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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st April 1873.*

No. 349. Read the following letter from Captain H. SMALLEY, R. E.,
Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, to Colonel G. W. WALKER,
R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp
at Chicacole, 22nd March 1873, No. 559 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward a copy of a letter addressed me by Sub-Engi-
neer Akojee Ramiah, with a book containing copies of his testimonials (which it
is requested may be sent to him) on the subject of his transfer to Nellore

District Engineer's Office

Camp Chicacole

22nd March 1873

No. 559 - From The off District Engineer
Gangam

To The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward
a copy of a letter addressed me by
the sub. Engineer Skojee Ramiah
with a book containing copies of his
testimonials (which it is requested
may be returned) on the subject of
his transfer to Bellare.

The Sub Engineer states that he
is nearly worn out in the service of
Government and that he is afraid
of his health failing him altogether
in a district new to him like Bellare.
He therefore wishes if the arrange-
ments of Government preclude
him from remaining in this district,
to be transferred to Godavery where
Colonel.

Colonel Fischer has informed
him there is a vacancy for an
officer of his rank. His great
experience on the Dowlaismaram
Bicut especially, as well as his
long and faithful service in the
Godavery District generally, support-
ed by the high testimonials he
possesses from such officers as Sir
A. Cotton, General Orr, Colonels
Rundall, Haig, Chambers and
others induce me to believe that
Government will not refuse
to accede to the request the sub-
engineer ~~makes~~, to be allowed to
pass the 15 months he has to serve
for his pension in the Godavery
District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obt. Servant
A. Waller Captain R.E.
Off District Engineer
Ganjam

Mr 1873
The off district
Engineer
Ganjam

The off district
Engineer
Ganjam

The Secretary
Govt

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Forwarding copy
of a letter addressed
him by the sub-Eng
in charge N. II Range
requests that he
allowed to pass the
15 months in the
Godavery Dist.

No 349

69 April/73

Ganjam



To
Captain H. Smalley, R.E.
District Engineer
Ganjam.

Most Honored Sir.

Having come to understand
that the Government have transferred
me to Bellare, I most humbly and
respectfully beg leave to lay the
following circumstances before you
for favorable representation to Govern-
ment.

From my entertainment in the
Department (viz 1844) up to 1857. I
was employed on the Godavery ancient
works and worked so hard during
its construction, that I have lost my
bodily strength and in fact become
an old man. My fellow employees
on the Ancient have been presented
with titles, jagurs, rewards, &c but
I was not so fortunate as to get any
as Colonel (now Lieut General Sir Arthur)
Cotton omitted my name in his
report to Government, but it will
be

be seen what was his opinion of me in the testimonials herewith forwarded. From the year 1857 up to 1866 I was in charge of the Rajamundry Range, at the end of 1866 I was transferred to this District and since 1867 I have been in the executive charge of this Range. Though the Government papered orders that I should be kept in charge of the Godavery Ancient works Col. Fischer R. E. thought it advisable to retain me in this Range seeing its unsatisfactory condition. If I must leave it now, I beg your honor will kindly recommend me to Government to be posted to my old District, the Godavery, where the District Engineer has informed me that a vacancy in my rank exists. I feel myself quite unable to go to Kellore and as I have served the Govt 28 years 9 months, only 15 months more are wanting to complete my full 30 years

30 years service by which time I shall be prepared to apply for a pension. I therefore earnestly solicit the favor of being retained in this Range or if that is not practicable of being posted to the Godavery for which act of kindness I shall as in duty bound ever pray for your honor's long life.

I beg to remain &c.
Signed A. Ramiah
Sub. Engineer
/True copy/

A. C. M. S. Captain R. E.
off District Engineer
Ganjain

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Aukojee Ramiah has been employed under my orders first at the construction of the Church and Bul work at Vizagapatam, and since at the Godavery works for 9 years. He has a very decided mechanical talent, and has proved himself a most valuable public servant in every way. He is an excellent builder, but has been employed also in all sorts of works connected these works, especially machinery. He constructed an effective oscillating steam Engine with boiler before he had seen such a thing. His pay hitherto has not been equal to his deserts. I consider him fully entitled to and fit for a much superior charge to his present one of Civil Engineer's maistry.

Dowlaiswaram

Rajahmundry 22d June 1852

(Signed) A. COTTON Lieut-Colonel

Chief Engineer late Civil Engineer 1st Division

A Ramiah is the Civil Engineer's Head Maistry 1st Division. I have known him nearly 6 years, part of which time he has had charge of the Quarry Wagon Worgshop. He is a very clever mechanic of great aptness and perception in his trade. He has had great experience, and is a most efficient, and valuable public servant.

Godavery Annicut

17th April 1852.

(Signed) H. W. RAWLINS Lieutenant

Commanding Depot Sappers & Minors Incharge Quarry & ca

No 280

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue in the D. P. W. under date the 29th April 1852.

Read the following letter from Lieut-Colonel COTTON Incharge Civil Engineer Department in Rajahmundry.

(Here enter dated April 22nd | 52 No. 116)

Ordered that paras 1, 3 and 7 of the foregoing letter be communicated to the Civil Engineer 1st Division with reference to the Extract from the Proceedings dated April 15th | 52 No. 253.

The Maistry Ramiah will join the Krishnah Division if Captain Orr desires it and the Civil Engineer is requested to complete his Establishment from the date on which he entered on his duties.

Lieut:-Colonel COTTON is requested to forward a sketch of the boundary between the Divisions. His application for additional aid will be attended to.
Ordered to be communicated to Lieut:- Colonel Cotton and Captain Orr.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. H. BELL

Secretary Board of Revenue Department P. W.

Despatched 29th April 52

To Lieut:-Colonel COTTON

Chief Engineer

No. 116

To The Secretary Revenue Board.

Department Public Works.

Sir

I should mention that having been a European Officer In-charge of the workshops I think my Successor can spare the Division maistry for the Krishna works, his name is Ramiah, he is most valuable man of remarkable mechanical abilities and is conversant with all the apparatus in use here and I have no doubt would be exceedingly useful to Captain Orr

(True Extract)

Camp at Dowlaishwarum }
22nd April 1852 }

(Signed) A. COTTON Lieut:-Colonel

Civil Engineer Incharge Godavery Division

To The Chief Engineer

Department Public Works

Fort Saint George

Sir

The first mentioned in the list A. Ramiah is at present the Civil Engineer's Maistry but he has been almost exclusively employed in matters connected with the Workshop and has at different times had large numbers of artificers under his orders. He is a man of peculiar Mechanical talent, quick perception and general intelligence, an excellent draughts man and Estimate maker and conversant with all the duties usually pertaining to a Maramut

Superintendent and I must strongly recommend his being appointed one of the 2nd Class on 90 Rs with a view to his ultimately rising to one of the 1st class.

I have &ca &ca

Camp at Dowlaishwarum }
(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain
Civil Engineer 1st Division.
(A true Extract)

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain

Civil Engineer Godavery

I have known Akojee Ramiah for Eight years. He has been for some time Incharge of Artificers at the Quarry conducting the laying and repair of Rail roads construction of cranes, Waggon &ca &ca

He has built and put up nearly all the Lockgates in the District. Is a good Boat builder Has a good deal of inventive talent and a general practical knowledge of construction both wood and Iron. He understands the planning of buildings and other masonry works boats and constructions in timber generally. The making of Estimates and other branches of a Maistries profession. He has altogether greater talent and attainments than are usually met with

I give him this certificate because I am going away to England.

Dowlaishwarum }

4th June 1855 }

(Signed) C. H. HUTCHINSON Captain

Dowlaishwarum Workshops.

My Dear Colonel

Dowlaishwarum 8th October 1855

Accompanying Yoerannah in his journey to Madras goes the Civil Engineer Maistry Akojee Ramiah. I wish for a line to you and, I have great pleasure in recommending him to your notice as I have known him ever since I came into the Department and have had many opportunities of seeing his work. He is possessed of peculiar mechanical talent and is clever at all things and though he cannot speak English as fluently as others he understands all that is said to him on his own craft. I don't know what promotion is in store exactly for men of his class, but I consider his services very valuable. as Major Cotton is at Madras and will be able to tell you more about him than I can express in a letter I will only add a hope that he may obtain such emolument as his services are entitled to

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

8th October

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain

Civil Engineer Godavery Division

Ramiah accompanied me when I was sent to Tanjore and inspected all the works in that province drawing plans of all the principal ones that had been built so that he has seen and is familiar with more great works than any natives of his class.

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain

Civil Engineer Godavery Division

Having known Aukojee Ramiah for six years during the construction of the Godavery Anicut I am able to certify that he is a very excellent workman, and most able and efficient Superintendent of Artificers having unusual mechanical aptness, and great general intelligence. He was a most valuable assistant on the Godavery works, and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to that effect.

Bezorah

27th October 1855

(Signed) Charles A. ORR

No. 608

From Captain F. H. RUNDALL

Civil Engineer Godavery Division

To

Colonel C. E. FABER

Chief Engineer Department Public Works.

Sir

I have the honor to recommend Aukojee Ramiah at present Head Maistry under Civil Engineer Department of this Division, as the fittest and most deserving man I am acquainted with for the post of maramut Superintendent lately vacated by J. Atchoota Naikoo.

I have &ca, &ca,

Dowlaishwarum

3rd December 1855

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain

Civil Engineer Godavery Division

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer Department Public Works

Under date December 1855

Read Letter from the Civil Engineer Godavery Division

(Here enter 3rd December 1855 No 608)

The Chief Engineer authorises the appointment of Aukojee Ramiah to the Office of

maramut Superintendent of the Rajahmundry District on the recommendation of the Civil Engineer, and the favorable reports which have from time to time been made of him induce the Chief Engineer to hope that he will be found a valuable servant in his new Office.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) F. C. COTTON Lieut.-Colonel

Deputy Chief Engineer Department Public Works

To The Civil Engineer Godavery Division.

To The Chief Engineer

Sir,

Department Public Works

I have the honor to inform you that the operations of raising the Coringa Light House 20 feet has been completed. The work was entrusted to Aukojee Ramiah the maramut Superintendent of this District and was very cleverly executed by him without his having had any occasion to discontinue the exhibition of the Light for a single night.

The Light is now 83' 6" above the level of high water mark and may be seen nearly 15 miles off from the Deck of a large ship.

I have &ca &ca

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain

12th September 1855

District Engineer Godavery District

Razole 6th February 1857

Ramiah

I am very glad to see your promotion in the Gazette and feel sure you will continue to be the same useful servant to the Circar and rise to the still higher grades which are before you and to which I consider you have a good chance of obtaining as any man I know.

I am yours truly

(Signed) F. H. RUNDALL Captain

No. 4153

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department Public Works

Under date the 24th August 1859

3 It is highly desirable that some other party besides Veerannah should gain the necessary experience of the Anicut works during the life time of that individual so that in the event of any thing happening to him, there should another ready to take his place.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY Major

Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle.

Extract from a letter No. 77 dated 9th September 1859 from Captain F. H. RUNDALL
District Engineer Godavery Division to Major W. H. HORSLEY Deputy Chief Engineer
Northern Circle Madras

6 In the event of Vecranah's retirement from the service I have another member of the
Department in view equally capable of taking charge of the Anicut namely Assistant Supervisor
Ramiah who has the present charge of the Rajahmundry Range but who would be removed
to the special charge of the Anicut whenever the necessity arose.

Dowlaiswarum

9th September 1854

My Dear Sir,

My brother wishes to employ you immediately if you can come to him. He offers
you 250 Rs a month now and he will consider what is to be done about your claims to
the Government Pension when he sees you. If you like I dare say I could get you some
months leave at first so that you might have time to consider before you finally give up
the Government service

Colonel Cotton wants to have you as his native Assistant to accompany himself and help
him in all matters.

I think you would find this a very suitable situation for you
Pray let me know as soon as possible, If you accept this he would like you to join him
at Kurnool as soon as you can.

Believe me,

Yours Sincerely

(Signed) A. COTTON

No 435

To The Deputy Chief Engineer

Northern Circle

Sir

As there will shortly be a vacancy as Supervisor in this District in the
room of Mr. W. Stoddard who has lately tendered his resignation, I have much pleasure in
forwarding an original application (accompanied by copies of testimonials) from Assistant
Supervisor A. Ramiah for promotion.

It would be perhaps superfluous for me to add any thing in his favour after the
excellent testimonials he has received from such Officers of Engineers as Colonel Sir A Cotton
Col. Orr, Captain Hutchinson and Col. Rundall

I have known A. Ramiah for 9 Years, and am of opinion that there is not a more

useful Subordinate in the Executive Department, and I consider him fully deserving of promotion
to the grade of Supervisor.

A. Ramiah has now served upwards of 19 Years in the Department, of which he has
passed 5 Years and 9 months in his present grade of Assistant Supervisor and by Government
order No 988 dated 8th May 1862 he is quite eligible for promotion to the Supervisor grade
by length of service alone.

Godavery District
Engineer's Office
Dowlaiswarum
14th October 1862

(Signed) J. F. STODDARD Major

District Engineer Godavery District

No 755

Madras Irrigation and Canal Company

Hindry Division

Kurnool 13th November 1862

To

A. Ramiah Gauroo

Assistant Supervisor

Sir,

If you would like an appointment in this Company, and Government
would allow you to resign your present employ, I am authorized to offer you one, on a
salary of Rs. 300 Monthly Please favor me with an immediate answer.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Signed) R. Smith

No 69

To

The Superintending Engineer

1st Division Vizagapatam

4 Assistant Supervisor A. Ramiah has been offered 300 Rupees by the Madras Irrigation
Company over and over again I know, and I consider he is well worth it. It would be a pity
to lose such an intelligent clever man and I hope he will receive promotions in our Department

(Signed) J. F. STODDARD Major

District Engineer Godavery

Extract from List of Subordinates Recommended for Promotion to the Rank of Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, and Overseer, on the ground of merit and Superior attainments.

Rank and Name	Length of service in the Department	Date of appointment to present rank	To what rank recommended to be promoted	Grounds of recommendation.
Assistant Supervisor A. Ramiah	Years, M D 18. 4. 16.	1st. January. 1857.	Supervisor.	A Ramiah possesses very considerable knowledge of Engineering. He can draw plans very neatly and Estimates correctly. His attainments were very highly thought of by Colonel Sir A. Cotton (who first employed him at Vizagapatam) Major General F. Cotton Colonel Rundall, Captain Haig and Captain Hutchinson. He was selected by Sir A. Cotton to accompany Captain (now Colonel Rundall) on a tour of inspection of the Irrigation works in Tanjore in 1845, From all these officers he has obtained the most flattering testimonials From my knowledge of A. Ramiah, extending now over 9 Years. I can safely bear testimony to his zeal and intelligence as an Executive Officer of the D. P. W.

Dowlaiswaram. }
13th July 1863

(Signed) J F. STODDARD Major
District Engineer Godavary District

Extract from a letter No. 1263 dated 29th September 1863 from Captain O. W. S. Chambers R. E. Superintending Engineer 1st Division to Col C. A. Orr R. E. Secretary to Government Department Public Works Madras.

3 Rajahmundry is favorably situated with regard to facilities for obtaining lime stone and other building materials, and Supervisor Ramiah is notoriously the most economical Builder of the Range Officers of the Godavery else Government would have to pay a larger sum than 55000 Rupees for giving way to the prejudices and apprehensions of the European community at Waltair.

(THE ABOVE ARE TRUE COPIES)

(Signed) J. G. RYVES Captain R. E.

Superintending Engineer 1st Division.

To

No. 2002

8th September 1864

Secretary to Chief Commissioner Central Province.

Sir

With reference to my letter (dated about 2nd Instant) (I have not now the means of ascertaining its Number) applying for men to fill certain vacancies in the Subordinate Establishment. I have the honor to state that since my arrival at this place. I have received an application for employment which I lose no time in reporting to the Chief Commissioner with an earnest request that it may be granted.

Ramiah Supervisor on the Madras Establishment is now willing to take service in the Upper Godavery provided that he receives such an increase of rank and salary as is suitable to his great experience and excellent abilities.

2 I have known Ramiah since 1847. He was one of the staff employed in the construction of the Dowlaiswaram Annicut and the subsidiary works There was then, and has ever since been but one opinion about him among all the Officers who know him and who consider him one of the most able and thoroughly efficient superintendents of work they have ever met

I have before me testimonials given to him by Sir Arthur Cotton Col C. A. Orr and Lieut. Col. Rundall all successively incharge of the Delta works all testify to Ramiah's value and efficiency Copies of these will be sent to you by Major Stoddard who also has the highest opinion of Ramiah.

I have also seen letters from Sir A. Cotton offering Ramiah a situation of Rs 250 per Month in the Madras Irrigation company works in Karnool, and a subsequent one from an Executive Engineer offering him by desire of the Chief Engineer a similar Situation on 300 Rupees.

The Agent of the Cuttack Company has also offered him a similar salary.

3 Ramiah has for some years past had executive charge of a Range with an annual expenditure of 50,000 to 60,000 Rupees increased this year to a Lac, and he is quite capable of managing a larger expenditure than this. He is an excellent Workman and builder with remarkable mechanical talent as all his testimonials certify and he has an influence in the Delta which will enable him to render the greatest assistance on the Upper River in procuring increased Supplies of labour. He has for some years past been employed in the upper District of Godavery Division where there is much forest and is therefore incurred to fever a very important qualification. altogether Ramiah's qualifications are such that I have never yet received an offer of service in the Upper Godavery of such value or one which I should be so disappointed to be compelled to refuse.

4 I beg therefore to request that Ramiah may be transferred from the Madras Establishment to that of the Government of India in the grade of Sub Engineer 2nd Class the salary of which is only that which has as I have above stated been offered to him by Sir Arthur Cotton, by the Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation company, and by the agent of the Cuttack Irrigation company

I trust that this proposal will meet with the approval and support of the Chief Commissioner and that the great difficulty experienced in procuring really qualified Superintendence for the Upper Godavery works will be deemed cause sufficient for setting aside if necessary any of the ordinary rules which may be in the way of such an arrangement.

I attach the greatest importance to this appointment and would recommend it most strongly.

If made, it will render some alteration necessary in the details of the subordinate Establishment recently proposed for sanction, but this is not a matter of the slightest importance.

5 If my recommendation is approved, and the arrangement carried out, I would request that the earliest possible intimation of it may be sent by telegraph to Major Stoddard as it will materially affect the progress that may be made at the 1st Barrier this year if Ramiah can be appointed to that Division early in the season.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) F. T. HAIG Captain

Superintending Engineer Upper Godavery Circle

To

Supervisor Ramiah

I return you your testimonials and the book of copies, the latter with my signature.

I trust that the delay which has occurred in returning them to you, will not have caused you any inconvenience. It was caused by my having left the papers behind at Waltair when I went on circuit in the Vizagapatam and Ganjam Districts during the last two months.

Your services have been applied for by the Government of India, but I have reported that you cannot be spared by us.

I consider that you have a claim to promotion in the Madras P. W. Department which I will lose no time in laying before Government

I am

Yours truly

(Signed) J. G. Ryves Captain R. E.

Superintending Engineer 1st Division

Waltair

18th March 1865

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P. Dr. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Court

From

Read the following:-

The offy: District Engineer

Lanjum

(H. E. No. 559 of 22nd Mar 1873)

Ahojee Ramiah

having been promoted to

the rank of Sub Engineer

on the 14th May 1872, over

the heads of seven of his

JOS

he is so old & affable seniors (three of whom

here turns a servant were deserving of promo-

that he has to wait now and have since

he has been simply received it) simply for

that the Engineer the encouragement of

if service be made

conclusion in the list

request, the return is 15th 1873

the Native Upper Subordi-
nates of the Department.

The Government have a
right to demand that
his services be made
available where help is
most required by District
Engineers. And it is only
a couple of months since
the District Engineer of
Ganjam brought forward
a similar request that
Ensign Lever might not
be transferred to Nellore,
which was complied with.

At this rate the public
interests will end in
being made quite subser-
-vient to the wishes of
individuals.

The

The Godavari Dis-
trict Engineer has intimated by telegraph
that he cannot spare
any one of sufficient
standing to replace
Rammiah at Nellore.
and he will accordingly
be instructed to join
without delay, imme-
-diately after relief by
Ensign Lever.

G.M.W.

The District Engineer of the
Godavari District has intimated
by telegraph that he cannot spare
any one of sufficient standing to
replace Rammiah at Nellore.
and he will accordingly be instructed
to join without delay, immediately
after relief by Ensign Lever.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following

Letter

From the Offg. Dy. Engr
Panjam -

(H. 2. 205597 22nd
March 1873)

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
regrets that the exigencies
of the service preclude
compliance with this re-
quest, and requests
that Sub Engineer Ramiah
be instructed to join at
Bellare immediately after
relief by Ensign Lever.

G.M.W.

To The Dy. Engr
Panjam

Do Bellare

Comdr. of R. & S. Staff

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To
The District Engineer
Gangam

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G. O., 21 April 1873. No. 1151.

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Sahibji Ramiah.

Declining to comply
with the request for his
transfer to the Madras
District & instructing
him to join at Bellary
immediately after re-
lief by Major General.