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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 11th October 1872.

No. 174. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 23rd September 1872, No. 1,462:—

I HAVE the honour to forward a memorial from S. K. Sutwajee Row, Assistant Estimator in my office, praying to be exempted from passing the examination prescribed for Taluq Overseer.

2. The petitioner's qualifications, as testified to by the many officers under whom he has served, are so exceptionally good, that I need do no more than give the memorial my strongest recommendation. The petitioner has been trained in every branch of an Overseer's duties, and would, no doubt, make a most efficient Overseer.

3. Government has laid it down, as a rule, that every one entering the department must qualify; but this does not, I imagine, imply that no exceptions whatever are to be made, and I submit this is a case that may well form an exception. It is very rare now-a-days to get men possessing the practical knowledge of the petitioner, and I believe I state the opinion of almost every officer in the department when I say that such a man is very far preferable to one who has passed through the Civil Engineering College.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1872, No. 2,387.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division is at liberty to employ Sutwajee Row as a Taluq Overseer on the conditions laid down in G. O. No. 2,165 of 12th September 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

To

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

The humble Petition of S. K. Sutwajee Row, Assistant Estimator in the Superintending Engineer's Office 3rd Division.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. That your Petitioner entered the Government Survey School in the year 1855, which was the only institution at that time where young men were trained as Surveyors and Overseers for the Public Works Department. He went through a regular course of that school's studies, passed the periodical examinations conducted by Captain (now Colonel,) O'Connell Assistant to the Chief Engineer, and qualified himself for the executive branch of the Department of Public Works.

2. Your Petitioner was on two occasions offered the situation of a Draughtsman then vacant in Trichinopoly and Nellore, but as he thought he was qualified for the higher appointments of Surveyor and Overseer, he declined to accept it. On a third occasion, he was offered the same situation in Kurnool, which also he refused for reasons given above, but on Mr. O'Hara, Head Master of the Survey School, pointing out to him that as the Petitioner was trained in the School at Government expense, it was incumbent on the Petitioner to accept any appointment that might be given as the exigencies of the public Service required, and said that your Petitioner might expect promotion in the course of a few months. Your Petitioner could not therefore refuse the appointment, he accordingly became the Draughtsman of the District Engineer's Departmet at Kurnool in January 1857.

3. Your Petitioner although held the situation of a Draughtsman, yet Lieutenant Blagrive, the District Engineer, who on a visit to the Survey School during the time your Petitioner was a student of it having been informed by Mr. O'Hara that your Petitioner and some other Students were fully qualified for the executive branch of the Department Public Works, at once recognised your Petitioner on joining his Office and employed him on surveying, levelling, estimating in addition to his legitimate duties of Draughtsman. Lieutenant Blagrive's successors employed your Petitioner on the same duties, which he performed to their entire satisfaction, as is testified by the certificates granted him by those Officers, but without any additional remuneration, hoping that his claims for promotion would not be overlooked when an opportunity occurred.

4. In the year 1859, when Sir Arthur Cotton and Colonel C. Cotton came to Kurnool to report upon the Toombadra Canal project, they required a compitent Surveyor, your Petitioner was recommended and deputed by

Captain Beckley the District Engineer, as the fittest person for the important work, your Petitioner completed the work in a manner that he was highly spoken of in Sir A. Cotton's report to Government dated 29th September 1859. In this manner your Petitioner was repeatedly employed by Captain Beatty and his predecessors as a Surveyor and Leveller and to Superintend works, although your Petitioner was not a member of the Executive Establishment. When careful surveys and levels were specially called for by the Central Office, your Petitioner was employed on the work. Also in addition to his other duties, when the Range was for many months without a Range Officer, your Petitioner was employed in superintending the erection of the Church at Kurnool, when he rendered valuable assistance, as was reported by Captain Beatty to the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division.

5. In June 1863, when the Department Public Works was reorganized, the pay of your Petitioner's appointment was reduced to Rs. 40 and in consequence he applied to the Superintending Engineer 3rd Division for the situation of Head Estimator in his Office, but when your Petitioner was about to be taken he was recommended by Captain Beatty for the appointment of an Overseer, and it was bestowed upon him, but in an acting capacity. Your Petitioner finding himself in a position of being thrown out of his employ at any time, begged Colonel Hemmery to allow him the situation of Head Estimator which had been promised him, your Petitioner was informed that he would be confirmed in his appointment of Overseer. On Colonel Moberly taking charge of the Division, your Petitioner was asked to pass the prescribed examination, which he was not able to do, as your Petitioner's duties were of great responsibility, requiring the devotion of his whole time and gave him no leisure for studying and preparing himself for the examination, moreover the theoretical knowledge acquired by him in the Survey School for many years back having gradually worn away, as there was no chance of improving it after entering into the duties of his situation, the performance of which requires knowledge more of a practical nature than theoretical.

6. While your Petitioner was holding the acting appointment of an Overseer, Captain Beckly wrote to your Petitioner asking him whether he would like to be employed as a Surveyor to carry on Survey operations for a Reservoir and Annicut in Ganjam, on salary of Rs. 150. Your Petitioner begged Colonel Moberly for six months leave without pay to go to Ganjam, but as your Petitioner was then plotting and preparing Estimates for a Road project of new construction he was refused the leave. Captain Beckly wrote a second and a third letter, but owing to the Petitioner's misfortune, he failed to obtain permission, and lost the good chance of advancement. Your Petitioner begs to enclose copies of the three letters mentioned. The services rendered by your Petitioner moved Captain Beckly to offer him the appointment of a Surveyor, which if your Petitioner had the chance of accepting, he would by this time have become a Supervisor.

7. In 1868, Colonel Moberly asked your Petitioner either to pass the examination or take the appointment of an Assistant Estimator in his Office,

your Petitioner was compelled to vacate his acting appointment of Overseer after holding it for 5 years 4 months, during which time your Petitioner was engaged in the erection of various buildings, bridges, and new roads and repairing works of irregation, in short performed every duty that could be expected from an Overseer. All these works were completed by your Petitioner in so satisfactory a manner that even to this day they can on inspection testify to his credit. Your Petitioner accepted the situation offered him and continues in it, performing his duties to the satisfaction of his superiors, from whom he has received testimonials, copies of which are attached.

8. Under the circumstances above mentioned, your Petitioner most humbly solicits Government will condescend to take into favorable consideration the services rendered by the Petitioner during the past 15 years and exempt him from passing the examination required for promotion to the grade of a Talook Overseer and bestow on your Petitioner an Overseer's place in the reorganization about to take place in the Department Public Works. For which favor your Petitioner will ever feel grateful.

BELLARY, *7th September* 1872. ——— DOWLAISWERAM, *May 22nd.*

Sutwajee Row,

I am going to Ganjam to carry on Survey operations for a Reservoir and Annicut, would you like to go there as a Surveyor, Maximum Salary Rupees 150 per mensem. You would be temporarily removed from the Department. When work went on and you did well it would probably lead to your promotion.

Your's &c,,
(Signed) BECKLY,
Executive Engineer Ganjam.

GANJAM, *June 21st.*

Sutwajee Row,

The pay of the appointment I offer you is Rupees 105 and Rupees 45 travelling allowance, you must answer this at once and say whether or no you will take it, as I have no time to lose. The levelling operations will extend over several years in this and the Vizagapatam District, besides which when the works begin you would have every chance of being employed as Overseer with a good chance of quickly rising to Supervisor, it seems you would do much better to take which I offer than to go back into an Office again with but little chance of advancement. I believe the time you served as surveyor would count for pension as I know it does for promotion in the Department the same as if you were in the Department. If you come you shall have Rupees 50 per mensem from the date of leaving Kurnool until you join. I cannot promise more, of course you would have to obtain Captain Moberly's permission to leave. Above all things you must answer the letter sharp and let me know whether you will come or not.

Your's &c.,
(Signed) T. BECKLY,
Captain R. E.

CHITTURPORE, *July 12th.*

Sutwajee Row,

I am sorry that you are not coming but suppose the fact is you dont like to leave your country and friends at Kurnool. I think you are throwing away a chance of rising, as here you would get 150 Rupees a month as a Surveyor and when the works are commenced as you would be well acquainted with their position and design you would doubtless be taken on the Executive Staff, very probably as a Supervisor, of course you cannot come until permitted by Colonel Moberly.

Your's &c.,

T. BECKLY;

Captain R. E.

Diligent and intelligent, conduct generally satisfactory.

(Signed) T. BECKLY, *Captain R. E.,*
District Engineer Kurnool.

Sutwajee Row is first rate Draftsman and very good Surveyor, he is intelligent, pains taking and trustworthy.

2nd July 1861. (Signed) T. BECKLY, *Captain, R. E.*
District Engineer Kurnool.

Sutwajee Row is a good Draftsman and well conducted, trustworthy person. He has done much of the estimating and examination of estimates in my Office and I have also employed him in surveying, levelling and superintending masons' and carpenters' work, on all of which he has given every satisfaction.

20th June, 1863. (Signed) J. BEATTY, *Captain, R. E.*
District Engineer Kurnool.

Too short a time in charge to speak truly regarding him.

8th March 1864. (Signed) J. H. DOPPING.

Sutwajee Row is a first rate Draftsman, a good Surveyor and a trustworthy and excellent Taluq Overseer.

(Signed) J. FLINT, MAJOR,
Asst. Engineer in charge of
Kurnool Range.

25th April, 1865.

Very efficient Overseer,

19th April, 1867, (Signed) J. W. HUNTER, *Captain*
Executive Engineer, in charge of Kurnool Range.

Hard working man, can survey and level, good practical Overseer.

7th August, 1867, (Signed) J. W. HUNTER, *Captain,*
Executive Engineer, in charge of Kurnool Range.

Sutwajee Row served under me as a Taluq Overseer for nine months and left nothing to desire during that time in his way of conducting his duties.

(Signed) J. W. HUNTER CAPTAIN,
Executive Engineer Kurnool Range.

3rd December, 1867.

Sutwajee Row during the time he was employed in this Range, was very attentive. He can survey, level, and estimate with correctness. He makes a good Overseer and understands the duties, conduct in general satisfactory, transferred from this Range to Division Office as Assistant Estimator.

(Signed) S. HOWELL,
Supervisor in Charge of
Nundial Range.

19th October 1868.

A hard working, quiet, attentive man.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, R. E.
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Bellary, 3rd May, 1872,

Bellary
2nd September
1872

/True Copies/

R. Sutwajee Row.

No. 462 Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.
Bellary 23rd Septr. 1872.

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To,
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It is very rare nowadays to get men
possessing the practical knowledge of the
petitioner and I believe I state the
opinion of almost every Officer in
the Department when I say that
such a man is very far preferable
to one who has passed through the Civil
Engineering College.

Thank you

Lieut. Col.

Chief Engineer Bom

P. W. 1872-73. Dept.

From,

No. 4663.

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secy. to Govt.

P. W. D

Madras.

No. 1462

Dated 23 September 1872.

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Forwards a Memorial from Sutanjee Komaputi Estimator praying to be exempted from passing the Examination laid down for Overseers and recommends that Govt. will comply with the Request.

Re Appointment of Engineer &c.

No. 2387.

Encl. to Letter from Superintending Engineer 3rd Division No. 4663 dated 23rd September 1872.

Memorial of Sutanjee Komaputi Estimator in the Public Works Department praying to be exempted from passing the Examination laid down for Overseers.

Encl. to Letter from Superintending Engineer 3rd Division No. 4663 dated 23rd September 1872.

No. 4613

Govt. of (1872) Madras.

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To the Superintending Engr.
3rd Division

Dated

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