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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th March 1878, No. 1,563 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following:—

No. 403.

Petition from Mr. JOHN ELLIOT, dated 14th March 1878.

No. 404.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1878, No. 1,563 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is pleased to exempt Mr. J. Elliot from passing the Taluk Overseer's Test to admit of his re-employment on the Regular Establishment. It will rest with Mr. Elliot to obtain employment.

(True Extract.)

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

To Mr. J. Elliot.
„ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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The most Noble Richard Plantagenet
Campbell, Duke of Buckingham and
Chandos, Esq. G. C. S. Governor of Madras.

May it please your Grace.

The humble petition of John
Elliot late acting Salug Averser De-
partment Public Works Buddopah District.

Humbly sheweth.

1 That petitioners Services as Acting
Salug Averser were dispensed with in Con-
sequence of Petitioners having failed to
pass the Examination for Salug Averser
of the Madras Grade.

2 That petitioner begs to state that
he qualified himself for the test laid
down for Aversers of the Bongal Grade,
and accordingly obtained in 1866 the
requisite Certificate from the Madras
Civil Engineering College; from which
date, Petitioner was employed in the Depart-
ment of Public Works as an Imperial
Averser for 8 years, and as a Local Fund
Averser for nearly 2 years; or a period of

Service

Service extending over nearly 10 years, during which, Petitioner received testimonials of Competency integrity and Sobriety, as will be manifest from Petitioner's Service Register Book.

3 That Petitioner is aware that in G. O. No. 3071 of 20th December 1873 the Chief Engineer called for a report on your Petitioner's Competency, which report Petitioner believes was called for owing to the small expenditure on Irrigation works, between the 1st of April to 30th September, but no blame was attached to Petitioner for the same; in as much as Petitioner offered an explanation to the effect that Petitioner had frequently submitted Estimates, which however, as the office records will show were not passed, while no reasons were assigned for the same. Moreover Petitioner urged that Petitioner had while in the Poyachoty Taluq. not only charge of Imperial works, but also that of the Local Fund Roads of 113 miles in length, on which though a heavy outlay had been made, the item did not appear in the Imperial Quarterly

Statement

Statement. Nor was this all; Petitioner represented that Petitioner had been performing his already arduous duties under the disadvantage of being unassisted by either an Imperial or Local Fund mistry whom the rules of the Department allowed to Overseers in charge of Imperial or Local Fund works alone.

4 That Petitioner after ^{he} had been relieved of the charge of Local Fund works, stood favorable comparison with the best, and surpassed many of the Overseers in the District in the matter of expenditure on Irrigation works, notwithstanding that he had frequently been at the same time in charge of Local Fund works as well.

5 That Petitioner begs humbly to submit that many of the Overseers who have qualified only for the same test as Petitioner viz. Bengal Test, as also others who passed no test at all, have being exempted from the Madras test, while Petitioner has been thrown out of employment after a period of 10 years service during the best portion

portion of Petitioner's life. Petitioner therefore
begs that the same concession may be exten-
ded to him. 5.

6 That Petitioner would beg to
submit, that he was called upon to pass
the Madras test in the midst of his
multifarious and arduous duties, from
which not a single hour of leisure could
be snatched for mental work so trying
as preparing for an Examination of
subjects demanding constant and un-
divided attention to branches of learning
not practically brought to bear on
Petitioner's avocation.

7 That Petitioner humbly and
respectfully begs to state, that except
not having passed the Madras Test no
other cause is shown which necessitated
the overwhelming punishment as the
dispensing of Petitioner's bona services, to
which his Service Register will testify.

8 That Petitioner after his services
were dispensed with on the 16th October 1876
accepted an appointment as Overseer
of Farming Relief works in which
Petitioner was employed for a period of
1 year.

1 year and 3 months and has received testimonials of qualification and good character from the officers he served under.

9 That Petitioner having for 10 years faithfully discharged his duties in the Department of Public Works find himself now the Relief works having been closed since the 20th February 1878 - unable to obtain employment in any other Department under Government, notwithstanding Petitioner's having passed the Uncommenced Civil Service Examination.

10 That Petitioner humbly and most respectfully begs to submit his unfortunate case for your Grace's kind consideration and prays that your Grace will be pleased to order the reinstatement of your Petitioner in the Department of Public Works.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

John Elliot
Madras Late Acting Acting Magistrate
6/3/78 Madras District

Mr. J. Elliot has resigned
his appointment of Overseer in the D. P. H.
As to Mr. Elliot's moral conduct I have
nothing to say. He is a sober steady man
and as regards himself I believe per-
fectly honest, but he failed in having
sufficient control over his workmen and
subordinates to insure anything like
success.

Signed J. Smithers
Sub Engineer.

I have not seen much of Mr.
Elliot work, so cannot pass any opinion
as to his attainments, conduct &c.

Signed J. A. Vardon
Supervisor D. P. H.

During the 15 months Mr. Elliot
has been under my orders he has ^{9.}conduc-
ted himself very satisfactorily. He
certainly was rather wanting in Inst-
mental qualifications at first. Has
much improved lately, and as he
appears willing to do his best, and use
every opportunity to gain experience,
I think in course of time he will
prove a very good Quartermaster.

Signed W. Porter
Executive Engineer.

N^o 364 N^o 201 Hosfult Range Office
Camp Hosfult 29th August 1870

From the Executive Engineer
N^o 2 Hosfult Range

To
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

As requested in your despatch
N^o 727

N^o. 737 of 27th June last and ^{10.} 4. 0
N^o. 666 of 1st March 1870, I beg to inform
you that since the date of my last report
N^o. 213 of 13th January 1870 I have have
had the opportunity of employing Mr.
J. Elliot Local Fund Overseer on work
other than surveying & in marking and
making passable the Road between Fardle
ghw. and Somalapur a distance of 13
miles, a great portion of which is in very
difficult ground.

I am well satisfied with the
way in which he performed the work
wherein he showed considerable intelligence.
The work was also very cheaply done, and
I have reason to believe he did not spare
any personal exertion in superintending the
work. Mr Elliot has also since January
last completed surveys Levels and estimates
for another Road, that from Koorputt to
Thomson Ferry, in doing which he showed
he gained some experience from the
preparation

preparation of Estimates &c. alluded
to ⁱⁿ my former report. Mr. Elliot's conduct
during the period under review has
been very good.

In conclusion I may conscientiously
recommend that Mr. Elliot
be restored to the post of Salary Overseer
at least on probation pending his
passing the required examination,
which it appears he has not yet done,
having only attained a certificate
agreeably to Bengal Test.

True Copy.

I beg to remain
Sir

Sd. W. H. Montague.

Your Most Obedt. Servant

True Copy

Signed

W. Parker

Sd. R. M. Horsfall.

Executive Engineer

Assam

in temporary charge Boddoim Range

Although Mr. Elliot has served
under me for only a short period of 3 months
yet I have every reason to concur with the
above.

above remarks of Lieut. Porter.

Signed ¹² W. M. Minkensal
Assistant Engineer.

Mr. Elliot has been in this Range
for the past 15 months, and during the
most of that time under my direct
orders. He has not had any important
work to carry out, but what he had to
do, he did thoroughly and to my entire
satisfaction.

Signed R. W. Sharpe
Overseer in temporary charge
No. 1 Range.

True Copy

Signed R. W. Sharpe
Overseer.

During the short time Mr. Elliot
has served in this Range, he has done his
work to my satisfaction.

Signed A. W. Hunter
Assistant Engineer &c.

Mr. Elliot has been able to do
but little since he has been attached to
this Range. His Office work is rather
unsatisfactorily looked after.

Signed T. C. Patigan
Executive Engineer

A very satisfactory Aversen and
ought to be confirmed in his appoint-
ment.

Madame'sally Signed H. Hudson
19th June 1875 Sub Engineer.

Character fair, but not so willing
as he ought to be.

Signed J. W. Taylor
Subdivisional Officer.

True Copy

Signed W. M. Macdonald
Assistant Engineer.

Relieved on the 16th Evening of
October 1876 Vide docket N^o 301 of 16th
October 1876 by Subdivisional Officer.

Signed C. Chisholmby P. May

During the short time he was under my
charge viz March 176 to 15th October 1876
Mr. Elliot has given general satisfaction,
but towards the end he became a little inat-
tentive to his duties, perhaps having known
his services will be shortly dispensed with.

Services dispensed with under
orders from the Chief Engineer in conse-
quence of his not having passed the re-
quired examination. Can do his work
well if he choose.

Signed A. J. Moberly
District Engineer.

Endorsements from Various
Officers on Petitioner's Application ^{for} the
post.

post of a jailor in Luddesloh, when employed as Superintendent on Famine Relief works. 15

Mr Elliot would make a very good jailor, being honest & true, and well fitted to enforce discipline. Speaking from what I have seen of him, his abilities are above the post.

Signed C. F. MacFarlane.

Luddesloh Special Dist. Coll. Sec.
2nd April 1877

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After 5 months experience I can thoroughly recommend him for honesty, ability and sobriety. He has been most attentive to his duty while under me, and is used to managing and maintaining discipline among large bodies of men which is what a jailor has to do. At present there are nearly 2000 men

at work.

at work under Mr. Elliot. 16^r

Signed L. F. Macfarlan.

Special Asst. Collector.

I should think Mr. Elliot would make a good jailor and though I should be sorry to lose his services as Superintendent, don't feel justified in standing in his way when a permanent post is available. He is honest sober and keeps very good discipline amongst his subordinates.

Signed L. F. Travers

Relief Officer

The Acting collector does not feel himself justified ⁱⁿ making in Mr. Elliot's case, a departure from his rule not to recommend any one serving under him for appointments in other departments. He is willing however

however to record upon Mr. Elliott's ap-
plication, the opinion that he is well
conducted, and has performed his
duties entrusted to him in a satisfac-
tory manner.

Signed J. J. Price
Camp Acting Collector
San Juan del Rio
9th October 1877

No 857 Memo

19.
Mr. John Elliott is informed that the Acting Collector is unable to forward his petition (herewith returned) to Government, as the matter is not one that concerns the Revenue Department. Mr. Elliott is a private individual, and as such should send the petition direct.

The Ag Collector if called upon for a report by Government, is prepared to speak favorably of him.

Cuddapah Collector's Office }
13th March 1878 }
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William B. C. S.
for Ag Collector

Received of Mr. John
Elliott late Acting
Deputy Collector
Cuddapah District

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Colonel E. A. Ford R.E.
Secretary, to Govt. P.W.D.
Madras

Respected Sir

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I humbly beg leave to submit the accompanying Memorial addressed to His Grace the Governor of Madras, which it was intended should be submitted through the Collector of the District, as the proper course to be adopted in such matters; but as he has declined doing so - as will be seen from the accompanying letter No. 857 dated 13th March 1878 - I must respectfully beg to submit the same through you, and will feel extremely than obliged to you in kindly laying my unfortunate case before His Grace the Governor in Council, and will ever feel grateful to you in recommending me to be reinstated in my appointment as Overseer in the Department of Public Works and to be exempted from having to pass the Madras test for Officers of the Madras Grade.

All references may be made to J. F. Pico Esquire, Agent

Acting Collector, Coarapah District.

I beg to be, Respected Sir,

Yours Humble and most

Coarapah obedient Servant

14th March 1878

John Elliot

Please address

M^r John Elliot

Probationary Sanitary

Inspector

Coarapah

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Petition from Mr. John Elliot dated
14th March 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Elliot's petition
is that he be exempted from
the ^{Overseers} Salary test, and re-appointed
to the Imperial Establish-
ment, his position on which
he resigned in 1868.

Mr. Elliot passed out
of the Civil Engineering College,
from which he was appointed
to the Department - but the
test which was sufficient then
was subsequently raised -
and Mr. Elliot by his resignation

I do not think he is
in the position for the
test that he passed
was at the time diff.
& generally known.

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Mr. J. W. M. M. M. M.

At the 10th day of
November 1878 in
the morning the same
was read in the
House of Commons

Memo 732 of 26.4.76.
307 of 12.2.76.
260 of 2-9-75.
Gov. 242 of 2.2.74.
3071 of 20.12.73.
666 of 1-3-70.
2574 of 28.11.70.
387 of 6-2-69

forfeited the advantages which he had enjoyed under the old rules.

Since his resignation Mr. Elliot has worked in various capacities in the Public Works Department - and his services have been utilized in places where other men, duly qualified educationally, could not be induced to take employment.

In times of pressure particularly he seems to have been useful.

Under these circumstances he may perhaps be exempted from the Salary Overseer's test to enable him to obtain permanent employment in the Department. It will however rest entirely with

himself to find employment under any District Engineer who may be disposed to utilize his services.

Edw. Col. R.R.

Chief Eng^r & Supto Govt. P.W.D.

23 March/78

FOR ORDERS.

Am to the Hon.

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Col. J. A. ...
...
No. 1563 Wd/27th March/73

His Grace the Governor
in Council is pleased
to exempt Mr. J. Elliot
from paying the Salary
Overseer Test to admit of
his employment in the
Regular Establishment.
It will rest with Mr.
Elliot to obtain em-
ployment.

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Mr. J. Elliot
Gen. P. W. ... 5 17

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No 3430

Sd. of (1878) Madras.

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To

Mr. J. Elliot

Date

Issued

Recd.

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G. O., 27 Mar 1878, No 1562

Nos.

Mr. J. Elliot exempted
from passing the
Mensural Test to admit
of his reemployment on
the Regular List.

Sub. Secy.