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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

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(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Paul H. Smith 1859
On the 1st of November

Nov 29/59

For the 1st of November
of 1859

Extract from Records testifying to
the Character of Veerannah.

C. M. Cloud Esq^r
Adj^t 42nd Regt N. I.
dated 6th Feby 1833.

Veerannah was employed by
me as a Writer for the period
of 2 years in Masulipatam.

J. W. Todd Esq^r
Adj^t 14th Regt N. I.
6th December 1835

Veerannah was employed by me
as a Writer for 3 years.

Major J. Govinault
Commanding 47th
Regiment N. I.
31st August 1836

Veerannah was enlisted as a Vakeel,
his general conduct as a Vakeel had
been very good.

Lieut. Woodfall
47th Regt N. I.
6th January 1838.

Veerannah late Vakeel, is a very
good writer & an attentive man.

Lieut. J. Hughes
47th Regt N. I.
8th January 1838

Veerannah formerly Vakeel,
conducted himself greatly to
my satisfaction.

Lieut. J. Allen
47th Regt N. I.
8th January 1838.

Veerannah formerly Vakeel of the
47th Regiment N. I. gave me great
satisfaction & I can recommend
him as an excellent writer.

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of 22nd Nov 1859. 1869
4-12-77

Veeranah formerly a Vakeel to the Regt he has always given satisfaction & he is a very attentive & respectable man.

Veeranah Vakeel, appeared a very honest trust worthy servant.

Lieut. H. P. White
Quartermaster
47th Regt. N. I.
9th January 1838.

Capt. Blayland
47th Regt. N. I.
9th January 1838.

The Civil Engineer cannot leave this Department without placing upon record, how much he feels himself indebted to the zeal, activity, and attention displayed by V. Veeranah the writer of it. The Civil Engineer having never had occasion in one single instance to find any fault with him from the day he was entertained (1st June 1838) up to the present time, and this is the more worthy of note as the Department not existing until the Civil Engineer assumed charge of it, the servants he nominated to it were all new to their duties.

Veeranah in particular from having never been previously in the Engineer Department was quite ignorant of Plan drawing or the preparation of Estimates. He can now prepare both correctly for any simple work and understands how to survey the Channel & every reliance may be placed upon any Series of levels he may be directed to take.

He has ever continued to give me the greatest satisfaction by his attention and willingness to perform all his duties and I feel indebted to him for the manner he has done them never in one single instance that I can remember have documents that were due been delayed by him, though

Capt. A. P. Bull
Civil Eng.
13th June 1842

D. D.
2nd March 1844

the work of the Office has been at times very heavy.

He is greatly improved in Estimating making and in Plan drawing & is quite competent to make out Buildings for erection from a Plan, the large sluice at the Head of the Poopiah Culvert was done solely under his Superintendence having no one to assist him & the way it has been executed will speak sufficiently in his favour on this point.

I am confidently recommending him to my successor as a trust worthy intelligent and active person and one he will perform all his duties with ability and judgement.

Lieut. Col. Cotton
1st January 1852.

The Civil Engineer places at the disposal of Lieut. King to assist him in the construction of Gunnaravaram a queduct.

The Civil Engineer employs Veeranah Wrote in this manner on account of his exceeding usefulness in such employments as was shown when he was employed on the Amrut and on many other occasions and no other name can be found, that can at all supply his place in such works.

Capt. C. L. Orr
Ag. Civil Eng.
11th Sept. 1851.

I have much pleasure in testifying my most favourable opinion of his Character. He possesses remarkable intelligence, energy, and activity on which account he was principally employed by me in assisting me to carry in out of doors, the duties connected

connected with the Supervision of the construction of the Goddard Dam, and he has invariably given me the greatest satisfaction, and I feel confident he will always be found a true and worthy and valuable public servant, in whatever position he may be placed.

I can fully support the high ^{Post & other} Character of him given by my predecessor, 12th Sept 1858 during these 7 years he has not merely done the ordinary duties of head of the Civil Engineer's Office, but he has been employed on every important matter connected with the Department during the execution of the Godavery works both in doors and out whatever required Superior activity, intelligence and energy, of whatever kind the duty was, his Services were called for. He is certainly the ablest, most valuable Native Servant, I have ever had to transact business with, and has been invaluable to me, he has had experience various kinds of business, and I have no doubt would be found a valuable man in any appointment in the Revenue and Miscellaneous Department. — There is no doubt that he would have held some Superior appointment before this, if his great usefulness at the present had not prevented it, and in this account I consider he has a special claim for promotion. I consider it highly desirable

desirable that some suitable appoint-
ment should be found for him in the
Godavary Delta in connection with
the Mamamut Department, but if this
cannot be arranged, it would be
unjust to retain him in the Depart-
ment while he might hold a higher
appointment in other branches of the
Service. I have never had the least
reason to suspect any thing against
his Character for uprightness.

Capt. H. W. Cowles
17 April 1852.

I have known him for nearly 6 years, during this part of which time he was employed under my orders as a Superintendent of the Quiver, Rail roads, and Post Department of the Goddard Annex - I cannot speak too highly of his useful services - without exception; he is most thoroughly efficient and indefatigable nature I know, as a manager of Public Works he is unequalled, and his energy, activity, ability, and tact, added to his willingness and civility, are qualifications in him as remarkable as they are invaluable. his talents fit him for all most any appointment in the Public Service and I heartily wish him all prosperity.

From Capt. Orr
To The Secretary
to the Bd. of Rev.
29th March 1852.

Veeranah - the Head Writer, an inhabitant of Masulipatnam, is a man of great intelligence and of

extraordinary activity, and energy,
for a native - He is quite lost in
conducting the routine duties of an
Office, but is an invaluable man
for out of door employments, especially
at the opening of large works when
difficulty is experienced in procuring
supplies of workmen and materials
and in persuading the people of
the Country to give their willing as-
sistance. Such duties are no longer
required of him here, as supplies of
materials are abundantly and cheaply
furnished and the people are perfectly
acquainted with the works as is proved
by the fact stated by Major Cotton
that 12,000 men are now employed thereon,
but Bejwarah where a great under-
takings has to be commenced, while we
are yet unknown and our proceedings
looked upon with suspicious distrust,
the services of such a man are I con-
sider absolutely indispensable to me
for the public advantage, because to
set the extensive works there in motion,
free communication through an influential
and best worthy channel must be
opened with the people, numerous en-
quiries must be made, an extensive
search must be instituted for materials,
their prices must be fixed with the
people, the prejudices of the inhabitants
who are extremely hostile to the con-
struction of the Tunnel must be over-
come, and they must be made acquainted
with us, and so far reconciled to our
proceedings as to be induced to give
us their assistance instead of their
opposition. To help me to do all
this in my District but especially in
Masulipatam

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Masulipatam where there is literally
no Mammut Establishment and where
the people have hitherto been grievously
plundered in the Public works, a trust-
worthy and intelligent native is abso-
lutely necessary, and I know of no
one comparable with Veerannah for
such a duty - Therefore, as all I
infinitely more than I have mentioned
must be done before any progress
can be made with the Tunnel I leave
it to the Board to imagine the help-
less position in which I shall be
placed till this question is settled,
and the heavy addition to the burden
of my labours anxieties and res-
ponsibilities an adverse decision
will lay upon me.

Col. A. Cotton
8th April 1852.

In this account also I must
urge the necessity of keeping my
present Writer Veerannah in this Division,
he has been throughout employed in
all most every kind of way in con-
nection with these works in which
his services have been invaluable.

Major F. C. Cotton
To The Secy. Govt. Bd.
dated 5th April 1854.

Veerannah a native manager
ought to have a much larger income
than 100 Rupees, he has been in-
valuable from 1st to last, during the
progress of the works, and he is
still so, when men or materials are
wanted on any new arrangement has
to be made with Native Contractors,
either in the Hills or in the Delta,
Veerannah is able to do far more
than could be done without him -
And there can be no better test
of his fair treatment of the people
than

then the readings with which his offers
were accepted - I have given Veerannah
the same salary that he had when
temporarily employed, in the same
appointment and I hope that it will
not be long before his income is
raised, so that he shall stand
amongst the highest paid native
public servants in the District.

At the present moment I feel
certain that the Amiant Manager
Veerannah, from his long experience
and natural talent for the work,
can build 25 per cent cheaper than
any Officer on that side of the
Godavary.

Sub Engineer Veerannah as
usual was the first to work, the
last, to leave, and it is entirely to
his exertions that the materials
required were supplied without
fail.

x x x x
And more especially on I to come to the Dist. Eng.
the services of Mr. Luber to Sub Eng.
Veerannah that he will not fail to
bring to the notice of Government his
exemplary diligence and zeal.

x x x x
I must also notice the invaluable
aid of the Amiant Superintendent
Veerannah, though he was frequently
suffering

Major J. C. Cotton
to the Secy to G.O.
1st April 1854.

From Capt. Rundle
to the Chief Engineer
21st June 1858.

From Dy. Chief Eng.
to the Dist. Eng.
12th Feb 1858.

John A. Cotton
Comd^g of Engrs
3rd June 1858.

suffering from severe pain - His
usual his great influence with the
Natives his invincible energy, and his
superior ability were of the utmost
value, I beg however particularly re-
quest the attention of the Government
to the case of this invaluable man
whose influence and ability have been
of such vital importance from the
commencement of the works - I should
state that it is evident that he
cannot possibly go through the
exertions that he has hitherto done,
as he is now at times a great suf-
ferer, and I would urge, that it
is very important, that he should
be allowed to look out for an ener-
getic man to be appointed his assis-
tant on the Amiant, in order as
far as possible to economize his
own strength, I would also beg
to suggest that the Government
should bestow upon Veerannah some
valuable gift to commemorate his
services in the Amiant works, and
to serve as an heirloom in his
family - I cannot say less
than that if we had not found
a Native of his remarkable qua-
lifications, considering the state
of the District when the works
were commenced, I do not see
how

how they could have been exc.
used, for no European could have
supplied his place, and no native
at all equal to him has appeared.
In him God was pleased, to pro-
vide one essential element for the
carrying out a project which has
so fully prospered.

1 True Copy

M. C. M. Colonel
Comd. of Engs

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To M. R. P. Vijayarajawool Chettyar,
My Dear Sir,

The details of Vira-
naki service is as follows:

As H^o Writer & Accountant
from 1st June/38 to 31st Dec/52; ⁴⁰⁰⁻⁰⁰
Salary Rs 50-0-0 — ¹²⁴⁻⁷

As Manager
from 1st Jan./53 to 31st Dec./56;
Salary Rs 100-0-0 — 4-0

As Sub Engineer
from 1st Jan./57 to Nov/59
Salary Rs 250-0-0 — 2-10

Total Service - 21-5

Civil Audit Office
8th Nov. 1959
Yours Sincerely
A. Dorville

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Extract from Colonel Baird Smith's
work page 106.

The only other notability
connected with the works brought
under my observation, was the
native Superintendent, Varanov,
to whose energy and ability Major
Cotton drew my especial attention,
by saying, that without him he
doubted whether the undertaking
would have been completed for
years to come, and certainly could
never have been finished, as it
has now been, with scarcely a
serious check, and without an
important accident. It is no re-
flection on the officers concerned to
say, that when I wanted any
minute detail likely to have
escaped every body's memory.

Varanov

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Veeranoo was sure to have it ready
for use at a moment's notice;
and I have rarely - I may say
never - met a native whose
intelligence was more remarkable.
I hope he has still a long
life of usefulness before him.

Comd^g of Eng^g Office.

N^o 425. -

From,

The Commandant of Engineers.

To,

J. Bourdillon Esq^r
Secretary to Government
D. D. No. 1122
15th Dec 1852

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Fort Saint George,
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Dated the 10th Novr/59. Signed J. P. Elliot.

Comptroller

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16th Nov 59
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*Public Works Dept
16th Nov 59
to: of Govt 30th Nov*

No 3029.

*Illustrated by the Honable
Walter Elliot, Esq.
27th Nov 1859.*

*According to
information from the
Friends of the road
Engt. V. Virannah.*

*to 27th Nov 59
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22^d November 1854.

From the Comd^t of Engineers,
Forwards extracts from
records, testifying to the character
of Sub Engineer Viranna of the 50th
Inf Divⁿ, and suggests that certain
rewards be conferred on him.

(Here enter 3^d cert / 54 cert 425)

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 adding his testimony to
 the ~~above individual's~~ merits of
 Viram's zealous and faithful
 services, from personal know-
 ledge.

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~~above letter, and the Honble~~
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~~the merits of said Esr. Viram,~~
 be brought to the favorable notice
 of the Right Honble the Secretary
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Col. F. W. A. D. Hart. B.
adj. 22. Nov. 1859. 1869
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Regarding the revenue of
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