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Government of Madras.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th May 1869.*

No. 418. Read the following letter from Mr. D. H. CLARK, Sub-Assistant Engineer of the Madras Railway, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 29th April 1869 —

I BEG leave to enclose a petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying for exemption from the Special Test Examination for the appointment of a Supervisor in the Department of Public Works, and humbly request that you will be pleased to consider the grounds stated in the petition, and submit the same, with your recommendation, for the approval of His Excellency in Council.

Petition of Mr D H CLARK, Sub-Assistant Engineer, Madras Railway, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, &c, &c, &c

1 That your Excellency's petitioner completed the full course of studies, and also a select course of two years in the late Batticotta Seminary, Jaffna, that he was in the same Institution a Teacher of Mathematics for more than two years, and that he entered in 1853 the service of the Madras Railway as a Surveyor. At the suggestion of Colonel Pierce, then Consulting Engineer, and with a view of securing higher promotions, petitioner became, in the same year, an Engineering pupil. In the examination held for the selection of pupils, petitioner's attainments were found so superior to those of C Varadachari, late Talook Overseer at Bellary, Partacharadi, Supervisor of Tanjore District, and others, as to induce the Railway authorities to fix upon petitioner a monthly stipend of Rupees 30, and to distinguish him as a Pupil Teacher, while for every one of the other pupils they allowed but Rupees 10. Petitioner's apprenticeship expired in 1857, and he was made an Engineering Assistant. An offer of higher salary was made by the Great Southern of India Railway, which induced Petitioner to join their service in 1858, and remain there until February 1863, when the Engineering staff was dispersed. From this period petitioner served the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company in the capacity of Sub-Assistant Engineer, on a consolidated pay and allowance of Rupees 260. Their works having been suspended in 1866, petitioner rejoined the Madras Railway service, where he continues as a Sub-Assistant Engineer. His present salary is Rupees 200, exclusive of allowances. Copies of testimonials hereunto annexed verify the above statements.

2 Petitioner further begs to submit that the Government Order noted in the margin has exempted C Vardachari aforesaid from passing the Special Test prescribed for a Talook Overseer's appointment. Similar exemption was also made in the case of Partacharadi, alluded to above.

3 Your petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that, in consideration of the precedents mentioned, the respectability of the Institution where he was educated, the distinction he enjoyed as an Engineering Pupil, and his professional attainments and experience of seventeen years, your Excellency would be pleased to exempt him from passing the Special Test prescribed for the appointment of a District Supervisor in the Department of Public Works, should his services be required by any of the Superintending Engineers in that capacity.

For this act of kindness petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray

No 419 ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1869, No. 1,636.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 45

THE Government decline to accede at present to the request contained in these papers, but they will be prepared

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to consider Mr. Clark's application should he entertain the desire of entering the
 Department of Public Works on a favorable opportunity for his doing so occurring
 (True Extract.)

Colonel, R E,
 Secretary to Government.

To Mr D H Clark

Exd S T. Augustin.

and the same day the Government
 of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
 18th May 1869
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Mr D H Clark / 18th May 1869

Securing higher promotions, Petitioner
desires that the same year, Engineer
and Pupil, in the Examination held
for the Selection of Pupils, Petitioner's
attainments were found to be superior
to those of Partacharade Salak
Superintendent of Bangalore District
and others and the Railway
Authorities to fix upon Petitioner
a monthly stipend of Rs 30 and to
distinguish him as a Pupil Teacher
while for every year of the other Pupils
they allowed but Rs 10. Petitioner's
apprenticeship expired in 1857
and he was made an Engineer
and appointed to the office of higher
Salary and was sent to the Great
Southern of India Railway
which is a Pupil Teacher to join
them service in 1858 and he remained
there until February 1863 when the
Engineering

Engineering Staff was dispersed.
From this period Petitioner served
the Madras Irrigation & Canal
Company in the capacity of a Sub
Assistant Engineer on a Contract
basis & allowing of Rs 200 per
month having been suspended
in 1866. Petitioner rejoined the Madras
Railway Service when he continued
as a Sub Assistant Engineer.
His present Salary is Rs 200 exclusive
of allowances. Copies of Petitioner's
records annexed verify the above
statements.

Petitioner further begs to
submit that the Government of
Madras No 74 dated in the margin has exempted
dated 2 March
1866.
by Government of Madras from paying
the Special Fee prescribed for a
Salary over service appointment.
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in the case of Partacharade alluded
to above.

3. Your Petitioner therefore
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 Public Works, should his services
 be required by any of the Super-
 intending Engineers in that capacity.
 For this request, Petitioner
 is in duty bound, to shew his prayer
 to the Hon. Secy. of the Govt.
 D. H. Clark

TESTIMONIALS.

This is to certify that Mr David Harris Clark has completed the full course of study in the Batticotta Seminary, also a select course of two years, and for more than two years has been a Teacher in the Institution. He is a good scholar in all branches of study, and in Mathematics and the Natural Sciences, one of the best among our Graduates. Since completing his studies in the Seminary, he has extended his knowledge of these studies and acquired several branches not included in the Seminary course. He has ever maintained an upright and consistent Christian character and, as a Teacher, has always been prompt and faithful in the discharge of all his duties.

(Signed) C T MILLS.

Batticotta Seminary, February 28th, 1851

34, GREAT GEORGE STREET, WESTMINSTER,
 3rd July, 1857

SIR,

It would give me great pleasure to aid you in getting employment on the Ceylon Railway. I placed perfect confidence in you during the four years, I was Chief Engineer of the Madras line, and had never reason to regret it. You understand the setting out and measurements of Railway works in the field, you are accurate in this, but would be the better of being a little quicker over it. At estimates and calculations you are good, but though you understand drawings you are not a good draughtsman, I should recommend you to practise this as much as possible. If I had carried out my intention of placing a section of the line entirely under Native superintendence save the Resident Engineer, you are the person whom I would have selected for the charge, as I never heard the breath of suspicion regarding your integrity. You have had considerable practice in Railway work, you ought faithfully to complete your Apprenticeship which expires in October, otherwise it will be a blot on your character.

Wishing you every success and hoping that you will carry out the Christian principles which you profess,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) GEORGE B BRUCE.

Mr D H CLARK,
 Madras Railway

5, HAILEY'S ROAD,
 Madras, 5th November, 1856

DEAR SIR,

I am glad that it is in my power to answer your letter favorably and to state that during the three years you acted as Pupil Teacher and Surveyor in the first Division of the Madras Railway you evinced a willingness to perform the duties required of you seldom found in natives. Your zeal and integrity are undoubted. I thought you slow, but sure and very correct.

To close this, I would only add that, had I an eligible opening, there is not one of your class I would employ so soon as yourself.

With every wish for your prosperity,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly

(Signed) ALLAN WILSON

Civil Engineer of the Raichore Doab,
 Hyderabad,

Mr D H CLARK

Chief Engineer's Office

Madras Railway.

Dist. 19. N. W. L.
March 10th 1867

To
Mr D H CLARK,
SIR,

I have received your letter tendering your resignation which I have forwarded to the Chief Engineer's Office

I regret that you are leaving the service of the Madras Railway Company, but the situation you have now obtained is an improvement upon your present one, in a monetary sense, you have a perfect right to accept and I trust that, by continued and steady application to business, you will deserve still further encouragement at the hands of your new employers, and as Mr Bruce is at the head of the new establishment, you may rely, by an upright and honest course, to attain always a just reward for your attention and integrity. I have always appreciated your services while with this company and believe that they lose a good and faithful servant when you leave them for the Great Southern

Yours truly,
(Signed) GEO R LATHAM,
Resident Engineer

Tranquebar, September 22nd, 1858

GREAT SOUTHERN OF INDIA RAILWAY,
Chief Engineer's Office,
Nagapatnam, 25th February, 1863

This is to certify that Mr D H Clark has been employed as Engineering Assistant at a salary of Rupees 150 per mensem on the Great Southern of India Railway for upwards of 4 years, viz from the first commencement of operation until the general dispersion of the Engineering Staff after the completion of the Line

During that period he has had charge of a great variety of Engineering work including surveying and setting out Line, setting out works, superintending Masonry Earthwork, plate laying, &c, and has given uniform satisfaction to those under whose immediate orders he has worked. Having had constant opportunity of observing his work myself, I have formed a very favourable opinion of his proficiency, industry, intelligence and integrity, and have much pleasure in testifying to the satisfactory manner in which he has fulfilled his engagement with this Company

(Signed) MARK WM CARR,
Chief Engineer

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MADRAS IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY, BOWANASSY DIVISION,
Executive Engineer's Office,
Bowanassy, 15th November, 1865

This is to certify that Mr D H Clark has served in the Division as a Sub Assistant Engineer for two years and three months, he has shewn that he understands Surveying and Levelling, and can set out lines of Canals as well as prepare Estimates for the same

In construction Mr Clark has shewn himself most useful, and efficient in the collection of people, and in the management of them, his earthwork is uncommonly well executed. Mr Clark has not had charge of any masonry works under me, he has, however, had to measure up masonry of different descriptions, and to give levels for various portions of the work, so that he has, to a certain extent, shewn his practical knowledge of masonry construction

I always found Mr. Clark's measurement on which payments have been made to be correct and, in every respect where he has had any thing to do in connection with money transactions, he has proved himself to be thoroughly trustworthy

Mr Clark leaves the Company on account of a reduction of expenditure.

(Signed) HARRY C COTTON,
Executive Engineer.

Mr D H Clarke Sub Engineer being about to regain his district I have great pleasure in testifying to his zeal and ability during the time he was employed on the survey of Dist. 20 N. W. L. He is a good surveyor, quick and accurate in his field-work generally and an uncommonly hard-working man who will work all day from sunrise to sunset when necessary (Signed) W. R. Robinson
Engineer in Charge.
Dist. 19. N. W. L.

Madras Railway N. W. L.
Gooty. 15th March 1867.

Mr. D H Clarke Sub Assistant Engineer on the Madras Railway was working in connection with me on the northern districts of the N. W. L. line during the last three months of '66. I found him well up to his work in levelling & surveying and exceedingly assiduous in carrying out his duties. I trust he will speedily get the promotion he deserves.

(Signed) Charles Sanderson
C.E. & F.S.
Late Chief Engr of Bombay & Baroda Railway

Mr D H Clark. 10th Sept 1867

W.R.

Town Hall Street Cork 31
May 29th April 1869

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John P. O'Connell
Assistant Engineer
Dublin & Wick Railway
D. G. O.

The Secretary
to Government
Public Works Department
at Dublin.

Sir,
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Yours
M. O.

in Council 6.

I hope to remain

For
Your first Off. Secy

G. W. Clark

Sub Asst Engineer.

M. R. C.

Sept.

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May 1869

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G. W. Clark. / Sept 27/69

W. B.

Pub Works Dept.
No 1636
18 May 1869

From,

Mr. H. D. Clarke

Sub-Asst. Engr.

Madras Ry.

of 29 April 1869
18th May 1869
Forwarding
a petition praying
for exemption from
the examination
prescribed for
members of the
Upper Subordinate
establishment of
the P. W. Dept.

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No 1636

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From Mr. H. D. Clarke
Sub Asst. Engr.
Madras Ry

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Mr. H. D. Clarke 18 May 1869

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Court of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Mr. O. H. Clark

Dated

1869

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to B. May 1869, No 1686

Nos. 118-419

Clarke - Mr. Sub. Apd. Emp. Madras
By The request of Mr. Clarke,
Sub. Apd. Emp., Madras Ap., for
being exempted from the Exami-
nation ^{prescribed} ~~required~~ for the appoint-
ment of Supervisor in the DOR
declined to be complied with at
present; but his application pro-
posed to be taken into consideration
under certain circumstances.