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To
Lord Cairns, Hamilton
Under Secretary of State
for India.

My Lord,
In continuation of my
conversation of last Monday
with your private Secretary, I
have the honor to submit the
following statement of facts
and circumstances and to
respectfully & earnestly beg
that the 18 months sick-leave
which I now have may be
changed, into two years for long
for which I believe I am, and
for the last 21 months have been,
eligible was it not for the non-
appearance of a nominal
roll called for by the Secretary
of State for India some
five years or more ago -

2 Certain amended rules for the
Uncommissioned Service of India
came into force on 3rd January
1871 and were declared applicable
to all Uncommissioned Civil Servants
of the classes enumerated in

Extract from
Civil Service Code
Sec 1. para 6

Schedule 1

Schedule A, who either has been, or may hereafter be, appointed to the service of the Government of India, or with the special sanction of the Secretary of State for India, or who may be specially admitted to the benefit of these rules."

3. In the Schedule (A) referred to in the above extract, the entry under head "Public Works" is "Assistant Engineers of the 3rd Grade & Officers of higher rank."

4. One of the provisions of the amended rules is the granting of two years' furlough after 25 years' actual service."

5. Shortly after the promulgation of the amended rules it was notified that it was necessary that the Secy of State for India should be furnished with a nominal roll of such Officers of the grades enumerated in Schedule A, as had been appointed by the various Governments in India, and that until the receipt and approval by the Secy of State of that roll, those Officers would not be allowed to take advantage of the amended rules."

6. In a printed circular which I in common with others similarly situated, received & in which I find certain particulars of assent for the preparation of the nominal roll it was intimated that it was intended that the new rules should apply to "Assistant Engineers of the 3rd Grade & Officers of higher rank" & it was furthermore specially stated that such would be the case as regards business taken over from the Madras Irrigation & Canal Company. 7. So numerous enquiries as to whether I had yet received the benefit of the amended rules the answers have always been that I could not do so till the publication of the nominal roll sanctioned by the Secretary of State, and that it was under preparation or consideration. 8. In one case an officer, Mr. H. J. Cotton, now an Assistant Engineer 1st Grade, who was formerly in the Madras Irrigation & Canal Company, and who was in Jan 1866 appointed in India as an Assistant Engineer in the Punjab

Public Works has been allowed
to take his two years furlough
under the amended rules
in anticipation of the receipt
& sanction of the nominal roll
and I believe that in other
cases in which a similar
privilege has been granted.
9. I was an Assistant Engineer
in the Madras Artillery & Cavalry
Comp^y. In Feb^y 1866 I was
appointed by the Governor of
Madras in Council an
Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade in
the Public Works Dep^t. In
1868 I received special promotion
without passing through the
grade of 1st Assistant, to 1st
Grade Assistant and since then
have risen to my present rank
of 2nd Grade Assistant.

10. That I have performed my
duties creditably may I think
be proved from the documents
herewith forwarded.

11. Owing to the non-appearance of
the nominal roll above referred
to I have been unable to get
the two years furlough which under
the new rules I would have been
due for in March 1874 & I was
compelled to take 18 months
sick-leave - when I did this
it was generally supposed that

referred to 11445
3rd Nov 1875 from
the Under Sec^y of State

in a very short time the entire
nominal roll would appear
which would give me the
benefit of the amended rules
and that there would then
be no difficulty in turning
my sick-leave into the 2 years furlough.
12. I have on the recommenda-
tion of the Madras Gov^t (see B.O.
7th Augst 1875 No 2284) received the
authority of the Sec^y of State for
India to visit Engineer's works
in the United States & Canada
but of this authority I shall not
be able to avail myself unless
the privilege I ask be granted me.
13. I believe I am justified
in anticipating that if the
Madras Government be
consulted on the subject it
will recommend the granting
of my request.

I have the honor

Yours faithfully
C. S. Swaleh
Assistant Engineer 2nd Grade
Madras P.W.D.

London

25 November 1875.

Address

For of Messrs. St.irling & Co
45 Pall Mall - London

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The Secretary to Government
Marine Public Works Dep^t

Sir.

I have the honor to
forward herewith copy of
a letter addressed by me
to the Under Secretary of State
for India, and to inform
that the belief expressed in
para 13 of that letter is
not an erroneous one.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
your most obedient servant

Charles Stewart

Secretary to the Secretary of State

807- Aug 75 No 125-126.
Home Despatch No 31 8/13 Aug 75

P. W. 18 75 Dept
No 8059

From
G. Walch Esq.
Sr. Eng. 2 grade

Dated 25 Nov.
Recd 20 Dec 1875

C. I. V.

Forwarding copy of letter
addressed by him to the Under
Secy. of State for India
requesting that the 18 months
sick-leave granted him may
be changed into two years furlough.

Referred

No 389-390

Dec 21-12-75

Public Works Dept

The Secretary of State
for India

My Lord Marquis

Mr George Walch an
Assistant Engineer 2nd grade
at the Madras Establishment
now in England on sick leave
for 18 months, has forwarded
to this Government copy of his
letter to the address of Lord
George Hamilton Under Secy
of State for India dated
Pall Mall 24 November 1875
in which he requests that
his sick leave may be
commuted into 2 years
furlough.

P.S.C.

We beg to state for
Your Lordship's information
that we consider Mr Walch

intended to the 2 years
furlough solicited, and
shall be glad to learn
that he has been allowed
it, as it may the more
readily enable him to
practise studies
prosecute the inquiries
adverted to in our dispatch
No 31 dated 13 August 1875.

Yours truly
Wm. A. R. M.
The enclosed letter
to the Hon. Secy of the
War Dept. is for
your information and
reference. It is not
intended to be
presented to the
Hon. Secy of the
War Dept. but
to be placed in
your file for
reference.

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Govt. of 1875 Madras.

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G. O., 21st Decr. 1875, No. 3595

Nos. 1875-1876

Informing that Mr. J. I.
Wick is entitled to the
his grant for long applied
for.

Mr. J. I. Wick ordered
that the same not be
addressed on the subject
of the leave of—