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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
22nd March 1865.

No. 93. Read the following letter from Mr. W. A. LOUGHLAN, Accountant, Government Press, to H. SMITH, Esq., Superintendent Government Printing Establishment; dated Madras, 16th March 1865.

I regret the necessity for intruding on you my private affairs; but having failed in all endeavours to compound matters with my creditors, and seeing no means of being relieved but by resorting to the Insolvent Court, I respectfully venture to submit particulars to you before taking measures to file my Schedule.

2. Owing to having been out of employ for several months, with a family of five to provide for; the expense attending the feeding and keep of a Pony (which I am necessarily compelled to do, in consequence of lameness) to carry me to office and back again, the marriage of an only sister and a sister-in-law; sickness both personal and relative; and the dearness of the necessaries of life, I became indebted and at the mercy of persons who demanded usurious interest. In the hope of coming to better terms with them, I met these exorbitant exactions for a time to the best of my ability, but all endeavours to arrange otherwise and amicably have been fruitless.

3. I have offered one-half of my pay, preferring any amount of privations to a resort to the Insolvent Court, but even this has been declined, and I, therefore, crave your indulgence in undertaking the only alternative left me. I have endeavoured to perform my duties with diligence and regularity hitherto, and humbly hope have afforded every satisfaction.

4. I beg you, in conclusion, to forward this to the Supervisor with such a recommendation as you think my unhappy case deserves.

Mr. Loughlan's case is a very peculiar one. His debts were incurred while he was out of employ, and are to a great extent made up of interest then accumulating on the sums borrowed; and he has offered half his pay in liquidation repeatedly, but has failed in all his efforts to avert the step he feels himself compelled to take. I strongly recommend, therefore, that his case may be considered so far exceptional as to admit of his being permitted to continue at his work until the final orders of Government after the High Court's judgment are passed upon it.

(Signed) H. SMITH,
Supt., Govt. Printing Establishment.

16*th March* 1865.

To the Supervisor of the Government Printing Establishment.

MEMORANDUM.

Undersigned has no remark to make on this application, having no knowledge of the circumstances. It appears, however, from the accompanying Memorandum which has been obtained from Mr. Loughlan, that a debt as large as his present one was pressing on him when he was thrown out of employ, so that Mr. Smith's statement, that his being out of employ caused his indebtedness is incorrect.

2. The marriage of two female relatives is the only *exceptional* ground of indebtedness mentioned, the others being merely "living above my means;" and whether, under the circumstances, any heavy outlay in wedding expenses was justifiable is a question which undersigned is not competent to decide.

3. Under the Rules, Mr. Loughlan should be suspended without pay, until he had passed the Insolvency Court, when orders would be passed on his case.

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22nd March 1865.

4. The question now is, whether Government are willing to suspend the Rules in the case of an Accountant, on Rupees 60 a month, Rupees 1200 in debt. Undersigned believes Mr. Loughlan to be a careful and good Accountant.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Supervisor.

17*th March* 1865.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1865, No. 305.

The Governor in Council sees no sufficient reason for departing from the established rule, in the case of Mr. Loughlan.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, Madras, 25th March 1863, No. 80; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 752, of date the 6th March 1863, and No. 828, of date the 13th instant.

2. Availing myself of the permission granted me in paragraph 9 of the Government Order, No. 759, and with reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 52, of date the 8th January 1863, I have the honor at once to offer such observations, as appear to me necessary on the classification of the Offices and Working Establishments of this Agency, as the sanction of the Government of India to the present classification, extends only to the 30th April 1863.

3. As Government is aware, my predecessor did not adopt the classification for the Office laid down by the Government of India, and as I am now directed in Government Order, No. 752 to revert to that scale, with only a month and a half of the official year to expire, and to report on its working, it is obvious that I will not be able to bring much experience to bear in my observations I may have to offer, besides the very great inconvenience of re-modelling the Office for a single month, when the whole question of Office and Working Establishments must be again re-submitted for sanction from 1st May 1863.

4. It appears to me after giving this subject my best consideration, and thoroughly investigating it, that neither the classification laid down by the Government of India in Proceedings No. 3425, nor the one unauthorizedly adopted by my predecessor, for which I solicited sanction for the remainder of the current Official year, simply because it had been acted upon, and to avoid confusion by change, when only a little more than one month had to expire—is the best suited to the requirements of a Department like this.

5. The sum total sanctioned, is the lowest possible limit to which it can be reduced, if the work of the Department is to be carried on efficiently, without dropping into arrears, but the scale laid down for paying the Establishment, descends below the qualification for the Uncovenanted Service, which I do not think it is desirable to continue, for the class of Office Servants obtainable at salaries below Rupees 25 per mensem in most cases impede, rather than forward work.

6. If Government permit me a voice in the classification of a Department for the efficient working of which as its head, I am justly held responsible, I would respectfully propose that from 1st May 1863 it be re-arranged as follows, keeping within the previously sanctioned amount, Rupees 1,090:—

Office Establishment.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Head Assistant	250	0	0
Account Department.			
1 Head Accountant	150	0	0
1 Deputy „	75	0	0
2 Assistant Accountant at Rupees 60 and 40	100	0	0
1 Deputy Assistant Accountant	35	0	0
1 Tabulator of Indents in the Annual Accounts	35	0	0
2 Calculators, at Rupees 35 each	70	0	0
2 „ „ „ 30 „	60	0	0
Indent Department.			
1 Examiner of Indents and Abstracts	100	0	0
1 Deputy Examiner of Indents and Abstracts	50	0	0
Correspondence Department.			
1 Correspondence Clerk	35	0	0
1 Diary-keeper of Letters received and despatched	25	0	0
2 Copyists, at 25 Rupees each	50	0	0
1 Store-keeper	30	0	0
1 Diary-keeper of Supplies issued	25	0	0
Total Rupees..	1,090	0	0

7. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, No. 828, of date the 13th instant, I have gone most carefully over the Working Establishment of this Agency.

8. As the Governor in Council appears not to object to the transfer of Gunner Thompson under the provisions of G. O. G. G., No. 754 of 1862, I beg to point out, that the Gunner has been in this Department for upwards of a year, and that he has fulfilled the conditions therein prescribed, I would therefore respectfully urge his transfer now as a Serjeant, and this I do as the most economical arrangement for Government, for if Gunner Thompson's services are lost to this Agency, some other Military man must be applied for, as none other can well conduct the duties that devolve on him.

9. In the re-classification of the Working Establishment which I am about to submit, I propose dispensing with the services of several, whose work is not continuous throughout the year, and in others I have made small reductions to admit of the transfer of Gunner Thompson to the Effective Supernumeraries, without additional permanent expense to the State.

Working Establishment.

		Present.				Proposed.		
		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
1	Master Tailor...	150	0	0	... ...	150	0	0
1	Examining Tailor...	100	0	0	... ...	93	0	0
1	Issuing Tailor, Her Majesty's Army...	None.			... ...	93	0	0
1	,, Local Army...	100	0	0	... ...	95	0	0
1	Overseer, Cutting Department...	50	0	0	... ...	50	0	0
2	,, Receiving ,, ...	45	0	0	... .	Discontinued.		
1	,, Packing ,, ...	40	0	0	... .	40	0	0
1	Cash-keeper...	50	0	0	... ...	50	0	0
1	Issuing Conicopoly...	25	0	0	... ...	25	0	0
1	Cutting ,, ...	21	0	0	... ...	21	0	0
1	Receiving ,, ...	18	0	0	... ...	17	8	0
1	Packing ,, ...	16	0	0	... ...	16	0	0
1	Moochee...	10	8	0	... .	10	8	0
1	,, ...	7	0	0	... ...	7	0	0
1	Duffadar...	12	0	0	... ...	10	8	0
1	Head Peon...	9	0	0	.. ..	8	0	0
3	Peons, at 7 Rupees each...	21	0	0	... ...	21	0	0
1	Painter...	10	0	0	... ...	Discontinued.		
1	Tinman...	10	0	0	.. ..	Do.		
1	Stamper...	7	0	0	... ...	Do.		
1	,, ...	7	0	0	... ...	Do.		
1 ea.	Sweeper and Toty...	10	0	0	{ 1 Sweeper and Toty. }	7	0	0
	Total Rupees...	718	8	0	... .	718	8	0

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 9th April 1863, *C ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor, with advertence to the Orders of Government as per margin, to forward a letter received from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, submitting re-classified scales of office and working Establishments.

No. 752, *dated 6th March* 1863.
,, 828, ,, *13th* ,,

2. It will be observed that the Office Establishment remains numerically the same as before, the only alteration made being in the assignment of, in some cases, a different rate of salary ; the minimum being Rupees 25 per mensem.

3. In the working Establishment a numerical reduction has taken place, the proposed Establishment, consisting of 19 instead of 23 servants as formerly.

4. The aggregate cost of each Establishment remains exactly as before, and this Department has no objection to offer to the re-classification proposed, provided that the discontinuance of the servants as per margin, in the working Establishment, does not involve any corresponding expense to Government in a different form.

1 *Painter.* | 1 *Stamper.*
1 *Tinman.* | 1 *Do.*

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5. It is presumed that Lieutenant Colonel Silver will arrange for all necessary duties previously performed by the working Establishment being still executed by that establishment as re-classified.

6. In the re-classification of the working establishment I observe that, Rupees 95 have been assigned as a consolidated allowance to the "Issuing Tailor Her Majesty's British Army" to which office it is proposed to appoint Gunner Thompson, and as that sum is inclusive of Military Pay and allowances and precludes any claim to compensation in lieu of rations, the previous objection to Gunner Thompson's transfer to the effective Supernumeraries as a Serjeant do not now exist. The measure will involve only the annual charge for Clothing, &c., which is inconsiderable.

ORDER, No. 1372, *27th April* 1863.

The Governor in Council sanctions the re-classification of the Office and Working Establishments of the Clothing Agency as proposed in the foregoing correspondence—it being understood that the reduction in the Working Establishment adverted to in paragraph 4 of the Controller's Report, does not involve any corresponding expense to Government in another form.

2. Paragraph 8 of Lieutenant Colonel Silver's letter will be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, in view to the transfer and promotion of Gunner Thompson being effected under His Excellency's orders, should no objection exist.

3. These Proceedings will be reported to the Government of India.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 27th April 1863, No. 1373.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Clothing Department.
,, Controller of Military Finance.
,, Military Accountant.
,, Examiner Pay Department.
,, Examiner of Commissariat Accounts.
,, Assistant Adjutant General Royal Arty.
,, Adjutant General.
,, Military Finance Department.

Exd. R. Stephenson.

P.W.D.
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Copy.

To be Substituted for my Letter to the Chief Secretary to Government in the Pension Department, dated 28th May 1880.

To

The Most Noble Richard Plantagenet Campbell,
Temple Nugent Brydges Chandos Grenville,
Duke of Buckingham and Chandos,
Councillor of the Empress, G.C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Governor and President in Council, &c. &c.
Fort St. George.

Exc 1.

The humble petition of W. A. LAUGHLIN,
late Accountant, Public Works Department.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That he be allowed to forward the following for submission to your Grace in the fervent hope that it will meet with a deliberate and just consideration as his convictions lead him to infer that he is claiming nothing but what is just and right under the Orders of Government, without appealing for an extenuation or attaching any undue significance thereto, now that he is thrown out of employment under the Financial Resolution of the Government of India, No. 2079, P. W. D., dated 31st July 1879, and that his services hereunder set forth may be properly reckoned for pensionary provision.

2. That your Petitioner served in the Army Clothing Agency Department for a period of 10 months as an Accountant on a salary of Rs. 75 per mensem, from 1st June 1862 to 31st March 1863, and owing to a re-classification of the Office Establishment under the Orders of Government, in the Military Department, No. 1372, dated 27th April 1863, he was unfortunately thrown out of employment, for no fault of his own. The manner in which he conducted his onerous and arduous duties was favourably brought to the special notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief—*Vide* letter of the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, No. 1521, dated 5th July 1862, to the Deputy Adjutant General, H. M.'s British Forces, paras. 3, 4, and 5, and also to his letter No. 2442, dated 18th August 1862.

3. That in September 1863, he was specially selected by Sir Alexander John Arbuthnot, Chief, and William Hobart Kerr, Esquire, Under, Secretaries to Government, amongst upwards of 200 applicants to fill the appointment of Head Accountant in the Office of the Government Press, on a salary of Rs. 60 per mensem, which he held till 17th May 1865, embracing a period of 1 year and 9 months' service, from which he was unhappily removed under the Orders of Government in the Public Department, No. 305 dated 22nd March 1865, and No. 513, dated 17th May 1865, for having availed himself of the benefit of the Insolvent Act. The Government have, however, been graciously pleased in Order No. 1810 of 1865, to declare that, "The Government have no objection to the re-employment of Mr. Laughlin in the Public Service."

4. With reference to the above Order, No 1810 of 1865, he would deferentially beg to submit that he is led to infer that his previous Service, was in no way affected so as to prejudice his claims in counting the above service of 1 year and 9 months, and also, that of 10

months in the Army Clothing Agency Department towards the usual reckoning for a pensionary grant, and, it is confidently hoped that, a paternal Government will liberally concede this boon to him, under Note 2, of Section 56 of the Civil Pension Code.

5. In connection with the foregoing circumstances, he begs to submit that he was entertained as a Temporary Accountant in the Office of the Controller of P. W. Accounts on 1st September 1865, and held this till May 1866, making in all a total period of 9 months:—the services of this batch were in due course dispensed with, and the Temporary Establishment which was employed was now invested into a permanent footing, and amongst this number he obtained a tangible position on a salary of 40 Rs. per mensem there being no intermission in his service in the Temporary Establishment and that of his being taken on permanently when the revised scale came in force; he would therefore, most humbly beg that this temporary tenure of 9 months' service, may now be formally condoned under section 57 *(b)* of the Civil Pension Code by a liberal and just Government so that his whole service shall be considered as continuous service rendered in one and the same Office up to date of retirement, namely, 18th March 1880, qualifying for pension.

Vide G. O. No. 2081, dated 14th August 1865 and G. O. No 1,570 dated 6th June 1866.

6. In conclusion he most humbly and very respectfully craves the indulgent consideration of a *benign* Government, to the hardships he has undergone in the *deprivation* of Advantages so liberally allowed to Graded Accountants, on their retirement, under the Financial Resolution of the Government of India referred to in para. 1 *supra* on the subject of *average pensions for service above 10 years and a bonus of 12 month's salary.* It was his misfortune not to have been graded prior to retirement, to afford scope for enjoying these advantages; although he was one of the number (12), specially recommended by the late Controller P. W. Accounts, Major L. Conway-Gordon, R. E. *for exemption* by the Accountant General, P. W. D., from passing the P. W. Entrance Examination, which concession was readily acceded to *eighteen months ago*; under Section 216, Public Works Code; and were Major Conway-Gordon here to carry out the reductions in the Accounts Branch of the P. W. D., he feels sure that, in due appreciation of merit and from a sense of justice, and since he was virtually an Accountant throughout the whole course of his service under Government, as copies of his Testimonials, herewith attached, sufficiently indicate, as also, the classified annual lists of Establishment of the Public Works Department printed under the authority of Government have exhibited certain individuals as Accountants of Grades, and others as Clerks for several years past, until recently, he would in all probability have been graded by the Examiner (vide para. 21 of the Madras P. W. Code of 1877) and permitted to retire as a Graded Accountant in common with another subordinate similarly exempted, but who had the good fortune to have been graded in time and is now the lucky recipient of the advantages which he is thus deprived of, simply from being latterly designated a Clerk, *although specially recommended for exemption as an Accountant by Major Gordon himself, and he having complied with the requirements laid down in his Circular No. 40 of 1876, paras. 2 and 3, by which it will be seen that he was entitled to certain allowances as follows.* It is respectfully suggested that a concession in his favor under the terms of India's Resolution of July 1879, will not be a precedence for many another similar case, for of those *exempted* only 5 (five) have been retired including the Accountant just referred to.

Vide G. O. No. 3578 W., dated 11th Sept. 1878, directing the Examiner to submit a list of the Accountants eligible for exemption and gradation, and the Examiner's letter to the Accountant General P. W. D., No. 116A, dated 4th October 1878, forwarding that list with the Accountant General's reply thereto dated 25th December 1878, approving and sanctioning the said list.

House Rent from 26th December 1878 to 18th March 1880 at 10 Rs. per mensem (about 15 months)	150
Presidency allowance from April 1879 to 18th March 1880 at 30 Rs. per mensem (about 12 months)	360
	510

making a total of about Rs. 510 which he has also been deprived of and has not been recouped for it up to date, although mere lads with no official experience have fully benefitted by this

ruling in exception, and to the disadvantage of their seniors in office. This concession, he fervently begs will also be viewed with due consideration and justly awarded to him in this time of urgent need by a liberal Government from the fact that, notwithstanding their oft-repeated calls on the Examiner to have the Accountants graded it is presumed, that such requests were not complied with: he begs therefore that the above will have due and consistent weight in the matter of this appeal as affecting his average pension, and which if denied will also affect his future prospects in life.

7. Regretting these drawbacks it is due to the indefatigable exertions, and humane generous sympathies of Major D. H. Trail, R. E., Examiner P. W. A., that, however led to a *partial* consideration of 3 months' pay as a bonus being sanctioned at the hands of a paternal Government for all—some of whom were actually Accountants, while others were *bonâ fide* clerks.

Government of Madras Pension Dept., No. 267, dated 30th March 1880.

8. Lest the above explanation should not be considered clear enough, and in order to present the extent of his services in a more compact form, he begs to subjoin the following abstract of his services:—

	Y.	M.	D.	
Army Clothing Agency	0	10	0	from 1st June 1862 to 31st March 1863, Permanent.
Fort St George Gazette Press	1	9	0	„ September 1863 to 17th May 1865, do.
Examiner P. W. Accounts	0	9	0	„ 1st September 1865 to May 1866, Temporary (to be condoned.)
Do.	14	0	4	„ 1st June 1866 to 4th June 1880, Permanent.
Do.	0	3	0	Specially allowed by Govt. of India to complete short service.
	17	7	4	

He earnestly urges that he would be most seriously distressed, if what he now asks for is not conceded, after due consideration of his case, more especially as he simply craves the benefits which are provided for in the Financial Code for persons similarly situated in the unfortunate position in which your Grace's Memorialist now finds himself. Being deformed, he has always been obliged to employ a vehicle of some kind to take him to and from his place of business. To do this would be impracticable now under his present altered circumstances, seeing that he is advancing in age, and infirmities are increasing upon him in consequence; thus his vision is becoming more impaired and other physical defects commensurate with age, are slowly and steadily marking him out in debility, and want of tenacity for continuous physical exertion, further induced by severe privations from inadequate means of support, and protracted impecunious circumstances, having a large growing family consisting of 7 daughters, a wife and a widowed mother-in-law dependent on him for their present and *future* maintenance; these with himself, will be hopelessly plunged into absolute poverty, and inevitable ruin and destitution; and it is with this forecast of such a prospect, that he humbly ventures earnestly and confidently to implore the Government *mercifully* to shield him from any misconstruction of his claims, as a faithful servant of the State, and vouchsafe to him such adequate protection as the concessions adverted to in Financial Resolution of the Government of India, No 2079, P. W. D., dated 31st July 1879, will consistently admit of in consideration of his services and the encouragement thereby held out which induced him to accept the alternative of retirement.

9. Commending this respectful appeal to your generous and humane consideration, and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

H. A. Laughlin

Late Accountant, Office of Examiner P. W. Accounts.

MADRAS,
10 *June* 1880.

To

The Hon'ble W. Grubbston
Member of Council
&c &c &c

P.W.D.
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TESTIMONIALS.

7th November 1856.

Mr. LAUGHLAN,

The Secretary grants you a gratuity of a month's pay, *i. e.* 42 Rs., as a reward for your attention to business, and hopes it will be an incentive to correct performance for the future of your duties as it is an earnest of his disposition to reward desert.

(Signed) A. H. H. (Signed) J. C. WILKINSON.

Madras Military Male Orphan Asylum, No. 150.

This is to certify that William A. Laughlan is permitted to leave the Institution from this date for the purpose of being employed as a Clerk at the Military Male Orphan Asylum Press.

Admitted into the School on the 6th day of April 1849.

Discharged this 13th day of August 1853.

Character during the above period—Good, which I certify.

Madras, *28th July* 1858.

(Signed) A. H. HOPE,
Secretary.

By order of the Governors,

(Signed) A. H. HOPE,
Secretary.

Madras, 15*th September* 1859.

It gives me great pleasure to certify to the integrity and aptitude for business which six years' knowledge enables me to do of Mr. W. A. Laughlan, Clerk Asylum Press.

(Signed) A. H. HOPE, Captain,
3rd M. L. Cavalry.

Madras, *February* 25*th*, 1860.

LAUGHLAN,

Consequent on my proceeding to China I have given over charge of the Male Asylum Press to Captain Drury. I cannot however leave Madras without recording and also intimating to you how very satisfied I have been as to the manner in which you have conducted your duties since my assuming the office of Secretary to the Asylum in September last. You have proved yourself well worthy of the praise bestowed upon you by Captain Hope.

Your duties at the Press are arduous and demand constant attention and considerable method, and I can conscientiously affirm that I have never met with your equal among persons of your position.

(Signed) J. W. RIDEOUT.

William Alexander Laughlan, Head Clerk to the Male Asylum Press, has conducted the duty of his Department to my entire satisfaction during the period I have officiated as Secretary to the Male Orphan Asylum.

Madras, *7th May* 1860.

(Signed) C. H. DRURY, Captain,
27th Regt. N. I.

Madras, 11*th February* 1861.

Mr. LAUGHLAN,

I thank you much for your letter of this day's date, and the kindly wishes it conveys. I am sorry to hear that you are at present out of employ, but trust it may not be for long,

your industrious and business-like habits, would I should think, fully prevent such a misfortune.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) GEO. TALBOT, Colonel.

MADRAS, 10*th December* 1861.

The Bearer, Mr. Laughlan, has served as Mess Writer of the 34th L. I. since February last. He is intelligent and careful in the conduct of his duties and has in general given the Officers every satisfaction.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER,
Commanding 34th Lt. Infy.

MADRAS, 30*th April* 1863.

This is to certify that owing to a reclassification of the Office Establishment of the Madras Clothing Agency under the authority of Government, Mr. Laughlan who has been in the Department since June 1862 has been thrown out of employment.

I regret this, as Mr. Laughlan has always been attentive, and industrious, while in this department.

He was employed on a salary of Rs. 75 per mensem which he has lost from no fault of his own, and I hope this Certificate will soon enable him to obtain other employment.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Lt-Col.,
Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

Certified that Mr. Laughlan, appointed by me as Accountant in the Government Press, conducted his duties to my satisfaction, while I was his official superior.

Mr. Laughlan is I believe a good Accountant, and if his health permits him, well able for a higher appointment, though the Account Work in the Press if properly done is no sinecure.

MERCARA,
December 1864.

(Signed) W. H. KERR, C. S.

Mr. W. A. Laughlan was employed as Accountant of the Government Printing Establishment, Fort St. George, from September 1863 to May 1865, and performed his duties with ability and zeal. He was dismissed under the orders of Government for having taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th July* 1865.

(Signed) H. SMITH,
Superintendent Govt. Printing Press.

Mr. W. A. Laughlan was employed in the Government Press at the time of my taking charge in July 1864, as Accountant; and I believe I am only doing him justice in stating that the accounts in his hands were well and punctually kept. His insolvency caused his suspension, shortly before I took leave in April last, and I now find that Government declined to reinstate him.

I have never had reason to find any fault with him and should be glad to hear of his obtaining suitable employment.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
July 25, 1865. *Under-Secretary to Government.*

Read Letter from Mr. Laughlan to W. H. Kerr, Esquire, Superintendent of Coorg.

Answer thereto dated Coorg, 21st August 1864.

MR. LAUGHLAN.

The best testimonal you can get as to the way in which you have performed your duties as Accountant in the Press will be the Auditor's Report. To the best of my knowledge you kept the accounts well and correctly while I was Supervisor, and you certainly kept them

neatly and had them always written up to date; but until I know the result of the Auditor's examination I cannot say more. I shall be glad of course to hear of your getting on and getting higher pay, but I must say that I should not feel myself justified in supporting the application which you tell me you are going to make; and if you take my advice you will not make it at least at present.

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Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. H. KERR.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 21st September 1865.

From J. MACKEY, Esquire, Auditor of the Press Accounts; to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th July 1864.

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Paragraph 13. From all that I have seen I believe the Press Accounts to be faithfully kept by Mr. W. A. Laughlan, the Accountant.

(True copy.)

(Signed) W. A. LAUGHLIN.

No. 1810 of 1865.

The Government have no objection to the re-employment of Mr. Laughlan in the Public Service.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 22*nd August* 1865.

(By order.)

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Read Letter from Mr. W. A. Laughlan to S. Brock, Esq., Controller, P. W. Accounts, Madras, dated 20th February 1869.

Answer thereto.

I will bear Mr. Laughlan's case in mind, and, if a suitable opportunity offer, will certainly place him in a better position in the office.

(Signed) S. BROCK.

Read Letter from Mr. W. A. Laughlan to S. Brock, Esq., Controller, P. W. Accounts, Madras, dated 1st July 1869.

Answer thereto.

Very well. I know Mr. Laughlan to be really a hard working man.

(Signed) S. BROCK.

Has made himself useful in the office, he is a good accountant and regular in his attendance in office.

17*th September* 1867.

(Signed) J. F. FISHER,
Captain, R. E.

He has continued to be steady, attentive, and satisfactory in the performance of his duties.

28*th May* 1868.

(Signed) P. P. L. O'CONNEL,
Lt.-Col., R. E.

An intelligent steady man in whom I have always felt an interest. He applies himself to his work with energy, and as Sub-Auditor in the 1st Division has given very great satisfaction. It was my intention, if the scheme submitted to Government in my letter No. 2525, dated 29-1-73, had been sanctioned before my relief, to have given Mr. Laughlan the audit of one of the small Districts.

April 1873.

(Signed) S. BROCK.

G.O. No 132 dt 27-4-63
" " 305 " 22-3-65
" " 513 " 17-5-65
Edn. Dept. No 1510 " 12-5-65
G.O. 605 " 21-2-66
" " 1515 " 11.5.66
" " 1490 " 16.6.66
" " 2904 W " 16.7.78
" " 3595 W " 11.9.78

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ACCOUNTS

Please read the H.M's remarks in part (2) of your Memorandum, & favour me with your opinion.

R.H.

3/8/80

Recirculated to the Hon. Member, with office note from the Exr. dated 13/8.

R.H.

13/8/80

Exr. 13.8.80.

Sent back 23.8.80

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C.A.W.

Please expunge your pencil order and merely circulate the orders — Personally I think the C correct

R.H.

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The pencil note is with reference to the remarks of the H.M. Mr Carmichael, & his grace, the papers with C's last note having already been circulated for orders. Proper course would be to address the G. of I. as suggested by C. but Members do not

11.12.02. P.

C.A.W.

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. 187 . P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Fort St. George, 187

P.W. 2052 W dy 30-8-80

Laughlin's Petition

OFFICE NOTE.

To S. A. W.

Para 2. of the order as it stands is "ditto" - i.e. previous service do not count. This is not what the members of Govt. mean. I do not know why the draft has not been amended.

R. S.
23/8

OF 187 .

C. A. W.

As according to my mind - the para has been altered

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D. 23-8-80

P.W. Dept

C No 11933 From the S.E. I Circle No: 1418 Vz, d/ 25.11.. submitting Est for impts to Dep Tahsr's Office, Jeypore

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D.W.

It is not clear whether the paragraph of the Code applies to works which have already been completed. The para occurs under the Chapter "Execution of Works," & the paragraphs previous to, and following, this one seem to apply to works in course of construction.

If the Code para does not apply, the S. E. is him self competent to sanction the estimate.

The question is submitted for orders. A ref to C might perhaps be made.

Sd. J. V. S.
10.12.02

W

I take para 932 to mean "during construction"

The corner where the prisoner escaped will still be a very weak point even after the proposed addition, which hardly improves matters matters at all. The source of weakness is the verandah in front of the cells.

Sd. S. B. M.
11.12.02

Yes, it is absurd to say that all these proposals are necessary to prevent prisoners escaping. What was the Police Guard doing. If an extra room is necessary the necessity should be explained. I question whether anything need be done.

Sd. A. H. G.
11.12.02. P.

No. 874. From the S.E. I Circle No. 218 Wz d/ 3.3.03 sending with remarks the estimate for Impts. to the Dep. Tahsildar's Office at Jeypore.

D.W.

The current quoted above is the S.E's reply to reference No. 6343 C d/ 17.12.02. The necessity for the additional room proposed may now perhaps be taken as established.

Orders still remain to be passed on the three points noticed overleaf. For orders whether the estimate should be scrutinised by I or returned to S.E. for sanction and execution after obtaining the approval of the Revenue authorities concerned to the plan & estimate.

Sd. J. V. S.

14-3-03.

W - good & sufficient reasons for the construction of the new room have now been given. If Revenue approve, the estimate may be sent back to S.E. for sanction.

Sd. S.B.M.

14.3.03

No. 1973 C d/ 18-3-03

To Rev. Dept. U.O.

Sd. W.B.d.W.

17.3.03

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FROM MAJOR D.H. TRAIL R.E.,

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OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 70 W.

MADRAS, 21st JULY 1880.

SIR,

YOUR ENDORSEMENT NO. 183. DATED 22ND. JUNE 1880 ON THE PETITION OF MR. W. A. LAUGHLIN, WHICH IS HEREWITH RETURNED.

2. I ENCLOSE A MEMO IN THE 2ND. COLUMN OF WHICH WILL BE FOUND MY REMARKS RECORDED IN JUXTA-POSITION TO THE SEVERAL REQUESTS OF THE APPLICANT. MR. LAUGHLIN'S PENSION PAPERS ARE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT IN THE PENSION DEPARTMENT FOR FINAL ORDERS, AND NOW ONLY AWAIT ORDERS ON THIS PETITION.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

[signature]

OFFG. EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS.

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Mo No 323 W of 12-2-80
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FROM THE EXAMINER P.W. ACCOUNTS,
MADRAS.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NO. 70 W

DATED 21st JULY 1880.

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ENCLO- . 6.

MR. LAUCHLIN'S PETITION FOR CERTAIN CONCESSIONS.

Mou. W. Hubbleston
With orders.

Entered in last column of enclosure A

Sent back 23-8-80
Recd 17-8-80. Retd 20-8-80
Recd 13-8-80. Retd 17-8-80
Recd 30-7-80. Retd 4-8-80
Sent back 20/7/80 Retd 23-8.
Retd 22/7/80

Memo showing claims preferred by Mr Laughlin in his Memorial to His Grace the Governor Madras and Examiner's remarks with reference thereto.

To accompany Examiner P.W. Accounts letter No   dated

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No	Claims preferred by Mr Laughlin	Remarks by Examiner P.W. Accounts	Remarks and Orders of Local Government, Genl. Extract
1	That his service in the Army Clothing Agency Department as an Accountant on Rs 75/- per mensem for a period of 10 months (should be 11 months) 1st June 1862 to 31st March 1863 (should be 30th April 1863) may be reckoned towards Pension, as he lost his appointment through no fault of his own but owing to a re-classification of the office Establishment	Service as Indent Examiner and Tabulator for the period in question has been duly verified from the records of the Office of Superintendent Army Clothing. Mr Laughlin's services were dispensed with on a re-classification of that office Establishment with reference to Proceedings of Government No 1372 dated 27th April 1863. The period however does not appear admissible towards Pension or gratuity as Mr Laughlin was subsequently dismissed from the Government Service vide next remarks, which dismissal entailed a forfeiture of his past services with reference to section 56 Civil Pension Code.	No: 2057 W of 30th Aug/80 (1) The period in question cannot be counted towards pension. (2) The period may count as service towards pension
	From 1st May 1863 to 11th September 1863. apparently out of employ.		
2	That his Services from September 1863 to	The circumstances which led to the dismissal	

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Remarks and Orders of Local Government

Remarks by Examiner

Claims preferred by Mr Laughlin

Mr Laughlin from his appointment as Accountant Government Press are fully detailed in the Correspondence printed with Public Works Department G. O. Nos 305 and 513 dated respectively 22nd March 1865 and 17th May 1865 (Copies put up) and therefore need not be recapitulated here.

Mr Laughlin was dismissed on the report of Acting Superintendent Government Press, vide G.O. No 513 quoted above, and as the subsequent order (No 1010 of 1865) referred to by Mr Laughlin did not "sanction or appeal" the dismissal order, but merely granted the request of the applicant to be "declared not to be disqualified for employment in the Government Service in another Department", the dismissal clearly entailed forfeiture of all past services under Section 56 Civil Pension Code, Rule 2 of this Section, under which Mr Laughlin claims his past service, is inapplicable to the case.

It will be observed from the Correspondence printed in the two G. Os referred to above, that Mr Laughlin's insolvency did not arise from "unforeseen misfortune, or from circumstances over which he could exercise no control" (Public Works Department Code Chapter IV para 530) but from causes for which he was not considered blameless.

from 5th April 1865 to 31st August 1865 under Suspension and not off Employ

3 That his service for a period of 9 months viz from 1st September 1865 to May 1865 as a temporary Accountant Accountant in the office of Controller Public Works Accounts may be allowed to count as service towards pension, as he was taken on the permanent Establishment of the same Office in continuation of his temporary service

This appears admissible under rule 1 Section 27 of the Civil Pension Code Mr Laughlin was on the temporary Establishment of this office on a salary of Rs 400 per mensem and on a fixed scale of permanent Establishment having been sanctioned by the Government of India, he was provided for on the same pay without intermission in his service. Mr Laughlin's case as regards this temporary service is exactly similar to the case of

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(3.) This period may be counted as service towards pension.

No.	Claims preferred by Mr. Laughlin	Remarks by Examiner	Remarks and Orders of Local Government
		A. Streenavasoolov Naidu which has already been prefered for Orders vide this Office No. 66W dated 18/7/80.	
4	That he may be considered and permitted to retire as a graded Accountant and be allowed the Concessions specially sanctioned in Government of India Finance and Commerce Department Resolution No. 2079 dated 31st July 1879, as he was virtually an Accountant throughout the whole course of his service under Government though not actually graded-	Although Mr. Laughlin's name was included in the list of Employes of this Office who were recommended for exemption from the Entrance test of the Accounts Branch, and which recommendation was subsequently acceded to by the Accountant General Public Works Department Mr. Laughlin was never graded or regularly brought in to the Accountants Establishment of this Presidency and consequently is not entitled to the Concessions of Government of India Resolution No. 2079 dated 31st July 1879.- This question as a general one has already been fully discussed and final orders of both this Government and of the Government of India already passed thereon. Vide letter to the Government of India Communicated with G. O. No. 323W dated 12th February 1880. There is nothing exceptionable in the case of Mr. Laughlin to justify its being re opened.	(4) The Government concur with the Examiner; the case cannot be treated exceptionally.-
5	That he be allowed house rent at Rs 10/ per mensem for about 15 months or in all Rs 150/.	Both of these requests are inadmissible. House Rent and Presidency allowance are claimed at rates admissible to an Accountant 4th Grade Madras Public Works Code paras 33 and 37. The former from date of Accountant General's (Public Works Department) letter according his sanction to the exemption from the Entrance test Examination and the latter from date in which the rule about the grant of Presidency Allowance came into force. As Mr. Laughlin was never brought on to the Accounts Establishment as an Accountant 4th Grade but was retired as a Clerk, he is not entitled to either of these requests.	(5) (6) ditto-
6	That he be allowed Presidency allowance at Rs 30/ per mensem for about 12 months or in all Rs 360/.		

N. Kristnasawmy [signature]

For Offg. Examiner P. W. Accts.
20.7.80

To Mr. Laughlin Enc.

Sundry notations in the margin: G.O., 16, 287, Sent Oct 22

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To W

The only existing ruling which admits of the past services of an Officer or Subordinate dismissed from the Government service being reckoned towards pension on re-employment is contained in Civil Pension Code Chapter X Sec: 56 rule 2, and this ruling does not appear to be applicable to the present case, in as much as Mr Laughlin was not re-instated in the same appointment from which dismissed, or in Government service, on the previous order of his dismissal being reversed on revision or appeal.

On account of a chronic state of indebtedness brought on by living above his means &c (vide Correspondence printed with G.O. No 305, and 573 dated 22.3.65 and 17.5.65), Mr Laughlin had to resort to the Insolvent Court, and under the rules was ordered by Government to be dismissed. Vide GO 573 quoted above.

above. As already pointed out in my previous note, the Government in order No. 1810 of 1865, in compliance with the solicitations of the applicant, merely declared that they had no objection to the re-employment of Mr Laughlin in the public service, leaving it entirely to him to secure any appointment he could. Under the circumstances of the case it is therefore thought that to admit of his previous services being treated as qualifying, it will be necessary for this Government to obtain the special sanction of the Government of India in the Financial Department.

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To

Dated 19/8/80

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 30th Augt 80 No. 2052 a

Nos.

Mr. V. A. Laughlin,
Cadr Accountant
PW Deptt.

Passing order upon
the petition of
— for certain
Concessions.

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