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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th October 1874.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 287. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 11th August 1874, No. 589.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 2,083, dated 31st July 1874, I have the honor to report that, in anticipation of the approval of Government, I have appointed

Local Fund Sub-Overseer V. Tholasilingum Pillay to act as Taluq Overseer, 3rd grade, *vice* Overseer Tiroovengada Iyengar about to be transferred to the pension list.

2. Tholasilingum Pillay is an experienced executive; understands plan drawing, estimate-making, surveying, and levelling, and possesses the qualifications necessary for a good Taluq Overseer. The Pillay entered the department as Maistry Apprentice in the late Civil Engineer's office at Tinnevely in April 1854, and from that period up to the present time he has served in this Presidency and in the Mysore Provinces in various capacities, as specified in the accompanying copy of his service book.

3. Under these circumstances, and as there are no other qualified men available to relieve the Iyengar, I trust that the Government will be pleased to sanction the acting appointment now made by me.

No. 288. From the same Officer, dated Tanjore, 20th August 1874, No. 717.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that since writing my letter, No. 589, dated the 11th instant, it has come to my knowledge that one Moothoosawmy Pillay, who is serving as Draughtsman in the Coleroon Survey Office, possesses a certificate qualifying him for the post of Taluq Overseer, and as he has had some experience in this department, I have nominated him as Taluq Overseer, *vice* Tiroovengada Iyengar, who is to be transferred to the pension list.

2. Tholasilingum Pillay will, therefore, only act as Taluq Overseer until such time as Moothoosawmy Pillay can be relieved from his present duties.

No. 289. From the same Officer, dated Camp at Trichinopoly, 26th August 1874, No. 788.

IN reply to your Memorandum, No. 639, dated 19th instant, requesting information as to what measures had been taken by me to procure the services of a passed candidate for the post of Taluq Overseer rendered vacant by the retirement of Overseer Tiroovengada Iyengar, I have the honor to refer you to my letter No. 717 of the 20th idem.

2. As I have mentioned in that letter when I recommended Local Fund Sub-Overseer, V. Tholasilingum Pillay, to act as Taluq Overseer, I was not aware that there was a qualified candidate available for the post. But directly the circumstance was brought to my notice, I at once made the necessary arrangements for the nomination of that individual.

Tholasilingum Pillay

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3. Although fully alive to the very great advantages attainable by students of the Civil Engineering College, it is not, as a rule, either fair to this department, or to them individually, that they should, on emerging from school, be at once thrust into a position of such trust and importance as that of Taluq Overseer. Many of these lads have but a mere smattering of the subjects in which they have passed, and as a consequence the work that such men turn out cannot be depended upon. Indeed, in one recent instance of a young man, duly "qualified" as Taluq Overseer, being nominated by me as Local Fund Overseer, the surveys he turned out were quite too ludicrous. He was working in the Madura Range under Assistant Engineer Mr. Leggatt, but the surveys he turned out were those of some undiscovered country that had apparently a peculiar magnetic action on the needle, as the north point was represented at all points of the compass.

4. To put a "griffin" of this kind at once in charge of a taluq to the exclusion of experienced men who do not happen to possess a certificate from the College, is, I submit, scarcely fair to this department or to the public. And I would respectfully urge, therefore, that some limit should be fixed in regard to the entertainment of these youths, and that District Engineers be allowed to exercise a certain amount of discretion in the matter, and not be compelled to set aside, as a matter of course, "experience without certificate," in favor of "certificate without experience."

No. 290. From the same Officer, dated Tanjore, 19th September 1874, No. 1,085.

In reference to your memorandum, No. 664, dated 27th ultimo, on the subject of my appointment of one Moothoosawmy Pillay as Taluq Overseer, I have the honor to state that the previous services of the Pillay in this department are as follows:—

I.—From 7th April 1871 to 23rd October 1872 (8½ months) as Local Fund Overseer in the Ongole Range, Nellore District, salary Rupees 60 per mensem. Resigned to take up an appointment of Surveyor in the Tanjore District.

II.—From 15th November 1872 to 10th March 1874 (about one year and three months) as river margin Surveyor, Tanjore District, salary Rupees 50 per mensem. This being a temporary appointment he was transferred to a permanent situation.

III.—From 11th March to 30th August 1874 as Draughtsman in the Cole-roon Survey Office, salary Rupees 40 per mensem.

2. As the services of Moothoosawmy Pillay had not been dispensed with in the manner stated in G. O., 24th March 1873, No. 918, it did not occur to me to forward a record of his services when reporting his appointment for the first time as an Overseer.

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1874, No. 2,909.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

It is evident from this correspondence that the reference made by Government on receipt of the first letter, calling on the Superintending Engineer to show what measures had been taken by

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him to procure the services of a passed candidate for the post of Taluq Overseer *vide* Tiroovengada Iyengar, pensioned, was not uncalled for; although it happened to have been anticipated by the Superintending Engineer's own later action in the case.

2. There is much truth in what is urged in the third letter of the series; and so long as some employment of equal emolument as that of Overseer, 3rd grade, is found for all passed candidates coming out of the Civil Engineering College, His Excellency the Governor in Council will not object to experienced, though uncertificated men, being temporarily employed to fill vacancies in the Imperial List while they are under probation as it were, for a period not exceeding twelve months. But it is necessary that their rights should be protected; for the Principal of the Civil Engineering College has had occasion to complain to the Chief Engineer that provision was not made for all his Tamil speaking candidates who passed out in May last, although he had reason to believe that vacancies existed. All District Engineers are therefore required to see that their guaranteed interests are not altogether set aside.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Engineers.
To the Educational Department.

En Ingenieur W. M. M. M.

Exl S. T. Austin.
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Do Sub Eng's office Writer & Estimate Maker	- Do -	u	25	u	1/3/57
Farnison Eng's office Madras Writer and Estimate maker	- Do -	u	25	u	u
2 nd Asst Dist Eng's office Timmelly Accountant & Estimate Maker	- Do -	u	30	u	14/7/59

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Only need be made in this column except
there is any thing either good or bad to be
recorded. Suspensions should be noted here
in the order of suspension is passed.

Tholasilingum Pillay a Maistry
apprentice was in my office
about 9 months during which
time he made good progress in
both drawing and estimate making
and understands the method of chain-
ing and has commenced to make
himself acquainted with the use
of Prismatic Compass with a little
practice he would doubtless be
able to keep a field book. His
English hand writing is very
clear and neat.

Signed G. M. Payne Secy.
22/4/52 Civil Engineer.

He served under me as Estimate
maker and Writer from March
1857 to June 1859 and that I always
found him to be an attentive,
willing & hard working man

Signed P. Walsh.
Sub Engineer.

He has been engaged with me
adjusting the Sub Dr. Palmar
accounts. I find him intelligent
and a person acquainted with the
system of accounts.

Signed J. W. Johnson.
Head Auditor S. Circle

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Signed/ R J Oakes Capt R.E.
District Supt. Junior

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accountant and is fully com-
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the Department in all its branches
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to hear of his success.

Signed/ S. S. Othman
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Signed J. C. Mullins Capt. U.S.A.
At Fort Snelling, Minn.

Signed W. H. G. Palmer Capt
P. Engineer August 2nd

Signed F. G. Cummings
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Has been but a short time in the
 Range but seems willing to work
 has kept his accounts well during
 the time he has been employed.

Signed by Mr F Bateman
 Sub-Range D.P.O.

T. Tholasingum Pillay served
 under me for upwards of a year
 as Local Fund Overseer, but was
 for best part of the time doing
 both Imperial and Local Fund
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 of the Intrapoon of Taluan. He not
 having passed the prescribed
 examination debarred him from
 obtaining Imperial Fund Overseer's
 post, his long service in the depart-
 ment his practical knowledge
 & ways of carrying out work in
 general I thought I might exempt
 him & recommended him. He
 always gave me satisfaction in
 the discharge of his duties.

Signed J. Hall.
 4th Range Officer.

The bearer of this Local Fund Over-
 seer T. Tholasingum Pillay served
 under my orders in the Thulitalay
 Sub Division for about 5 months
 & during the interval gave me every
 satisfaction.

Superintending Eng' Office
 Tanjore 11th August 1874

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No. 589 Tanjore 11th Aug 74.

From

Lieut Col. R. A. Roberts. R.E.

Superintending Engineer
Tanjore

Colonel. G. W. Walker. R.E.

Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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 Supg Engineer, Bangalore.

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 The Secretary
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 Anti-Slavery
 Society
 New York
 N. Y.
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Sir,
 Your most obed^t Serv^t
 Lt Col R
 Sup^r Engineer
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N^o 717 Superintending Engineer's Office.
 San Francisco 20th August 1874.
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Superintending Engineer
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From
Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Roberts
Superintending Engineer
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Superintending Engineer
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No 1085

Superintending Engrs Office
Bangalore 19th September 1874

From

Robert D. P. W.
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Lieut. R. D. P. W.
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Dated 26th August 74
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Replies to Memo No 639
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Superintending Engr's Office
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To
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Your Most Obedt Servant

Lieut. Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer Tanjore.

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From the Superintending Engineer
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To

All Dist. Engrs.

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G. O. 12 Oct. No. 2909

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