

and faithful service, and there-
fore, so far as I am aware, to prevent
up promotion to a higher position, which I so
earnestly hope, the Government on your recom-
mendation, will be pleased to confer on me;
considering also, that such promotion is dealt
out to Military Subordinates of the Department,
their attaining to the higher grades in the
Military Ranks, without reference to their
professional service or qualifications.

I have been long waiting in anxious expectation,
my services being rewarded; and I have felt
most keenly those occasions when my Juniors
of the Military Department of the Establishment
have superseded me.

Wearied with waiting, and anticipating that
long others of my Juniors, from the Military
Department, will take precedence over me, I am
left to appeal to you for consideration, and
I am not to have appealed in vain, -
to grudging Military Subordinates their
in being so well rewarded for, I feel
that I am in a hard time, I
left out in the cold, their service being as
professional

Mr

Attorney

Sub Engineer Public Works

Buckingham Canal

To

Colonel R. W. Laukey R.E.

Through Chief Engineer P. W. D.

The Superintendent of N.

Sir

Buckingham Canal

Under authority obtained from
immediate Superior, permitting me to address
respecting the lettering of my prospects in
Department, I beg leave respectfully to appeal
you with this my appeal (which of necessity
lengthy, but which I pray will meet with
your forbearance) for Special Consideration
you, as Head of the Department, in the hope
you will be pleased to do me the favor of placing
my case before the Government as a Special
and obtain for me such distinction by
to the Superior grade, which my long
Services may, in your opinion, merit.

I have served in the Dept
26 years, having entered the Service
in 1854. I obtained my present grade

professional ones, open to all ranks, to the
grades, according to the notification of the Genl. Order
on the 1st Organization of the Public Works Dept.
in 1857: Whatever alteration the P. W. Code
recently created has introduced, respecting
of Subordinates to the Engineer grade, and
original prospects - it cannot and does not
concern me; my entering into the Service has
been long anterior to the introduction of the
Code, and at which period all Subordinates
shared & shared alike, and I should as
the Ranking by which Military Subordinates
preferment to the Engineer grade, is also of
origin; so that you will be pleased to see
Case is a special one and unbarred. I was
one of two Subordinates of the old period
first organization) left in the Dept. & I am
the only one in the Sub Engineer grade
one being in the Supervisor grade.

I beg also to submit, with the view of
precedents, that some years ago (1855) the
Subordinate officers who were stationary
were rewarded for their services
and he is a good Surveyor &

which Messrs Goodchap, Harris
Langhams, and others, all Civilian Sub-
scribers, asked their preference, and sub-
sequently too, similar promotion of Civilian
Engineers were made from time to time.
I served under the following Officers, and
in every case, they were satisfied
my conduct and qualifications.

Messrs O'Connell (R.E.), Rawlins (M.N.I.),
Wood (R.E.), Fraser (C.E.), Bailean (R.E.),
Edy (R.E.), Chrystie (R.E.), Oakes (R.E.),
Lewis (R.E.), Smith, Prendergast (R.E.),
(R.E.) and Tibart (R.E.). I have held
Civilian Charges, continuously ^{from 1852} when I was only
sergeant, up to the beginning of last year.

I was the Chief Engineer and District
Officer will show how I acquitted
myself throughout. The testimony of Colonels
Mullins, are especially favorable.
also to mention in 1858 when my promotion
was delayed, the Chief Engineer & Deputy
Engineer of the time, who were aware of
my services, were provided for, as per Dep
26 years, having entered the Service
in 1854. I obtained my present grade

Superintendent's allowance, and
Subsequently also in 1864, and for the same
that promotion was stagnant, Colonels O'Connell
obtained my nomination to the Municipal
Engineership of Madras, which then carried a salary
of 500 Rs. per month. But the arrangement was
set aside from the Government having before
an Officer of another Department who was
for in the Municipality, the circumstances were
with which, I could explain.

I had also the opportunity of going to
Bengal, Mysore, and Hyderabad, through the
Lawford, Randall & Bailean, on improved prospects.
I did not anticipate in the least that my
prospects would suffer as has occurred.

During my Service, I was twice deputed
Special duty, once in 1854 under Lieut. O'Connell
investigating the project for the Madras Water
Supply, by means of Red Hill Lake and
Pamnal Tank on the South. Once in 1855
under Mr. Fraser, investigating prospects for
using Hill reservoirs, and for the
under Mr. Fraser, for the same purpose.
I wanted to understand the project of
I wanted to know. He is a good Surveyor &

...large & small, fine & large, large & small
I served in such Districts as Tanjore,
Madras, Trichinopoly, South Arcot, Coimbatore,
Mysore & Bellary, & which experiences must
be added that of Canal navigation, on which
I am now employed.

I have had the opportunity also of visiting the
Savery & Krishna Canal works, and of the
Canal & Irrigation System, I saw much.

In the famine of 1877/78, when the Buckingham
Canal work was started in the Bellary District,
I being then in charge of the Canal Division,
and on the 1st of August, the District Engineer, finding
a section of Canal from Thondaroor to the Palaroo,
long neglected, and with little hope of having it
repaired, to complete communication, before the famine
the work was repeated to run out, asked me to undertake
the work, creating the Section a Sub Division of the Canal
Division, under the orders of the Canal & Irrigation Engineer,
at the District, in which my Divisional charge

...famine works were
services, made ... work in April, at the ...
... communication

I have ... with very very ...
26 years, having entered ...
in 1854. I obtained my present grade

from ... Office about midnight daily, ...
Starting a jam on the works by 5 in the morning ...
have left their mark on me, indelibly, my ...
sight being much impaired, and my ...
afflicted with Neuralgia of the head at ...
on one side only, which I am still a ...
martyr, with much weakness of sight ...
eye on the affected side particularly.

I should also state that in the 26 years ...
commencing in 1854, I had but 8 1/2 ...
leave in all; once in 1858, after great ...
from malarial fever, once in 1870 after a ...
illness from sun stroke & malarial fever, and
the last time in 1879 after the famine. I ...
suffering from Neuralgia & a Sun Stroke. ...
you will be pleased to see that I have had ...
rest and recreation involved, during so long a
service, much as I often tried to obtain a ...
from work for short periods at a time, but ...
as always put off on the ground that I ...
the sparrow.

from the great knocking about, I ...
... of ...
I wanted done. He is a good Surveyor &

very reason. I am satisfied with Mr Ottum
I addressed you in February last, and I am
able to endorse the good opinion formed
by Colonel Lawford and others under
whom he served. He is well up to his work
in the Department.
I have Officer to Chief Engineer. I have forgotten
under whom Mr Ottum has been employed,
as I last addressed you on the subject
his promotion, entertains the same high
opinion of Mr Ottum's qualifications and
merits as he then expressed.
That Mr Ottum's claims were
accidentally overlooked in the introduction
to the Department in 1857 appears clear
from the fact that he has borne so high
a character, and has obtained such flattering
imonials from all the officers he has served
with, that I trust now that an opportunity
has been in a position he has long merited
and may be no longer overlooked.
A recognition of his past services
has been made, and
I hope his future
I have been
26 years, having entered the service
in 1854. I submit my present opinion

little off
Colonel Food. extract. "Very able, efficient,
from quarterly reports I zealous and I think
he is worthy of promotion"

Captain Christie. extract. "I found him most
from Testimonial. Zealous and attentive
the discharge of his duty. He can survey and level
quickly and correctly, has shown himself well
acquainted with Carpenters and masons work
and what is of much importance estimate
masonry works with great readiness & accuracy.
Considering he is well qualified for a
post than that which he holds in the D,
I recommend him most strongly for promotion."

Colonel Boileau. extract. "I have always been
from letter. A favorable opinion
your conduct, your abilities, and of your industry
and if I have an opportunity I will give
an appointment in these Districts."

Mr Fraser. extract. "I found him as
from Testimonial. A first hand by far
best I have met with in India. He is active
intelligent, and zealous, and I never had
difficulty in making him understand as
I wanted done. He is a good surgeon &

any reason. Please satisfy
me, and I will be perfectly satisfied.

an" I am very much obliged to you for the

louis Roileau. Extract I will also inform

our letter I think that you have

ways given me entire satisfaction in the

performance of your duties, and state he may

confidently recommend your administration

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From

M^r T. Ottomann

Sub-Engineer P.W.

Buckingham Canal

To

Colonel C. Sankar, R.E.

Chief Engineer P.W.

Thro' The Superintendent of P.W.

Buckingham Canal

Dated 15th

Re

January 1887

No. of Encls. One.

Submits an appeal for
Special Consideration for
promotion.

No. 2701

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

Camp, 17 January 1887.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

one Enclosure.

I have the honor to inform
you that M^r Ottomann some time
ago represented to me that he hoped
special consideration might be paid
to his case on the grounds that he
had been a long time (nine years) in
the highest Subordinate grade of
the Department, and that when he
entered the Public Works Department
there was no question of Military
Subordinates being promoted in the
Department over the Heads of
Civilians on account of their warrant.
I therefore informed
him that it would be the best

plan for him to put his case clearly
on record in an application to
you to be forwarded through me
so that it might receive consideration.

3 This he has now done
in a temperately worded appeal
which I have the honor to
forward herewith for such favorable
consideration as you may be able
to accord to it, and would beg
with reference to my own opinions
of Mr. Ottmann to respectfully
draw attention to my return of
recommendations for promotion
as this is no place for enlarging
on his qualifications which have
been brought before you in the
ordinary course in accordance
with the rules.

4 I will only add
that should you see your
way to recommending Mr. Ottmann
for special treatment it will

give me great satisfaction,
and that he prays that
before deciding on his case you
will grant him the favour of
an interview to speak to you
about it.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

A. Adams. Captain R.
Superintendent of Works
Buckingham Canal.

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*The Govt of India
will be addressed.*

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From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Dated *17th January* 1887.

No. *2701*

ENCLOSURE /

*Application from
Sub Engineer Mr Ottomann
for promotion -
Forwards for favorable
consideration -*

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