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No. 433. Read the following letter from Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Presidency, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 14th October 1876, No. 3,861 :—

In requesting the special sanction of Government for authority to disburse the salary of Seetharam Moodelliar, late 3rd class Overseer in this district from the 1st August 1876, the date from which the Examiner has refused to pass his salary, to 28th September 1876, the date on which he was relieved from his duties, I have the honor in accordance with the Chief Engineer's memorandum No. 1,399, dated 18th ultimo, to explain the circumstances under which this individual has ceased to be a member of the Department of Public Works for the second time.

1 Copy of letter No. 2,476, dated 8th August 1876.

2. In a Circular Memorandum No. 727, dated 26th April 1876, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, inquired whether a vacancy existed in the Presidency District in which Sergeant Pimm's services might be utilized as he has had much experience in building works at Bangalore. With reference to this Circular I informed the Chief Engineer in my letter No. 391, dated 29th April 1876, that I had one vacancy for an Overseer urgently wanted to be filled up, as Overseer Gurusawmy Moodelliar, formerly attached to the Southern Range of this district, had been transferred to the Consulting Architect to Government, and his place was particularly required to be filled by a good man to take charge of the new Workshop buildings, which the Government was desirous of completing without delay, Overseers Ramasawmy Moodelliar and Mr. Trutwein being at the time absent on privilege leave.

3. The Chief Engineer in reply informed me, on the 5th May 1876, that no more than the fixed number of Overseers could be allowed to the Presidency District, and if Sergeant Pimm could not be provided for permanently he should be left for a district where there is a substantive vacancy.

4. Overseer Sergeant Pimm, however, having in the meanwhile reported himself to me for employment, I placed him under the orders of Lieutenant Hamilton, R.E., to look after the construction of the new Public Works Workshops, as well as other works in the Fort and elsewhere.

5. In a letter No. 72 P.S., dated 6th July 1876, the Examiner of Public Works Accounts requested me to inform him in whose place the Sergeant had been posted to the Presidency District, as the authorized number of Overseers for the Presidency District is five, *vide* G.O., No. 467, dated 13th February 1873.

6. In submitting this communication from the Examiner I requested the Chief Engineer in a letter dated 8th August 1876, No. 2,476, copy of which is enclosed, to authorize me to entertain the full complement of six Overseers originally sanctioned for this district in the Government Orders marginally noted, and I then pointed out that as Overseer Gurusawmy had been transferred to the Consulting Architect to Government, and as Overseer Ramasawmy was not a passed man, I had actually only three passed Overseers to carry on the work of the whole district.

No. 1,137, dated 28th April 1865.
" 467, " 13th Feb. 1873.

7. In answer to this the Chief Engineer in a memorandum No. 1,217, of 12th August 1876, stated that he regrets to find that I had unauthorizedly entertained an Overseer in excess of the strength that has sufficed at the Presidency ever since issue of G.O., No. 2,081, of 3rd July 1866, and which the Chief Engineer can hold out no hopes of being increased, and that I must arrange as well as I can to provide elsewhere for whomsoever of my Overseers I select to dispense with.

8. On receipt of this reply I at once selected to dispense with Overseer Seetharam Moodelliar, who was the juinor in this district and the least useful, and to retain Sergeant Pimm (who is an experienced and intelligent Overseer) in his stead, making the services of the former available for employment in any other district. This I reported to the Chief Engineer and to the Examiner, as I was then under the impression that the posting and changing of the Overseers of the department was a matter that rested entirely with the Chief Engineer.

9. The Examiner, however, in a letter No. 106 P.S., dated 25th August 1876, requested *me* to inform him to what district the services of Overseer Seetharam Moodelliar are to be transferred.

10. Just at this time Overseer Seetharam Moodelliar petitioned the Chief Engineer that he may be retained in the Presidency District as the climate of other districts will not suit him. The Chief Engineer in his endorsement thereon, No. 1,289, dated 26th August 1876, directed me to do my best to get the Overseer other permanent employ either in an office or executive establishment.

11. Pending this reference, and during the time inquiries were being made regarding vacancies in other districts, the services of Overseer Seetharam Moodelliar were retained in this district. And it is for sanction to pay him his salary during this period that I now submit this application.

12. When the services of Overseer Seetharam Moodelliar were first made available for transfer there were several vacancies in other districts, and it is by his own refusal to accept any of these that he is now out of employment.

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1876, No. 2,874.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 34.

THE Examiner is authorized to pass the pay of Seetharam Moodelliar, late Overseer of the Presidency District, up to the date his services were dispensed with by the District Engineer of the Presidency.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 3861.

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Deptt.

Sir,

In requesting the special sanction of Government for authority to disburse the Salary of Seetharam Moodelliar, late 3rd class Overseer in this District from the 1st August 1876 the date from which the Examiner has refused to pass his salary to 28 September 1876 the date on which he was relieved from his duties, I have the honor in accordance with the Chief Engineer's Memo: No. 1399 dated 18th ultimo, to explain the circumstances under which this individual has ceased to be a member of the Department of Public Works for the second time.

2. In a Circular Memo. No. 727 of 26 April 1876, the Chief Engineer W.D. enquired whether a vacancy existed in

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1 Copy of letter No. 2476 P.S. 8 Augt. 76.

I then pointed out that as Overseer Gunasunary had been transferred to the Consulting Architect & Government, and as Overseer Ramasawmy was not confirmed man I had actually only three Overseers to carry on the work of the whole District. &c.

7. In answer to this the Chief Engineer in a Memo No. 1217 of 12th August 1876 stated that he regrets to find that I had unauthorizedly entertained an Overseer in excess of the strength that has sufficed at the Presidency for nine years since G.O. No. 2051 dy 3rd July 1866 and to which the Chief Engineer can hold out no hopes of bringing increased and that I must arrange as well as I can & provide elsewhere for whomsoever of my Overseers I select to dispense with.

8. On receipt of this reply I was selected to dispense with Overseer Seetharam Moodliar who was the junior in this District and the least useful — and to return Sergeant Timms Cooke to

(an experienced and intelligent Overseer) in his stead, making the services of the former available for employment in any other District. This I reported to the Chief Engineer and to the Examiner, as I was then under the impression that the posting and changing of the Overseers of the Department was a matter that rested entirely with the Chief Engineer.

9. The Examiner however in a letter No. 106 Ex. dated 25 August 1876, requested me to inform him to what District the services of Overseer Seetharam Moodliar are to be transferred.

10. Just at this time Overseer Seetharam Moodliar petitioned the Chief Engineer that he may be retained in the Presidency District — as the climate of other Districts will not suit him. The Chief Engineer in his Endorsement thereon No. 1289 dated 26 August 1876 directed me to do my best to get the Overseer other permanent employ either in this Office or Executive Establishment.

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11. Pending this reference and during the time enquiries were being made regarding vacancies in other Districts the services of Overseer Seetharam Moodliar were retained in this District. And it was for sanction to pay him his salary during this period that I now submit this application.

12. When the services of Overseer Seetharam Moodliar were first made available for transfer there were several vacancies in other Districts and it is by his own refusal to accept any of these that he is now out of employment.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

P. Monteiro
for
Offg. District Engineer

Fort St. George
24th Oct. 1913

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Public Works Department.

No 2874

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27th October 76

Read the following :—

From

The District Engineer

Chingleput No 338 dated 11th Oct 76

The Examiner is authorized to leave the pay of Sulthanam Ghoudhiar late Bearer of the Russeed District upto the date his services were dispensed with by the District Engineer of the Presidency.

24.10.76.

Chingleput 5-11-76

Sent 4-11-76

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To

The Secretary to Govt.

Dated 11th Oct 1876.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Russeed Cash Book of the undersigned for the month of September 1876 and to request that the Examiner may be authorized to audit the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Sd/- [illegible]
Russeed Divn.

Cash Book for the month of September 1876.

Examined the following vouchers and found them correct.

Cr Rs 729	dated	26-4-76
" 741	"	29-4-76
" 764	"	3-5-76.
" 1247	"	12-8-76.
" 1278	"	25-8-76
" 1289	"	26-8-76.
" 1399	"	18-9-76.

Dr 2928-4-65 No 1137
" 4-6-66 " 1752
" 3-7-66 " 2081
" 13-2-73 " 467
" 25-2-73 " 269.
" 15-3-73 " 822
" 4-12-73 " 2918 B
" 7-12-74 " 3443
" 17-12-74 " 3625
" 3-7-76 " 1666.

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To Lt. H. G. Prendergast 1/10

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