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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1864.*

No. 232. Read the following letter from Mr. A. COLQUHOUN, late Sub-Engineer, Department Public Works :—

Submitting a revised Memorial, praying for restoration to his } (Here enter 23rd September 1864.)
appointment in the Department Public Works.

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1864, No. 2977.
The Government see no reason to accede to the request of the Memorialist.
(True Extract.)
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Mr. A. Colquhoun.

Exd. T. S. Augustin.

Murrah St. 2 Stringers Road.
Vepery
23rd September 1864.

To The Secretary to Government
Pub. Works Dept.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the
Order of Government No. 1 of
19th Instant in the P. W. D.
returning my Memorial dated
23rd August 1864 for reasons
therein set forth; and to submit
the accompanying Memorial
in lieu, with the respectful
request you will be graciously
pleased to lay it before His
Excellency in Council for
merciful and favorable
consideration.

I beg to remain

Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Signed J. N. Solghoan.

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Fort St George Gazette

No 3825.

Tuesday Evening March 1st 1864.

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Mr J. H. Martine, Acting Sub: Engineer
3^d class, to be Sub: Engineer 3^d class,
vice Colquhoun removed, to have
effect from 21st ultimo.

True Extract.

A. Colquhoun.

late Sub: Engineer.
D. F. W.

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C.

EMPHYSEMA (BRONCHITIS.)
Mr. A. Colquhoun age 32 years
Sub Engineer D. P. W.
Residence in India 13 years.

Temperament. Lymphatic.
Habits of Body, Stout.
Habits, Temperate.

25th January 1863.

Mr. A. Colquhoun has been frequently under medical treatment, the past 9 months, for attacks of Bronchitis and Dyspepsia together with disordered condition of stomach and Liver. Formerly he was very stout, but since this attack has come on, he had lost considerably in flesh.

Suffers from Emphysema of both lungs and Chronic Bronchitis which have existed for some time, defied all treatment and are now steadily on the increase.

He is incapable of any duty but likely to recover by rest and change of air which are urgently required.

(Sgd) COCKERELL,
C. S.

For the last 3 or 4 months has been hardly ever free from Cough and the Dyspepsia is sometimes so extreme as to compel him to sit upright in bed all night.

There are decided physical signs of Emphysema of the Lungs, resonance on percussion, and prolonged expiratory murmur and when an attack of Bronchitis is superadded, loud cooing and wheezing all over the chest, especially on expiration; he states that the shortness of breath has only come on the last year, but I am inclined to believe from its pronounced character when I first saw him, that it must have been of longer duration.

The Lungs have now become so susceptible that he hardly ever goes into the District without suffering from an attack of Bronchitis, which completely disables him for a day or two.

All Medicines I have given him produced but temporary relief, and as his condition of Lungs is such as to be materially benefitted by change of air and rest, whilst on the other hand if the disease be allowed to run on serious complications are likely to supervene and render him inefficient, I have granted the accompanying Certificate.

Treatment has consisted in keeping up as healthy a state of Liver, and stomach as possible by means of alteratives, Purgatives and regular diet.

The attacks of Bronchitis have always been combated by the usual expectorants and sedatives with sharp counter-irritation.

When the Dyspepsia has been urgent Nitric and Sulphuric Aether with Morphia have been given—for the amelioration of the Emphysematous condition of Lungs which is the fonset Origo of most of the other complications. Tonics principally Ferruginous have been given with Cod Liver Oil, and Croton and other irritating Linaments to the chest.

I do hereby certify that Mr. A. Colquhoun, Sub Engineer D. P. W. is in a bad state of health, and that I think it necessary he should proceed to Madras Bangalore and East Coast, and that he should be permitted to be absent from his duty for a period of (6) six months.

(Signed) W. H. REAN, M. D.

Zillah Surgeon, Chicacole.

This patient applied to me a few days ago with a view to obtaining an extension of leave, he seems to have improved since the foregoing case was written but the symptoms still continue though in a less degree—I therefore recommend his leave being extended for two months.

(Signed) E. MACKAY, M. D. Surgeon,
Acting 4th District.

MADRAS, 5th January 1864.

(A true Copy.)

H. W. PORTUOUS, Surgeon Major,
4th District.

D.

CHICACOLE, 28th February, 1863.

No. 616 of 1862.

FROM A. COLQUHOUN Esq.,

Sub-Engineer and Executive Agent in charge No. 1 Range.

TO CAPTAIN C. G. PHILIPPS.

District Engineer, Ganjam.

SIR,—It is with considerable reluctance I have been compelled to accept a Medical Certificate to proceed to Madras, Bangalore and Eastern Coast for 6 months, for the restoration of my health.

2. The distressing disease, under which for several months I have been laboring has not entirely succumbed to the active and constant Medical treatment I have been subjected to, and the Civil Surgeon considers it advisable I should seek a change of air, and repose from arduous duties, as the only means of restoring my health.

3. You are aware that some months ago, the Medical Officer pressed upon me the necessity of eradicating the disease, ere it became chronic by leaving the District, but that I declined to accept his advice *then*, as I had several important works under construction, and I felt I should be putting the state and you to much inconvenience were I to have forsaken my post. I entreated that I may be permitted to attend to my duties, and at the same time to undergo a course of Medicine. I now find, as anticipated by Dr. Rean, the attempt has not availed me much, and that it is necessary I should try a change of air.

4. I will therefore feel much obliged if you will be so good as to forward, this my application for 6 months leave of absence on Medical Certificate, under Sections IV and V of the Uncovenanted Civil Service Rules to visit Madras, Bangalore and Eastern Coast. I beg to enclose the Civil Surgeons Certificate, and to state that I have not had leave of any description, except "Casual leave" last year, since my entertainment in the Public Service.

5. Until the announcement of my leave in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, I shall endeavour to continue to devote my best energies towards the rapid construction of the Bridges in this Range, some of which are in advanced stages of progress. You will confer a favor on me, by arranging to have me relieved on leave being granted.

I have &c.,
(Signed) A. COLQUHOUN,
Sub-Engineer.

(True Copy.)

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from Mr. COLQUHOUN.
Submitting his Memorial praying for restoration to his position in the P. W. D. } Here enter 2nd September 1864.

ORDER THEREON, 19th September, 1864, No. 61.

The Government cannot receive Mr. Colquhoun's Memorial, in its present shape. He has made it a vehicle for impugning the verdict upon which he was lately sentenced to imprisonment, and for giving his version of the occurrences which led to his being put on his trial, on a criminal charge.

These are not matters, with which the Government are called upon to deal, and they cannot allow them to be brought upon their records.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.
Depy. Secy. to Govt. D. P. W.

To

Mr. A. COLQUHOUN,
No. 2, Stringer's Road.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th October 1864.

No. 282.—Read the following letter from Mr. A. Colquhoun, late Sub-Engineer Department Public Works:—

Submitting a revised Memorial praying
for restoration to his appointment in the Department Public Works. } Here Enter 23rd September 1864.

No. 283.

ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1864, No. 2977.

The Government see no reason to accede to the request of the Memorialist.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.
Secretary to Government.

TESTIMONIALS
OF
SUB-ENGINEER A. COLQUHOUN.

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FROM CAPTAIN H. L. GROVE,

*Principal Assistant Collector and Magistrate,
Ganjam District.*

SIR,

You mentioned to me some little time since, that you were anxious to leave the D. P. W. and obtain a Deputy Collectorship; and now I hear you are about to leave the Sub-division in the course of a few days, and perhaps may not return.

I regret to hear you contemplate leaving the department in which you have served so creditably for many years. It must be ten or eleven years since I first met you in Rajahmundry, and I know you were *then* considered by me, and by several other officers of the D. P. W. to be a willing, intelligent and smart Surveyor.

During the year I have had charge of this Sub-division, I have had every reason to be satisfied with the way in which you have carried on your work. I still find you the same active man—and I believe there will be some difficulty in supplying your place, should you go. For the above reasons I should be sorry to see you leave the Department, but if you have made up your mind to try for a Deputy Collectorship, I see no reason why you should not be successful. I do not know any one more thoroughly qualified for that branch of the Public Service. You are well acquainted with Revenue matters, not altogether ignorant of the Penal Code. You understand managing the people of the country, your temper is good, you get on with the Natives—can speak their language right well, and are of active business-like habits, and you have also had the advantage of an English Education, which most of the Deputy Collectors have not had.

I should be very glad to hear of you being a Deputy Collector, for I am sure you will do well as one.

Wishing you every success,

I remain,

Your's truly,

(Signed) H. L. GROVE,
Principal Asst. Collector.

2nd July, 1863.

Extract of a letter from Captain C. G. Philipps, District Engineer, Ganjam. To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

"A very respectable, and highly efficient public servant, who for 6½ years has conducted his duties as Sub-Engineer to my entire satisfaction, and to that of my predecessors, as proved by the District Records."

"I subsequently had the pleasure in recommending you for promotion, in the Roll called for by the Superintending Engineer, on the ground of 'zeal, efficiency, and 6½ years' high character in present grade.' Is very deserving of promotion to 2nd Class."

"I trust you will return to the District on the expiration of your leave, with renewed health. I shall miss you much in the reduced state of the Department."

(Signed) C. G. PHILIPPS, Captain.

From Captain C. G. Philipps, Acting District Engineer, Ganjam.

On the occasion of "District Engineer" being abolished Mr. Sub-Engineer Colquhoun has applied to me to place on record my opinion of him, and I have pleasure in stating that during the twenty months I have held the Acting District Engineership of Ganjam, I have had constant cause to be

satisfied with Mr. Colquhoun, whose zeal, activity, and efficiency have repeatedly elicited my warm approbation. He has never failed me in an emergency; and has always made his personal comforts during ill health, subservient to his public duty,—working until completely prostrated. The unprecedented floods of October 1862 did great mischief in the district, and I am indebted to the Sub-Engineer for much of the "zeal, industry and activity," which the Collector reports to the Board of Revenue, as having characterized our exertions during the past year. I should be ungrateful, did I fail to recognize this fact.

(Signed) C. G. PHILIPPS, Captain
Ex. Engineer, Ganjam.

RUMBIAH,
July 1863.

BIMLIPATAM,
29th November, 1861.

To

MR. SUB-ENGINEER COLQUHOUN,

Ganjam District.

SIR,

As I shall be absent from the Ganjam District for sometime on sick leave, I think it due to you to state that I have received very valuable assistance from you, during the time you have been employed under my orders, at different periods since December 1854.

For nearly four years you have held the post of Executive Agent in charge of No. 1 Range, and I have had special opportunities of observing your conduct and qualifications in that capacity. I am happy to record that you have given me great satisfaction in every way. The important duties connected with the valuable Irrigation Channels of your Range, the Salt Pans, the Roads leading to the Pans and Ports, the Northern Trunk Road, &c., have all been very creditably performed:

In accounts and office work you have been most punctual and accurate.

I willingly acknowledge the aid I have often received from you in the investigation of new projects. Your reports have evinced considerable intelligence, and professional knowledge, and have been correct and reliable.

You are at liberty to make use of this letter, should you wish to do so.

With best wishes,
Your's faithfully,
(Signed) E. H. HARRINGTON, Capt.,
District Engineer, Ganjam District.

FROM

Captain E. H. HARRINGTON,
District Engineer, Ganjam.

TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER,

NORTHERN CIRCLE,
Fort St. George.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Chief Engineer, the name of Mr. A. Colquhoun, Sub-Engineer, 3rd Class, and to express my hope that when an opportunity offers, he may receive the promotion he so well deserves.

2. He was appointed Sub-Engineer, 3rd Class, on 1st January 1857.

3. I have observed his conduct and qualifications in the Department Public Works, since I came to this District in 1854, and as District Engineer, I have especially noticed the way in which he has since August 1857, conducted the important duties connected with the charge of Sub-Division or No. 1 Range.

4. I have on several occasions in Reports on Works, Annual Returns, &c., &c., made favourable mention of his name, and I am

to-day bringing to notice his exertions in completing the Julmoor Channel works.

5. I have found him an excellent upper Subordinate in professional qualifications, intelligence, character, and cheerful performance of duty, and my own labors in this District have been much lightened by the way in which he has devoted himself to the requirements of his Range.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) E. H. HARRINGTON, Capt.,
District Engineer, Ganjam.

GANJAM DISTRICT,
ENGR.'S OFFICE, CHICACOLE, }
6th July, 1861.

No. 3069.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department Public Works, under date the 25th July, 1861.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Ganjam.
Here enter No. dated 6th July, 1861.

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter to inform the District Engineer, Ganjam, that while the Chief Engineer is exceedingly gratified to observe the strong testimony borne to the merits of Sub-Engineer Colquhoun as an Executive Agent, he is nevertheless precluded under the orders of 2nd March, 1860, to recommend to Government his promotion to a higher class until he has served in his present grade for a period of five years. After the expiration of this period, arrangements will be made for filling up vacancies which may exist in the grade of 1st and 2nd Class Sub-Engineer, when Mr. Colquhoun's claims will be duly considered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Lieut.-Col.
For Offg. Dy. Chief Engineer, N. C.

FROM LIEUTENANT BLAGRAVE,

District Engineer, Ganjam.

During the period Mr. Sub-Engineer Colquhoun has been under my orders, he has given me general satisfaction in the performance of his duties, so as to merit a continuance of the good character given of him by my predecessors. I always found him well up to his work, careful in his accounts, and active and zealous in the performance of his duties.

(Signed) E. BLAGRAVE, Lieut.,

Engineers, and late

District Engr., Ganjam.

MADRAS, }
15th June, 1858. }

TESTIMONIAL FROM MAJOR BIRDWOOD,

Civil Engineer, 9th Division.

Assistant Revenue Surveyor Colquhoun has served under my orders for two years, during which time his conduct has been very good. He is exceedingly active, hard-working, and attentive to his duty. His qualifications are superior to most of his class in the service, and I consider him fully entitled to promotion to a superior grade in the Department.

(Signed) W. BIRDWOOD,

Civil Engineer, Ganjam.

BERHAMPOOR, }
26th January, 1857. }

CERTIFICATE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING.

I have examined Assistant Revenue Surveyor A. Colquhoun, 9th Division, and find that he is able to perform Plane Surveying with the Compass, and Levelling; as these processes are prescribed in Lieutenant Ford's Notes on Building, &c., and that he has

acquired such a general knowledge of all the subjects in that work, as to be able to answer intelligently to all queries on the principles upon which materials are prepared and works executed.

I have also examined Assistant Revenue Surveyor A. Colquhoun as to his general knowledge of the several subjects treated on in Captain Stoddard's work of Hydraulic Formula, &c., &c., required in the Irrigation Department, of which he possesses a competent knowledge.

(Signed) W. BIRDWOOD, Major,
Civil Engineer, 9th Division.

CIVIL ENGINEER'S OFFICE, }
9TH DIVISION, }
CAMP BERHAMPOOR, }
24th January, 1857. }

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. BIRDWOOD, Major,
Civil Engineer, 9th Division.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—PUBLIC,
No. 310.

EXTRACTS from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 14th February 1857.

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central Office.

Forwards Certificate in Civil Engineering granted by the Civil Engineer, 9th Division, to Assistant Revenue Surveyor, (now Sub-Engineer, 3rd Class) A. Colquhoun, and requests his name may be Gazetted as having passed the prescribed Examination.

Here enter 14th
February 1857. No.
10,054.

The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council grants sanction for Notification being made in the Official Gazette, that Assistant Revenue Surveyor (now 3rd Class Sub-Engineer) A. Colquhoun has

passed an Examination in Civil Engineering as described in the Certificate granted to him by Major Birdwood, Civil Engineer, 9th Division, now 1st Class District Engineer, Tanjore.

(A true Extract.)

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

Vide Gazette dated 17th February, 1857. Erratum appearing in subsequent Gazette of 20th February, 1857.

Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 14th February, 1857.

No. 10,326.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing Order of Government, No. 310, dated 14th instant, be forwarded for the information of the District Engineer, Ganjam.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Capt.,
*Acting Supg. Engineer, N. Circle,
and in charge Central Office,
Public Works.*

CENTRAL OFFICE OF P. W.,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th Feb., 1858.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) E. R. BLAGRAVE, Lieut.,
District Engineer, Ganjam.

FROM CAPTAIN PHILIPPS,

1st Assistant District Engineer.

MR. COLQUHOUN,—In reply to your note just received, and on the occasion of my leaving for England, after six years' association with you in the Department Public Works in Ganjam, I have great pleasure in giving expression to my high opinion of you as an Exe-

cutive Officer, and of the energetic manner in which your works have been, and are at this moment being carried on; I allude particularly to the Salt Roads. I trust you may obtain in due time promotion to a higher grade, but I would not willingly assist you in leaving the Department for a Deputy Collectorship, for your prospects would be no better in your new sphere of life, whilst the Department would lose your experience and tried skill.

I know that your services are appreciated fully by Captain Harrington, and I advise you to take no step in regard to the new appointment without consulting him.

Believe me to be,

Your faithful well-wisher,

(Signed) C. G. PHILIPPS, Capt.,
1st Assistant District Engineer.

FROM W. KNOX, Esq.,

Collector of Ganjam.

SIR,—I have received your letter, and having observed the activity with which you get your works on, and the interest you take in improving the country, shall be glad if at any time I can forward your views, but I want an Assistant Engineer for these parts. I will however speak to Major Birdwood (if we meet) about you.

I think you are needlessly alarmed about the country, the hills are very feverish, but Poobacondah and Goomsoor are not worse than other places in that respect.

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) W. KNOX.

INJILLY,
9th Feb., 1855. }

To Mr. A. COLQUHOUN,

Asst. Revenue Surveyor, Chicacole.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Revenue Irrigation.
Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Chief Engineer in charge Central Office.

Reports completion of the Nuggarikuttakum Head Sluice in the Ganjam District. } Here enter 2d August, 1859, No. 3,336.

ORDER THEREON, 19th August, 1859, No. 1984.

The Governor in Council is gratified to learn that this Head Sluice sanctioned on the 7th May last, has been completed and brought into use.

This promptitude is highly creditable to all concerned, to Captain Harrington not less than to the subordinate Officers whom he names.

2. The rapid execution of the work to the Poor-shotapoor channel, is also very creditable to the Engineer Department in Ganjam District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 4095.

Ordered to be communicated for the information of the Acting District Engineer, Ganjam.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Major.

Deputy Chief Engr., Northern Circle.

CENTRAL OFFICE, P. W.,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

22nd August, 1859.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. H. HARRINGTON, Captain,

Asst. District Engr., Ganjam.

TO SUB-ENGINEER A. COLQUHOUN.

Extract from a letter, No. 98, to the District Engineer, dated 11th July, 1859, reporting completion of Nuggarikuttakum Head Sluice.

Para. 2. The rapid construction of this important work, is very creditable to Sub-Engineer Colquhoun: 14

(Signed) E. H. HARRINGTON, Capt.,
Acting District Engineer, Ganjam

CHICACOLE,
12th July, 1859. }

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. H. HARRINGTON, Capt.,
District Engineer, Ganjam.

TO SUB-ENGINEER A. COLQUHOUN.

GANJAM DISTRICT, ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Russelcondah, 4th May, 1861.

TO SUB-ENGINEER A. COLQUHOUN,

In charge of 1st Range.

With reference to your letter No. 521, dated 28th ultimo, the early completion of the Nowpada Salt Cutcherry is creditable to yourself, and the Sub-Overseer employed:

(Signed) E. H. HARRINGTON, Capt.,
District Engineer, Ganjam.

RUSSELCONDAR,
4th May, 1861. }

No. 117.

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Department P. W.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward an application from Mr. Colquhoun for promotion to a higher grade; I am happy to be able to report that he is an exceedingly active, intelligent, and useful man, and I can fully recommend him for any indulgence that the Board's Regulations allow of.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. COTTON, Lieut.-Colonel,

In charge of Civil Engineer's

Department at Rajahmundry.

CAMP DOWLAISWARUM,
21st April, 1852. }

Extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th June, 1852, No. 393.

3. I am also directed to submit a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Cotton in charge of the Godavery Division, enclosing an application from Mr Sub-Assistant Surveyor Colquhoun, soliciting promotion to the next grade, agreeably to the Rules sanctioned by Government, under date the 12th January, 1851.

4. Lieutenant-Colonel Cotton speaks favourably of Mr. Colquhoun's abilities, and zealous attention to his duties, and the Board recommend that he be promoted to the rank of Assistant Surveyor of the 3rd Class from the 16th May last, on which date he completed his two years' period of service.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,
Secy. D. P. Works.

MADRAS, 7th June, 1852.

Extract from the Special Report on the Survey School attached to the Office of the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Department of Public Works, under date the 25th April 1850.

5. When Colquhoun was admitted into the Office, he was tolerably well acquainted with the Rudiments of the English language, having received his education in Ireland; since this time he has made himself acquainted with Arithmetic, Algebra, the first four books of Euclid, Plane Trigonometry, Logarithms, &c., with the use and adjustments of the various instruments employed in Surveying and Levelling.

He has also a colloquial knowledge of the Hindoostanee language.

10. The character and attendance of the Candidate, has been throughout satisfactory.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,
Secy. Board of Revenue,
Dept. Public Works.

STATEMENT A.

Name.	Age.	Date of admission.	Acquirements.
A. Colquhoun.	20	12th June 1849.	Common and Decimal Arithmetic, Algebra as far as Quadratic Equations, Practical Geometry with 4 books of Euclid, Mensuration of Surfaces and Solids, Plane Trigonometry, including mensuration of heights and distances, Logarithms, the Mechanical powers, Protraction, Architectural and Typographical drawing and Estimate-making; use and adjustments of Surveying and Levelling Instruments; Hindoostanee language.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,

Secy. Board of Rev., D. P. W.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. BELL,

Secy. Board of Rev., D. P. W.

FROM CAPTAIN J. H. BELL.

Mr. Colquhoun was about two years a student in the Survey School, during which time he studied the first three books of Euclid, Arithmetic and Algebra as far as Simple Equations, Plane Trigonometry. Had a good knowledge of Surveying, Levelling, Plan-drawing, and Estimate-making, and of the use and adjustments of Theodolite and Level, &c. Bore a general good character, and having been for some time in the Belfast Schools, was one of the most advanced youths of the Survey Department.

(Signed) J. H. BELL,

Secy. Board of Rev., D. P. W.

MADRAS, }
29th February, 1855. }

FROM CAPTAIN FENWICK.

Dowlaiswarum, 28th Sept., 1850.

Sir,—It affords me great satisfaction to thank you for the sketch you have prepared of my routes in the forests of the Severn, and other streams and water-courses in the tract I lately explored, and you deserve great credit for having made so much of the imperfect materials on which you had to work. You have displayed talent of a high order; and assiduity, I am confident, will eventually place you at the top of the ladder of your profession.

I am,

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) R. H. FENWICK, Captain,
Nizam's Establishment.

TO MR. A. COLQUHOUN,

Asst. Engineer, &c., &c.,
Dowlaiswarum.

FROM J. FRAZER, Esq., *Sub-Collector.*

MR. COLQUHOUN,—During the time that you have been employed in the Sub-Division, while it has been under my charge, I have had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which you performed your duties. I have always found you anxious to point out and undertake such Marahmut works as seemed likely to be beneficial, and prompt in the execution of them when sanctioned, and so far as I am a judge of these matters, I believe that all the works which you have superintended have been finished in a most efficient manner. I may also add that I have not received a single complaint against you from any of the Talook officials.

Hoping that you may find this expression of my opinion useful to you.

I remain,

Your well-wisher,

(Signed) J. FRAZER,
Ag. Print. Asst. Collector

CHICACOLE,)
5th Dec. 1854)

FROM CAPTAIN RUNDALL,

Dowlaiswarum,

15th February, 1856.

MR. COLQUHOUN,—Agreeably to your request, I herewith forward copies of the letters written by Colonel A. Cotton, regarding your promotion.

As regards a Testimonial from myself as to the extent of your qualifications, I consider you to be a good Surveyor and Draftsman. Your lines of Levels have, as far as I learn, also been correctly taken; and I believe you to possess a thorough knowledge of the use of the ordinary Surveying Instruments. I never have had the occasion to employ you in the use of the Theodolite, I cannot of course testify to your knowledge of this instrument. As regards your practical experience in the construction of Masonry works, I can only speak of what you have done under my orders. The large Head Sluices across the Polaky and Julmoor channels were carefully and, at the same time, speedily executed. I consider, however, your experience in this point to be small.

During the past 12 months you have been diligent in your duties, and appear to have been judicious in your treatment of the work-people under your immediate orders, and I consider that you have a considerable share of intelligence and activity, which, if you only exercised to their full extent, will render you hereafter a useful servant to the State.

I remain,

Your well wisher,

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL, Captain,

Civil Engr., 9th Divn.,
and Asst. Civil Engr.,
Godavery Divn.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MAJOR F. C. COTTON:

"I find you are a man of very fair ability and quite capable
of doing your duty as a Surveyor, better than most of the De-
partment."

"I should consider you far superior to almost all who have
served as Surveyors under my orders."

"I see you have sufficient ability to make yourself a *useful*
man."

"As I must now employ you in making the ordinary Estimates
for the next season, I am under the necessity of relieving you
from your present duty, which you seem to have executed most
satisfactorily."

13th March, 1855.

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To

His Excellency Sir W. T. Denison K.C.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

The Humble Memorial of Adam
Colquhoun, late Sub. Engineer 3^d class,
in the Department Public Works. -

Respectfully sheweth,

That Your Memorialist, who is
the son of the late Doctor James Colquhoun
Garrison Surgeon at Viragapattai, in the
service of the late East India Company,
having at the age of 9 years been sent to
Ireland for his education, returned to this
country in 1849, and was placed by the
Honorable Walter Elliot, late Member of
Council, in the then Survey School at Madras,
with a view to his being qualified for
employment in that branch of the Public

Service.

2. That in about a year after his arrival in India, Your Memorialist was entertained as a Surveyor in the Survey Department, in which he continued until 1857, when on its reorganization he was, though quite a junior in it, appointed a Sub: Engineer in the Department Public Works, having meanwhile by dint of industry and assiduity, so actively earned the good opinion of all his Official Superiors, as to warrant their recommending him from time to time for promotion, till when changes were introduced as just stated, he had passed through the several inferior grades, and had attained to the highest appointment then conferred on Members of the Survey Establishment.

3. That although the unremitting zeal, which distinguished Your Memorialist's performance of his duties, and which had contributed to his rise in the Department, was provocative of serious constitutional harm to him, Your Memorialist notwithstanding the personal risk he encountered thereby, relaxed not in the least his exertions on behalf of the State, but as certified by

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the District Engineer of Gaujam in 1863, "made his personal comforts diving ill health" "subservient to his public duty, - working" "until completely prostrated"; and while as above mentioned, Your Memorialist was appointed a Sub: Engineer in 1857, he was not slow in winning his gratitude to Government, and to his Superiors for their public avowal of his diligence, capacity and efficiency, by fulfilling the office assigned to him in the new Department, in a manner which called for the highest commendation from those under whose immediate orders he was placed, as will be seen from the Testimonials herewith submitted.

4. That constant arduous toil, and exposure in one of the most unhealthy Districts of the Presidency, at last impaired Your Memorialist's health to such an extent, as to induce the Medical Officers of Government to grant him a certificate for 6 months leave of absence to visit the Presidency. - It was while residing here, with his family for the recovery of his health, Your Memorialist was indicted and convicted on the 21st February last, on a criminal charge of adultery, and sentenced to

6 months imprisonment and a fine of
Rupees Five hundred.

5. Your Memorialist humbly craves
the merciful indulgence of Your Excellency
in Council, to which he conceives, his past
services and zealous efforts to promote the
interests of Government, entitle him at
their hands, - with reference to the
announcement which he has read with
deep concern in the Fort St. George Gazette
of 1st March 1864, of his removal from
the Public Works Department, consequent
as he presumes, upon the result of his trial
on the charge above alluded to, at the
1st Criminal Sessions of the High Court.

6. That fully sensible as Your Memorialist
is of the little weight, his own solemn
denial of the offence for which he was
arraigned, must now have in the face
of the verdict delivered by the jury,
he would yet strenuously urge on Your
Excellency's notice, in connection with the
opinion of his innocence, strongly expressed
as he learns, by the Honble. J. S. Smyth,
late Advocate General, in his Report to
the Chief Secretary to Government - (see
opinion which surely cannot be rendered

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negatory by the fact of the Honorable
Gentleman having conducted Memorialist's
defence with the express sanction of Govern-
ment, any more than it can be outweighed
by the opinion of the Prosecuting Counsel, who
though Public Prosecutor had received a
general Retainer from the Plaintiff, the
palpable inconsistency of that verdict
with the conflicting evidence adduced by
the Prosecutor.

7. Your Memorialist earnestly begs
that, as an old servant of 14 years standing,
he may be leniently dealt by, and restored
to his late appointment under Government,
for even granting that he was guilty,
which he unequivocally denies he is, he
would humbly submit that that which
in any other country, which even in
England, is looked upon but as a civil
offence, is not or rather ought not to be
sufficient to deprive him of his means
of livelihood: but Your Memorialist is
willing to view the matter in its most
disagreeable phase, i.e. by the light of
the Indian Penal Code, and he contends
that as by that most terrible law, it

is not obligatory, that the aggrieved party should proceed criminally, that it is not such an offence as to warrant his removal from the service; and he would point to the very recent case of A. Ramaswamy Naidu, a clerk in the Civil and Sessions Court at Cuddapah, who was sentenced only last year to 6 months imprisonment for Adultery, and on release restored to his appointment, a just measure, confirmed by the Honble the Judges of Her Majesty's High Court.

Your Memorialist could also name others, well known in Madras Society, where the parties (Covenanted, Uncovenanted and Military) were judicially convicted of crime: but and mulcted in damages and to recent instances in Bengal and England, where the offenders were mulcted in damages - but still retained their Commissions and appointments.

In all these instances, and numerous others which Your Memorialist could cite, without travelling beyond this Presidency - the parties though judicially convicted, were allowed to retain their official appointments; and he would confidently

submit it to the impartial judgement of Your Excellency in Council, the manifestly great hardship of his being singled out for a punishment not inflicted on any of them; as viewed in the abstract the character of a proved moral offence must be intrinsically the same in every case, under whatever law the offender be tried, and cannot be altered by any mere adventitious circumstances.

Your Memorialist may be pardoned, pointing at the same time to a few cases involving offences universally recognized as of a far more atrocious and deeper dye, wherein the delinquents did not forfeit the post they filled in the Public Service before trial and conviction, but were restored to them on the expiration of the term of the sentence passed upon them respectively, to wit: -

Mr. Lepidant Apothecary Masters, who was sentenced to two years imprisonment for attempt to murder.

Mr. King Apothecary, now undergoing 16 months incarceration in the Penitentiary, who, though convicted of Criminal Breach of Trust is still borne on the Bury List, and has it is said, been recommended

for pension to the Secretary of State for India. -

Mr. Mason, a Supervisor in the Department of Public Works, who was imprisoned for 3 months in the Trincollly Gaol, for "Grievous Hurt".

Lieutenant Peacock and O'Brien who were imprisoned in the Gaol for "culpable Homicide".

Mr. Russell, formerly an Ordinary Seaman, but now a Deputy Commissioner of Police, who underwent 6 months incarceration in 1856 for a grave crime committed on the High Seas. -

Vura Savory, a clerk in the High Court who was, last May, imprisoned for one month for "Grievous Hurt". - and

Tawhoo Meiron, a Gondastak in Illisherry, who was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for theft in 1858, was on release appointed Translator, and subsequently District Munsiff. -

8 That with reference to the cases just cited, the extreme hardship of suffering a conviction of which your Memorialist has much just cause to

complain, to entail on him a forfeiture of his employment, in addition to the incarceration he has already endured is so manifest, that he has too great a reliance upon your Excellency's discrimination and sense of justice, to doubt the issue of this his humble appeal; being impressed with the belief that severe as are the penalties actually prescribed, the infliction of a twofold punishment, such as that with which he has been visited, could never have been contemplated by the Judge who sentenced your Memorialist. -

9 That your Memorialist now begs leave to advert as briefly as possible to the arduous and responsible nature of the duties he has performed in the Ganjam District, notoriously for its deadly jungle fever - to the important Public works executed under his Superintendence, and to the public benefit conferred thereby. - He would specially point to the Fort three Trunk Road, 20 miles of which, with 53 Masonry works, including two large Bridges, each of 3 arches of 36 feet span each, and of 5 arches of 30 ft. span each, were completed by him, and opened to traffic in 7 1/2 months; and to the large Bridge

of 7 arches of 36 feet span each, built on
wells, constructed and opened in 5½ months
in an unhealthy locality. It was on this
his last and important undertaking your
Memorialist, as stated by the District
Engineer "made his personal comfort to
"during ill health, subservient to his public
"duty, - working until completely prostrated,"
and although your Memorialist was
granted a Medical Certificate at the time,
yet his devotion to Government, would not
permit him to quit his post, as this work had
been originally committed to an Assistant
Engineer, who however did nothing for 6
months, and it was consequently placed
under the superintendence of Memorialist,
because the District Engineer, as he
officially informed the Secretary to Govern-
ment D.P.W., was confident your
Memorialist would complete it much
more rapidly and efficiently.

He would also point to the Irrigation
works in the newly acquired, Taluk of
Shaker, which in 1854 were reported by
Mr. Walter Elliot, Commissioner of the
Northern Circars, to be in such a ruinous

state, as seriously to affect the Government
Revenue, of which an Annual Remission
of Rs 12000 had to be made; but by throwing
all his energies into the work, he built
three large Head Weirs, and other minor
works in 3½ months, and succeeded within
a short space of time, in placing the irrigation
works in a thoroughly efficient condition,
and protecting the Taluk from devastating
inundations; that Government was thus
saved that year from a heavy loss, and
the Revenue which had fallen off from
Rupees 35000 to Rs 19,000, rose in the
subsequent year to Rs 25000, and in 3
years attained its normal figure. -

Your Memorialist would point further,
to the zeal, industry, and activity, "ascribed
to him by the Collector of Gajane, in so
rapidly and efficiently repairing the
extensive damage occasioned to the Public
works by the unprecedented floods of 1862,
which had the effect of suspending traffic.

With this brief reference to some of his actual
achievements as a Subordinate Officer in
the D.P.W. your Memorialist trusts he may
here be permitted to quote such portions

of the Testimonials he has been granted from time to time, as bear most strongly in his favour.

On 28th September 1850, Captain R. H. Fenwick, specially employed in the Exploration of the Godavery and its tributaries, wrote to Memorialist: "You have displayed talent of a high order; and assiduity, I am confident, will eventually place you at the top of the ladder of your Profession."

On 21st April 1852, Sir Arthur, then Agent Colonel Cotton, in a letter to Secretary Board of Revenue, D. P. W., said: "I am happy to be able to report that he (Memorialist) is an exceedingly active, intelligent and useful man, and I can fully recommend him for any indulgence that the Board's Regulations allow of."

On 5th December 1854, Mr J. Fraser Sub-Collector of Ganjam wrote to Memorialist thus: "So far as I am a judge of these matters, I believe that all the work you have superintended, have been finished in a most efficient manner. I may also add that I have not received a single complaint against you from any of the Taluk Officials."

On 28th February 1855, Captain, now Colonel

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J. H. Bell Secretary, Board of Revenue, D. P. W. stated concerning Memorialist as follows: "Bore a generally good character, and having been for some time in the 'Belfast School, was one of the most advanced youths of the Survey Department."

On 26th January 1857, Colonel W. Birdwood, late Secretary to Government D. P. W. recorded his opinion of Memorialist to the following effect: "His qualifications are superior to most of his class in the service, and I consider him fully entitled to promotion to a superior grade in the Department."

In 1861, Captain C. G. Phillips, 1st Deputy District Engineer, Ganjam, addressed some Memorialist thus: "After 6 years association with you in the D. P. W. in Ganjam, I have great pleasure in giving expression to my opinion of you as an efficient Officer, and of the energetic manner in which your works have been, and are this moment being carried on. I allude particularly to the Salt Roads. x x x I would not willingly assist you in leaving the Department for a Deputy Collectorship x x x, for it would lose your experience and tried skill."

On the 29th November 1861 Captain E. H. Barling, District Engineer, Ganjam, writing to

Memorialist said: "For nearly 4 years you
"have held the post of Section Agent in charge
"of No. 1 Range, and I have had special
"opportunities of observing your conduct
"and qualifications in that capacity. I am
"happy to record that you have given me
"great satisfaction in every way. The
"important duties connected with the
"valuable Irrigation Channels of your
"Range, the Salt Pans, the Road leading to
"the Pans and Port, the Northern Truck
"Road &c &c have all been very creditably
"performed." * * * "Your reports have
"won considerable intelligence and
"professional knowledge, and have been
"correct and reliable." - Again addressing
"the Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Division
"the same Officer says in respect of your
"Memorialist; "I have found him an excellent
"subordinate in professional qualifications,
"intelligence, character, and cheerful performance
"of duty - and my own labors in the District
"have been much lightened by the way in
"which he has devoted himself to the require-
"ments of his Range." -
On 2^d July 1863, Captain H. L. Groce

Principal Assistant Collector of Gaugance
wrote to Memorialist: - "I regret to hear you
"contemplate leaving the Department in
"which you have served so creditably for so
"many years." * * * "I still find you the
"same active man, and I believe there will
"be some difficulty in supplying your place
"should you go." -

Captain C. G. Phillips so lately as last
year, again wrote respecting Memorialist.
"I subsequently had the pleasure in recom-
"mending you for promotion in the Roll
"tabled for by the Superintending Engineer
"on the ground of zeal, efficiency and
"6 1/2 years high character in present grade."
* * * "Very deserving of promotion to
"2^d class." * * * "I shall miss you
"much in the reduced state of the Depart-
"ment."

And again in July 1863 the same
Officer writes of Memorialist: - "During
"the 20 months I have held the Acting
"District Engineerhip of Gaugance, I have
"had constant cause to be satisfied with
"W. J. Whom, whose zeal, activity and
"efficiency have repeatedly checked my

"warm approbation. - He has never failed
"me in an emergency." x x x. The unpre-
"cedented floods of October 1862 did great
"harm in the District and I am indebted
"to the Sub-Engineer for much of the zeal,
"industry and activity which the Collector
"reports to the Board of Revenue as having
"characterized our exertions during the past
"year. I should be ungrateful did I fail
"to recognize this fact."

Your Memorialist would furthermore
point with just pride to the recognition
by the Governor in Council himself of his
claims to honorable mention for the prompt
rapid, and highly creditable execution of
certain works in Ganyane under his super-
intendence, and to all those expressions of
approbation which the services rendered by
him have elicited; and to that active
devotion to the advancement of the public
interests, which has been so fully testified as
distinguishing his labors, not only in great
emergencies, but throughout his career,
labors which if he may presume to say, he
has contributed in no small degree to the
development of the resources of the District
as regards more especially the Salt Revenue

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"which now exhibits an enormous increase
"over that of former years."

Your Memorialist would merely add one
other fact, viz: that he is the only Sub-Engineer
in the D. P. D., and the only subordinate who
has passed in Civil Engineering, as a reference
to the Order of Government dated 14th February
1857 No 310 sanctioning notification of
that fact in the Official Gazette will shew;
whilst he feels well assured that the
following Gentlemen, irrespective of those
whose certificates accompany this memorial
will not hesitate, if called upon, fully to
endorse the opinion therein recorded of
him, viz: - G. S. Forbes Esq, Collector of
Ganyane, W. S. Hooper Esq, Principal
Deputy Collector. Col. E. E. Miller
Deputy Jannicary General Manager,
Major F. G. M. Lane Jamil Translator
to Government, Captain Stuart and
Civil Engineer Superintendent of Police Ganyane.
10. - Your Memorialist begs now in
conclusion to cast himself upon the
humane sympathy and clemency of
Your Excellency in Council, in the
humble yet confident hope that on view

of all the circumstances set forth above, sufficient grounds may be found for a rescission of the Order, directing his removal from a Department in which he would respectfully submit he has not altogether failed to acquit himself of his responsibilities with advantage to the State and credit to himself, that the obloquy already attaching to his name by the result of the ordeal to which he has been subjected, may not be enhanced as it must be if he is bereft of his late appointment, and flung reflectively on two brothers holding commissions in Her Majesty's Army, and that he may not now be thrown on the world with a stain on his hitherto untarnished name, and with a wife and two children dependent upon his exertions for support, to begin life afresh after having spent its prime without regard to his health in the service of Government, but that taking his most unfortunate case (as he has faithfully represented it) into merciful consideration in connection with his recognized zealous and arduous services embracing a period of 14 years,

services which will, he trusts, be allowed effectually to plead in his behalf, as well as the favorable testimony borne to his character and conduct by all those Officers under whose immediate control he has been successively employed, Your Excellency in Council may be graciously pleased to order his restoration to the Public Service, and reinstatement in the position he held recently in the Public Works Department, for which just act of indulgent kindness Your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray. -

A. C. Gnanapavan

Madras. No 2 Stringers Road

Vepery.

22^d September 1864

Copy in a Letter to England
of 7: December 1834

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the memorial of the Native Americans of the Province of New Brunswick, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Government for his consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. 145/74

Wm. 145/74
J. M. 145/74

Madras. No 1 St George Road - Vepery
23^d September 1864.

To

The Secretary to Government
Pub: works Department
Fort St George

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the order of Government No 1 of 19th instant in the P. W. D. returning my memorial dated 25th August 1864, for reasons therein set forth; and to submit the accompanying memorial in lieu, with the respectful request you will be graciously pleased to lay it before His Excellency in Council for merciful and favorable consideration.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most Obed^t Serv^t
A. C. Chohan

Copy in a letter to England
217. Dec. 1863 of 1864.

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To Mr A. Colquhoun
Sept 19th 1864

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of the Memorial.
The Government see no reason to accede to the request

Submitted for the review of goods.

1864 Dept
Pro. of Govt. for Oct.
From No 4145
Mr. A Colquhoun
Late Sub Engineer
S.M.

Dated 23 } Sep 164
Recd 23 }

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Submitting a
revised Memorial,
praying for restoration
to his appointment
in the S.M.

With an Order
2977-155 Oct 1864

Col. Colquhoun
15th Dec 1864

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