

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th October 1875.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 88. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Simla, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated 23rd September 1875.

ARE Storekeeper Dennison's services wanted for Harbour Works? No objection if taken over permanently.

No. 89. From JAMES MAY, Esq., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 25th September 1875, No. 18 G.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of your demi-official letter of yesterday's date with the enclosed telegram, of which I have taken a copy.

2. Mr. John Henry Dennison is not well, and confined to his room. As soon as I can see him I will report further on the enclosed paper. Nothing could be more temporary than his employment here. He is on trial only, from month to month.

No. 90. From the same Officer, dated 28th September 1875, No. 20 G.

REFERRING to your demi-official letter of 24th instant, with a telegram from Simla, I have the honor to report that I have seen Mr. John Henry Dennison this morning.

2. On 12th June last, three days after my arrival in this country, Mr. Dennison first applied to me for employment, and he was then informed that there were no vacancies, because the works were not commenced.

3. A few days later, at Ootacamund, Colonel Mullins recommended Mr. Dennison, as Storekeeper on these works, and I stated to Colonel Mullins that I would keep Mr. Dennison in view as soon as stores began to arrive.

4. The next step was the receipt of Mr. Dennison's letter, of which a copy is enclosed, dated Cocanada, 14th July last.

5. Expecting that our stores would begin to arrive early in this month, I informed you on 19th ultimo that I then proposed to employ Mr. Dennison in the capacity of Storekeeper on a salary of 200 Rupees per month. This appointment was made accordingly on 1st instant.

6. At Mr. Dennison's request, I enclose a copy of a letter written this morning from him to me. It refers to the telegram from Simla, and he proposes in that letter to give up his appointment under the Government of India, if forced to do so, because, situated as he is, it is not practicable for him to proceed to the North-west Provinces.

7. Copy letter from Mr. Dennison to the Resident at Hyderabad, extract letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner at Nagpore to the Government of India, and extract letter from the Secretary to the Resident at Hyderabad to Mr. Dennison, all bearing on this matter, are enclosed.

8. Mr. Dennison impresses me favourably, and I think he will be a very efficient officer. He has been unfortunate, and his case appears to deserve your favourable consideration.

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From Mr. J. H. DENNISON, to JAMES MAY, Esq., C.E., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated Cocanada, 14th July 1875.

I WAITED on you, with copies of my testimonials, at your chambers in the Madras Club about the middle of last month, and solicited employment under you in the Harbour Works, and referred you to the Honorable P. Macfadyen of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for any inquiry you would wish to make regarding me.

2. The appointment I would now solicit of you is that of Storekeeper for the Harbour Works, and I hope in that capacity to make myself useful to you, as also in any general duties you may allot to me after reading copies of testimonials I enclose, and ascertaining my capabilities.

3. I am at present on the receipt of Rupees 350 per mensem as Storekeeper, 2nd Grade, State Railway Department, and have twice been recommended for promotion within the past year; yet having recently suffered a great affliction in the loss of my wife, and having a large family of young children, want of means enables me to make suitable arrangements for them in Madras and proceed myself to Agra, where I have been provided for. I have already mentioned to you that I am a Master Mariner, but served in the Department Public Works for many years on the Godavery, and that I could speak Tamil, Telugu, and Hindoostanee fluently.

4. Colonel Haig, my late Chief, has kindly brought my name to Colonel Mullins' notice, and I will feel very thankful to you if you can kindly provide for me on your works, and thus restore me to Madras Presidency, to which I belong, and under which Government I first took service on leaving the sea some years since. I hope to return to Madras by the end of the month, when I will again wait on you, but ready to come at once if required.

From Mr. J. H. DENNISON, to JAMES MAY, Esq., C.E., Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated Madras, 28th September 1875.

With reference to telegram from Simla, I beg to state that I solicited the Resident of Hyderabad, Deccan, to recommend my services being temporarily placed at the disposal of Madras Government for employment on the Harbour Works; true copy of which letter and its answer I enclose.

2. In all human probability my services will be required by you till the completion of the Harbour Works, a period of some years to come; after which I anticipate no difficulty in my finding employment in the harbour itself, being a Master Mariner. An establishment for the harbour will, of necessity, be required, and I am well known to the Marine authorities of the place. I therefore do not apprehend of my having to trouble the Government of India again for employment.

3. I am prepared to give up my appointment under the Government of India, if forced to do so, for, situated as I am at present, it is not practicable for me to proceed to the North-west Provinces.

4. This measure would entail loss of past service, which is hard, yet I have no alternative but resign should the Government of India decline to place my services temporarily at the disposal of Madras Government. I am aware of the circumstances in which I am placed, and regret I should not have been considered more deserving, and more generously dealt with by a Government I have served faithfully for a number of years. I may add that having a long period of leave without pay yet before me, I am about to memorialize the Government of India on the subject of my claims.

I beg that enclosures of this letter be forwarded to General Walker.

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From Mr. J. H. DENNISON, Storekeeper, His Highness the Nizam's State Railway, to Colonel F. ALEXANDER, S.C., Secretary to Resident, Hyderabad Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st August 1875.

I BEG to bring to your notice that my wonted good health and constitution having suffered materially from my long location in an unhealthy place like Wadi, and feeling that further location at present in the interior would result in my constitution breaking down altogether, I am constrained to solicit the Resident will be pleased, as a reward for my past good services on His Highness the Nizam's State Railway, to recommend to the Government of India my services being temporarily placed at the disposal of the Government of Madras for employment on the Harbour Works in Madras.

2. The favour I solicit is attended with no gain to me in a pecuniary point of view, as the emolument of the post I am promised in the Harbour Works would amount to but half of that I would draw if I took up the appointment I am now posted to in Agra; yet being all my life at sea, and for a few years only a resident on the sea coast, I feel assured that my health would only be restored by a long residence near the sea.

3. I feel reluctant to take an extension of sick leave, and thus involve unnecessary expense on the Government I have faithfully served for a number of years, *vide* copy of extract enclosed, and I would therefore earnestly solicit the transfer of my services to Madras being recommended. I would add that I first took service under the Madras Government, and was eventually transferred with the Godavery Navigation Works to the Central Provinces and thence to State Railways, Government of India.

4. Although the sick leave granted me does not expire till the 5th October next, yet to guard against any delay that a reference to the Government of India may involve, and pending receipt of reply, I further beg to solicit that leave for six months under Section 9, Supplement F, Civil Leave Code, be granted me.

Soliciting the Resident's favourable consideration and recommendation.

EXTRACT from a letter, No. 339, dated Nagpore, 18th January 1872, from Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Public Works Department, Central Provinces, to Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

As regards the Cocanada Agency, the Officiating Chief Commissioner has reduced the establishment as far as is believed to be consistent with efficiency, and having in need its intention as an agency for a single division only after 1st April; but it appears probable that Mr. Dennison will not be required after close of the 1st Barrier operations, and I am to solicit the favourable consideration of His Excellency in Council to this officer who has served the Government of India faithfully for some years, and whose prospects have been materially affected by the abandonment of the 2nd Barrier, and the probable early completion of those of the 1st Barrier. Colonel Keating would solicit that on the termination of the work, some suitable employment may be found for Mr. Dennison, and would venture to remark that his case is in some respects a hard one, inasmuch as when he accepted Government employ he sacrificed fair private prospects under the impression that his employment would be permanent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. DENNISON.

EXTRACT of letter No. 283 R. E. of 1875, from Major G. SWEETENHAM, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Resident, Hyderabad Public Works Department, to Mr. J. H. DENNISON, Madras, dated Bolarum, 1st September 1875.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, and to inform you that your application for transfer to the Harbour Works at Madras has been submitted by the Resident for the favourable consideration of the Government of India.

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No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1875, No. 2,867.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 5-A.

ORDERED that these papers be submitted for the orders of the Government of India, with recommendation that Mr. Dennison's services be placed at the disposal of this Government during the construction of the Madras Harbour. Permanent employment cannot be ensured him, but he is apparently willing to take his chance of future openings on the completion of the Harbour Works.

(Here enter No. 2,868, dated 7th October 1875.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent, Harbour Works.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 7th October 1875.

No. 92.

No. 2,868.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 5-B.

SIR,—In forwarding copies of the accompanying correspondence with the Proceedings of Government thereon, I am to request that Mr. Dennison's services may, with the permission of the Government of India, be made available for employment on the Madras Harbour Works as Storekeeper during the construction of the work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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From Store-keeper, M. & L. Railway

To Col. F. Alexander R. C.

Secy. to Resident

Hyderabad P. O. D.

Of Madras 21st August 1875

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Soliciting the President's favourable
 Consideration and recommendation.

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 your most obedient servant
 (sgd) J. H. Denison

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Extract of letter No 283 RE of 1875) //

From The Secretary to Resident
Hyderabad P.M. Department.

To

J. H. Dennison Esq
Madras

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Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Geo. Sweetenham Major RE.
Offg Secy to Resident Hyderabad P.M.D.
(True copy)

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9th October/75

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ESTABLISHMENT.

No. 308

SERVICE MESSAGE DESPATCHED BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM *Simla* To *Cotacamund*
FROM *Works* To *Madras Works*

*Are Stone keeper Dennison's services
wanted for Harbun Works -
No objection if taken over per:
- momentarily. -*

No. 540516.

Copy forwarded by Post for information.

ad. SIMLA,
The 23 September 1875.

W. S. P.
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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No 2867

Public Works Dept
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th Oct 1895
Read the following

Telegram from
Govt of India - (G.O. - 423rd Sept 1895)

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(G.O. No. 2868 of 7th Oct/75)

No 2868
The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Public Works Dept.

Sir,
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copies of the accompanying
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G. O. 7 Oct 1875, No. 2867
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Forwarding copies of correspondence & Prop: of Govt: thereon, relative to the appointment of Mr. J. H. Dennison as Storekeeper, Madras Harbour Works, & requesting that his services may be made available for employment under the Madras Govt: during the construction of the work.

Mr. J. H. Dennison.—

Ordered that the correspondence relative to the appointment of — as Storekeeper, Madras Harbour Works, be submitted for the order of the Govt: of India with recommendation that his services be placed at the disposal of the