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17th April 1874.*

No. 202. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 17th March 1874, No. 1,141:—

I HAVE the honour to forward an original letter and enclosures from Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Executive Engineer, requesting that his place in the Gradation List of the Department may be altered, and that he may be placed above Mr. Goodchap and Mr. Walch; from his letter it will be seen that he was at one time senior to both these officers.

2. In 1866 Mr. O'Shaughnessy complained to Colonel Orr regarding his supersession by Mr. Goodchap. Colonel Orr, however, as Mr. Goodchap had longer departmental service than Mr. O'Shaughnessy, declined placing his appeal before Government.

3. With regard to Mr. Walch, I do not consider Mr. O'Shaughnessy gives sufficient weight to the fact that Mr. Walch came into the department from the Irrigation Company and had, when he joined, considerable Indian experience in engineering besides that he had gained in Australia before he came to this country.

4. Mr. O'Shaughnessy makes no claim on account of his special services in Wynaad, North Arcot, and Cochin, but he asks to be put back in the position he gained in 1864 for his good service on the Pennar anicut work, for this he was promoted over Mr. Goodchap, and he requests that he may be replaced in that position. I request that Mr. O'Shaughnessy's claims for this may be considered, this difference of one step has already made much difference to him and may, in the future, make more.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1874, No. 1,006.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to make any revision of the order in which Messrs. Walch, Goodchap, and O'Shaughnessy stand in the Engineer Establishment of the Public Works Department; such order having prevailed since the years 1866 and 1868, and not having been publicly appealed against at either date, or subsequently until now.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ District Engineer, Chingleput.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 3 Range Office. San Jose, Cal.  
8<sup>th</sup> March 1874.

From

J. Shaughnessy Esq.  
Assistant Engineer, San Jose Dist.

To Major A. R. Mead M.D.  
District Engineer,  
San Jose.

Sir,

I have reason to believe and from the latest published lists of the Department, there is no doubt, that Government have lately rectified the relative positions of several Officers of the Department who were superseded or who were overlooked in promotion a few years ago. I have to complain of having been superseded also, and I request you will be good enough to lay my case before Government, in the hope that it may receive the same consideration that has been justly given to similar cases, and that I may be placed on the list in the position to which I think I have a just and reasonable claim.

2. - The Supersession of which I complain is the promotion over me of Messrs Goodchap & Hale Assistant Engineers of the 3<sup>d</sup> Grade. I have no desire to say a word in disparagement of these Officers, and in bringing the result of their services to notice, I do so simply to enable the Government to judge fairly between them and me.

3.- Mr. Goodchap entered the Department about 2 years before I did, but I was placed above him and several others who were senior to me, in accordance with the wishes expressed in the Secretary of State's despatch, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1862, No. 33, and which was circulated for the information of the whole Department, with J. O. dated the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1863, No. 130. These orders were lost sight of for a long time, and it was only in March of the following year, that I received the promotion, which I was long before led to expect.

4.- I was then in March 1863, promoted from Supervisor to Sub Engineer, over Mr. Goodchap and several other Supervisors of longer service, I had reason to expect even higher promotion than this, and I was informed afterwards by no less an authority than Mr. Clements Markham C.B. that it was much less than the Secretary of State evidently intended I should receive, I brought this to the notice of the then Governor the late Sir William Denison, who promised that the matter should be inquired into, and satisfied, and in fulfilment of Sir William's promise, I was appointed, to act as Assistant Engineer on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1865.

5.- Mr. Goodchap was appointed to act as Assistant Engineer in the same Gazette, but as I was his senior in Rank at the time,

my appointment appeared in the usual course first on the list, and I naturally expected that I should be first confirmed, and that I should retain the place above him which I had well earned and which I received for laborious and successful service, but I was sadly disappointed, for when the first permanent vacancy occurred it was given to Mr. Goodchap, I was left in the Acting appointment below him, and I have been left below him ever since.

6.- I complained of this at the time but my complaint was not allowed to reach the Government, Colonel Orr, the then Secretary in the D. H. Department, explained to me however, that Mr. Goodchap was placed before me in virtue of his longer service, I enclose an extract from Colonel Orr's demi-official letter to me on the subject, and I request the Government to decide, if the reasons therein given were sufficient to justify Mr. Goodchap's promotion, and my degradation to the place below him, If Colonel Orr's reasoning was correct, there would be no inducement to any man to merit himself, and many men, who now almost voluntarily expose themselves to discomfort and disease, in the service of Government, would in their own interest and in the interests of their families, do just as little.

as they possibly could, of course there are men  
who sacrifice themselves with higher motives, there  
are but few however who work harder and more  
successfully than their fellows, who do not expect  
the reward which their labors entitle them to,  
and I need not say, that there is great difference  
between the work turned out by the man who does  
all he can, and the work done by the man, who does  
only what he is forced to do. The reasons given  
for Mr Goodchap's preferment, are moreover contra-  
dicted by the Rules, and the examples, in every Depart-  
-ment of the Service, and they are even contradicted  
by the very appointments under reference, for there  
were many men of longer service than Mr Goodchap,  
who had performed the duties given to them, to the  
satisfaction of their immediate superiors and nobody  
new thought of promoting them over Mr Goodchap  
or over me.

7. I am sorry to have to trouble the  
Government, with a short account of my services  
during the past 19 years, but it is necessary for  
comparison, to refer to some of them, to show that  
I have been often placed in positions of great re-  
sponsibility, and difficulty, than the gentleman,  
whose promotion above me I complain of.

8. My first service was in the Godavary  
District, which I joined as Quersa in January 1855,

and

and for the 5 years, I was employed in that District.  
I was almost constantly moved, from one important  
work to another, some time before I left the  
Godavary District, I was offered an appointment  
in the Madras Irrigation Company, on more than  
3 times the salary I was receiving in the Government  
Service, but my friends believing that I should  
rise in the Government Service, persuaded me  
to refuse it.

9. In 1860, I was transferred to South  
Arcot, to superintend the construction of a  
large Amnicut. The successful and speedy completion  
of this work with a large saving on the estimate,  
was in the reports of the District Engineer's Captain  
(now Colonel) Lord R. S. Credited to me in  
G.O. of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1862, No 1583, and subsequent orders  
and as it was the first large work carried out,  
without resorting to the system of advances,  
my services in connection with it, were brought  
to the notice of the Secretary of State, and were  
favorably acknowledged in his despatch No 33,  
dated the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1862, to which I have  
already referred, besides the construction of the  
Amnicut, I laid out and estimated for the Pambay  
Channel Project, which has since been carried out,  
built several Bridges, and carried out the duties  
of a large and important Range, satisfactorily  
and with success.

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as the 10. The position of the Amnicut being far  
who so inland, there was much difficulty in getting  
and the skilled labor, and many persons had to be  
instructed in the manner of doing their work,  
for the same reason I had to undergo much  
personal discomfort, I had to send 10 miles  
for a loaf of bread or for a dose of medicine,  
and one of my children died there, for want of  
all the medical aid, and another contracted disease  
only a few, which afterwards resulted in death.

11. My old District Engineer Colonel  
Pimball R.E., offered me an appointment  
about this time, in the East India Irrigation  
Company at Cuttack, on a salary about 2 times  
greater than I was then receiving, but Colonel  
Orr, and other friends persuaded me to hold on,  
saying that I was indebted to Colonel Orr, for  
much personal support and kindness, but I have  
always complained, more to himself, that all the  
good chaps was more favored, and to a certain  
extent at my expense, and I should always  
complain of it, until I get redress or until it  
is finally decided.

12. As things turned out, I should have  
gained very much by accepting Colonel Pimball's  
offer.

offer, for, when the works at Cuttack were  
transferred to the Government of India, the services  
of the Officers employed on them, were transferred  
also, and I should be now an Executive Engineer  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade at least, and probably have my  
previous service counted for pension.

13. In 1864, I was transferred to the Hydrabad,  
and the present Secretary to Government in the  
D. P. W., with I think, leaves me out in saying that  
I worked hard and successfully, during <sup>nearly</sup> 2  
years I was there. The difficulty in getting  
work done in Hydrabad, the expense, and the danger  
to health, and even life of a residence, in those  
parts of it, in which I was employed, namely,  
the Tiffahadio Jungle and the Parkoor Ghaut,  
are generally well known, though there are but few  
who can fully realize the trouble and lack,  
which is necessary for any thing like successful  
management, of an undisciplined mob of several  
hundreds of Caucasians and Malayalee Coolies,  
not to speak of the difficulty of first getting  
them together; my great help in getting work  
done, was a gang of Bricklayers and Coolies, who  
followed me from South Arcot, but out of a  
gang of about 60 persons, no more than half  
the number lived, to return to their homes,  
several of them died on the works, many of  
them

them did on their way home, and I have  
often now to this day reproached myself  
for persuading them to join me in Wynaud.  
In regard to personal difficulties, I have never  
thaw once slept in the branches of trees to  
get out of malaria, and I have frequently had  
to shoot something to eat, and to cook it with  
my own hands, now do those things. Sometimes  
for what they call *raas* (meat) and pleasure, but  
from my experience it is not often done for  
choice. I was as careful as possible to avoid  
all supposed causes of disease, but I did not  
quite escape and I have no doubt that my  
2 years residence in Wynaud, has taken at  
least 10 years from my life.

14. - It may be said that many men  
live in the Wynaud for choice, but I doubt  
it, anyhow the Planter's life is entirely different,  
he selects a favored spot, builds a good house,  
and makes himself comparatively comfortable,  
while the Government Officer has to go over  
the length and breadth of the country, wherever  
his work calls him, he has to live in some wretched  
hut or get up a Crib in the branches of the tree,  
to rest or sleep in. The man who preceded me  
in the Barkoor Chalet, lived for several months  
in a tiger den, this poor fellow died from hard  
work

work, and exposure, and left his family beggars.  
If his duty did not take him to Wynaud, he  
would probably live to a good old age, and leave  
his children respectably provided for.  
15. - In 1866, I was transferred to North Arcot,  
(the only move I have ever had at my own request)  
and had to bear my share of the extra burden  
thrown upon all the Officers of that District during  
the famine which prevailed there shortly after  
I joined it; The Collector Mr. J. D. Robinson  
often referred to "my untiring exertion" and "valuable  
aid," in giving employment to the famishing poor,  
his own exertions and anxiety during the earlier part  
of the crisis, made him so ill that he was obliged  
to leave the Country, or undoubtedly he would have  
obtained from Government an acknowledgment  
of the assistance I gave, in the execution of my part  
of the duty, we had all then to perform; he handed  
the District over to unappreciating and less liberal  
hands, and no notice was taken of the share which  
the D.P.W. had in the good work.

16. - In 1869, I was ordered on Special duty  
to Cochin, I begged for a little rest, but Colonel  
Orr informed me, that he was desired by Government  
to say "that the services of an Officer of the ability

the and experience, which you possess, being urgent  
of required for special duty at Cochin, it is absolutely  
for necessary on public grounds that you should be  
selected for it. It has accordingly been determined  
to nominate you to the special duty in question, and  
I think it is a fortunate circumstance for you, as  
if successful as I have no doubt you will be, it  
will give you a claim which you may set down  
for future duty being to the value of Government  
City. A good deal of my time was wasted  
at in Cochin, some of the work proposed was to be  
charged to Port Funds, and the head of the Marine  
Department, who has control of these funds, being  
somewhat to withhold the money required, other  
works were deferred, for the opinion of the Engineer  
in Charge, who was then reported from England,  
it and a good deal of time was lost in defending  
myself against charges of omission, and commission  
brought against me personally and officially by  
the Marine Department.

18. Notwithstanding all this, the Government  
in their Order dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 1869. B. No. 11  
has expressed "much pleasure" in recording their  
in favorable opinion of the manner in which I  
in performed the duties assigned to me. In G. O.

dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1870. No. 934. The Government  
not being able to appropriate any money to the  
works, I was ordered ~~to~~ to give <sup>them</sup> over to the Marine  
Department, and to prepare for transfer to another  
charge, and in G. O. dated the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1870 No. 1724.  
Mr. Dalrymple was informed that he had committed  
an error "in making himself the Channel by which  
incorrect false reports of my proceedings were communicated  
to Government, altogether I must admit I had a  
bad time of it in Cochin, and considering the snarls  
that were laid for me, and the great personal in-  
fluence that was brought against me, the wonder  
is, that I escaped as well as I did.

19. I refer to this matter as another  
instance of the difficult services I have had to  
perform, and I refer to it with some pride, be-  
cause the difficulties I had to encounter, were  
of a new and unexpected kind, and subsequent  
events have shown that the confidence with which  
my Chief selected me for the appointment, was not  
altogether misplaced. If the Cruz Milagres gap  
had been attacked in the manner proposed by Colonel  
Art, and as estimated for by me, it would have  
been closed years ago, at half the cost of the  
devious ways, that have since been adopted.

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principally on the recommendation of the Marine Department, and it has probably been observed that the advice of the Special Engineer, for the improvement of the harbour, and whose opinion was obtained at considerable cost, is virtually the same as that given in the report, which I submitted under Colonel Orr's direction.

20.- In 1870, I was transferred to this District, and I venture to hope that I have not been found wanting in usefulness here.

21.- It is an unpleasant and a humiliating task to have to make a seeming parade of one's services, but there are occasions in which it is necessary, and I hope the present occasion will be considered sufficient to justify me in bringing mine to notice. I have shown that (when my Rank at the different times is considered) I have had unusually heavy responsibilities thrust upon me, that I have had to encounter unusually trying difficulties, that I have had to undergo a great amount of personal discomfort, and expense, in having been selected for these various difficult and responsible services, and that every duty that has been ever entrusted to me, has been successfully

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successfully and satisfactorily performed, under all these circumstances, I am sure it will be admitted that a man should have very extraordinary claims to entitle him to supersede me, in promotion.

22.- It is also an unpleasant task, to have to criticise the services of others, but I am bound to show that the gentleman whose promotion over me, I complain of, have no just claim to such promotion.

23.- Mr Goodchap has never. The lieut served out of Madras, he has lived for over 20 years probably in the same house, and he has had the privilege of enjoying personal and social comfort, which I have never enjoyed except for the short time I was stationed at Chittoor. I do not say that he has not done the work he has had to do satisfactorily, but if he executed every Public work in his Range, which is not possible, his services would not be equal to mine, moreover the quantity of work executed at Madras, would be no measure of a man's ability or of the amount of labor he performed, In Mr Goodchap's Range, all that he has ever had to do, is probably to check a design or an estimate, and inspect the work when finished, by holding up a finger he can get competent and qualified

qualified men to do many thing else. In fact  
host of qualified men will be found competing  
and begging for his work, and surely service under  
such circumstances cannot give claims greater  
or more equal to mine. -

24. - It may be said that it is not for  
a supposed want of ability, that Mr Goodchap  
has not been occasionally selected for special duty,  
and that it is not of his seeking to have been left  
in the undisturbed possession of such an easy  
and comfortable situation, for so many years, if  
this is the case it was unfair to me, to give me  
all the hard and difficult work, and in addition  
to the amenities of Mr Goodchap's position, to  
give him preferential promotion besides. -

25. - I asked Major Baker to have this  
matter inquired into, when he was joint Secretary  
to Government, and he informed me that Colonel  
Walker refused to inquire into it, Colonel Carr  
would never do anything about it, and he always  
told me it was a matter of very little consequence  
to me, whether Mr Goodchap, was above or below  
me on the list, but it is a matter of great  
consequence, he was promoted to Assistant Engineer

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 6 months, to Asst<sup>l</sup> Engineer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 6  
months, and to Executive Engineer 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 months  
before I was, and he received the extra pay of  
the higher appointments during those periods which  
was justly and honestly mine, now he is appointed  
Executive Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and it will be 6 months  
probably if not longer, before I shall receive  
similar promotion. -

26. - I have persistently complained of this  
supercession to the principal officers of the Department  
for 8 years but without redress, and I now request  
that my complaint may be placed before the  
Government. If Colonel Walker will give it a  
little consideration, he cannot but admit the  
reasonableness of my request, and he will I hope  
in simple justice recommend that it may  
be granted, I am asking for nothing but what  
the Government gave me in 1864, for what they  
were pleased to call distinguished service, and  
that is the place above Mr Goodchap in the  
Departmental list. -

27. - In regard to Mr Hale, he was  
appointed Assistant Engineer 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade on the  
same date, on which I was confirmed in that

Grade.

Grade, namely 27<sup>th</sup> February 1866, (Gazette page 330)  
 his appointment appeared below mine in the usual  
 course, and he was my junior in every respect,  
 when I was appointed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade on the  
 28<sup>th</sup> July 1868, Mr. Hale became the division  
 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, but on the 11<sup>th</sup> August following  
 he was at our Swoop promoted to Extra 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Engineer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, over every 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant  
 of the Department, I did not complain of this,  
 because I supposed there must have been some  
 very great reason for such extraordinary promotion,  
 and over the heads of so many good men, including  
 Major Kennedy, and 3 Officers of Royal Engineers,  
 but I have since learnt that there was no reason  
 at all, that is to say, no reason in connection with  
 the public service, to throw at the feet of so many  
 able Officers by placing Mr. Hale above them.  
 There can be no question of Mr. Hale's ability  
 and zeal, but there is as little question of the  
 zeal and ability of several of the Officers who  
 were superseded by him, and who had at the  
 time the claims attaching to ~~long~~ long and  
 efficient service.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir,  
 Your most obedient servant  
 J. H. H. H.  
 Executive Engineer

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Order thereon, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1862. No 1583.

1. The Government are much gratified to  
 observe the progress made in the construction of the  
 Pennan Arnieet in the South Arcot District, and they  
 concur in opinion with the Chief Engineer and Deputy  
 Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, that great credit  
 is due to Assistant Supervisor O'Shaughnessy for  
 the highly satisfactory as well as economical and  
 expeditious manner in which the project has been  
 carried out. In paragraph 9 of the Deputy  
 Chief Engineer's letter, the saving reported on the  
 sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,000- is given ap-  
 proximately at Rupees 8000-.

2. The Deputy Chief Engineer's proceeding  
 reported in paragraph 11 of his letter to the Chief  
 Engineer is approved.

3. The Government will be prepared on  
 the receipt of an application from the Chief Engineer  
 to sanction the entertainment of a temporary  
 surveyor during Assist<sup>t</sup> Quences Campbell's  
 absence in the Malabar District, to take the  
 necessary levels for the Northern Channels,  
 (True Extract)

Wm. J. Perwood Colclough  
 Secretary to Govt.

(True copy) J. H. H. H.  
 Executive Engineer

8<sup>th</sup> March 1874.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honble  
Sir C. Wood, Bart, Secretary for State for India  
(Public Works) to his Excellency the Honorable  
the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India  
Office, London, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1862, No 133.

Order thereon 16<sup>th</sup> January 1863. No 133.

It is very  
singular  
but probably  
due to the  
Board's mistake  
to think that  
officer's share  
in the work  
really much  
the greater  
than have been  
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It is gratifying to learn that the Peman  
Amnicut is approaching completion, at a cost  
considerably within the Estimate. This result  
appears to be principally due to the energy and  
care of Mr Oshaughnessy, the Assistant Supervisor  
of this important work. I concur in your estimate  
of that Officer's services, and trust that the success  
which has attended Mr Oshaughnessy's laudable  
endeavors to carry on a work of this magnitude  
without recourse to the ordinary practice of advances,  
either for labor or materials, will be generally made  
known and encouragement afforded to others to follow  
his good example.

Paragraph 8 will be communicated to the  
Chief Engineer and the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern  
Circle for information. The former Officer is requested  
to communicate the views of the Secretary of State  
to the Department generally.

(True Copy)  
Signed of M. J. Burwood, Col. 1868  
Secretary to Govt.  
(Send) C. A. Ford Capt. 1868  
Dist. Eng. South Arcot  
Executive Engineer 8/3/74.

Public Works Department  
Public  
Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Order thereon,

21<sup>st</sup> December 1869 N<sup>o</sup> 4,004.

The Executive Engineer in charge of Operations at Cochino now forwards an Estimate for completing and perfecting the defensive works which were recommended by the Committee appointed in G.O. No 2967, dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 1868, to be constructed for the protection of the town and harbour of Cochino, and submit the detailed survey which he was called upon to prepare in explanation of the measures which have been adopted, and for the information of the Marine Engineer who it is expected will be deputed by the Secretary of State to visit and report on the harbour of this Presidency. —

2 The expenditure estimated by Mr. O'Shaughnessy for carrying out to completion the recommendations of the Committee, and for the improvement of the harbor by revetting the northern flank of its entrance with rough stone, amounts to the large sum of \$1,150,000 of which \$37,000 are required for closing the Gray Millage Gap. The Committee's recommendations simply embraced the construction of defensive works, but made no provision for those required for the improvement of

of the harbour. - Mr O'Shaughnessy  
therefore recommends as an additional  
his scheme, but does not estimate for the  
construction of two breakwaters or training walls  
extending from each flank of the Harbour  
seaward from each flank of the Harbour  
entrance with a view to confining the waves  
and the flow of the tide, and, by concentrating  
its force on the bar, increasing the depth of  
waters at the entrance of the Harbour.

3. Mr O'Shaughnessy, after a careful  
examination of the coast during the last  
six months, is satisfied that no such  
littoral current exists as would cause  
the deposition against groynes, near and  
from the shore, of sand to reclaim a beach,  
and he is therefore of opinion that the  
groynes proposed by the Committee will  
not of themselves, afford effective protec-  
tion to the coast. - He thinks that a better  
and more economical mode of effecting  
that object would be the formation of a  
strong breastwork along the margin of the sea  
to act as a bulwark. - Mr O'Shaughnessy  
has had a peculiarly favourable opinion  
of forming a reliable opinion on this point.  
His view coincides with that previously  
expressed by Colonel Walker, and, if it  
be correct, it would seem to be very un-  
desirable to proceed with the present works,  
at a great outlay of money, till the Marine  
Engineers, who is to be deputed to inspect the  
harbours of this Presidency has given his  
opinion. - No danger will it seem  
arise from deferring further proceedings.

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as Mr O'Shaughnessy very clearly shows that,  
with the exception of some protective works  
to the south, which ought to be completed  
at a cost of about Rs 10,000, nothing is  
urgently required to be done either for  
the protection of the beach or for closing  
the Gruz Melagre Gap. -

4. Under present circumstances it will not be  
practicable to assign any funds from the Public  
works grant, but, as it is advisable to place a  
sum of Rs 10,000 at Mr O'Shaughnessy's disposal  
for carrying out such of those measures as he has  
indicated as essential, the question of providing  
the money from Public Funds will be considered  
in the Marine Department. -

5. The Government have much pleasure in  
recording their favourable opinion of the manner in  
which Mr O'Shaughnessy has performed the duties  
assigned to him. His Survey is very complete, and  
with his report, will be of valuable assistance to the  
Marine Engineers above referred to.

(True Extract)

/Sd/- Charles A. Orr. Esq. M.A.  
Secretary to Government.

(True Copy)

J. O'Shaughnessy  
District Engineer

8<sup>th</sup> March 1874.

Proceedings of the Madras Government 19<sup>th</sup> July 1870.

No 277.

Civil Works. No 23.

Order thereon 19<sup>th</sup> July 1870. No 1721.

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After a careful perusal of the report the Government are satisfied of the general correctness of Mr O'Shaughnessy's report of the measures taken by him for arresting the encroachment of the sea at Echiv, and they have no doubt that one of the effects produced was the stoppage, as described by Mr O'Shaughnessy, of the passage which exists between Group No. 9-A. and the Sand Bank lying off the Coast at that point. The Government however consider that Mr O'Shaughnessy ought to have reported that the Sand Bank formed by his operations subsequently disappeared, in whole or in part, and that a boat channel was again opened at the same spot.

2. With reference to the alleged breach in the Island of Vyppam reported by Mr O'Shaughnessy and to his works to repair it or prevent its enlargement the Government are of opinion that the terms used by Mr O'Shaughnessy in his telegram and letter would convey an impression that the aperture or passage of the water was more defined and more dangerous than was actually the case, but they admit that there may have been some danger of a breach occurring, and they do not impute to Mr O'Shaughnessy any

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intention to convey an erroneous impression to  
Government by the language employed by him.

3. The Government considers that the  
report furnished by Mr. Dalrymple with reference  
to the matter was not based on sufficient  
inquiry and consideration. He ought to have  
weighed the facts of the case with greater care  
before making statements which imply a charge  
of misrepresentation against an Officer in the  
Public Service. He has committed an error  
which he would have avoided if had placed  
himself in correspondence with Mr. O'Shaughnessy  
during his visit to Cochran and had visited the  
points referred to in his Company and with  
the benefit of his explanation.

4. The thanks of Government are due  
to Colonel Carpendale for the very complete  
and satisfactory manner in which he has  
performed the special duty entrusted to him.

(True Encl.)  
(Signed) Charles A. Orr Col. R.E.  
Secretary to Government

(True Copy)  
W. H. O'Shaughnessy  
Executive Engineer

8<sup>th</sup> March 1875.

Muders 26<sup>th</sup> January 1866

My dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

Mr. Goodchap is some years more senior  
in the Department and has served in it  
faithfully to the entire satisfaction of all  
the Officers under whom he has been employed  
and therefore without in the least degree  
disputing your claims to consideration, it  
was only just that his should have due  
weight, Mr. Poku too is more senior by  
many years and has done good service  
but his is a different case as he was  
not in the country when you were promoted  
and you will of course be next confirmed.

Yours truly  
Chas. A. Orr

True Copy  
W. H. O'Shaughnessy  
As Engr

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(Sig) Charles A. Orr

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My dear Mr. Thompson  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land for the proposed harbor at the mouth of the river. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the project and I am sure that the Government will be pleased to see that you are so actively engaged in its promotion. I will be glad to hear from you again when you have had a chance to consult with the proper authorities. Very respectfully,  
Wm. Thompson

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J. H. Thompson  
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Madison 11th December 1869

My dear Mr. Thompson

I am deriving much credit for the manner in which you have executed the duty assigned to you and through for want of funds. Full advantage cannot be taken of the fruits of your labor. Your energy and remarks will be most valuable to the Engineer who will be deputed from England to examine and report on Cochrane as well as the other harbors of the Presidency

Yours truly  
(sig) Charles A. Orr

True Copy  
Wm. Thompson  
Ex. Eng.

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From

L. S. Humphreys & Co  
By Eugene 4<sup>th</sup> grade

To

Major R. R. Mead M.E.  
Dist. Eugene  
Oregon

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 1874  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> March 1874

Attest W. C. 1874

Complaining of  
having been imposed  
by Mr. W. C. Goodrich  
4<sup>th</sup> grade of the 3<sup>d</sup>  
grade —

Enclosure in a letter  
from the District Engineer  
Tanjore to the Secretary  
Govt. P. W. D. No. 1141  
dated 17 March 1874.

P. W. D. No. 1006 of 17-4-74  
In 1871/202  
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Copy of letter dated 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 1874 and its  
enclosures from Mr.  
Shaughnessy relative  
to his having been super-  
seded by Mr. Goodchap  
Executive Engineer of  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

No 1141

District Engineer's Office  
Tanjore 17<sup>th</sup> March 1874.

From

Major H. H. Mead R.E.  
District Engineer, Tanjore

To

Enclosure one

Colonel E. W. Walker R.E.  
Secretary to Government  
P. W. Department

Sir, I have the honor to  
forward an original letter and  
enclosures from Mr. Shaughnessy  
Executive Engineer requesting that his  
place in the Gradation list of the  
Department may be altered and  
that he may be placed above Mr.  
Goodchap and Mr. Walker; from  
his letter it will be seen that he was

his supersession by Mr. Goodchap  
Colonel Orr however, as Mr. Goodchap  
had longer departmental service  
than Mr. O'Shaughnessy, declined placing  
his appeal before Government.

With regard to Mr. Walsh  
I do not consider Mr. O'Shaughnessy  
gives sufficient weight to the fact  
that Mr. Walsh came into the Depart.  
ment from the Irrigation Company  
and that, when he joined, considerable  
Indian experience in Engineering besides  
that he had gained in Australia  
before he came to this Country.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy makes  
no claim on account of his special  
services in Wynaad, North Arcot  
and Cochin but he asks to be put  
back in the position he gained in 1864  
for his good service on the Pannar  
Irrigation work, for this he was  
promoted over Mr. Goodchap and

he requests that he may be replaced  
in that position. I request that  
Mr. O'Shaughnessy's claims for  
this may be considered, this dif-  
ference of one step has already made  
much difference to him and may  
in the future make more.

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient servant  
Major R.E.  
District Engineer

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Read the following:-

From the District Engineer  
 Sanjore } (Memorandum No 1141 dated 17<sup>th</sup>  
 March 1874)

His Excellency the Governor  
in Council is not prepared  
to make any revision of the  
order in which Messrs. Welch,  
Goodchap, and O'Shaugh-  
nessy stand in the Engineers  
Establishment of the Public  
Works Department; such  
order having prevailed

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To

The Dist. Engineer  
Tanjore.

Dated

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G. O. 17<sup>th</sup> April 1874, No. 1006.

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Mr. O'Shaughnessy

Passing orders on  
letter from the District  
Engineer Tanjore regarding  
Mr. O'Shaughnessy's  
presence by Messrs  
Goodchap and Wale.