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Government of Madras.

(Public Works) DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th July 1858.

No. 13. "Read the following letter from the Widow of the late GEORGE OLIVER, Revenue Surveyor, Madras Establishment; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th June 1858.

SIR,

I most respectfully request you will be pleased to submit to the Governor in Council the accompanying Memorial in Triplicate for the purpose of being transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 1305; dated 7th July 1858.

Previous to transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors, the above Memorial will be referred to the Officiating Chief Engineer, for report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

By Hon. Secretary to Govt. of Madras
13th July 1858
By the Secy. to Govt. of Madras in 1858, the letter in 1858, and the letter in 1858.

To,

The Honorable The Court of Directors
Of the East India Company.
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The Humble Memorial of Jane
Oliver, Widow of the late George Oliver, a
Revenue Surveyor, Madras Establishment, deceased.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialist is the Widow of the said George
Oliver, late a Revenue Surveyor, in the Madras Establishment, deceased.

2. Your Memorialist most respectfully begs to submit that her
late husband's services in the above capacity comprise a period of nearly Thirty
Six (36) years, during which he discharged the arduous duties devolving on him
to the satisfaction of all his Superiors with the exception of the late Captain
Vardon of the Engineers, who found fault with your Memorialist's husband in
delaying to transmit his Diaries to the Captain in proper time during a period
of two months only, but which omission of duty on her husband's part, arose from
the constant marches he was obliged to perform while under the orders of
Captain Vardon, which unavoidable travelling on the Public Service, put it
entirely out of her late husband's power to perform his writing duties, when
his daily journeys terminated, as will be seen in the accompanying Memorial
which he lately submitted to the Government.

Appendix No. 1.

3. Your Memorialist also respectfully solicits Your Honorable
Court's perusal of the Testimonial of your Memorialist's late husband's
Services.

Services from the Gentlemen he respectively served under, all which Testimonials your Memorialist cherish the liveliest hope, will meet with your approbation.

4. Your Memorialist further begs to submit for your Honorable Court's perusal Copy of a letter from Major J. J. Sears M. D. Consulting Engineer for Railways dated 5th December 1853, kindly tendering to engage the late Mr George Oliver as Manager and Surveyor of the Railway Office, and which Situation of great Public importance her late husband accepted with that degree of just exultation, which his selection to so distinguished a post naturally inspired. It will not, your Memorialist trusts, be considered partiality on her part, if she respectfully submits to your Honorable Court, that the zeal and assiduity with which her late husband discharged the duties of the Railway Office, brought on the severe distemper, which proved eventually fatal to him.

5. Your Memorialist humbly prays that in consideration of her late husband's approved Services by all the Gentlemen of the Engineers (save in one solitary instance) under whom he was employed and the pecuniary loss he suffered, from tardiness of promotion to the rank of full Surveyor and which penalty under all the mitigating circumstances now humbly submitted to Your Honorable Court's consideration, She feels confident will not meet your approval, You will be graciously pleased to bestow on her a small Pension in order to support herself and Six Fatherless Children.

Your Memorialist begs pardon in craving Your Honorable Court's further patience in bringing to your Notice, that the Widows of the late Surveyors ^{Baynes} Claridge, Ross and ^{and} have been generously pensioned by Your Honorable Court at 20, and 35 Rupees respectively, the former in 1836, the latter in 1843, ^{and 1850/1.} And Your Memorialist humbly trusts that the above precedents will weigh

* Appendix No. 2.

weigh in your Memorialist's favor by moving Your Honorable Court with that characteristic munificence which has ever distinguished the British Government, to confer a similar blessing on Your Memorialist and Children, unfortunately left destitute by the heavy bereavement they have sustained.

And your Memorialist and Children as in duty bound
Shall ever pray.
June 1858

Madras
10th June 1858.

Appendix

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Appendix No. 1.

To,

The Right Honorable
George Francis Robert, Lord Harris
Governor in Council

The Humble Memorial of George Oliver,
Revenue Surveyor on the Madras Establishment.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialist was bound an Apprentice to Government in the Survey Department under Colonel De Harvilland on the 5th of July 1819 for a term of Seven Years, but that long before the expiration of that period he had qualified himself for the duties of the profession so that in Two years from the Commencement of his apprenticeship or on the 18th July 1821, he obtained the step of Sub Assistant Surveyor and proceeded to join the centie Division to do duty under General Sim, then Civil Engineer at Pulicat. That your Memorialist was the only Surveyor who assisted in the Survey of the Netherlands possession in India before it was delivered to that Government.

Appendix A

Appendix B.

Appendix C.

2. That on the 5th July 1826, on the recommendation of Major H. B. Cotton Your Memorialist was promoted to the grade of Assistant Surveyor of the 3rd Class; and that after the probationary period of 6 Years, your Memorialist was promoted on the 5th July 1832 to the rank of Assistant Surveyor of the 2nd Class, on the recommendation of Major H. B. Cotton.

3. From the above period your Memorialist continued to serve in the Department with that zeal and assiduity in the discharge of his duties under Captains Trevelyan, Best, Birdwood and Douglas as to draw from them expressions of future satisfaction; and in consequence of the efficiency he had displayed, your Memorialist was entrusted with the works of the Cavarypatt Tank for the conduct and management of which Captain Douglas was pleased to bring your Memorialist specially to the favorable notice of the Board of Revenue in

in the Public Works Department.

5. Your memorialist having served nine years in the 2nd Class was by the rules of the Department entitled to promotion on the 1st July 1845 as Revenue Surveyor; but at this period he was under the orders of the late Captain S. Gordon, and fell under his displeasure; he trusts without any disparagement to his superior Officer's discrimination or disrespect to his memory, it may be found that your memorialist undeservedly incurred that displeasure.

Your memorialist's promotion was withheld by the late Captain Gordon on the ground of "extreme idleness" in not forwarding his Diaries at the proper time; but when Major (now Colonel) Henderson succeeded to the 1st Division, that Officer, convinced of your memorialist's claims to promotion after a full trial of his conduct and discharge of his duties for nearly three years recommended him for advancement to the grade of 1st Class Revenue Surveyor from the 1st July 1846 the date on which he had attained that rank by the rules of the Department.

6. The Board of Revenue also were pleased to recommend the promotion from the same date with reference to Major Henderson's report, and your memorialist having "performed his duties with great punctuality and attention" and to the "favorable testimony" borne by that and his predecessors to your memorialist's "general good conduct and qualifications."

In Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 6th April 1848 No. 357, however, the Government advert to the observation made by Captain Gordon of your memorialist's "extreme idleness" in the submission of his Diaries were pleased to sanction his promotion only from the 2nd May 1845. Your memorialist respectfully begs to submit in respect to the observations contained in the 1st and 2nd Paras of the Extract of Minutes of Consultation just quoted that at the period the late Captain Gordon wrote his letter to your memorialist in which the expression "extreme idleness" occurred, there were but portions of two months Diaries in arrears; thus the arrears were not for any considerable period but two months, and not the entire diaries of those two months but only portions of them. In this omission even may be satisfactorily explained by a reference to your memorialist's monthly inspection lists in which his daily marches and examinations of work are recorded. These will show how fully he was occupied in field duty, and that the delay can only be attributed to want of sufficient time during the day to perform all the writing and account work that devolved on him.

During the period your memorialist served under the late Captain Gordon, he

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Appendix E

Write their letter to Govt dated 23rd March 1848. No. 266.

he had to furnish two fair copies of all his Diaries, two fair copies of all Plans of Balingalabs Annients &c^{as} and even of works of very minor and simple construction, besides his monthly lists of works inspected, Statements of Tentage, Pay Abstracts &c^{as} the preparation of these together with his own rough drafts had to be performed wholly unaided, and Your memorialist presumes that it was in consideration of the exacting of work being too great to be done satisfactorily that the Board in their Circular of the 13th April 1843 were pleased to order the preparation of only one fair copy of the Surveyor's Diary but this indulgence which he understands was granted to his juniors was never extended to him though he was then a Servant of 22 years Service. Your memorialist nevertheless strove to the utmost of his power to meet all the requisitions of the Civil Engineer and he respectfully submits that, that struggle was very hard, for while he endeavored to avoid incurring displeasure one way by halting a few days to bring up his indoor work, he laid himself open to blame in another by interrupting the run of his field duties. Your memorialist would here respectfully submit for favorable consideration that the delay, unavoidable as it was, was nevertheless visited by Captain Gordon by withholding his countersignature to the monthly pay Abstracts until the Diary for the month was made up and submitted. This penalty as may be supposed was severely felt especially when it was considered that your memorialist was all this while marching about from place to place, and in full run of unceasing field duties utterly precluding the possibility of a halt to complete his Diaries, without hazarding the almost certain displeasure of his superior. This withholding of Pay it must also be considered was an additional penalty inasmuch as it subjected him to expenses which he was unable to meet and entailed consequently privations both on himself and all his followers.

7. Adverting to the observations contained in the 3rd Para of the Extract, Your memorialist begs respectfully to explain that the delay of two months in furnishing his reports is not applicable to the whole of your memorialist's Diaries for the month, inasmuch as Extracts of such works considered of an emergent nature were immediately made out and duly submitted to the Collectors, thus preventing all occasion of detriment to the Public Service. It is with much submission

submission and diffidence that your Memorialist ventures to submit this explanation which he is
inclined to lay before your Lordship in justice to himself and for the satisfaction of your Lordship
in Council, and your Memorialist trusts that this respectful representation will in some measure
tend to remove from the mind of Government the impression of his "extreme idleness" and of his
work having been considerably in arrears. Your Memorialist has been extremely unfortunate
in not having been able to divert the late Captain Gordon of the impression he had taken of Your
Memorialist's want of zeal in the performance of his duty though that Gentleman was regularly
kept acquainted with all his movements and work, but at the same time it will be seen from his
own letter that with the exception of the delay in question he had no other cause for dissatisfaction.
This circumstance coupled with the favorable testimony borne by the other Officers under whom
your Memorialist had the honor to serve during a period of 34 Years as well as the
privations your Memorialist has already undergone, will he trusts plead on his behalf
and induce your Lordship in Council to look in a favorable light on his case and grant
his Petition for Advancement retrospectively to the rank and Pay of a Revenue Surveyor
from the 1st of July 1841 on which date after the prescribed period of faithful and
zealous service he had become entitled by the rules of the Public Works Department.
And as in duty bound, Your Memorialist will ever stay.

Signed George Oliver.

(Appendix A. referred to in the Memorial of George Oliver to Government.)
Extract from a Letter from Captain H. K. Cotton, Civil Engineer of the Centre Division
to the Inspector General of Civil Estimates dated Salem 23rd June 1826.

"In quitting this Situation I trust I may be permitted to bring to the
Notice of the Board of Revenue the continual industry and good conduct of Sub Assistant
Surveyor Oliver on all occasions wherein I have required his Services, he has been most zealous
and active, and has great knowledge of the duties of the Department; he has completed his
period of Apprenticeship and I beg to recommend him for promotion."

Civil Engineer
Centre Division

Appendix B.

(Appendix B. referred to in the Memorial of George Oliver to Government.)

To,
The Inspector General of Civil Estimates. Fort St George.
Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Application from Assistant Surveyor George
Oliver to be allowed to draw the increased Salary of the next higher grade in the Revenue
Department, his time of Service in the 3rd Class having expired on the 1st of July last. I have
much pleasure in being able to recommend this person very strongly to your Notice having during
the last 38 months while under my immediate command proved himself to be a most active,
intelligent and trustworthy person, well meriting the indulgence which he now seeks.

I have &c

Signed J. K. Cotton

Fort St George

8th August 1842

Civil Engineer

Centre Division

(Appendix C. referred to in the Memorial of George Oliver to Government.)

To,
The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue. Dept Public Works. Fort St George.
Sir,

Under the impression that I shall be relieved in a few days from the charge of the
Civil Engineer's Department with the 1st Division, and that within a very limited period
the work at the Caverybank Tank will be finished, I take the present opportunity as the only
one which I am likely to have of performing a promise contained in the subjoined Extract of a letter
from me to Assistant Surveyor Oliver dated 1st March 1838.

Extract.

"I am convinced from what I have seen of you that you are perfectly capable of
"superintending the work at Caverybank; If you see that I will
"and at a moderate expense, I will take an opportunity of bringing you
"to the notice of the Board of Revenue according as these questions may be examined by you.
"but if on the contrary I have in future cause for serious dissatisfaction."

delay, bad work, or exorbitant prices, I will most assuredly bring any such mismanagement and inefficiency before the Board."

As I have reason to be satisfied with the industry and attention shown by Assistant Surveyor Oliver since I assumed charge, as well as his judicious conduct when placed in respect to the Tahsildar in a position not unlikely to produce collision, which has been altogether avoided: and as I have no hesitation in pronouncing his professional attainments considerable, and his experience valuable. I have the honor to request that you will submit to the Board this letter recommending him to their favorable notice as a meritorious public servant.

I have &c

S^r Thorne }
26th June 1848 }

Signed / A. Douglas

Civil Engineer - 4th Division

/ Appendix D. referred to in the Memorial of George Oliver to Government /

From,

Captain S. Vardon - Civil Engineer - 4th Division

To,

Assistant Revenue Surveyor S. Oliver.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 29th ultimo, requesting to be recommended for promotion to the grade of Surveyor, and in reply beg to inform you that the only obstacle which prevented my doing so at the time the term of 35 Years from the date of the expiration of your Apprenticeship had expired was, our continued extreme unwillingness in not forwarding our diaries at the proper period, but delaying them for so very long a time as to render them almost, if not entirely useless when they did arrive. This delay I regret to say, so long as any delay whatever you for promotion - Your Si

this been received by me, the former upwards a month ago, and the latter about the 5th instant. Assistant Surveyor Campbell's diaries with numerous plans attached to each having arrived in my Office at the period specified.

Until therefore the whole of your arrears are made up I much regret I cannot recommend you for promotion.

I am &c

Mysorepett - near Madras. / Signed / S. Vardon

16th January 1848

Civil Engineer - 4th Division

/ Appendix E. referred to in the Memorial of George Oliver to Government /

Civil Engineer's Office, 4th Division

Goodoovanchary 16th January 1848.

S^r 57.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Department of Public Works.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Application from Mr Assistant Surveyor Oliver to be promoted to the next higher grade from the 1st of July 1845 being the date on which he completed his Service of 35 Years in his rank.

Sometime after I assumed charge of this Division I received a similar application from Mr Oliver, but as his Diaries were then in arrears and as he told me that was the cause of the late Captain Vardon's not recommending him for promotion, I considered it my duty to refuse to forward his request, and advised him to use every effort to bring up his arrears which he has now accomplished.

This objection being removed and the Surveyor having since served under my orders with great punctuality and attention to his duties, I have great pleasure in recommending his

his case for the favorable consideration of the Board. He professes high testimonials from several Officers and I can add that I consider him in every respect qualified for and deserving of promotion. I would also beg to bring to the Board's Notice that whilst employed under my Orders he has been constantly marching or otherwise employed in inspecting and reporting upon works which left him no leisure to bring up his arrears till I granted him a few days leave for the purpose.

I have &c

Signet Robt Henderson

Major

Civil Engineer 4th Division

Secdovanchary
14th Janry 1848

True Copy

Signet Robt Henderson Major

Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sydpatt
January 1848

(Letter from the Board of Revenue to Government, referred to in the Memorial of George Oliver to Government)

Department of Public Works.

N^o 266.

To, The Officiating Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for submission to the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Civil Engineer 4th Division forwarding an application from Assistant Surveyor George Oliver of the 2^d Class for promotion to the higher grade.

2^d Class Oliver

Against the rank of Revenue Surveyor agreeably to the rules of the Department on the 1st July 1845, but in consequence of his services being in arrears at this time it was deemed proper to refrain from recommending him for promotion until they were brought up. Major Henderson however observed that during the period Mr Oliver served

under his orders he performed his duties with great punctuality and attention, and that the arrears alluded to arose from continual marching and from other current employment, which left the Surveyor no leisure to bring up his work until he was permitted to halt for a few days for that purpose.

3. Under this explanation and the favorable testimony borne by Major Henderson and his predecessors to Mr Oliver's general good conduct and qualifications and in consideration of his length of service, the Board recommend that he be promoted to the rank of pay of a Revenue Surveyor from the date he attained that rank in the Department.

Madras.

23rd March 1848

I have &c

Signet J. H. Bell. Secy Bd of Rev. Dep. P. Works.

Revenue Department.

N^o 357.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 6th April 1848.

Learn^d. The Honorable the Governor in Council observes that Mr Oliver has only recently brought up the arrears of his Division although he was informed by Captain Gordon in 1843 that he could not be recommended for promotion until that should be done.

2. The cause assigned by Captain Gordon for the heavy arrears in the Assistant Surveyor's Division was his "extreme idleness". Under these circumstances the Government cannot be wider of purpose to allow Mr Oliver the whole of his back pay and back honor; but as Major Henderson requires a full year's service to the time that he has been under his superintendence, the Honorable the Governor in Council declines to grant sanction for his promotion to the rank of Surveyor from the 2^d May 1845 the date on which Major Henderson took charge of the Division. The arrears of difference of pay will be disbursed to Mr Oliver from that date.

3. His Honor in Council trusts that the Surveyor will be careful by the diligence in the discharge of his duties to avoid future occasion for dissatisfaction and ensure on the part of his superiors. He must be well aware that reports of Officers of the Civil Engineer's Department on the works they visit are of little use if delayed for months after the issue.

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue D. P. Works.

/A True Extract/

Signet J. H. Bell. Secy Bd of Rev. Dep. P. Works.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing correspondence be communicated to the Civil Engineer 4th Division with the Extract to the Civil Auditor.

Madras 27th April 1848.
Despt 1st May 1848.

Signet J. H. Bell.

Secy Bd of Rev. Dep. P. Works.

To, The Civil Engineer of the 5th Division

For the information of Revenue Surveyor Oliver.

Signet W. J. Bernard. Civil Engineer 5th Division. Appender

Railway Department. Consulting Engineer's Office.

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To, Revenue Surveyor G. Oliver. Railway Department.

The Government of India having sanctioned the establishment for my Office lately applied for by me it is my intention to appoint you to the situation of an Engineer and Surveyor should you desire that Office, and should the Board of Revenue make no objection. you are requested therefore to consider the matter and give me your reply at an early date. The present head writer will be advanced to the situation of Accountant and the present 2nd writer to that of 1st writer; but as I have not had sufficient opportunity of forming a decided judgment on their fitness for these two situations, they will understand that their appointments will be considered probationary and that if I should not, after full trial, be satisfied of their qualifications they will revert to their former posts.

Although not sure of their qualifications, I give them this present promotion in consideration of their uniform attention to their duties and their general respectability of Character.

Camp, Cochinore. }
5th December 1853. }
Signed/ The J. Sears.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Memorial of Mrs. Jane Oliver to Government, dated 7th July 1856, to which no reply has been received.

The Right Honorable George Francis Robert, Lord Harris
Governor in Council. Fort St. George.

The Humble Memorial of Jane Oliver, Widow of the late
George Oliver, Surveyor of the Madras Establishment.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialist is the Widow of the late George Oliver,

Surveyor of the Madras Establishment, who entered the Honorable Company's Service in the year 1819 as an Apprentice, and rose step by step in that employ till he attained its highest post in the year 1845, vizt. that of Revenue Surveyor.

2. That your Memorialist's late husband served under the orders of various Engineers and Revenue Officers, to each of whom he invariably rendered every satisfaction in the discharge of the duties entrusted to him, duties of an onerous and responsible nature, and the testimonials appended to this appeal, will she trusts bear her out in the assertion that she has not overrated the Services and qualifications of her late husband.

That

3. That in December 1853 the Services of your Memorialist's late husband was by the Board of Revenue placed at the disposal of Major/now Colonel/ Sears B. Esq. at that time Railway Commissioner, for the purpose of assisting in the survey and selection of the best and most feasible line for a Railway, and in consequence of the zeal and activity he had evinced in the performance of that work, he was selected for the post of Surveyor and Manager of the Railway Consulting Engineer's Office where he devoted all the experience and knowledge he had acquired in the field for a period of 35 years to good account, until the date of his demise; the 3rd January 1856.

4. That in consequence of the deplorable event your Memorialist and Six children all of whom are growing females, with the exception of an Infant Son, and whose wants are daily increasing are left in comparative indigence without the least prospect of an amelioration in their circumstances which has induced your Memorialist to represent her trying and peculiar position with the view that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to vouch for a compassionate hearing to it and relieve her and large family by a monthly Pension, in consideration of her late husband's length of active servitude under the Honorable East India Company's Government, and whose family would not have been reduced to this necessity had not the hand of death arrested him in his useful career of life and to your Memorialist and family's irreparable loss.

5. Your Memorialist begs respectfully to state that her late husband married in early life and had always been necessitated to keep up two establishments, as his family could not without considerable expense travel with him and he was not able in consequence to make any provision for them.

6. Your Memorialist craves leave further to observe that there have been instances in which this Government have in their benevolence pensioned the Widows of Surveyors whose peculiar cases were brought to its notice, and as your Memorialist is informed that there is a charitable allowance left at the discretion of your Lordship to be disbursed to those who may have a claim for the consideration and sympathy of your Lordship, your Memorialist desirantly trusts that a more fitting opportunity does not present itself than the one now under your Lordship's notice to achieve the Widow and Orphans of an Old and faithful servant of the Government, for which act of charity your Memorialist and family will ever feel grateful.

7. Your Memorialist in conclusion begs to state that she is convinced that this simple and unvarnished statement of her distressed condition will suffice to move your Lordship's benevolence

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towards herself and family more than the most powerful eloquence of words, and with this assurance she rests content that your Lordship in being instrumental in bestowing on her the boon solicited will assuredly receive the reward pronounced by Him, who alone can direct your Lordship's heart, to those who relieve the fatherless children and the widows. And your Memorialist as in duty bound.

Shall ever I pray.

/Signed/ Jane Oliver.

Madras 7th July 1856.

Testimonials

Sinkerydroog 26th Nov.

Mr. Oliver.

The day before yesterday I sent you an Order to join Major Peers at Madras to assist in the survey of the ground proposed for the Railway to Arcot. I am very sorry to lose your Services, but trust that the duty you will have to perform will be of a temporary nature, and that you will soon return again to your old Division. I have returned your Abstracts, and you must apply of course for a Certificate of last day.

I am Yrs

/Signed/ J. Smythe.

I should like to have the report of the Causeway as soon as possible. J.S.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Mr. George Oliver at present Manager and Surveyor in my Office has forwarded to me with a request that I will submit to Government the accompanying ~~and~~ ^{and} his promotion to the rank of Surveyor might be anticipated and made from the date 1st July 1855, on which occasion ~~he~~ ^{he} would have been promoted had he not fallen temporarily under the displeasure of his immediate Superior Captain Gordon.

2. With the merits of the case I have necessarily no acquaintance beyond that which I gather from these Papers.

3. Mr. Oliver appears during a very long period of service to have been fortunate in obtaining the approbation of a number of Officers well qualified to judge of his conduct and qualifications.

4. He was placed by the Revenue Board at my disposal when I was first appointed to report on the projected Railway as being the best qualified and most experienced Surveyor they had.

5. He has been now employed during two years under my orders and during a great part of that time has been engaged in field work. He has displayed much energy and activity in the performance of duties of that nature and I am bound to acknowledge that both in the field and in the Office his Services have been of great value to me. If the indulgence now prayed for by the Surveyor be not inconsistent with the rules of the Service or otherwise inadmissible I would strongly recommend it to favorable consideration believing Mr. Oliver to be a very meritorious as he is now an Old public Servant.

I have Yrs

/Signed/ J. J. Peers.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Madras.

25th August 1855.

/Yrs Obedt./

Jane Oliver

Madras.

10th June 1858.

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To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I most respectfully request you will be pleased to submit to the Governor in Council the accompanying Memorial in Triplicate for the purpose of being transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Your most Obedient Servant.
J. B. P. W.

New Town, Madras.

10th June 1858.

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Extract from the Minutes of General Session
under date the 7th July 1858.

Read the following
letter from the widow of the
late George Abner, Red Surveyor,
his late establishment.

(Here enter 10 June 1855 etc.)

Previous to trans-
mission to the Honorable the
Court of Directors, the above
Memorial will be referred
to the Chief Engr for report.

W. A. B.

10 Copies to the Offr. Chief Eng to Disps 8th
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late George Oliver, a
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