

No 528

From,

Negapatnam
17th February 1871
Dispt 19-1871
C. H. Wilks Esq. re
Executive Engineer
Negapatnam Division

To,

Colonel J. P. Wasted R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.
This the Supp Engineer 6th Circle

Sir,

I have the honor to place before Government as briefly as I can the following statements and to ask for a favorable consideration of my humble request.

(1). In 1863 I obtained an appointment as Assistant Engineer on Rs 300 per month in the Madras Irrigation & Canal Company. I was promoted gradually till in 1869 I was made Executive Engineer on Rs 600. In 1871 the work was finished & I was put in charge as Resident Engineer for the upper part of the Canal. In 1874

I was promoted to 1st Class Executive Engineer with Rs. 800 per mensem. In 1882 the Canal was handed over to Government & I was taken on to P. W. D. Establishment as Temporary Engineer and placed in charge of the Canal Division. In 1883 I was transferred to Megapattam Division and now on account of the reduction I am thrown out of employment at very short notice.

(2). After a career of $23\frac{1}{2}$ years & without a break in my service it is hard to have to seek for a fresh appointment. I am aware that no claims can be made since Government only gave me the temporary appointment but I wish to show that my case is peculiarly hard.

(3). Having no pension I should have saved money had I not been refused one year's furlough pay, after I had taken the leave. This occurred through a misunderstanding between the Company's

Company's agents and the Government so that although the Consulting Engineer conceded that I was entitled to sick leave allowance I was never able to get more than 2 months' pay for the whole time although I was expressly ordered to go home by Doctor King.

Since then the high rate of exchange and dearness of living are too well known to require notice.

(4). Finally when the Company was handed over they refused to consider any of my claims. Government gave 12,000 Rs. as compensation for those who lost employment but the Company entirely refused to give me anything. The records will show that I do not exaggerate when I say that no officer in their staff was more useful in carrying out the works up to the end.

(5). I consider that the Company was bound to make up for me.

(1). The loss of Furlough money.
(2). The loss of six months pay which
by the agreement between us was
due to me for dismissing me without
notice.

(3). Passage money to England.

b) In accepting the appointment under
Government I did not think that I
was losing all claims to this money,
but, I was put off till the Company
ceased to exist & as Government had
given the compensation money it was
of no use applying to them.

7). During the Famine of 1876-77 the
work was unusually hard and the
expenses of travelling excessive in the
Canal District. Every officer employed
got some privilege either a year's
service to count for pension or leave
to England.

As a fact every one went home
when the Famine was over to recoup
themselves after the unusual strain.
I was the only one who remained

without

without recompense and when in 1879
I was ordered home on account of
ill health I did not even get sick
leave allowance.

(8) When I leave this I shall have
1/2 months privilege leave due to me.

(9). I respectfully pray that these
circumstances may be taken into consid-
eration & that as a special case
Government will do something for me
to enable me to look for employ-
ment in the Colonies or elsewhere.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most obedt servant

H. Wills

Executive Engineer
12/19/67. Negapatnam Division

Forwarded to the Chief
Engineer for disposal —

L. W. Macartney
Engr. in Charge VI Circle

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 No. 5287
 P.W.D. No. 1462
 From, The Executive Engineer
 Nagapattanam Dist.

To,
 The Secretary to Govt.
 P.W.D.
 through the Deputy Commr.

Dated 17th
 Despatch 19th
 Received 24th } February 1887
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 he desires to point out that under
 the terms on which his services
 were engaged, he, in connection with
 the temporary business, was
 liable to loss of appointment at
 any time with one month's notice

Done
 25/2/87

S. S. VI Circle

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 28 Febry. 1887

READ the following

Letter from Mr. A. Wilks (P.L. No 528 dated Febry. 17. 1887).

Endorsement thereon by the
Suptg Engineer VI Circle } (" 1916 J.f. dated " 21. ")

The Government
regret exceedingly that the
reductions of Establishments
rendered necessary by the
present financial position
obliges them to dispense
with Mr. Wilks' services, but
desire to point out that
under the terms on which
his services were engaged,
he, in common with all

Temporary Engineers, was
liable to loss of appointment
at any time with one month's
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