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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd July **1873.**

Read the following papers :—

No. 369.	From the District Engineer, Presidency,	No. 866,	dated 29th May 1873			
No. 370.	Do.	do.	,,	,,	867,	,, ,,
No. 371.	Do.	do.	,,	,,	869,	,, ,,
No. 372.	Do.	do.	,,	,,	870,	,, ,,

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1873, No. 1,863.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 40.

In the matter of petitions from Gungaram Sing, late Duffadar, M. Moonesawmy, late peon, Teroovengudum and Veerojee, late lascars in the Public Works Stores, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the permanent establishment of such men employed at the Workshop and Stores be revised by the District Engineer, and the dismissal or re-entertainment of the petitioners be carried out according to his judgement. And the General Superintendent of the Workshop will be prohibited from hereafter dismissing any men of the establishment without the sanction and approval of the District Engineer; whose approval will also be obtained for all promotions or degradations.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. H. W. French.

Spare copies.

Duplicate.

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Mazarnamah

We the undersigned who are neighbourers to Solyappa Moodr. & Veerogee do hereby state & affirm that Solyappa Moodr. proceeded to Trivellore on the 27th January /73 & Returned the next day.

1. Moondasamy Moor

2 Annasawmymooder

M. Namasivaya Moodyr

W. Vardiah

C. Ramanjulu

We do hereby certify that Solyappa Moodr. went with us to Trivellore & was absent from his house from 9 P.M. of the 27th to 4 A.M. of the 28th Jany. /73

C. L. Ramsingh

M. Annamallyselloor

I certify that by the desire of Solyappa Moodr.'s uncle I have perused & explained to him the Contents of the unsealed letter brought by Veerogee to the address of Solyappa Moodr. who proceeded to Trivellore on the 27th Jany. /73 & was consequently absent from his house.

Vanoovanalingapillay

No. 866.

From

Lt. Coll J. Goddard R.E.
Dist. Engineer. Presy

To

Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engr. & Secre. to Govt. D.P.W.

Enclo.
1. Petition with Endorsement.

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No. 524 of 1st March 73 on the appeal from Veerojee Lascar in the P.W. Stores, I have the honor to report that the Genl. Supdt. admits the truth of Veerojee's statement, with the exception of course of para 4 of his petition now returned for reference.

2. It is true that Sirdar Hoossain was a cooly — only two years ago, but I fully acquit the Genl. Supdt. of any sordid motives while at the same time, I am of opinion that Sirdar Hossain is at the bottom of a

great deal of the Genl. Supdt's troubles, and I told the Genl. Supdt. that this was my opinion, but he totally disagrees with me.

3. During Enquiry into this case, Evidence was elicited which goes to prove that Sirdar Hossain made mischief and succeeded in producing false evidence. I have not a doubt of it: I think matters would mend in the P.W. Stores and Workshops if the Genl. Supdt. got rid of him.

4 I do not think this man is worthy of the punishment inflicted on him – a fine of one or two days cooly, would answer every purpose.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant

Jno Goddard. Lt. Col. R.E.

Fort St. George
29 May 1873

Distt. Engineer – Presidency

Government of Madras. 9

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

Petition No. 524 of 1873.

From Veerogee

Occupation. Dismissed Lascar of the P. W. Stores.

Village.

Talook. Chepauk

District. Madras

Dated }
Received } 24th February 1873.

P.W. 3166/73. Enclosures. 3.

Abstract.

Appealing against his unjust dismissal by the General Supt. P.W. Stores ~~which~~ was confirmed on appeal by the District Engineer, states that at about 3 P.M. on the 27th January 1873, according to the Supt's order, he carried a letter addressed to the Dy Storekeeper to his house, and being informed by his uncle that he had proceeded to Trivellore, he reported the matter to the accountant in the presence of the Supt; that ~~the~~ unfortunately the Duffadar Syudar Hossain misrepresented to the Supt. that the Dy Storekeeper was present at his house and perused the letter; that the General Supt. without

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P. W. 1873 Departt.
Pro: of Govt for July
From No 3166.
The Dist. Engineer
Reg.

To.
The Secre: to Govt.
D.P.W.

Dated 29th
Recd 30th May 1873

Encl. No 866.

Reports the results of an enquiry into the dismissal of Veeroopa Lascar P.W. Stores.

No. 1863 - 22nd July 73.

Ans. 869
Despd to Coly 30 May 73.

enquiry dismissed him on the 28th January 1873 when he was on leave;

Stating circumstances to refute the charges brought against him, prays for restoration to his former post.

No. 524 of 1873

Petition Supt.

27th February 73

No. 1145

Public Works Store Department
Chepauk 15th February 1873.

From
The General Superintendent
Public Works Stores & Workshops
Chepauk.

To
The District Engineer
Presidency
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 3397 of 14th instant and its enclosures I have the honor to state that Mr. Moonsawmy was made Peon in the P.W. Stores on 1st July last and was reduced to Lascar on 22nd January 1873 he refused to do lascar's duty unless he was given office work to do upon which he was dismissed. A copy of Memo in order book on this case is enclosed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant

J. H. Grainger
General Supt. P.W. Stores & Works

Memo.

Peon Mo. Moonesawmy having been reduced to Lascar (for having left his Watch for several days consecutively) now refuses to do Lascar's duty saying that he was always employed in the Office before and he will only do Office work now. — To be dismissed.

(Signed) J. H. Granger.
General Supdt. P.W. Stores & Workshops.

22d. January 1873.

(True Copy) J. H. Granger
General Supdt. P.W. Stores & Workshops

No. 3420 17th February 1873.
Distt Engineers Office Presidency

Submitted in original for the orders of Government

Jno Goddard Lt Col. RE
Distt Engineer Presidency

To The Ch. Engineer & Sec. to Govt. D.P.W
Fort St George

P.W. 1873 Depart
No. 1081.

From.
The Dist. Engineer,
Presidency.

Dated 17th } February/73.
Recd 17th }
Encl: 2. No. 3420.

Submitting a Letter from the Genl Supdt P.W. Stores regarding the degradation & dismissal of M. Moonesawmy Lascar –

With endorsement

Would refer both
these petitions (one
mention other Petn)
to Col Goddard & request him
personally to enquire
into the subject & report.
I think Mr Grainger is behaving
spitefully

Cir 19/2/73
Rd 24/2/73

The following endorsement will be passed on Petition No. 297 of 1873.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason to interfere in Petitioner's behalf.

C.L.S.

Public Works Stores [illegible]
No. 1144. Chepauk 15th Feby 1873

From
The General Superintendent
Public Works Stores & Workshop.
Chepauk

To
The District Engineer
Presidency
Fort St George

Sir

I [illegible]

That [illegible] Lascar in [illegible] was reported as absenting himself without leave for four days during the suspension of the Deputy Store Keeper (whose duties I had to attend to personally) and for not cleaning the Store Verandah and Weighing Machine for which I considered him responsible to some extent. I dismissed him.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
J. J. Grainger
General Supdt P.W. Stores & Works

P. W. 1873 Depart

No. 1080.

From.
The Dist. Engineer.
Presidency.

Dated 17th } February/73.
Recd 17th }
En: 1. No. 3419.

Submitting a letter from the Genl. Supdt. P. W. Stores reporting the dismissal of a Lascar—

With endorsement.

No. 3419

17th February 1873
Dist. Engineer's Office Presidency

Submitted in original for the orders of Government—

C. Goddard Lt. Col. R.E.
Dist. Engineer Presidency,

To The Ch. Engineer & Secy. to Govt. D.P.W.
Fort St. George.

The following endorsement will be passed on Petition No. 322 of 1873.

"His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason to interfere in Petitioner's behalf."

C.J.S.

Gmm

I think this very harsh proceeding in the case of a man of 16 years service. A fine or suspension for a short period wd. be the proper punishment for the offence of absence without leave. 19/2/73 for 4 days. It looks very like petty spite. A.C.

Col. Goddard will investigate the circumstances under which the Superintendent of the Government workshops dismissed the petitioner whose representations to Government are herewith enclosed and will report fully on the subject to Government.

C.J.S.

Gmm

Fort St. George
27th February 1873

To the Distt. Engineer,
Presidency with 2 petns.

Petition (Pub Works) Depts
No 247
322 } 1873

27th February 1873

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31/3/73

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

The humble petition of Gangaramding
late a Duffadar, but now, a Peon in
the Public Works Stores and workshops.
Chepauk.

Most humbly sheweth.

That your Lordships poor petitioner has served the Government originally in the capacity of a Peon, but subsequently as a Duffadar in the Public Works Department for a period extending over 29 years.

2. That the annexed copies of testimonials granted by Engineer Officers, who have tried your Lordships poor petitioner for 29 years will testify, that he has faithfully and honestly discharged the duties entrusted to him.

3. That, on the 1st February 1873, Mr J N Grainger, the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and workshops, has summarily reduced your Lordships poor petitioner on suspicion, from the position of a Duffadar to that of a Peon, on the alleged ground that he had conveyed certain information to the Storekeeper and the Assistant Storekeeper which is untrue.

4. That your Lordships poor petitioner must not here omit to mention that, he has not only performed his Official duties, but that he has also transacted Mr Graingers Butlers business.

5 That your Lordships poor petitioner appealed against this act of injustice to Lieutenant Colonel Goddard R. E. the District Engineer, Presidency, who upon the false report submitted by Mr Grainger, confirmed the reduction.

6. That your Lordships poor petitioner next appealed

to.

No. [illegible]

to Colonel Walker R. E the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, who again referred him to Lieutenant Colonel Goddard, R. E.

7. That your Lordships poor petitioner finding that memorializing the above Gentlemen is productive of no good results, and believing that justice can only be administered by your Lordship-in-Council; he most earnestly and confidently leaves his case in your Lordships hands, feeling assured that he will not now be reduced as the reward of his past services.

8. That your Lordships poor petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Madras
24th March 1873

Gungaronsing

No 867

From

The District Engineer
Presidency.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclos.
1. Petition & endorsement thereon.

With reference to your endorsement No 849 dated 13th May 1873 on the petition of Gunga Ram Singh late a Duffadar in the P.W. Stores, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. The petitioner has been 29 years in Government employ, and that there is not a single case of misconduct recorded against him in any Office, or by any Officer. The General Superintt in a letter No 839 dated 27th October 1872 to the Secretary to Government P.W.D. characterizes the Petitioner "an honest, "truthful man of 25 years standing "and approved service in Government "employ."

2. On the 30th January 1872 the

petitioner was promoted to the rank of Duffadar by the Genl. Supdt. and by him reduced on the 1st January 1873

3 During the whole of this period the Petitioner was Mr. Grainger's personal orderly.

4 The General Superintendent states that he reduced the Petitioner because he failed to collect intelligence when required and because he was unable to answer questions on any subject when required to do so in connection with peons or coolies or any one in the Workshop.

5 On remarking to the Genl. Superintendent that it appeared strange, that he should have in the first instance promoted a man with defects so apparent, he replied that he did not find out the Petitioner's deficiencies until petitioner became his personal attendant. It appears from the Genl. Supdt.'s statement that he failed frequently to supply intelligence to him when the Storekeeper Mr. Gray and the Deputy Store keeper Sholappen were suspended and the Genl. Supdt. was particularly dissatisfied with the Petitioner on this account.

6 So far as could be ascertained, it does not appear that the Genl. Supdt. had occasion to find fault with the Petitioner, until the investigations into the case against Mr. Gray & Sholappen Moodelly were commenced and Gunga Ram Singh failed to furnish information of the nature required by the Genl. Supdt. during the progress of enquiry.

7 I see no palpable cause of complaint against Gunga Ram Singh and think he has been unfairly treated. The Genl. Supdt. has had his ears poisoned by one Sirdar Hoossain and I stated my opinion to him to this effect.

This man's name appears in other petitions

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Jno. [illegible] Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer Presy.

Fort St. George
29 May 1873

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P. W. 1873 Depart
from [illegible] for Cuyt
No. 3167.
The Dist. Engineer
Berry.

To

The Secr. to Govt.
D.P.W.

Dated 29th
Recd 30th May 73.

Enc: 2. No. 867.

Reporting upon the results of an enquiry made into Petitioner Gungaram Singh's case

No. 1863 - 22nd July/73

No. 371

to to Ceby 30 May/73

No. 548.

Former petition from this person does not appear to have been recd in the Petition Dept. H.S.

Memo
The appeal alluded to cannot be traced — from personal enquiry the Petitioner states that he never recd a reply from the Secretary.
H.S.

No. 848 of 1873.

Returned to the Petitioner with an intimation that no appeal from him will be received except through the District Engineer.

C. W. Walker C.E.
Secretary to Govt
P. W. D.

Fort St George
13th May 1873

Recd. Dy. 30 Aug/73

[illegible]

No. 1863 - 22 July 73

that he has faithfully performed his duties during the whole period; and on the 1st Feb last the general Supt of P. W. Stores and Workshops reduced the petr from the position of a Duffadar to that of a Peon on the alleged ground that he gave certain false information to the Store-keeper & his Asst; that on appeal, the Dt Engineer and the Secretary to Govt P. W. D. have confirmed the order of the Supt.

Prays that justice may be done him.

Recd 6 Aug 30 Aug/73

Government of Madras,
Pub: Works DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 848 of 1873.

From Gungaramsing

Occupation. late Duffadar Entrance Peon in the Public Works Stores and Workshops

Village.

Talook. Chepauk

District. Madras

Dated 24th } March 1873
Received 31st }

P.W. 3167/73 Enclosures. 1

Abstract.

Brings to notice that his service amounts to 29 years and that the copy of his testimonials would show that

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(Do.)

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.
Fort Saint George.

Most Respected Sir

With sentiments of due respect and submission, I most humbly beg to submit that I was employed as a permanent Lascar and Peon in the P.W. Stores for a period of 9 years, during which time I have given satisfaction to all my superiors.

On the evening of the 3rd Instant to my greatest misfortune, the Police Constables called at my quarters, arrested my wife and took her to the Police Jail; when, as in duty bound, being obliged to render her all possible assistance on the spot informed one Kistappen a Lascar of the stores to go immediately on my account and request the Peon Rungun on the night watch at the Battery to be on his guards until I relieve him and repaired myself to the Police Station and attempted in vain to get my wife on bail. Therefore I proceeded to the General Superintendent's house and applied for 3 days leave to enable me to attend the Police regarding the charges preferred against my wife, but

[illegible]

but that gentleman refused to grant me the leave
and dismissed me from the service on the 6th instant

I have then presented an application to the
Superintendent who ordered that I should be
reduced from Peon to Lascar by which a reduction
of Rs 2 will be effected in my pay. Being so
therefore much afflicted I have again represented
in another Petition all my grievances and the
loss of Rs 35 I suffered in defending the charges
preferred against my wife, but my misfortune
the Superintendent was pleased to confirm my
dismissal.

It would not be amiss here to state
that 2 or 3 days prior to my dismissal, I
was called upon by the Superintendent to bear
witness on matters, I really do not know if I
wish the safety of my employment. Even on
the day I applied for leave, the Superintendent
questioned me whether I made up my mind
to meet his wishes, to which I humbly resisted
that I am ignorant of the matters of which I
am asked to bear witness. Thereby he ordered
me to give up my Belt and dismissed me
from the service. I beg to add that should
it be my misfortune to be thrown out of
employment or being absent (after making
necessary arrangements with another to be on
guard

guard; for the office was closed being a holiday)
owing to such critical and unavoidable incident
as above stated. I humbly beg to represent
that the punishment inflicted on me is a
very severe one compared with that suffered
by other Peons in the P.W. Stores for greater faults.
One Seraphin, Peon who left his guard while
on the day watch and carried thence a large
bundle of saw dust from the Stores was fined
only a half Rupee both for theft and negligence
of duty and was retained in Service

Another Peon Mooneesawmy who
was suspected to have stolen some pieces
of timber was only suspended for a month
and restored the post of a peon & another Peon
who had stolen some pieces of leather while
at night watch was only reduced from Peon
to Lascar although actual theft was proved
against him to the Superintendent.

Under the above circumstances
in consideration of my long and faithful
services of 9 years during which period my
name had not been even once brought
in the defaulter Book, I respectfully beg
that I may be exempted from the severe
punishment to which I am subjected to.

I further beg to state that I am a poor man encumbered with a large circle of family solely depending on me for support and I have none else but Your Grace to throw myself on my knees and supplicate for protection entirely confiding your mercy and wonted generosity will graciously be pleased to restore me to my former employment and thus enable me to maintain my large family who are dying from starvation and to clear up my large debt of Rs 35 which I was obliged to raise on account of the late Police Suit.

Madras
29th January 1873 }

I beg to remain
Most Respected Sir,
Your most Obedt & humble Servt
முனிசாமி
(Signed) M. Moonesawmy

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Government of Madras,
Pub: Works DEPARTMENT.
Petition No. 297 of 1873.
From M. Moonesawmy residing at.
Occupation.
Village.
Talook.
District. Madras
Dated 29th }
Received 30th } January 1873
321
P.W. 1081/73.
Enclosures.

Abstract.

States that he was employed as a Lascar and Peon in the P.W. stores for 9 years during which period he has given satisfaction to all his superiors; ~~that~~ on the morning of the 3rd Instant, the Police constables took his wife to the Police Jail when being obliged to render her assistance, he requested Lascar Kistappen to request Peon Aungen on the night watch at the Battery to be on his guard until petr relieves him; that he went to the General Superintendent's house and applied for 3 days leave to attend the Police Office, but that gentleman refused to grant him leave and dismissed him from the service on the 4th Instant. that he presented a petition

Referred

to the Superintendent who ordered that he should be reduced from the post of Peon to that of Lascar; that on his representing his grievances again, his dismissal was confirmed.

Adds that 2 or 3 days before his dismissal he was called upon by the Superintendent to bear witness on matters which he really did not know; that the punishment inflicted on him is very severe compared with that of other Peons named within for greater faults.

Prays for restoration to his former post.

No 869

From
Lieut Colonel J. Goddard R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency

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

Enclo:
1. Petition
with endorsement.

Sir

With reference to your order of 27th February 1873 forwarding Moonesawmy's Petition I have the honor to report that upon examining the books I find that Moonesawmy appears to have been entertained as a Lascar in 1866. previous to that he was a Public Works Workshop Cooly. The General Superintendent promoted him to peon on the 29th June 1872. There is no record either for or against his character in the books. The promotion was made on the recommendation of Mr Gray, the storekeeper. Mr Gray singled him out although he stood 8th on the roster as he considered him the most respectable man.

2. The Petitioner admits that he was absent from the Guard and there seems to be no doubt that the Cause assigned by him was the veritable reason of his absence

3. The Petitioner when asked why he did not obtain leave regularly on a printed form as is usual, exculpates himself by representing that his absence occurred during Christmas holidays when there was no office and the extreme distance of the Superintendents private residence and the various writers' residences, together with the necessity of procuring bail for his wife, precluded him from obtaining leave -

4. The General Superintendent however thinks that if he had been anxious to obtain leave he could have found means to do so regularly. He does not acquit him of [illegible] blame. The man was absent for two distinct periods. In reference to the first period he appears to have spoken to Mr. Grangier and

verbally

verbally asked him to be excused on account of his absence and the Superintendent says he told him to go to his duty and not to be absent himself without leave and that he would enquire into the matter after the holidays. The man then returned to his post, but his wife being seized again he was again absent for two or three days without any attempt to procure leave.

5- The General Superintendent reduced him from Peon to Lascar for his absence, by which he lost 1 Rupee per month.

6. When told to do Lascar duty he declined to do any, except office work, and on this account he was dismissed - He, the Petitioner said he did not like to do ordinary lascar's work, because he was accustomed to wear neat clothes. The General Superintendent says he used to tailor for the Department instead of attending to his duty in the yard but fails to substantiate the statement.

7 The Petitioner admits that he formerly did cooly work vide para 1.

8. This man's conduct appears

to have been deserving of punishment and he appears to have been insubordinate in declining to submit to this punishment and has only himself to thank for the loss of employment.

Fort St. George
29th May 1873
Desp. on 2nd June.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant.

Jno. Goddard Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer Presidency

P.W. 1873 Depart
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No. 3213.
The Dist. Engineer
Rey
To
The Secy. to Govt.
D.P.W.
Dated 29th May 1873.
Recd. 2nd June/73.
No. 869
Encl. 1.
Reporting the result of an enquiry made into Petitioner Ramesawmy's case. Lascar P.W. Stores.

No. 1863 - 22nd July/73

No. 371

[illegible] to Colr. 2 June/73

Memo

The undersigned Lascar Theroomgatlum begs the General Supdt. P.W. Stores & Workshops to grant him leave for this day & tomorrow as he is unwell.

The mark + of Theroomgatlum
Lascar

Chepauk
11th Jany 1873

322
9/2/73

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

Honored Sir,

With profound respect and submission I most humbly beg to submit that I was a Lascar in the P.W. Department for a period of 10 years and during which time I have been working to the entire satisfaction of all my superiors without a single blot on my character and have on several occasions (previous to the Pier being erected) assisted even at the risk of my life in landing invaluable pieces of machinery and other heavy articles.

Government are already aware of the way in which Mr. Grainger the Executive Supt. have acted, enquired and settled the [illegible] affair of 1870.

On frequent references on the above by Mr. Grainger the Government were fully satisfied and in some of their proceedings stated that the Executive Supt. did not use that discretion which he should have as the Head of the Department and passed orders to reinstate the Duffadar & others dismissed on account of that affair and to give them their arrears of Pay. They were accordingly restored but Mr. Grainger in about January 1872 reduced the above Duffadar to a Peon & promoted one Caniaram, a very old Servant (about 30 years standing) to the Duffadar's post.

Matters thus stood for a Change in Dec. 1872.

The General Supdt. has taken a liking to a man by name Sirthar Hussain who was a hired Cooly for about a few months and in order to provide him a peon's place he was made a Lascar in about January 1872 and on the very day or few days afterwards a Peon and on the 1st of this month he was promoted to Duffadar's post (though he has got only about 2 years service) reducing the above named Gangaram of a Peon without considering his services merely because to oblige Sirthar Hussain, his favorite who is I should say the Domestic Servant of the General Supdt. and is now living at his house & he goes during the office hours [illegible] other the fishermen at the beach to procure good fishes and large fishes to the General Supdt.

This person Sirthar Hussain intervening between the General Supdt. and the reduced Duffadar Shaik Meeran prevailed before the General Supdt. to resume enquiries regarding the Timber affair since two Peons together with others named in the margin who were once dismissed and who are now promised to be restored persuaded me to give evidence in their favor in the late Timber affair, but I remonstrated that I would not act treacherously on a matter in which I knew nothing save what I have seen personally.

Rungasamy Peon
& A. Sreenesamy
Lascar

The General Supdt. had at several times enquired me about it on all which occasions I said only what I knew. I was also threatened by these Gentlemen Peons that I will be dismissed if I do not speak for them. All of a sudden on Tuesday the 28th January 1873 Mr Grainger sent for me as soon as he came at about ½ past 12 & enquired me regarding the Timber affair of 1870 to which I adhered to my original knowledge of the same. On this he issued orders for my dismissal and employed in my room one A. Sreenesamy to whom promise of Restoration was held and who is one

one of the two alluded to above in the margin. This A. Sreenesamy was formerly employed as Lascar in the P. W. Stores and was dismissed in 1872. He sent in his appeal to Government and the Government have confirmed his dismissal on the Report of the General Supdt. against the above Lascar. Such is the way in which the General Supdt. sways his Rule as if the British Government is an absolute monarchy. Although it be very hard to serve such a General Supdt. who is solely led by persons of my own standing and dismissed several servants who had not attempted to meet his wishes yet on account of my poverty I respectfully solicit that Govt. will institute such enquiries as it deems fit regarding my dismissal and determine whether I was dismissed on founded or unfounded grounds and restore me to my post of Lascar.

I beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your most Obedt. & humble Servant

Madras
3rd February
1873

The mark + of Thoovangadum
Lascar

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St George.

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Government of Madras,

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

Petition No. 322 of 1873.

From Thiruvengadam

Occupation. Lascar Public Works Stores

Village. Talook. District. } Madras

Dated } 3d Feb 1873.
Received }

Enclosures.

P.W. ~~1080~~ 3169/73.

Abstract.

States that he was a Lascar for a period of 16 years during which time he was working satisfactorily without a single blot on his character and has on several occasions prior to the construction of the Pier assisted even at the risk of his life in landing unwieldy pieces of machinery and other heavy stores; that Govt are already aware of the way in which Mr Grainger the General Supdt has acted, enquired into and settled the timber affair of 1870; that all on a sudden on the 28th January 1873, Mr Grainger sent for him and questioned him, regarding the timber affair of 1870; that petr told what he knew about the matter

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Referred

he had formerly done
on several occasions;
that the General Suptt
issued orders for his
dismissal and employed
in his room one Moonesamy
who was formerly employed
as a Lascar and was
dismissed in 1872 and
whose dismissal was
confirmed by Govt.

Prays that the Govt.
may institute enquiries
into the matter and
restore him to his former
post.

No. 870.

From

Lt. Coll. J. Goddard R.E.
Dist. Engineer. Presidency

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer & Secy. to Govt. D.P.W.

Enclo:
1. Petition with endorsement.
1. Memo.

Sir

With reference to your order
No. — dated 27th February 1873 on a
petition from Lascar Theroovengadum,
I have the honor to report that upon
my questioning the Petitioner, he explains
that he was absent from duty for 4
days on leave granted him in Memo
from the General Suptt dated 4th Jany
1873. He says he had a swelling
in his chest and that after the ex-
piration of 6 days he was not better.
Having thus overstayed his leave f
two days he returned to office and
shewed himself to the Genl. Suptt, wh
he says, seeing the swelling on his
breast, warned him not to absent
himself without leave and desire

him to go to his work, which he did the following day. The Suptt. does not recollect this.

2. A memo granting him leave for the 4th and 5th Jany 1873 is appended. Whereas the Suptt. charges him with absence from the 13th to the 18th Jany 1873 inclusive.

3. The Genl. Suptt. says he was of opinion that the man was scheming during the suspension of the Dy. Storekeeper, but produces no palpable evidence in support of his opinion. The writer in the office generally corroborates the statement of the petitioner.

4. The man has 16 years service and has a good character, & the general impression left upon the mind by the man's demeanour is favorable to his story. I think the man has been unfairly treated.

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5. The petition received with your endorsement is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Lt. Col. R.E.
Dist. Engineer Residency

Fort St. George
29 May 1873

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No. 1863

P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 187 .

Read the following:—

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From the Dist. Engr. Presidency (P.S.) No. 835 d/ 29 May/73.
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In the matter of Petitions from Gungaram Sing, late Duffadar, M. Moonesawmy late peon, Teroovengadum and Veerojee late laskars in the Public Works Stores His Excellency the Governor in Council

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Pr. W. 1873 Department
From Dir. of Govt. for Engt. No. 3169.
The Dist. Engineer
Presy.

To
The Secre: to Govt.
D.P.W.

Dated 29th May 1873
Recd 30th
Encl. No. 870.

Reporting upon the results of an Enquiry made into Lascar Theroovengadum's case of the P.W. Stores.

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directs that the permanent establishment of such men employed at the Workshop and Stores be revised by the District Engineer, and the dismissal or reentertainment of the Petitioners be carried out according to his judgement. And the General Superintendent of the Workshop will be prohibited from hereafter dismissing any men of the establishment without the sanction and approval of the District Engineer; whose approval will also be obtained for all promotions or degradations. GMW

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S.E. Presidency
Circular

Docketed 1/8/73

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Fine. Reconsideration

Letter from the Chf Engr. Presidency, submitting a petition from certain subordinates of the P.W. Depts. appealing against their dismissal.

No 369: 73.