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21st May 1867.*

No. 470. Read the following letter from T. S. VEERASAWMY MOODELIAR,
late Head Estimate Maker of the Central Office of Public Works, to the
Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 13th May 1867 :—

I beg respectfully to forward the enclosed Memorial, in triplicate, addressed to
the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, and to solicit that the same
may be transmitted at an early opportunity.

No. 471. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1867, No. 1,521.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 42.

Ordered that the Memorial received
with this letter be forwarded to the
Right Honourable the Secretary of
State for India, and that the Memorialist be advised of its despatch.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

MEMORIAL

OF

T. S. VEERASAWMY MUDALIAR,

LATE HEAD ESTIMATE MAKER

OF THE

CENTRAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.



Madras:

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TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

The humble Memorial of T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaliar

late Head Estimate Maker of the Central Office of Public Works.

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

1st. That your memorialist was first entertained in the service of Government as a Practitioner writer on the Permanent Establishment of the Chief Engineer in October 1830 on a monthly salary of Rupees 3 - 8 - 0, which was subsequently increased first to Rupees 7 - 0 - 0 in the year 1832 and afterwards to Rupees 12 - 0 - 0 in 1840. In course of time your memorialist rose to an appointment of Rupees 95 - 0 - 0 per mensem and the duties he had to perform while holding this post as while he held the minor appointments were both onerous and responsible.

2nd. That in consequence of the reorganization of the Chief Engineer's Establishment in the year 1863, your memorialist's appointment was abolished and your memorialist after a continuous service of 32 years under Government was constrained under the rules to a Pension of $\frac{1}{3}$ of his salary, which alone the Local Government were pleased to consider him to have been entitled to.

3rd. That on this occasion of your memorialist's retirement from service, a representation of the circumstances of his case was made by Col. Hitchins to the Chief Engineer, strongly supporting your memorialist's application to be allowed to count towards pension the first ten years of his service during which period he was on a receipt of a salary of 3½ and subsequently Rupees 7 ¾ mensem so as to enable him to retire on a pension equal to half his salary; but in this point Col. Hitchins observed "that the rate paid for that description of work at the period to which reference is made was far in excess of what your memorialist actually drew" and instanced the cases of six individuals employed in the Adjutant General's and the Military Board Office, who "for the very same kind of work which your memorialist had to perform received salaries ranging from 70 to 120 Rupees between the years 1830 & 40." He concluded this his letter to the Chief Engineer with the words "I would

here beg to repeat that by his ability and industry he (your memorialist) has been instrumental in saving large sums to Government who I have reason to hope will now in compensation for his labor in their employ request him by according the special indulgence which he now seeks."

4th. That in submitting this letter to Government Col. Birdwood the Chief Engineer endorsed all that Col. Hitchins had said regarding your memorialist's services and moreover made reference to the "most favorable terms" in which all the Officers under whom your memorialist served had testified to his merits and abilities, he added that "looking to the fact that by your memorialist's careful & strict scrutiny of Estimates entrusted to him for examination he has been, as remarked by Col. Hitchins, instrumental in saving large sums to Government, there appears to be sufficient grounds to warrant the indulgence he seeks being granted to him."

5th. That though upon these facts the Local Government in the first instance resolved to view your memorialist's case favorably and recorded their proceedings accordingly, viz, that "under the altered circumstances of your memorialist's case and in consideration of the very strong recommendation of Col. Birdwood & Col. Hitchins, they will not object to apply to the Government of India for a special pension on his behalf on the usual Registry of application being submitted through the Civil Paymaster", yet when the Register of application for the pension was submitted to Government in the usual form the result proved unfavorable to him. In their final order the Government adduce the following reasons for the course they have taken.

- I. That during the first ten years of your memorialist's service, not only was the pay drawn by him were 3½ & 7 Rupees per mensem, but that the appointment held by him was that of a "practitioner" writer, the service in which would not in any case qualify for pension.
- II. That the argument advanced by Col. Hitchins that your memorialist's services as practitioner writer on Rupees 3½ & 7 a month were similar to those performed by clerks in other offices on 70 - 100 and 120 Rupees per mensem is untenable that supposing the duties to have been similar in kind they were in the memorialist's case at first probationary and were requested by his subsequent admission to the permanent service of Government.
- III. That neither the character of your memorialist's labors nor their results have been so exceptional as to merit peculiar consideration.

6th. The Local Government having on the above grounds granted to your memorialist a pension of one-third only of his salary or Rupees 31½ per mensem your memorialist would with all deference to their orders crave permission, to submit to your

Lordship's consideration the following statement of his circumstances with the full belief that they will meet a favorable reception at your Lordship's hands. One important fact in connection with your memorialist's claim to a full pension would seem to have been lost sight of by the Local Government when they passed the order in question, viz, that your memorialist lost his appointment through abolition of office. Public servants losing their employ through such a contingency have always been treated with liberality, the strict requirements of the rules being relaxed in their favor. In not a few instances have their cases been made "special" and a rate of pension accorded as if they had actually fulfilled the conditions of service entitling them to it. It is true that your memorialist's name was entered in the Permanent Office Establishment List as a "practitioner" writer from the year 1830 to 1840 on a salary of Rs. 3½ & 7 a month, but the work he performed was even with reference to the then state of the labor market 20 times higher. It is therefore evident that neither the salary paid to him during the period in question, nor the designation of his post viz, Practitioner writer, correctly represents the nature of his work and as this opinion of your memorialist's duties does not rest on his mere statement but on the testimony of the officers under whom he served; it is respectfully submitted that this taken in connection with the fact that your memorialist was thrown out of employ for no fault of his own gives your memorialist certainly a claim to a more favorable consideration than what the Government have been pleased to take. If your memorialist was designated otherwise than a practitioner writer and if he had been paid in excess of the limit of 10 Rupees a month he would be entitled to count his first 10 years of service towards pension. But the essential fact any how remains unaffected that his work during that period was identical with what in other departments and in those days earned the higher wages of Rupees 70 100 and 120 a month.

7th. Your memorialist would also respectfully submit that his service as a practitioner writer was not of a temporary character as supposed by Government. The Code of Engineer Regulations designated the last 2 or 3 incumbents in the Permanent Establishment as practitioner writer. He was therefore from the first in a permanent capacity. It was his misfortune to continue as a practitioner writer for nearly ten years but this is due altogether to the failure of opportunities for his advancement.

8th. With reference to the remark of Government that neither the character of your memorialist's labors nor their results have been so exceptional as to merit peculiar consideration. Your memorialist would respectfully submit that it would ill become him to say any thing in his favor. If however your Lordship will be pleased to peruse the accompanying testimonials and letters, they will be found to shew what his merits are. Your memorialist does not claim for himself any peculiar merit for having discharged his duties with the strict integrity and to the best of his ability. But if such a line of conduct receiving as it has, the approbation of Government who have

acknowledged the "zeal and usefulness which have marked your memorialist's services", constitutes any claim to special consideration combined with the fact that your memorialist in his humble capacity has been instrumental in saving large sums to Government not only in scrutinizing Estimates, the duty devolved on him, but also suggesting alterations in plans submitted by the local authorities, with a view to reduce expenditure without sacrifice of utility then, your memorialist humbly solicits that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to take a favorable view of his case and grant him a full rate of pension by taking into account the first ten years of his service.

9th. That your memorialist has struggled hard through life to attain his position and merit and the eulogiums passed upon his conduct. He has been able to arrive at it only by a rigid adherence to those principles which in every public capacity are at once the public safeguard and the individuals best security for advancement. By his diligence and perseverance alone he could have risen in his profession and in the Estimation of his superiors.

10th. Your memorialist finding the pension granted to him utterly inadequate for the support of himself and family was forced to seek employment again, and succeeded in entering the services of the M. I. & C. Co. where he received a salary of 100 Rs. per mensem. The accompanying testimonials from the Company's Office will convince your Lordship how useful he was even after your memorialist was forced to leave the situation of Government, but having since lost this appointment in consequence of the Company having suspended their operations and being thrown on the only resource left him he begs most respectfully but at the same time most earnestly, to appeal to your Lordship in council and hopes that on a consideration of all the circumstances of his case your Lordship will see sufficient grounds for complying with his request which by giving him an increased rate of pension will materially help him to live in some degree of comfort with his family in these straitened times.

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25th January 1839.

(Signed) ATWELL LAKE.
Lieutenant & Adjutant of Engineers.

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I found his zeal quite equal to his intelligence, and but for the extra time which he often devoted to his work I could never have handed over the Centre Circle Office as clear of arrears as it now is.

No servant in the D. P. W. Office here has, in my opinion, higher claims to the favorable consideration of Government than VEERASAWMY MUDALIAR.

SOUTHERN CIRCLE OFFICE : }
CHEPAUK. }
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(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY *Lieut. Col.*
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MADRAS : }
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(Signed) J. CARPENDALE. *Lieut. Col. R. E.*
Late Asst. & Actg. Dy. Chief Engineer.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 951

Extract from the minutes of consultation under date the 19th May 1858.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Forwards for inspection the Manuscript of a Builder's Vocabulary in Tamil and English by VEERASAWMY MUDALLY, the 2nd Estimate Maker in the Central Office and recommends that Government will take from the author 500 Copies for distribution to the subordinates of the Department and for use in the Survey School and Civil Engineering College. (Here enter 7th May 1858 No. 115.)

With this letter, the Chief Engineer forwards for the inspection of Government the manuscript copy of Builder's Vocabulary in Tamil and English by T. S. VEERASAWMY MUDALLY, the 2nd Estimate Maker in the Central Office. In submitting the above compilation for the patronage of Government, Colonel FABER represents that the work will be generally useful to Natives as well as to Europeans employed in the Tamil Districts, and recommends the purchase of 500 Copies for distribution to the subordinates of the Department of Public Works and for use in the Survey School and Civil Engineering College. Under the favorable opinion expressed by the Chief Engineer as to the usefulness of the compilation under notice to the members of the Public Works Department, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the purchase of 500 copies of the work at one Rupee and four annas per copy, after it is printed, and has had the English spelling revised.

(A true extract.)

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY.
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Engineer.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY Deputy Chief Engineer Centre Circle Madras 7th July 1862, No. 95 to the Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

2. Owing to the novelty of the work and to the necessity for introducing a few trifling alterations to suit the locality, it appears to have been found necessary to remit the Estimates to Colonel Hitchins for explanation of details; and this together with press of business in the Office (seriously compromised by the recent illness of the able head of the Estimate * Department,) has occasioned some delay in their final submission to Government.

* Veerasawmy Mudaliar.

To

Captain E. HEMERY,
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SIR, With due submission, I beg most respectfully to bring to your kind notice, the following circumstances in connection with my employment in this office, and to request you will be so good as to recommend to Government my exemption from the operation of the rule that "Employment in a grade ineligible for pension and in situations the salary of which is Rupees ten and less, is excluded from the period entitling to pension."

2. I beg to mention that I was first entertained in the late Chief Engineer's Office in October 1830, as a practitioner on a salary of Rupees 3-8-0 and that in 1832 my salary was raised to Rupees 7 per mensem. It was not till 1840 that I was again promoted and received an increase to my salary which was then made 12 Rupees per month.

3. My ordinary duties at the time were to prepare or examine the statement of services of Officers of the corps of Engineers, and to check periodical Indents for stationery &c. Altho' the duties in question were in their nature very important, and those who were engaged in similar duties in the Adjutant General's Office, and in the Military Board are remunerated at salaries varying from Rs. 100 to 70 per mensem, still with the inadequate salary of Rs. 7 per month, I had to conduct the duties above referred to. I beg to assure you that my superiors have appreciated my labors; but in consequence of vacancies having been few, and the establishment I was employed in being then small, my promotion was slow.

4. I continued to serve on this salary up to 1848, when Government having sanctioned the entertainment of an Estimate Maker temporary on a salary of Rs. 35 for preparing valuation statements of all Buildings in the Fort and the suburbs, and the invitation for applicants in the Fort Saint George Gazette having failed to secure persons qualified for the post, I was * recommended to Government to be taken without prejudice to my service. The Government having

* Vide letter of 28th April 1848.

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† sanctioned my employment, I completed the work within 18 months, to the entire satisfaction of my superiors. About this time a vacancy in the regular Establishment having occurred, I was promoted to the post of 2nd Estimate Maker, and in the classification of the establishment on the organization of the D. P. W. I was made the 3rd Estimate Maker, on a salary of Rs. 70 and lastly in 1856 I was promoted to the place of 2d Estimate Maker on 95 Rs. which I now fill.

5. I beg to state that I lately published a work entitled "Builder's Vocabulary." This Book was published both in Tamil and Telugu with a corresponding English version; ‡ 500 copies of the Tamil and 200 of the Telugu were purchased by Government, and 100 more of the former by the Board of Revenue. On a reference to a letter from

the Chief Engineer recommending it to Government and from the replies received from the several officers in the P. W. D. to a circular addressed to them on the subject, it will be evident to you, how far the work I completed is useful in the Provinces.

6. In consideration of the period I served Government, my general usefulness, my general conduct, and aptitude for business and thorough acquaintance with my art which enabled me often to effect large reductions by a rigid scrutiny in the estimates that passed thro' me, all of which have been testified to by all my superiors without a single exception, and in consideration that my duties during the time I was employed on the small pay of 3 and 7 Rupees per month, were not comparatively less important than those which devolved upon me subsequently as I rose in the Office, and in consideration of the circumstances that the remuneration to writers 30 years ago was so very inadequate and their promotions were confined within such very narrow limits, I solicit the favor of your recommending to Government through the Chief Engineer to allow me to reckon towards pension, the period of service during which I was on the receipt of a salary below Rs. 10, as a special case deserving of being dealt with liberally by Government.

7. Copies of Testimonials received from time to time from the several Officers in charge of the P. W. D. as well as from others are enclosed for your information.

8. In conclusion I beg leave to add that the period of service which I forfeit rendered during the time that I drew salaries under Rs. 10, was before the promulgation of the * orders prohibiting such service to count for pension, and hence I humbly trust you will see that this is one very strong ground on which I can claim exemption from those orders.

* Notification of 8th May 1849 Page 199.

MADRAS :
8th November 1862. }

I remain
Sir

Your most obedient and humble servant,
(Signed) T. S. VEERASAWMY.

No. 4550.

To
The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration and orders of Government the accompanying letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle forwarding with his support an application from T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaly Head Estimate Maker in his Establishment, soliciting that the period of his service under Government from October 1830 to September 1840, during which he was in receipt of a salary of less amount than 10 Rupees, may be allowed to count for pension.

2. Veerasawmy Mudaly is a person of great intelligence and industry and from his thorough acquaintance with the principles of estimating, his services have been invaluable to the several officers under whom he has served, as is evident from the many high testimonials he has received, copies of which are herewith forwarded. Looking therefore to the great responsibility devolving upon him as Head Estimate Maker in the Central Circle and the highly satisfactory manner in which he appears throughout his career to have performed his duties, I strongly recommend that his prayer be acceded to and that as a special case, he be allowed to count for pension the ten years he served in a situation, the salary of which less than ten Rupees particularly as while so employed the work entrusted to him was of the nature now generally performed by persons in receipt of a much higher rate of salary.

3. I would moreover beg to bring to notice that the rule from which Veerasawmy Mudaly seeks to be exempted was not ordered until the 8th May 1849 or nearly twenty years after his first entertainment in public employ and I think that his meritorious services are sufficient grounds to justify its not being applied to him.

8th December 1862.

(Signed) W. J. BIRDWOOD, Lieut. Colonel R. F.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—
From the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.
(Here enter 8th December 1862.)

From the Officiating Civil Paymaster.
(Here enter 22nd December 1862.)

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1863, No. 8.

In this letter the Chief Engineer submits for favorable consideration a Memorial from T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaly, Head Estimate maker in the Central Circle Office, praying that he may be allowed, as a special case, to count towards pension the first ten years of his service, when he was in receipt of a salary below ten Rupees. The reasons advanced in support of this prayer are general good conduct and fidelity, the nature of the work then entrusted to him, and the fact that the rule, from which he seeks exemption, was not laid down till 8th May 1849, or about twenty years after his first entertainment in the Public service.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to see anything in these arguments to justify a relaxation of the rules in favor of the applicant. Good and faithful service is an indispensable qualification for admittance to the benefit of those rules, and cannot be made the ground of a claim to special bounty. His excellency in Council is satisfied from the applicant's numerous testimonials that his services have been marked throughout by great zeal and usefulness, but it will be no disparagement to say that neither the character of his labors, nor their results, have been so exceptional as to merit peculiar consideration.

3. The argument that the work, performed by the applicant thirty years ago, on a salary of less than ten Rupees, would now demand far higher remuneration, might be urged with equal truth in every case, while, viewed in its proper light, the fact that the rates of wages have risen during the few last years, tells rather against than in favor of his application. The limit of ten Rupees was fixed with reference to the state of the labor market, and the kind of work then procurable for that salary. The same kind of work now requires higher pay, and, if any change is to be made in the rule, its principle would be best maintained by raising the limit of remuneration with reference to existing rates.

4. Lastly, it is not the fact that the rule, excluding service on salaries not exceeding ten Rupees from reckoning towards pension, was not in force prior to 1849. A clause to the same effect is contained in the pension rules of 1831, as regards certain grades, and among them that in which the Memorialist was employed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.

To
The Chief Engineer D. P. W.

SIR,

In organizing the Office of the Superintending Engineer Division. I have the honor to bring to notice that I have been unable to provide for T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaly Deputy Estimate Maker of the Chief Engineer's Office who is thrown out of employment by the abolition of that office under the order of Government No. 958 of 18th April 1863 on a * salary equivalent to that which he now receives, the sanctioned salaries for Estimate Makers being Rupees 60 and 50 respectively.

Rupees 95.

It is a source of much regret to me that I should be deprived of the services of so valuable a subordinate especially in a Department, in which competent aid is essentially requisite. Veerasawmy Mudaly's knowledge of Estimate Making is far above that which is ordinarily secured for the emoluments which he has received from Government and which I am of opinion were incommensurate with the nature of the service rendered by him. That I am not singular in this opinion will be evident from the numerous certificates in his possession and from the testimony which you have yourself borne in his favor in a letter to Government No. 4550 dated 8th December 1862, a reference to the Records of the Central Office fully bears me out in the conviction that large sums of money have been saved to Government by the knowledge which Veerasawmy has brought to bear upon his work by carefully scrutinizing Estimates and by suggesting alterations in plans submitted by the local authorities with a view to reduce expenditure without sacrifice of utility, I firmly believe that he has fairly established a claim to peculiar indulgence, now that the reorganization of the Offices has involved the deprivation of employment.

I observe, on reference to Proceedings dated 15th January 1863 that the application of Veerasawmy Mudaly to count, as a special case, towards pension the first 10 years of his service when he was on receipt of a salary below 10 Rupees, has, already been under consideration. It is satisfactory to find that His Excellency in Council is satisfied that, that individual's services "have been marked throughout by great zeal and usefulness," and I would indulge the hope that the Government may, under the following representation, be induced to reconsider their decision in the matter of the 10 year's service as stated in the orders above quoted. One of the grounds on which Veerasawmy sought exemption from the rules of 1831 and May 1819, was the nature of the work entrusted to him for which the salary that he actually drew was much less than what he was fairly entitled to receive. The Government point out that "the limit of 10 Rs. was fixed with reference to the state of the labor market and the kind of work then procurable for that salary" and that the rates of wages having risen, "the same kind of work now requires higher pay." It appears, however, from the enquiries personally instituted by

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Mr. Jones.....	80
„ Fitzgerald.....	70
Adjutant General's Office.	
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Preparing and checking	
stats of services of Officers.	
Mr. Rawlin.....	Rs. 100
„ Oliver.....	„ 100
„ Gregory.....	„ 120

Veerasawmy that for the very same kind of work which he had to perform, six individuals whose names are given in the * margin, employed in the Adjutant General's and the Military Board's Office received salaries ranging from 70 to 120 Rupees between the years 1839 and 1840, so that in fact the rate paid for that description of work even at the period to which reference is made, was far in excess of what Veerasawmy actually drew and the argument on which he based his claim therefore still holds good. The higher rate of remuneration not having been granted to Veerasawmy at the time is I am inclined to believe to be ascribed to adventitious circumstances. If he were employed in any of the Offices referred to above; and if he were paid even six times less than the smallest salary allowed for work such as he had to perform, he would now be entitled to count the 10 years service towards pension. For these reasons the Government will doubtless take a liberal view of his case, and now that he desires to retire on a pension, an alternative which is forced upon him, they will I trust accord sanction to his receiving the higher rate of pension to which he would be entitled if the 10 years of his service be allowed to count. It has to be remembered moreover that Veerasawmy's total length of service extends over a period of 33 years and it would manifestly be a hardship to deprive him of ten years of really valuable service. I would here beg to repeat that by his ability and industry, he has been instrumental in saving large sums to Government, who I have reason to hope will now in compensation for his labor in their employ requite him by according the special indulgence which he now seeks.

27 April 1863.

(Signed) H. W. HITCHINS, *Lieut. Col.*
Deputy Chief Engineer C. C.

MEMO.

Submitted to Government with a recommendation that under the circumstances represented by Lieut. Colonel Hitchins the Orders of Government in the Pension Department under date 15th January 1863 may be reconsidered and Veerasawmy Mudaly late Deputy Estimate Maker in the Central Office be allowed to count the first ten years of his service towards Pension as solicited in the Chief Engineer's letter of the 8th December 1862.

2. Veerasawmy Mudaly has served Government continuously for upwards of 33 years. He has throughout the whole of his career been noted as a hard working deserving man. All the Officers under whom he has been employed have testified to his merits and abilities in the most favorable terms, and looking to the fact that by his careful and strict scrutiny of Estimates entrusted to him for examination he has been as remarked by Colonel Hitchins instrumental in saving large sums to Government, there appears to be efficient grounds to warrant the indulgence he seeks being granted to him.

3. The prescribed form of Register of application for a Pension will be submitted through the Civil Paymaster immediately on the receipt of orders on this Memorandum and the accompanying paper.

(Signed) W. J. BIRDWOOD, *Colonel R. E.*
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

30th April 1863.

To the Secretary to Government Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Chief Engineer, D. P. W. to the Secretary to Government P. W. D.
(Here enter 30th April 1863.)

ORDER THEREON, dated 13th May 1863, No. 134.

In his letter recorded above the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer C. C. reports that in reorganizing his Establishment on the scale assigned to a superintending Engineer, he has been unable to provide for his Head Estimate Maker T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaliar. In the Proceedings of the 15th January last No. 8 the Government disallowed the claim of this zealous servant to be permitted to count towards Pension the 1st Ten years of his service when he was drawing a less salary than 10 Rupees but under the altered circumstances of his case and in consideration of the very strong recommendation of Colonel Birdwood and Colonel Hitchins, they will not object to apply to the Government of India for a special Pension on his behalf on the usual Registry of application being submitted through the Civil Paymaster.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:—

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again Proceedings of Government Pension Department dated 15th January and 13th May 1863, No. 8 & 134.

Read also the following Report of the Civil Paymaster.
(Here enter 26th November 1863, No. 649.)

ORDER THEREON 16th February 1864, No. 59.

The Register of application for pension submitted with the foregoing report from the Civil Paymaster contains the details of the service of T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaly, for whom the Government consented in their Proceedings of the 13th May 1863 No. 134, to apply to the Government of India for the higher pension to which the total period of his service would have entitled him, had his salary during the first ten years been, as it was represented by Colonel Hitchins, it should have been, in excess of Rupees 10 per mensem.

2. The Governor in Council regrets that the particulars of Veerasawmy Mudaly's service as shewn in this report leave him no alternative but to refuse to carry out this intention.

3. Veerasawmy Mudaly being already entitled to the benefit of the concession of pension of one-third salary after 20 year's service, granted to servants thrown out of employ by abolition of Office in the despatch of the Secretary of state of November 1862 (this pension being nearly equal to the highest pay ever drawn by Veerasawmy Mudaly previous to 1855) the Government consented to make the application only on the strong and repeated recommendations of the late Chief and Deputy Chief Engineers, and with special reference to the high estimation expressed by them of the value of T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaly's services throughout. It now appears however that during these first ten years not only was the pay drawn by Veerasawmy Mudaly only 3½ & 7 Rupees per mensem but the appointment held by him was that of "practitioner" writer, service in which, as shewn in a recent report from the Civil Paymaster, would not in any case qualify for pension, let the amount of salary attached to it be what it might.

4. However fully therefore the Governor in Council may be disposed to acknowledge the zeal and usefulness which have marked Veerasawmy Mudaly's services, he cannot but observe that the argument advanced by Colonel Hitchins in his last letter that Veerasawmy Mudaly's services in that grade, viz. as *Practitioner writer on 3½ or 7 Rupees a month* were similar to those performed by Clerks in other Offices, on 70, 100, & 120 Rupees per mensem is untenable. Supposing the duties to have been similar in kind they were in Veerasawmy Mudaly's case at best *probationary* and were requited, slowly perhaps, but still were requited by his subsequent admission to the permanent service of Government.

5. The Governor in council has already remarked that it is no disparagement to say that neither the character of Veerasawmy Mudaly's labors, nor their results, have been so exceptional as to merit peculiar consideration and has shewn that the argument based on the lower rate of wages obtaining 30 years ago tells rather against than in favor of his application; but when in addition to all this it must be stated that the first ten years of Veerasawmy Mudaly's service which it is wished, he may be allowed to count for pension, were *probationary*, and that the whole period of his permanent service is but little in excess of that qualifying for a pension of one-third the average salary, which many not without strong testimonies in their favor have just failed to obtain at all, the Governor in Council feels that an application to the Government of India for a higher pension can have but one result and that it would be holding out false hopes to lead Veerasawmy Mudaly to suppose that it can be otherwise.

6. His excellency the Governor in Council is pleased therefore to grant him a pension of Rupees 31 - 8 equal to one-third his salary for the last 5 years of his service, under the old rules payable from the 1st May 1863.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. H. KERR,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Secretary to Government Pension Department.

SIR,
1. With due submission I beg most respectfully to submit the following circumstances regarding my pension for your kind consideration and to request you will forward the case with your recommendation to the Supreme Government for their favorable decision.

2. In the 3rd & 5th para of the order of Government 16th February 1864, the objections urged against my claims to a higher rate of pension than the one-third, now sanctioned are as follows.

A. That being already entitled to one-third pension the amount of which is equal to the highest pay ever drawn by me previous to 1855; the Government consented to consider my case only on account of its being strongly recommended.

B. That 10 years of my service were passed on receipt of the small allowances of 3½ & 7 Rupees per mensem, as practitioner writer as per report submitted with my Register of application by the Civil Paymaster.

C. That the 1st 10 years of my service were probationary, that what was left was but a little above the period entitling for one-third pension which many not without strong testimony failed to obtain at all.

3. The first objection I beg respectfully to submit is not sufficient to withhold from me the special consideration to which I am entitled. The correspondence which preceded the order will shew how onerous and multifarious were the important duties I had to perform for remuneration quite incommensurate, and the fact that I was instrumental in effecting large savings to Government from time to time should not be lost sight of.

4. With respect to the 2nd objection I further beg to add that the information respecting my entertainment on the small salary on stipend as practitioner writer of 3½ & 7 Rupees was furnished to Government long previous to the report of the Civil Paymaster on my application submitted in a letter from the Chief Engineer to Government dated December 8th 1862 and all the correspondence connected with my service was based upon this very fact of small pay having been allowed for heavy work. This the Government has now been pleased to turn to my disadvantage although upon the same ground viz, that for the very same kind of work I had to perform, higher remuneration was allowed in other department of the services, they had consented to refer the case to the Supreme Government.

5. Lastly the Code of Engineer Regulation designate the last 2 or 3 incumbents in the permanent Office Establishment list as practitioner writers (and not probationary) without reference to any limit of service or time, it will thus be seen that where the office list was limited vacancies seldom occurred and promotions were in consequence tardy, and hence about ¼ of the whole of my permanent long zealous and devoted service was borne upon the list as practitioner writer.

6. In conclusion I beg submissively to request that the particulars of my case being of a peculiar and special nature unlike the claims of those who, not without strong testimony in their favor have failed to obtain ¼ pension, the Government will be so charitably disposed as to forward my application with all the correspondence connected with it to the Supreme Government with their support for favorable consideration and final disposal.

(Signed) T. S. VEERASAWMY MUDALY.

22nd October 1864.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1864, No. 500.

The Governor in Council sees no sufficient ground for reopening the consideration of the question of T. S. Veerasawmy Mudaly's pension, which was granted him after full deliberation and he declines to refer the matter to the Government of India.

Testimonials from M. I. & C. C.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. WALKER.

Under Secretary to Government.

EXTRACT FROM THE QUARTERLY RETURN OF STAFF.

Veerasawmy Mudaliar Head Draughtsman and Estimator.

Quarter Ending.	
31st December 1863.	A very experienced, careful, and intelligent Estimator.
31st March 1864.	A very thoughtful, intelligent and industrious.
30th June 1864.	A most accurate and conscientious Estimator.
30th September 1864.	A very experienced uniformly accurate, ready to work at all times regardless of office hours and turned out excellent work.
31st December 1864.	A very thoughtful accurate and diligent, he is a thoroughly conscientious man at his work.
30th April 1865.	A very experienced thoughtful clear headed man at his work.
31st July 1865.	Accurate very industrious possessing much knowledge.
31st October 1865.	A very experienced correct and industrious officer.
31st January 1866.	I do not wish because I do not expect to find a better Estimator or one so good.

(Signed) F. EAST,
Executive Engineer.

To

J. H. LATHUM Esq.

Chief Engineer.

With reference to Postscript to circular general No. 81 as far as its Para No. 1 is concerned I would submit an argument for the retention of my Head Draughtsman and Estimator Veerasawmy

1. I have no one in my staff but Veerasawmy who can quickly and completely develop a design in paper. I do not except from this remark Mr. Hawksworth Assistant Engineer or any of the field party who are simply field hands and mappers of work. If I get rid of Veerasawmy I lose my right hand man for designs. He is not an ordinary Draughtsman that is he cannot make pretty coloured Drawings full of errors, which go for nothing when work commenced, but he knows what a drawing for a work of art ought to be. The real head work of this Nellore scheme is in its designs I devote myself to these every drawing made is made by myself and as I draw them Veerasawmy takes out their quantities, and his accuracy of comprehension is a proved fact I have my whole time ceaselessly employed. If I take up Veerasawmy's work as well as my own I cannot do as I am trying to do viz. to make my Estimates and keep pace with my field work so as to make Nellore work at any time present a fragment of work complete in itself I may mention also that every calculation of earthwork is done by myself and the earthwork in the district are rather intricate in fact the whole business of calculation is with me and Veerasawmy. I would rather lose a field hand than I would lose Veerasawmy, still after this representation I am quite content with any decision of yours on the subject but I hesitate to act because your circular No. 81 alludes to estimators whereas Veerasawmy's title in the Nellore list is Head Draughtsman and Estimator.

November 1865.

I have &c.

(Signed) F. EAST.

Executive Engineer.

No. 897.

M. I. & C. C.

Nellore Division,
23rd February 1866.

To

VEERASAWMY,

Head Estimator &c.

Sir,

Whilst serving notices to all in the Nellore Division to the effect that on the 24th of next March their employment by the Madras I. & C. C. will cease and determine; I must express my personal regret that I am compelled to apply this notice to you and to say that on the 24th of March next your employment by the Company will cease.

You have helped me so zealously and so well that if I could have retained one of my present staff I would have chosen you to be retained, but I am helpless in the matter until the present crisis is over and fresh capital is raised.

I am

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) F. EAST,

Executive Engineer.

Veerasawmy has been my Head Estimator of more than two years. He comprehends a design however complicated very quickly and he is accurate and conscientious in all he does. But he is more than an Estimator. He has that sound and practical knowledge of the details of work that I could rely on his checking it through all its stages of progress. The Anicut work on this Division he elucidated and classified in a very admirable manner, and in my Nellore Work-shops he was of the greatest possible service to me in seeing to the manufacture of plant from original designs. He is a very superior man and employed on Work of importance must prove of great value to his employer.

Nellore.
March 23rd 1866. }

(Signed) F. EAST.

Executive Engineer.

Nellore Division M. I. & C. C.

THE END.

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To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I beg respectfully to forward the
enclosed Memorial in triplicate addressed
to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State
for India, and to solicit that the same
may be transmitted at an early opportunity.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most obedient and
humble servant.

Sivaswamy Mudra.

late Head Estimate Master

Central Office of Works

Madras.

13th May 1867.

Copied in Letter to England
D/23: May 22 of 1867.

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From A. 1807
T. J. Veerasawmy Moodey
Late Head Estimate Maker
of the Central Office
of Public Works

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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Forwards Memorials in Duplicate
addressed to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India.

Dated } 13 May 1867
Despatched }
Recd 15 May 67

No. 470

c. 17th May 1867.

Public Works Department.

ex. 1521

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under order of the 21st May 1867
Read the following

Late H^d Estimate Maker of
the Central Office of Pub. Works } (Here enter No. — dated 13 May 1867)

Ordered that the
Memorial received with
this letter be forwarded
to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State
for India, and that
the Memorialist be
advised of its despatch

ex. 1521-21st May 1867

Copy in a Letter to England
of 23rd May No. 22 of 1867.

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Pub. Works 1867 Depart.

Pro: of Govt. for May

Pro: of the headmaster
of 21st May 1867

Memorial of J. S.
Veerasingh Moodelliar,
late Head Estimate
Maker in the Central
Office of Public Works,
forwarded to the Home
Government.

No. 470-471

c. 17th May/67