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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th June 1871.*

No. 309. Read the following Petition from G. CHINNACUNNOO PILLAY,
late Talook Overseer, dated 8th June 1871 :—

No. 310 & 311. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1871, No. 1,641.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 37.

THE Government will not object to
Chinnacunnoo Pillay's re-employment as
an Overseer if any Superintending Engi-
neer be disposed to avail himself of his
services.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To G. Chinnacunnoo Pillay.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

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To
Colonel J. Carpenter R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. Departt.
Fort Saint George

The humble petition of G.
Chinnacinnoo Pillai late Taluk Oversee
Tripatore Taluk of the Salem District.

Respectfully sheweth,
That your petitioner after a service
of nearly 7 years as an Overseer in the Mysore and
Madras P. W. Departt. was summarily dismissed on
the 13th of June 1870 on grounds which were made
known to him in general terms only and with reference
to which he was not allowed an opportunity of offering
any explanation. The charges were Incompetence, Care-
lessness and Disobedience of orders.

2 That your petitioner not being aware
of having committed any acts which would justify such
charges being preferred against him applied to Superintendent
Apparaoor Modelly in charge of the Tripatore Range
for details with a view of submitting his defence for
the consideration of Superior authority but his solicitation
having been negatived, your petitioner addressed
Colonel Orr R. E. late Secretary to Government P. W. De-
partt and received in reply the following orders.

As it appears that the services of G.
Chinnacinnoo Pillai lately an Overseer in the Tripatore
Taluk of the 5th Division were dispensed with by the
Superintending Engineer on the grounds of incompetency
carelessness and disobedience of orders, the Government
taking into consideration that G. Chinnacinnoo Pillai
had on more than one occasion been previously un-
favorably reported to Colonel Ford and had been warn-
ed by that Officer, see no reason to comply with the
request made in the foregoing letter.
It will thus be seen that your petitioner
was equally unfortunate in obtaining what he wanted
from

vide docket N^o 100
dated 29th of June 70
submitted in original
to the late Secretary
to Govt in the Departt
of Public Works.

N^o 142, dated 23rd
September 70.

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from Government who merely reiterate the general charges that had been made. Your petitioner need scarcely point out that this generalization of his alleged misconduct placed him in great difficulty in returning a satisfactory answer. He however, essayed an explanation in his petition dated 27th October 1870 and solicited that under the peculiar circumstances of his case he might be restored to the Department. The Government order upon this refers your petitioner to the previous order which however was not an answer to the then request of your petitioner.

4. In now venturing to resubmit his case with the following explanation. Your petitioner most respectfully solicits that the great disadvantage under which he is laboring of having to explain away faults which are not specifically detailed, may be kept in view.

5. In respect to the charge of incompetence your petitioner hopes to be able to show that it is quite unsustainable. Your petitioner received his professional education in the Civil Engineering College at Madras where after a course of study over 2 years, he passed a creditable examination and obtained an Overseers Certificate. That in addition to the theoretical knowledge thus acquired, your petitioner gained practical experience in his business during his service in the Department to which time his services had invariably met with the general approbation of his superiors. As the Tripatore Talug is the last in which your petitioner served it is natural to suppose that when he entered it he did so with far greater knowledge of his business than he could have possessed when entering upon his duties in the other places in which he had previously served. In spite of this the Supervisor pronounces your petitioner incompetent. Your petitioner can only say in accordance with his firm conviction in the matter that the charge has no foundation in fact but was urged merely out of ill-will which the Supervisor bore towards your petitioner. Your petitioner begs to enclose two letters from Captain Edgcomb R.E. to the Superintending Engineers of the 3rd and 5th Divisions, and to

* Copies enclosed marked A

and to respectfully invite attention to the opinion therein expressed as to petitioner's qualifications. Your petitioner feels sanguine that the same cause operated with the Supervisor in the two other charges viz Carelessness and disobedience of orders being preferred. The specific acts of your petitioner which constituted these offences are not stated and your petitioner begs to submit that in the absence of such information it is not possible to give a proper answer. Your petitioner cannot bring to mind having done anything upon which such charges could fairly be based and he cannot but attribute the omission of details to the fact that there were none to supply which would stand an examination. Your petitioner would take this opportunity of mentioning a circumstance which took place and which very possibly formed the basis of either the charge of incompetence or carelessness. The Supervisor objected to some road materials which petitioner had passed. The Contractors concerned appealed to Colonel Foord, but not obtaining satisfaction threatened to take the matter into a court of Law. The Supervisor thereupon compromised the affair by accepting the materials at slightly reduced prices. Now your petitioner begs to submit that if the materials were really bad as alleged by the Supervisor he might not have taken them as no consideration would justify the use of bad materials upon work. The fact is that the materials were not bad but the Supervisor thought fit to pronounce them as such in order to find fault with the petitioner who on a former occasion took exception to materials passed by the Supervisor. In the last part of Government Order it is stated that your petitioner has been warned more than once by Colonel Foord. Your petitioner respectfully begs to state that he was not found fault with by that Officer except once and in connection with the Muthoor tank repairs which however was owing to the facts of the case having been misrepresented by the Supervisor. Colonel Foord acquiesced in the recommendation made by the Supervisor and ordered that Rs 63-4-6 should be deducted from the

the petitioner's salary by instalments. That your petitioner
subsequently submitted explanation on the subject, but Colonel
Robert had left and his successor Colonel Roberts and
wrote your petitioner by saying that the late Super-
intending Engineer's proceedings could not be inter-
fered with.

8. Your petitioner has now stated his case
to the best of his ability and lights and prays that your
honor will mete out justice to him. He feels that he
has been most harshly dealt with by the late Acting
Superintending Engineer 5th Division who condemned
him unheard. In ordinary course of justice the de-
fence is always heard before a verdict is returned, but
in your petitioner's case no explanation was sought
and he was summarily ejected out of a Department
in which he had served for seven years, upon
the mere report of the Supervisor who owed your
petitioner a grudge and upon grounds which are stated
in a very unsatisfactory manner. Your petitioner
has now been without employ for the last eleven
months and at the expiration of another month (viz
the 12th month after date of dismissal) his past
services of 7 years will not be taken into account.
Your petitioner has suffered much in supporting him-
self and family and consequently solicits that your honor
will be pleased to take all the circumstances of his case
into consideration and order his reemployment in the
Department in the first vacancy that may occur.

9. In conclusion your petitioner most res-
pectfully begs to bring to notice that on the 12th December last
he appealed to Colonel Roberts the late Ag. Supg. Engineer
5th Division and that Officer after a full consider-
ation of all the circumstances of the case personally
promised to give him a place on the occurrence of
a vacancy.

For which act of kindness petitioner as in
duty bound shall ever pray for your honor's long life
and prosperity.

Madras
Pursewalkan
Sondrapilly Street
Door No. 6

8th June 1871.

G. Chinnammur Pillay

A Civil Engineering College
No 557.
20th January 1865
Jan^r 1249/71

To,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

Sir,

With reference to your
letter No 1450 dated 4th Instant, I have
the honor to recommend G. Chinnammur
late Sub-Overseer in Mysore R. P. W. for
a vacancy in the Division under your charge.

2
G. Chinnammur passed
out of this College in May 1862 and served
one year in Mysore R. P. W. and resign-
ed his appointment on account of ill-
health. He is now however well and
able to perform his duties and most
anxious to be employed.

I have &c
[Signed] W. H. Edgson
Capt. R. E.
Principal C. E. College

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1249/77^B Civil Engineering College
Chepauk 7th January/68
From Captain W. H. Edgcombe R.E.
Principal Civil Engineering College
To The Superintending Engineer
5th Division
Cuddalore

Sir,
In reply to your No. 185 dated
31st Ultimo, I have the honor to recommend
a native named Chinnacum Pillay for the
vacancy in the Tripatore Taluq.

2 Chinnacum Pillay passed
out of the College in 1862 and has been
uninterruptedly employed ever since till
about a month ago when his resignation
of his post in the 3rd Division on account
of ill-health was accepted.

3. I have every reason to think
him well suited for the vacancy.

4. I shall be obliged if you
will tell me where he could report himself
and he requests an advance of one month's
salary if possible which I hope you will
grant him.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t Serv^t
[Signed] W. H. Edgcombe Capt R.E.
Principal C. E. College

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June 1249/71

19th June 1870

Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.

Secretary to Government
in the Public W. Depo. at
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I beg leave very respectfully
to bring to your notice that I had been
until the 13th of June 1870, an Overseer in
connection with the Department of Public
Works attached to the Tripatore Taluq,
of the Salem District; and that I had
been summarily dismissed from the
Public Service by Captain Roberts of the
Royal Engineers, the Acting Superintendent
Engineer of the 5th Division, on a report
made by Supervisor Appavoo Modally,
the Executive Agent in Charge of the Tripatore
Range of the Salem District.

Being desirous of petition-
ing His Excellency the Governor in Council
for justice; I applied, on the 27th June 1870,
for a copy of the specific charges, that were
brought against me, and was informed in
reply thereto that my request "cannot be com-
plied with," as per docket enclosed No. 108
dated 29th June 1870.

Considering that my services
have been unjustly dispensed with, and being
in a position to refute the charges that were
brought against me in toto; I beg leave
very respectfully to solicit that you will be
so good as to cause a copy of the specific
charges to be furnished to me by the Section
II of the Uncovering Servants' Vade Mecum.

I have &c.

Yours most obedt. Servt.

1 Enclosure

G. Chinnammur

Signed

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Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following
Petition from
G. Chinnacunnoo Pillay
late Overseeer P. W. D. } 14.8.71 - 31.9.71

Order thereon 23rd September 1870 No. 142

As it appears that the
services of G. Chinnacunnoo Pillay,
late an Overseeer in the Tripatore
Talook of the 5th Division were dis-
-pensed with by the Sup^r Engineer
on the grounds of incompetence, care-
-lessness, and disobedience of orders,
the Government, taking into con-
-sideration that G. Chinnacunnoo
Pillay had on more than one
occasion

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occasions been previously unfavorably reported to Colonel Ford, and had been warned by that officer, see no reason to comply with the request made in the foregoing letter.

True Extract
Wm. A. Dr. Col R.E.
Secy to Govt P. & D.

So.
G. Chinnacannoo Pillay
late Oversee P. & D.

P. N. 2865/71

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24-10-70

Sept. 12 1871

To
The Right Honorable Francis Baron Napier,
Governor in Council.
Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of G. Chinnacannoo Pillay
late an Oversee in connection with the Department
of Public Works in the Presidency of Madras

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your poor Petitioner begs leave very respectfully to bring to your Lordships notice, that he was until the 15th of June 1870 an Oversee in connection with the Department of Public Works attached to the Tripatore Taluk of the Salem District, and that he was summarily dismissed from the Public Service by Captain Roberts of the Royal Engineers the Asst. Superintendent Engineer of the 5th Division on a report preferred by Supervisor Appanoo Modelly, the Assistant Agent in charge of the Tripatore Range of the Salem District.

Vide docket N^o 108,
dated 29th of June 1870
Submitted in original to
the Secretary to Govern-
ment in the Department
of Public Works

2
That on the 27th of June 1870, the said Supervisor Appanoo Modelly was applied to for a copy of the Specific Charges that were brought against your Lordships Petitioner and he was informed in reply thereto that his request cannot be complied with

N^o 1142, dated 23rd
September 1870

3
That on the 19th of September 1870, your poor Petitioner was compelled to address the secret-ary to Government in the Department of Public Works for a copy of the Specific charges that were preferred against him, that gentleman in an Order quoted the general charges upon which, your Lordships Petitioner's services were arbitrarily dispensed with, viz, incompetence, carelessness, and disobedience of orders

11. That from their animosity and grudge the said Appanar Modally has sought your Lordship's Petitioner's ruin, and that Captain Robert, who only recently joined the Division, and who positively knew little or nothing respecting the character and qualifications of your poor Petitioner, acquiesced in the recommendation made by the said Superior in summarily dismissing your Lordship's Petitioner from the Public Service.

12. That in conclusion your poor Petitioner respectfully begs most earnestly and confidently that your Lordship will kindly take his lamentable case into consideration, and be pleased to cause his restoration to office in any other Division of the Public Works Department on probation in consideration of his past services and general good character which act of kindness will be very thankfully and gratefully remembered that your Lordship's Petitioner as in duty bound.

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Thinnaiyannoo Pillay

Madras
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Soondrapullay's Street
Door No. 6.

27th October 1870

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for a copy of the specific charges against him, the said Superior Affairs Modally informed him late a week since that his request cannot be complied with, but in accordance with the Secretary to Govt. D. O. No. 142, dated 23rd Sept. 1870, quoted in the order, dated 23rd Sept. 1870, No. 142, quoted in the general charges.

Bring to notice that a copy of the specific charges against him has not been granted contrary to para 1st & 2nd of the Sec. II of the General Regulations, that he holds an Overseer's certificate, dated 12th 9/71.

No. 2301 of 1870
From C. Chemina
cunningham Pillay
late a week since
in D. P. W. meeting
in Soondrapullay's
Street Our Division
Madras
Dated 27th October 1870
Received 28th October 1870
3 enclosures

Represents that on the report from the Supervisor of the Triplicane Range, he was dismissed by the M. S. Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division. That on his application

his request cannot be complied with; that the same has been forwarded to Government in the order dated 11th October 1870 No. 142 quoted in the

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10. Mr. 2865/71
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No 2301 of 1870.

The petitioner will be informed
 that the Government see no reason
 for modifying their orders of the
 23rd September 1870. No 142.

By order.

Forst George
 22nd November 1870

Wm. H. M. Esq. P.E.
 Secretary to Govern-
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Petitioner by that able case his restor Works He his past act of his membe bound Offering explanations in refutations of the charges on which he was dismissed from service prays that on consideration of the same he may be restored to his Post in other Division

Ma. Varsewa Soondri I 27th Octob 67 June/71

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Government of Madras.
P.N. 1871 DEPARTMENT.
No. 2865.
Petition No. 1249 of 1871.
From G. Chinna Cunnus
Pillay late
Occupation. Taluk Overseer
Village.
Talook Tripatore
District. Salem resided at
Madras
Dated 3rd June 1871
Received 3rd June 1871
Enclosures 5

Abstract.
states that on general charges of inactivity, carelessness & disobedience of orders he was summarily dismissed from the office of overseer on the 13th June 1870 without allowing him an opportunity of offering explanations.

Petitions

To Hon-ble Secy.

No. 2301 of 1870 of 27th Oct 1870
R. 28th

From G. Chinna Cunnus
Pillay late Overseer in D.P.
Residing in Soondri Taluk
District Pursuance of Order

Represents that on the report from the Supervisor of the Tripatore Range, he was dismissed by the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division. That on his application for a copy of the specific charges against him, the said Supervisor Appanoo Moodelly informed him that his request cannot be complied with; that the Secretary to Government D. P. W. in the order dated 23rd September 1870 No. 142 quoted the

2311 The petitioner will be informed that the Govern- ment see no reason for modifying their orders of the 23rd September 1870 No. 142

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the general charges.

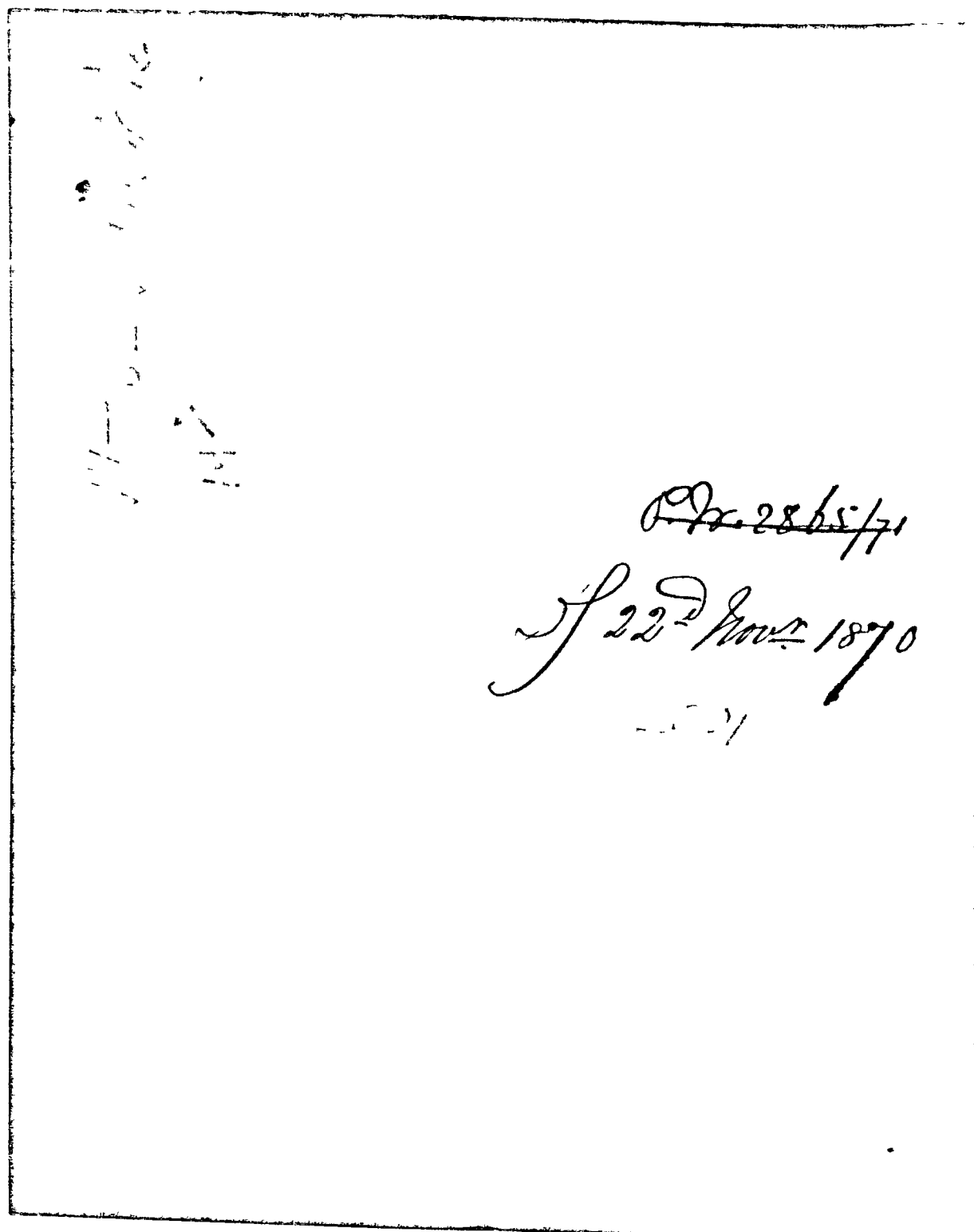
Brings to notice that
a copy of the specific charges
against him has not been
granted contrary to Para 638/69
Section II of the uncanonized
servants Vade mecum; that
he holds an Overseer's Certificate;
that on the strength
of his commendation of Captain
Edgemoor, Principal of the
Engineering College he was
entertained as an Overseer
in the D. P. W. (Vide Enclosures marked A. & B.)

Explains his conduct
in connection with the
pairs to the Moothoor Lark
and to a Railway feeder.

Prays that in consideration
of his past services the
Government will restore
him to office on probation.

Fort St George
22d Nov 1870

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Pr. 2865/71
 of 22nd Nov 1870

22nd Nov 1870

Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Petition

from G. Chinnacummas
 2865-Pillay late Deputy } 22nd Nov. 1870
 Engineer

The Government
 will not object to
 Chinnacummas Pillay's
 reemployment as an
 Overseer if any Super-
 intendant be disposed
 to avail himself of
 his services.

To

G Chinnacummas
 Pillay

Contractor

by order of the Government
 of Madras

[Signature]

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To G. Chemmammai Pillay

Date

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