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No. I or Golconda Range
Office, Narsipatam
15th August 1868

The Officer in Charge of
No. I or Golconda Range
Narsipatam District

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd December 1868.*

No. 81. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of No. I or Golconda Range, Vizagapatam District, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Narsipatam, 14th November 1863, No. 130:—

1. I beg leave most respectfully to submit copy of my letter No. 84, dated 15th August, to the address of Superintending Engineer, asking him to represent my grievance for the favorable consideration of Government.

Enclosure 1.

2. You will notice in my letter No. 99, dated 29th September, among the correspondence now before Government, that the Superintending Engineer's attention was called to this letter, and I therein asked if there was any thing unsatisfactory to be said of my character for efficiency or energy, to favour me with information on what I may have erred. Superintending Engineer gives me no reply.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1868, No. 3,776.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

Recorded, with reference to G. O.,
No. 3,770, dated 3rd December 1868.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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Exd. S. T. Augustin,

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From

No. 100 Golconda Range
Office, Vizagapatam
15th August 1868

To

The Officer in Charge of
No. 100 Golconda Range
Vizagapatam District
Captain J. G. Ryves
Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to address you on a subject of grievance concerning my position in the Department. I entered the department in July 1855 as a Sub-Assistant Surveyor and am now in my 14th year of service and to find myself only a Supervisor is certainly painful

2nd Before entering on the particulars that properly constitute the subject of my grievance, I must in fairness to myself open out some facts to give my case its full bearing and with this view I shall enter a short sketch of my career in the service

3rd On the reestablishment of the Survey School in 1853, I entered it with qualifications far more than what is now the admission test in the Civil Engineering College to qualify men for the grade of Assistant Engineers. The examination in Mathematics consisted in the following

subjects viz; Euclid's Books; Mensuration up to Conic sections, Plain Trigonometry, Algebra and Statics besides answering more than the limit of the list required by the Board. I took with me into the School a fair amount of practical knowledge in Architecture. The fact of having furnished the Dartmouth College Trustees with a Survey Student with a design for alterations and improvements to the building originally purchased for its use will I trust bear to the correctness of my assertion and the qualifications with which I entered the service I must say enlisted my merits high in the opinion of my superiors. Colonel Walker in his report on the merits of Officers and Subordinates in the first year of my service remarked that I designed Bridges remarkably well and better than the other Surveyors in the division and in 1859 after his return from Furlough he complimented me highly on my surveys and estimates which shewed the possibility that existed for forming a line of water communication between Mangalore and Kodroog, he remarked that it was creditable to me, he said that Colonel Cotton and himself had this in contemplation for many years and gave it up, as being impracticable, and that my proceedings in this matter convinced him that they were wrong.

4th On the occasion when Lord Harris visited Canara in 1857, I had the satisfaction of hearing Captain Goddard mention a flattering compliment paid to me by Sir. A. Cotton with reference to a plan that I prepared for a large building that was proposed to be erected at the Gairsapah waterfalls. Sir, Arthur shewed on a slip of paper what accomodation was required and I was asked to prepare a suitable design.

5th Regarding Captain Goddard's opinion I refer you to copy "A" in appendix and regarding the opinion of another District Engineer Captain Hunter see "B" in Appendix.

6th — The fourth Officer I came under was Colonel Henry; I joined the Caddapa District in February 1861, I was employed Superintending the Sonepoy ghaut work, the geology of this district will satisfactorily explain that my operations in forming a road where more rock than earth existed was not easy. I received Colonel Henry's expressions of satisfaction regarding my conduct on this work. Copy "C" in appendix is from the Range Officer now an Executive Engineer, from this work I was next appointed to plan and estimate for the restoration of old ruined works of irrigation in that district, and on St. George's

removal to Huron Co. I was called to take charge of
sub his range
sect of the
To give further instance of this: that I was
high in Colonel Henry's favor and opinion at
this time, I will point to a circumstance which will
by the time, I will point to a circumstance which will
amou I doubt not be remembered by Government that
of his on the force of claiming the services of a ^{Sub} Assistant
Surv Engineer in room of Mr. George: he recommended
impr me for detention allowance Government passed
for an order granting it; but as the arrangement did
asse not create funds, it was not drawn:
the 8th

I held charge of this Range for fifteen
oper months and that I gave satisfaction, can be
seen in Appendix D: I maintained my place
yea in Colonel Henry's good opinion until May
ren 1864, when unhappily circumstances altered and
in. I fell into odium; and in September the same
he year I was sent to this division with a black dye
wh on my character without a word in explanation from me
a 9th

The first portion of my service in this
division was under Captain Phillips & in
appendix will shew that I gave satisfaction. My
service from November 1865, has been in the discharge
of duties of this Range, and if it was not for the
wrong.

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unhappy circumstance of your returning last
year after a long absence from the division and
attributing matters as they then stood in my
Range for neglect on ^{my} part and censuring me
as you did. I could rise and with confidence say
that I brought forward nothing as yet to mar
or sully my character for efficiency and energy.
I may however say that your accepting my
explanation latterly has crowned my success
10th

All the above will doubtless savour
egotism but I respectfully assure you that I do not
represent them with that spirit but apply them
as a pavement to the surface on which I mean
to lay my grievance and to shew that if merit
and qualification are really the rule for promotion
my case then has certainly not met with due
weight

11th Messrs Ottmann and Stoddard are
two men that entered the Survey School with me,
Mr Ottmann I notice is a Sub-Engineer
2^d Class on the establishment of this Department
and Mr Stoddard an Assistant Engineer 1st Class

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his, in the Mysore D. P. W.

7th 12th The young men that entered school after the
high first batch were nothing more than mere school boys,
this and it was owing to the exigency of the service at the
I a time that they were taken, and after spicing them
on, with a little knowledge in surveying and drawing
Eng they were drafted out this class of men and others
me, possessing very moderate qualifications, are I notice in
an, positions similar to myself and above.

not 13th When in Canara Mr. Fernandez and
8th myself were both Assistant Overseers; the opinion of
most the two District Engineers Captains Goddard and
seen Hunter was always heavy in the balance on my side
in 1864 I accordingly got promoted to the grade Overseer
I before Mr. Fernandez but when Colonel Walker returned
year the scale fell on the other side and Mr. Fernandez
on, met with rapid promotion and he is now a Sub Engineer
9th this good fortune of Mr. Fernandez is to be attributed
divis to the happy circumstance of his possessing the high
appe favour and interest of an Officer under whom he
service commenced service in 1849 as his Writer
of du 14th I could point to some very acute causes

for grief but prudence forbid utterance to them.

15th As for the Military Warrant grade club
-ordinates, they have superior advantages over the
Uncovenanted members: their first is drawing more
pay, their second good fortune consists in rising to
the position of Assistant Engineer on attaining
the three higher grades of Warrant without any
question to their qualifications beyond taking length
of service, and the circumstance of being Range
Officers as the criterion

16th Time has decidedly worked great changes
in the state of things that existed before and the
barrier ^{that} obstructed Subordinates rising to high
offices under Government is now removed and
every young aspirant now a day seeks to fill
lofty positions. These facts will I think, bear my
excuse for this long letter, and I trust on your
humanity and impartial justice to meet with your
favorable recommendation of my case to Government.

I beg &c.

Signed J. W. Caskey Sup^r
On Charge of Golconda
Range

in the
12th

Appendix

first

and J. W. Laskey is an able Engineer's Assistant late Revenue Surveyor under the old regime in the field and in office

they can design and plan and estimate for work

His bridge designs seldom require any attention when submitted to me

He has had an experience of four years in his branch of Engineering the two latter years of which have been under my observation and I am happy to signify my sense of his very satisfactory acquaintance with his duties

At present he is appointed to a post much below what I consider him qualified for but the Chief Engineer at St. George did not see fit to comply with a request of date made for Mr. Laskey's promotion to a rank which it appeared to me his acquirements entitled him to, and hence his present inferior position

Mangalore
12th May 1858

Signed G. Goddard Lieutenant R.E.
District Engineer Command

B

Extract from Acting District Engineers of Canara letter to Deputy Chief Engineer No. 506 dated 12th October 1859

There is a man in this district however now an Assistant Overseer who is well worthy of advancement and him I should recommend for the Overseership to be vacated on the promotion of an Overseer to the vacancy in the higher grade. I allude to Mr. Laskey whose qualifications as a Surveyor and Draftsman are of superior kind
Mr. Laskey was one of the old Revenue Surveyors and one of the few men whom the change in the Department in 1857 affected disadvantageously. He has always borne a good character and in surveying and estimating work in the District especially in the Coast Canal Work has done excellent service. I should be very glad to see his steady work and good conduct rewarded by promotion.

3rd Mr. Laskey served under Captain Walker and

Lieutenant Goddard, and won good opinion from them
both, and to me he has been useful in surveying and
assisting in the estimating of the Coast Canal from
Mangalore to Kodroog as well as many other
works.

Camp Honore
12th October 1857

I have &c.
Signed J. N. Hunter Lieutenant
Being District Engineer Canara

To
Mr. J. W. Lasky

I have much pleasure in testifying
to the very satisfactory manner in which you have
performed the work entrusted to you during the time
you have acted under me

The eight miles of ghaut road opened out
under your immediate superintendence is a very
creditable piece of work and I should have been very
glad if you could have remained under me in
charge until the completion of the work

I wish you every success in the Range you
are now going to and shall be very glad indeed
to hear of your promotion in our Department
Raichote
8th January 1862

(Signed) John George
2^d Asst. Engineer B. O. W. Gadappa

"D" 13th

Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Henry's letter in
G. O. dated 25th August 1863 No. 2418

With reference to order of Government No. 2283
of the 13th instant, I have the honor to submit
the following remarks on the promotion of Mr.
J. Howell Taluk Overseer Gadappa to act as
Supervisor 2^d Class

1st In my Distribution Statement of Officers and
Subordinates for the quarter ending 31st July 1863, the
Mr. Howell's name stands fifth in the order of merit
in the grade of Taluk Overseer

2^d This document was most carefully prepared
as I was under the impression that it was required
by Government as a guide in making promotions
to the Upper Subordinate grades accordingly the
names were arranged more with regard to good
conduct and efficiency than to length of service alone

3^d I would respectfully beg to
recommend for promotion Mr. J. W. Lasky who
whilest in charge of the Royachoti Range from Janu-
ary to April 1863, during Mr. George's absence

and have performed his duties much to my satisfaction.

"E"

Copy of Captain Phillips' testimonial

M^r. Supervisor Casky has been under my orders from 15th October to 20th June, during which time he has been employed in Surveying Levelling Estimating and for a short time in constructing a portion of the Soorada Road

He has given satisfaction and has evinced always a lively desire to make himself useful and to please

I consider him a useful Subordinate being better up in his work as Surveyor, Leveller and Estimate Maker than any Subordinate in the District.

Berhamptore
21st June 1865

Signed C. J. Phillips Captain
Executive Engineer Ganjam

W. E. Casky Supervisor
In Charge of N. F. or Golconda
Range Vizagapatam Dist.

W. E. Casky
21st June 1865

W. E. Casky
21st June 1865

N. F. or Golconda Range
Office, Vizagapatam
14th November 1868

From

The Officer in Charge of
N. F. or Golconda Range
Vizagapatam District

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

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what I may have erred. Superintending Engineer
gives me no reply.

I beg to remain
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
W. E. Casky Supervisor
In Charge of Golconda Range
Vizagapatam District

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The Officer in Charge of

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Referring to Government

Charles Northrup

W. Lathams

Dated 14.7.72

10000. November 1868

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Enclosure (1) ✓

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Board of Government.

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Encl. Mr. Supervisor Letter
 from Mr. Supr. Lashley of his
 Vis as follows: He forwards
 Copy of one addressed to
 City Engr. regarding his pro-
 -vision in his design. &c.
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