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No. 2,267 W.

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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 acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 526 E—G, dated 2nd April 1878, inquiring whether there is any objection to the transfer of Sub-Conductor Keenan to Madras in view to his being placed in his proper position among the Warrant Officers of that Presidency. In reply I am to say that, having regard to the claims of the men whom Sub-Conductor Keenan would supersede, His Grace the Governor in Council is not disposed to accept his services on transfer from the Mysore Government in which he has served uninterruptedly for sixteen years. Moreover there is no vacancy on the establishment of the Public Works Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

OOTACAMUND,
23rd May 1878.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE
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G. O., 23rd May 1878, No. 2,267 W.

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No. 283.

INTIMATING that as the transfer of Sub-Conductor Keenan to the Madras Public Works Department Establishment will necessitate supersession it cannot be done.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

23rd May 1878, No. 2,266 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 280. From A. B. SAMPSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Establishment—General,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 2nd April 1878, No. 626 E—G.

I AM directed to forward a copy of a letter* from the Chief Commissioner of Mysore relative to the promotion, to warrant rank, of Serjeant Keenan. I am to state that the Serjeant has lately been promoted to the rank of Sub-Conductor; but he points out that his transfer from the Madras Public Works Department to Mysore, in the interests of the public service, has been detrimental to his personal interests inasmuch as his contemporaries in Madras have been promoted to the rank of Conductor, and he claims to be placed on the same footing. As there is great force in his representations, the Government of India is desirous to retransfer Sub-Conductor Keenan to Madras in view to his being placed in his proper place among the Warrant Officers of that Presidency, and I am to inquire if there is any objection to the arrangement.

*No. 168/273 E—G of 23rd January 1878, and enclosure.

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1878, No. 2,266 W.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,267 W, dated 23rd May 1878.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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Mysore Chief Commissioners Office
Public Works Department

From

The Secretary to the Chief
Commissioner for the Government
of the Territories of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.—

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India Public Works Department

Sir

Dated Bangalore 23rd January 1877

With reference to your No. 3268 P.
dated 31st March 1876, stating that the
Government of India regrets it cannot
treat Sergeant Keenan exceptionally, I
have the honor, by order of the Chief
Commissioner, again to bring forward
his case for the favorable consideration
of Government, as the Chief Commissioner
views it as one of peculiar hardship.

2. In Government of India Circular
No. 38 dated 10th July 1876 it is admitted
that the manner in which the promotions
to the Warrant grades have been heretofore
made in the P.W.D. has been manifest-
-ly unjust and such as was never intended
when the Code of Rules were framed.—
I am however to point out that Sergeant
Keenan does not consider that in
his

his case justice would be satisfied by promoting him with other Sergeants under the Government of India.—

He represents that he was transferred from Madras at the request of the Mysore Government, that the well behaved men of his standing and several years junior to him in his corps are now Conductors, that he has never failed in giving satisfaction to his superiors, and that he is therefore entitled to the same Military rank as the men of his standing in his corps have attained (and he would have attained) had he been allowed to remain in the Madras S.W.S.—

III— He further represents that promotion in the Department will not compensate him for loss of Military rank, as the former does not affect his pension. If obliged to retire as a Sergeant, he would only get one Rupee per diem, whereas as a Conductor he would be entitled to Rs- 100 per mensem, a very serious consideration to a man getting on in years and with a young family to support and bring up.—

IV. Copies of a Statement Submitted by Sergeant Keenan Shewing the ~~men~~ men who have superseded him, and of his former petitions are forwarded for information.—

V. Sergeant Keenan has since his Employment in the Department proved himself to be an exceedingly steady hardworking, trustworthy subordinate and (in the Clerical Commissioned officers not unnaturally), considers that his ultimate prospects have been ruined by his transfer to Mysore. I am therefore to solicit a reconsideration of his case and to recommend that he be given the rank of Conductor, to which there is no doubt he would have attained long before this had he remained in Employment in his own Presidency

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
(sd) James Johnson Lieut Col

Officiating Secy to the Chief Commr
Mysore P.W.D.

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Memorandum.

No 237 Sergeant James Keenan
Enlisted 18th December 1855 Promoted to
Sergeant 13th of October 1861.

No 241 – J. Power. Enlisted 11th July 1856, Promoted
to Sergeant 25th October 1866, Promoted to
Sub-Conductor D.P.W. G.O.G. 6th December
1871 Conductor 10th July 1874.

No 252 James Schoury, Enlisted on
the 13th March 1857, Promoted to Sergeant
13th of October 1861, Promoted to Sub-
Conductor 13th March 1870 vide G.O.G.
12th April 1870 Conductor 28th June 1873.

No 281. Richard Lennon Enlisted 6th
November 1858 Promoted to Sergeant
13th of October 1863 Promoted to Sub-Con-
ductor D.P.W. 6th November 1873 Vide
G.O.G. 12 November 1873.—

No 282 Daniel Talvey, Enlisted 8th
June 1858. Promoted to Sergeant 1st August
1867, Promoted to Sub Conductor D.P.W.
G.O.G. 6th of October 1871 Conductor 1st
August – 1874

No 286 W. West. Enlisted 9th of February 1858
as Drummer, Promoted to Sergeant 11th July
1863. Promoted to Sub-Conductor D.P.W. 25th July
1871 Vide G.O.G. 25th July 1871 Conductor —
25th May 1874.

No 299

No 299 John Nicholson enlisted
11th February 1859 Promoted to Sergeant
1st June 1865, Promoted to Sub-Conductor
D.P.W. Vide G.O.G. 16th March 1871
No 307 Charles Selkirk enlisted 3rd
March 1859. Promoted to Sergeant D.P.W.
11th July 1861 Promoted to Sub Conductor
D.P.W. Vide G.O.G. 21st of April 1871.
No 317 Thomas Jones, Enlisted 28th March
1859, Promoted to Sergeant 15th November
1865 Promoted to Conductor, Safeguard
and Miner, 30th of August 1872.
No 318. J. Sanderson Enlisted 2nd April
1859, Promoted to Sergeant 16th July 1865
Promoted to Sub Conductor D.P.W. 2nd of
April 1871 Vide G.O.G. 16th of October 1871.
No 3113. J. Cormac Enlisted 1st September
1859 Promoted to Sergeant 1st December 1865
Promoted to Sub Conductor D.P.W. 1st
September 1871 Vide G.O.G. 16th of October 1871.

Bangalore
23/1/77

Signed J. Kinnan
Supervisor

True Copy

(Sd) Jas Johnson Lieut. Colonel

Offg. Secy. to the Ch. Commissioner of Mysore
P.W.D.

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To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
In the Department of Public Works
Fort William Calcutta.

The Memorial of James Kenaw
Sergeant in the Sappers and Miners
and temporary 1st. Grade Supervisor
in the Mysore Public Works Department.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist respectfully begs you will be pleased to submit the following circumstances connected with his position in the Department of Public Works in the Province of Mysore, for the favorable Consideration and orders of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General ~~of this~~ in Council

That your Memorialist begs to state that, having enlisted in the Company's Artillery in the year 1855, and afterwards joined the Madras Corps of Sappers and Miners, he attained by steady conduct, the rank of Serjeant in that Corps on the 30th October 1861 on which date also he obtained from the Civil Engineering College at Madras a Certificate of qualification for Employment in the upper subordinate grade of the Public Works Department that thereupon

Thereupon

Thereupon his services were especially applied for by Colonel Lawford, the late Chief Engineer of Mysore by letter No. 3730 dated the 3rd March 1862, to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore (Vide Appendix A); that his services having been placed accordingly at the disposal of the Mysore Government, he was appointed an Assistant Overseer in the Department of Public Works in that Province on the 6th April 1862, and was finally appointed temporary 1st Grade Supervisor in the Department on the 10th September 1874; and that this is his present Departmental grade—

That your Memorialist thinks it necessary also to add that during the period of his study in the Civil Engineering College, he was employed in the carrying out of important works, notably those connected with the Madras Government House and Chepauk grounds and in the instruction of the Madras Sapper Militia. What satisfaction your Memorialist gave while so employed will be found recorded in the accompanying testimonials (Vide Appendix B) with which he was favored by Charles Trevelyan, late Governor of Madras.

It was, your Memorialist would further beg to state, the success which attended his efforts in these employments that led to his services being specially called for in the Mysore Province where unfortunately his civil promotion has been

been Exceedingly slow.—

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That it is however the very disadvantageous manner in which your Memorialist's position in the Military branch is affected by his transfer in the Mysore service, which he now wishes to bring to notice, with a view to the consideration of the same by His Excellency the Governor General in Council. Had your Memorialist remained in the Madras Public Works Establishment, he should, in due course, have been promoted to the grade of Sub-Conductor in 1870, and have in the early part of 1873 attained the grade of a Conductor. Your Memorialist would here beg to point to the case of some of his fellow students in the Engineering College who were privates when he held the rank of Sergeant, but who have now been promoted into the Warrant Grade and your Memorialist would specially call attention to the case of Conductor J. Schoury who was nearly two years his Junior in the corps of ~~Lascars~~ Sappers, but who was appointed Sub Conductor in 1870, and promoted to a full Conductorship in June 1873 as will be seen in G.O.G. No. 186, page 138 of the Madras Gazette. By your Memorialist's transfer however to the Bengal Establishment, he has notwithstanding that his service will, inclusive of the ~~Mutiny~~

Mutiny

Mutiny Bom of 2 years, he 21 years on the 1st December, lost the abovementioned two steps of Military promotion, and should anything now occur to disable him for active employment, he shall have to retire only on the pension of a Serjeant.—

That justly elated as your Memorialist was at the idea that he should be specially elected for service in Mysore, he was not then under the impression that his transfer hither would involve any alteration of position as regards army rank; but as it has had that effect through no fault of his, your Memorialist most humbly begs that orders be issued for his being passed into the warrant Grade to which his length of service entitles him, viz. that of Conductor either in the Madras or Bengal Establishment, making under all the Circumstances his case a Special one for the Exercise of the prerogative undoubtedly vested in His Excellency in Council, for rectifying an unforeseen Contingency.—

And your Memorialist shall ever pray.

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Appendix
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No. 3750

Mysore P. W. Dept.
Central Office

From

Colonel C. Lawford
Chief Engineer Mysore

To

The Officiating Secretary to the
Commissioner for the Government
of the Territories of His Highness
the Rajah of Mysore.—

Dated the 3rd March 1862

Sir

The Government of India having in their order, No. 825, dated 31st January 1862, sanctioned the Establishment proposed in my letter No. 2604 dated 11th November last. I have the honor to request that the Officiating Commissioner will be good enough to apply to the Madras Government for the services of Serjeant James Keenan of Sappers and Miners, with a view to his appointment as an Assistant Overseer in Mysore.

2 Serjeant Keenan holds a Certificate of qualifications for the upper Subordinate Grade and has high testimonials of ability and character especially from Lieutenant Colonel Hitchins District Engineer of the Residency

Residency

Presidency, Madras Department.
Public Works.—

3 The services of Serjeant Keenan are
Hardly add are greatly required at present at this
Department.—

I have the honor &c.,
(Signed) E. Lawford, Colonel,
Chief Engineer in Mysore

Bangalore, 3rd March 1862

True Copy
(Signed) E. Lawford, Colonel,
Chief Engineer Mysore.

To
Lieutenant Colonel H.W. Hitchins
District Engineer Public Works Department

With reference to this Office No. 3736 of
the 1st March 1862.

True Copy.
W.H. Hitchins Lieut.t Colonel
District Engineer Public Works

Forwarded for the information of Serjeant Keenan
B

Corporal Keenan of the Madras Sappers
has been known to me for some months as
Superintendent of the works on the Government
House and Chepauk Grounds, He is an able
intelligent respectable man—and he has
given me much satisfaction as ——
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an organiser and Superintendent of
Labor, the Madras Sapper Militia improves
greatly under his arrangements. He is
also exact in executing any instructions
given to him.

Madras — 6th June 1860. C. E. Trevelyan.

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No. 526 E. G.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Establishment

General

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Public Works Department

Fort William 2nd April 1878.

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2 A very early reply is requested.—

I have the honor to be

Sir.

your most obedt servant.

W S Sampson

Undersecretary to the Govt of India

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Letter from the Government of India
No 526 R.G. dated 22 April 1878.
Office note from the Examiner
dated 22 April 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

It is proposed to transfer the services of the Military Dept

Edward Cab. Rec.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Forwarded to the financial officer Public Dept. P.W. Cab. Dept. Chargé of carrying out the Examiner's suggestion. Asst Sy. Dept.

FOR ORDERS.

To Coty 26-4-78
Cir 3.5.78 Rld 8.5.78.

To C

What with the financial effect on Madras Provincial P.W. Establishment charges of carrying out your suggestion.

Ellot Jr
8.5.78.

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SECRETARY.

Madras, April 11 — 1878.

OFFICE NOTE.

To C.

The enclosed papers in reference to Sergeant Keenan Supreme P. W. Dept. are forwarded to you for your remarks —

W.L.
D.W.
11.4.78

TO Y.

THE LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NO.525.R.G.OF THE 2ND. APRIL 1878 MAY BE RECORDED TO THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPINION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 4 OF THE LETTER FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, MILITARY DEPARTMENT NO.141 OF THE 30TH. MAY 1874 PRINTED WITH P.W.D.G.O.NO. 2524 OF THE 5TH. SEPTEMBER 1874.

2. IN THE EVENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAVING NO OBJECTION TO THE SERJEANT BEING BROUGHT ON THE STRENGTH OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TARRANT GRADES OF THIS PRESIDENCY AND THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT BEING WILLING TO BRING THE SERJEANT ON THE MADRAS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE RANK OF 1ST. GRADE SUPERVISOR, HE MAY BE APPOINTED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA A SUPERNUMERARY CONDUCTOR ON THE WARRANT LIST, TO BE ABSORBED ON THE OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY, AND A 1ST. GRADE SUPERVISOR, ALSO ONLY AS SUPERNUMERARY AND TO BE SIMILARLY ABSORBED WHEN THE NEXT VACANCY

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter from the Govt of India, No 525 R.G. dated 2d April 1878.
Office Notes from the Examiner, P.W. Accts., dated 22d Apl. & 14th May 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

In recirculating these papers for orders, the Chief Engineer desires to point out that the proposal of the Government of India to post Sub-Conductor Keenan to Madras will involve the supersession of many deserving men both Civil and Military who have uninterruptedly worked under the Madras Government.

Sergt. Keenan, having taken service under the Govt of India, should accept the conditions of that service whether favorable or not.

Officers Respecting
Ed. Assistant Engineer
Exam. Assistant Engineer
Ex. Executive Engineer
Mr. Madras P.W.D.

M. 29/5/78
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If his Military promotion has been slow, his Departmental advancement has not been affected. He attained the rank of Supervisor 1st grade in 1875 while still a Serjeant, a position rarely attained by a Serjt under the Madras Government.

It is proposed therefore that the Govt of India be informed that having regard to the claims of the Men whom Subconductor Keenan would supersede, the Madras Government are not disposed to accept his services; for which there is no vacancy in the Public Works Department.

Wm 17.5.78.

E A Mrd Col RE
Chief Engr & Secy to Govt
Mad

17th May/78.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23d May/78

Read the following:—

Letter from the Govt of India (Pub. No 526 R.W. dy 2d April 78)

Ordered that the following letter be sent

Pub. No 2267 dated 23d May 1878.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

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Re The Survey to the South of India.

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G. O. 23 May 1878. No. 2266 & 2267

Nos.

Sub-Conductor Keenan

Orders that the Govt of India be addressed anent the transfer of —, to the Madras P.W. Establishment.

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Intimating that as the transfer of Sub-Conductor Keenan, to the Legislative N.W.S. Estab. will necessitate supersession it cannot be done.