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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1875.*

No. 153. Read the following petition from Mr. R. W. EVERSON, late Engine-driver,
Madras Railway Company, dated 2nd August 1875 :—

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1875, No. 2,298.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

As the grant of a gratuity to the petitioner for service with the Madras Railway Company does not rest with the Government but with the Railway authorities, he is referred to the Agent of the Company, through whom any representation which he may consider necessary to address to the Home Government should be transmitted.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, B.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Petitioner.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Myadras 2nd August
1878

No
The Right Honourable Governor
in Council

Fort St. George

The humble petition of R. W. Brown
sheweth that he petitioned to the Earl
of Salisbury Secretary of State for India
being ignorant of the Government Order
that was passed some months ago that
no memorials would be received unless
forwarded through your Lordship's Govern-
ment in Reference to G. O. of February
1876 and 42nd your humble petitioner
begs your Lordship to look into his hard
case and kindly send the same to the
Secretary of State for India. Your Lord-
ship will see that your humble petitioner
has now been 23 Months since his arrival
from the Office of the Board of Directors
of the Madras Railway Company and

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Suffering under great destitution
trusting this will meet with your
Goodship's kind consideration as I am
left with a wife and two children and
solely dependent on a gratuity which
I hope that your Goodship will assist
me for my long services and loss of
my wife in the capacity of an
Engine Driver on the Madras
Railway Company's service and
your humble petitioner will in duty
bound pray.

R. W. Everson

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Copy of a letter sent to the Editor of the Eastern Chronicle
which appeared in that journal on the 2nd of
September 1874.

II.

Sir. Will you kindly permit me through
the medium of your highly esteemed paper, to draw
the attention of the Public, to the manner in which
the Officials of the Madras Railway treat their em-
ployees, after serving them faithfully for years.
Dear Mr. Editor, the case in point is my own. I
arrived in this country in March 1864, and was engaged
the same month as Fireman on the Madras Railway,
and was promoted to Engine Driver in May 1865.
On the 13th May 1867, while in charge of a Mixed
Train of passengers, and goods, I was severely
attacked with fever, and no other Driver being
available to take on my Train, and knowing the
great responsibility of human life and property
devolving on me, I struggled hard against Nature,
and brought my Train to its Terminal Station, in
perfect safety, but I was reduced to such a state
of extreme weakness, that I had to be lifted from
my Engine by three Firemen, and carried to the
quarters of the Apothecary in charge of the Station,
who attended on me, and from thence I was conveyed
to my own quarters. After a space of two days, a
form of small-pox appeared. I remained in a
neglected condition for about six weeks, and was
then conveyed to Madras in a Goods Brake Van,
the Apothecary accompanying me, and admitted
into

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Petitioning that a
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allowed him for his
long service on the
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into the General Hospital as a patient. I do not think the Apothecary will be likely to forget the severe reprimand he received from D. P. — for the neglectful manner in which he had treated me. I was under D. P.'s — care for 3 months and also for 3 months under D. S.'s — treatment at the Eye Infirmary, and after a lapse of 15 months I was re-employed on the Railway as Night Engine-shed Foreman at Madras from August 1868 to December 1870, during which time I had but one night's privilege leave. — I was then ordered to Pothanoor Station to assist loco. Foreman H. Armstrong where I remained for about 11 months and had eventually to leave that Station on account of fever to come to the General Hospital at Madras, where I was placed under the care of D. C. — who recommended me to be removed from that Station (Pothanoor). — I was then ordered to Jolarapett Junction where I remained for four months, and was at the expiration of that period ordered down to Madras, by the loco. Superintendent Mr. H. Barton Wright, and to report myself after the Xmas. Holidays of 1872, which order was fully carried out by me. I was then placed in Perambore Workshops, but finding my health much impaired, I wrote to the loco. Superintendent and also the Agent and Manager requesting permission to proceed to England for Medical advice.

I then entered into a written agreement with Mr. R. B. Elwin, the Agent and Manager that I should

should go to England for medical treatment, and on my return to India that the money for, expenses incurred by me was to be refunded from my salary. On my arrival in England, I was admitted as a patient in the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, London, where I was visited by Mr. Julian Byrne, Secretary to the Board of Directors, who informed me that my case would be laid before the Board. They allowed me 10 shillings per week, subsistence, till such time as they heard from the Home Government, who, on hearing from the Board of Directors, allowed me 12 & shillings per week. Which I received up to the time of my leaving England. In July 1873, I reported myself ready to embark on my return voyage. I was supplied with a ticket, and £5 with orders to report myself to Mr. H. Barton Wright, the then acting Agent and Manager. On my arrival in Madras in September, I reported myself to that gentleman on the 16th of that month, and told him my orders were to report myself to him, from the Board of Directors. That gentleman then told me "I had no business to come out again, and that the Board of Directors had no business to send me." — Now Mr. Editor I think you will agree with me, that I have been very badly treated, and I beg that you will kindly allow this to appear in the columns of your esteemed paper, that the Public may know how the Railway Officials treat an unfortunate subordinate, who has served them for upwards

upwards of 10 years. I have been obliged to
sell the little household furniture and property
that I possessed, and took me years of honest
toil to accumulate, and ~~now~~ now find myself
degraded to the condition of a vagrant and an
humble of the Government Work House. In
addition to this I am a married man, with 3
children and I humbly hope that some good
Samaritan will be kind enough to take up my case.

I am,

Dear Mr. Editor

Your obed^t Servant.

Robert William Everson

Engine Driver

And Ex. Quarter Master Mercantile Marine

Government Work House
Royapooram 30th August 1874

Add:-

The agreement above mentioned is now in
the possession of the Agent and Manager of
the Madras Railway, and the Bill for the
Expenses incurred by me, from the Board of
Directors, for £ 10. is also in the Genl Supt's
Office.

I have not hitherto been proved unfit
by a Medical Officer, for the duties required
of me, and I therefore maintain that I still
consider myself a servant of the Company
according to their own rules.

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75.

To, The Right Honorable the Earl of Salisbury
Her Majesty's Principal
Secretary of State for India
in Council,
London.

The humble Petition of R. W. Everson
late an Engine Driver in the service of the
Madras Railway Company but now
unemployed and residing at Royapooram,
Madras.

Sheweth,

That your humble petitioner as appears
from enclosed papers, has been a servant of the Madras
Railway Company since March 1864, and that he has
had the misfortune of losing his sight in the execution
of his duty as an Engine Driver. he humbly hopes that
your Lordship will kindly grant him a gratuity for
his long service as he is totally unprovided for with
a family consisting of a wife and two children -
Hoping that your Lordship will kindly consider
the destitute position in which he is placed.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound,
Will Ever Pray.

Madras,
March 1875

R. W. Everson.

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Proceedings of the Madras Court.

Under date the 9th Aug 75

Read the following:-

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To the Petitioner.
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To

The Petitioner

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G. O., 9 August 1875, No. 2298

Nos. 153-154

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