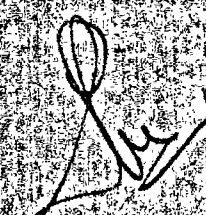


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14th July 1863.*

No. 293. Read the following letter from T. SABAPUTHY, Pillay Assistant Overseer, D. P. W., Madura, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 6th July 1863 :—

MOST HONORABLE SIR,

1. In bringing the following few lines I beg most respectfully and humbly crave your honor's kind forbearance in giving this appeal that consideration which it may except from your generous hands.

2. That I am an Assistant Overseer attached to the Public Works Department, Madura, and has hitherto conducted myself carefully the duties which involved upon me to the best of my ability and integrity under the orders of the First Assistant District Engineer W. S. Harington, Esq., but to my great sorrow I heard yesterday that I was dismissed from the service and that the Superintending Engineer has requested your honor for permission to employ another individual in my place. The above decision was quite unforeseen, and I was not least informed of it up to this moment, nor any explanation was required from me on the matter; however the reason for the summary dismissal is, as I learn, stated owing to my having been fined by the Deputy Magistrate for an alleged "false information."

3. I here beg most respectfully to represent as briefly as possible a few of the circumstances which led to the above conviction. That while I was on duty, in a village called Thanichen, I was robbed of the Government money with me Rupees 180, which I immediately replaced out of my own resources, and at the same time reported the case to the Police authority, and requested it for an investigation, with a view to obtaining justice. In due course the case was laid before the Deputy Magistrate, who not satisfying with my proof or defence fined me unlawfully, a punishment quite undeserving to me. Although the Code of Criminal Procedure provides an appeal against this decision, I was not at liberty to do so owing to pressure of departmental business at the close of the official year April 1863. Moreover, there was every probability that my application for leave of absence will not be admitted by my superiors, I having had previously leave during the examination of the same case, and in consequence I could not obtain justice through an appellate authority.

4. Captain Payne, the late Acting District Engineer, owing to his personal disagreement towards me, had the pleasure to interpret my case to the new Superintending Engineer as one involving of serious culpability when I have done no fault to the Department in which I serve. In 1858 the late Sub-Overseer Mootoosawmy Pillay, who has since been recommended to succeed me, was similarly robbed off the Government money with him while in company with the District Engineer and his staff. Although this event actually took place and known openly to many as such, yet the robbery case was not proved before the Magistrate, and Mootoosawmy Pillay after all had to replace *himself* the money which had been lost. Thus the failure is common to all.

5. Even admitting that the fine inflicted on me by the Deputy Magistrate is just and correct on account of my failure, yet an attempt to punish me again a second time in my Department for the same offence, would indeed be very sad and rigorous, which I leave to you, honor alone for judgment.

6. Under the above circumstances I most respectfully crave your honor's gracious consideration for a moment into my pitiful case, to be condescendingly pleased to advise the Superintending Engineer 8th Division to restore me again to my place, to which I was appointed in Government Order No. 391, dated 24th February 1862, on a strong recommendation of my conduct, &c., by Captain Ryves. I beg also to refer your honor to the Service Register kept in the late District Engineer's Office, from which it would appear that I have secured high testimonials of character as may deserve protection from your hands, for which act of kindness I shall as in duty bound ever pray.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1863, No. 1,870.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer 8th Division for early report, with reference to Proceedings No. 1,859, dated 13th July 1863.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Madura
6th July 1863

To, Colonel W. L. Birdwood
Secretary to Government P. W. Department
Madras.

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2. That I am an Assistant Engineer
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which I immediately replaced out of my own resources, and at the same time reported the Case to the Police authority and requested it for an investigation, with a view to obtaining justice. In due Course the Case was laid before the Dy. Magistrate, who not satisfying with my proof or defence fined me lawfully - a punishment quite undeserving to me - altho the Code of Criminal Procedure provides an Appeal against this decision I was not at liberty to do so owing to pressure of Departmental business at the close of the official year April/63. - Moreover there was every probability that my application for leave of absence will not be admitted by my Superiors & I having had previously leave during the examination of the same case and in consequence I could not obtain justice through an Appellate Authority.

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I beg very respectfully to remain
Most honorable Sir,

Your honor's most obed^t humble St.

S. Labaputhy B
Assistant Overseer D.D.M.
Madura

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