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TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES WOOD, BART, G. C. B.

Secretary of State for India in Council,

LONDON.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF JOHN MILLS,
MANAGER IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF
PUBLIC WORKS AT MADRAS; FORMER-
LY OF THE CORPS OF SAPPERS AND
MINERS, ATTACHED TO THE SAME PRESI-
DENCY.

HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

I. That your Petitioner is at present an Uncovenanted Servant of Her Majesty's Indian Government, holding the appointment of Manager in the Central Office of the Department of Public Works, of the Madras Presidency, and, that he prefers the following prayer for your Excellency's favorable consideration.

II. That, for the reasons hereinafter mentioned, your humble petitioner most respectfully solicits the indulgence of having counted to him as effective service towards any future pension he may become eligible for in the Uncovenanted Service, a period of 12½ years Military Service, 8½ of which he had already rendered in the executive branch of the D. P. W. of this Presidency, prior and up to, the date of his being necessitated to obtain a free discharge from the Military Service, and accept the transfer of those services from the executive, to the administration branch of the Department Public Works.

III. That your humble petitioners period of Military Service in the D. P. W. of this Presidency, dates, from his appointment from the Corps of Sappers in April 1848, as an Assistant Overseer, up to the date of his obtaining a Free discharge in January 1857, at which time he was an Overseer in the Department, employed temporarily in the Chief Engineer's Office consequent upon the prohibition, by Medical authority, of your humble petitioner's further exercising the Field duties of his rank in the Department, for a long time to come. That from his having repeatedly suffered from the severe nature of the duties of an executive subordinate, and apprehending that the Medical prohibition was likely to

involve a long and uncertain period of cessation from active occupation, your humble petitioner accepted employment offered to him in the Central Office of Public Works, which suited your humble petitioner's then state of health, but which could be retained for any lengthened period, only by giving up his rank in the executive branch of the Department, obtaining his discharge from the Military service, and entering the Chief Engineer's Office, as an Uncovenanted servant.

IV. That your humble petitioner, at the time of disconnecting himself with the executive branch of the Department, was fully aware of the sacrifice of future prospects and rewards he was called upon to make, since he was aware that the changes, about to be effected in the whole Department, would very considerably advance the rank and emoluments of the subordinate members of the same rank and standing as himself. But the failure of his health placed out of the reach of your humble petitioner, all advancement and prospective advantages he might have hoped for from past service and conduct, as these were bestowed, only on Subordinates actually engaged in the executive duties of the Department at the time.

V. That while your humble petitioner has thus to see himself shut out from participation, in either the immediate emoluments of the superior rank, he might have looked forward to, had he not been obliged to forfeit his place in the Department from causes beyond his control, as well as the prospective reward of the increased scale of pension to that rank, he has not been without the hope, during the 3½ years he has been serving in his new capacity, that the Government, which has so liberally allowed the whole period of Service in the Department to count for pension, in the case of the new promotions of the Executive subordinates consequent upon the change in the Department, would also, on a review of his case and in consideration of the peculiar circumstances under which it occurred, extend also to him the indulgence of having his previous services, as an Executive subordinate, counted as service entitling to pension, in the present uncovenanted grade, he has attained in the Central Office of Public Works.

VI. That your humble petitioner, having above adverted to the cause of his accepting employment in the Central Office of P. W. as an Uncovenanted servant, would further respectfully beg to add, that no interregnum took place in his services, between the period of his duties in the Executive branch as a Military subordinate ceasing, and his entering on the duties of an Uncovenanted servant in the Office, previous to his obtaining his discharge from the Military Service. But, in assuming this new line of duties, he brought with him the experience of 8½ years active employment in the Executive branch of the Department, which circumstance was alleged, at the time of his being brought forward to fill the vacant appointment, as advantageous to the Public service. He would also, most respectfully, instance his subsequent advancement to his present office as

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No. 4.
Manager, as indicating, that he has discharged the duties devolving on him to the satisfaction of his superiors. And, if it may be inferred from thence, that his early training and severe duties in the executive branch of the Department, had in any manner rendered his services, in his present line of duty, more generally useful or effectual, he would earnestly pray your Excellency to take into your favourable consideration, the fact, that your humble petitioner cannot himself reap any advantage, immediate or prospective, from those years of past service, unless as a special indulgence, such as his case may be thought to merit.

VII. Your humble petitioner most respectfully, would beg to conclude his prayer, by referring to the case of the Members of the Upper Subordinate Establishment, some of whom entered the Military Service at the same time, and under similar circumstances with himself, and who held the same rank in the Department about the time of the failure of his health in 1856; who did not stand higher in point of character, and, who are now Warrant Officers, holding superior Civil rank, with all the advantages of present emolument and prospective scale of pension of whatever rank they may eventually attain, reckoning from the commencement of their services in the army, while your humble petitioner feels, that the failure of his health alone, has stood between him and the enjoyment of the same advantages with them, and that the loss of 12½ years of arduous service, has resulted, only from sheer inability to continue to perform the onerous duties of an Executive Subordinate, at a time when emoluments and reward were about to be bestowed, in the organization of the new Department, upon both the Civil and Military Subordinates, for past services and conduct, in which, he believes, he would have been found inferior to none of similar rank and standing in the Department. And as the loss of health, which has debarred him from participation in those rewards, was solely brought about by his endeavouring to render himself worthy of them by a zealous and faithful discharge of duty, he earnestly prays, that, through the testimony of his superiors as to the truthfulness of this representation, and particularly from the known liberality of this Government to such of its subordinates as may be thought to suffer in the present or prospective advantages of the service from no fault of their own, his petition may receive your Excellency's favorable and gracious consideration, and that his former Military Service, 12½ years may be allowed to count for pension, as in the case of his more fortunate

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letter to Government
dated, May 1860.
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and also annexed Testi-
monials.

comrades, of the Upper Subordinate Establishment, promoted in January 1857: for which act of your Excellency's generous consideration towards him, so calculated to enable him hereafter to discharge his duties, free from the painful apprehension of the consequences, should health, so uncertain, at the best, to a European in this country, fail him, your humble petitioner as in duty bound.

SHALL EVER PRAY.

MADRAS,
28th April, 1860.

Mills

TESTIMONIALS.

No. 1.

Mr. J. Mills Overseer 6th Division, has been frequently employed under me during the last two years, and I have much pleasure in certifying, that the manner in which he has discharged his duties has given me entire satisfaction; and that I entertain a very high sense of his integrity, and zeal, as an Officer in the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) W. M. CADELL, C. S.

Sub Collector.

TANJORE DISTRICT,
2nd May, 1855.

No. 2.

The Combaconum Church Building Committee, on approaching the conclusion of their labors, consider it an act of justice to record the high sense they entertain of the aid given them throughout their undertaking, by Mr. J. Mills Revenue Overseer. The design for the eastern window, the chancel rails. The Vestry Screen and the Pulpit pedestal, they owe entirely to him. They have received much valuable assistance from him, also in hanging the Bell in the Church Turret, and in many matters connected with the interior fittings and finish of the Building, they are indebted to him for his sound advice and most excellent taste. They beg now to tender him their sincere thanks, and trust that this Testimonial, which they need hardly add, has been quite unsolicited, may be of use to him, in his future career in the Public Service.

(Signed) S. A. GODFREY,

„ E. W. BIRD, C. S.

„ W. C. INNES, C. S.

Members of the Church Building Committee.

COMBACONUM,
30th November, 1855.

No. 3.

This certifies that the Bearer hereof 1st Corporal John Mills No. 104 attached to the Presidency of Fort Saint George in Madras has served the Honorable Company for the space of 12 years and three months and that his general conduct as a Soldier has been exemplary.

Given under my hand and seal of Office this 17th day of December 1856.

(Signed) I. CARPENDALE CAPTAIN,

Commanding Sappers and Minors.

No. 4.

Extract from a letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle to the Chief Engineer dated 3rd October, 1856.

* * *
 PARA 2. Mr. Mills has been employed in the Tanjore District for more than eight years, during which period, his conduct gained for him the good opinion, not only of his professional superiors, but of every Revenue Officer, European and Native, with whom he has been connected, and I have never met with any European Subordinate who obtained such general confidence. Mr. Mills health gave way at the end of 1855, and after several struggles with his disorder (Dysentery) he was compelled to leave Tanjore on sick Certificate with your leave of absence for six months, the Medical Officer stating, that "he will not be fit for the out door duties of an Engineer for a very long period, if ever." Mr. Mills can never be happy in idleness, and with your express sanction, I held out to him the prospect of employment in my Office, as I have long felt the want of a man conversant, not only with routine business, but with the general professional duties of the Department.

(Signed) F. LAWFORD,
Superintending Engineer S. Circle.

No. 5.

Extract from a letter from the Chief Engineer under date 4th October 1856, No. 7052 Submitting the foregoing for the orders of Government.

* * *
 PARA 2. I do myself the honor to forward a copy of the application received from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle of Public Works, and beg to be favored with the early orders of Government, on a proposition, which to the best of my knowledge and belief, is the best of its kind ever brought forward. It is a pleasing duty on my part, to fully confirm all that Major Lawford has stated in behalf of Overseer Mills, whose professional acquirements, and zeal, with his personal character for unblemished integrity, are entitled to the fullest acknowledgements.

(Signed) C. E. FABER LT. COL.
Chief Engineer.

No. 6.

MR. MILLS,

&c.

&c.

&c.

In answer to your request that I should grant you a testimonial, I am glad to be able to do so, and to state to you how greatly I always valued your services, how much I regretted your departure from the District, and how high a sense I always entertained of your professional abilities and moral conduct. I believe I am correct in saying, that neither my predecessor, nor I, had ever any reason to find any fault with your proceedings in any form, and I can only add, that I wish your advancement and prosperity, and subscribe myself.

MADRAS,
 22d January, 1857. }

Your friend,
 (Signed) A. BOILEAU,
Civil Engineer 6th Division

No. 7.

Mr. J. Mills having been employed since 1st October 1856, in the Central Office of Public Works, has requested me to supply him with a Certificate of the services performed by him.

I have much pleasure in stating that his intelligence diligence and readiness at all times to turn his attention to any duty which required it, have rendered his services extremely useful: he has been employed in the Current, Record and General Departments of the Office, and his knowledge of the duties performed in each of these, has always been turned to good account.

I had known Mr. Mills in 1855, when he was employed in the Tanjore District, performing the field duties of the Department of Public Works, and I always found him most efficient. His health alone compelled him, I believe, to seek in door employment.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, CAPTAIN,
Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

MADRAS,
 15th July, 1858. }

No. 8.

To

MR. MILLS,

Acting Uncovenanted Assistant.

I cannot leave the Central Office, without expressing to you my thanks for your immediate attention to all matters of business, in which I required your aid, and I must also express my admiration for your excellent habits of business, and unwearied diligence. I trust that you will meet with the promotion which I think you deserve.

With every good wish for your welfare,

Believe me,

&c. &c.

(Signed) P. FRANCIS, CAPTAIN,
Actg. Supg. Engineer Central Circle.

CHRISTMASDAY,
 1858. }

No. 9.

I have known Mr. John Mills for the last eleven years as an Overseer Surveyor, and latterly a Clerk in the Central Office of Public Works, and I have no hesitation in saying that his industry and attention to business cannot be exceeded. His abilities are very good, and he has a thorough knowledge of his professional duties. His character has always stood deservedly high, not only with his own immediate superiors, but in the opinion of the Revenue Officers under whom his duties have placed him. As a Public Servant, I find that Mr. Mills has gained the good-will of all his Officers, and his respectability of private character, is equally established.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, LT. COL.,
Engineers.

MADRAS,
 20th March, 1859. }

No. 10.

Extract from the Official Register of Uncovenanted Servants in the Central Office.

During my absence on Sick Certificate, the Officiating Chief Engineer selected Mr. Mills to act as 2nd Uncovenanted Assistant to the Chief Engineer, whilst Mr. Baber was under Medical treatment; I did not feel at liberty to repeat Lieutenant Colonel Lawford's nomination—but I have had the greatest pleasure in appointing Mr. Mills Head Manager—fully intending had I remained to further promote this most effective zealous, and capable public Servant, on the very first opportunity.

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

12th April, 1859.

No. 11.

I am happy to be able to bear testimony to the zeal and attention to his duties, invariably shewn by Mr. J. Mills during the period, (upwards of a year) that I was employed in the Central Office.

MADRAS,
9th August, 1859.

(Signed) E. BLAGRANE, CAPTAIN,
Acting Asst. to the Chief Engineer.

No. 12.

During the 8 months of my employment in the Central Office in preparing the Code for the Department, I have met with the very greatest assistance from Mr. Mills Manager of the Office.

In the peculiar work upon which I have been employed, I was of course dependent to a very great extent on his assistance and co-operation, and I feel it my duty to bear witness to his ungrudging and zealous labors in my behalf, notwithstanding the numerous and heavy calls on his time from other quarters.

MADRAS,
3rd March, 1860.

(Signed) J. SHAW STEWART, CAPTAIN,
Engineer.

*Some copies and others
Miss*

Abstract Statement of the case of 1st Corporal J. Mills Overseer
in the Department of the Public Works.

Regimental Number.	Rank.	Name.	Age.	Period of residence in India.	When taken ill.	ABSTRACT OF CASE.	SUMMARY OF TREATMENT.
104	1st Corporal.	J. Mills	29 Years.	10 Years.	20th June, 1856.	Dysent Chronica—Came in from the Coleroon Bridge the Building of which he was Superintending having been attacked with purging of bloody and slimy stools accompanied with torming and tenusmus Mr. Mills suffered from a severe acute attack of Dysentery in November 1855 and was under treatment by Assistant Apothecary Rodgers at Negapatam but returned to his duty in March 1856, from this period up to his admission in June he has suffered from great debility and frequent attacks of Diarrhoea merging at times into Dysenteric Symptoms. He is now much reduced by his recent attack and will not be fit for the out of door duties of an Engineer for a very long period, if ever, and as Office work has been promised him at Madras I have at the suggestion of the Chief Engineer granted him 6 months leave to Madras with a view of his benefitting by the change.	Treatment.—Warm fomentations diaphoretics as Pulra Ipecac Co. demulcients and anodynes as he was too weak for even the application of leeches. When the inflammatory symptoms had subsided. Pil. c. Ipecac Co. et argrut Nitr. grs.; tunic. Mist: cubac Tinct catechue et Tinct Opil; and subsequently he has required Pil. c. Pulv: Ipecac Co. et Plumbi acetat, vel cupir Sulph, light nutritious diet Bandage to the abdomen and warm clothing.

TRANQUERAE,
21st August, 1860.

(Signed) H. NOTT,

Civil Surgeon.

STATEMENT OF SERVICES.

Entered the Army as an Artilleryman.....	September	1844.
Transferred as a Sapper to Chatham.....	April	1845.
Landed in India.....	September	1846.
Appointed to the Public Works Department as an Overseer and posted to Tanjore having been previously employed on the trace of the Perambadi Ghât.....	April	1848.
Appointed Head Clerk of the Southern Circle in the Central Office.....	October	1856.
Obtained a free discharge from the Army.....	January	1857.
Appointed to act for the Junior Uncovenanted Assistant to the Chief Engineer during his absence on Sick Certificate.	July	1858.
Appointed Head Manager in the Central Office of Public Works.....	April	1859.

Miss

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Central Office of Public Works
Chepauk 5th May 1860

No 179

From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
S.P.W.

Sir
I have the honor to forward a Memorial in triplicate from Mr. J. Mills Manager in the Central Office S.P.W. addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India praying that he may be allowed to reckon, as time for qualifying for Pension under the Uncovenanted Service Rules a period of 12 1/4 years passed in the Army including 8 1/4 as an Overseer in the old Department of Public Works.
2 It will be seen from certificate No. 3 of the enclosures in his Memorial that

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TO

The Right Honorable,

SIR CHARLES WOOD BART, & C.B.,

Secretary of State for India in Council

LONDON.

MADEAS
28th April 1860. }

Wm. J. Mills

The Humble Memorial of JOHN MILLS, Manager
Central Office of Public Works praying that the
12 1/4 years of his Military service under Government
may be counted as effective service towards any
future pension he may become entitled to under the
Uncovenanted Service Rules.

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that Mr. Mills served in the Corps
of Madras Sappers and Miners
for 12 1/4 years and that his conduct
during that time was exemplary
while several other enclosures show
how well he performed his duty
as an Overseer of Public Works and
how fully he gained the good
opinion of his Superiors, Gentlemen
of the Civil Service & Engineers Officers.

3 From enclosures Nos 4, 5 & 6
it will be perceived that Mr. Mills
was obliged to leave the Department
of PW on account of severe illness
contracted in the discharge of
his duty, and he had then two
courses open to him; first to
return to Military duty with the
Sappers or to take employment in
the Central Office D.W. He elected
the latter, but was in consequence
obliged

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obliged to obtain his discharge from
the Corps of Sappers, in which if he
had remained a short time longer
he would I may safely say have
attained a high position in the
establishment of Warrant Officer
which was granted in the early
part of 1857, and in which his
Contemporaries in the Sappers are
now Colonels and qualifying
for a high Pension.

4 Six other enclosures testify
how efficiently Mr. Mills has
discharged his duty in the responsible
position of Manager of this extensive
Office and I may add that
during the time I have been at
the head of the Department
he has given me entire satisfaction
and I have much pleasure in
recommending his Memorial
for

for the support of Government on
account of his services and
because of his health on duty
on Public Works obliged him to
leave the Army.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Sepai Nam Your most obedt Servant.

5 May 1860

Ch. J. A. K.

M. B. C. Colonel
Chief Engineer

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J. W. Adams
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The Secretary

to Governor and Mr. J. C. Smith

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