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DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1873.*

No. 107. Read the following endorsement of the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 3rd April 1873, No. 31:—

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R. E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Chepauk, 1st April 1873, No. 3.

In reply to your docket No. 4,039, of 31st ultimo, I have the honour to state, that in addition to the contingent establishment of extra coolies dispensed with on 14th December last, there are twelve lascars and seven peons on the permanent establishment of the Public Works Store Department.

2. It was customary to employ the extra coolies as occasion required, the daily muster book being kept by the Deputy Store-keeper and Cooly Maistry (Vencatarungum), and as from report I had reason to doubt the correctness of the number of coolies employed daily, I made inquiries, from which I opined that the same unsatisfactoriness of the Contingent Store Accounts extended through the Contingent Cooly Account, and as there was little work doing at the time, and to prevent further abuse, their services were dispensed with, all indents for extra coolies and petty stores being made on the Workshop, thus rendering unnecessary the keeping of contingent accounts by the Deputy Store-keeper. The Cooly Maistry Vencatarungum, whilst in the Store employ, was in the habit of engaging his own bullock-bandy in the removal of stores, and this with the knowledge of the Deputy Store-keeper.

SUBMITTED to Government in obedience to memorandum No. 19, Petition
One Enclosure.—General No. 4,121. Department, dated 24th March 1873.
(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1873, No. 1,294.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 22.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs the Presidency District Engineer to intimate to the Superintendent of Public Works Stores his disapproval of that gentleman's summary manner of dealing with his subordinates, especially those of old standing who have earned the right of being treated with fairness and consideration.

2. The petitioner will be re-instated, and in future Mr. Grainger will obtain the District Engineer's sanction before dispensing with any of his permanent establishment.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Public Works Store Dept
Chepauk 28th March 1873
No 1307

From

The General Superintendent
P & S Store Workshops

To
The District Engineer
Presidency
Fort St George

Sir

In reply to your No 1905 of 27th instant
forwarding copy of memo from Secretary to Government
D P to dated 24th March 1873 No 19, I have the
honor to state that the services of the Store Con-
-tingent Cooks (about 10 in number) were discontinued
with effect from the 14th December 1872, including Kitchens
-Punjam Nanded the Cooks remaining

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedient servant
J. H. M. M. M.
Genl Supr P & S Stores &c

Workshop

P. 9. 2165/78.

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Public Works Store Department
Circular No. 100
To
The General Superintendent.
Public Works Store and Workshop
Chennai.

To
The District Engineer.
Madurai.
About St. George.

Sir,
In reply to your letter of 25th Dec. 1890.
I have the honor to state that in addition to the contingent
establishment of extra cooks, dispensed with on 11th Dec.
last, there are twelve (12) Nicars and four (4) Poonies
the permanent establishment of the P. W. Store Department.

It was customary to supply the extra establishment
on occasion required the duty being kept by
the Deputy Storekeeper and the Cooks (Nicars)
(Tamil) and as far as I had reason
to doubt the correctness of the number of extra employees
I made inquiries from which I learned that
the same number of the contingent Store Room
included through the contingent Cooks because as there
was little work being at the time and to prevent further
about the services were dispensed with. All orders for
extra cooks and petty stores being made in the
Workshop.

Worthless than rendering unnecessary the keeping
of contingent accounts by the Deputy Storekeeper.
The worthy Master, *Conditurumque*, whilst in
the Store employing was in the habit of engaging
his own bullock cart for the removal of stores
and this with the knowledge of the Deputy
Storekeeper.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

J. M. M. M.
General Capt. P. M. M.
Master

Retirement

No. 586 of 1873 of 28 Feb. 1873
R. 1 St. March

Thos. C. Viraaswamy Naider
late Deputy Accountant
Madura, Range office Madras

Referring to the order
of Government dated 7 Decem. 586
of 1872 No 2897 declining to per. The Government declines to
mit his reappointment to any permanent post in the Depart. arrived at after the fullest
consideration of the case
on the ground of his having resigned the probatary of
appointment conferred on him
by the Superintending Engi-
neer, states that during a long
course of 19 years service he has
earned the appreciation of all
the officers under whom he
served Senior Lieutenant Sheppard
R. E. who after having twice
recommended him for pro-
motion deemed it proper to
stigmatize

P. M. 1873 No 2165
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Thos. C. Viraaswamy Naider
late Deputy Accountant
Madura, Range office Madras

Noted 3rd April 1873.
Recd 3rd April 1873.
No. 1. No 31.

Subscribed by

a report relative
to the cordis &c
who were changed
from the 10th to the
10th of March

(1. Viraaswamy Naider)

Subscribed to Government
in substance to Mr.
No 19 (No 2165)
dated 24th March 1873

Subscribed by Mr. C. Viraaswamy Naider
late Deputy Accountant
Madura, Range office Madras

Noted 3rd April 1873
Recd 3rd April 1873

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stigmatize his character and
caused his suspension from
the service; that Lieutenant
Sheppard's exertions were thus
successfully employed simply
to give petitioner's part to a
person in Mr Randall's office
whom he liked; that the reflections
cast upon petitioner by the said
officers influenced Mr Leggett
to refuse to accept his services
in the Madras Range where
petitioner was appointed by
the Superintending Engineer
there to, that he then transferred
to a probationary appointment
in Trivernally District; that
he tendered his resignation only
from a fear of his character
being still severely attacked.

Prays that he may be
pardoned for the imprudent
course he has taken and
that he may be restored to
the service.

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No. 611 of 1873 of 20th Feb 1873

B. 4 March ..

From Vincent Linggiu Nai
Soo Loo Taidab and Maistary
in the Public Works Department
Madras.

Brings to notice that
he has served the Government
for 16 years faithfully and to
the satisfaction of his superiors in Council declines to
as the fact that his salary was before a petitioner the greater
raised from Rs 6 to Rs 30 and part of which carried off
of itself shows that Mr Linggiu's matter quite irrelevant to
having been displeased with the petitioner's personal
petitioner for his having been present which balance
strict with a cool man and Duff he has a right to present.
has married Siridan Moosam,
who was doing the Superin-
tendent's household business. I would call for a full
has dispensed with the services of petitioner who is in consequence under which the Pet. was
reduced to great sufferings. desimised. G. H. 1873

Prays therefore that
his case may be enquired into
and that he may be restored to
his

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his former post, which cannot
be abolished.

No 636 of 1873 Sept 1st March 1873

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to From Sacramento Register.

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Bring in to notice

that he submitted a petition that his former post was
to the Government registered on forwarded to the
of the State Register last and the Government
several others, saying that the Government
Government may grant cannot interfere.
to him some means
of livelihood.

From Santa Cruz

24th March 1873

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Madras 20 February 1873.

To
The Right Honorable The Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of Venkatarungum Naidoo late
Tindal and Assistant in the Public Works Stores Department.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

1. That Your Petitioner is deeply sensible of Your Lordships unflinching and unyielding probity in disposing Justice to each and all the millions under Your Lordships administration in this Presidency but being sorely aggrieved at his unjust dismissal by Mr. Gunninger the General Superintendent of the Public Works Stores and as his appeal to him did not meet with success Your Petitioner begs leave most respectfully to lay for Your Lordships consideration the circumstances which led to his dismissal and further facts to substantiate the same.

2. That Your Petitioner entered the above Stores in the above capacity in January 1857 and continued as such till December 1872 during which period Your Petitioner was posted to several trying and laborious duties all of which he conducted skilfully and to the entire satisfaction of his superiors who in evidence thereto and appreciation thereof augmented his small salary of Rupees 6 to that of Rupees 30 which will of itself speak for the faithful service rendered by Your Petitioner.

3. That during the superintendence of Captain Cutley Your Petitioner was engaged in assisting in the landing of heavy machinery and other stores and in the despatching of the same to Dowlaishinnam Workshops the duties of which he executed

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exposed to the entire satisfaction of his superiors and more especially to the satisfaction of that able and strict Officer /Captain Cusley/ having thereby subjected himself to hunger and starvation which words cannot paint nor language describe owing to his having had to be present at the landing from 6 A.M. to 7 or 8 P.M. in laboring like a mere cooly in removing the unwieldy pieces of machinery sea, standing and working in the surf and waves at the risk of his life. That in addition to this Your Petitioner had to execute similar work but under greater disadvantages foregoing even his health and this was when stores were landed and despatched to the Upper Indravary District which he performed with the sole aim of rendering faithful and true services to the Government and thereby gaining a good name.

4. That during the superintendence of Mr Moncrieff Your Petitioner was placed in a much arduous position than that already narrated which was, in landing heavy machines received from the Downlandmoran and Reznorah Workshops and more especially in removing the same both by day and night to the Office premises at Chepauko.

5. That during the heavy Cyclone experienced at Madras during the superintendence of both Messrs Moncrieff and Granger Your Petitioner rendered very great and faithful assistance at the hazard of his life by having had to mount the zinc roofing the sheets of which were being blown off by the heavy gust of wind then blowing and setting them right to guard against danger and accident thereby exposing himself to eminent danger which at once proves Petitioner's readiness and willingness and faithfulness to expose himself to danger to render satisfaction to Government and his superiors.

6. That when the dredge boats and Punt had to be launched into the Coovva River for Negapatnam the work performed

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by Your Petitioner was so tedious and laborious and hazardous that Major Hawkins the then Assistant Chief Engineer rewarded your Petitioner for his services rendered and assistance given to the Mechanical Engineer Mr Hochstadt in the completion of the above work during the execution of which your Petitioner received a sore wound in his feet by which he suffered for nearly 3 months.

7. That at the time when the Marine Engines were being despatched to the Coleroon Cement Works the tire of one of the wheels of the Cart conveying the same having got loose on their way during the 9th mile Your Petitioner was ordered by Mr Moncrieff the then General Superintendent at about 5 P.M. to start off to the spot at once attend to the execution of the work to be done and despatch the same to its destination before the break of day. Your Petitioner in acting up to this order experienced great difficulty and inconvenience in devising a plan to do the work without unloading the Cart which he did and despatched the Cart before the break of day for which Mr Moncrieff was highly pleased with Your Petitioner.

8. That Your Petitioner with a view to discharge his work faithfully and conscientiously as a master made his duty to keep a strict muster Roll of the Coolies who were under his charge, amongst which Coolies Your Petitioner always found one Parthas Moosavin then a Cooly (now deceased) very irregular in his attendance and negligent of orders and that when called upon for an explanation for such conduct he would reply that he was employed on the General Superintendents (Mr Granger) domestic work in purchasing pease &c and attending to other menial works. that this Cooly latterly had the indulgence /granted by Mr Granger/ of attending at the Stores at 10 O'clock after the completion of his work at Mr Grangers house thus having two hour advantage over his brother coolies who have to attend at 8 O'clock; that this indulgence tended to make the man more independent

independent will be borne out by the fact that he used to attend
later and when questioned answer impatiently which
behaviour of his Your Petitioner always brought to the notice of
his superiors.

9. That because Your Petitioner practised justice in this matter
and not knowing he was a favorite of the General Superin-
tendent Your Petitioner together with the whole Contingent
Establishment were dismissed without any just cause but
by sheer prejudice against attributable to the said Bidadar Hossain.

10. That Your Petitioner begs to submit that since the enter-
tainment of the said Bidadar Hossain he became a
favorite of Mr Granger having ingratiated himself into his
favor by attending to his household and domestic affairs
thoroughly neglecting public affairs for which he was paid. That
when Mr Granger went on Privilege leave in August or
September 1891 to Pulicat for 10 or 15 days, he ordered the

said Bidadar Hossain to prepare his jobbing books and Ledger
which he did by appropriating Official time to private use
and further accompanied Mr Granger to Pulicat his absence
in the master's Bell having been shown as on real duty in
evidence to this another Person named Gungar and was
engaged to take papers from Mr Brock then in charge of
the Office to Mr Granger at Pulicat the said Bidadar Hossain
being engaged as stated in doing Mr Granger's private work
being paid from the public stores for private work done.

Again when Mr Granger went to Yercaud on Privilege
leave in 1892 he granted the said Bidadar Hossain also
leave and took him together which opportunity he embraced
of prejudicing Mr Granger's mind against Your Petitioner and
those whom he disliked which fact will be proved that when
the General Superintendent resumed his duties the said
Bidadar Hossain foretold things which really did happen;
in fact his word was and still is law with Mr Granger
for all his enemies have been discharged and the engaging
of hands from the Manager downwards rests with the Bidadar
that

11. That Your Petitioner feeling sanguine that this is an oppor-
tunity held out to lay facts before Your Lordship and the Govern-
ment showing how you are deceived by a Public servant in
the discharge of his duties and his acting in a manner
quite detrimental to the interests of Government begs to lay the
following for Your Lordship's consideration.

1st Whether Mr Granger is justified in getting a public cart
to do his private work and making Government pay for him.

2nd Whether Mr Granger is justified when going to Yercaud in
ordering Packing Cases of Sealers to be made for him by the
Stone Department which were made by the Carpenter lately
attached in the Stone Contingent Establishment without paying
for them. and returning them after use. being unfit for any
purpose from their monstrous size. but to be broken up.

3rd Whether Mr Granger is justified in taking out of the stores
a large quantity of packing ^{unknown payment} timber and ordering the Ten British
to make two large boxes out of them fitted with hinges & locks
for his own private use.

4th Whether Mr Granger is justified in ordering four pairs
of hinges, clasps, and staples to be made in the ^{Work} shop
fitted to the 4 boxes already alluded to, returning the
hinges of 3 boxes only and giving one box for the use
of the Stone Carpenter to put in his tools &c not paying for any
all of which were for his private use.

5th Whether Mr Granger is justified in getting the Coolies
who supplied water to the workmen to supply water
at his house also and paying them from the public
expense for private work done.

That Your Petitioner having thus
said before Your Lordship his long and
faithful

faithful service in the above states which
extend above 16 years the duties of
which he has conducted with great
zeal, energy and faith and gained
the good Will and approbation of his
superiors who are quite cognizant of
his services rendered as already shown
and having laid before Your Lordship
as far as his little knowledge will admit
the conduct of the General Superintendent
as well as his doings as a Public
servant on whom rests great res-
ponsibility and in whom the Govern-
ment repose great confidence. Your
Petitioner now begs leave to lay his
deplorable case for Your Lordships
sympathy and consideration. That
in December 1872 to his great surprise
and sorrow Your Petitioner's services
were dispensed with without in the least
taking into sympathy his long and
faithful service. That Your Petitioner
who is encumbered with a large and
growing family entirely dependent
upon him for support prostrates
himself at Your Lordships feet with
a broken heart having spent his youth
and strength in rendering faithful
service to Government believing he
and in his old age have some com-
passionate allowance given him
with a good name - but in which he
was sadly disappointed.

That in 1863 in the reorganization
of

of the Public Works Department the Clean-
ing branch of the Permanent Establishment
was dispensed with and was made to
meet the expenditure out of the amount
sanctioned for contingent expenses by the
then Officer in Charge and a regular
Establishment with slight alterations
under the old scale was kept up till my
dismissal viz December 1872 which
dismissal he firmly believes happened
all on account of the mind of Mr. Phipps
having been prejudiced by Ordar Hossein.
That the work in the Store Department
is done now by extra coolies engaged
by and sent for from the Workshops and
Ladys. Your Petitioner very respectfully
craves leave to beg of Your Lordship to
receive the statements contained in
this Petition enquire there, investigate
into the matter and if satisfied as
to their correctness relieve an old and
faithful servant of Government and his
large family from the pangs of hunger
and starvation which stares at them
in the face owing to Petitioner's sudden
and unjust dismissal and be
graciously moved to order him to
be reinstated in his post again
which is still vacant and which
must be dispensed with as a person in his
age is most essential for the working
after of the same.

And Your Petitioner thus firmly
and ever prays
J. Jencatarangum

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Place in the number
of the year in 1864
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Memorandum

The District Presidency is
requested to inform the
District a full report
of the circumstances under
which Venkatraman Chetty,
late Landal & Braooy
in the M. S. R. R. at
Chepank, was drowned
by the Great East.

L. M. M.

From the George
24th March 1873

To
The District Engr. Presidency (Recd 25/3)

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Prays, therefore, that his case may be enquired into and that he may be restored to his

Government of Madras,
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 614 of 1873.

From Venkataramam
Saidoo

Occupation. Late Sirdar and
Jewellery in the Public
Village. Works stores

Talook. Cherpauk

District. Madras

Dated 20th February 1873

Received 4th March 1873

Enclosures.
Pl. No. 1294 of 73 (Pl. 7)
Abstract.

Brings to notice that he has served the Govt for 16 years. faithfully and to the satisfaction of his superiors as the fact that

Letter from District Engineer, Presidency, dated 3rd April 73. No 31.

Submitted with reference

I see no proof whatever of any offence having been committed by Venkataramam. Mr. Sirdar in the Public Works
Grainger seems to me to have extraordinary ideas of what is evidence.
I would direct the
reemployment of the Petitioner
and would ask the Dist
Engineer to warn Mr
Grainger on the duty
of dealing with Farmers
& consideration
Venkataramam has 16 years approved service -

Submitted with reference to remarks on proposed endorsement upon petition from Venkataramam, late Sirdar in the Public Works Stores. C. W. W.

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Mr. Occellone, the
Governor in Council
directs the President of
District Engineer to in-
timate to the Superin-
tendant of Public Works
thru his disapproval
of that gentleman's sam-
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The Petitioner—

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will obtain the District
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disposing with any
of his permanent establish-
ment.

Yours

To the Hon^{ble} Pres^{ident}

Dec^r 16th May 1893.

Wm. Granger
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Govt. of 118731 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer

Presidency

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G.O. 8th May 1294.

Nos. 107 & 108

Mr. Stores. Passing

orders on papers relating
to the Receipt of
Venkataraman Naidu,
late Naidal. in the
Stores.