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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd July 1872.*

No. 343. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th July 1872, No. 1,422.—

I HAVE the honour to forward a petition from Local Fund Overseer Booth.
1 Petition. He was appointed Taluq Overseer by

Colonel Wilkieson on the 4th March 1872, but the Controller, Public Works Accounts, demurred, and as he acknowledged that he was not prepared to pass, I had no alternative but to order that he should revert to his former appointment

2. He considers that I have treated him badly in that I declined to apply to Government for his exemption from examination, and quotes the precedent of S. Veeraragavulu Naidu, but this man had been a Sub-Overseer and was *de facto* exempted. Whereas Mr. Booth, whatever his qualifications may be, has not submitted them to any test, and declines to do so now.

No. 344.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1872, No. 1,752.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will inform Mr. W. Booth that the Government are not prepared to exempt him from the test prescribed for the appointment of Taluq Overseer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Ed. S. T. Austin.

N^o 1422. Supg Engrs Office 4th Divⁿ
Madras 4th July 1872.

From

Colonel J. J. Mohrle, R. E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Division

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir

Enclosure
Petition

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Camp Arnee 22nd June

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may be, has not submitted them to
any test, and declines to do so now.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
H. C. C. Col R. E.
Superintendent

Camp Arnee 22nd June 1872.

No. 59.
To,

His Excellency the Honourable
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Right Honourable Sir,

The humble Petition of M^r. W.
Booth, late Taluk Overseer General duty, Poloor
Range, North Arcot District
Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Excellency's humble
Petitioner most respectfully begs to submit for
the favourable consideration of your Excellency in
Council this humble appeal against the
order of the Superintending Engineer of the 4th
Division Col^l. F. J. Brooker, R. E., refusing to
exempt Petitioner from paying the Taluk Over-
seer's Test.

That Petitioner has been employed
in the Public Works Department since 1864 as
per Service list marked A. He has passed
out of the Civil Engineering College in 1863. In
May following he was appointed as a Surveyor under
Captain H. Tulloch, R. E., and in 1865 he was
employed as a Draughtsman in the Chittoor Range.
He was made a Local Fund Overseer in February
1871, and on three occasions was in charge of a
Taluk and recognised as being so by Government.
Vide Government Orders. B. C and D.

That in March last, the late
Superintending Engineer Col^l. G. V. Wilkinson, R. E.,

P. W. 1872 Report.
4th Div of Fort St. George
from No. 3200.
The Superintending Engineer
4th Division

To The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

dated 4th } July 1872
Recd 5th }

En 1st A. 1422

Forwards with remarks,
a Petition from Local
Fund Overseer Booth ap-
pointed a Taluk Overseer
by Col. Wilkinson on the
1st March 1872 and who was
ordered to revert to his
former appointment as
he is not prepared to pass
the test.

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sent to Col. G. V. Wilkinson

See report
of the
Taluk Overseer
in the

Superintending Engineer
of the 4th Division

C, promoted Petitioner and Veeraragavoloo Naidu, to the grade of Taluk Oversee, vide extract from the District Gazette, marked C, and copy of Memorandum marked F.

That Veeraragavoloo Naidu having immediately joined his post, the then Officiating Superintending Engineer Captain Goddard, R.E., recommended him to Government to exempt him from passing the prescribed Test, which was accordingly granted.

That Petitioner on the contrary not having been relieved from his duties in the Chittoor Range, till just about the arrival of Col^l H. J. Moherty, R.E., thus Petitioner lost the chance of having his own case also laid before Government for exemption.

That subsequent to Petitioner joining his new appointment his Range Officer Lieut^t Bevan submitted the enclosed letter marked E, to Col^l Moherty, with a view to his being exempted by Government from the examination. In reply Col^l Moherty, declared he was not prepared (vide Memorandum marked H) to meet Lieut^t Bevan's wishes as such a course would be prejudicial to the interests of older servants in the Department, and that Petitioner should therefore revert to his old appointment as Local Fund Overseer.

Petitioner therefore begs to appeal against this order to your Excellency in Council and prays that your Excellency in Council will be

he graciously pleased to extend the same leniency to him as that already accorded to Veeraragavoloo Naidu, whose qualifications and Service in the Department had far less title to the indulgence granted and who passed no kind of examination and was never in charge of a Taluk except being for a few months of late a Local Overseer at the Red Hills.

That as to Petitioner's superior claims to the indulgence solicited, he humbly prays that the accompanying ^{copy of} documents marked C, J, and K, with the other Government Orders, and Lieut^t Bevan's letter, will be graciously referred to by your Excellency in Council, and Petitioner most respectfully prays that in consideration of his long service in the Department and the very high testimonials he holds from the several Officers under whom he has served, your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to restore Petitioner to the promotion of which he has been so summarily deprived, by exempting him from passing the Taluk Overseer's Test.

Vide para 3 of
letter marked E.

In conclusion your Excellency's humble Petitioner would most respectfully beg to submit that he has been put to considerable expense by his transfer to Poloor on promotion, an expense which he could ill afford to bear as he has on these hard times of scarcity and distress not only to maintain himself and his family but also the family of his deceased father Conductor David Booth, whose connection with the Department of Public Works attended

in a period of 17 years and who was held in the highest estimation by Government and by all who knew him. Petitioner most respectfully begs that your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to take his Father's valuable services into consideration in disposing of Petitioner's prayers. For which act of kindness and charity, Petitioner is in duty bound shall ever pray

W. Booth, L^d 7, Over-
Polor Range.

N.B. From the documents marked G and C, your Excellency in Council will perceive, that your petitioner has gained so much confidence from the Officers under whom he served, ^{much so} that your humble Petitioner begs that your Excellency in Council will take into deep consideration the high opinion expressed by them, who are the best judges of your Petitioner's abilities, than his Superintending Engineers, who makes but rare inspections and consequently can be but poor judges.

W.B.

Summary of the Services of
M^r. W. Booth

Passed as Draughtsman and Estimator at the Civil Engineering College in December/63. Employed as a Surveyor under Captain H.B. Tulloch, R.E., from May 1864 to January 1865. Draughtsman in the Chittoor Range Office from 1st September 1865 to Feb^r-y 1867, under Captain W. Christie, R.E., T. Parthasaradi' Syangar, and M^r. J. O'Haughey. In charge of the Palmanair taluq from March to May 1867. In charge of the Civil buildings Chittoor Taluq from June to July 1867. In charge of the Palmanair taluq from August to November 1867, vide G.O. N^o. 3137 dated 10th October 1867, under M^r. J. O'Haughey. Acting taluq Overseer Chittoor taluq from March to April 1867, vide G.O. N^o. 1496 dated 8th May 1869. In charge of the Civil buildings Chittoor taluq from June to August 1869. Local fund Overseer Chittoor Range from February 1870, to June 1878, under Lieut^{nt}. G.R. Walker, R.E. Local Fund Over- in charge of the Palmanair taluq from October 1871 to January 1872. Promoted as a Taluq Overseer of Polor Range from March 1872, served under T. Parthasaradi' Syangar, Supervisor

* Vide G.O. N^o. 115 dated 15th January 1872.

W. Booth, L^d 7, Over-
Polor Range

N.B. During the interval I attended to my usual work, as Draughtsman of the Range Office

B
Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public
Works Department, 10th October 1857.

N^o 184

Read the following letter from the Asst. Sup^r
Engineer 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department dated camp at Paramban-
num, 3rd October 1857, N^o 334:-

1 I have the honor to report that prior
to resigning his appointment, Mr. Dumphry, late Over-
seer attached to the Chittoor Range, North Arcot Dist^y,
obtained leave on Medical Certificate for one month,
and in order to carry out his duties as a temporary
measure, the Range Officer nominated Mr. Booth, a
draughtsman in the establishment, to the charge of
Mr. Dumphry's talook.

2 They that during the period this in-
dividual may so act he may be allowed to draw
double horse allowance at 30 Rupees per mensem.
I understand that such allowance have been passed
in similar cases in other divisions, on the Special
Sanction of Government being obtained thereto.

3 I hope to be able to obtain a
qualified Overseer for the Palamaner taluk in
the course of this month.

N^o 185

Ordered Thereon, 10th October 1857, N^o 3137.

(Establishment N^o 28)

The Controller is Authorized to pass
double horse allowance to Mr. Booth
for the period during which he may
retain charge of the Palamaner talook of the North
Arcot District.

(True Extract)
Signed/ Charles H. Orr, Esq. R. S.,
Secretary to Government.

(A true Copy, by Authority)
W. Booth, Asst. Secy.
Palmer Range.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works
Department, 8th May 1869.

N^o 140

Read the following letter from the Dy. Supt.
Engineer 4th Division, to the Secretary, to Government
Public Works Department, dated Madras 23rd April
1869, No. 516:-

I have the honor to request that
Government will allow the Draughtsman of the
Chittoor Range, North Arcot District, Mr. Booth,
to draw horse allowance at the rate of Rs. 30 per
month for the period from the 12th March to the
10th of April 1869, during which Taluk Overseer
Thomasaonny Moody was on sick leave.

2. Lieut. Walter the Asst. Dy.
of the Range, reported that he replaced Mr. Booth
to act for the Overseer, as there was no one to mea-
sure and superintend the works at the close of the
Official year. He further reports that at this
critical period Mr. Booth was most useful in
superintending and marching about a great deal.

3. A similar request on my part
was complied with in G. O. No. 3137 dated 10th October
1867 when I was Dy. Superintending Engineer. Mr.
Booth also had been reported to me as quite qualified
to do the duties of a Taluk Overseer.

N^o 141

Ordered Madras, 8th May 1869, No. 1496

(Establishment N^o 22)

Under the circumstances ex-
plained in this letter, the Govern-
ment grants Authority for double
horse allowance being passed to Mr. Booth, during
the period of his Dy. Appointment as Taluk Overseer.
(True Extract)

Signed) Charles H. Carr, Esq. M.A.,
Secretary to Government.

(A true Copy, by Authority) Mr. Booth, Dy. Overseer

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public
Works Department, 15th January 1872. 91

N^o 220 Read the following letter from the Sup^r
Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Govern-
ment, Public Works Department, dated Madras,
11th December 1871, N^o 3737:-

1 I have the honor to forward for the
consideration of Government, the accom-
panying letter in original from the
Executive Agent, Chittoor Range, on
the subject of travelling allowance
claimed in behalf of Mr. Booth,
the Local Fund Overseer in the Chittoor Range.

2 As Mr. Booth was placed in (tem-
porary) charge of the Imperial works in the Palamaner
taluk in addition to his own duties as Local Fund
Overseer, the usual allowance, namely, papers 15, granted
to him in his legitimate capacity would be quite inadequate
to meet the heavy expenses he had to incur while doing both
duties. I would, therefore, respectfully beg that tentative
allowance of an Imperial Overseer, at the rate of 1¹/₂
Papers per diem, may be passed to Mr. Booth until
relieved by Abdool Kabeer Khan, who has been per-
manently appointed to the Palamaner taluk.

3 Keeping in view the terms of the ruling
contained in paragraph 2 of G.O., N^o 1328, dated 15th
May 1871, the Engineer objects to pass tentative allow-
ance to Mr. Booth without the special sanction of
Government.

N^o 221. Ordered Thereon, 15th January 1872, N^o 115

1 Establishment, N^o 23.) His Excellency the Governor in
Council directs that the travelling
allowance of a taluk Overseer be
passed to Mr. Booth during the time he is in charge.

1 True Copy, by Authority,
W. Root, Secy, New York,
Palmer Range

By the ^xSuperintending ^xEngineer

1. Mr. Oversee 2. T. Beeby, from general duty, in the Poloor Range North Arcot Distt., to the charge of the Travellore taluk Chingleput District, vice Ranganatha Moody
2. Mr. Booth, Local Fund Overseer of Chittoor Range, to be Taluk Overseer and posted to Poloor Range and to have charge of general duties, vice Mr. Beeby transferred to Chingleput
3. S. Vararagavuloo Naidu, Overseer at the Red Hills, is promoted as Taluk Overseer and to be posted to Mount Range, Chingleput Distt.
4. Aroomoogum Moody, Taluk Overseer in charge of Cantonment works at Mount Range to be Local Overseer at the Red Hills, vice Vararagavuloo Naidu appointed to Mount Range
5. Ranganatha Moody, Overseer of Travellore taluk, to be Local Fund Overseer of Chittoor Range, vice Mr. Booth, transferred to Poloor

(True by track)

*Woods, R.F. Over
Polio Range.*

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No 4819

The following promotions and transfers are
made by the Superintending Engineer

2. ^x Mr. Booth, Local Fund Overseer of
Whitton Range to be Valuing Overseer and posted
to Poloor Range, and to have Charge of General
duties, vice Mr. Beeby transferred to Chingle-
put.

^x ^x
^x ^x
^x ^x

Signed/

C. V. Wilkerson, Col. R. E.,
Superintending Engineer 4th Division.

Capt. Eng. Office,
4th Div., Madras,
4th March 1872 }

A true Copy
W. V. Booth, L. F. Over-
seer Poloor Range.

No. 120

North West District,
No. 5 or Pollock Range,
Arree 30th May 1872

From,

Lieut. W. G. Bevan,
Asst. Eng. Pollock Range
The Superintending Engineer,
4th Division

To,

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 843 of the 25th inst., I have the honor to inform you that I called on Mr. Booth to state whether he is prepared to pass the test required for the grade of Valuing Overseer as laid down in the rules of the Department but he informs me that he is not.

Mr. Booth passed out of the Civil Engineering College as Draughtsman in December, 1863, on the 7th of May following he was appointed as Surveyor under the orders of Captain Fairbairn, R.E., and holds a good Certificate from that gentleman as to his knowledge of Levelling and Surveying and general conduct for 9 months, he was appointed on the permanent establishment in the Chittoor Range in 1865 and has good Certificates of Ability and Conduct from Major Chaytor, R.E., Mr. O'Hanlon, Executive Engineer and Lieut. Walker, R.E., and other Officers who were in charge of the Range. He was promoted to Local Fund Overseer in March 1871, and on three occasions was in charge of a Valuing and recognised as being so by Government, vide G.O. No. 3137 of the 10th October 1867, G.O. No. 1496 of the 8th May 1869 and G.O. No. 115 of the 15th January 1872.

His Appointment by the late Superintending Engineer (on the 4th March last) to the grade of Valuing Overseer has put Mr. Booth to great expense and should the Government not think fit to exempt him from passing the test for

for Taluk Overseer he will have to revert to his substantive appointment of Local Fund Overseer, and will in consequence suffer considerable loss, as the travelling cost with which he provided himself would be superfluous to a Local Fund Overseer.

4th Considering Mr. Booth's services as above detailed extending over a period of 8 years and the very high testimonials he holds for ability, conduct and zeal from all the Officers under whom he has served, I beg that you will be pleased to bring his case favourably before Government with a view to his being as a special case exempted from passing the prescribed test.

5th Personally I know very little of Mr. Booth, as I met him for the first time at the end of last month, when he reported his arrival in the Range, but what little I have seen of him and his work has impressed me favourably as regards his qualifications and zeal, and I am confident that he will prove a useful hard-working Overseer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Signed W. G. Brown, Lieut.

Asst. Engineer Palor Range.

A true Copy, by permission.

W. Booth, S. D. O. Mr.
Palor Range

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No 985

Letter from the Assistant Engineer, Ploor
Range, North Arcot District, No 120, dated 30th
May 1872.

As Mr. Booth, cannot pass
the test he cannot be allowed to supersede older
Servants who have been exempted for long service
or passed Candidate, and must return to his
substantive Appointment

A Local Fund Overseer like a
Taluk Overseer, should be prepared to march any
where in the District and therefore has no right
to complain of having been sent to expense

Signed

F. J. Moberly, Col. R. E.,
Superintending Engineer 4th Division

Chf. Engr's Office
4th Divn, Madras,
3rd June 1872.

(At true Copy)
W. Booth, L. T., Over.
Ploor Range

S.
Copies of Certificates.

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Mr. W. Booth, has been employed under me for about 9 months, as a Surveyor, he has a very good knowledge of surveying and levelling, I am obliged to dispense with his services, as my temporary establishment is abolished, he has given me every satisfaction and bears a very good character.

Madras 5th
February 1865

Signed/ H. Tulloch, Capt. R. E.,
Special Executive Engineer.

Mr. W. Booth, filled the post of Draughtsman in the Chittoor Range Office under me for about 6 months, and I have much pleasure in certifying that I found him a steady hard-working man and a neat Draughtsman.

Madras 7th
August 1866

Signed/ W. Chapple, Capt. R. E.,
Off. under Sec. to Government D.W.

Mr. W. Booth, has served under me in the Chittoor Range Office for 18 months as Estimator &c., he draws well and is in all respects qualified for the post of Overseer which he has occupied temporarily on three occasions in this Range, he understands Surveying and levelling and as far as I know bears an excellent character.

Signed/ G. P. Walker, Lieut. R. E.,
Asst. Eng. Chittoor Range.

True Copies
W. W. Booth, D. W., Overseer
Chittoor Range

Extracts from the service register of No. 3 or
Chittoor Range St. Ancoth District

Remarks.

A good Draughtsman and Estimator,
understands a little Surveying and Levelling,
has been several times in temporary charge of a
taluk and has proved himself a good executive, is
deserving of advancement.

March 1869.

Signed J. Haughey,
Asst. Sug. Chittoor

Mr. W. Booth has lately been appointed
as Local Fund Overseer and has carried out a
good deal of work in a satisfactory manner, I am
able consequently to recommend him for the
post of Taluk Overseer. He writes and draws
very nicely.

3^d July 1871.

Signed G. R. Walker, Deput. R. I.,
Asst. Sug. Chittoor Range

A good hard working servant of Govern-
ment. Has acted thrice as Acting Taluk
Overseer in charge of Taluks and rendered full
satisfaction in the execution of the works en-
trusted to him. Very intelligent and above the
average of many of the Overseers in the Dep^t.
Transferred to Poloor Range on promotion as Taluk
Overseer

12th April 1872.

Signed 'P. Chhasandi' Sanyal,
Capt. In ch. of No. 3 or Chittoor Range.

True Extracts.

W. Booth, A. I. C. S.,
Poloor Range.

M.C.

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Extracts from the recommendation roll
of No. 3 or Chittoor Range, N. West Dist.

Remarks.

Recommended for the post of Taluk Over.

Has given satisfaction as
Local Fund Overseer, does his work well,
writes, draws and Surveys well, is above the
average of Taluk Overseers in intelligence

Signed

G. P. Walker, Dist. P. E.,
Agent. In Ch. of Chittoor Range.

June 1871.

Recommended for the post of Taluk Over.
Intelligent and Active,
and above the average of many of the Taluk
Overseers in the Department.

Signed

V. Parthasarthi, Engineer,
Sup. In Ch. of No. 3 or Chittoor Range.

December 1871

True Extracts.

W. Booth, D. C. Over.
Potoor Range

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Extracts from a letter written by the Chittoor
Range Officer to the Superintending Engineer on the
12th April 1872, the day on which I was relieved.

I request you will replace Mr.
Booth to this Range and transfer the new
Local Fund Overseeer to Poloor Range, as he has
"a thorough local knowledge and is accustomed to
the climate of the Patnam district," where the
road from Coimbatore to Venkatagiri is in
construction and on which he was for a very
long time employed. I propose to commence
the Palar bridge on the above road" so that if
I could "only secure the services of Mr. Booth
to superintend its construction" I will be re-
lieved of a great amount of uneasiness of mind,
as I "can safely rely on Mr. Booth for its
proper construction and laying."

Yours sincerely,

W. Booth, D. F., Overseeer
Poloor Range. B.

A.B. The words underlined are done by me
A.B.

P. W. 3260/72.
Dated 23rd July 1972 L. B. 1353

1752 P. W.
Mr. W. Booth for the
Read the following:-
From the Super Engineer, L. B. (K. R. 1422) 4th July/72

The Superintending
Engineer of the L. B. D. W.
will inform Mr.
W. Booth, that the
Government are not
prepared to exempt
him from the test
prescribed for the
appointment of
Salook Overseer.

S. Super Engineer
L. B. D. W.
Dated 29/7/72

ad. W. W.

C/2 3260

Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS. ✓

To The Superintendent Engr.
4th Division

Dated

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O. 23rd July, No. 1752.

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Nos. 363+364

Mr. L. J. J. Anveser.

Birth. The Super Engr
of the 4th Divⁿ requested
to inform Mr. Birth
that Govt. are not pre-
pared to exempt him
from paying the cost
presented for the
appointment of a
Valuer Anveser.