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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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27th February 1882, No. 507 W.

General Establishment

Read the following paper:—

No. 96. No. 7 E.W.

MEMORANDUM—IRRIGATION.

THE undersigned desires to submit, for the consideration of Government, through the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, a memorandum in which Mr. G. T. Walch, whose substantive rank in the Department is that of Executive Engineer, Second Grade, has explained the disabilities under which he is placed as regards future claims to pension, owing to his having been appointed to the Department by the Government of Madras, in February 1866, and being therefore included in the class of officers who are, by exception to the ordinary rules, not allowed to count any furlough in their service for pension.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Walch is somewhat peculiarly circumstanced. He has had two years' furlough in sixteen years' service, and he returned therefrom in January 1877. He has had five years' work since his return and having, under the rule referred to, only fourteen years, out of the sixteen since his appointment, to his credit towards pension, he must serve eleven years more to make up the twenty-five years. He was nearly twenty-eight years of age when he was appointed, but prior to that time he had been for four years in the service of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company in this Presidency, and had acquired that local knowledge which is of so much importance, before joining the Department. In eleven years, from April next, he will be fifty-five years of age and will then be liable to be thrown out of employ. It will be seen therefore that Mr. Walch cannot take any more leave, even should health require it, and complete twenty-five years' service, before he attains the age of fifty-five.

3. It is hardly necessary to say that a Public Works officer cannot usually go on working continuously for sixteen years without change and rest, and it is tolerably certain that an officer who has devoted himself to his work as Mr. Walch has done must require at least a year's furlough within the next five or six years. Government are fully aware that Mr. Walch's first appointment in 1866 has been very fully justified by the good service he has rendered in positions of responsibility and importance. To him a large share of the credit for the successful development of irrigation in the Western Delta of the Godávari is due. He has, for the greater part of the last three years, had charge of the Godávari with, for part of the time, that of the First Circle, as Superintending Engineer, and he is now acting in that capacity during Colonel Hasted's employment on other duty. His furlough was well employed in extending his technical knowledge and obtaining information likely to be of value to the Department and to Government, and some of the information then collected has been made available to all by his "Notes on some of the Chief Navigable Rivers and Canals in

the United States and Canada—1877," which Government considered worthy of being printed for the use of the Department.

4. Whatever work has been assigned to Mr. Walch he has done thoroughly and done well. He is a Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and he is a gentleman who by professional and general qualifications is in all respects worthy to be placed in the foremost rank of the Uncovenanted Service. Of late years the claims with respect to pension of many branches of the public service have received favorable consideration by the Secretary of State, and the undersigned trusts therefore that Government will be willing to recommend that Mr. Walch should be specially exempted from the operation of a rule, the application of which was probably not intended to extend to officers of his class, to whom a reasonable amount of leave out of the tropics is essential to health, and to the preservation of their working powers.

CAMP, COWTRAM,
7th February 1882.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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THE Civil Pension Code, paragraph 92—"An officer belonging to any of the classes described in Schedule B—*except class III (2)*—counts furlough as service as follows":—

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| In 20 years ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 years. |
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Schedule B. "describes," amongst others, "'Stanley Engineers,' 'Cooper's Hill Engineers' 'and other Civil Engineers' appointed by the Secretary of State *before* 1*st November* 1873" as entitled to the furlough privileges, but its *Class III (2)* (the *excepted* of paragraph 92) is "other Civil Engineers appointed (1) by competent authority in India—(*a*) from the Civil Engineering Colleges in India, (*b*) others who are *not* of purely Asiatic descent." I was appointed by "competent authority in India" (the Governor of Madras in Council) and I am *not* of "Asiatic descent," therefore I cannot count any furlough towards pension. But Schedule B. goes on in paragraphs IV, V, VI and VII to grant the privileges as to furlough to certain officers of the Telegraph, Agricultural, Geological Survey, and Forest Departments "specially trained in Europe," and to five officers of the Indo-European Telegraph Department, specially named, who "have been admitted on special considerations to the benefit of this schedule." Is there any chance of my getting extended to me the furlough privileges?

The circumstances of my case are certainly exceptional, they are these: I was when appointed to the Government service (in February 1866) an Engineer of some experience both in Australia and India. I was at the time an *Executive* Engineer in charge of a Division in the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company—the value of this experience was recognised by my being promoted from the Second Assistant Grade straight to Fourth Executive Grade, and I believe that there can be little, if any, doubt that had I gone home (as I certainly would have done had I understood the regulations which I have since found place me under special disabilities) I *could have* got the *appointment to the Government service* from the *Secretary of State* and my passage out would then have been paid. An expense to the State saved by my appointment out here. It seems to me that the "exception" of paragraph 92 can never have been *intended* to apply to such a case as mine. The matter is of serious moment to me for unless I am allowed to count the three years' furlough in twenty-five years I can never if I have any more furlough even on sick certificate (I have had two years) put in before I am 55 years of age and have to go, the twenty-five years' service which entitle me to the second rate of pensions but will just miss it and only get on for between fifteen or sixteen years continuously without having to take at least one year's leave.

There is certainly no other man in the Department in the same case—the accident of mere place of appointment, an accident which, as I have above said, I believe arose from mere want of knowledge of the regulations, will as matters now stand undoubtedly result in my getting after retirement only half the pension which I would otherwise have got, and which men of admittedly less experience on first appointment who were appointed about the same time as myself or in the following year—the "Stanley Engineers,"—will get.

(Signed) GEORGE T. WALCH.

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THE above was not written as an official representation, but it states the case sufficiently clearly and may serve the purpose as well as a more formal document.

7th February 1882.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.



No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1882, No. 507 W.

ORDERED to be forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 508 W., dated 27th February 1882.)

(True Extract.)

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

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To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To G. T. Walch, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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# Govt. of (1882) Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

*To*

THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION,
&c., &c., &c.

*Dated February, 27th.*

*Issued*

*Recd.* *Encl.*

*G.O., 27th February 1882, No. 507 W.*

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 96-97.

*Mr. G. T. Walch, Officiating Superintending Engineer.—Ordered that the Government of India be addressed in regard to the disabilities under which—labors in connection with his furlough and pension.*

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

No. 508 W.

No. 98.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

SIR,—I am directed to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 507 W., dated 27th February 1882, embodying a memorandum from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, explaining the disabilities under which Mr. G. T. Walch, Officiating Superintending Engineer, First Circle, labors as regards future claims to pension, owing to his having been appointed to the Public Works Department by this Government in February 1866, and being therefore included in the class of officers who are, by exception to the ordinary rules, not allowed to count furlough towards service for pension.

2. I am to say that this Government consider that Mr. Walch is entitled to the utmost consideration by reason of excellent service and superior qualifications, and strongly recommend that an exception be made in his favor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th February 1882.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

*Dated February, 27th.*

*Issued*

*Read.* *Enc*

*27th February 1882, No. 598 W.*

FEBRUARY.
No. 98.

FORWARDING copy of Proceedings explaining the disabilities under which Mr. Walch, Officiating Superintending Engineer, labors as regards furlough and pension, and recommending his exemption from present rules.

No. 7-E.W. 171

Memorandum

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Irrigation

Encl 1

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[Signed] George. T. Walsh.

The above was not written as an official representation, but it states the case sufficiently clearly and may serve the purpose as well as a more formal document.

Wy. 7/2/82

For orders 5/0

Consider that Mr. Walsh is entitled to the award credited by Genera of Excellent service & superior qualifications & strongly recommend that an Exceptional Grade in his favor.

[signature]
21/2/82

The undersigned can fully endorse all that has been advanced by Colonel Scallon in favor of Mr Walsh's claim to Special Consideration this Gentleman is might have been better had the application taken the form of a regular memorial

A. Stanley
C.E.
18th Feby 1882

Rec'd 23.2

No. 507 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

*PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

UNDER date the 27th February 82

Read the following :-

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Memo

From the Ch. Engr for Ports H.S. No 78 W 27. Feby 1882

Ordered to be forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Govt. of India.

H. S. No 508 W dy 27th Febry 1882

To Members to the G. of I. P.W.D.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Rt. Hon. the Governor General in Council, the accompanying copy of the Pros. of this Govt. No 507 W dy 27 Feby 1882.

I am =

Ch. Engr for Ports
E. T. Walch Secy

dispd 9-3-82-

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Secretary to Govt
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# Govt. of {1882} Madras.

## PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 1-3-82

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G. O. 27 February 1882, No. 507 to 508 P

Nos. 96595

~~Mr. S. J. Walch offg. S.E~~
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~~Govt. of India~~ Explaining the disabilities under which Mr. Walch ~~the Petitioner~~ labours as regards furlough & pension and recommending his exemption from present rules.

Mr. S. J. Walch offg. S.E. ordered that the Govt of India be addressed in regard to the disabilities under which he labors in connection with his furlough & pension