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To His Excellency The Right Honorable
Sir Henry Charles Keith Petty FitzMaurice
Marquess of Lansdowne G. C. M. G.
Viceroy & Governor General of India
The Memorial of Colonel H. M. Vibart R. E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Class
P. W. D. Madras.

The object of this Memorial is to
appeal against supersession, in
the Public Works Department as per
facts herein after set forth, & to
pray that in consideration of long
& approved service & of the position
in which your Memorialist is now
involuntarily placed that the
special leave for two years which
is now being offered to officers in
the Department Public Works, may be
extended to him.

Respectfully sheweth that your
Memorialist having been superseded
without, as he conceives, due and
sufficient cause in an appointment
hatch made by the Government of
Madras in the Public Works Department,

He wishes to bring to notice his services
with the view of rectifying what
he considers an act of injustice.

Colonel Hasted B. E. the Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Government having
applied for six months special leave,
Colonel Mead the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation was appointed to
act for him. - Mr. Mendenhall
the Senior Superintending Engineer
being about to leave the service,
your Memorialist the next Senior
Superintending Engineer naturally
supposed he would have been
appointed to act as Chief Engineer
for Irrigation & sent in a formal
application for the post. To his
great astonishment however

Mr. Welch a Civil Engineer, six
years junior to him in the
Department was appointed, & your
Memorialist thereby feels greatly
aggrieved as he is sure there is
nothing in his career to justify his
supercession. - Your Memorialist
thereupon applied for six months
special leave as he was indisposed to

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serve under his junior who was
moreover a Civil Engineer who
entered the Department so long as
six years after your Memorialist.

In order to show that your Memorialist
has considerable grounds for
discontent it will be necessary
for him to detail his services. By
this he will be able to show that he
has had considerable experience
in works of Irrigation as well as
in others of public utility -
and he thinks he may without
any fear call upon the Government
to show in the whole course of
his service any proper grounds
for his supercession by an Officer
who is six years his junior.

Your Memorialist entered the service
of the Honble East India Company
in December 1857 through the
College of Addiscombe, he then went
to Mathura & left for India shortly
before the close of 1859.
On arrival he was sent to the
Poimbatore District & placed under
the orders of the District Engineer to
learn the language &c. having passed

in the Tamil Language he was appointed
in 1861 to the Tinnevely District
where he was employed for eighteen
months on the principal irrigation
works of that District.

In 1863 he was transferred to the
Kistna District. - Here he remained
for five years working on the important
Irrigation works in the Western
Delta of that District.

During this period he paid several visits to
the other irrigation works of the
Kistna, as well as to those of the
Godavary. In 1868 your Memorialist
visited the
In 1866 while
on Privilege
leave your
Memorialist
visited the
large and
Barce Doab
Canals.

He went to England on furlough being
far from well owing to exposure
in the Kistna. While at home
in 1869 he visited Engineering Works
in Italy under the auspices of the
Government, he spent two months
on this tour, and during that time
he visited all the principal Italian
Irrigation Works in the North of Italy
as well as other important reclamation
works in Tuscany.

Returning to India the beginning
of 1871 he was again posted to the
Kistna where in addition to the

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ordinary work of a Division, he
prepared the completion plans and
estimates for the Western Delta
of that District, these plans &c
being of considerable magnitude.

In 1872 your Memorialist had a
return of the Malady from which he
had suffered in 1868 "Iritis" and the then
Chief Engineer (General G. W. Walker R.E.)
for this reason posted your Memorialist
to Bangalore. - Here your Memorialist
remained until 1878 during which
time he was employed on Military
Works including the water supply
scheme for the British Troops at that
Station.

Early in 1878 he was
transferred to Madras by order of
the then Governor, Duke of Buckingham
for special charge of the restoration
of "Tirumal Naikes Palace".
After remaining there some few
months & bringing matters into
proper working order he went to
his permanent post as District
Engineer of Trichinopoly which District
contains a number of Irrigation Works
of importance. - After nine months
in this District, he was directed to
proceed to Madras to act as Under Secretary

to Government in the Irrigation Department, but only held that office for three months as owing to the illness of the late Major Herbert Wood R.E., your Memorialist was appointed acting Superintending Engineer of the Circle including Madras, Chingleput, North & South Arcot and the Buckingham Canal. During the short time he was Under Secretary, he collected a great deal of information required for the purpose of drawing up financial papers regarding the Irrigation works in the Godavari, Krishna, Tanjore, Nellore, & Minicilly districts. These papers had been called for by the Government of India. Your Memorialist remained for a year in charge of the important Irrigation works in North & South Arcot & Chingleput. During this period he made a careful examination of the Buckingham Canal (by order of the Government) & sent in a full report. In 1880 your Memorialist was appointed Superintendent of Works in charge of Madras & Bangalore, & this appointment he retained till his recent

name in 1881. ¹⁸⁵⁷ During this time he corresponded direct with the Chief Engineer, and in fact for nearly ten years he has practically held the post of a Superintending Engineer. Your Memorialist returned from England in January 1884 and was at once appointed to be Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Circle, comprising the Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool & Cuddapah Districts, a very extensive charge including the important Kurnool Canal (which is nearly 200 miles in length) as well as other Irrigation works. In May 1887 your Memorialist was transferred to the charge of the 5th Circle which includes Madras, Bangalore, as well as the Irrigation Districts of Chingleput, North & South Arcot. This appointment your Memorialist held till October 1888 when what he considers his unexcited supersession by a junior officer induced him to apply for six months Special Leave. W Your Memorialist desires to add (with the view of showing that his supersession could not have been caused

by way of application) that while at
Bangalore he employed himself
in addition to his work as
Executive Engineer in writing a
Military History of the Madras
Engineers and Buffers, which was
published in 2 Volumes by Messrs
Allen & Co. in 1882/83, when your
Memorialist was on furlough.

Your Memorialist prays that he may
be granted Special Leave for
two years, and as under present
circumstances, he will be obliged to
leave for India early in April,
he respectfully requests that early
and favourable orders may be
passed on the Memorial, so that
your Memorialist may receive
them before he leaves this country.

Your Memorialist begs to add in
conclusion, that the leave he now
asks for is practically only an
addition of six months, because a few
months after his return to India, he
will be entitled to one year's
furlough, - and six months special
leave has already been granted.

25th January 1889

Henry Vibart
Superintendent Engineer 1st Class
P.W. Dept. Madras

London
25th January 1889

From
Colonel Henry Vibart R.E.
Superintendent Engineer 1st Class
P.W. Dept. Madras.

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

+ 3 copies
are enclosed.

Sir, I have the honour herewith to
submit a Memorial to His Excellency
The Marquis of Lansdowne Viceroy
of India which I request may be
forwarded as early as possible for
favourable consideration -
Should the Government of India
not feel themselves in a position to
grant my request for the leave
applied for, I respectfully
request that my Memorial
may be forwarded with a favourable
recommendation for the orders of
the Right Hon^{ble} the Secretary
of State for India.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Henry Vibart Col R.E.
Super 1st Class

No. 2841 W. of 22-10-87

" 834 W. of 13-3-88

" 3322 W. of 19-10-88

" 6912 W. of 19-9-88

" 3680 C. of 29-9-88

" 3673 C. of 24-9-88

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Reg 13/2/89

Encl (in duplicate)

I would simply forward Col. Vibart's memorials, saying that we do not see any reason for recommending the grant of special or extraordinary leave to him.

I think it would be laborious to raise the general question or make the proposed suggestion in this note. We could not stipulate, nor would we obtain, that the promotion should go in the Madras P.W.S. & that the places of the men taking this leave should be filled by young men only from Bengal.

With such a stipulation the necessary grant of the leave would not be 7500. 97 x and Endowment of 1941 G. which was communicated to information about the terms in which the leave was granted.

In G.O. No 834 W. of dated 18-11-88 Govt decided to entertain Col. D. Brockman's application for Special leave

To H. H.

With the order

Col. Vibart's Sub: Encl was in 6 months Special leave in his letter dated 25-11-89 submitted - Memorial to the Viceroy requesting that the leave be granted 2 years Special leave with further orders that the Govt of India not grant the leave that was granted to the Viceroy forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The Madras Govt then in their order No 3322 dated 19-11-88 declined to entertain in favour of the Govt of India Col. Vibart's application for one or even 2 years Special leave.

There are no orders authorizing the Govt to grant or even to recommend Special leave being granted at the same time the Govt of India have granted Special leave to many of their officers (see Classified List of the Govt of India page 114)

With them nothing to
show us on what grounds
this should have been
granted to them
Officers are members of
the unit and that it is
possible for the head
of the department
to recommend
a decision to recommend
the should have asked
for

If should have been granted
it with the authority to
us to apply to the
services of some officer
to take the Veterans place
but I consider it is not
advisable for an officer
strange to the head of the
unit to take the responsible
position of Sub: Q in
this Presidency and
therefore a junior officer
should be asked for

With regard to this
should have been an
other officer of the R.E.
who probably would be
glad to take it. Some
of these officers want to
serve in some years
to entitle them to
increased pension.

which suggestion in Northern
India as that is no doubt
felt most in the higher ranks
we should then in all pro-
bability merely exchange
the unbecoming men known for
worse ones whom we know
not, & foster discontent amongst
our own officers.

Of course in forwarding Mr.
Vibart's memorial documents
need be made about his dispo-
sition. India will, or ought
to, assume that there were
valid grounds for it.

WLS
14 Feb

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This is the rub

The pension rules of the
R old officers who belonged
to the East-Indian
Company give increased
pensions to longer service
and this being the case
so most officers are
induced to serve longer
than they would if the
pensions did not increase
they will in most of them
they to serve 20, 32
35 to 38 years and
in some cases to them
and 5 years as Regimental
Lieut so as to entitle
them to the extra commutation
given under the Warrant
of (see para 300 of the
Regul Warrant of 1807)
There is no doubt but
that if some of these
officers were given Special
leave sufficient to complete
some of the other periods of
service. Then in the circumstances
that they would retire at
the end of it, it would
be a good thing for
the Dept provided the
promotion was given in
the due list and
these officers killed by
younger men.
I would suggest that

forwarding let Viceroy
recommend the Gov of
India might be asked
to allow Special leave
being given to some of
the senior men in the
understanding that on
their retirement the
positions to give in the
Madrass list and that
these places under the
rule to be taken by young
officers either sent to
the Presidency or placed
at the bottom of the senior
list.

With regard to let Viceroy
recommend the status
plainly that he wishes to
this leave because he has
been superseded and does
not wish to serve under
a junior officer. I can
see that this is very good
for him by giving Special
leave. The Gov has been
not chosen him to be
head of a C.O. and he
has no ground of complaint
because this is the case.
The Gov can willingly be
comparing him in his present
post of Sub. & Congress but

This we cannot speculate for
I would not get. We should
have senior officers sent
us from Bengal. Better keep
those we have got.

They have done it to relieve
congestion, but the same
reason does not hold here
I believe. The only ground for
expanding the ground to this
Madrass list would be that
we might absorb Bengal
men.

at the same I am in
objection to Special leave
being granted to him
if in the same manner
in a similar position
shd the Gov of India
allow it and I think
the Gov of India might
be asked in what conditions?
They have granted Special
leave to these officers
and if they can willing
to give similar concessions
to the officers in the
Madrass list. Officers
both military & civil
then many to some civil
officers who would be
glad to take it and whom
senior in the Madras list
would be glad to displace
with.

I may add that the
Special leave granted
is 1000 did not
count against service
but full pay was given

13/2/09

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

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from orders
Letter from Col. H. M. Vileart - R. S. Suply Engr. dated
London 25 June 1889.

Col. H. M. Vileart R. S. *To be*
despatched by mail
of 20/2/89

Ordered to be
forwarded to the
Govt of India.

H. M. Vileart
To be sent to the Govt of India
Sir,

I am directed to
forward a memorial
addressed to H. E. the
Viceroy by Colonel
H. M. Vileart R. S.,
Suply Engr. 1st Class,
Madras P. W. Dept.,
and to state that
this

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This Govt. do not see
any reason to recommend
the grant of special or
extraordinary leave to
Messrs. [illegible]

M. H.
15/2/89

Despatched with
memorial in
duplicate
16/2/89

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