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6th September 1866.*

No. 147. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 28th August 1866, No. 92 :—

1. With reference to your Endorsement No. 2,065, dated 13th August, on a petition from Mauriappah Moodelly, late a Taluq Overseer in the Salem District,

1 Printed petition with accompaniments.

I have the honor to forward the following report.

2. The petitioner states that his dismissal was in pursuance of the warning he received in 1864 for neglecting the repairs of a certain tank. This warning is certainly alluded to in my order for his dismissal which was communicated to him, but it had really little or nothing to do with his dismissal.

3. In my letter No. 104 of the 14th of March, I recommended that he should be dismissed, and at that time I was not aware that he had been warned for neglect of duty in 1864. I did not recommend his dismissal until the charges brought against him by the Supervisor had been carefully enquired into on the spot by Lieutenant Edgcome, whose report accompanied my letter.

4. The petitioner makes no allusion to this enquiry, though he takes great pains to show that he was not responsible for the bad work at the tank in 1864. After his dismissal he forwarded to me from Madras a set of very elaborate answers to the charges brought against him. At the time of the enquiry he was not able to give satisfactory answers, but he laid great stress on the ill-will of the Supervisor towards him. The written answer which he gave to the Supervisor I forward in original. He now states that he was inveigled into giving it.

5. Upon further consideration of the case, I regret that I cannot see any reason for altering my opinion that Mauriappah Moodelly is not fit for the charge of a Taluq.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1866, No. 2,844.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 14.

Ordered that the following endorsement be passed on the petition from Mauriappah Moodelly, late Talook

Overseer in the Salem District, dated 27th July 1866.

"The Petitioner is informed that the Government see no reason for interfering with the decision of the Superintending Engineer; but they will not object to his re-employment in his late grade on an opportunity occurring."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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To

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,

Secretary to Government

in the Department of Public Works.

SIR,

I respectfully solicit you will be pleased to submit for the favorable consideration of Government, the circumstances of my unhappy case as detailed herein, and also that you will accord to them that careful attention which, from your known impartiality and discrimination, I can confidently expect. The severity with which I have been treated leaves me no alternative but to seek your kind interposition on my behalf, and the vast importance of the subject to me must plead my apology for any apparent prolixity in setting forth my appeal.

2. I beg to state that till lately I held the post of Taluq Overseer in the Salem District. On the 1st May last, I was furnished by the Executive Agent of the Ah-

*No. 317, dated Cuddalore, 25th April 1866.

toor Range, with the following extract from a Memo.* from Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Foord, Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, which conveyed the order for my dismissal in the following terms:—"The Overseer was warned in 1864, at the time of enquiry into the bad work at Edoombaukulam Tank, that similar neglect of duty on his part would lead to his dismissal; and as he has continued to be neglectful in his inspection of works; "careless in keeping his accounts; and disobedient of orders, the Superintending Engineer resolves to dismiss Mauriappah Moodelliar from the post of Taluq Overseer."

The inference to be drawn from the foregoing is, that my dismissal was in pursuance of the warning which I had received in 1864, for neglect of duty, of which I had then been accused; and, that it was further owing to my continuance in a line of conduct similar to that for which I had then been censured. The facts of the case, however, are opposed to this deduction, as far, at least, as concerns the connexion between the warning in 1864, and the dismissal two years later; and as regards the three distinct charges now brought against me, it is for you, Sir, to judge how far they have been substantiated, and whether I am really deserving of the extreme punishment of dismissal.

I. It is stated in the Extract from Col. Foord's Memo. that "the Overseer was warned in 1864, at the time of enquiry into the bad work at Edoombaukulam Tank, that a similar neglect of duty on his part would lead to his dismissal." I would here respectfully state, that I had nothing whatever to do with the repairs of the Tank above mentioned, and cannot, therefore, be blamed for the badness of the work. The repairs were entrusted to a Maistry named Veerasawmy Moodelly, and executed under the immediate orders and supervision of the late Sub-Engineer, Veerasawmy Moodelliar. I was thus in no way responsible for the work, as I had no share whatever in its execution. I would adduce, in support of my statement, that Deputy Collector Ramiengar, in reporting to the Superintending Engineer that leakage had ensued from the badness of the work, pointed very properly to the Sub-Engineer and the Maistry as the parties to be blamed, and not to me. If further proof were wanting of my being unblameable, it can readily be obtained from the Sub-Engineer

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 Veerasawmy Moodelliar's Inspection Reports for 1864, in which not the most distant allusion is made to me as having been connected with the work in question. The manner, however, in which my name came to be mixed up with it, is this. Captain Edgecome, in his report took occasion to find fault with me for not being present on the spot when the bund was being closed,—that is, after the leaking caused by the bad workmanship—because the work going on happened to be in my Taluq, notwithstanding I had no part or share in it. Upon this, the then Superintending Engineer, who had but very recently joined the Division, was induced, without sufficient enquiry, and with but a very imperfect knowledge of the facts, to quote against me the remark made by Captain Edgecome, coupled with the warning that the repetition of a similar neglect of duty would lead to my dismissal. Having, as I trust, clearly shown that I had nothing whatever to do with the repairs of the Edoombaukulan Tank, not having been engaged in them at any stage of the work, and therefore not in any way responsible for the badness of it, I would respectfully submit that no connexion can possibly exist between the warning uttered against me in 1864, and my dismissal in 1866. I would further state as the reason for my not being present at the time of the closing of the bund—the comparatively trifling charge brought against me by Captain Edgecome, but from which, alas! so much evil has resulted, that my presence was at that time much more needed at a variety of works of far greater importance, works of irrigation, construction, &c., as fully set forth in para. 6 of my letter to Colonel Foord, of the 21st June last, of which, and its accompaniments, a copy is herewith forwarded.

II. The extract from Colonel Foord's Memo. then goes on to say, that as "he (the Overseer) has continued to be (1) neglectful in his inspection of works; (2) careless in keeping his accounts; and (3) disobedient of orders, the Superintending Engineer resolves to dismiss Mauriappah Moodelliar from the post of Taluq Overseer." In regard to these three charges on which my dismissal is based, I beg to represent that I received from the Executive Agent, Appavoo Moodelliar, a Memo. dated Namcal, 3rd April 1866,* in which nine distinct charges are made against me, all of them having reference to disobedience of orders, and negligence in the performance of duty, and not one of them to "carelessness in keeping accounts," which forms the second of the charges on which my dismissal is based. I have thus only to deal with the first and third of those charges; and I would respectfully solicit your patient investigation of the Executive Agent's charges against me and my replies thereto, as set forth in the APPENDIX alluded to above, in order that you may judge of their nature, and the manner in which I have, as I trust, successfully refuted them, and thrown light upon matters which seemed to require explanation.

3. It is now only necessary to allude to the ill-will and animosity which the Executive Agent, Appavoo Moodelliar, invariably evinced towards me from the very time he took charge of the Range, to that at which, after considerable plotting and intriguing, he finally succeeded in working my downfall. The causes which led to his ill-will towards me, and the various ways in which it was manifested, are fully described in my letter to Colonel Foord of 21st June last, and it were needless, therefore, to reiterate them, as a copy of that letter is herewith submitted. But I would, in the case of the Executive Agent's charges and my refutation of them, consider it sufficient to solicit your best attention to my statements, supported, as they are, by the various documents printed in the APPENDIX.

4. Soon after my dismissal, I submitted an Appeal to Colonel Foord,* in which I entered fully into all the circumstances connected therewith, and having, as I had humbly

*Vide Appendix to my letter to Col. Foord, of 21st June last, in which are printed in full, in juxta position, the charges brought against me and my replies thereto.

trusted, cleared away all the imputations maliciously brought against me by the Executive Agent, prayed that he would be pleased to reconsider my case, and restore me to my appointment. Having received no reply up to the 10th of this month, I was induced to remind Colonel Foord of the Appeal which I had forwarded to him, and thereupon I received the following answer* :—

*In Memo. No. 73, dated 13th July 1866.

"Mauriappah Moodelly is informed in reply to his letter of the 10th July, that as he was dismissed only after repeated instances of carelessness and disobedience, the Superintending Engineer is not disposed to reconsider his case." I would submit, with all deference, that to be deprived of my place and the means of livelihood, is of itself a great hardship, especially as there does not exist just and sufficient grounds for so severe a punishment; but to refuse a re-consideration of my case when it has been fully set forth, and when circumstances have been adduced which cannot but be deemed palliative of the offences with which I have been charged, greatly enhances the hardship. I would only lay before you one more fact before I conclude, and that is, that during the whole course of my service

*Vide my Testimonials of service annexed to my letter to Colonel Foord.

extending over a period of nearly eight years,* I have never once, save in the instance in which my travelling expenses for October last were disallowed,† been subjected to a fine or mulct, of any kind, and this circumstance I would submit, is a sufficient evidence that, on the whole, my duties have been efficiently and faithfully performed; and that never before Appavoo Moodelliar assumed charge of the Executive Agency of the Ahtoor Range, some nine months before the period of my dismissal, was I ever found fault with or censured. The causes which led to his ill-will against me, I have fully described in para. 3 of my letter to Col. Foord, of the 21st June last, and in A in the APPENDIX.

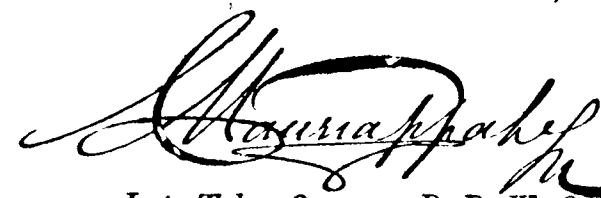
5. In conclusion, I humbly sue for justice, and a strict and patient investigation of the facts I have adduced, in the humble, yet earnest hope, that it will lead to my re-instatement. Should it, however, be found inconvenient from departmental arrangements, to restore me to the place I held before, I pray that, in commiseration of what I have already suffered, and as an act of grace as well of justice to a public servant, who has always endeavoured his best faithfully and honestly to serve the State, I may be appointed in another Range, to a similar place and position to that from which I have been removed; and I humbly pledge myself to a strict and conscientious performance of the duties with which I may be entrusted. In such a position too, those above me will be better enabled to judge of my qualifications and efficiency, than they have been in the invidious and unfortunate position in which I was lately placed.

Again respectfully soliciting a favourable consideration of this my urgent and earnest appeal,

I remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,



Late Taluq Overseer, D. P. W., Salem District.

MADRAS,
 27th July 1866.

In No 2065/66

To

LIEUTENANT COLONEL E. A. FOORD, R. E.,

Superintending Engineer, 5th Division,

Department Public Works.

RESPECTED SIR,

I beg respectfully to submit for your consideration the following circumstances relative to my dismissal from the office of Taluq Overseer, after a service of upwards of seven years in the Department of Public Works, in the humble yet earnest hope, that my unhappy case will meet with the merciful attention it deserves, and the justice which, however lowly my position, I am yet entitled to look for at your hands.

2. I perceive by the copy of the extract from your Memo. No. 317 of 25th April last, with which I have been furnished by Appavoo Moodelliar, Executive Agent, Ahtoor Range, that my dismissal is based upon the following alleged charges:—

- I. Neglect in the Inspection of Works.
- II. Carelessness in keeping Accounts.
- III. Disobedience of orders.

Before I proceed to offer any explanation in regard to these charges, it is necessary that I should lay bare a fact, which, whilst it may condemn me for being wanting in judgment, will, at the same time, expose the treachery to which I have fallen a victim. In a Memo. dated 3rd April last, addressed to me by the Executive Agent, Ahtoor Range, I was called upon to answer certain charges, nine altogether, preferred against me in the Memo. in question. Whilst I was engaged preparing my reply, Appavoo Moodelliar addressed me in a kindly way and said, that I need not return an answer to these charges in the shape of a defence, but that he would set things to right by a favorable settlement of the matter. He then dictated to me a short letter to himself, begging for pardon and protection, which, deluded by his specious advice, I was foolish and rash enough to write and hand over to him, instead of rebutting the charges which, in justice to myself I ought to have done, and which, under the circumstances, I was fully prepared to do. Had I only followed the promptings of common sense, instead of allowing myself to be inveigled in the manner above described, I feel confident that the very severe sentence of dismissal would not have been dealt out to me.

3. Having now stated these circumstances, it is further necessary I should dwell upon the fact that Appavoo Moodelliar from the time he took charge of the Range, evinced towards me a spirit of animosity and ill-will, and endeavoured all he could to do me an injury. This was manifest in various ways—from the numerous and repeated Takeeds on frivolous matters, which he addressed to me from time to time, thereby causing me unnecessary anxiety and annoyance; from the obstacles he placed in the way of my carrying out the works under my charge, and from his frequent interference with my arrangements. Under the conviction that the Executive Agent was doing his utmost to injure me in the estimation of my superiors, and fearing that he would ultimately succeed in doing me harm, I took the liberty, as a precautionary measure, to

bring the above circumstances to your notice in a letter* dated 7th February last, in which I clearly pointed out the cause which led to his ill-will towards me, and solicited that

I might be allowed an opportunity of defending myself in the

event of any false charges being brought against me. I requested, at the same time, that, if practicable, I might be transferred to some other Range, in order that, serving under another officer, my conduct and qualifications might be made known to you by an unprejudiced authority.

*A in the Addenda.

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APPENDIX.

AHTOOR RANGE OFFICE,
NAMCAL, 3rd April, 1866.
No. 371.

MEMO.—The Taluq Overseer, Namcal, is directed to answer the undermentioned charges brought against him, with as little delay as possible :—

1. Disobedience of orders in not rectifying the high rates in the five estimates* as per margin, materials being procurable on the work spot.
- * Pooleanchalay.
Annookootty.
Carooppennputty.
Mahadany.
Callathoo Combarry.

Answer to the 1st Charge :—

Seven estimates,† not five, were returned to me by the Executive Agent for revision; the reasons for my retaining the rates entered in them were fully explained in my letters to the Executive Agent, Nos. 160 and 161, of the 14th December 1865. They are as under :—

1st.—The stony nature and fall of the bed of the river at the sites of the anicuts.

2nd.—The unhealthy state of the locality in which the anicuts are situated.

3rd.—The difficulty of finding a contractor to undertake the works on reduced rates.

4th.—The adoption of the rates in previous years' estimates.

I.—On receiving the seven estimates from me, the Executive Agent sent orders to stop the progress of one of the works estimated for, viz, Bommulupolliem Uaganay, and to execute the rest. His orders were accordingly carried out.

II.—Of the remaining six estimates, the Executive Agent reduced the rates of five of them, but retained those of one only, viz., of the estimate for Poyary or Kanealamaniem Channel, with the view of getting this work done quickly, as his son-in-law, Vytheanatha Moodelly, writer in the Superintending Engineer's office, possesses lands on the said channel, a fact which will be apparent by the

perusal of a letter written by him to the Circar Maistry, named Veerasawmy Moodelly, who was in charge of the above channel works. A translation of this letter is appended.† The original Tamil letter will be produced, if necessary.

III.—From my letter to the Superintending Engineer, under date the 7th February 1866, copy of which accompanies, it will be seen that I made an unfavorable report on the re-opening of a Sluice for irrigating certain lands in which the said Vytheanatha Moodelly was interested. This was the first and chief cause which led the Executive Agent to work against me.

Answer to the 2nd Charge :—

Immediately on the receipt of the Executive Agent's Circular Memo., No. 131, dated 1st October 1865, I communicated to all Pygusts and Maistries a translation of the same for their guidance, explaining to them at the same time that they

2. Disobedience of orders in having used 429 bandy-loads gravel (before inspected by Executive Agent) in contravention of Circular No. 131, dated 1st October 1865; collected on the Salem and Trichinopoly roads, from 30th October to 25th November; likewise in

7. I would now allude to the period of service already performed by me, and to the nature of the works upon which I have been employed. I entered the Public Works Department, as an apprentice, in July 1853. I obtained at the Civil Engineering College, where I was a student, a Certificate of qualification as 1st Class Sub-Overseer. In February 1860, I was appointed 2nd Class Sub-Overseer; in March 1861 I was promoted to the 1st Class, and in July 1863 received the appointment of Taluq Overseer. The period of my service thus extends over a period of more than 7½ years as exhibited in the margin.* During the incumbency of the late Sub Engineer Veerasawmy Moodelliar, I was placed in charge of his Range for a short time, when he was on leave. Had I been in the habit of neglecting my work, of being careless in keeping accounts, and of disobeying orders, as I have now been accused by the Executive Agent of being, would, I respectfully ask, the Superintending Engineer have appointed† me to so responsible an office in the Range? I beg of you to judge.

* Commencing from 9th July 1853.

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8. Having, as I humbly hope, cleared myself fully of the charges maliciously brought against me by the Executive Agent in his Memo. dated 3rd April last, in my rejoinder given in the Appendix, and thus also satisfactorily demonstrated that the alleged charges of neglect in the inspection of works; carelessness in keeping accounts; and disobedience to orders, charges upon which my dismissal is based, are altogether groundless; and having, by the various instances which I have adduced, unmistakably set forth the feelings of ill-will and animosity brought to bear against me by the Executive Agent, and to which I have at last fallen a victim,—feelings, of the existence of which Mr. Leggatt, the Deputy Collector of the Nameul Division, the Tahsildar and other respectable authorities are fully aware of, and will readily speak to; and having ever acquitted myself conscientiously and uprightly in the performance of my duties, giving to them that attention, care and diligence which characterise the faithful servant, and which have been testified to by my superiors (save Appavoo Moodellier) in the various testimonials of character, copies of which are hereto annexed, I respectfully and earnestly solicit you will be pleased to reconsider my case and restore me to my appointment, for which act of justice and kindness I shall ever be grateful.

Humbly awaiting your orders,

I beg leave to remain,

Respected Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,
(Signed) C. MAURIAPPAH.

MADRAS, }
21st June 1866. }

contravention of Superintending Engineer's personal orders in November.

were not to use the materials collected, even for sundry repairs to roads, without previously obtaining the sanction of the Executive Agent, although permitted to do so in the above circular. I also communicated to Pygusts and Head Coolies the personal orders of the Superintending Engineer bearing upon the subject; the Pygust, (Sooboo Moodelly) however, used a portion of the materials for sundry repairs in Cusbah; these repairs were, from time to time, inspected by the Executive Agent, and he was further informed of them by the Weekly Reports submitted to him direct by the Pygust, and he raised no objection. The Pygust's reasons for so doing are contained in a statement furnished to me by him, which I have submitted to the Executive Agent for disposal. On my questioning the Pygust about his having disobeyed the orders, he referred me to the remarks contained in his Weekly Reports and Statements above referred to.

I.—At the time of the enquiry by Captain Edgcome into this matter, I caused the Pygust, with his Station Book, and the Head Cooly with his Nominal Roll, and bandy-men, who collected the materials and used them, to appear before that officer. Captain Edgcome asked me why I had not inspected the works when I was in Cusbah for about seven days in November 1865. To this I replied by producing my Inspection Report for the month, wherein is shewn that I was at the time engaged under the express orders of the Executive Agent, in drawing plans in duplicate, framing estimates, and preparing a report on a new Taluq Cutcherry then proposed to be ceded to the Government for reconstruction. In reply to his civilities and kindness I shall ever be grateful.

Waiting your orders,
I have no more to remain.

3. For displaying a spirit of opposition in commencing (without reporting) the works as per margin, without obtaining the previous permission of the Executive Agent, the works not being of emergency, having been breached several years ago as reported by the villagers, thereby acting in contravention of a Circular from this office.

Answer to the 3rd Charge

I ordered the Contractor to commence with the repairs of two tanks, as per margin. One of them was not commenced with, but the repairs of the other, viz, the Mahadany Tank had been, at the urgent requisition of the Tahsildar, as well as to prevent further injury by an excessive supply of water as the tank was already full.

On the submission of an estimate for this Tank work, accompanied by the form of a Contract bond, the Executive Agent issued orders to stop its progress, which I obeyed. Subsequently, and after having been convinced of its emergency, the Executive Agent ordered its recommencement. Had the work been permitted to be carried out without this interruption, there would not have been a loss of revenue of about Rupees 50 to Government, as was ascertained during the last Jamabundy held by the Collector, to have been the case.

Under these circumstances I submit that I have neither opposed, nor acted contrary to any orders.

4. Negligence of duty in delaying the progress of works and assigning frivolous excuses. Since October persisting in having his own way by giving out works to one Contractor, Sunkaree Reddi, by which it has occasioned the Executive Agent's making arrangements himself for the advancement of the works in the Namcal Taluq.

Answer to the 4th Charge

During the time of the late Sub Engineer T. Veerasawmy Moodelliar, several works in the Namcul and Ahtoor Taluqs were, under his orders, given on contract to Senkarappah Reddi. I followed the same course until it was objected to by the Executive Agent on the 4th October 1865. Under orders from himself, I selected another Contractor in addition to Senkara Reddi, and submitted for his approval, on the 13th November 1865, copies of forms of two Bonds in their names, providing for the collection of materials for the repairs of the Salem and Trichinopoly road, which received his sanction. While the works were under execution by the said two Contractors, the Executive Agent appointed a third Contractor* (brother of a peon employed in his son's house at Salem), and the works were carried out by three Contractors. I inspected the works as usual, measured the completed portions, and submitted bills for payment; whilst so engaged, the Executive Agent suddenly ordered me to deliver over charge of this Road to himself, which I accordingly did, and I was employed in looking after the other irrigation and building repairs, &c., which were completed within the official year.

* This is what he alludes to as having been obliged to make arrangements himself for the advancement of the works.

2. Other obstacles were also thrown by the Executive Agent, in the way of the arrangements made by me towards carrying out the works. They were as follows:—

I.—Objecting to the appointment of Contractors after they had actually commenced with their respective works.

II.—On instigating mile-coolies employed on the roads to seduce the coolies, and to prefer false complaints against me, the fact of which will be proved by the perusal of a report to me from Pygust Sooboo Moodelly, translation of which accompanies this. The original will be produced, if necessary.

III.—Employing one of my Pygusts in the Executive Agent's own office as a writer without sending him to do out-door works.

IV.—Employing a maistry (Veerasawmy Moodelly) on the improvement of the lands belonging to Vytheanatha Moodelly, son-in-law of the Executive Agent, referred to in my answer to the first charge, Clause II.

V.—Appointing a Pygust, named Coopooosawmy Naidu, who was a pial school-master at Nulleppalliam, near Namcul, who was quite ignorant of the works of this department, and who never attended properly to his duties, but was mainly occupied in carrying tales. During the short time of his service his pay was increased.

VI.—Frequently calling away the contractors from their works and forcing them to make false statements against me.

Labouring under all the disadvantages above described, I have still been enabled carefully to complete the works under my charge, within the official year, and therefore I have not in any way delayed the works in my Taluq.

5. Want of confidence—for having agreed with Contractor Peroomal Reddi, (as the latter deposed) for the execution of works as per margin, at Rs. 1-4-0 per cubic yard, for stone work, and reporting that rates cannot be reduced.

That the work people have declared that they had undertaken to execute the work from Contractor at Rs. 1 per cubic yard. Denying all knowledge of Stamp Bond stated by contractor to be given 3 months prior.

Executive Agent doubts of other Contractors, they being nominal, as Peroomal Reddi stated, that being unacquainted with works, he obtained the assistance of Senkaru Reddi. Rama Reddi, who undertook repairs to Taluq Cutcherry and Moonsiff's Court, stated that he refused the contract, but agreed on the circumstance that Senkaru Reddi was to join him in partnership, that he is not aware of the rate and amount of the estimate, neither the amount of bill, that he signed the Bond and the Overseer promised to settle his accounts according to rates.

6. Negligence of duty for delay of 3 months (although attention often called) in submitting estimate for South Kollymalay bridge-path on an enormous amount, selecting an isolated route, jungly, stony, and where no water is procurable, instead of the present foot-path from Pullumbury, visited by the Collector and Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

These charges are altogether false. Peroomal Reddi never admitted the reduced rate of Rupees 1-4-0 per cubic yard, for new stone work, although the Executive Agent forcibly obtained a false document from the Contractor to the above effect. For the rest of the particulars please see para. 5, Clause I, of the accompanying letter. There was no necessity for me to enquire regarding the rates paid by the Contractor to his work people. No Bond was executed by Contractor Peroomal Reddi, the fact of which is also clearly stated in para. 5, Clause I, of the accompanying letter. The contracts were generally given to people of respectability who would be able to execute the works according to the terms. The contractors were not prohibited from entering into partnership with others, and neither have I any control over their doing so. I do not understand what made Rama Reddi deny the knowledge of the rates, the amount of the estimate, nor the amount of the bill, when he had signed a Contract Bond on stamped paper, which was sent to the Executive Agent, and had executed works which were often inspected by the Executive Agent himself, and who often paid money for completed works. I would also remark that through the mischievous interference of the Executive Agent, as described above, the repairs of Kullathoo Combari and Annookooty Anients were badly executed by the Contractor. These works, however, were passed by the Executive Agent at the time of his inspection of them before payment was made by him.

Answer to the 6th Charge:—

In a Takked dated 9th October 1865, No. 135, from the Executive Agent, I was directed to select a route from Shandamungalum to the summit of the Kollymalay Hills, the distance of which is about six miles. I accordingly prepared an estimate for the work, and submitted it to the Executive Agent, who proceeded to the spot, and after inspection, selected another route, viz, from Pullumbury, the foot of the Kollymalay Hills, to its summit, which naturally reduced the distance, making it three miles only. The expense of constructing this road was of course very much less than the amount of my estimate, which was larger in proportion as the extent of the road was double.

I was not aware of the route travelled over by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and the Collector, as specified in the charge, nor had it been made known to me in the above Takked. With regard to the delay in the submission of the above Estimate, I beg to say that I had very little experience in forming Hill roads, and had never been over the Kollymalay Hills since I took charge of the Namcal Taluq. On the 16th December 1865, I visited the Hill and prepared a rough Estimate of the work, but the submission of the same earlier, was delayed from want of certain information which I had previously to obtain from the people of that locality.

7. Negligence of duty in not paying coolies and measuring works of Contractors, and not being found on the work-spot for three days, no arrangements having been made since October to collect materials on the road-side by Contractors, so that the duties of collecting and repairing devolves on mile-coolies, so that very little work is done and much expense entailed to the State. Vide observations, Salem and Trichinopoly roads, No. 269, 22d January 1866.

Between the 25th and 29th of every month the coolies used to be paid, but the only instance in which I failed to pay coolies, and measure Contractor's works was in January last, in which month I was quite unable to pay them within the said date, in consequence of my having been specially engaged on the Cauvery* side in getting a full supply of water into the Parunatty Rajah Voikul of that river, which irrigates the nunjah lands, yielding an annual revenue of 48,000 Rupees to Government. The then acting Tahsildar, who was also with me, will bear testimony to my exertions in the matter.

I.—The late Sub-Engineer was in the habit of occasionally inspecting the Head Corrumboo to ensure a more effectual working of the Channel Establishment, but since the Executive Agent took charge of the Range, he never once visited it, though I had even requested him by a letter dated 4th February, No. 209, to inspect the spot. If I had neglected this work at that time, it would have caused a serious loss of revenue to Government from a failure of the supply of water. Consequently I did not consider that the delay in the payment of mile-coolies on the road was more important than putting a stop to the complaints for the proper distribution of water.

Moodey to the complaint that no arrangements were made prejudicial to collect materials on the Salem and Trichinopoly roads. I beg to refer to my answer to the 4th charge.

II.—Whenever the materials collected by contractors are exhausted, it is usual for the mile-coolies to collect the same themselves for road repairs, but in the present instance, though there were materials collected by contractors, the coolies were obliged to use those collected by themselves in consequence of the restrictions placed by the Executive Agent, to the effect that the materials should only be used after his inspection. The above practice had been followed up even after the road was taken charge of by the Executive Agent himself. No unusual, or unnecessary expense was thus incurred on the road.

Answer to the 8th Charge:—

8. Absent without leave. For having been seen on the 8th, on the works at Muscaliputty, and from information, that he proceeded to Salem on the 5th February (which he is in the habit of doing) without permission, to the residence of his father-in-law, Chedumbara Moodelly, Accountant in the Salem Range, in company with Contractor Sunkera Reddi, Pethy Reddi, and Peroomal Reddi,—to insist on the latter to deny what he has stated about the contract of works in para. 5.

Whenever I had occasion to go to Salem, I went with the permission of the Executive Agent, exhibiting the same in my Inspection Reports which were passed by him. With a view to bring down my family to Namcal, I went up to Salem with the permission of the Executive Agent on the evening of the 6th February and returned early on the morning of the following day. I am quite ignorant of the other charge contained in the concluding part.

Answer to the 2th Charge :-

9. Improper supervision of the repairs to the Edoombankolum Tank Sluice, inasmuch that the leakage has not stopped as reported by the Deputy Collector and Tahsildar, orders issued to inform the result and execute repairs (27th December) within estimate, and no report yet received nor work commenced.

(Signed) S. APPAVOO MOODELLY,
Executive Agent, A. R.

On the report of the Tahsildar stating that the Edoombankolum Tank was in a dangerous state, having received a full supply of water, the Executive Agent sent me a Takeed to take early measures to carry out the necessary repairs to the tank. I prepared an estimate for Rupees 121 to prevent the occurrence of a breach, and the repairs were executed; but there was no possibility of examining the tank bund and stopping the leakage, as the tank was full. The Executive Agent had inspected the repairs whilst they were in progress, and also after completion of the work. From this it will be seen that my supervision of the work was neither indifferent nor neglected. The Executive Agent subsequently, and when the tank was dry, ordered me to examine the bund with the view of stopping the leakage, and to appropriate towards its execution the sum of Rupees 129, which was the amount of a previous estimate which had been framed and sanctioned for the repairs of the bund of the tank in question, before it was necessary to execute the above emergent repairs. I accordingly engaged a Contractor, but the Executive Agent interfered with him as usual, and ordered me to select another Contractor. I was unable to get a second man, and on reporting the same to the Executive Agent, requested his permission to proceed with the work by hired labor, and permission was accordingly granted. The Executive Agent himself took charge of the work, and under his supervision the work was executed and the contractors paid.

(Signed) C. MAURIAPPAN.

Takeed

ADDENDA.

A.

To

LIEUTENANT COLONEL E. A. FOORD, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, D. P. W.

MOST HONORED SIR,

I most respectfully beg to bring to your honor's notice that Supervisor Appavoo Moodelliar, since his arrival here, has been cherishing ill feelings towards me, and actively seeking for an opportunity to injure me.

The cause of entertaining ill feelings towards me is as follows:—The Supervisor's son and son-in-law, by name of Manikum Moodelliar and Vythinatha Moodelliar, (the latter in your honor's office) drew up a Petition for one Rama Moodelly of Veylore, that a Sluice kept by him for his Irrigation purposes was closed by me and the Ameen, after the death of the late Sub Engineer Veergasawmy Moodelliar, and that the same may be re-opened with a view to acquire some lands from the Petitioner, through their influence with the Supervisor, who was then expected to take charge of the Range when the Petition is referred to him.

When the Petition was referred to Lieutenant A. R. Edgecome, R. E., Assistant Engineer, who was in temporary charge of this Range, for his report, he sent me a Takeed, dated 19th July last, No. 46, directing me to report on the subject of the Petition above referred to.

On receipt of the above Takeed, I made my report by an Urzee, No. 55, dated 10th August last, stating that the Sluice complained of was not closed by me and the Ameen, after the death of the Sub Engineer, but was closed by the above Officer only, on the ground that it was newly opened by the Petitioner, without the permission of the late Sub Engineer, and prejudicial to the interests of the Channel. My report reached the present Supervisor as soon as he took charge of the Range.

The above said two persons named Manikum Moodelliar and Vythinatha Moodelliar, seeing that my report was quite unfavourable to their views, they have prejudiced the mind of the Supervisor, hence ill-feeling against me.

To give effect to his ill feelings, the Supervisor, I hear, has been making reports against me upon matters which never took place, and thus trying to prejudice your honor's mind towards me, and he also throws obstacles in the way of my carrying out the works under my charge, that is, he breaks out all the arrangements that have been made by me in regard to the execution of the work, and, therefore, I am obliged to incur small expenditure upon the works in the Taluq. I therefore respectfully request that your honor will be pleased to take into your kind and noble consideration, my defence for such reports of the Supervisor, and also, what I have to state to your honor personally on the subject, and to render me justice. I further beg to refer your honor to Mr. B. C. Leggatt, Deputy Collector, in charge of Namkul Division, and the Taluq Tahsildar, and also respectable ryots of the Taluq, about my conduct and the discharge of the duties entrusted to me. In conclusion, I beg to state that, while I, with a view to get your honor's good opinion of me, spare no labor in discharging my duties as punctually as possible; the Supervisor bearing ill-feelings has determined to ruin me. I therefore humbly request in earnest that your honor will be kindly pleased to transfer me under another Officer, and ascertain my conduct by him. I beg your honor will be pleased to pardon me for my intrusion on your honor's valuable moments, and protect your most humble servant,

(Signed) C. MAURIAPPAN,
Taluq Overseer, D. P. W., V. T.

7th February, 1866.

B.

No. 151.

To

COLONEL E. A. FOORD,
Supt. Engr., 5th Division, D. P. W.

MOST HONORED SIR,

I most respectfully beg to bring to your honor's kind notice, that I received from the Executive Agent, Ahtoor Range, the accompanying Memo.* intimating, that under the reasons therein stated, my travelling allowance for October was disallowed, and to lay before your serious and impartial judgment my defence to the circumstances brought to your honor's notice against me.

* No. 198 dated 2nd December.

MADRAS,
21st June 1866.

2. 1st, as to the circumstance of my not collecting materials for the Salim and Trichinopoly roads, I beg to state that, in accordance with the order of the late Sub-Engineer, there was one Contractor for supplying materials to the road, but on the 4th October the Executive Agent ordered that two Contractors should be engaged for the same; and that in obedience to his order I tried for another contractor, but could not find any competent person for the purpose immediately. In the interval I was obliged to inspect the other works in the Taluq, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of my Inspection Report for the month. 2ndly, regarding the irregular submission of Weekly Inspection Reports, I respectfully beg to state that the rough copies of the Returns were prepared by me and given to my writer to be copied and despatched for my signature, while on circuit, but they were in one or two instances become overdone, as the writer had much to do in copying out Takeels, Vadasts and Urzees, regarding the three Cauvery Channels, Pabargay, &c., which a reference to my records will prove to be enormous. 3rdly, as regards the submission of my Progress Report and most part of the vouchers on the 7th instead of the 1st, I most humbly beg to inform your honor that owing to the difficulty of procuring in the new forms the various Returns, some of the vouchers were submitted on the 4th and the others on the 7th. With one inexperienced writer I have to render many accounts, and most of them in duplicate. Some Returns the submission of which by the Taluq Overseer is, by the manual, dispensed with, I am called to render. With all these difficulties I have to prepare them myself, but it took my writer, who is quite new, till the 4th and 7th to copy out and send them for my signature, while I was on circuit. This delay, I beg to bring to your kind notice, the ex Agent has so graciously noticed. 4thly, with regard to the little expenditure, I beg to refer your honor to the remarks in my Progress Report for the month, and I have also to assign the cause of the same to the difficulty of getting a new Contractor for the road.

3. I travelled during the month 394 miles, as detailed in my Inspection Report, and with all that the Executive Agent recommended, unmercifully, to strike out my travelling all round for the month, on account of the short raiming, which was unavoidable, and of the little delay in the submission of some returns occasioned by my writer.

4. I have also to bring to your honor's notice that on the 24th ultimo, I engaged a respectable Contractor, living in the neighbourhood, for the execution of five urgent works, which were accordingly commenced by him. My estimates for these works, which were prepared at the usual rates in the Taluq, were submitted to the Executive Agent on the 1st instant, with a copy of the agreement which the Contractor was required to execute; but the Executive Agent returned them to me remarking the rates in the former, and remarking that the execution of two works should be postponed until further orders, that I should procure another Contractor for one, and that the remaining two should be executed by the person who had already commenced the five works.

5. Although two of the works are to be put off, and agreeably to the Executive Agent's order, still there would be no objection in allowing the same Contractor to execute the other three works. If I were to procure another, and take off one of the three works now in progress from the hands of the first Contractor, I should not only have to leave some of the important works which require my attention, but it will also be a bar to the progress of the work in question, for I should leave the first Contractor to put a stop to its execution by him, and then procure a new Contractor who may be willing to take up the work in hand, which will occasion some loss of time.

6. And again, engaging another Contractor for the execution of two other works, I submitted his agreement for the same to the Executive Agent, who, in reply, remarked on it that I should nominate another Contractor in lieu of the one I selected.

7. The Executive Agent, as it would be observed from the preceding remarks, I apprehend, decided with some ill feeling towards me, to stand against my exertions, which will not only retard the progress of the works under my charge, but will also discourage the people in taking up contracts.

8. Namcul is one of the most important Taluqs in the District. The Supervisor and a Sub-Overseer were formerly placed to superintend works therein; whereas I am the only person that has now to carry on the duties performed by two members, attending at the same time to the greatest care and industry the frequent calls arising in the three Cauvery Channels, and Pabargay, and also to taking surveys, drawing Plans, and framing Estimates, &c. for the works in the Taluq.

9. In conclusion I humbly take the liberty of submitting to your honor's kind inspection, a copy of my testimonials, given by the Officers who were in charge of the District. As the Executive Agent is watching an opportunity for injuring me, I apprehend I can hardly give him any satisfaction, although I willingly, diligently and laboriously do my duties, and therefore to meet earnestly that your honor will be pleased to grant my travelling allowance for Oct. last, transferring me at the same time to any other Range, thus protect me and my large family.

For this act of benevolence I beg to

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C. *Pygust Sooboo Moodelly, employed on*

EXTRACT of a Report, dated 1st September 1865, from *Pygust Sooboo Moodelly, employed on the Salim and Trichinopoly Roads, to the Namcul Taluq Overseer C. MAURIAPPAN MOODELLIAR.*

On my inspecting this day the works on the road between Muscaliputty and Poodoo Chuttrum, I found the mile coolies employed on that portion of the road remaining quiet, instead of attending to their works, and asked them the cause of it. In reply, they one and all said, that they would not do any more work on the road, and requested me to settle their arrears of cooly so that they may find work elsewhere.

They further informed me that two days ago when the Superintendent came here, he called every one of them together, and forced them to say that the Overseer and Contractor jointly paid coolies for jelly, and to bring any more complaints; and that if they do not say so, he would strike out their arrears of labor, and thus threatened them, and that they fear to come to work, as no one up to this time induced them in this manner to utter falsehood. However, I have told them to attend to their work; but I doubt that if their arrears of cooly are settled, whether they would go to work again or not.

D.

No. 147.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to a Memo. No. 1991, from the Superintending Engineer, approving of the arrangement proposed by the Sub-Engineer to put the Taluq Overseer Mauriappan Moodelly, temporarily in charge of the Ahtoor Range Office, during the period of his absence on leave from the Station, the undersigned has the honor to request the Taluq Overseer Mauriappan Moodelly will be good enough to take charge of the Ahtoor Range Office, and to carry out all emergent duties of the office, until the 5th proximo, on which date the undersigned will join his Station.

The Monthly Returns and Pay Abstract for March must be prepared ready for Sub-Engineer's signature on the said date.

(Signed) T. VEERASAWMY MOODELLIAR,
Sub-Engineer, in charge of Ahtoor Range,
Salim District.

AHTOOR RANGE OFFICE,
CAMP MUSCALIPUTTY,
26th March 1866

E.

Letter from P. VYTHENATHA MOODELLIAR, Son-in-Law of the Executive Agent, APPAYU MOODELLIAR, to the Circular Maistry, VEERASAWMY MOODELLIAR.

It is now about 15 days since that we met and had conversation at Veylore. You have not given me any news as promised, in the absence of which I could not make out any document. I do not know whether the Kancalamancum Channel has now received water. By this time I believe it must have received; according to your statement, you have not yet reported to me that you have let water to my land and ascertained its levels, and on this account I am prevented from getting ready my document. Answer me every thing clearly as promised, and it is only after the receipt of your letter that I should get ready my document. Besides, you should send me an Estimate of the cost for improving the said land. Answer me quickly—it is delayed only on your account.

(Signed) P. VYTHENATHA MOODELLY.

SALEM, 9th January 1866.

F.

FROM THE TALSILDAAR OF NAMCUL,
TO THE TALUQU OVERSEER, NAMCUL.

I have this day received a report, dated the 24th instant, from Vencata Rama Reddy, Moneagar of Mahadany Village, in which he states that the Tank is filled with water, and that the surface of the bund is uneven, containing pits and holes, and that unless it is inspected and repaired, it would endanger the Tank by further supply of water, and therefore it is requested that the Tank may be inspected, and the necessary repairs carried out.

(Signed) P. SOORAPPAH,
Acting Tahsildar.

NAMCUL, 31st October 1865.

TESTIMONIALS.

COLLEGE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING,
Fort St. George.

CERTIFICATE No. 40, Dated the 28th of June 1859.

Name—C. Mauriappah Moodelly.

Race—Tamil Religion, Hindoo—Age 20.

Qualified for the Grade of Sub-Overseer, 1st Class, D. P. W., under paras. 8 and 9 of Public Works Notification No. 1 of the 23rd June 1857.
Passed.

(Signed) GEORGE WINSOME, Capt, Engineers,
Principal, Civil Engineering College.

This is to bear testimony that Mauriappah Moodelly, bearer of this, has served under my orders as Sub-Overseer of the Womalur Taluq, for a period of six months, during which time I have every reason to be perfectly satisfied that he is a very intelligent, sharp, hard-working man, and I am very well pleased with him.

SALEM, 2nd May, 1860.

(Signed) R. E. NORFOR,
Asst. Engineer, D. P. W.

Extract from the recommendation Roll furnished to the Chief Engineer during the year 1862-63.

* C. Mauriappah Moodelly,
Streenevasalu Naidu.

These two* young men are sharp, active, intelligent and industrious, and these are the most valuable subordinates in this District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Capt.,
District Engineer of Salem.

No. 1107.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, under date the 21st October 1863.
Read the Inspection Reports of Sub-Engineer Veerasawmy and the Taluq Overseers of his Range, for the month of September 1863.

Resolved to inform Sub-Engineer Veerasawmy, that the distances travelled over by Taluq Overseers Mauriappah Moodelly and Chokalingum Pillay, viz, 355 miles and 255 miles in the month, are satisfactory, particularly the former who had visited a large number of works and carefully noted down all that was done by him.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. W. HITCHINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

(True Copy.)

Forwarded for the information and guidance of Taluq Overseer C. Mauriappah Moodelliar.

(Signed) T. VEERASAWMY MOODELLIAR,
Sub-Engineer, Ahtoor Range.

AHTOOR RANGE OFFICE,
CAMP MUSCULIPUTTY,
30th October, 1863.

SOUTHERN CIRCLE, D. P. W.
SALEM DISTRICT.

EXTRACT from a Special Report called for in the Chief Engineer's Circular, (Miscellaneous) No. 9 of 1861-62, on the merits and qualifications of Subordinates who have studied at the Civil Engineering College and hold Certificates from the Principal of that Institution.

Name of Subordinate and No. of Certificate from College.	Present Rank.	Service in the Department, up to 1st June 1861.	REMARKS.
No. 40 of 28th June 1859, Mauriappah Moodelly.	Sub Overseer, 1st Class, 3rd Grade.	As Apprentice. y. m. d. 1 7 7 As Sub Overseer, 2d Class. 1 1 1 As 1st Class Sub Overseer. 0 3 14 2 11 22	A promising and intelligent Sub-ordinate, works hard, obeys orders, and is anxious to learn. Can Survey and draw fairly. reads, writes, and talks English tolerably well.

N. B.—The conduct of this Subordinate has been unexceptionably good and praiseworthy during his term of service.

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Capt.,
District Engineer.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
SALEM, 1st July, 1861.

SOUTHERN CIRCLE, D. P. W.
SALEM DISTRICT.

Form B.

EXTRACT from a list of Sub-Overseers recommended by the Sub-Engineer T. Veerasawmy Moodelly, to the District Engineer, dated 7th April 1863.

Name.	Name of Taluq.	Previous rank and service in the D. P. W.	Salary as Taluq Maistry.	Remarks as to character and efficiency.
C. Mauriappah Moodelliar.	Namcul ...	Sub Overseer, 1st Class, 3rd Grade. 4 9 0	20 0 0	Character very good, I recommend him to be an efficient and useful Subordinate, possesses a thorough knowledge in Surveying, Levelling, Plan drawing, &c., and obtains a 1st Class Sub Overseer's Certificate.

(Signed) T. VEERASAWMY MOODELLIAR,
Sub-Engineer, in charge of Ahtoor Range.

AHTOOR RANGE OFFICE,
CAMP POODOO CHITTRUM,
7th April, 1863.

N^o 92.

Superintg. Engrs Office 5th Division
Salem 28th August 1866.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

To The Secretary to Government.
D. P. W.

Enclosure.
1 printed petition
with accompani-
ments.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement
N^o. 2065 dated 13th August on a petition from
Mariappah Moodally late a Taluk Overseer
in the Salem District I have the honor
to forward the following report.

2. The petitioner states that his dismissal
was in pursuance of the warning he received
in 1864 for neglecting the repairs of a certain
Tank. This warning is certainly alluded to
in my order for his dismissal which was
communicated to him, but it had really
little or nothing to do with his dismissal.

3. In my letter N^o. 104 of the 14th of March
I recommended that he should be dis-
-missed, and at that time, I was not
aware that he had been warned for
neglect of duty in 1864. I did not recom-
-mend his dismissal until the charges
brought against him by the Supervisor had

had been carefully enquired into on the spot by Link Edgcome, whose report accompanied my letter.

2. The petitioner makes no allusion to this enquiry though he takes great pains to show that he was not responsible for the bad work at the tank in 1854. After his dismissal he forwarded to me from Madras a set of very elaborate answers to the charges brought against him. At the time of the enquiry he was not able to give satisfactory answers, but he laid great stress on the ill will of the Supervisor towards him. The written answer which he gave to the Supervisor I forward in original. He now states that he was inveigled into giving it.

5. Upon further consideration of the case I regret that I cannot see any reason for altering my opinion that Mariappa Chudley is not fit for the charge of a Taluk.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt. Servt.

E A Dorr, Esq. M. A.
Superintg. Engineer
5th Division.

Copy of the endorsement on the Petition

2844

NO 2844

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 5th Sept. 1866.
Read the following

The Supg. Engineer of the 5th Division (Here enter No. 92 dated 28 Aug/66)

Ordered that the following enclosure be framed on the petition from Maunappali Mudalayi, late of the Salem District dated 27 July 1866:-

"The Petitioner will be informed that the Government see no reason for interfering with the decision of the Supg. Engineer; but they will not object to his reemployment as ^{his} gate trade ~~on an~~ opportunity occurring."

WR

2 a letter dated 1st Sept. 1866. effecting that the gate trade has been removed from

2/1/78 The S. Eng. of the 5th Division

Copy of the enclosure sent for the Petitioner

28/8/66

Order of the Government
No. 3580

The Superintg. Engineer
5th Division

The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Order of the Government
No. 3580

No 92
Enclosure 3

Noting that he sees no reason for altering his opinion in the case of Maunappali Mudalayi, late of the Salem District.

Superintg. Engineer
5th Division

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Proc of Govt. of the State of Maine
No. 2847.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT of Maine.

Dated 6th September, 66.

Mr. [illegible] has
communicated with the
Governor on the subject
of the District, informed that
the decision of the court
intending to [illegible] and
the [illegible] will not
be interfered with, and
that no objection will be
made to his re-employment
in his last position
if opportunity occurring.

A. 114. 118.