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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th October 1878, No. 4,055 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 228. From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 10th October 1878, No. 272.

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 4,527, dated the 7th instant, relating to Sub-Conductor Barnes, I have the honor to report that I have, subject to your confirmation, appointed my Local Fund Overseer Mr. T. Vidalingum Pillay to be 3rd Grade Imperial Overseer in his place, retaining him at Coonoor where (especially just now on the approach of the north-east monsoon) there is always much to be done on the roads, and employing for the present a Sub-Overseer to do the work in the Wynad.

2. Overseer Mr. T. Vidalingum Pillay has served continuously in the Department of Public Works for the past twenty years. In 1860 he was appointed to an Overseership by the present Deputy Chief Engineer, then Executive Engineer at Wellington, and was placed in charge of the Old Coonoor Ghât on which some heavy work was in progress. A year or two after he was placed under Colonel (then Captain) G. V. Law in special charge of the New Coonoor Ghât; he very greatly assisted that officer for six years in opening out this important and difficult pass. In 1870 he came under me, and has since been chiefly employed on many important roads about Coonoor, Colacumbay, Kartairy, and Kotagiri, as well as in building Police Lines at Wellington and Coonoor, and in altering and repairing the Coonoor church and other important public buildings. He has himself opened out some ten new roads in this mountainous district, and has kept in good repair many miles of roads, to look after which he has been compelled to travel 80 and sometimes even 150 miles a week in all weathers. Overseer Mr. T. Vidalingum is a first-class road-maker and road-tracer, and has built countless retaining walls of rubble stone, some of very great height, in a most excellent and workmanlike manner; none of his walls have ever failed. He has not had so great an experience in buildings, but those that I have given him to construct have been very well done.

3. General Warren Walker, the late Chief Engineer, and Colonel G. V. Law had, I know, the very highest opinion of him. The former officer would long ago have placed him permanently on the Imperial list, but he feared his so doing would necessitate his removal from this district, in the peculiar works connected with which he had gained a special and valuable experience, and in the carrying out of which he had been so eminently successful. His being posted to the Imperial list would then have necessitated his leaving the hills. This necessity no longer exists now.

4. I can from my own knowledge of nearly nine years (during which I have carefully watched him) speak most confidently of the engineering skill, laborious capabilities, general care, obedience, active zeal, tact in managing his labor, and, I firmly believe, perfect honesty of this Overseer. I have never once had occasion to find any serious fault with him. His work has always been first class and also cheap. I know him to habitually take great pains to check his work and obtain proper tasks

from his work people. His measurement books are always fully and carefully filled in, and when checked are found correct. He is well up in accounts, can read and write English very well, and is a capital Tamil scholar. I know as a fact that he is greatly respected in Coonoor by both Europeans and natives. Many of the non-official members of the Local Fund Board have to my knowledge a very high opinion of him.

5. Believing that he will be an acquisition to the department, I have posted him as 3rd Grade Imperial Overseer, and I trust you will be able to confirm what I have done. His pay is now Rupees 75 per mensem.

6. I append some papers relating to this Overseer.

No. 228-A. From the same of Officer, dated Ootacamund, 10th October 1878, No. 273.

No. 229. Order thereon, 17th October 1878, No. 4,055 W.

In consideration of the good service done by T. Vidalingum Pillay, Local Fund Overseer, Nilgiris, the Governor in Council is pleased, as a special case, to exempt him from the operation of the examination rules with the view of his being appointed permanently to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

Supt Engr Wn Circle
To the ~~District Engineer, Nilgiris.~~
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
NILGIRIS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 1878.

Letter

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 17th October 1878, No. 4,055 W.

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Nos. 228-229.

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E. Vilvigoon Pillay, Local Fund Overseer, Nilgiris, is exempted, as a special case, from the operation of the examination rules.

Pension Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following letters
From the Supg. Engineer 7th Division
dated 20th June 1872 No 54. –
From the Accountant General dated
12th July 1872 No 232.

Order thereon 30th July 1872 No 607.

The Government invariably decline to decide whether doubtful periods of Service will be allowed to reckon, until application for Pension or gratuity is before them. It is obviously objectionable to ~~ap~~ attempt to determine such questions beforehand, when the grant must necessarily depend on the report to be made at the time of retirement

(True Extract)
(Sd) C. A. Galton
Ag. Under Secretary

To The Supg Engineer
7th Division
—— Accountant
General.

True copy Forwarded to Captain Morant for information and communication to Rang Maisty Vythalingum, with reference to his Petition to the address of Captain Morant.

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Supg Engrs office
7th Dn
Camp Mallampolem
12th August /72.

(Sd) W. Farewell Lt Coll
Offg. Supg Engr. 7th Dn.

N Stephens

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No 599. True copy forwarded to Mr. Vythalingum Pillay for information with reference to his Petition to the undersigned.

J. E. Morant
Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer.

Ootacamund
Exe. Engrs office
15th August 1872.

District Engineer's Office
Ootacamund 10th October 1878

No. 272

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From

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Ootacamund.

Sir

With reference to your Memorandum No. 4327 dated the 7th Instant relating to Sub-conductor Barnes I have the honor to report that I have, subject to your confirmation, appointed my Local Fund Overseer Mr. S. Vythalingum Pillay to be 3rd Grade Imperial Overseer in his place, retaining him at Coonoor where (especially just now on the approach of the N. E. Monsoon) there is always much to be done on the roads, and employing for the present a Sub Overseer to do the work in the Wynaad.

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6. I append some papers relating to this Overseer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servt
J. L. L. Morant, Major R.E.
District Engineer

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Roads & Buildings

From No. 11756

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W. Dept
Ootacamund

No. 272
Dated 10th October 1878
Recd 19"
Number of enclosures. 3

L.F. Overseer Mr T. Vidialingum Pillay – reports that he has appointed the – to be 2nd Grade Imperial Overseer in the place of Sub-Condr T. Barnes – subject to his confirmation – with reference to his memorandum No. 4527 dated the 7th Octr 1878

Cir 14-10-78. Retd 17-10-78.
O.L. Shel: 50 Oct

Extract from the letter from the Offg Superintending Engineer 7th Division to the Secretary to Government Public Works Department No. 65 printed with P.W.D. G.O. No. 1769 dated the 25th July 1870.

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3. The transfer of Moneravalloo Pillay to the Imperial List of Overseers would thus enable me to appoint District Maistry Vythialingum Pillay, now on the Imperial Petty Establishment, and who has served with credit on the Coonoor Ghaut from its commencement to the present time, to be Local Fund Maistry or Overseer, and thus Rupees 75 per mensem would be released on the Imperial Petty Establishment; while Vythialingum would enjoy the benefit of a pension when incapacitated

further works, debarred him while on the Imperial List, and further travelling allowance could be passed to him, which, however necessary in the expensive district in which he is employed, he is not now, under Imperial Petty Establishment Rules, entitled to.

(True extract)

J. E. Morant
Major R.E.

District Engineer

Coonoor

Capt. G. C. Law
Executive Engineer
Coonoor

Honored Sir,

With reference to my appointment as District Draftsman on the permanent petty Establishment of the D.P.W. I beg leave submissively & respectfully to lay the following before you, with an humble & sanguine belief that you will be pleased to submit the matter for the favorable consideration of Government.

In 1857 I was entertained as a Clerk on the Jakathalla & Wellington Barrack works, & in 1859 was appointed as an Overseer's Writer; in this latter appointment served till 1860, when I was transferred as an Overseer on the old Coonoor Ghaut, certain extensive improvements being then in progress. After the completion of this work I was placed at your disposal for opening the New Coonoor Ghaut. Thus from the commencement of my career as a Govt. Servant & up to the present time I served uninterruptedly in the D.P.W for a period of nearly twelve years.

You

I have

You are well aware that the nature of my employment on the Ghauts was always & is of an anxious harassing & onerous description & at the Sacrifice of my health. I have worked & am working in feverish localities at even the worst season of the year, being doubtful of the future benefit in the Shape of Pension &c.

I ventured respectfully to know how my Services on the Ghauts are to be treated, for, nearly the most & Greater part thereof, were Spent on these works. Consequently to Subject me to any loss of Service now is tantamount to my being entirely thrown at the mercy of the world in after years.

Considering the great difficulties & trouble I had to contend with, for the zealous & Satisfactory discharge of my duties, I call upon yourself Lt. Col. Farewell Ex: Engineer, Neilgherry Range & Col. Walker, R. E. Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to bear testimony to the fact. Of course setting aside entirely, the praises bestowed on me in News Papers, such not being worthy of Official notice keeping, therefore the liberality of the Paternal Govt. in mind, I did everything in my Power,

through

through the Great kindnesses of yourself & Lt. Col. Farewell to please you in the execution of my duties.

All that I now differentially crave is that Govt. may be moved to pass an order, allowing my Services on the Ghauts being as a board counted towards Pension.

For obtaining the favor asked for which I look upon you to protect me as you have hitherto done, I shall feel very Grateful to you.

I beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your Most obedt & humble
Servant

In passing on the above, the undersigned has the honor to request, Lt. Col. Farewell to be kind enough to strive to obtain the boon asked for by Mr. Vydealingum (namely that his former Services shall count for Pension) & to record that in his opinion the zeal & the activity shewn by the Petitioner since the commencement of the New Ghaut December 1863, deserve recognition.

Sd/ George O. Law. Capt.
Exe. Engineer

Coonoor –
29th February 70

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Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division for his favorable consideration. District Maistry Vydealingam has certainly worked well & hard during the time noted in his petition.

Sd/ W. Fawcett Lt. Col.
Ex. Engineer.

Ootacamund.
March 2nd 1870.

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There are two vacancies of Overseers on the Permanent Establishment & applications might be made to Govt. on his behalf for one of these.

Or, with reference to Para. 3 of letter printed with G.O. No. 63 A. of 20th June, Govt. might be addressed on the subject generally of putting Imperial fund & Local fund Maistries on the same footing.

Sd/ G. W. Walker. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer

28th March 1870

District Engineer's Office
Ootacamund 10th Octr 1870

No. 273

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From

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Deptt
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor to request you will kindly order the enclosed notice of appointment to be published in the next issue of the Fort St George Gazette.

I have

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedient Servt

J L L Morant Major R.E.

District Engineer

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Notice
Appointment

T. Vidialingum Pillay Local fund Overseer to be 2nd grade Imperial Overseer in this District vice Overseer Mr J. Barnes.

His appointment is to take effect from the 1st October 1878.

Distt Engr's Office
Ootacamund
10th Octr 1878

J L L Morant Major R.E.

District Engineer

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Roads and Buildings

From No. 11757

The District Engineer
Nilagiris

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.
Ootacamund

No. 273

Dated 10th October 1878

Recd 19th

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Notice of appointment – Requests that the Enclosed – may be ordered to be published in the next issue of the Fort St. George Gazette.

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I have known T. Vidalingu
for many years and with pleasure end
the good opinion given of him – he has
not passed any Examination – he fully
deserves exemption from the usual tests
to admit of his appointment to the Regul
Establishment – His duties for the last
20 years have, I know, been far too
great to admit of his studying – As
a practical Overseer I have never
known a more efficient man – He has
a great command of labor and in al
weathers at any distance is invariabl
to be found where he is wanted.

Colonel
Dy. Chief Engr. P.W.D.

Ootacamund
14th Octr. 1878

Genl Estabt

No 4055 W Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 17 Oct/78.

Read the following :—

The District Engr. Nilgiris (N.C. No. 272 d/ 10th Octr. 1878)
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In consideration of the good service done by T. Vidalingum Pillay Local Fund Overseer — Nilgiris the Governor in Council is pleased, as a special case, to exempt him from the operation of the Examination Rules with the view of his being appointed permanently to the Public Works Dept.

Supg. E. 4th Circle
D.E. ~~Nilgiris~~ with note that Vidalingum Pillay cannot be brought on the strength of the permanent establishment of Imperial Overseers till Sub Local Boards is formally [illegible]
Ex. P. W. Accts.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To D. E. Vizgm

Dated

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G. O., 7 Oct 1878, No. 4056 W

Nos. 228 to 229

S. Vedalingum Pillay, Local Fund Overseer, Vizgm, to exempted, as a special case, from the operation of the Examination Rules