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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd June 1869.*

No. 496. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Coonoor, 7th June 1869, No. 43 :—

Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, Neilgherries, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Ootacamund, 5th June 1869, No. 53.

G. O., No. 180, dated 19th January 1865, sanctioned the entertainment of six Apprentices for instructions as Mechanical Engineers.

2. The undermentioned boys, said to be of pure European parentage, were engaged on the different dates entered against their names, the dates on which their apprenticeship ends are also noted :—

Names of Apprentices.	Dates of entertainments.	Dates on which Indentures terminate, the Apprentices reaching 21 years of age.
William Reid. 	28th September 1865.	16th November 1867.
James Weir. 	" " "	14th June 1869.
Henry Rigby. 	" " "	30th October 1869.
Joshua Loane. 	" " "	10th May 1870.
James Burr. 	" " "	22nd July 1871.
Henry Weir. 	1st October "	7th August 1871.

3. These lads have all been well instructed in fitting machinery, smiths' work, filers' work, and driving engines; some of them have shown greater aptitude for certain branches of the trade than others, some being likely to turn out good workmen, and others indifferent ones; they have been kept under the strictest discipline, and their conduct, during apprenticeship, has been on the whole good.

4. In my letter, embodied in the G. O. above quoted, recommending the entertainment of the Apprentices, I presumed the Lawrence Asylum would be glad to secure the services of the lads, when the terms of their apprenticeship expired, as instructors in the institution; but the Committee do not now appear to entertain a favorable opinion of teaching any specific trade to the boys of the Asylum; I am therefore anxious to know what is to become of the Apprentices when their apprenticeship ceases, and to ascertain if they are likely to be departmentally employed on such salary as will enable them, as Europeans, to live respectably, with the hope of eventual promotion.

5. One of the lads, William Reid, served out his time in November 1867, he was the oldest of the Apprentices, and learnt next to nothing beyond being able to sharpen and set machine-saws, and look after the saw mill, and can drive an engine, but that is all; on completing his apprenticeship he behaved badly, and threatened to leave the works, but eventually sought employment with us, and has since been engaged entirely in setting and sharpening machine-saws and charge of the saw mill, for which work he receives daily pay at the rate of rupees two per diem; I am afraid he will never rise beyond the position of a common workman.

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6. The second lad, James Weir, whose apprenticeship terminates on the 14th instant, is a very intelligent mechanic, he is a hard working lad, and has thoroughly learnt his work as a Mechanical Engineer, being well grounded in all the branches of his trade; he would be a useful hand in any Engineer workshop, though of course not fit to take charge of such; he is a steady, well behaved man, likely to rise in his trade: here, after his time is up, except for a few months, we cannot afford to keep him, as we now have convicts to drive engines, and the other Apprentices are sufficient for our requirements; perhaps the Secretary to Government in the Department Public Works may feel disposed to give the young man a trial in the Presidency Workshops, or recommend him for employment as an Engine Driver on board one of Her Majesty's Government steam vessels, in which position the Mechanical Engineer, Mr. Smith, considers he is fit to be entertained as a 3rd Class Mechanical Engineer; he is most anxious to secure some berth where his salary will be such as to allow of his living respectably during probation; and in the event of some berth being procured for him, I beg to solicit that sanction may be obtained for the expenditure of such sum as the Government may feel disposed to allow, to purchase the young man a small and respectable kit of clothes, as also that the expenses of his journey to his destination may be disbursed to him.

7. Henry Rigby, the next lad, whose apprenticeship ceases this year in October, has determined to follow his father's trade, and enlist in the Artillery as a Farrier, he is a good lad and works hard, but apparently having decided on his own line of life, does not care to learn the trade of a Mechanic.

8. The last three lads are well behaved and learning their work steadily, should they show themselves worthy of being noticed, when their apprenticeship expires a report will be made on them; I have no doubt if they see that James Weir is well provided for, it will be a great incentive to their doing their best to deserve similar treatment.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, with recommendation that Apprentice James Weir be provided for in the Government Workshops, or otherwise.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 497.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1869, No. 2,033.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 61.

As employment has been offered to Apprentice James Weir in the Perambore Workshops of the Madras Railway, the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will ascertain whether the Apprentice is willing to proceed to Madras, and, if so, will instruct him to report himself to Mr. Collinson, the Acting Locomotive Superintendent. The rate of salary to be drawn by Weir will be determined by the Railway authorities after they have had an opportunity of judging of his worth.

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2. Lieutenant Colonel Farewell will arrange for Apprentice Weir being supplied with a suitable outfit at a moderate cost, and will disburse to him such a sum as will enable him to pay his expenses to Madras. The total amount will be charged to the general allotment for "Petty Establishments."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

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Apprentices.—Passing orders on the endorsement of the Superintending Engineer regarding the six Apprentices who were entertained for instructions as Mechanical Engineers.

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Executive Engineer's Office
Kilgherrie
Coatnamund. 5th June 1869

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From Lieut. Coll. W. Farewell
Executive Engineer.

To Coll. G. W. Walker R. E.
Supg. Engineer & Engineer-in-Chief
Poonamallee

Sir, G.O. No. 100 dated 19 January 1865, contained the entertainment of six apprentices for instructions as Mechanical Engineers. The undermentioned boys, said to be of pure European parentage, were engaged on the different dates entered against their names, the dates on which their apprenticeship ends, are also noted.

Names of apprentices	Dates of entertainment	Dates on which apprenticeship terminates, the apprentices reaching 21 years of age
William Reid	28 th Sep. 1865	16 th November 1867
James West	28 th Sep. 1865	14 th June 1869
Henry Pigby	28 th Sep. 1865	30 th October 1869
Joshua Lane	28 th Sep. 1865	16 th May 1870
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Henry West	1 st Oct. 1865	7 th August 1871

These lads have all been well instructed in fitting Machinery, Smith's work, fliers work, and drawing Engines, some of them have shown greater aptitude for certain branches of the trade than others and being likely to turn out good workmen, and others in different ones, they have been kept under the strictest discipline, and their conduct, during apprenticeship, has been on the whole good.

In my letter, embodied in the G.O. above quoted recommending the entertainment of the apprentices, I presumed the Lawrence Asylum, would be glad to secure the services of the lads, when the term of their apprenticeship expired, as instructors in the institution; but the Committee do not now appear to entertain a favorable opinion, of teaching any specific trade to the boys of the Asylum; I am therefore anxious to know, what is to become of the apprentices, when their apprenticeship ceases, and to ascertain, if they

are likely to be departmentally employed on such salary, as will enable them as Europeans to live respectably, with the hope of eventual promotion.

5. One of the lads, William Reid, served out his time in November 1867, he was the oldest of the apprentices and learnt next to nothing, beyond being able to sharpen and set Machine Saws, and look after the saw mill, and can drive an Engine, but that is all; on completing his apprenticeship he behaved badly, and threatened to leave the works, but eventually sought employment with us, and has since been engaged entirely in setting and sharpening Machine Saws, and charge of the saw mill, for which work he receives daily pay at the rate of Repees two per diem; I am afraid, he will never rise beyond the position of a common workman.

6. The second lad, James Weir, whose apprenticeship terminates on the 14th Instant, is a very intelligent Mechanic, he is a hard working lad, and has thoroughly learnt his work as a Mechanical Engineer, being well grounded in all the branches of his trade, being well a useful hand in any Engineer's workshop, though I could not fit to take charge of such; he is a steady well behaved man, likely to rise in his trade; here, after his time is up, except for a few months, we cannot afford to keep him, as we now have converts to drive engines, and the other apprentices are sufficient for our requirements; perhaps, the Secretary to Government, the P. & W., may feel disposed to give the young man a trial in the Presidency workshop, or recommend him for employment as an Engine Driver, or recommending him to the Government steam vessels in which position, as a Mechanical Engineer, Mr. Smith, considers he is fit to be entertained as a 3rd class Mechanical Engineer. He is most anxious to secure some berth, where his salary will be such, as to allow of his living respectably and for his family; I had to solicit that sanction may be obtained for the expenditure of such sum, as the Government may feel disposed to allow, to purchase the young man, a small and respectable set of clothes, as also that the expenses of his journey to his destination may be disbursed to him. Henry Rigby, the next lad, whose apprenticeship ceases this year in October, has determined to follow his father's trade, and labour in the artillery as a turner, he is a good lad and works hard, but apparently has decided on his own line of life, does not care to learn the trade of a Mechanic.

7. The last three lads are well behaved and learning their work steadily, should they show themselves worthy of being noticed, when their ap-

prenticeship expires, a report will be made on them. I have no doubt if they see that James Weir is well provided for, it will be a great incentive to their doing their best, to deserve similar treatment.

Have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most obedt
servant
Wm Smith
Executive Engineer

N:43.

Forwarded to the Secy to Govt.
in the Pub. Works Dept.

With recommendation that
Apprentice James Weir be
provided for in the Govt.
Workshops, or otherwise.

Wm Smith
Supg Engr.

Correct
7th June 1869 }

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Madras Railway

Loc: Supt's Office,
Pembroke Works,
18 June 1869.

To
The Agent & Manager.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your
No. 1145 of the 14th Instant,
I shall have much pleasure
in giving him a trial
in the Shops here, if you
will kindly request Colonel
Fairwell to send him down.

I cannot at present
say what his rate of pay
will be, as it will depend
upon

John A. Hamilton Esq
Mr. W. B. King Esq
The Agent & Manager
Pembroke
18 June 1869

No. 52

Referring to the system
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The Duke & Engineer
J. A. Curran

The Secretary to Govt
A. J. P. M.
Madras

Dated 13 June 1869
No. 1143

Mr. Col. Fairwell, Agent
on the Appliances at the
service of the works
at the same time, with the
communication that after
the same will be provided
for with the Government
or otherwise.

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upon what he is found to be
worth.

Yours faithfully

W. H. Harrison
Esq. Secy. Genl.

W. H.

Madras Railway Company

AGENT & MANAGER'S OFFICE

Madras,

11th Dec. 1884

No.

My dear Sir

I trust that the
enclosed letter will
suffice for your
purpose;

The Lad Sir
should report himself
to Mr. Coltham at
the Perambur Works.

Mr. L. L.
Mr. J. L.

No 2033

P. W. & 9 M

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Under date the 23rd June 1869

Read the following

From the Supy Engrs (H. G. - No 43 - of 7th June 1869)

W. L.
A. L.

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has been offered to Appren-
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Bramahore Workshops of
the Madras Railway,
the Supt Engineer of the
7th Division will ascertain
whether the apprentice
is willing to proceed to
Madras, and if so, will
instruct him to report
himself to Mr Collinson
the acting Locomotive
Supt.

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Superintendent. The rate of salary to be drawn by Weir will be determined by the Railway Authorities after they have had an opportunity of judging of his worth.

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W. B.

To Supergr. 7 "Dm ✓
3 Controller. P. M. Accto. ✓

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K. S. de Silva 23/6/64
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To The Superintending Eng^r
1st Division

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Date

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Apprentices Copy orders
for the advancement of the
Surgeons regarding the six
Apprentices who were enter-
tained for instructions as
technical Eng^s.