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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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No. 61.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 12th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 12th Oct. 1882, No. 2653 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 61-61-A.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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OCTOBER.

Nos. 61-62.

Special Famine Leave.

FORWARDING for decision letter from Mr. Vincent, Executive Engineer requesting, that the — taken by him may not be counted as furlough.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 322-E.

READ—the following papers:—

Docket from the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), dated Fort William, 24th February 1882, Nos. 324—45 G.:—

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, British Burma, Assam and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana and Biluchistan.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Director-General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore, and Lucknow.
The Director-General of Telegraphs in India.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.

Copy of the following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers marginally noted for information.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 22nd December 1881, No. 433.

I have considered in Council your Military letter No. 372, dated 8th October 1881, in which you recommend, with reference to my Financial Despatch of 14th April 1881, No. 137, that in recognition of the useful service performed by officers and non-commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers whilst employed on famine relief duties, the officers should be allowed to count towards furlough a period of service, according to the time passed on such duty, not exceeding one year, and that the non-commissioned officers should be granted a bonus of three months' pay.

2. I sanction the adoption of the above proposals * * * * *

Endorsed by Military Department, dated 10th February 1882, No. 108 B (Special - Famines).

Copy forwarded to the Public Works Department for information, in continuation of docket, No. 431 S B, dated 19th October 1881.

Office Note from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 6th March 1882, No. 267 D.

Please prepare a statement showing the results of these concessions as applied to officers and subordinates of the Public Works Department.

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 15th March 1882, No. 1256.

The following Royal Engineer Officers were considered eligible for the second of the concessions sanctioned in Government of India letter, No. 148 C., dated 10th

September 1879, communicated with Public Works Department G.O., No. 2840 W., dated 10th November 1879:—

Lieutenant Boddy.
,, Baddeley.
,, Henderson.

No non-commissioned officers of the Corps of Royal Engineers were admitted to the special concession referred to.

Office Note from the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 16th March 1882, No. 322 D.

What is wanted is a statement showing the time passed by the officers named on famine duty. This will be the period allowed to count for furlough.

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 29th May 1882, No. 172.

Lieutenant Henderson.
Executive Engineer, Nellore Division, No. 23, dated 26th April 1882.
Superintending Engineer's (Second Circle) No. 40 G.L., dated 3rd May 1882.
Lieutenant Baddeley.
Superintending Engineer's (Fourth Circle) No. 91, dated 25th April 1882.
Superintending Engineer's (Fifth Circle) No. 249, dated 21st April 1882.
Lieutenant Boddy.
Superintending Engineer's (Second Circle) No. 40 G.L., dated 3rd May 1882.

Please see copies of the correspondence noted in the margin giving the time passed by the undermentioned Royal Engineer Officers on famine relief duty:—

Lieutenant Henderson.
,, Baddeley.
,, Boddy.

ENCLOSURES.

Copy of letter from Lieutenant C. B. HENDERSON, R.E., Executive Engineer, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 26th April 1882, No. 23.

In reply to your No. 17 X., of 5th instant, I have the honor to inform that the period I was specially employed on famine works in this Presidency was from 23rd November 1876 to 7th March 1878.

Copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, Salem Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, dated 20th April 1882, No. 30.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 150 S.L., dated 17th April 1882, on my letter No. 18, dated 13th April 1882, I have the honor to inform you that Lieutenant Baddeley, R.E., was in charge of the *Hosur* and Salem† Divisions* during the periods given in my letter above quoted, and that his pay and allowances were audited and charged to Provincial Establishment, Ordinary, distinct from Famine Relief.

* From 20th February to 28th March 1878.
† From 29th March to 24th October 1878.

It is therefore presumed that Lieutenant Baddeley, R.E., was not employed in this district on famine duty during the periods in question, although he had, as a Division Officer, to attend to both ordinary and famine works.

No. 91-E.

Forwarded to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for information with reference to his letter, No. 15 S.E. 4, dated 5th April 1882.

OOTACAMUND,
25th April 1882.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.

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Copy of letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 21st April 1882, No. 249.

I have the honor to return the statement received with your letter, No. 16 S.E. 5, dated 5th April 1882. The period during which Lieutenant Baddeley was employed on famine duty has been noted on it.

STATEMENT showing the Divisions in which Lieutenants Baddeley, Boddy, and Henderson, R.E., were in employ during 1875 to 1880.

Name of Officer.	Period. From	Period. To	Division.	
Lieutenant W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade.	5th Aug. 1875.	19th Feb. 1878.	Presidency ...	Fifth Circle.
... ...	20th Feb. 1878.	24th Oct. ,,	Salem ...	Fourth ,,
.....	25th Oct. ,,	Up to date ...	Presidency Workshop.	Fifth ,,

On famine duty from 20th February 1878 to 24th October 1878.

(Signed) W. L. C. BADDELEY, Lieut., R.E.,
General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, &c.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Copy of letter from the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 3rd May 1882, No. 40 G.L.

With reference to your letter, No. 12, of the 5th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that Lieutenant Henderson, R.E., was engaged on famine duty from the 23rd November 1876 to the 7th March 1878, and Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., with the exception of a small break* caused by his being relieved by the late Mr. Grousilliers, Executive Engineer, who was subsequently ordered to Nellore, was engaged on famine duty from the 11th December 1876 to 30th September 1877.

* From 16th February 1877 to 1st April 1877.

Office Note from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 5th June 1882, No. 205 E.

Your Office Note No. 172, dated 29th May 1882.

I shall be obliged by your submitting a clear statement for the information of Government of—

(1) Officers of Royal Engineers employed on famine duties in Madras during 1876—78, with period of employment.
(2) Non-commissioned officers of Royal Engineers employed on famine duties in Madras during 1876—78, with period of employment. Officers and non-commissioned officers of other provinces, if any, should be included.

2. No copies of correspondence are required.

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 23rd June 1882, No. 254.

Herewith a statement prepared from the best information available in this office. The statement includes the names of the three Royal Engineer Officers referred to

in my Office Note No. 172, dated 29th May 1882, regarding whom information had been obtained from the Superintending Engineers concerned, and of the officers and subordinates specially employed or transferred from other provinces for famine duty, and who it has been presumed were only engaged on such duty.

2. The pay and allowances of the Royal Engineer Officers and non-commissioned officers belonging to the normal establishment of this Presidency were, as a rule, drawn in the regular salary bills of the divisions and offices concerned, and this office is not in a position to state which of these officers and subordinates were employed on famine duties and for what periods. It is possible that information regarding these officers and subordinates can be obtained from the Superintending Engineers.

STATEMENT showing the Names of some of the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of Royal Engineers employed on Famine Duties in Madras Presidency during 1876—78 with period of employment.

Names.	Designation.	Period of Employment on Famine duty. From	To	Remarks.
I. Royal Engineer Officers on the Normal Establishment of the Madras Public Works Department.				
Lieutenant C. B. Henderson, R.E.	Assistant Engineer.	23rd Nov. 1876.	7th Mar. 1878.	
Lieutenant O. V. Boddy, R.E.	Do. ..	11th Dec. ,,	30th Sept. ,,	
Lieutenant W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.	Do. ..	20th Feb. 1878.	24th Oct. ,,	
II. Royal Engineer Officers appointed for Famine Duty.				
Lieutenant S. C. N. Grant, R.E. ..	Assistant Engineer.	1st Dec. 1877.	17th April 1878.	
III. Royal Engineer Officers of other Provinces.				
Lieut.-Colonel P. P. L. O'Connell, R.E.	Superintending Engineer.	2nd Nov. 1877.	21st Jan. 1879.	
Major K. A. Jopp, R.E. ..	Executive Engineer.	1st Mar. 1878.	3rd Mar. ,,	
Lieutenant R. DeVillamil, R.E. ..	Assistant Engineer.	18th Nov. 1877.	8th Jan. ,,	
Lieutenant M. Martin, R.E. ..	Do. ..	9th Oct. ,,	21st Dec. 1877.	
Lieutenant A. C. Foley, R.E. ..	Do. ..	21st Sept. ,,	24th Dec. ,,	Lieutenant Foley was deputed to do duty under Lieut.-Colonel Thomason, R.E., on the Madras Harbour Works from 25th December 1877. His services were replaced at the disposal of Government of India with effect from 23rd March 1878.
IV. Royal Engineer Non-Commissioned Officers of other Provinces.				
Serjeant C. Hilton, R.E. ..	Overseer, 1st Grade.	..	..	Joined the Presidency 26th October 1877. On sick leave from 29th October 1877. Did no famine duty in this Presidency.

(Signed) D. C. GORDON,
Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

From D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th June 1882, No. 46 W.:—

In forwarding herewith copy of a letter* No. 52/82, dated 22nd May 1882, from the Officer Commanding 42nd Company, Royal Engineers, with a copy of the roll (received therewith) of non-commissioned officers

* Received with Pay Examiner's Endorsement, No.——, dated 1st June 1882.

who were employed on famine relief duties, I have the honor to inquire whether the non-commissioned officers in question are entitled to the bonus of three months' pay sanctioned in the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 433,* of 22nd December 1881, notwithstanding that their names were not included in the list of officers considered eligible to the special concessions referred to in Government of India Resolution, No. 2037, dated 10th August 1878, on account of failure of health caused by famine relief duty, communicated with G.O., No. 2840 W., dated 10th November 1879.

* Communicated with Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 324-45 G., dated 24th February 1882.

ENCLOSURE.

Copy of letter from the Officer Commanding 42nd Company, Royal Engineers, to the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort St. George, dated 22nd May 1882, No. 52/82.

I have the honor to forward herewith a roll of non-commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers (at present stationed at Bangalore) who were employed on famine relief duties, and to request that the amount of bonus granted by Government Military Order of 4th March, No. 1023, (Special—Famines,) may be stated against their names, and payment of the same be authorised.

Roll of Non-Commissioned Officers of the 42nd Company, Royal Engineers, stationed at Bangalore, who were employed on Famine Relief Duties in accordance with Government Military Order of 4th March, No. 1023 (Special).

Registrational No.	Rank and Names.	Rank at the time.		Where employed.	Amount of Pay received per Months.	Amount of Bounds for 3 Months granted.	Remarks.
		Military.	Department of Public Works.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
379	Company Sergeant-Major. Anderton, G.	Sergeant	Overseer, Grade. 3rd	Employed in the Nellore and Salem Districts, East Coast Canal, from 1st November 1876 to 31st November 1876—	36 0 0		
				Sergeant's Pay	36 0 0		
				Ration Allowance	8 3 0		
				Overseer's Pay	60 0 0		
					104 9 3		
398	Sergeant Hawkings, W.	Corporal	Do.	Employed in the Nellore District, East Coast Canal, from November 1876 to November 1877—			
				Corporal's Pay	22 10 4		
				Ration Allowance	8 9 3		
				Overseer's Pay	60 0 0		
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403	Sergeant Dunn, A.	Corporal	Do.	Employed in the Nellore and Salem Districts, East Coast Canal, from February 1877 to August 1878—			
				Corporal's Pay	22 10 4		
				Ration Allowance	8 9 3		
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298	Corporal Knight, J. E.	Corporal	Do.	Employed at Kamptati in the Nellore District on the East Coast Canal, from 11th August 1876 to 26th May 1877. Died at Ongole on the 26th May 1877—			
				Corporal's Pay	22 10 4		
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402	Sergeant Reeve, N.	Sergeant	Do.	Employed at Bangalore on the Lalbagh Tank and in the Nellore and Salem Districts, East Coast Canal, from January 1877 to August 1878. Died at Hassan Abdul, 10th September 1880—			
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Officg. Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners.

(Signed) C. H. DARLING, Lieutenant, R.E.,
Commanding 42nd Company, R.E.

This is to certify that Sergeant T. Jenner, R.E., was (in addition to his other duties as Cantonment Overseer) in charge of the undermentioned famine relief work from January to May 1877:—

Peroor Hissa Tank, Sadapet Taluk.

BANGALORE,
20th May 1882.

(Signed) D. FALVEY, Lieutenant,
Assistant Engineer.

Transferred to the Pay Examiner.

(Signed) C. DURAND, Major,
for Offg. Controller of Military Accounts.

Transferred to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts for disposal.

(Signed) J. T. GREATOREX,
for Pay Examiner.

1st June 1882.

READ—the following G.O., dated 17th June 1882, No. 2964, Military :—

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1425P.-145, of the 29th March last, and accompaniments, referring a question respecting the eligibility of warrant officers to the concession sanctioned by the Secretary of State in his despatch No. 433 (Military) of the 22nd December 1881 to the non-commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers; and inquiring whether the concessions therein granted are admissible to all commissioned officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers, or only to those who were regarded as specially deserving, and who fulfil the other conditions prescribed in Financial resolution, No. 2087, of the 10th August 1878.

2. The Government of India considers that warrant officers are included in the general term "Non-commissioned Officers," and are therefore eligible to the bonus of three months' pay sanctioned for non-commissioned officers, provided they otherwise fulfil the conditions laid down in the aforesaid resolution of the 10th August 1878.

3. In regard to the inquiry as to whether the concessions are admissible to *all* officers, I am directed to invite attention to Finance Department's letter, No. 1743, of the 27th March last, in which the Bombay Government was informed, in respect to civil officers, that the restriction which was originally attached to the second concession, and which required a special recommendation in each case, had not been removed. This provision equally applies to officers of the Royal Engineers, whom it was originally proposed to reward in the same way as civilians, and for whom an alternative privilege was subsequently sanctioned by the Secretary of State. The Government of India also considers that the concession sanctioned in the Secretary of State's despatch, No. 433, dated the 22nd December 1881, for officers of the Royal Engineers cannot be granted to any officer who received an extra allowance or a higher salary than Rs. 600 a month while employed on famine duty.

No. 41-F.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information with reference to Public Works Department endorsement, No. 324-45 G., dated the 24th February 1882.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. HOLDERNESS,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Mis. No. 1902.

Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to Government Order in that department, dated 4th March 1882, No. 1023.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

OOTACAMUND,
15th June 1882.

Order—dated 17th June 1882, No. 2964, Military.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) S. LAFFAN,
for Ag. Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

A copy of the above correspondence is forwarded to Superintending Engineers and other officers concerned, who are requested to verify the statement sent in by the Examiner,* supplying any omissions that may be found.

2. Very early replies should be returned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

OOTACAMUND,
29th June 1882.

* No. 254, dated 23rd June 1882.

To Superintending Engineers.
,, the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, ~~the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.~~
,, the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.

Consulting Engr for Hyd.

Encl: No. 3

From
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

d/ 29th June 1887.

Special Famine leave.
Forwarding to the Govt and other officers concerned Correspondence respecting the eligibility of officers to certain concessions ament— sanctioned by the Home Govt, for the verification of the Examiner's statements thereto.

P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Read the 5th Nov
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

10th October 1879, No. 2,038.

Famine Relief.

No. 145. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

From C. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Famine), to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., C.S.I., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 10th September 1879, No. 148-C.

In reply to your letter, No. 1,599-A, dated the 31st July last, I am directed to say that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction the grant of the following concessions to the officers, named in the List No. 1 forwarded therewith, who were employed on famine relief duty in 1876-77 :—

(a) Special leave on account of failure of health occasioned by relief duty.

(b) Of this special leave, the first six months' leave will carry full pay *and* allowances up to a limit of Rs. 600 a-month.

It is to be understood that the special leave should be taken before the end of the year 1880.

2. I am also to convey the sanction of His Excellency to an addition to service for pension of a period not exceeding twelve months in the case of the officers mentioned in the List No. 2, who received no extra allowances and whose salary does not exceed Rs. 600 a-month.

3. I am to request that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to favor the Government of India with a report showing the amount of money and of extra service granted to each officer under the orders now passed.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1879, No. 2,038.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the authority conveyed by the above communication, His Grace the Governor in Council resolves that in respect of those officers, whose names appear in List No. 1, and who have already had six or more months' leave, in consequence of ill-health contracted on Famine Relief duty, the Accountant-General be authorised to offer to them the option—

(1.) either of receiving at once the difference between the absentee allowances they actually received during the first six months of such leave and six months' allowances calculated at the rate of Rs. 600 a-month, or where their full pay and allowances prior to going on such leave were less than 600 rupees a-month then the difference between such full pay and allowances and what they actually drew during the first six months of their absence.

(2.) or of waiting to take six months' special leave on 600 rupees a-month, or on full pay and allowances when these are less than 600 rupees a-month, before the end of 1880. It must be clearly understood that in the latter alternative the leave will be taken subject to the conditions laid down by the Government of India in their Resolution of March 26th, 1879, No. 1,453.*

*1. That the term "full pay and allowances" means the full pay and allowances which the officer to whom special leave is granted is in receipt of when he avails himself of the leave.

2. That the special leave will *not* count as service.

3. That the special leave *will* interfere with other leave. For instance; an officer who takes the special leave will forfeit all claim to privilege leave which is due to him when he takes the special leave; nor will an officer, under the operation of Section 35 of the Civil Leave Code, be entitled to take any other leave at the close of the special leave.

The concession intended by the special leave is the grant of extra leave allowance during the first six months of an officer's absence. After the end of the six months, that is, for the remainder of his leave, the officer draws the usual leave allowance under the rules to which he is subject.

2. The total amount of money disbursed under the authority of the above order will be duly reported by the Accountant-General for communication to the Government of India.

3. The Government propose to grant twelve months' extra service for pension to all the officers and subordinates whose names appear in List No. 2. The Government of India will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department,
" the Military do.
" the Public Works do.
" the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department,
" the Board of Revenue,
} with lists Nos. 1 and 2, for communication to the officers and subordinates concerned.
" the Accountant-General, for information and guidance, with lists Nos. 1 and 2

Enc. W. H. French.

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Enclosure No. 1.

List of Officers considered eligible for the first of the concessions proposed in paragraph 4 of the Government of India Resolution of August 10th, 1878, No. 2,087, on account of failure of health caused by Famine Relief Duty.

Madras Covenanted Civilians.

W. G. Underwood	...	Head Assistant Collector, Nellore.
H. R. Farmer	...	Do do. Kurnool.
C. F. MacCartie	...	Acting Special Assistant Agent, Ganjam.

Covenanted Officers from other Provinces.

F. H. B. Skrine	...	Bengal Civil Servant in Salem.

Madras Uncovenanted Officers.

R. V. Mayer	...	Deputy Director, Revenue Settlement, Kurnool.

Uncovenanted Officers of other Provinces.

W. T. Ryves	...	Opium Department, Bengal.
S. M. Greany	...	Inspector of Police, Central Provinces.
H. Rattray	...	Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Bengal.
H. J. G. Reid	...	Punjab Police.
W. J. Collis	...	North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
F. E. Coles	...	Central Provinces Police.

Madras Military Officers.

Captain D. V. Shortland	...	Royal Artillery.
Lieutenant C. L. Casey	...	Do.
Captain G. Vernon	...	2-16th Foot.
Lieutenant J. W. Thompson	...	44th Foot.

Military Officers from other Provinces.

Captain E. H. Webb	...	8th Regiment, Native Infantry, Bengal.
Captain C. H. Forster	...	30th do. do. do.
Lieutenant R. Johnston	...	Her Majesty's 22nd Regiment.

Madras Medical Officers.

Surgeon L. Beach	...	Zillah Surgeon, Bellary.
Surgeon C. J. MacNally	...	.....
Surgeon H. H. Smith	...	East Coast Canal, Nellore.

Public Works Department Officers of Madras.

Mr. E. B. Nanders	...	Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, Coimbatore and Kurnool.
,, R. J. Lowry	...	Executive Engineer, 4th Grade, Salem.
,, C. Vincent	...	Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, North Arcot.
,, J. E. Paul	...	Do. 2nd Grade, Bellary.
,, G. P. Carless	...	Do. do. do.
,, A. S. Russell	...	Do. do. Coimbatore.
Arogiyasami Pillai	...	Overseer, 1st Grade, Salem.
Conductor and Sub-Engineer Nicholson	...	Sub-Engineer, Coimbatore.
C. Vencatachelam Mudali	...	Overseer, 3rd Grade, Salem.

Public Works Department Officers of other Provinces.

Mr. T. R. Roberts	...	Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, Bengal.
,, J. C. Wyatt	...	Do. 2nd do. do.
,, A. C. C. Rogers	...	Do. 2nd do. Bengal Irrign.
,, F. W. Morse	...	Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, Military Works Branch.

Public Works Department Officers of other Provinces—(Continued).

Mr. E. P. Woods	Sub-Engineer, 3rd Grade, North-Western Provinces.
„ H. C. Lange	Sub-Engineer, 2nd Grade, Bengal.
„ J. F. Maxwell	Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, Bengal.
„ E. E. A. Kuster...	Assistant Engineer, 2nd do. Bengal.
Lieutenant DeVillamil, R.E.	Do. 2nd do. Punjab.
Major K. A. Jopp, R.E.	Executive Engineer, Bombay.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

31st July 1879.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

LIST of Officers considered eligible for the second of the concessions proposed in paragraph 4 of the Government of India Resolution of August 10th, 1878, No. 2,087, (1) as having done specially well while employed on Famine Relief duty; (2) as not having drawn any extra allowances while so employed; (3) as not having drawn a salary while so employed in excess of Rs. 500 a-month; (4) who have not been recommended for Concession No. 1, the said second concession being an addition to service for pension not exceeding the period of employment on Famine Relief duty.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.	DESIGNATION.
	Nellore.
K. Subba Rao Pantulu	Deputy Collector.
Jagannatha Chetti	Acting Tahsildar of Rapur.
K. Seshagiri Rao	Acting Deputy Tahsildar, Venkatagiri.
Subba Rao	Deputy Tahsildar, Addanki.
A. Kesava Rao	Acting Tahsildar, Kavali.
C. Rama Rao	Special Deputy Collector.
D. Venkata Rao...	Deputy Tahsildar of Polur.
	Cuddapah.
B. Venkata Rao...	Tahsildar of Cuddapah.
P. Subba Rao	Do. of Pullampet.
	Kurnool.
P. Rajaratna Mudali	Deputy Collector.
K. Narayanasami Naidu	Tahsildar of Sirvail.
P. Kristna Rao	Do. of Ramallakotta.
	Bellary.
Mr. J. G. Firth	Special Deputy Collector.
V. Venkatáchellum Pantulu	Deputy Collector.
N. Murugesa Mudali	Do.
K. Narsinga Rao	Deputy Collector (Temporary)
C. Ragava Rao	Do.
K. Venkoba Rao	Tahsildar of Harpanahalli.
H. Ragavendra Rao	Do. of Hadgalli.
R. Trimbaka Rao	Acting Tahsildar of Gooty.
P. Annaji Rao	Tahsildar of Raitroog.
K. Vijaraghavulu	Sub-Magistrate of Bellary Town.
Y. Subba Rao	Do. of Yemiganur
S. Ragavendra Rao	Do. of Harpanahalli.
	North Arcot.
N. Chakravarti Nimar	Tahsildar of Chittur.
Varadarajulu Reddi	Do. of Wallajapet.
	Chingleput.
Mr. A. M. Jones	Deputy Collector.
A. Kristnama	Temporary Deputy Collector.
S. Srinivasa Rao	Acting Tahsildar of Ponneri.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT—(*Continued*).	DESIGNATION.
	South Arcot.
C. Venkataramiah	Special Deputy Collector.
P. Ramachendra Rao	Do. do.
H. Venkoba Rão	Deputy Tahsildar of Gingee.
	Salem.
Réjagroopale Chári	Temporary Deputy Collector.
Mahomed Azim Ghattala Sahib	Deputy Collector.
S. Venkatasubbiah	Temporary Deputy Collector.
R. V. Lakshmana Rao	Tahsildar of Oosoor.
S. Seshagiri Rao	Do. of Dharmapuri.
D. Kuppaiyar	Do. do.
G. Viraraguva Mudali	Do. of Trichengode.
S. Tiruvengadá Chari	Do. of Ulankarai.
K. Ananta Ramaiyar	Do. of Tirupatur.
Venkataramanaiyar	Do. of Salem.
Venkatachella Mudali	Do. of Atur.
[illegible] Sundararaja Mudali ...	Town Sub-Magistrate, Salem
	Coimbatore.
M. R. Venkataramiah	Tahsildar of Erode.
C. Sitarámiah	Do. of Palladam.
	Madura.
P. Subbaiyar	Deputy Collector.
Narayanasami Naidu...	Tahsildar of Madura.
A. Muttasami Iyar	Do. of Dindigul.
S. Krishnama Chari	.....
	Tinnevelly.
Nagu Iyer	Tahsildar of Satur.
Saravanamuttu Pillai...	Do. of Srivilliputtur.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.	DESIGNATION.
Mr. G. D. Grant	Fourth Grade Executive Engineer.
Mr. D. F. Martin	Do. do.
Lieutenant O. V. Boddy, R.E.	Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, Madras.
Do. W. L. C. Baddeley, R.E.	Do. do. do.
Do. C. B. Henderson, R.E....	Do. do. do.
Do. W. Jackson	Do. do. do.
Do. S. C. Plummer	Do. do. do.
Captain T. Smither	Do. do. do.
Mr. J. Traill	Do. 2nd Grade do.
Mr. S. Ottman	Sub-Engineer, 1st Grade Madras.
Sayad Yusuf Sahib	Do. 3rd Grade do.
Conductor J. Lalor	Supervisor, 1st Grade do.
Mr. F. Mahony	Do. do. do.
Mr. J. H. Stephens	Do. do. do.
Mr. B. Stephens	Do. do. do.
Mr. H. M. Bond	Do. 2nd Grade do.
Mr. H. Frankland	Do do. do.
M. N. Adikalam Pillai	Overseer, 1st Grade, Madras.
Mr. C. Bowell	Do. do. do.
Sergeant R. A. Bragg	Do. do. do.
Kothandapani Mudali	Do do. do.
Manivelu Pillai	Do. do. do.
G. Sitharám Naidu	Do. do. do.
T. Chengalvaraya Mudali...	Do. 2nd Grade do.
Mr. T. C. Fitzgerald...	Do. do. do.
Mr. J. Kelly	Do. do. do.
N. Manikavasagam Pillai	Do. do. do.
Mr. H. P. Poole	Do. do. do.
S. K. Satwaji Rao	Do. do. do.

Public Works Department—(*Continued*).	Designation.
V. Kuppusami Aiyengar	Overseer, 3rd Grade, Madras.
A. Murugesa Mudali	Do. do. do.
C. Rogava Aiyengar	Do. do. do.
Amarapathi Mudali	Sub-Overseer, Madras.
Kistnasami Mudali	Do. do.
Muthu Naick	Do. do.
Venkoba Rao	Do. do.
Thanachellam Mudali	Canal Superintendent, Madras.

Medical Department.	Designation.
Surgeon J. Backhouse	.....
Do. A. N. Rogers-Harrison	.....
Do. J. Lancaster	.....
Do. W. O'Hara	.....
Do. J. Sturmer	.....
Do. B. H. Williams	.....
Do. J. Maitland	.....
Apothecary R. H. Legge	.....
Do. G. W. Este	.....
Do. M. Seetharamiah	.....
Do. W. Francis	.....
Do. R. C. D. Prince	.....
Do. T. H. Govind Sing	.....
B. Mootoosawmy, No. 1,015	Hospital Assistant, 3rd Class.
G. Venkat Rao, No. 1,055	Do. 3rd do.
B. Soondrum, No. 517	Do. 1st do.
T. Kunniah Naidu, No. 983	Do. 3rd do.
S. P. Cornelius, No. 1,118	Do. 3rd do.
G. Yethirajulu Chetti, No. 875	Do. 2nd do.
P. S. Christian Pillai, No. 1,036	Do. 2nd do.
P. Abboy, No. 596	Do. 1st do.
J. D. Francis, No. 807	Do. 2nd do.
V. Ghouse Sheriff, No. 1,100	Do. 3rd do.
P. Ivavoo, No. 1,006	Do. 3rd do.
Y. Chinnasawmy Pillai, No. 1,093	Do. 3rd do.
A. Parthasarthy Pillai, No. 726	Do. 2nd do.
P. Venkatasawmy, No. 1,142	Do. 3rd do.
V. Veerasawmy Naidu, No. 1,072	Do. 3rd do.
C. David, No. 991	Do. 3rd do.
J. Venkatachellum, No. 349	Do. 1st do.
M. Moonesawmy, No. 605	Do. 1st do.
V. L. Ramasawmy, No. 1,129	Do. 3rd do.
Maurrisawmy Pillai, No. 808	Do. 2nd do.
G. P. D'Cruz, No. 1,152	Do. 3rd do.
V. Appavoo Pillai, No. 1,114	Do. 3rd do.
S. Egambaram, No. 1,045	Do. 3rd do.
V. V. Ramasawmy Naidu, No. 1,049	Do. 3rd do.
D. Antony, No. 274	Do. 1st do.
L. B. Jayaram Sing, No. 726	Do. 2nd do.
C. Appiah, No. 379	Do. 1st do.
A. Mooroogasen, No. 629	Do. 1st do.
V. Sawmynaden, No. 890	Do. 2nd do.
A. Goooroomatha Mudali, No. 1,134	Do. 3rd do.
V. P. Mooroogasa Mudali, No. 1,148	Do. 3rd do.
P. Venkatarmiah, No. 1,113	Do. 3rd do.
Veerabudra, No. 800	Do. 2nd do.
A. Ramasawmy, No. 868	Do. 1st do.
V. Nunniah Naidu, No. 346	Do. 1st do.
P. V. Ramasawmy Naidu, No. 963	Do. 2nd do.
A. M. Simeon, No. 1,019	Do. 3rd do.
S. Pontoosawmy, 1,003	Do. 3rd do.
M. Chinniah Pillai, No. 1,057	Do. 3rd do.
N. Ramasawmy, No. 903	Do. 2nd do.
M. S. Mootoosawmy, No 554	Do. 1st do.
B. Mathuraprasad, No. 920	Do. 3rd do.
S. Francis, No. 1,029	Do. 3rd do.

Medical Department—(*Continued*).	Designation.
S. Vâloo Mudali, No. 969	Hospital Assistant, 2nd Class.
D. M. Jobb, No. 1,088	Do. 3rd do.
M. Veeriah Naidu, No. 1,093	Do. 3rd do.
T. J. Chengalroyalu Naidu, No. 1,083	Do. 3rd do.
Mahomed Jaffar, No. 1,143	Do. 3rd do.
V. Mathuriah, No. 1,023	Do. 3rd do.
N. Moonesawmy, No. 657	Do. 1st do.
Mahomed Raisool Islam, No. 1,090	Do. 3rd do.
A. Samuel, No. 1,064	Do. 3rd do.
P. Booshannah Naidu, No 1,034	Do. 3rd do.
C. Francis, No. 922	Do. 2nd do.
C. P. Nagappa Pillai, No. 1,139	Do. 3rd do.
A. Arooloanadum, No. 1,132	Do. 3rd do.
M. Baupaiah, No. 1,136	Do. 3rd do.
V. Chengleroya Mudali, No. 1,145	Do. 3rd do.
M. Sesachapathy, No. 1,060	Do. 3rd do.
S. Arseevathum, No. 589	Do. 1st do.
C. Gnanyuthum, No. 1,009	Do. 3rd do.

Encl: N° 1

From
Govt. Rev: Dept.

N° 2038 dy 10th October 1879.

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Officers employed on Famine Relief Duty - Issue orders on letter from Govt of India sanctioning the grant of certain Conces to —

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Copy of letter from the Examiner P.W. Accounts Madras to C Vincent Esqre Executive Engineer S. Project Division No 28 C.A. dated 11th August 1882.

With reference to your letter No: 77 of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to state that the information furnished in para 2 of my letter No: 293 A dated 26th July 1882 to the address of Mr. B.S. Russell Assistant Chief Engineer for Irrigation was based on the Resolution of the Government of India No 2089 dated 18th August 1878, and on paras 2 and 3 of the Government Resolution No 4403 dated 28th March 1879 printed with G.O. Revenue (Famine) Department No: 2038 dated 10th October 1879.

2. As the orders quoted, as they stand at present, appear sufficiently clear to justify the view taken by this office, it is not considered desirable to communicate separately on each point raised by you relative to your individual case.

True Copy.

W. Patton
Supt. Corresponding Branch

E.L. 27/10

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Government of India

Public Works Department

Establishment

General

Simla, September 30, 1878.

Copy of the following forwarded to the Local Governments and administrations and officers marginally noted, with request that they will be good enough to submit at as early a date as possible, such recommendations as they may desire to make giving full particulars of each case on behalf of any officers including subordinates, deputed from their jurisdiction for relief works, who have been or may be, obliged by ill-health to take leave after the cessation of their famine work.

The Government of Bengal, North Western Provinces and Oudh, and Panjab, in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches

The Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces

The agents of the Governor General for Central India and Rajputana

The inspector General of Military Works

The Director of State Railways, Central Western and North Eastern Systems

(By order)
A. B. Sampson
Under Secy to the Govt of India

№ 2087 dated 10th August 1878.

Resolution— By the Govt of India, Finl Dept.

Read the undermentioned papers containing proposals for the grant of certain exceptional concessions to officers of all Departments employed in carrying out famine operations in Madras, Bombay and Mysore:-

Letter from the Government of Bombay, № 829 dated the 8th February 1878, received in the Public Works Department (Famine Branch)

Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Mysore № 9674—750, dated the 6th February 1878, received in the Foreign Department

Letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department (Famine Branch), to the Government of Madras № 1202, dated 9th March 1878.

Memorandum, dated 25th March 1878, from— Lieutenant General Sir M. Kennedy, Personal Assistant to His Grace the Governor of Madras in Council (Famine Department)

Letter from the Government of Madras, № 829— dated the 10th May 1878, and № 867 dated the 17th May 1878.

Resolution— His Excellency the Governor General in Council after a careful consideration of the Proposals

Proposals contained in the papers recited in the preamble, regrets that he can see no satisfactory way of recognising the Services of the officers who were engaged in carrying out the recent famine operations in Madras, Bombay, and Mysore, in the manner suggested by the various authorities consulted.

2. His Excellency in Council in the first place observes that no such concessions were granted to officers for similar services rendered during the famine which prevailed in 1874 in Bengal.

3. That, it is to be remarked that the various proposals that have now been made differ greatly in scope and even in their fundamental principles on which they would be applied. The reasons for this are obvious, namely that the conditions under the Services were rendered, the Special recognition of which is contemplated, varied to an almost indefinite extent. This also would make it impracticable to lay down any fixed rules for General application in recognising those Services.

4. The Government of India therefore is unable to do more than state

First, that it will be prepared to consider favorably the cases of any officers which the Governments of Madras and Bombay or the Chief Commissioner of Mysore may think deserving of recognition by the grant of special leave on account of failure of health within a reasonable time after the completion of their duty in connection with famine relief. Such Special leave might carry, for the first six months, full pay and allowances up to a limit of Rs 600/ a month

Secondly, that an addition to Service for pension not exceeding the period of employment on famine relief duty may hereafter on their retirement be recommended for any specially deserving officer who did not receive any extra allowance when so employed and whose Salary when so employed did not exceed Rs 600/ per mensem. The Secretary of State will be requested to give his Sanction to these proposals.

Order— Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras

Madras and Bombay, to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, and to the Public Works Department (Famine Branch) for information.

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Encl: N.2

Govt of India Resolution
N.2057 d/ 10th August 1878.

Officers employed on Famine Relief Operations.
Proposals of the Govt of India in recognition of the services rendered by—
Communicated.

Madras
16th September 1882.

N.105

From,
C. Vincent Esqre
Executive Engineer.

Enclosures 3.

To,
Colonel R. H. Sankey C.B. R.E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
(thro' the Chief Engr for Irrgn)

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring to your notice the following points regarding the six months Special Famine Leave of which I availed myself in October 1880, and to request that you will do me the favour of obtaining the orders of this Government, or, if necessary, that of India, thereon.

2. The necessity for my addressing you has arisen in this way;— I have always been under the impression that the Famine Leave, to which many disabilities were attached, was over and above all other leave to which I am entitled by the ordinary rules

of the service, but I have now found out that the view the Examiner, P.W. Accounts takes of the Leave is, that it should be counted as furlough, and consequently deducted from the two years furlough which will, in the ordinary course, be due to me on the completion of 8 years active service. The Examiner bases his view on the interpretation he places on the papers noted in the margin, but I understand that his interpretation rests only on his individual reading of the orders quoted, and not on any definite decision of the Government of Madras or that of India.

1. Govt of India Resolution N° 2087 dated August 10th, 1878 (M/C. Copy attached).
2. Paras 2 and 3 of Govt of India Resolution N° 1458 of March 26th, 1879 printed in P.M.S. N° 2038 Revenue (Famine) Dept of October 10th, 1878.

3. I would respectfully submit therefore that the view taken by the Examiner is not the correct one, and as the question is one that vitally affects me, I trust I may be permitted to state the reasons

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That lead me to entertain such an opinion. 26/2653/84

4. I will begin by recapitulating very briefly the circumstances under which the Famine Leave was granted.

It would appear that in May 1878 the Government of Madras made certain proposals to that of India regarding Concessions to officers employed on Famine duty, and that other Governments having similarly addressed that of India, a Resolution on the subject was issued on August 10th, 1878. In that it is stated that papers had been received proposing "certain exceptional Concessions" to officers employed on famine operations. But owing to the diversity of the proposals, it was added, it appeared impossible to lay down any fixed rules for general application, and the Government of India could therefore do no more than state;

† N° 2087

(1) That it was prepared to consider favourably the cases of officers which might be considered deserving of recognition, by the grant of special

leave on account of failure of health, such special leave to carry full pay for the first 6 months.

(2) That an addition to service for pension might be made in the case of some other officers.

Finally, the Government of India stated that the Secretary of State would be requested to sanction the above proposals.

5. Two lists of officers recommended for these respective privileges were forwarded to the Government of India by that of Madras, and in letter No. 148-C dated September 10th, 1879 the Government of India accepted these. The necessary information was conveyed to the officers concerned in G.O. Revenue (Famine) Dept. No. 2038 of October 10th, 1879, in which were also printed the conditions on which the leave might be availed of.

+ with letter No. 1599-A of July 31st, 1879.

The second of these is:-

"That the special leave will not be counted as service."

This is of the greatest importance in regard to the Examiner's contention

that the Special Leave should be counted as furlough. For if it had been furlough it must, I submit, have counted as service. That is to say, of my total service towards pension a certain amount of furlough is allowed to count, and so that first availed of would naturally count.

Again, had it been furlough, or even ordinary Special Leave, subsidiary leave could under Section 35 of the Leave Code, have been obtained in extension of it. But one of the third conditions of the leave was that Section 35 should not apply.

6. I am well aware in the conditions under which the leave was granted it is said that "the concession" or "intended by the special leave" "is the grant of extra leave allowance" "during the first six months of" "an officer's absence". This at first sight appears absolutely fatal to any contention that the leave was over and above any to which an officer would be entitled by the ordinary rules of the service,

but such frequent references are made in the correspondence to certain exceptional Concessions proposed to be granted for services rendered, and suffered for in health, during a very trying period, that I make bold to request an authoritative decision on the Examiner's interpretation, which would change the Concession into something very much the reverse.

9. My own case, and I have no reason to suppose it exceptional, would then stand thus;

Loss	Rs
difference between 6 months full and half pay = 6×275 ——— 1650	1. About 10 weeks privilege leave. 2. Six months of the furlough that counts as service. 3. Six months more to serve for pension.

8. It was of course my duty to have acquainted myself fully with the Conditions of the leave before I availed myself of it, and I have absolutely no ground for complaint in the effect that any interpretation of them may have on me. I make my appeal solely in the belief, which I can assert with confidence generally obtained at the time of issue of the orders, that a real Concession was intended to be given as much to the first as to the second category of officers mentioned in para 4, and that therefore the Examiner's interpretation, which converts the Concession into a very doubtful boon, must perforce be wrong.

9. A complete file of papers on the subject accompanies this letter.

Trusting that I may receive the favour of your support.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Executive Engineer

R. No. 480 d/23.9.82

No 799 Ed. 23rd Sept 1882

To C

For remark.

22.9.82

21.9.82

Recd 24.9.82

R No. 528 d/28.9.82

TO M.

PLEASE SEE MY LETTER (COPY ATTACHED) NO. 28 E.I. DATED 14TH. AUGUST 1882 TO THE ADDRESS OF MR. VINCENT, IN WHICH MY VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT REFERRED TO BY HIM, ARE EXPRESSED. ANY FURTHER ACTION IN THE MATTER RESTS WITH GOVERNMENT.

C.

crb 29

Recd 25 Sept 82

No. 105

From

C. Vincent Esqr
Executive Engineer

Dated 16th Sept 1882.
Recd 19 — do

Encls 4.

Encls 3

Special Famine Leave

Requesting that, under the circumstances noted, orders may be passed with regard to the — not being counted as furlough.

To W.

24/9/82.

Ry 2/10 Rs 11/10

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To

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 12 October 1882

Read the following:—

No. 2653 W 21/25 8 enclosures

Letter from C. Vincent Esqre (A.E. No. 105 of 16th Sept. 1882)

Ordered to be forwarded for the decision of the Govt. of India.

(A.E. No. 2654 W of 12 October 1882)

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

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Chief Engr for Irrigation

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G. O. 12 Jan 1882, No. 266 BW.
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Special Famine leave

Letter from Mr Vincent
Cy Engr: requesting
that the — taken by
him may not be counted
as furlough ordered
to be passed for the decision
of the Govt India.

Special Famine Leave

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from Mr Vincent Cy Engr
requesting that the —
taken by him may
not be counted as
Furlough ordered to be passed

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