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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st May 1865.

No. 18. Read the following letter from A. COLQUHOUN, Esq., Sub-Engineer, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Mysore, 18th April 1865:—

SIR,

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,003 of 12th instant, apprising me that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State has most graciously taken a favorable view of my Memorials, and directed my restoration to the Public Works Department, and that Government are, in consequence, prepared to re-appoint me, as a Sub-Engineer 3rd Class, should it still be my wish to re-enter the Madras Public Works Department.

2. As I have devoted 14½ years of the prime of my life in the service of the Madras Government with credit to the State and myself, so as to elicit the highest commendations of my superiors, I feel proud to state that it is my most anxious desire to re-enter their service, and to evince to the death that same earnest devotion, zeal, and energy, in the discharge of my duties, which have hitherto invariably characterized my career in the Public Works Department, and which, I venture to trust, will continue to merit the approbation of Government.

3. Through the generous instrumentality of certain gentlemen, and Colonel Lawford, Chief Engineer Mysore, I am at present a temporary Sub-Engineer, 2nd Grade, but shall be prepared to re-join the Madras Public Works Department, as soon as possible after the official announcement of my re-appointment is intimated to me.

4. I must now humbly solicit of Government to graciously take into their merciful consideration that I have been 13½ months without employ, that my means are, in consequence, unable to meet the heavy expenses incidental to a long march, and to post me to some adjoining District, if the exigencies of the public service will permit it. I may be allowed to mention that the Civil Surgeon of Chicacole officially recommended a dry atmosphere for me.

5. I venture to respectfully express a hope that Government will be generously pleased to cause my restoration to take effect from the date of my removal, viz., the 20th February 1864, as I humbly conceive, that both *precedent* and *equity* entitle me to retrospective re-appointment with all its advantages, otherwise my restoration would virtually be *per se* a punishment, inasmuch as I shall have been permanently superseded by several *juniors*, and thereby thrown back *several* steps.

At the time of my removal I had been holding, for nearly four months, the position of Acting 2nd Class Sub-Engineer on *full* salary, and would have been confirmed had I not been removed.

6. I shall abstain, as I fear I shall be trespassing too largely on your time, from citing instances in support of my claim, where Public Officers restored to their appointments on appeal have been granted *retrospective service* and *salary*.

7. I beg you will kindly lay the matter, with your favorable support, before Government for their decision, as considering my unfortunate case, the hardships and privations I have had to endure for 13½ months in consequence of my removal, a merciful and just view may be taken of my application.

8. I should esteem it a particular favor by your kindly furnishing me, if *en regale*, with a copy of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State's Despatch on my case No. 9, dated 9th March 1865.

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1st May 1865.*

No. 19.

ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1865, No. 1,173.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

1. Mr. Colquhoun has been re-appointed to the Public Works Department in the Gazette of the 28th instant.

2. The Secretary of State having directed Mr. Colquhoun's restoration "without prejudice to his claims to count for pension the period of his former service," the Government are unable to accede to the request contained in paragraph 5.

3. The Government see no reason for furnishing Mr. Colquhoun with a copy of the Despatch quoted in paragraph 8.

(True Extract.)

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

To Mr. A. Colquhoun, Mysore.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*To Mr. A. Colquhoun
1087 To Controller of Public Works
Mysore. 1st May 1865
Sd/- J. B. G. 1st May 1865*

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From A. B. L. G. H. H. H.
Esq. Sub. Engr

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Very
Hon. Order
No. 1173

Stating that he
is desirous of re-
entering the P. W.
Dept. of this President
and praying that
his restoration may
be permitted to take
effect from the date
of his removal.

No 1819