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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th October 1877 No. 1,137 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 202. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 24th September 1877, No. 2,910.

ABSTRACT.—*Mr. Petters, temporary Supervisor, Public Works Department, employed on Famine Duty.*—Communicating to the Public Works Department letter from the Collector of Cuddapah reporting on the conduct of —, and requesting that Mr. Petters' services may be replaced at the disposal of the Government of India, and the reason for the step explained.

No. 202-A. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Jammalamadugu, 13th October 1877, No. 2,319 Extra.

I HAVE the honor to return with my remarks the petition bearing your No. 2,773, dated 10th instant.

2. Mr. Petters was under the orders of Mr. Maclean, Assistant Engineer. He was directed to proceed to Madanapalli in view to making up estimates in which he had taken measurements and which he had not sent in.

3. He reported his arrival to no one in Cuddapah, and it was not until after he had been taken into custody that I accidentally learnt from the Assistant Traffic Manager, Mr. Hill, who met me when out riding, that Mr. Petters had been for two or three days drinking heavily at the Railway station, and that the night before he was so very drunk and abusive that after repeated attempts to get him out of the station he had to give him into the custody of the Police.

4. Mr. Petters had stated when asked his name at the Railway Station that it was Johnston.

5. Mr. Hill further informed me that on the night of the 11th, I believe, he heard a great noise at the station and that on going out to see what was the matter, a complaint was made to him that Mr. Petters had been attempting to take liberties with some respectable native females there, and that he having been identified as the person who had done this he (Mr. Hill) requested him to leave the place next morning.

6. Mr. Hill was riding with me along the road into the town telling me of what had occurred, when we met Mr. Petters in charge of Inspector Hardy. He was evidently suffering from the effects of severe intoxication and presented a most disgraceful appearance. I asked him what he meant by coming into Cuddapah and remaining at the station without reporting himself, and further what an officer in his position meant by getting drunk and behaving in the discreditable way that he had.

He had nothing whatever to say regarding the drunkenness, which was apparent enough. He alleged that his reason for remaining in Cuddapah was that the river had come down and prevented his getting his baggage across. There was not a sufficient flood to prevent his doing this, and, even if there had been, there are at Proddatur two ferry boats which, I am informed, are worked by Messrs. Dymes and Co. for the transport of passengers and goods. I told him that I did not believe this, that he had behaved, though on a previous occasion upon which he misconducted himself treated with leniency, disgracefully, and that I should suspend him from duty and report him to Government, which I at once did.

7. The occasion alluded to above was that of Mr. Petters having violently assaulted the Reddi of Moodanoor and knocked one of his teeth out. He was tried by Mr. Weekes, n.c.s., and fined 25 Rupees (one-fourth of a month's pay). The judgment was sent to me in due course, and, as I thought that the fine which was comparatively speaking a heavy one would be a sufficient punishment, I gave Mr. Petters another chance.

8. He was within a very short time after this guilty of the offence for which I reported him to Government.

9. Lastly, as regards the matter of Mr. Petters having been released upon bail and then informed that there was no charge against him, I may state that Mr. Hill has told me that Mr. Petters, after his being suspended, entreated him not to proceed against him, and urged that, if he did, he would certainly be dismissed and ruined, and that after waiting for a day he decided, as he had learned from me that Mr. Petters would in all probability get into a very serious scrape, not to prosecute.

10. Mr. Petters was fully aware of the reasons why there was no charge.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1877, No. 1,137 W.

The services of Mr. Petters will be at once dispensed with, and the Government of India advised accordingly.

(Here enter No. 1,138 W, dated 19th October 1877.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Establishment.

No. 1,138 W.

No. 204.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

TO

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

SIR,—I am directed to forward copy of the marginal Proceedings of this Government, and to state that His Grace the Governor has resolved to replace Mr. Petters' services at the disposal of the Government of India.

2. Mr. Petters was accepted for employment on Famine works in January last, on the recommendation of the Government of the Central Provinces conveyed in a telegram from Sir A. Clarke to His Grace the Governor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th October 1877.

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Ed. E. C. Shanker.
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9/10/77
Mazapully
28th September 1877.

To
His Grace
The Duke of
Buckingham
Governor of Madras
Fort Saint George

Your Grace
I take the liberty of addressing
you direct as I have been denied the privilege of
doing so through the District Engineer and the acting
Collector of Cuddalore and hope your grace will
pardon the presumption but when I say that I
have a family who I am striving to support through
these hard times and as grievances to represent
for your merciful consideration I hope this may
be a sufficient & mitigating circumstance to plead
in my case.

The accompanying petition
addressed to the District Engineer will explain
to your Grace the deplorable position in which
the acting collector has been pleased to place me
which has caused me great missing and great
sorrow and has placed my family in want and next
door to starvation in a land where we are perfect

perfect strangers and have not a friend to assist
me in time of need. The little sum now due me in
pay and travelling allowances is denied me in con-
sequence of my suspension.

The acting Collector has in addition
ordered the Sub Collector of Madras to take over
the charge of Government land which was supplied
for my use thus leaving me without house and
home in a strange land.

I beg that your Grace may take
my case into your merciful consideration and
reprieve a stranger in a foreign country and as in duty
bound I shall ever pray for your Grace long life
and prosperity. I respectfully beg to be
your Grace's humble
obedient servant.

Just Peters

From Ambal India

On 1st June 1877

Cuddalore District

No. 2350

Official Memorandum

Mr. Peters is informed with
reference to his letter of the 21st Instant
that the acting Collector has nothing
to do with the petition forwarded
by him and which is herewith returned
and If Mr. Peters considers himself
aggrieved he can address Govern-
ment direct.

3rd The District Engineer has
no authority in his case.

Cuddalore Collector's Office

25th September 1877

Despatched 26th

True Copy

Just Peters

In N. 2973 877

10/11. Honble
Special Secretary
for the Collector

11/11/77

19th September 1977

To

Colonel M. S. R. E.

District Engineer

Madras

Cuddalore District

The

Petition of Mr. J. P. S.

Superintendent

on Special Duty

Madras

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That your petitioner was formerly
under the employment of Government for a period of years
as an overseer 1st Grade that he is a passed student of the
Madrass Engineering College

That he resigned his appointment
under Government in order to better his prospects by joining
the Madras State P.W.D. under British administration
as a Supervisor 1st Grade and that he served as such for a
period of 3 years, after which his services having been
discontinued with owing to the work in that State being
completed he proceeded to Andhra and set himself up
as a Contractor of the P.W.D. Madras State Railway
for 2 years.

That he being well known in the

No. 2772/77

this branch of employment to Sir H. Daly who was agent
Quartermaster General for Central India and that no contract
was made and he did not pay. At the request of your petitioner Sir
H. Daly recommended him to Government of India as a
fit person for employment on various Railway workshops
Presidency.

That your petitioner was then
employed in the Buddhapur District and executed the
work entrusted to him to the best of his knowledge and
belief satisfactorily for a period of 7 months and 16 days
when he received an order of suspension from the
acting Collector of Buddhapur. Copy of which order he
begs to annex.

That your petitioner has never
been as the collector states neglectful of duty
and And that he has never been drunk or intoxicated,
nor has he behaved disgracefully on the Railway premises.

With reference to the 1st charge
your petitioner begs to request that your District
Engineer will be good enough to institute an enquiry
in order to ascertain in what way he has been neglectful
of his duty.

With reference to the 2nd charge
your petitioner begs to state that having arrived at
Buddhapur by Rail from Jammalamasoori on 11th
Jan 1884 the Station on the 10th Instant having found that

his baggage had not arrived in order to enable
him to proceed by road to Masnupully and having no
where to go to, there being no travellers bungalow he
requested Mr. Hill the Railway Assistant Traffic Man-
ager to permit him to remain in the waiting room till
such time as his baggage would arrive which permis-
sion Mr. Hill very kindly granted. That your petitioner
had to wait 3 days before his baggage arrived which was
on the 13th Instant.

That on the night of the 11th Instant
your petitioner and 3 strangers who had evidently recently
arrived from England were having some drink in
the refreshment room and that one of the strangers
having occasion to answer the call of nature went
to the back veranda of the railway station
and accidentally stumbled over a native woman who
was on the road below the platform.

That your petitioner was erroneously
recognized and charged before Mr. Hill as the in-
dividual who stumbled over the woman.

That at about 8 P.M. on the morning
of the 12th Instant your petitioner was sitting on the
bench in waiting room when the native assistant
Station master walked in and ordered your petitioner
out stating that as this was the ladies waiting room
that he had no business there, your petitioner vacated
the room at once stating that he occupied the room
by arrangement of assistant Traffic Manager.

That when the assistant station

Station Master was speaking to your petitioner Mr. Hill arrived and informed your petitioner that a complaint had been received against him of being drunk and of his having interfered with female passengers which charges your petitioner denied when he was ordered by Mr. Hill to leave the station within half an hour.

That your petitioner had that morning procured carts but was ^{unable} to dispatch his baggage till 2 P.M. owing to his having had to buy supplies which he could not easily procure.

That your petitioner having despatched his baggage had ordered dinner of his party of which he proposed to eat after his carts, but that he while at dinner was disturbed by Mr. Hill who wanted to know why your petitioner had not left the station to which he replied that he would do so immediately after dinner but Mr. Hill not being satisfied with this explanation ordered a Police Inspector and constables to arrest your petitioner that your petitioner was arrested and conveyed to the Town Police Station when he was released on his signing bail bond to appear on the 13th instant on which date he was informed by the Police Inspector that there was no charge against your petitioner.

On the morning of the 13th instant your petitioner accompanied by Mr. Hardy Police Inspector were on their way to the Railway Station when they were met by the Acting Collector and Mr. Hill. That the former gentleman recognised your petitioner and requested to be informed where he your petitioner was doing at Bundelapah, on that he attempted to explain to the Acting Collector who seemed to be much out of temper (owing probably to the account he received from Mr. Hill of his alleged misconduct) but that Acting Collector would not give your petitioner an opportunity of explaining the reasons of his being detained at Bundelapah longer than he should have been under ordinary circumstances.

Your petitioner informed the Acting Collector that he was delayed of Bundelapah owing to the road and river being impassable which the official evidently did not believe and therefore charged your petitioner with the neglect of duty &c. & suspended him from pay and duty.

In conclusions your petitioner begs to state that he addresses you as the Chief officer of P.W.D. of this District, and requests that you will give the above statements due consideration, altho your petitioner has been placed to do duty under the orders of the

Sh. N. 2773/77

all the matter is in confidence that
when I received your letter that you are better
and I hope so too he has been very helpful
in all the most difficult and
things circumstances he has not given satisfaction
in the matter. Your further prayers that in
the end that the matter contained in this
letter are of such a nature that you cannot
interfere with it. He has been well. He good enough
to be present in the session of Government of
Madrid in the local and general affairs shall
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Transferred to Chief
Engineer by direction of the Govt.
It is noted that
if Petitioner was held
to bail on the 12th Sep.
then to appear on
the 15th idem and the
charge was then
preferred. he could
hardly be charged
with neglect of duty
in that period.

(By order)

[Signature]

Major RA
Military Secretary
to His Grace the Governor

Govt. House
Madras
6 October 1877

N^o 2773
Forwarded to the
Collector, Cuddapah,
for remark.

10/10/77. *[Signature]* Colonel R.
Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Dept.

To the Collector of Cuddapah
To be returned

Cuddapah Collector's Office

No. 2319 Extra

Camp Jamaludrug
13th October 1877.

From

J Price Esquire
Acting Collector of
Cuddapah

To Colonel E A Ford
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

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Your most Obedt Servant

Frederick M. M.
Acting Collector

Ed

H. P. M.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

24th September 1877, No. 2,910.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 621. From J. E. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department, dated 13th September 1877, No. 557.

I HAVE the honor to report that I have this morning placed Mr. J. Petters, Temporary Supervisor, Public Works Department, who is under my orders, under suspension from duty.

2. Mr. Petters was only a short time ago fined by Mr. Weekes Rs. 25 for a violent assault upon the Village Magistrate of Muddanoor. He was ordered up to Kadiri to go on with measuring up the works in that taluq. He came in here on Monday without reporting himself to me or any one else, and has since then been halting at the Railway Station and drinking very steadily.

3. I have this morning seen Mr. Hill, the Assistant Traffic Manager, who informs me that Mr. Petters was so violently drunk last night, so abusive, and so improper in his behaviour that he had to give him into custody.

4. Mr. Petters is about to be tried for his misdeeds at the Railway Station. I have seen him. He had been drinking hard and presented a most disgraceful appearance.

5. He is clearly unfit for service under Government, and I would strongly recommend his immediate dismissal. If he is retained, I beg that he may be removed from my department as I cannot trust him.

No. 622. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1877, No. 2,910.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department with reference to the notification in that Department of February 20th, 1877, and in view to Mr. Petters' services being immediately replaced at the disposal of the Government of India, and the reasons for the step explained.

(True Extract.)

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Cuddapah.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.
.. the Accountant-General.
.. the Financial Department.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.
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1877.
From the Collector
of Cuddapah
to the Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.
13th Sept 1877
No. 557
Enclosure one
Extra No 2319
Submits a report upon
petition presented by
Mr. Petters bearing this
date 27th Sept 1877
herewith submitted.

Recd. 17. 1877

18. 10. 1877

22^d Jan^y 1877 No 35. (Rev: Dent)
9th May 1877 No 27 w. Original.

Mr. P. J. McGowan, Esq.,
 100 West Duane Street, New York
 City, N. Y., has been appointed
 Commissioner of the New York
 State Board of Charities and
 Corrections, and will probably
 be sworn in on Monday, the 10th
 inst. Mr. McGowan is a native
 of New York City, and has
 been connected with the
 State Department of Charities
 and Corrections for many
 years.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following :—

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Peters will be at once
disbursed with, and the
Government of India
advised accordingly.

U.S. No. 113882, 19th Dec 1897.

*See Recy. to the Cash
of Indian, P. M. S.*

I am directed to forward copy of the marginal proceedings of this Government, and to state that His Excellency

B. L.

P. J. Cardinal of this Government, and
 Hon. Francis Pickens to state that his Grace
 is P. J. Cardinal
 Dec 10 1876

The Governor has resolved
to replace Mr. Peters in
services at the disposal
of the Government of
India.

transmitted to his Grace
the Governor with report by
Mr. Price, Collector of
Calcutta.

1. Mr. Peters was accepted
for employment on famine
works in January last,
on the recommendation
of the Government of the
Central Province
conveyed in a telegram
from Sir A. Clarke to
His Grace the Governor.

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John C. Rogers
29.10.97