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18th February 1873.*

No. 416. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Tinnevely, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 16th January 1873, No. 22 :—

I HAVE the honour, with reference to the enclosed petition from Gopal Pillay, Overseer in this district, referred to me for the records and for report, to forward herewith copies of correspondence relating to Gopal Pillay between the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Northern Range and the Superintending Engineer of the late 8th Division.

2. When giving over charge to me Colonel Roberts informed me that, in consequence of Gopal Pillay's general unfitness, he intended to reduce him to the rank of a Local Fund Maistry.

3. Mr. McNair's statement is that the Overseer is ignorant of English, does not understand surveying, levelling or estimating.

4. In 1871, when I joined, the district was unfortunately singularly destitute of properly qualified Overseers; out of the ten then on the establishment only two had passed the full test, and one had passed as Sub-Overseer.

5. Most of these men have been reduced or dismissed for connection with the frauds and malpractices in the late 1st and 4th Ranges, and there remain only three unpassed Overseers on the permanent establishment (Imperial List), namely, Gopal Pillay, Valayutham Pillay, and Kristnasawmy Moodelliar.

6. Gopal Pillay has never worked under me, I am not therefore personally acquainted with his qualifications; but I think most decidedly that it cannot be for the Government interest to maintain in the position of Overseer a man who cannot level and survey or prepare a plan or sketch, and I would recommend that Colonel Roberts' intentions be carried out, and Gopal Pillay either reduced to Local Fund Maistry or else that he be dismissed altogether. He is not likely to work well as Local Fund Maistry. Moreover, the President of the Local Fund Board, with whom the appointment rests, might object to entertain an old man whose reduction is proposed on the ground of general incompetence.

7. I request the favour of the orders of Government with regard to this Overseer.

8. Valayutham Pillay has nearly 25 years' service on the permanent establishment, and wishes shortly to apply for pension. He has only recently joined this district from Madura.

9. I will in a short time report regarding Kristnasawmy Moodelliar, against whom charges of fraud have been preferred.

10. I should, moreover, mention that pending the orders of Government in Gopal Pillay's case, I have refused to grant the three months' leave he applied for, referred to in letter from Mr. McNair's No. 335, of the 16th November.

No. 417. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1873, No. 537.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.

THE Government in their Order No. 628, dated 7th March 1872, declined to permit the transfer of an Overseer because of his shortcomings from the Imperial to the Local Fund List.

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2. If Taluq Overseer Gopal Pillay (who, it is observed, was at the Superintending Engineer's request graded in the recent re-organization as a 3rd instead of a 2nd grade Overseer, as proposed,) is at the present time from age or other causes incompetent to perform the duties of a Taluq Overseer as reported by the Sub-Engineer under whom he last served, the District Engineer, having satisfied himself of this fact, should dispense with his services.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 12. District Engineer's Office, Tinnevely
Palaincollah 16th January 1873
From, J. W. Randall Esquire
District Engineer
Tinnevely.

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

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W. Randall
District Engineer
Srinivelly.

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Proceedings of the Madras Court
Read the following:-

From, 107
The District Engineer Srinivelly. (H. E. & Co. 22 of 16th Jan'y/73)

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having satisfied himself
of this fact, should dis-
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This would not of course
debar the Overseer from
employment in any
other

I think I would omit

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to be ^{as stated} worn out. It
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other capacity for which
his attainments may
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To Jt Engr Immediately
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3rd District Engineer
Tinnevely

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G. O. 18th Feb. No. 537.

No. 442-409

Overseer Popaul Pillay.

Paying orders on letter
from the D. Eng., Tinnevely,
submitting
orders regarding the
services of Popaul
Pillay.

29 Jan 73