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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st April 1871.*

No. 308. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 3rd April 1871, No. 15 :—

I HAVE the honour to enclose a petition from Vettivaloo Pillay requesting exemption from passing the prescribed examination for Overseers, on the plea of service and special training under the Madras Railway Company, and citing as a precedent the cases of Varadacharry and Parthasarthy Iyengar.

2. Vettivaloo Pillay has been employed in this division for a period of two years and eight months as a Local Fund Overseer, and has given general satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. He is neither wanting in ability or activity, and has now had considerable practical experience in the duties which devolve upon a subordinate in the Department Public Works, and I would far rather appoint him to an Overseership than a raw lad from the Civil Engineering College.

3. I have always been of opinion that it would be well that the Civil Engineering College should not be the only portal for admission into the Department Public Works, but that exceptions should be made with regard to men of good character and practical experience.

4. Since the opening of the Civil Engineering College there has been a great falling off in the status and ability of the candidates for employment as Maistries and Ameens in the Department Public Works, owing to the small prospects such men have of rising to good positions. Formerly a subordinate position in the Department Public Works was no bad stepping stone to a Tahsildarship. I had hoped that the opening of the Local Fund Maistry and Overseerships to candidates who had not passed through the Civil Engineering College would have induced a better class of men to enter the Department Public Works; if it has done so at all, it has done so to a very limited degree; but were it known that the Imperial Establishment of the Department Public Works might be entered without passing the Civil Engineering College Examination by men who had proved their ability, efficiency, and honesty in the Local Fund branch of the establishment, I think a better class of men would be induced to enter the Department Public Works in the temporary executive grade; I would, therefore, support Vettivaloo Pillay's petition, and should it be granted I would be willing to consider his claims, etc., for promotion to the rank of Overseer in the Imperial Establishment of Public Works, with those of others who have obtained the College certificate, on occurrence of a vacancy. There is at present no vacancy in the grade of Overseer in this division.

No. 309.

ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1871, No. 1,124.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.

In consideration of the very favourable testimony borne in this letter to the character and qualifications of

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Vettivaloo Pillay, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to exempt him from passing the prescribed examination for the grade of Overseer in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

MADRAS RAILWAY, ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Shorator Palghat, 19th December 1859.

Vettivaloo Pillay has been for nearly two and half years with me as Pupil and the Surveying Levelling &c., which I have given him to do he has always done accurately and has been always diligent attentive and well conducted. I give him this Testimonial on my removal.

(Signed) R. H. COE, Engineer District 15.

M. R. C.

District 15, S. W. L.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, Engineering Pupil worked under me on the 2nd Section when it was being set out he has been continually in the works since that time he is well able to set out and Level and has been of great assistance to me during the time I have been in charge of the District.

SHORATOR, }
3d June 1861. }

S. L. KOE, Resident Engineer.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY,

Chief Engineer's Office, Madras 7th January 1864.

Vettivaloo Pillay, entered the Railway Services as an Engineering Pupil in June 1857, and has from that date been employed on the works as an assistant to several of the District Engineers from whom he has received favorable Certificates. I can recommend him as a useful man.

(Signed) W. G. SMART, Chief Engineer.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, acted as Surveyor in the 7th Section for 15 months under my orders. I found him generally hard working and good field Surveyor but not very good in the office. He also had charge of a Range of 4 miles of Earthwork for 4 months and showed himself efficient and careful in looking after and measuring this—Vettivaloo Pillay is a good steady man and I believe him to be honest and he certainly does his work to the best of his ability.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay,

I have no chance of giving you any employment here as the staff is to be broken up at once. I send you a recommendation which may be useful.

(Signed) C. W. E. HENSLOWE, Executive Engineer,

DONERD, }
November 25th, 1865. }

8th Section M. T. C. Co.

MADRAS IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY,

Nandial Division, December 4th, 1865.

No. 255.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, has been employed on these works for about two years, first as a Surveyor but during the past nine months has had charge of a portion of the Canal under construction.

He has proved himself trustworthy, energetic, willing, and careful to instructions and were the works to be proceeded with. I have no doubt his services would be retained but as it is, he will probably soon leave, in consequence of reductions in the Establishment and I shall be glad to hear of his obtaining suitable employment.

(Signed) F. A. SMART, C. E.

In charge Nandial Division.

AYALOR 10th February 1866, Nandial Division.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, has been employed I understand about 2½ years by this Company and I received a very favorable impression of his usefulness not only by the high characters given him by the late Executive Engineer of this Division but also by his energy in every duty during the short time he served with me. He leaves this as the works are at present closed for a time but upon the resumption of Labour here I shall be very glad to employ him again.

(Signed) H. FERGUSON, Asst. Engineer in charge

Nandial Division, 20th February 1869 Saturday.

No. 497.

To CAPTAIN OAKES R. E., Supy. Engineer 6 Division.

Sir,

With reference to Circular No. 1,173 dated 11th February last, I beg to inform you that Local Fund Overseer Vettivaloo Pillay has given every satisfaction during his employment in the Range. He is intelligent active and obedient. All the Roads with the exception of No. 2 are under his charge and they have been kept in good order. He is likely to make a useful Subordinate and I would recommend his being confirmed in his appointment.

(Signed) W. H. WALTON, Officer in charge No. 1 Range,

Tanjore.

N. I. Range
T. San Jose

Vetivales Pelay during the time
he has been in the Range, has conducted
himself well and gave satisfaction to me
during the 20 months he has been under
my orders. He is obedient and willing
and I hope will soon prove himself
fitted for the Post of a Salary Overseer.

8th February, 1871 { Signed / P. Montgomery R.
Executive Engineer.

(True Copy)

W. L. W. P. R.

30th March 1871 { Executive Engineer
In Charge M. S. R.

Humble Petition of C. Vettuvallu Pillai,
Local Fund Overseer P. W. D. Batticottah Taluk, Tanjore
District to His Excellency Right Honorable the Gover-
nor in Council &c, &c, &c.

1. Your Excellency's Petitioner respectfully begs
to submit that he obtained his education in the Late
Batticottah Seminary, Jaffna; that he subsequently
(in 1857) entered the service of the Madras Railway Com-
pany as an Engineering Pupil and after successfully
passing all the prescribed examination of that De-
partment completed his apprenticeship in June
1861 and from that time to 1864 he was employed
as an Engineering Assistant on the same Railway.
From 1864 to 1866 Petitioner served the Irrigation
and Canal Company as a Surveyor and in the year
1868 he entered the P. W. D. of the Tanjore District
and has ever since continued there. In the Capacity
of a Pupil Engineer, Engineering Assistant, Surveyor,
and Overseer, Petitioner has acquitted himself credi-
tably as evidenced by the annexed copies of Testi-
monials.

2. Petitioner's object in thus intruding upon
the valuable moments of His Excellency is to
beg of His Excellency the favour of being exempted
from passing the Special Test prescribed for an
Imperial Overseer in the Department of Public
Works, in consideration of his special qualifications
for this appointment his general Education, the
systematic training he has had in the Madras
Railway and his Professional attainments and
experience of more than 12 years standing.

3. Petitioner humbly begs to add that men
brought up from the grade of an Engineering
Pupil in the Madras Railway, have generally
met with the indulgent and benevolent con-
sideration of Government and have been unhesi-
tatingly exempted from passing the Special
Test which are of a recent introduction, they
having been as a rule found to be no way in-
ferior in Professional attainments to those that
were educated in the Engineering College. As a
Precedent

precedent, Petitioner begs to quote the case of
C. Varadacherry whose case has been disposed of
in G. O. dated 22nd March 1866 No. 114, and also that
of Parathasaradi who Petitioner understands has
had a similar privilege.

Trusting that His Excellency will
be graciously pleased to comply with Petitioner's
prayer, for which act of kindness Petitioner, as
in duty bound shall ever pray.

29th March 1871 }
Pattucottai } C. Vettivaloo Pillay
Local Fund Officer

No 15

Supt Engineer's Office
Tanjore 3rd April 1871

From Captain R. F. Baker R.E.
Superintending Engineer - C. Div.

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government. O.M.D.

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Enclosure in
letter No 15 dated
3rd April 1871 from
The Supt Engineer
to the Secretary
O.M.D.
J.P.M. 13/3/71
Approved & signed
J.P.M.

Carl Engineering College

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I Love the Lines like
 Sir

Yours most obed^t Serv^t mail
him

N. G. Kaptanov

Public Works Department
 No 1124
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 24th April 1871
 Read the following
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To
 The Sup^r Engrs^r to R.S. ~~in~~
 Controller P. W. Dept^t

Des^d 22/4/71

[Signature]

No 1124
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No 1124-24th April 1871

Submits a Petition
 from Vettivaloo Pillay for
 exemption from passing
 the prescribed examination
 for Overseer's rank.

Enclosure. One

Dated 23rd April 1871
 Recd 24th April 1871

To
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The Superintending Engineer,
to the Public Works.

Date

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