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Read the following papers:—

No. 426. Endorsement of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,  
Public Works Department, (Establishment), dated Simla, 1st June 1869,  
No. 848-E.

Copy of the following correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras,  
in the Public Works Department, for information.

By Order,  
(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,  
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From P. O'RATIGAN, Esq., to the Assistant Secretary to the Government of  
India, dated Calcutta, 19th May 1869.

REFERRING to your statement to me to-day, when I called on you to report my  
arrival, i.e., "that I should only be appointed as an Assistant Engineer 1st Grade,  
"and that, under any circumstances, I should not be promoted to the post of 3rd  
"Grade Executive Engineer at present, on arrival at Ajmere," I have the honour  
to respectfully submit the following remarks for disposal by the Government of  
India. In the Madras Government Order, No. 427, dated 9th February 1869,  
(herewith enclosed) placing my services at the disposal of the Government of India,  
it is stated "that an earnest recommendation has been made to the Government  
of India to confer one step in rank" on me, namely the post of 4th Grade Execu-  
tive Engineer. On receiving the above quoted Order from the Madras Government,  
I wrote at once to Colonel Orr, stating that my transfer from Madras on a promo-  
tion of one step only (100 Rupees per mensem) would simply ruin, and requesting  
that the transfer might be cancelled; I stated at the same time that if it were abso-  
lutely necessary that I should proceed to Ajmere, temporarily that I should do so,  
provided I were made a 3rd Grade Executive Engineer, or that in addition to the  
promotion of one step that I should receive compensation for the loss that I should  
sustain by the transfer; to this communication Colonel Orr replied as per his letter  
enclosed, from which you will observe that the Government of India were to pro-  
mote me one step, and that I was to receive compensation for the other loss. I  
may remark that I was the first on the Madras list for promotion to the grade of  
4th Grade Executive Engineer, and that I should have received the step before long,  
and of course I should prefer the post of 4th Grade Executive Engineer in Madras  
to that of 3rd Grade Executive Engineer under the Government of India. On  
receipt of Colonel Orr's letter, of course, I made arrangements to come here, and  
have indeed been truly surprised to hear from you how it is proposed to dispose of  
me. The loss that I shall sustain by my removal from Madras Presidency, in which  
only I have covenanted to serve, will be at least 3,000 Rupees, details as follows:—

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st.—Loss incurred by the sale of my horses, carriage, tents,<br>and furniture, &c. ....                | RS. 2,000 |
| 2nd.—Cost of removing my family from a hill station in<br>Madras to Ajmere, at the lowest estimate .... | 1,000     |
| 3rd.—Loss incurred by my own travelling, which my family<br>allowance will not cover ....               | 200       |

Of the above-mentioned loss, item No. 1 has been already sustained and No. 3  
partly sustained, but item No. 2 has not yet been incurred by me. If therefore I

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19th June 1869.*

am to be disposed of as you have stated, I beg that I may be ordered to return to my duty in Madras by the next steamer, without having to proceed any further, and thus be prevented from incurring the further loss which the removal of my family to Ajmere would entail on me. I beg leave respectfully therefore to state, that I shall remain at Calcutta pending a reply to this communication. You will please observe, that what I ask for is that I may be advanced to the grade of 4th Grade Executive Engineer, as requested by the Government of Madras, and in addition thereto that I should be compensated, either in money or increased rank, for the loss of 3,000 Rupees which I shall be compelled to undergo solely by reason of my transfer from Madras to Ajmere, and which I should not have been subjected to had I not have been removed from my own Presidency. The step from 1st Class Assistant Engineer to 4th Grade Executive Engineer I look upon as no promotion at all, as I should have received this step in a short time had I remained at Madras, as I was first on the list for promotion to this grade. The Madras Government will, I think, bear me out in this statement, and I have obtained Colonel Orr's leave to mention the matter if found necessary, indeed I should most probably have been promoted one step before leaving, but that the Madras Government have been prevented for some time from making promotions, owing to the existence of a Committee having under consideration the re-organization of the Department.

2. That I have discharged my duty to the satisfaction of my immediate superior, the following document, forwarded to me by my Superintending Engineer after leaving the division, will show.

3. In conclusion, I beg to remark that the transfer has left me destitute of horses, tents, and furniture, all of which I have had to dispose of at a great sacrifice, as can be seen from a perusal of my list, I cannot, therefore, but think that the Government of India would not entertain for a moment the idea of compelling me to undergo so serious a loss, a loss, I may add, which I am unable to bear, for no fault of mine.

*P. S.*—Please oblige by returning the enclosures when no longer required.

From the Government of India, Public Works Department, to P. O'RATIGAN, Esq.,  
dated 1st June 1869, No. 847-E.

In reply to your letter of the 19th May to the address of the Assistant Secretary at the Presidency, in which you decline to proceed to Ajmere unless you receive a step of rank and compensation for the expenses you would be put to by your transfer, I am directed to state that the Government of India declines to entertain any of your claims.

2. I am to point out to you that you received your orders early in February to go to Ajmere, to superintend works that had been rendered necessary to give relief to the people suffering from the consequences of the drought. Colonel Orr replied to your letter, claiming special consideration on account of the expense of your transfer on the 24th February. You reported yourself in Calcutta on 19th May, *i.e.*, more than three months after you got your orders from the Madras Government, you then refuse to go forward unless the Government consents to certain concessions.

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19th June 1869.*

3. Under these circumstances you are at liberty to return to Madras, where alone you state you are bound by your covenant to serve. If you cannot explain satisfactorily the delay that took place in proceeding to Calcutta, it will be a question whether you should not be regarded as having been absent without leave, and forfeit all claim to travelling expenses to Calcutta even. This matter will be dealt with by the Government of India.

The original enclosures of your letter are returned.

No. 427. Endorsement of the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment,) dated Fort William, 2nd June 1869, No. 089-E.

COPY of the following forwarded to Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, for information.

By Order,  
(Signed) J. W. ALEXANDER, C. E.,  
*Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

Memorandum from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to P. O'RATIGAN, Esq., dated 2nd June 1869, No. 087-E.

THE undersigned is directed to inform Mr. O'Ratigan that his services are not required in Bengal, and that he may return to Madras.

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1869, No. 1,999.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 52.

MR. O'RATIGAN having reported his return to this Presidency on the 11th instant, has been brought on the strength of the Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer of the 1st Grade from that date, and posted to the Cuddapah District.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.  
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Assistant Engineer*

Govt. of India

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

Sir,

&c. &c.

Dated June, 19th.

Recd

By

G. O., 14th June 1869, No. 1,332.

JUNE

Nos. 426-428

O'Ratigan, Mr.—Orders issued for bringing Mr. O'Ratigan on the strength of the Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer of the 1st Grade from the 11th June 1869, and for posting him to the Cuddalore District.

No 848E

Government of India  
Public Works Department  
Establishment

Simla 1st June 1869.

Copy of the following Correspondence forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Dept for information.

By order

W. B. B. B.

Spt Secy to the Govt of India

From

P O'Ratigan Esqr

To

J. W. Alexander Esqr C. E.

Spt Secy to the Govt of India

Calcutta 19th May 1869

Sir

Referring to your statement to me today, when I called on you to report my arrival i.e. that I should only be appointed as an Assistant Engineer 1st grade

grade and that under any circumstances I should not be promoted to the post of 3<sup>d</sup> grade Executive Engineer at present, on arrival at Amere. I have the honor to respectfully submit the following remarks for disposal by the Government of India - In the Madras Govt. Order No 427 dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 1869 (herewith enclosed) placing my services at the disposal of the Govt of India, it is stated that an earnest recommendation has been made to the Govt of India to confer one step in rank on me, namely, the post of 4<sup>th</sup> grade Executive Engineer - On receiving the above quoted Order from the Madras Government I wrote at once to Colonel Orr, stating that my transfer from Madras on a promotion of one step only (100 Rs per mensem) would simply ruin, and requesting that the transfer might be cancelled. I stated at the same time that if it were absolutely necessary that I should proceed to Amere, temporarily that I should do so, provided I were made

a 3<sup>d</sup> grade Executive Engineer, or that in addition to the promotion of one step, that I should receive compensation for the loss that I should sustain by the transfer to this communication Colonel Orr, replied as per his letter enclosed, from which you will observe that the Govt of India were to promote me one step, and that I was to receive compensation for the other loss - I may remark that I was the 1<sup>st</sup> on the Madras list for promotion to the grade of 4<sup>th</sup> grade Executive Engineer and that I should have received the step before long, and of course I should prefer the post of 4<sup>th</sup> grade Executive Engineer in Madras to that of 3<sup>d</sup> grade Executive Engineer under the Govt of India - On receipt of Colonel Orr's letter of course I made arrangements to come here, and have indeed been truly surprised to hear from you how it is proposed to dispose of me. The loss that I shall sustain by my removal from Madras Presidency in which only I have

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3000 Rupees, details as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup>—Loss incurred by the sale of my } Rs 200  
Horses, Carriage, Tent and Furniture } 2000—
- 2<sup>d</sup>—Cost of removing my Family from }  
a hill station in Madras to Ajmere } 1000—  
at the lowest estimate—
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ling which my Family Allowance } 200—  
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If the above mentioned loss item No 1  
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partly sustained, but <sup>item</sup> No 2 has not yet  
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either in money or increased rank,  
for the loss of 3000 Rupees which  
I shall be compelled to undergo,  
solely by reason of my transfer from  
Madras to Ajmere, and which I should  
not have been subjected to, had I not  
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That I have discharged my duty  
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P.S. Please oblige by returning the  
enclosures when no longer required.

MS. 7E. 2/1<sup>st</sup> June 1869

From

The Govt of India. P.M.D.

To

P. O. Ratigan Esqr

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
May to the address of the Assistant  
Secretary at the Presidency, in which  
you decline to proceed to Ajmere unless  
you receive a step of rank, and  
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would be put to by your transfer, I am  
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I am to point out to you that you  
received your orders early in February  
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relief to the people suffering from the  
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1869 June  
No. 2426

From,  
The Govt of India  
1st June 1869  
No. 10

To P. O.  
Forwarding  
copy of correspon-  
-dence regarding the  
claims of Mr. P. O.  
Rattigan to promotion  
and travelling ex-  
-penses &c. in con-  
-sequence of his transfer  
to Ajmere.  
No. 1999-17 June 1869

No. 426

1869 E.  
Government of India  
Public Works Department  
Establishment

Fort William, 2nd June 1869.

Copy of the following forwarded  
to Government of Madras in the  
Public Works Department for information.

By Order  
J. H. Alexander, C. E.  
Joint Secretary to the Govt of India

1869 E. dated 2nd June 1869.  
From - The Secy to the Govt of India  
Public Works Department.  
To - P. O. Rattigan Esq.

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services are not required in Bengal and  
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From The Gov<sup>t</sup> of India / H.E. No 848 E of 1<sup>st</sup> June 1869 /  
From \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ / H.E. No 089 E of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1869 /



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forwarding  
copy of a letter from  
the Agent down to the  
front of Austin informing  
Mr. O. H. P. that his  
services are not required  
by the front of Austin  
and that he may  
return to his native

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Do 1999. 19. June 1999.

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Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division

Dated

For

6<sup>th</sup> June 1869

Nos. 426 @ 428

O'Ratigan - Sir Orders issued  
for bringing Mr. O'Ratigan on  
the strength of the PWD as an  
Asst. Engr. of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade from  
the 11<sup>th</sup> June/69, & for posting  
him to the Cuddalore Stn.