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21st February 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

- No. 423. From District Engineer, Bellary, dated 28th January 1874, No. 1,670.
No. 424. From District Engineer, Kurnool, dated 8th January 1874, No. 985.

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1874, No. 434.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 21A.

AFTER reference of Mr. Francis' petition to the District Engineer of Kurnool, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that in accepting the former's resignation, that gentleman acted for the best with reference to the interests of the public service. Mr. Francis must rely on himself to get entertained again in some other capacity but that of a Taluq Overseer.

2. At the same time Mr. Fraser is informed that the unusual notification is not approved.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.

„ „ Kurnool.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To Mr. M. Francis.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Bellary
10th December 1873

Lieut. Col. G. W. Walter R.E.
Secretary to the Govt of India
Department Public Works
Madras.

Honored Sir

In laying the following facts before you, I feel certain that with the advantage, which I now make of facts that I can bear out in every point, by prefragable testimony, my review that careful attention from you, which my experience of your justice tells me, I shall not have made in vain.

My father Mr. S. Francis undertook the completion of the Telegraph Office at Bellary, which Messrs. Doodellian (the original Contractor) felt himself unable to go through by reason of financial embarrassment. The Doodellian was a protégé of Mr. Fraser and the latter felt jealous of any stain being cast on the character of one whose credit he felt himself bound to sustain, at any cost. Mr. Fraser's conduct to me after the action, which my father felt himself bound to follow towards Doodellian, was of no trying a character, but I found it absolutely necessary to submit a transfer to some other District than that which I was engaged in 1st October 1873. My health had been badly impaired by the trials of temper which I suffered from, under a course of petty annoyances from Mr. Fraser, all based on the unworthy design of punishing the Son for what was regarded as the guilt of the Father, said guilt (?) extending only to a legitimate recourse to means for the recovery of a large sum due to my father by Doodellian.

ignorance of me were you

James Fraser

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My application for transfer was not attended to and
resignation, which immediately followed, was
accepted, but is now subjecting me to that
cannot help expressing it as my belief that the system
of annoyances practised towards me were studiously
calculated to bring about my disconnection with the
Department.

4. On my Application to Mr. Fraser for my pay 900
it was intimated to me by that Officer that the same
should be withheld until the return by me, and receipt
by the Head Clerk, of all the books, documents &c. &c.
in my possession had been certified to by the Head Clerk.
The idea did not seem to have occurred then to Mr. Fraser,
which appears subsequently proved nearly a month after
my resignation of my various remissions, and
real ground for so serious a charge against a sub-
ordinate exist, the time for taking notice of the same,
and punishing it, if found necessary, was when that sub-
ordinate continued in employ. To bring it up on this
stage of Affairs, that I have named, betrays a disposition
to injure me in every possible way.

5. Mr. Fraser's treatment of his subordinates is notorious
to every member of his Office Establishment. Such language
insulting expressions are the rule with him on every
slight occasion and a full experience, in my own case,
of what lengths Mr. Fraser can proceed to, when his
feelings are roused, determined by severing my
connection with him.

6. I do not certainly affect any very extraordinary talents;
but I humbly submit the essential features of a case,
which if patiently investigated, will reveal a host of
affairs not very creditable to those who support it.

7. On submitting Copies of Certificates and Testimonials
from the other Officers, whom it has been my privilege
to serve, and whose good opinions I have been fortunate
to secure, I trust that I have diligently and earnestly
followed the advice given to me, when leaving College,
of employing all my talents (small as they are) towards
carrying out all that training which I hope at considerable
cost to myself, been prepared by at the C.E. College.

8. Captain R. S. Taylor, an Officer whom I had the honor of
serving under, when the party to which I was attached lay
at Putteranda Talug, will be able to speak of my officious
and general conduct. From under Captain Taylor's
charge I was removed to do duty at Mundayal Talug,
notwithstanding all Captain Taylor's remonstrances against
my removal, and his desire to retain me under him.

9. I respectfully submit that such a testimony, to my
qualification and merits, as Captain Taylor bears, is an
invaluable evidence in my favour. His certificate is
also annexed.

10. It were hardly possible to imagine that a man so
well spoken of by one Officer as Captain Taylor & others
should have so suddenly degenerated, as she thought
deserving by another Officer of such sweeping Censure.
as Mr. Fraser's Notification of me in the Bellary District
Gazette gives proof of.

11. So undeserving a cause of treatment I must humbly
deplicate. This continuing to remain in the Gazette

ignores by me even you

will be a bar to my success in life; and in doubt
feeling that so unfair and so unfounded an imputation
as that which Mr. Fraser has seen fit to adopt, may
be persisted. I ask no more than that a simple act
of justice may be done to me.

I have laid down the features of my case in
simply as I can, seeking neither to exaggerate
nor to lend them a color which they may
not safely stand strict scrutiny of.

I should have contended myself after acceptance
of my resignation, with seeking other chances of em-
ployment elsewhere; but this sweeping censure of me
which Mr. Fraser has so hastily and I could well think,
unwisely adopted, is an effectual barrier against
any future success in life. I have, therefore, under the
painful circumstances which I have described, to beg
that a sitting investigation may be instituted into
all the particulars of my case, and an opportunity
thus given me of defending myself against
the serious charges which Mr. Fraser has alleged,
against me, as a Public Servant.

In conclusion, I beg to add my earnest & humble
hope, that this my second Appeal, to you may meet
with that impartial attention, which I feel convinced
you will not hesitate to give to it. Shall it be
found that I have truth and justice on my side,
I beg that your decision now will be regulated
thereby, and that in my readmission to the service,
I may yet give proofs of that capability, which
Mr. Fraser has now seen fit to question.

15. With expressions of the deepest respect.

I beg to remain

Honored Sir

Your most obedient & humble Servant

M. Francis

Late Overseer D.P.M.

Civil Engineering College, Madras.

Certificate No. 528 Dated the 31st of May 1871

Name M. Francis.

Race, Native Christian, Religion Protestant Age 20 years.

Qualified for the grade of Overseer Bengal P.W.D.

Under para 2, Section 2, Chapter II Bengal P.W. Code.

Passed at College.

[Sd.] J.H. Rogers Capt. R.E.

Ag. Principal C.E. College

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M. Francis has served as a C.E. Overseer under
me since July 1871. He has always done his
work to my satisfaction, and shown himself
to be both a hardworking and painstaking man.

Cuddalore

[Signed]

A.W. Hunter

September 9th 72.

Asst. Engineer

P.W.D.

[True Extracts]

M. Francis

late D.P.M.

Please turn over.

ignorance of the work you

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By this it is quite evident that Mr. Green-stang found that his opinion abundantia, is quite a false ^{one} and that it does not exist to a great extent, though it has been supposed for the same ^{fact}.

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In permitting you to resign I have the following remarks to make.

In the first place it is a matter of surprise how you ever got into the department, as after 2 or 3 years study in the Civil Engineering College you failed to pass the Madras Examination, and besides this you are totally incompetent to perform the duties of an Overseer.—

2. That you should be ignorant of the work you

had to do in my Office is only what I might have expected, but I did not expect that, after I had spent a great deal of time, and taken a great deal of trouble to teach you, you should have submitted to me as correct what you must have known was false; that you would have plotted your notes so carelessly as to be altogether useless, or not plotted at all, but put down at random points on the sections through which contour lines could be drawn. You evidently did not expect that I would take the trouble to go through your field Book

and that. Consequently your worse than culpable carelessness would pass undetected.

This shows that you are utterly untrustworthy.

3. Your services are not worth paying for on account of the very small quantity of bad work you turn out. You are aware that more than once I told you that if you did not improve I should pay you only the value of your work each month. I had also to speak to you about your coming late (sometimes an hour or two) to Office, and when the Head of the Office spoke to you on the subject your reply was that you could not change your hours for meals to suit Office

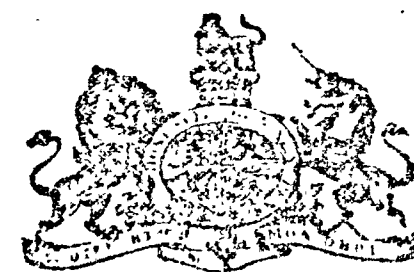
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hours. I have also to refer
to your letter to me on the
day that I discovered the
falshood of your work, in
which letter you said you
wished to resign unless you
were transferred to executive
Charge: a letter so insolent
as this I have never read
except two others received from
you since that date. On making
enquiry I find that you have
been nearly equally impertinent
to the two Range Officers under
whom you served in this District.
one of whom (Captain Taylor)
reported your misconduct to
the Superintending Engineer.

Under these Circumstances—
your uselessness, Carelessness,
ignorance and insolence,

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almost any other Officer
would have summarily
dismissed you: I did not do
so because I was unwilling
to permanently injure the
prospects of a man who though
possessed of the unenviable
traits enumerated above was
very young and might possibly
improve.
Signed W. Fraser C. E.
District Engineer

(True Copy/
William Massey C. E.
District Engineer

Exd. ^{W.P.}
ack.



BELLARY DISTRICT.

D. P. W. SHEET.

By the Officiating District Engineer.

Copy of Circular No. 1275 dated 6th October 1873, from the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings to the District Engineer, Bellary.

Several supplemental Estimates have lately been forwarded to the Inspecting Engineer for extra work or alterations to buildings, carried out at the request of the Military or Civil Officers by whom the buildings will be occupied or else, as stated, in accordance with orders or permission verbally given by the Inspecting Engineer.

District Engineers are now reminded that all excess over 5 per cent on the Estimate requires the sanction of Government and therefore no alterations or extra work by which the Estimate is likely to be exceeded by more than 5 per cent should be carried out without the sanction of Government being first obtained. Applications for extra work and alterations from other Departments should always be in writing and no verbal orders or permission should be considered by the District Engineers as sufficient authority for exceeding a sanctioned Estimate.

Notification No. 45 Dated 9th October 1873.

T. Kristnaswamy Moodaliar Assistant Accountant, Bellary Range has been granted Privilege leave for 5 days from 6th October 1873.

Notification No. 46 dated 10th October 1873.

P. Veeraswamy Naidoo, Local Fund Mistry, Darmavaram Talook, has been granted sick leave on Medical certificate for (1. one month from 2nd October 1873.

Notification No. 47 dated 13th October 1873.

P. S. Arnachallum Moodaliar Head Draughtsman and Estimator, District Engineer's Office, has been granted Privilege leave for one month from the 6th Instant.

Notification No. 50 dated 14th October 1873.

The following appointments are ordered.

1. C. Vasoodavooloo Naidoo, acting Talook Writer, Koodlighi Talook, to be Local Fund Writer, Bellary Circle, salary Rs. 15. To join on being relieved.
2. D. Venkataswamy Naidoo, a volunteer in the Gooty Range Office, to be Local Fund Writer, Gooty Circle salary Rs. 15.

Notification No. 51 dated 14th October 1873.

The following transfers are ordered.

1. Supervisor Harris from Penncondah to Gooty Sub-Division. To join at the public expense, after the completion of the Potulacuntah project.
2. Supervisor O'Leary from Gooty to Pennacondah Sub-Division. To join after the expiration of the Privilege leave about to be granted.

Off. District Engineer

*One to letter to go
date 1th 8 January
1874*

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Notification No. 52 dated 18th October 1873.

Extension of Privilege leave up to the 15th Proximo is granted to P. S. Arnachallum Moodaliar Head Draughtsman and Estimator District Engineer's Office.

No. 1187.

Circular Memorandum.

In future the Traffic Registers for a particular month, should be dispatched from Talook Offices not later than the 10th of the month following, should any Register be later than the above date, the Overseer concerned will forfeit the whole of his Travelling Allowance for the month to which the Register refers.

The Registers for the months of May and August, were as a rule, prepared and dispatched from Talook Offices, in a most slovenly and irregular manner.

It is presumed that, if the Registers leave the Talook Offices on the 10th of the month, they will reach the District office on the 15th of the month. A form of Register is enclosed, which is to be strictly followed by each Overseer.

Register of Traffic on the Road from to for the month of Station

Day of the month.		No. of carts.						No. of bullocks or buffaloes.						No. of Donkeys or Ponies						Remarks
		Laden.		Empty		Total.		Laden		Empty.		Total.		Laden.		Empty		Total.		
		From.	To.	From	To.	From.	To.	From	To.	From.	To.	From	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	
		From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	From.	To.	
1	5	4	2	3	7	7	10	9	12	8	22	17	5	4	7	8	12	12		
2	3	4	4	3	7	5	8	7	9	10	17	17	3	3	8	4	13	10		
3	7	6	6	5	13	11	6	11	7	8	18	19	8	2	7	5	15	7		
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Total...	19	17	19	19	38	36	29	30	31	32	60	32	19	17	29	21	43	38		

Published for information and guidance of Overseers.

By the District Engineer Kurnool.

NOTIFICATION No. 713.

Mr. M. Francis is permitted to resign his appointment of extra Overseer in the Kurnool District under the circumstances explained in the District Engineer's memorandum No 704 of 6th October 1873.

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No. 1187

District Engineer's Office
Camp Raigwara-
28-January 1874

From

The District Engineer
Bellary

To

The Chief Engineer
Secretary to Government
P.M.D.

Sir,

As called for in your Memo No. 42 dated 28th January 1874, I have the honour to forward a copy of the District Gazette containing the Notification by the District Engineer Kurnool regarding the resignation of Overseer Francis, who was employed in the Kurnool District and not in this.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Attnr. Eng. Capt. R.C.

Off. District Engineer Bellary

District Engineer's Office
 No. 985 Ahmednagar 8 January 1876
 To, The District Engineer
 Ahmednagar
 From, The Secretary to
 Government P. W. D.
 Sir,
 I have the honor to reply
 to your Memorandum No. 1
 dated the 24th ultimo, on the
 subject of the resignation of Mr.
 M. Francisco Extra Querser
 in this District. Mr. Francis
 Petition and a copy of his
 testimonials are returned
 in the notification of
 Mr. Francis' resignation was to
 the effect that he was allowed
 to resign under the circumstances
 explained in my letter No. 704.

To, The Chief Engineer
 3rd Division.
 Ahmednagar
 From, The Superintending Engineer
 Ahmednagar

Dated 28th January 1876
 Received 28th January 1876
 No. 1692

Forwarded a copy of the
 Petition of Mr. Francisco
 Extra Querser to the
 District of Ahmednagar
 of District Engineer.

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the usual notice of my intention
to take the Contract from him
on a certain date if he did
not proceed faster. On that
date he brought to me Mr.
Francis Senior, whom I then
saw for I believe the first
time; and requested that
I would allow the Contract
to be transferred to him.
Finding that Mr Francis
had capital and had done
work before, the Contract
was transferred to him, and
Tyapuri's work was measured
up, but I refused to pay
him because there were
attachments from the
Munsiff's Court against the
money due to him. I
believe, however, that he

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was paid by my successor.
That the real arrangement
was between Mr Francis and
Tyapuri I do not know; but
I believe it was, in reality,
any thing but ~~what I believe~~
~~it was in reality anything but~~
what they said it was. With
this however I had nothing to do,
as the Plans and Specifications
were quite clear and they
knew that no departure from them
would be allowed. All this
is on record in the Range Office
and as I left Bellary soon
after, I know nothing of what
took place except that Mr.
Francis managed to get Tyapuri
into jail, where, I believe
he still keeps him. I think
you will see from these facts
that, notwithstanding Mr.

Francis's opinion. Dyaspuri
does not consider himself
one of my proteges.
No 2. — I believe that Mr
Francis did wish to get away
from me, and I think
he was right from his point
of view. He saw that there
was no use in trying to
humbug me, and I had sufficient
reason for not giving him charge
of a Taluk. I pass over
the poor fellow's impaired
health from petty annoyances
the fact being that he had been
under my own orders for about
seven weeks, and that I never
spoke to him severely except
on the morning I discovered
that he had falsified his own
notes. After going through
his field Book and comparing
it carefully with what he had

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plotted or rather sketched, and
having found that notwithstanding
the pains I had taken with him,
his whole work was utterly
useless. I certainly expressed
myself pretty plainly as to
the value of his services.
No 3. — This is all false.

A few hours after what took
place as described above, he
wrote to ask to be transferred
to a taluk or else he would
resign. I do not quite
~~remember~~ but I believe
his letter was not answered,
accepting his resignation until
the following day. I know
that there was no hurry about
it.

No 4. — This is quite true.
He demanded, in then most
impertinent manner, his

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pay and his travelling allowances
and he was informed that when
he had delivered up all
documents and instruments
in his charge, he would be
paid.

No 5: — False — answered
before.

No 6: — This is not quite
consistent with the fact that
most of my old subordinates
wish to come to me.

No 7: — College testimonial:
He failed. I think more than
once to pass the Madras standards.
Whatever he may have passed
he can neither survey, level,
nor plot. I got him to
survey the District Office
Compound and buildings
to see what he could do, and

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the thing he gave me was
hardly equal to a bad sketch.
Other testimonials: I know
nothing of Mr. Hunter; but it
surprises me very much to read
a favourable testimonial from
Captain Taylor whose opinion
of Mr. Francis is, I have heard,
reason to believe, very low,
indeed; and I know that Mr.
Vardon's opinion is much lower.
No 8: — It is true that I
removed Mr. Francis from
the Kurnool Range to take
part in the survey and
sections of Sandial Park.
Under Captain Taylor he was
employed on roads and at
the whole Range Establishment
was mostly employed in the

same way, I thought that the Extra Overseer could be more profitably employed on important irrigation works.

It would have been better however if I had left him as he was, for not only has his work turned out useless, but it has delayed the submission of the revised estimates.

No 9. — So far as I know nothing appeared in the Billary Gazette beyond that he was allowed to resign under the circumstances stated in my letter. Of course my intention was that Public Works Officers should not be led to suppose that he had resigned in the ordinary way,

and the plan appears to have been efficient. —

No 10. — I know nothing of any other appeal, but should not be surprised if he had had occasion to send in several. — In conclusion I must say that I consider Mr Francis, on all accounts, unworthy of entertainment in the Public Works department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
William Masses C.B.

District Engineer.

P.S. Francis was not employed as Local fund overseer in this District.

No 434

After reference of Mr Francis' letter to the District

Superior of Vermont, Mr Stacey the Governor and Council

is of opinion that in appointing the former's resignation that is, he should

act for the best with reference to the interests of the public service - the

franchise must rely on himself to get satisfactory returns in some

other capacity at first of a date of Governor's resignation - the same

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From Mr. J. C. 227
The West Point

to the Secretary to
Governor's P. M. 227

Dated 15th January 1876

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Report on the

subject of the

resignation of

the Governor's

Quarries D. H.

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At the same time the Secretary to the Governor is informed that the same has been referred to the

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To The District Engineer
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Mr. M. Francis, C.E.

Secy, Government of India.

Chief Engineer

Mr. Francis as Chief

Engineer and Disb.

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Letter regarding