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Guntur
Kistna District
December 24th 1880

The Right Honourable
William Patrick Adam
Governor of Madras.

Your Excellency

I have lately been informed that my name has been brought to your Excellency's notice by Sir Chas. Dilke, as a personal favour to his friend, my father-in-law The Rev. Dr. Wilson. Permit me therefore as briefly as possible to lay the facts of my case before your Excellency, for such consideration as your Excellency may think necessary. In Dr. Wilson's letter to Sir Chas. Dilke, of which I was sent a copy, he particularly mentions that Colonel Mullins, the present Chief Engineer for Irrigation is well conversant with the works I have executed in this District, and I most respectfully beg that that officer be asked for an opinion in judging of my case, the facts connected with which are as follows. I entered the Department as a "Stanley Engineer" under Co. Remant in 1867 and in May 1879 or after a service of 12 consecutive years nearly, was gazetted to a year's furlough, which I availed myself of from June 179 - On the eve of the expiration of the furlough (March 1880) I applied to the Secretary of State for the usual permission to return to duty, but was informed by him that my application was before its time, & that I should apply within three months of the expiration of the leave. I accordingly applied again in April, & in reply was informed, that owing to the late reductions in the P. W. Department, the Madras Government had intimated that they were unable to find me further employment, and had requested me to retire under the terms of the order h^o 2079 of 31st July 1879. I beg leave to bring to your Excellency's notice, that the reductions made consequent upon that order, were made, one in December 1879, & the other in March 1880, and in neither of these lists did my name appear; & further, that up to date

it has not appeared in the Fort St. George gazette bonus & pensions have been withheld from me; I have
2nd Unprepared as I was, and must have been, to be therefore not partaken in any way whatever of the bene-
at a moment's notice, and without any previous notice of the order -
and having, as I had always had, full assurance under the above circumstances, I most respectfully
a good opinion of me & my work, from all the help for a reconsideration of my case, as it has
the Department under whom I had served (Colonel Mullins, & Hasted) I addressed an appeal already involved me & my family at home in much
Goberghy, Mullins, & Hasted) I addressed an appeal already involved me & my family at home in much
the Madras Government, the copy of which, together with retired owing to certain erroneous impressions held
a statement of some of the more important works by the Government, I would desire to remove all
carried out, were perhaps sent to your Excellency & every one of these, now that I am in the District
Sir Chas Dilke, and which I most respectfully beg in the first instance, that I be favoured
your Excellency will now reconsider. To this appeal by Government with the orders whereupon they
I received an answer by telegram from India, formed their decision. On receipt of these, I res-
it had been rejected, and on a subsequent per- pectfully beg leave to have recourse to the His Ma-
for a reconsideration under circumstances set western Delta Division records, to obtain from
3rd The circumstances under which my retirement them it copies of such documents and orders
left me, compelled me to accept a small, & not as were written by me when I was in charge
appointment in the Local Funds of the Pichia of that Division. I respectfully beg to remain
on Pampas 350 per month, which was very kind your Excellency's
to me by a telegram from the collector Mr. Kilsall. most obedient servant.
ful as I am to hold this appointment, as a means
sustenance for my family at home, I am very
to get back to the Irrigation branch of the Department
in which I have served nearly 13 years.
4th Not till last month, & then only indirectly did
come aware that Government had entertained
tained erroneous impressions of the way in which
work had been done, and were dissatisfied with
certain matters upon which it was decided
should be retired; and I have not had an opportunity
given me, either of affording explanation
regard to these matters, or of showing what work
did while in Executive charge of a Division, and
the opinion held of my work by the Superintendent
5th The terms under which I have been employed
trusting to which I came out to India as a last resort
have more over not been complied with, for

Forwarded to the Chief
Engineer for favour of a
report.

(By order)

Wentie Hobart
Private Secretary

Govt House
Madras

31 Decr/80

Mr. 2895 W. 15-11-79.

Mr. 2782 W. 6-2-80.

Mr. 2781 W. 8-2-80.

Mr. 2780 W. 17-3-80.

Mr. 2779 W. 22-5-80.

Mr. 2778 W. 10-5-80.

Mr. 2777 W. 13-5-80.

Mr. 2776 W. 20-5-80.

Mr. 2775 W. 7-9-80.

Mr. 2774 W. 14-12-80.

C. 15-1-81. 10-20-1.

P. H. Deptt

Letter from Mr. G. R. Harris
dated 24th Decr/80

Memorandum by Chief Engineer,
P. H. D.

Mr. Harris brings

the question of the forward in this letter
on the reduction in no facts that were
the P. H. D. cannot be not already well
decided. known to the Government or that have

Mr. Harris has
been in touch with
the question. He has
since taken up the
question of the P. H. D.
to the G. R. Harris
has provided the
part of the question
that it appears
unnecessary to enter
upon any further
discussion of the case.
2. The Government
have already sufficiently

expressed their opinion
upon the subject of
the pensions and
bonuses of officers
who have taken service
under Local Fund Boards,
alluded to in the 5th
para of Mr Harris' letter,
and as long as the Govt
of India maintain the
position now taken
up, nothing further
can be done in the matter.
3. The request to be fur-
nished with the docu-
ments asked for in
the last paragraph
seems reasonable, though
it is doubtful how
far it will be to

in the other similar
cases. on grounds
It be are still
discussing in the
time -

Do not furnish
Mr. H. with any
papers - as his
removal from the
Dept. was dictated
primarily by the
General instructions
of the G.P. under
financial exigencies
requiring reduction
in the P.W.D.
There on a

common footing
with that of
many others.

L.H.
18/11

Mr Harris' real interests
that he should be
encouraged to repeat
representations which
are not likely to have
any practical effect.

C. B. Sankar
Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

If there are no official letters for Orders.
in the case of distinguished officers
the cases of advancement with

Orders from the G.P. C. B. Sankar
Colonel R.E.
I do not see why it should
be repeated and recorded
I do not find that there

are any other special
features of difference &
I do not think it can be
repeated.

Jan'y 1881.

W. H. A. Jan'y 1881

Am to. Madras
The Rt Hon the Governor

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 21st Jan 1881

Read the following:—

Memorial from Mr. W. R. Morris (M.C. dated 24th December 1880)

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
observes that Mr. Morris'
removal from the P. W. Dept.
was dictated primarily by
the general instructions of
the Government of India
requiring, under financial
exigencies, reductions in the
Department. There are
no special features in
his case to distinguish
it from those of other

R.S.

officers of the Department
similarly removed. It
cannot therefore be
reopened.

W.H.

20/1/87

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W. R. Morris Regd. S.
Dated
11/1/87

W.H.
20.2.6.87.

W.H.