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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th August 1878, No 3,270 W

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper —

No 194 - From Major L CONWAY-GORDON, R E, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 7th August 1878, No 188 W

In continuation of my letter No. 112 W, dated 29th June 1878, I have the honor to forward you, for the information of Government, a letter, dated 29th July 1878, received from Mr Evans to your address

2 Viewing it as the explanation called for by Government, it is remarkable as containing hardly a word with regard to the most reprehensible part of Mr Evans' past conduct, viz, that he neglected his work in this office in order to carry on business in a public manner as a Broker and Commission Agent

3 From paragraph 7 of Mr Evans' letter it might be inferred that Mr Evans submitted to this office an application for twelve months' leave supported by the necessary medical certificate. This, however, is not the case. The original medical certificate forwarded by Mr Evans is now before Government, having been submitted as an enclosure to this office letter No 23 W, dated 24th April 1878. From this Government will be enabled to see how far Mr Evans' statements are to be relied upon as having submitted a medical certificate in support of twelve months' leave

4 The facts are as follows — On the 28th February Mr. Evans was reported to me by the Chief Accountant as having been absent from office since the 23rd February, the Chief Accountant at the same time informing me that he had written to Mr. Evans to explain the cause of his absence and had received no reply. On the same date, i.e., the 28th February, Mr Evans appeared for the first and only time before the Surgeon, 2nd District, and obtained a certificate as an out-patient for the day, the original of which is now with Government. No application whatever for leave, either supported or unsupported by a medical certificate, was ever submitted to this office by Mr Evans

5 There seems little else to notice in Mr Evans' letter, certainly nothing to lead to a modification of the orders already passed

From Mr. G W W. EVANS, Accountant, 4th Grade, Examiner of Public Works Accounts Office, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department — (through the Examiner of Public Works Accounts) dated Madras, 25th July 1878

With reference to your memorandum, No 1,996, dated 3rd May 1878, to the address of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, I beg respectfully to submit the following details of my case for your most favorable consideration.

2 My pay proper and allowances at Bombay as an Accountant, 4th Grade, would at the present amount to at least Rupees 183, and I could have maintained myself in comfort on Rupees 100, whereas in Madras my pay is but Rupees 100 plus Rupees 10 house-rent, from this amount I am obliged to pay Rupees 50 for a carriage in order to attend office

3 I accepted my present post in the Madras Examiner's Office in February 1877 in the full hope that the Account Establishment would have been organised on the same footing as in the other Presidencies in April of the same year, and that I would then have obtained a 3rd-grade appointment, which would have given me Rupees 220 and thus have enabled me to exist.

4 Immediately on my arrival in Madras and on reporting myself at the Examiner's Office I was deputed to attend at the Accountant-General's Office for the purpose of adjusting old differences existing between the two departments from 1865-66 to 1875-76.

5 Having disposed of the unadjusted balances per statement from the Examiner to the Accountant-General, I was, in May of the same year, ordered to do duty at the Harbour Works, to arrange the Tools and Plant and Stock Accounts of that office, which were in utter confusion. This work I completed in a month and a half's time by opening out a new set of books, drawing up the several half-yearly returns of Tools and Plant and Stock, and systematising the whole for future guidance. When deputed to the Harbour Works I submitted that I was unable to travel the distance on foot and requested that carriage allowance might be given me, but my request was not complied with, although under the rules I was entitled to 40 per cent. of my pay.

6 Owing to my small income, Rupees 80 per mensem, (less Rupees 13 deducted monthly to meet an advance of Rupees 200 received by me in Bombay) and consequent pecuniary difficulties at home, combined with the heavy pressure of office work, my health began failing and I felt compelled in July last to avail of three months' privilege leave, and on my return to duty at the expiration of this period, finding that my health was still unimpaired, and after attending office that my sight too was failing, so much so that I was obliged to attend daily at the Eye Infirmary for treatment, I called in person on Mr Maddox to show him how very ill I was and that my constitution was rapidly breaking down. Observing the state of my failing health Mr. Maddox suggested that I should immediately send in a medical certificate with an application for twelve months' leave without pay which he informed me would no doubt be granted.

7 I thereupon personally appeared before the Doctor in charge of the Vepery Hospital and obtained the necessary medical certificate, which I forthwith submitted to the Examiner and received the subjoined order thereon in reply —

MEMORANDUM

"The following orders passed on Mr Evans' medical certificate, of the 28th February last, are communicated for his information and guidance —

"No pay will be passed to Mr Evans until he send in a regular application for leave supported by a medical certificate, or until he returns to duty

"Office of Examiner of P. W. Accounts

"CHIEF CLERK,
5th March 1878

"By order,
(Signed) J. MADDUX,
Chief Accountant"

8. In addition to these infirmities I had still further to contend with the unfair dealing of the Managing Clerk (Mr Maddox) of the Examiner's Office, an instance of which I will merely cite for your information—to wit, I had occasion to require casual leave for four days on very urgent grounds, but, before applying to the Examiner, I spoke to Mr Maddox and explained to him why it was that I needed the leave so urgently, who, after having seen the necessity for granting it, informed me that he would recommend my getting the leave and asked me to send in a formal application for it, this I did through him, and was astonished to find that instead of recommending the leave, he endorsed his opinion that the leave should on no account be granted owing to pressure of work, which act of deception had I foreseen would have deterred me from submitting an application to be refused by the Examiner. On another occasion I was fined one-eighth of my pay (the first fine ever imposed on me during my nine years' service under the Government) simply because a letter was kept beyond three days in my hands unrecd to, and which I may mention was through no fault of mine.

With reference to the latter part of the 4th paragraph of the Examiner's report I achieve that Mr Maddox is the informant, and I feel sure that he has not given a fair representation of my case, for it was he who first suggested in office that I should apply for leave without allowances and that there would be no difficulty in getting it granted.

To qualify my representations of Mr Maddox's misrule, I beg to submit that the whole office is in a state of discontent, and this can no doubt be ascertained from office members who have had occasion to solicit favors of him.

In conclusion I beg most respectfully to submit that, although able to transact any business that I may have for two or three hours in the course of the day, I am still not in a fit state of health to undertake the onerous duties in the Examiner's Office.

As I have not the means from private resources to live, I am necessarily obliged to do something to earn a subsistence for myself and family, and as I am not drawing any pay from Government I believe that no infringement of the rules of Government is entailed by granting me the twelve months' leave without pay I so earnestly solicit may be granted.

Apologising for the unavoidable delay occasioned through failing health in replying to your official memorandum earlier, I have, &c

No 195. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1878, No 3,270 W.

THERE is nothing in Mr. Evans' explanation to induce Government to modify their orders that his services should be dispensed with from the 23th February

(True Extract)

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

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts

Exd T. D. Ryan
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1878
PUBLIC WORKS.

FROM THE EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MILWAUKEE.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL BRANCH.

NO. 188. W.

CHEPAX, 28TH AUGUST 1878.

SIR,

IN CONTINUATION OF MY LETTER NO. 112. W. DATED 29TH JUNE 1878, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD YOU FOR THE INFORMATION OF GOVERNMENT, A LETTER DATED 29TH JULY 1878, RECEIVED FROM MR. EVANS, TO YOUR ADDRESS.

2. VIEWING IT AS THE EXPLANATION CALLED FOR BY GOVERNMENT, IT IS REMARKABLE AS CONTAINING HARDLY A WORD WITH REGARD TO THE MOST REPRHENSIBLE PART OF MR. EVANS' PAST CONDUCT, VIZ. THAT HE NEGLECTED HIS WORK IN THIS OFFICE IN ORDER TO CARRY ON BUSINESS IN A PUBLIC MANNER AS A BROKER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

3. FROM PARA 7 OF MR. EVANS' LETTER, IT MIGHT BE INFERRED, THAT MR. EVANS SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE AN APPLICATION FOR 12 MONTHS' LEAVE SUPPORTED BY THE NECESSARY MEDICAL CERTIFICATE. THIS HOWEVER IS NOT THE CASE. THE ORIGINAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FORWARDED BY MR. EVANS IS NOW BEFORE GOVERNMENT, HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS

OFFICE LETTER NO. 23. W. DATED 24TH. APRIL 1878. FROM THIS, GOVERN-
MENT WILL BE ENABLED TO SEE HOW FAR MR. EVANS' STATEMENTS ARE TO
BE RELIED UPON, AS HAVING SUBMITTED A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE IN
SUPPORT OF 12 MONTHS' LEAVE.

4. THE FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS :- ON THE 28TH. FEBRUARY, MR.
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EVANS WAS REPORTED BY THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT AS HAVING BEEN ABSENT
FROM OFFICE SINCE THE 23RD. FEBRUARY, THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT AT THE
SAME TIME INFORMING ME THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO MR. EVANS, TO
EXPLAIN THE CAUSE OF HIS ABSENCE, AND HAD RECEIVED NO REPLY.
ON THE SAME DATE, I. E. THE 28TH. FEBRUARY, MR. EVANS APPEARED
FOR THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME BEFORE THE SURGEON 2ND. DISTRICT,
AND OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE AS AN OUT-PATIENT FOR THE DAY, THE
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EVER FOR LEAVE, EITHER SUPPORTED OR UNSUPPORTED BY A MEDICAL
CERTIFICATE WAS EVER SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE BY MR. EVANS.

5. THERE SEEMS LITTLE ELSE TO NOTICE IN MR. EVANS' LETTER;
CERTAINLY NOTHING TO LEAD TO A MODIFICATION OF THE OFFERS ALREADY
PASSED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT SERVANT.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS AND MAJOR R. E.

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TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P.W.D.

GRUEAT, FRANCH.

NO. 188.H.

DATE 7th AUGUST 1878.

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ENCLOSURE ONE.

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Madras 25th July 1878
To Colonel E. A. David R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.
Fort St. George
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Your most obedient servant
J. M. Evans
Accountant & "paid"
to P.W. Accounts Office
Madras.

Through the Examiner
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 16 Aug 78
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From
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Mr Evans Accountant, 4th Grade
(Bombay)

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