begs that, should your Lordship in Council deem it inexpedient to restore him to his former situation he may be informed in writing of the offence for which he has been dismissed agreeably to your Lordship's humane and philanthropic order published in May 1854 for the protection of Uncovenanted Servants from summary dismissal.

He will conclude his Petition by stating that he is now quite recovered from his late illness, and both able and willing to serve in his former situation:—He has not applied for sick leave which under the circumstances he might have done, he has worked hard by day and pursued a course of severe study by night to qualify himself for the post of Sub Engineer, and while suffering from a temporary loss of health he applies for a change of climate and in reply is told he is dismissed.

Unconscious of having committed any offence he feels confident that, after the perusal of all the corespondence relating to his case your Lordship in Council will restore him to his situation.

For which as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 1914; dated 12th October 1857.

Ordered that the following endorsement be passed on the above Petition and communicated to the Petitioner.

"The removal of the Petitioner from the appointment of Assistant Overseer in the Public Works Department having been necessitated by his unfitness, physically and morally for the duties of his situation, the Government cannot authorize his restoration"

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

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No 1937.

From Mr Wm Jelly
late an Assist Overseer
in the P.W.D.

Dd 22d &
Recd 29th Septr 57.

Stating for the that
about 4 Months ago he was
transferred from the Godaveri
to the Kathiawar Divn, & that the
state of his health making a
change of residence & cli
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to Capt Pollard (his immedi
ate Superior) to be trans
ferred to another Divn when
to his extreme surprise
he learns that he has been dis
missed from the service of Govt
& requesting that Copies of all
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to his case may be called for
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With an order
No 1914. 12th Octr

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Asst Lt George
12th Octr 1857

Copy to Mr Jelly. Octr 15.

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