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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

12th April 1879, No. 1,140 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following :—

No. 124. Petition from Mr. G. A. Vardon, dated 13th March 1879.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1879, No. 1,140 W.

ON reconsideration of Mr. Vardon's case His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased to cancel his removal from the Public Works Department ordered in paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, dated the 17th May 1878.

2. Mr. Vardon will be reduced to the rank of Supervisor, 1st Grade,* from the date of that order, and will be considered to have been on leave without pay from date of removal to date of assuming charge.

* Supernumerary. To be absorbed on first opportunity.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1879) Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 12th.

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G. O., 12th April 1879, No. 1,140 W.

APRIL

Nos. 124-125.

Mr. Vardon, late Sub-Engineer, reinstated
in the Public Works Department but
reduced to the rank of Supervisor, 1st Grade.

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GRACE THE MOST NOBLE

RICHARD PLANTAGENET CAMPBELL

TEMPLE NUGENT BRYDGES CHANDOS GRENVILLE,

DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS,

EARL TEMPLE, VISCOUNT AND BARON COBHAM,

EARL NUGENT, LORD KINLOSS, G.C.S.I.,

GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble Memorial of G. A. VARDON, late
Sub-Engineer, 3rd Grade, Public Works
Department, Kurnool Range, Kurnool
District.

LY SHOWETH,

That your Memorialist is aware, no second Memorial praying for a reconsideration of
past on a previous petition will receive the attention of His Grace the Governor in
unless there are some *new and important facts* brought forward to justify the
of the second Memorial.

2. That your Memorialist, therefore, will not recapitulate, even in brief, the refuta-
ained in his first Memorial, but will on the other hand, most respectfully explain, why
claim to the reconsideration of his case by the Madras Government, so far as your
st is concerned on the one hand, and the reconsideration is necessary as an act of
the other.

3. That your Memorialist's removal from the Public Works Department has been an
decision, for each separate charge was not stated on paper, nor did he know exactly
charges were. Certain queries were sent to him it is true for reply, and straight-
and honest replies were given, but these replies, your Memorialist most respectfully
rge, would in themselves have been sufficient to absolve him of wilful carelessness
atter in question. Such being his firm conviction, he was compelled to come to the
n on being informed of his removal from the Public Works Department, in spite of
defence he could give under the extraordinary and disadvantageous circumstances the
was drawn up, he was compelled, he repeats, to come to the conclusion, that, those
to place his case before Government laid no stress whatever, and perhaps, not even
referred to a *single extenuating circumstance* in his case, while on the other hand all
sins were paraded in bold relief. Your Memorialist need hardly remind the Most
uke the Governor, and the Hon'ble Members of his Council, that a great deal depends
anner in which a thing is put, for the way in which a thing is put very often unwarily
the judgment of those seated in judgment, and a conclusion is arrived at, quite just it
but nevertheless one which would have been *otherwise, had the same thing been put*
ly.

4. That under this impression your Memorialist determined on memorializing Govern-
nd in order to do so effectually, he twice applied for the specific charges, in order that
defend himself by a suitable refutation; but these specific charges, if such really did
ere refused him *in toto*, and thereby he was deprived of the boon conferred on the
nd the prowler on Her Majesty's highway, when they stand committed before the Bar
ces.

5. That it will, therefore, now be quite clear, apparent and conclusive to your Grace
Hon'ble Members of your Council, that your Memorialist's first appeal to Government
point of fact, as a document of self-defence, next to useless, and at the best a weak and

incomplete effort to save your Memorialist's post and honor; that, too, the very document which from its nature and object, should have been the one, the most exhaustive, clear and conclusive.

6. That it is not the intention of your Memorialist to repeat his request to see these specific charges which were refused on applying for them, nor will he express any opinion on the decision of Government in his case, but it is now the intention of your Memorialist simply to remind Government of their own orders and beg of them to do him the justice of judging him according to the procedure they themselves have ruled, after grave consideration no doubt, for their own guidance, when it becomes their duty to investigate a case, the issue of which is of similar momentous importance to the party or parties concerned.

7. That your Memorialist is an old servant of the Government, for he has served for 22 years; further, he was a good servant, and whom his Government considered deserving of preferment, and accordingly raised to the highest rank an Upper Subordinate in the Public Works Department could attain, that is, a Sub-Engineer.

8. That your Memorialist being an old and approved servant, he now simply begs to remind Government of their own words with reference to their old servants, when in the same position as himself.

9. That they have resolved, that "persons appointed to permanent situations in any Department cannot be dismissed, but for *fraud and dishonesty*, * * * involving moral disgrace and proved incompetency. In every case the specific grounds upon which it is proposed to dismiss any servant should be reduced to writing and furnished to him, and where a specific fraudulent act is charged, of course it should be so proved in the presence of the accused and subject to his cross-examination. The Governor in Council considers it but just and proper that greater protection should be given to old servants, that is, of 15 years' standing and above."

10. In conclusion your Memorialist most respectfully urges that,—

1. Whatever his offence may have been it was not possible to find him guilty of "FRAUD," nor of any of the conditions above specified.
2. That no "specific grounds" on which he was to be removed were given in "writing" (barring the paper of queries, in its nature quite foreign to this requirement.)
3. That he had not the opportunity of "cross-examination" to which he has a right according to the words of his own Government, for his application for the charges were refused *in toto*.

11. That these are new and sufficient reasons for forwarding a second Memorial, and begs that now at least, the Government will reconsider his case, and prove their willingness to be just by revoking their order, or at least mitigate his punishment by reinstating him in a subordinate grade, or if they cannot do even this, to save him and his family from ruin, disgrace and starvation, by permitting him to enter the Government Service in any other of its Departments, except that of the Public Works Departments, so that the 22 years of his service may not be lost to him.

12. That this act of justice will become the British Government in India, which, of all Governments in Europe and elsewhere, claims to have the interests of its Indian subjects at heart, and to be the soul of impartiality, and the pink of justice, in all their Administrative functions.

13. For which act of kindness, as in duty bound, your Memorialist shall ever pray.

S. A. Vardon

Late Sub-Engineer, P. W. D.,
Kurnool Range,
Kurnool District.

PURSEWACKUM HIGH ROAD, }
MADRAS, 13th March, 1879. }

THE
Humble Memorial

OF

G. A. VARDON,

Late Sub-Engineer, 3rd Grade, Public Works
Department, Kurnool Range,
Kurnool District.

Urging new facts against his removal
from the service and praying to be restored.