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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21*st November* 1874.

o. 376. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 3rd November 1874, No. 1,765:—

In reference to the accompanying list of disallowances* made by the Controller of Public Works Accounts from the salary bill for the month of September 1874, I have the honor to request definite instructions as to the actual meaning of the provisions of G. O., 11th March 1874, No. 108, and G. O., 13th July 1874, No. 107.

* No. 611, dated 30th October 1874.

2. I must say that I am quite at a loss to understand the Controller's action in this matter. The Government ruling is most clear that the uncertificated men employed by Local Fund Boards are to be entitled in future Sub-Overseers. The Controller most illogically, as it appears to me, argues that the uncertificated candidate, viz., Pulny Andy Pillay, nominated as Sub-Overseer by me, under the authority of the Government orders quoted, cannot be entertained as a Local Fund Overseer. You will observe that as nobody has appointed him as such, it is simply beating the air to argue the point.

3. Considering the difficulty that there exists at the present moment of obtaining certificated candidates for Taluq Overseers, the Collegiate Institution of Madras will have to let loose a great many more of these certificated youngsters before these will be available for Local Fund duties.

4. It is a fact, and it is useless to attempt to conceal it, that a youth leaving the College in the pride of his certificate turns up his nose, as a rule, at a Local Fund Overseership, as he considers it *infra dig.* to accept it.

5. We have no choice therefore but to content ourselves in the Mofussil with those hard-working and painstaking individuals, who, although practically qualified in every respect for the posts in question, have not the pecuniary means of going through the curriculum of the Civil Engineering College, Madras, and its attendant heavy expenses.

6. As a case in point, I may mention that Manicum Moodelliar, the Head Draughtsman of this Office, who, though uncertificated, is more capable for Overseer's duty than the greater number of certificated Overseers in the service, has no prospect whatever of promotion before him. On a recent occasion a certificated Overseer in No. IV. Range being ordered to prepare a plan and estimate of an old building as per detailed instructions given by me personally in company with the Range Officer, was found a month afterwards to have done nothing whatever in the matter, and in fact he was simply incapable of doing it. I had therefore to detail Manicum Moodelliar to this duty, and the plan and estimate were prepared with alacrity. The Overseer who could not do the work is a 2nd class Overseer, but he who did it is not even allowed to be an Overseer at all. I take the opportunity therefore to respectfully urge that Manicum Moodelliar's case may be treated as an exceptional one, and that I may be allowed to appoint him as Taluq Overseer on the occurrence of a vacancy in that grade.

7. In regard to the immediate subject of the Controller's disallowance statement, I may mention that Pulny Andy Pillay, a Draughtsman on the establish-

ment of this office, was appointed by me as Local Fund Sub-Overseer in the 3rd Range of this district, and he entered upon his duties as such on 1st September 1874. The appointment was duly intimated to the President, Local Fund Boards, Tanjore, who has signified his approval of the same.

8. Pulny Andy Pillay, although an unpassed candidate, thoroughly understands plan-drawing, estimate-making, surveying, and levelling; and he has, moreover, experience in carrying out works. In short, the Pillay possesses the qualifications necessary for an Overseer, and I consider that he is fully qualified in every respect for that appointment.

9. Under these circumstances, and as experienced men are not easily to be got, I trust that no objection will be raised to the employment of Pulny Andy Pillay as a Local Fund Sub Overseer, 1st grade, in this district.

10. I take the opportunity to point out, in conclusion, the vast amount of annoying correspondence that is continually taking place on the subject of nominations to the grades of Overseer and Sub-Overseer. No sooner has the best qualified man available been selected to act in a vacancy of the kind in question than the propriety of the nomination is challenged in disallowance lists, etc., as if the Superintending or District Engineer can have any other possible motive for the nomination in question than that of appointing the man from whom the best kind of work is most likely to be obtained.

11. I trust that I shall be excused the above remarks. In my letter No. 521, dated 28th July 1874, I have ventured to offer suggestions in connection with the ruling of G. O., 13th July 1874, No. 107, but I have not been favored with any reply up to date.

No. 377. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1874, No. 3,296.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

IT is not necessary that Local Fund Sub-Overseers should possess Taluq Overseer's certificates. The supply of certificated men is insufficient as yet to enable such a qualification at present to be insisted on, though in course of time it may be feasible to require it in the case of Sub-Overseers of the 1st grade.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council declines to allow of the appointment of Manicum Moodelly as a Taluq Overseer, and disapproves of the tone of the Superintending Engineer's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" All District Engineers
" Executive Engineer Works

Fxd. S. T. Austin.

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Controller seems dense. Shall we tell him to add Dist. Engineers as the last?

Yes. [illegible]

Please acknowledge
142/24 [illegible]
3/12/74

No. 1765. Superintending Engineer's Office
Tanjore 3rd November 1874.

From
Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer
Tanjore

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Enclosures. 1.

Sir,

× No. 611 dated 30th October 1874

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July

P. W. 1874 Departt.
Rec'd 6 Nov 1874
From A.C. 6934.
The Superintd Engineer
Tanjore

To The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.
Madras.

No. 3296-21-11-74
Dated 3 Nov. 1874
Encls 1
Received 6 "
Enclosure No 5

Recommends that one Palany andy Pillay may be allowed to remain in the appointment of Local Fund Sub Overseer 1st Grade, and that C. Manicum Mod.s case may be treated as an exceptional one for admission to Overseer's post.

No 376

Recd 6 Novr 74

Superintending Engineer
Tanjore

Your Most Obedient Servt
Rich. Rowe Lieut. R.E.
Secretary to Govt

Madras 5th Nov. 1874

Recommended that Mr. Rowe be informed that the Govr in Council has no objection to Palany andy Pillay remaining in the appointment of Local Fund Sub Overseer 1st Grade.—

Mure. Ag. Secy

Mr. Rowe
Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Petition addressed to the Governor in Council by Palany andy Pillay, Local Fund Sub Overseer 1st Grade, Tanjore, praying that he may be allowed to remain in the appointment he now holds, and that C. Manicum Mod.s case may be treated as an exceptional one for admission to Overseer's post.

2. I beg to recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

3. The petition is returned herewith.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
Superintending Engineer
Tanjore

Tanjore 4th Nov. 1874

Palany andy Pillay, Local Fund Sub Overseer 1st Grade, Tanjore, prays that he may be allowed to remain in the appointment he now holds.—

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To
The Superintending Engineer
Tanjore

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Palany andy Pillay
Local Fund Sub Overseer 1st Grade
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Tanjore 3rd Nov. 1874

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Tanjore 3rd Nov. 1874

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His Excellency the Governor in Council declines to allow of the appointment of Manickam Moodelly as a Salook Overseer, and disapproves of the tone ~~entirely hostile of the letter~~ and remarks of the Supt Engineer's letter.

Govt

To.
The Secy. Exec. Engr. + Engineer + with 1 Encl.
" Controller with 2 Encls.

signed 4 copies dispd 25/11/74
To all District Engineers
" Exec. Engr. Wynaad
" Despatched 18/12/74.

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Govt. of [1874] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To.

The Supg. Engineer
Tanjore.

Dated

Read. Encl.

G. O., 21 Nov. 74, No. 3295

Nos. 376-377.

Overseers — Tanjore Dt.

Intimating that it is not necessary that Local Fund Sub Overseers should possess Taluk Overseers' Certificate & declining to allow of the appointment of Manickam Moodelly as a Taluk Overseer & disapproving the tone of the Engr's letter

10/12/74