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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

2nd March 1878, No. 1,075 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 40. Docket of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—Railway,) dated Fort William, 13th February 1878, No. 172 E—R.

THE following is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, with reference to his No. 435 W, dated 28th ultimo.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of Public Works Department Notification, No. 73, dated 13th February 1878.

Serjeant-Major J. H. FitzGerald, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, Overseer 1st Grade, temporarily employed on Madras Famine Relief Works, will revert to military duty on being relieved of his present duties.

No. 171 E.—R., dated 13th February 1878.

COPY forwarded to the Adjutant-General, Madras, with intimation that the step is rendered necessary as Serjeant FitzGerald's health is such as to preclude his serving in British Burmah, and there is no demand for Overseers elsewhere at present.

No. 40-A. From Brigadier-General F. W. JEBB, Adjutant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st February 1878, No. 419.

With reference to the accompanying letter from the Commandant "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, I have the honor, by order, to request the favor of being informed whether Serjeant FitzGerald will now be employed permanently in the Public Works Department, so as to enable this department to decide on the question of this Non-Commissioned Officer's transfer to the Unattached List.

2. I shall feel obliged by your returning the enclosure when no longer required

2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 2ND MARCH 1878, No. 1,075 W.

No. 40-B. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 21st February 1878, No. 6,590.

From Serjeant J. H. FITZGERALD, Madras Sappers and Miners, Overseer, Bengal Department Public Works, to the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 20th February 1878.

I most respectfully beg to bring to your kind notice that I have been informed that the Bengal Government had ordered that on account of my ill health (contracted in Burmah) and reported upon by the Civil Surgeon, Rangoon, that the climate of Burmah is prejudicial to my health on account of which he recommended a transfer to India. I now find that the Bengal Government have ordered that unless I am transferred to the Madras Department Public Works I am to be pensioned.

2. I most respectfully beg to state that I am now perfectly recovered from fever, and am now in a position to produce a medical certificate that I am quite fit for any active duty which I may be ordered to do.

3. Under the above circumstances, I most respectfully beg that the Madras Government will kindly consider my case and service and arrange for my transfer in my present grade from the Bengal to the Madras Department Public Works, as I belong to the corps of Madras Sappers and Miners and have served in the Madras Department Public Works before. Was appointed vide G.O., No. —, 15th March 1859 until reduction of the establishment, G.O., No. —, 31st March 1863. On the 3rd January 1876 I was appointed (temporary) 1st Grade Overseer in Burmah; on the 25th October 1876 I was confirmed in the above grade on the Bengal Establishment, after which I contracted the above fever and was recommended by the Civil Surgeon at Rangoon for a change to India, as the climate of Burmah was prejudicial to my health. I received orders on the 6th October 1877 to proceed to Madras famine works and was posted to the East Coast Canal for duty.

4. The following is a brief history of my services:—I enlisted on the 14th July 1856, volunteered for Sappers and Miners and joined Chatham on 6th July 1857; arrived in Madras 30th December 1858; appointed to Madras Department Public Works on the 15th March 1859; retransferred to Sappers and Miners on the 31st March 1863, when I was appointed stone-cutter instructor to my corps, which post I held until 2nd November 1867, when I proceeded with my corps to Abyssinia. On my return I went through a course of telegraphy and obtained a Government certificate. I afterwards went through a course of army signal instruction in all its branches and was appointed telegraph and army signal instructor to my corps. In 1875 I proceeded with my Company to Burmah, when I was appointed to the Irrawaddy State Railway. I beg also to state that my service of 21 years expired on the 14th July last, and during which service I have received a pensional entry. On account of which the Officer Commanding the (Queen's Own) Sappers and Miners was pleased to recommend me for a good conduct medal with gratuity, and appeared in orders for the same about six months ago.

5. I beg further to state that if re-appointed in my present grade to the Madras Public Works Department, it will be my constant endeavours to give satisfaction to the officers under whom I may be placed in carrying out of my departmental duties.

6. On my joining my new District (Coimbatore) I will forward the necessary medical certificate, also testimonial from the late Assistant Engineer (Mr. Fox), in charge East Coast Canal, under whom I served for some months past.

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favorable consideration.
(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 40-C. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 26th February 1878, No. 6,694.

From Captain A. AWDRY, R.E., Acting District Engineer, Coimbatore, to the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Coimbatore, 22nd February 1878, No. 202 C.I.

At the request of Serjeant FitzGerald I have the the honor to forward a medical certificate and a copy of a testimonial which he informs me he told you he would send for the purpose of their being attached to an appeal or application which he states he has forwarded through you to Government.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in continuation of this office No. 6,590, dated 21st February 1878.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1878, No. 1,075 W.

THE Government have already decided that Serjeant FitzGerald's services cannot be accepted permanently by the Public Works Department. But for the present they desire that he be employed on the Special Famine Works in the Coimbatore District to which he has lately been posted.

2. The Military Department will be advised as soon as his services can conveniently be dispensed with.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.
" Military Department, with one Enclosure.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies

GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
COIMBATORE,
&c., &c.,

Dated March 2nd.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 2nd March 1878, No. 1,978 W.

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Nos. 40-41.

Overseer - Sergeant FitzGerald's services not to be accepted permanently by the Public Works Department, but for the present to be employed on the Special Famine Works in the Coimbatore District.

No. 172 E. R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Establishment
Railway

Fort William 13th February 1878.

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By Order

W. Simpson

Undersecretary to the Govt of India

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Copy forwarded to the Adjutant General,
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and the
P. R. Caimbatore under
whose Sergeant Major
Fitzgerald is now
serving.

GO. 28 Jan 1878 No 4341435.W.

2. The services of the
Quartermaster will not
at present be
dispensed with.
The Adjutant General
will be informed
when they are
no longer required.

cc

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P. R. Caimbatore
Mily. Dept
La. P.H.A.

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No more after the letter
concerning the King's
Warrant
22/2/78

Adjutant General's Office
Fort Saint George
21st February 1878.

From,
Brigadier General F. W. Jellie
Adjutant General
To,

The Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,
J. M. Chapman
for Brigadier General
Adjutant General

P.S.
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Madras 18
20th February 1878

From

J. R. Fitzgerald

Serjeant Major Sufferest Miners
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in Charge East Coast Canal under whom
I served for some time in the past.

I beg to remain
Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. Fitzgerald

Seyt Appers & Miners
Overseer Bengal R.P.W.

No 202 cz. District Engineer's office
F.O. Coimbatore 22nd February
1878
From, 25 FEB 78

The Dy District Engineer
Coimbatore

To
The District Engineer
Presidency

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At the request of Seyt Fitzgerald
I have the honor to forward a
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

A. Awdry. Capt. R.E.
Dy District Engineer
Coimbatore

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Com. to fore

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No 6694

By Submitted to the
Chief Engineer Mr. Doff
in connection of the
Office No 6590 of 21 Feb'y

Encl 200
Mr. Doff Major

26 Feb'y
Chief Engineer
Meeting

By: J. H. Fitzgerald
Forwarded to Medical
Certificate & copy of
a Medical Manual

From

Mr. Fitzgerald
Adjunct Engineer
in Miners

Date
Dec. 20th Dec. 78

No. 6590.

Submitted to the Chief
Engineer P. B. D. for
Favorable Consideration.

Mr. Thompson Major
District Engineer
Bundary
21st Feb. 78 -

Mr. Fitzgerald,
brings to notice re.
his service & requests
to be promoted in his present
grade from the Bangalore
to the Madras D. P. M.

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N. 1075 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd March 78
Read the following:—

From

The Govt. of India — H. B. No. 172 L. R. d. 13th Feb. 1878
• Adjutant General — (No. 419 — 21st —)
• District Eng. Presidency (No. 6590 — 21st —)
• do do (No. 66914 — 26th —)

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W.H.

2.3.78.

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Mily. Dept. with
enclosure

Dated 11-3-78

P.S.

25 FEB 78

Sergeant J. H. Fitzgerald R.E.
was employed under me for three
months during the Madras Famine
of 1877-78 on the East Coast Canal
at Sadras. I always found him
active and intelligent at his work
and very ready to carry out any
orders that were given him and
I am sure he might safely be
placed in a responsible post such
as the charge of a sub-division or
large work. I wish him success
in his future career in the
department.

Sadras

20th January
1878

(Signed) J. G. Brook, Esq.
Assistant Engineer
Military Works Branch
P.W.D. Bengal
True Copy.

A. Croft

Comptrolr. N.E. District Engineer
22 Feb 78

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Note.

Referring to His
Grace the Governor's remarks,
the Chief Engineer has the
honor to state that prior to
the receipt of the docket
from the Government of
India, Sergeant Fitzgerald
was transferred from
Chingleput to the Comtatore
District for work on the
Bowma Tank site, and
his services being required,
his reversion to Military
duty was postponed.

2. With reference to the
man's case, the undersigned
has the honor to circulate

an appeal from him (District Engineer Presidency's endorsement No. 6590 of the 21st February 1878) and a letter from the Adjutant General desiring definite information regarding his position.

3. The Chief Engineer has seen the man who appears to have regained his health and is most anxious to remain in the Public Works Dept. The Chief Engineer however is not at present prepared to recommend the Sergeant Major's permanent appointment to the Public Works Establishment.

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Feb 1878
Chief Engr. P.W.D.

* also No. 6694 d/26.2.78

P.S.

25 FEB 78

No. 16

This is to certify that I, *F. S. B. Agg.* Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Coimbatore have examined *Sergeant J. H. F. F. F.*
aged *45 years*, and find that he has no disease, constitutional
affection, or bodily infirmity unfitting him for the public service.

Coimbatore

22 February 1878

Civil Surgeon.

Alfordy
A. S. B. Agg.

22 Feb 78

Wm. H. Fisk
1871
to the
Secretary of the
Board of
Education

Obtain from the
Government & keep
him at work in
temporary employ

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