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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd February 1874.*

Read the following:—

No. 426. From the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 3rd February 1874, No. 68.

ABSTRACT.—SUBMITTING a letter with enclosures from the Agent, Madras Railway, explaining the circumstances under which the Locomotive Department refused to re-employ R. W. Everson in his department.

No. 427. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1874, No. 435.

RAILWAY, No. 70.

THE petitioner will be informed that His Excellency the Governor in Council is not of opinion that his claims to re-employment are of a nature to call for the interference of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Mr R. W. Everson.

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Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 68

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW, STEWART, R.E.

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In compliance with
the instructions of Government con-
veyed in your orderment dated
the 23rd ultimo, I have the honour to
enclose a letter from the Agent of
the Madras Railway Company ex-
plaining the circumstances under
which the Locomotive Superintendent
refused to reemploy A. W. Emerson in
his

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with 2 enclosures

his department.

2. I have had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Agent, and I am satisfied that, partly on account of impaired eyesight, but chiefly owing to his intemperate habits, Everson is unfitted for employment in the Railway Company's service.

He was not an educated man, and was engaged in India. The Railway Authorities have given employment to him now, and, under the circumstances, I do not see that they can be asked to do more.

3. The original petition which accompanied your endorsement is

returned

returned.

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I have the honour to be.

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Madras. 3
3 February 1874 }
Wentworth Lt. Col. R.E.
Cons. Engineer for Railways.

Yr. Obedt.
Buck.

Madras, 28th January. 1874. .

Robert B. Shinn Esqr.
Agent and Manager. of the N. R. Co.

Leut. Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

With reference to your letter No 74 of the 24th instant and its enclosure (herewith returned) I have the honour to inform you that the case of R. W. Iverson has already been inquired into by me, in consequence of his having addressed a letter to the Board of Directors as to the Locomotive Superintendent's refusal to re-employ him in that department.

2. I enclose for submission to Government
^{* p 242 of 22 Jan'y/74.} a copy of my reply[†] to the Board, and a copy
^{* p 2 of 14 Jan'y/74.} of Mr. Barton Wright's letter[‡] upon the subject.

Have the honour to be

Sir
 Your most obedient servant
 Wm. G. Lewis
 Agent and Manager.

From
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,
To
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 21st February 1874
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Nov. 4.
No. 68

Submitting a letter with
evidence from the report
Marine Railway Company
The circumstances under
which has been kept.
Refused to see anything
H. B. Brown in this
Report.

Robert.

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Madras Railway
Locomotive Superintendent's Office
Pembroke Works

18th January 1874

To
The Agent and Manager
Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of 1st dated
of instant forwarding copies of the Secretary's
letter dated 12th ultimo and of a letter from R. W.
Everson dated 30th September last, it will perhaps
be as well that I should give you a short history
of Everson's career in the Railway to enable you
more fully to explain to the Board the actual
circumstances of his case.

1. He was entertained in this Department
as a Fireman in March 1864, and promoted
to a Driver in 1865, in which capacity he served
till May 1867, when he was attacked with
small pox, and his eye-sight was so much
impaired that he was unfitted for further
employment as an Engine Driver.

2. Although he had never been a very
satisfactory servant his calamity was of a
nature that made him an object for special
sympathy, and from the time of his affliction
till his departure for England I did what
I could to help him departmentally and on
more than one occasion successfully appealed
to you in his behalf for aid from the Sick and
Allowance Fund. I was anxious to place him
in a position where he could earn his own
livelihood, and I appointed him successively to assist

Madras Railway

From

The Agent and Manager
P. W. E.

The Secy: Secy

Recd 26 January 1874
No. 27.

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Regarding the above
subject referred to
in the letter to
the Secy: Secy

P. W. E. 26/83

assist the Soc. Foremen at Madras, Coimbatore and Jollapatti; but he failed to give satisfaction in each case, and as the Foremen complained of his intemperate habits I could no longer retain him in the service.

4. When he came to me to tell me that he had been recommended to proceed to England, he informed me that you had promised to assist him if I would support his application, and seeing no prospect for him in this country I thought the best thing he could do would be to return to his native land; and accordingly gave his application my support. I had prior to this repeatedly told Everson that I could never again employ him in this Department, and he was therefore well aware that even had he recovered the full use of his eyes, my knowledge of his habits would preclude his re-employment.

Knowing as he did my determination not to re-employ him I considered that he had deceived the Board and had broken faith with me, as he was quite conscious that out of sympathy for his calamity I was unwilling to injure his future prospects by alluding to his intemperate habits, unless called upon to do so. I am sorry that Everson should have been so ill-advised as to have troubled the Board in the matter, and thus rendered it incumbent on me, in explaining my reasons for not re-employing him, to have to make statements prejudicial to his character.

5. I need scarcely inform you that his version of what passed between us on his arrival at Madras is the reverse of the truth; it is not very probable that I would comment upon the Board's action to a man in Everson's position.

6. As regards the last para. of his letter I beg to inform you that M^{rs} Everson called upon me shortly after her husband's departure for England, and on her representation that she and her children were left destitute I at once wrote to the Friends in need Society and procured her a Pension and I at the same time gave her eldest son a post as a Fireman, which he still holds.

Yours faithfully
H. B. Barton Wright
Soc. Superintendent.

1 True Copy
H. B. Barton
Agent and Manager.

N^o 242

Madras Railway
Madras 22nd January 1874.

My Dear Sir,

With reference to your Deane Official letter of the 12th ultimo, I beg to enclose you for submission to the Board a copy of Mr Barton Wright's letter N^o 3 of the 14th instant in which he explains the circumstances which led him to decline to re-employ Ererson.

I have myself seen Ererson and spoken with him upon this matter, but in the face of the opinions now expressed by Mr Wright, I cannot ask him to take the man back into the service, nor can I say that Ererson's present appearance and manner lead me to suppose that he is leading so regular a life as he should.

I find that Mr Wright when acting for me wrote to you twice on this subject, namely on the 1st of July and on the 28th of November 1873.

I am &c
/sd/ Robt. B. Elwin
Agent and Manager

Julian Rogers Esq^r
Secretary
Madras Railway Company
London

/True Copy/
/s/ R. B. Elwin
Agent and Manager

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No 1435 P. W. Dept

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Petition Under date the February 1876
Read the following
From the Com. Sup. for Railways/ H. C. No 68 of 3 February 1876

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The Petitioner will
be informed that after
careful consideration
of the circumstances
of his case on which
the Locomotive Super-
intendent has fully
reported His Excellency
the Governor in Council
is not of opinion that
his claims to re-em-
-ployment are of a na-
-ture to call for the in-
-terference of Govt.

C. Sup. for Rys. / Despatched 12.5.76
Mr. Emerson / C.M.W.

P. W. 1869/74

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
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To The Hon'ble Eng'g
for Railways

Dated

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^{Employe}
Mr. N. W. Swenson, late of the
Madras Railway, informed
that his claims to a salary
went are not of a nature
to call for the interference
of Govt.