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Dated 21—12—1857.

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Read the following papers.

No. 70. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 16th November 1857, No. 5228.

Read again the following letter, from the District Engineer of Chingleput.

Reporting on a Petition presented by Rama Row, late Head Marahmut Goomastah in the Chingleput District. } (Here enter No. 1066, dated 25th Sept. 1857.) and Recorded in Diary 2nd October 1857.

Read also the following letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput.

Requesting that Sub Overseer Rama Row may be struck off from the list of Sub Overseers, and that another may be entertained in his stead by the District Engineer. } (Here enter No. 1312, dated 9th November 1857.)

From the first of the above letters, it appears that Rama Row received an order from the Collector of Chingleput to join the office of the District Engineer on the 1st of January 1857, that the order was repeated in February, and that Rama Row did not join the District Engineer's office until the 4th April; it appears also that Rama Row has since the latter date, frequently, on the plea of sickness, absented himself from the District Engineer's office, but that as he was considered by the Collector to be a good Accountant, the District Engineer has not only refrained from reporting him, although constantly finding him idle; but on receiving the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1559, dated 11th August ordering that the old Marahmut servants were to be employed in the offices or as Sub Overseers, he appointed him to a Sub Overseership of the 2nd Class, on Rupees 30 ℔ mensem, that being the highest appointment at the District Engineer's disposal, the salary of which approximated to Rama Row's former pay.

2. Although thus leniently dealt with, it appears by the second letter from the District Engineer, that Rama Row had not up to the 9th November joined the District Engineer.

3. The case being as stated above, the Chief Engineer resolves to recommend to Government, that Rama Row be struck off the list of Sub Overseers, and of the D. P. W., as it is quite impracticable to do any thing with a Subordinate, who does just what suits his own apparent convenience, and attends to no orders from his Superiors.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 71. To the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council of Fort St. George.

The humble Petition of Condapully RAMA ROW Head Goomastah on the old Marahmut Establishment of the Chingleput District.

Respectfully Sheweth.

With deep regret for being under the necessity of appealing against the orders of Gentlemen whom I am destined to serve and whose favor I am obliged to count as the ground work of my prosperity, I respectfully beg to submit this address couched in the most humble terms with confidence that I will be favored with that justice and kindness which I have failed to obtain at the hands of the above Officers.

On the receipt of the orders of Gentlemen which directed that the servants of the old Marahmut Establishment which was since done away with, should be employed in the new one, Lieutenant Moberly the District Engineer of Chingleput appointed me Sub Overseer of the Conjeveram Talook on the salary of 30 Rupees per mensem, a situation to the duties of which I have been a stranger having throughout my service been employed on office establishment in the preparation and checking of accounts. Upon this I submitted to him an address representing that my physical inability, and my want of experience in a Sub Overseer's situation prevent me from accepting the appointment conferred on me, and requesting to be favored with a birth in his own office. Lieutenant Moberly was deaf to my representation however well founded and

seemed to entertain a studied unwillingness to admit me in his office Establishment. Finding my frequent addresses to him on the subject unavailing I had no other alternative left but to submit my case to the Chief Engineer. The hopes of gaining speedy redress with which I addressed* him were all vain; as he said neither yes nor no as his decision in my case.

* 20th September 1857.

I again addressed him two more* Petitions which shared the same fate with their predecessor my attempt to submit my case in person was impossible as I could be allowed no access either to his house or his office. Thus I a servant who was at the Head of the Marahmut Department while under the Collector's control and who had passed upwards of 10 years in this branch of service without the least stain on my character have now been dealt with in a manner which your Lordship will see is most detrimental to my future interests. As far as my conscience is aware I have done nothing to wound the feelings of the District Engineer and much less those of the Chief Engineer.

* 9th and 31st October 1857.

The two principal causes above referred to which prevent me from accepting the appointment of Sub Overseer, I beg here to re-capitulate in detail to enable your Lordship to see how far I am justified in submitting this appeal. The first is my physical inability, the serious illness with which I was attached about a year and half ago has so debilitated my constitution that I can scarcely be fit for *moving* situations such as that of an Overseer which your Lordship is aware should be filled by an able bodied and strong person who will not mind walking miles without fatigue. The next cause is my want of experience in an Overseer's situation which fact is admitted by the District Engineer himself in his letter* to the Chief Engineer. Having been employed throughout my service in the preparation and checking of accounts in the Collector's Department, the duties of an Overseer consisting as they do of preparing estimates, Superintending works, and measuring them after completion cannot but be foreign to me, but I do not mean to say that these duties are of a supernatural character that cannot be mastered by me. Some months' *hard* labour will I am confident make me sufficiently familiar with them, but then my state of health would not permit me to undertake this hard labour, as any active service which I may at first attempt to render would only ruin my constitution, and the result will be either my voluntary relinquishment of the place, or my dismissal from it as unfit to go on further, consequences which cannot but be heart rending to me to meet with.

* 25th June 1857, No. 674.

There is but one point more which it is not out of place here to submit to your Lordship's notice. I am a man of large family consisting of 20 souls solely dependant upon me for support and the distresses to which I am put for the last 2 months for want of pay are inexpressible.

Fearing to encroach upon much of your valuable time by swelling the details of my case, I beg respectfully to pray that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to direct the District Engineer to entertain me in his office Establishment. I shall be quite contented with the same pay in his office as he has already offered to give me viz., 30 Rupees a month.

21st November 1857.

For this act of benevolence I as in duty bound shall ever pray.

C. RAMA ROW,

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, No. 2361; dated 21st December 1857.

The Chief Engineer in his Proceedings above recorded, recommends that Rama Row, may be struck off from the list of Sub Overseers and of the Department Public Works, first, for not having joined the District Engineer's Office until the 4th April, though the Collector ordered him to do so on the 1st of January 1857, and that order was again repeated in February; 2ndly, for having, since the latter date, frequently absented himself from Office on the plea of sickness; and 3rdly, for not having, after his appointment as Sub Overseer, joined the Assistant Overseer to whom he was attached.

2. Before passing final orders on the case of this individual, the Government think it right to call for further information on certain points. They observe, from the papers before them,

that Rama Row, was appointed Sub Overseer against his will, and contrary to the repeated orders of Government that the Office Servants, who have served in the Marahmut Department when it was under the Collector, should be provided for in the District Engineer's Office Establishment. The Government have already laid down that such persons ought not to be employed in the Professional Department, merely afterwards to be removed for incompetency. Rama Row, confesses in his Petition that he is quite unequal to the situation to which he was appointed, and it is obvious that a servant who has been all his life trained to accounts, must be unable to fill the Office of an Executive Overseer. The Chief Engineer will therefore call upon Lieutenant Moberly to report what prevented him from taking Rama Row, who was the Head Goomastah under the Collector for 10 years, into his own Office. Lieutenant Moberly should also be requested to explain if Rama Row, held any appointment under him during the interval between the date on which he joined his Office from that of the Collector, and the date of his appointment as Sub Overseer, and if so, what were the duties entrusted to him. The Collector of Chingleput is requested to report to Government the date on which Rama Row was finally relieved of all work in his Office and directed to join the District Engineer's Office.

Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 17th September 1857, No. 1775, para. 2.
do 30th October 1857, No. 2037, para. 7.

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

No 5228.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works dated Dublin Office Under date the 16th November 1857

Reading the following Letter

from the District Engineer of Ching[illegible]put.

Reporting on an petition presented by Rama Row, a Bhat Inhabitant commorant in the Ching[illegible]put District

Clerks Enter No 1315 of 22nd Oct.
and
Recorded in Diary 2nd October 57.

Reads also the following Letter

from the District Engineer of Ching[illegible]put.

Requesting that the name Rama Bowman may be struck off from the list of Establishment, and that another may be entertained in his stead by the District Engineer

Clerks Enter No 1312, dated 9th November 57.

From the first of the above letters, it appears that Rama Row received an order from the Collector of Ching[illegible] to join the Office of the District Engineer on the 1st of January 1857, that the order was prepared in February, and that Rama Row did not join the District Engineer's Office until the [illegible] It appears also that Rama Row has since the latter date, frequently, on the plea of sickness, absented himself from the District Engineer's Office, but that on it

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was considered by the Collector to be a good accountant, the District Engineer has not only refrained from reporting him although constantly giving him idle, but on receiving the Extract from the minutes of Consultation 1559, 16th. Nov. ordering that the old Paramut Servants were to be employed in the Offices or as Sub Overseers, he appointed him to a Sub Overseership of the 2nd. Class, on Rupees 30 per annum, that being the highest appointment of the District Engineers disposal - the salary of which approximates to Rama Row's former pay. —

2 Although three Seniority Lists were sent, it appears by the second letter from the District Engineer, that Rama Row had not up to the 4th November joined the District Engr.

3 The case being as stated above, the Chief Engineer resolved to recommend to Government, that Rama Row be struck off the List of Sub Overseers, and as the 23rd Nov. it is quite impracticable to do any thing with a Subordinate, who does just what suits his own apparent convenience, and attends to no orders from his Superiors.

I have the honor &c

W. E. Stuart Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
Fort St.

22-11-27

To
The Right Honorable Sir
Governor General &c
Head Qrs St. George

The humble Petition of
Conrad Kelly, Esqr, Farmer
Commissariat Department Riverside

Sheweth That your Petitioner
District

That your Petitioner has been employed
Gentleman informs Lam directed to desire of inform
Petitioner that he will be favored with that
portion of the Revenues of the Province payable to
Colonies of the Province Officers.

On the receipt of this order
Gentleman which directs that the Petitioner
the old Mara river Establishment in which
used since to be employed with Rhoades to

Dated 11th August 1790

Public Works Department
Recd 12th Nov 1790
No 2270.
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
To
His Excellency the Lieut Governor
&c &c &c.

Dated 16th
Received 17th } November 1790

No 5228.
No 2361. 21st December

Recommend that Publ
Overseer Claims Row of the
Acting Deputy District Surveyor
off from the List of Publ Cattle
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Recd 12th Dec 1214

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† 20th September 1857

§ 9th March 1854

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My attempt to submit my case in person was impossible as I could be allowed no access either to his house or his Office. This Native Servant who was at the head of the Mamool Department where under the Collector's Control and who had passed upwards of 10 years in this branch of Service without the least stain on my character have now been dealt with in a manner which your Lordship will see is most detrimental to my future interests. I regret as my conscience is aware I have done nothing to wound the feelings of the District Engineer and much less those of the Chief Engineer.

The two principal causes above referred to which prevent me from accepting the appointment of Sub Overseer I beg here to recapitulate in detail to enable your Lordship to see how far I am justified in submitting this appeal. The first is my physical inability. The serious illness with which I was attacked about a year and half ago has so debilitated my constitution that I can scarcely be fit for moving situations such as that of an Overseer which your Lordship is aware should be filled by an able bodied

and strong person who will not mind
walking miles without fatigues. The next
cause is my want of experience in an
overseers situation which fact is admitted
by the District Engineer himself in his
letter to the Chief Engineer, having been × 25th June 1857 N° 674
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preparation & checking of accounts in the
Collector's Department, the duties of an
Overseer consisting as they do of preparing
Estimates, superintending works, and measuring
them after completion can not but be
foreign to me, but I do not mean to say
that these duties are of a supernatural
character that cannot be mastered by me-
dium Men this hard labour will I am
Confident make me sufficiently familiar
with them; but then my state of health
would not permit me to undertake this
hard labour, as any active service which I may
at first attempt to render would only ruin my
Constitution, & the result will be either my
Voluntary relinquishment of the Place, or
my dismissal from it as unfit to go on further,
Consequences which cannot but be heartrending to
me to meet with.

There is but one point

more which is not out of place here to
submit to your Lordships notice. I am a
man of large family consisting of 20 Souls
solely dependent upon me for support and
the distresses to which I am put for the last
2 Months for want of Pay are inexpressible

Fearing to encroach upon much
of your valuable time by dwelling the
details of my case, I beg respectfully
to pray that your Lordship will be
graciously pleased to direct the District
Engineer to entertain me in his Office
Establishment. I shall be quite
Contented with the same Pay in his
Office as he has already offered to give
me. Viz 30 Rs a Month.

For this act of benevolence
I as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

21st December 1857

E Ramachandra

Public Works Depart

No 2361

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 21st December 1857

Read the following

Letter from the Dist: of the Board of Revr

Dated 16th November 1857

Forwarding Copy of Letter from Lieut Commanding the Marine Battalion Chittagong

(Here enter 21st Dec 1857)

Resolved that the Proceedings be reconsidered, recommended to Government

Mr Clerk Engineer

Mr Cruickshank

Mr Hamilton

Mr Turnbull

Mr Grant

Mr Harbor

Public Works 1857 Dept
Dated Comm 23rd December

No 2327

From

C Ramsden Esqr Head Commissioner on the late Imprvt Establishment of the Chittagong District

Dated 21st Novr 1857

Rec'd 24th Ditto

No 2361. 21st December

Represents that he served for a time of ten years as head Commissioner in the Improvt Establt of the Dist of Chittagong while in charge of the Collr in the Capacity of preparing & Checking accounts, & complains that since its transfer to the charge of Lt Maberly the Dist Engr, a Stipend Junr as Sub Overseer of Canseeruns on Salt on a Monthly Salary of 30 Rs which he declined to accept for the reasons of his

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inability to sustain it's degree on account of his ill health this experience with its duties. Prays therefore that an order may be issued to the Dist Engr of Chittagong that he may employ in his Office on the above mentioned Salary.

C 12th Dec 1857

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merely afterwards to
be removed for incom-
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confesses in his Petition
that he is quite une-
-qual to the situation
to which he was appointed,
and it is obvious that
a Servant who has
been all his life trained
to accounts, must be
unable to fill the Office
of an Executive Overseer.
The Chief Engineer will
therefore call upon
Lieutenant

Ex Mins Com: d/19th Sept/57 at No 1775 Pg 2
do — 30th Oct/57 — 2037 Pg

Lieutenant Moberly to
report what prevented
him from taking
Ramaw Row, who
was the Road Gomas-
-tah under the Collector
for 10 years, into his own Office.
Lt Moberly should also
be requested to explain
if Ram Row held
any appointment
under him during
the interval between
the date on which
he joined his Office
from that of the Collector,
and the state of his
as subordinate
appointment, and if
so what were the
duties entrusted to
him. The Collector

of

of Chingleput is requested
to report to Government
the date on which
Ram Row was
finally relieved of
all work in his Office
and directed to join
the District Engineer's
Office.

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1 — Collr of Chingleput

Public Works 1857 Dep.t
No. to Cons: 29th December

No. 2361.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 21st Dec.r 57.
From the Collr of Kinglepatt
Rd Lr 578 3/57 enclosing Sch.

Directing the Chief Engr to call upon the District Engineer of Chingleput to report what prevented him from taking into his office the Head Goomastah on the late Maramut Establishment of that District and the Collector to report the date on which his Maramut Head Goomastah was relieved of all work in his office to join the District Engineer's office.

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