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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th January 1873.*

No. 592. Read the following letter from the Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 21st December 1872, No. 9:—

WITH reference to endorsement No. 2,286, of the instant, on the appeal petition of M. F. Secluna, late Taluq Overseer in this district, I have the honour to forward the papers noted in the margin for your perusal, as it is upon these documents that Colonel E. A. Foord, R. E., has dismissed Mr. Secluna from the department.

1 Endorsement, returned.
1 Letter No. 153, of 30th July 1872, from Range Officer, with one enclosure.
1 Do. No. 174, of 19th August 1872, from do. with two enclosures.
1 Do. No. 243, of 15th October 1872, with one enclosure.
1 Do. No. 250, of 29th October 1872, with one enclosure.
1 Do. No. 220, of 27th September 1872.
(To be returned.)

2. Mr. Secluna was appointed in May 1871 as Overseer in the Manargudi Sub-division of the Chellumbrum Taluq, and soon after his assuming charge Mr. Hawksworth, the then Range Officer, complained to the Superintending Engineer (Captain Vertue) that he found Mr. Secluna dilatory in submission of his accounts and lazy. Captain Vertue's remarks in his return to Government of Officers and Subordinates for the quarter ending 31st March 1872 also speaks unfavourably of this subordinate.

3. Subsequently Mr. Bell having assumed charge of the range in July last, also complained of the carelessness of this Overseer, and brought to the notice of the Superintending Engineer facts which showed that Mr. Secluna had pecuniary dealings with his subordinates, and to shield himself showed Mr. Bell a false copy of a letter which brought to light the fact that he had been keeping back part of the salaries of the Petty Establishment whom he had been entrusted to pay.

4. Colonel Foord on this occasion appears to have excused his misconduct, with a warning that if he again received any report from the Range Officer of his negligence or disobedience of orders he would be dismissed.

5. On the 27th September Mr. Bell again reported that Mr. Secluna had not disbursed the salaries of the Conservancy Establishment for July, and that the acquittance rolls for May and June were only received by him in September; further, that he did not consider Mr. Secluna fit to be entrusted with cash.

6. Under these circumstances Colonel Foord appears to have considered it impossible to permit Mr. Secluna to retain his post in the department, and accordingly directed his dismissal.

No. 593. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1873, No. 290.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 42.

His Excellency the Governor in Council declines to interfere in Mr. Secluna's behalf. It is quite clear that he has been habitually guilty of irregularities which render his retention in the Government service inadvisable.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 9 District Engineer's Office, S. Street,
Maddalore 21st December 1872.

From
The Offg. District Engineer,
South Street.

To
The Secretary to Government,
D. P. W.

Sir,

Enclosures 6.

1 Endorsement
returned.

1 Letter N^o 153 of 30th

24th 72 from Range
Officer with 1 Enclosure

1 Letter N^o 174 of 19th August

1872 from W^o with
2 Enclosures.

1 Letter N^o 243 of 15th

24th 72 with an Enclosure

1 Letter N^o 250 of 29th

24th 72 without Enclo-
sure.

1 Letter N^o 220 of 27th

24th 72.

To be returned.

With reference to endorsement.

No. 2286. of the 7th Instant on the appeal

petition of Mr. J. Seelma, late Taluk R.

Overseer in this District, I have the honor

to forward the papers noted in the margin

for your perusal, as it is upon these do-

cuments, that Colonel C. A. Ford R. E.

has dismissed Mr. Seelma from the Depart-

ment.

Mr. Seelma was appointed in

May 1871, as overseer in the Manargudi

Sub. division of the Chellambur

Taluk, and soon after his assuming charge

Mr. H. R. Worth, the then Range Officer,

complained

complained to the Superintending Engineer,
Captain Virtue that he found Mr. Seelma
dilatory in submission of his accounts, and
lazy. Captain Virtue's remarks in his Return
to Government of Officers and Subordinates
for the Quarter ending 31st March 1872, also
speaks unfavorably of this subordinate.

3 Subsequently Mr. Bell having
assumed charge of the Range in July last,
also complained of the carelessness of
this Officer, and brought to the notice of
the Superintending Engineer facts which
showed, that Mr. Seelma had pecuniarily
dealt with his subordinates, and to
shield himself showed Mr. Bell a
false copy of a letter, which brought to
light the fact, that he had been dissipating
back part of the salaries of the Petty
Establishment whom he had been re-
sponsible to pay.

4 Colonel Ford on this
occasion appears to have excused his

misconduct, with a warning, that if
he again received any report from the
Range Officer of his negligence or disobe-
dience to orders he would be dismissed.

5 On the 27th September Mr. Bell
again reported, that Mr. Seelma had not
disbursed the salaries of the Conveyance
Establishment for July, and that the acquit-
tance Rolls for May and June were
only received by him in September, further
that he did not consider Mr. Seelma
fit to be entrusted with Cash.

6 Under these circumstances, Colonel
Ford appears to have considered it impossi-
ble to permit Mr. Seelma to retain his
post in the Department, and accordingly
directed his dismissal.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.

Alfred
Offg. District Engineer.

610/207/72

No 290-29 Aug 72

Applicant's petition of the
of the same date (renewed)

Applicant's petition of the

of the same date (renewed)

No 9.
No 6

of the same date (renewed)

of the same date (renewed)

of the same date (renewed)

of the same date (renewed)

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The District Engineer is requested to
forward any explanation in defence that the
petitioner may have offered.
11/12/72
17/12/72

Captain R. E. M. M. M.

of the same date (renewed)

of the same date (renewed)

17/12/72

Overseer from the 7th
May 1871; that on the
10th October 1872, he
received an order through
his Range officer dismiss-
ing him from his post,
that no reason was
assigned in the order
copy of which is herein
enclosed; that no enquiry
was made and no copies
of reports made against
him were sent to him.

Prays for restoration

14/10/72
Government of Madras,
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2286 of 1872.

Front Mr. F. Seeluna

Occupation. Late Tahis

Overseer of

Village.

Talook. Mannaragoody

District. South Arcot

Dated 18th

Received 23rd

Enclosure 1

Abstract

States that he holds a
certificate as Tahis
Overseer from the Civil
Engineering College, that
he was employed as an

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1. Encl.
23/11/72

The Right Honorable Lord. Hobart.
Governor in Council.
Fort. St. George.
Madras.

The humble Petition of
F. Seeluna

Humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner is a
passed candidate from the Civil Engineering
College Madras and holds a Certificate as
Tahis Overseer, and was employed as an
Overseer in the Department Public Works
and had charge of the Mannaragoody Taluk
in the South Arcot District from the
7th May 1871 to which Taluk your
Petitioner was posted by the Late Colonel
A. J. M. Boileau V.C. &c.

That your Petitioner on the 10th of
October 1872 received an order thro' his
Range Officer S. M. Bell Esq. dismissing
him from the Service, no reason was
assigned your Petitioner in the above order
a copy of which your Petitioner begs to
enclose.

That your Petitioner did not receive
copies of reports made against him by his
Range Officer nor was your Petitioner called
upon for any explanation neither was any
warning sent your Petitioner

Public Works Department

That no Enquiry was made after your
Petitioner was reported, nor was your
Petitioner aware of his having been
reported till the day of his dismissal.

Under these circumstances your
Petitioner prays that he may be reinstated
in the Department Public Works. And
your Petitioner as in duty bound will
ever pray.

Your Lordships' most obedient
and humble servant.

Thos. J. E. E. E.

Late Valuer, Surveyor

Manayway.

South Coast.

18th Nov^r 1872.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
South Arcot

Date

Recd.

Encl. /

G. O. 29th Aug. No. 295.

No. 5929523

Mr. Seelma, Late Engineer
Americas, South Arcot.

Referring to the
with the District
of Mr. Seelma