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RICHARD PARSONS.

History of Services.

Appointment.	Pay.	Date.
1st Accountant, P. W. Secretariat ...	60	19th April 1870.
Indexer	130	11th May 1870.
3rd Assistant to Secretary, P. W. D. ...	250	1st July 1870.
2nd do. do.	300	1st August 1871.
1st do. do., Acting...	600	12th August 1874.
2nd do. do., Permanent...	300 350	7th September 1874. 1st April 1875.
1st do. do., Acting...	460	6th January 1876. 18th December 1877, accorded the status of a "Gazetted" officer by notification in the Fort St. George Gazette.
1st do. do., Permanent...	550 600	18th December 1877. 1st December 1880.
1st Assistant to Chief Secretary, Sub-*pro tem*	600	23rd June 1885.
Marriage Registrar for the town of Madras	*50	16th February 1886. * Local allowance. ——September 1889. Resigned.
1st Assistant to Secretary to Government, P. W. D., Permanent...	600	25th June 1887.

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RICHARD PARSONS.

Remarks as to Character, &c.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
28th April 1871 ...	Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E., Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	Although Mr. R. Parsons joined the office of the Public Works Secretariat at a comparatively recent date, I have had sufficient opportunity of forming an opinion of his capacity and fitness, and I believe that he will prove a useful and valuable public servant.
15th April 1872 ...	Colonel J. Carpendale, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	Mr. Richard Parsons, second Assistant in the P.W.D. is of short experience in a public office but he has taken kindly to it and appears to have natural aptitude for the work. He is a respectable young man of good education, very willing and attentive and I have been quite satisfied with him.
14th August 1875 ...	Major J. O. Hasted, R.E., Offg. Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I have formed a very favorable opinion of Mr. R. Parsons. He conducts the work of the office with much ability and is, I think, a valuable assistant.
31st January 1877 ...	Major-General G. W. Walker, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	Mr. R. Parsons has practically taken the leading part in the work of the P. W. Secretariat office ever since Mr. D'Vas's death in August 1874; and his efficiency in the management of its duties has been remarkable. I desire to record my entire satisfaction; and to recommend that he be confirmed in his present post to which Mr. Cardoza has given up all claim, when Mr. Cardoza's leave expires in January 1878.
31st January 1877 ...	Major-General G. W. Walker, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	(Extract from a memorandum recorded by General Walker). * * * * Mr. R. Parsons will accept for himself, and express to the members of the office generally, the Secretary's satisfaction with the manner in which its business is transacted.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
9th June 1879 ...	Major-General E. A. Foord, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D. (Retired.)	Before giving over charge of the office I filled up the remarks column of the Service Register of most of the clerks, and then found that I had been doing that which was quite unnecessary, as, by recent orders of Government, the signature only of the officer giving over charge is required. If I did not record my opinion of the way in which you did your work, that was the reason. During the time I was Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, I had every reason to be satisfied with your ability, zeal, and industry, and was much obliged to you for the assistance you gave me. * * * * If any changes are made in the organization of the office, I hope you may benefit by them.
29th June 1881, G. O. 1615, W.	Madras Government ...	The Manual of Instructions for the conduct of business in the Public Works Secretariat will be printed for information and guidance. 2. Copies also will be supplied to other Departments of the Secretariat for information. 3. The care and ability shewn by Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant, Public Works Secretariat, in the compilation of this useful Manual merit the approval of Government.
Administration Report for 1881-82.	Madras Government ...	"Manual—A complete Secretariat Manual for the Department was issued in the course of the year, and its compilation by Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant in the Public Works Secretariat, elicited the approval of Government."
September 1883...	The Hon'ble Major-General R. H. Sankey, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	It affords me much pleasure to endorse the above favorable opinions of Mr. Parsons' entire fitness for the very responsible post which he held. I consider him a most valuable and trustworthy servant of Government.
September 1883...	The Hon'ble Major-General R. H. Sankey, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I cannot quit my present appointment without expressing to you the very great satisfaction I have had in the painstaking, conscientious and intelligent manner in which you have conducted you duties as chief assistant. I can safely say that I have never owing to your thorough business habits, had the slightest anxiety regarding the prompt disposal of all references, and in fact I have never been connected with an office so thoroughly well managed. In wishing you good bye with much regret you must allow me to leave with you the accompaning small token of my personal esteem.

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Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
26th June 1885 ...	The Hon'ble Colonel J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	In accordance with what I believe is the rule on the subject I have signed my name in your Service Register on the occasion of your transfer to the substantive *pro tem* post of Chief Assistant in the Chief Secretary's office. I trust the change may prove to be to your ultimate advantage, although I believe it brings no immediate increase of salary. The P. W. D. is, however losing the benefit of your services, and I take the opportunity to let you know how much I personally regret the loss. During the past 20 months your services in the important post you held have been of very great assistance to me, and it gives me much pleasure to endorse cordially the opinions I find recorded by my two immediate predecessors, each of whom had longer opportunity to judge of your qualifications than I have had.
8th September 1886	The Hon'ble Colonel J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I have great pleasure in endorsing the opinion of Mr. Parsons' fitness for his post, which General Sankey placed on record three years ago. During the last year and a half, Mr. Parsons has been officiating in the Public Department, where the duties are perhaps even heavier and more responsible than those which he discharged in the Public Works Department with so much credit to himself. Whether or not he returns to his former post, I have no doubt that he will succeed in giving satisfaction to any officer under whom he may be placed.
4th July 1887 ...	The Hon. Mr. H. E. Stokes, C.S., Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.	I have great pleasure in recording that I have derived much assistance from Mr. Parsons during the time we have been working together in the Chief Secretariat. I have always found him punctual, careful and conscientious, and quite fit for the post he held.
22nd March 1889 ...	Col. H. R. Mead, R.E., Ag. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	I have known Mr. Parsons for some time, and although he has served with me only a short time I can with pleasure record that I have the same high opinion of him that my predecessors have expressed.

Date.	By whom.	Remarks.
28th July 1890 ..	Lt.-Col. R. K. E. Drake-Brockman, R.E., Ag. Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.	During the period of sixteen months during which I have held charge of th General Branch of the Secretariat, Mr Parsons only worked under me for fiv months, extending from April 1889 t August 1889, and I have much pleasur in confirming all the good opinions expressed by my predecessors in office as to th manner in which he carried out his duties as Chief Assistant.
4th July 1891 ..	Lt.-Col. A. C. Smith, R.E., Ag. Jt. Secretary to Government, P. W. D.	Although I have held office for only 8 months in the Secretariat I cannot leave without recording how heartily I endorse all the high opinions of Mr. Parsons expressed by my predecessors and my thanks for his valuable assistance.

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To

His Excellency the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The humble petition of Richard
Parsons, Chief Assistant to the
Secretary to Govt. P. W. Department

Respectfully sheweth;

That your petitioner has been a Chief Assistant in the Madras Secretariat since January 1876, a period of 17 years, and that he has had no increase of pay since 1880.

That his services have been appreciated and approved well, it is submitted; be evident from the attached "history of services" and remarks recorded by the officers under whom he has served.

That your petitioner has long attained the highest position open to him in his present office, and that he is barred, owing to his not being a "native of India" under the statute, from promotion in other branches of the Public service.

That

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That a former Chief Secretary under whom he was serving offered to bring his name forward for the appointment of Inspector General of Registration, but was compelled to abandon the intention on the facts as to nationality being explained to him.

It will thus be seen that your petitioner, however much he may distinguish himself, labours under serious disabilities in regard to promotion, and that he has, for many years past, had nothing to look forward to in this respect. Under these circumstances your petitioner would respectfully crave that he may receive some recognition in the only manner which seems open - viz - by means of personal allowance or increment of salary.

That the principle of increments in cases like that of your petitioners was expressly recommended by the late Finance Committee and has been accepted by Government.

Your petitioner believes that it is proposed to place his appointment among others in the new Provincial scale - Should this proposal be sanctioned

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-tioned the advantage to your petitioner, personally, will be small - if anything: There will be no increase of pay, and as regards improved status, your petitioner so far back as 1877 had conferred on him the status of a "Gazetted" officer - vide p. 832 Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette of the 18th December 1877.

Your petitioner ventures to hope that, whether looking to the length of his service without promotion, or to the character of those services, his case may be regarded as one having special claims to recognition. In this connection it may perhaps be excusable to mention.

(1) in 1881 your petitioner drew up a "Manual" for the conduct of business in the Secretariat and that the Government were pleased to place on record their appreciation of the work, and to direct that it should be adopted for guidance. This "Manual" is still the guide in the P. W. Secretariat.

(2) that in 1885 an officer on whose integrity and ability reliance could be placed was required to fill the post of Chief Assistant to the Chief Secretary

Secretary

Secretary for a period of 2 years, and that your petetioner was specially selected for the appointment. Notwithstanding that the transfer from his present office brought extra work and responsibility without increase of pay, your petetioner cheerfully obeyed the call and held the appointment for the required period. On relinquishing it in July 1887, the then Chief Secretary, now the Honorable Sir Henry Stokes K.C.S.I, was pleased to express his approval of the manner in which the duties of the office had been discharged by your petetioner.

For the reasons above set forth, your petetioner begs that his prayer for a personal allowance or an increment of salary may be favourably entertained, and your petetioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

R. Parsons
Chief Assistant
P.W. Secretariat

Madras
7th January 1893

Ex.
In P.W. C. No. 1055/93

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To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.

Sir,

I beg that you will be so good as to place the accompanying petetion before His Excellency the Governor in Council and will be very thankful if you can see your way to supporting the prayer of the petetion.

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

R. Parsons
Chief Assistant
P. W. Secretariat.

Madras
27th January 1893

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Yes - but
He only touched
the 600 for 4 weeks & then reverted
He only got to the 600 stage in 1880.

READ the following:—

Letter from Mr R. Parsons Chief Assistt P.W. Sectt with petition asking for increase of pay.

It seems that Mr Parsons got promoted from 60 R to 600 R ~~[illegible]~~ in 4 years. He has 23 years service & has drawn 600 R a month for 19 years out of that — he might have been 19 years in reaching the higher rate & yet had no reason to grumble. He is doubtless an excellent officer but there are plenty of others with much longer service.

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FOR ORDERS.

Mr Parsons is a very good man and I should be glad to support his application if I thought there were sufficient grounds to do so, but I do not. His service is only 23 years during which he has risen from Rs 60 to Rs 600 so that he has been rather fortunate and even if it be conceded that a man's pay ought to be raised on personal grounds irrespective of the work he is doing for long service, his case would be a weak one. I think Rs 600 pay is quite sufficient for the post he holds; and I am quite sure that a representation in his favour to the Govt of India & the Secy of State, which would be necessary, would have no chance of success.

I do not know Mr Parsons - but I agree with my hon. colleagues. W 15 Feb

[illegible] 5th Feb.

It is supposed that [illegible] them to be circd, but before circulating them it seems right to inform them that Mr Parsons' total service is nearly 23 years & that nearly 19 years ago he was drawing Rs 600 a month.
Frw 6/2/93

I hope it may be found possible to grant Mr Parsons a personal allowance of Rs 100 a month in consideration of his length of service & the good work he has done during it.

All the departments of the Secretariat form one office for purposes of promotion & Mr Parsons is next the senior of the Chief Assistants; the others draw Rs 600 a month except the Chf Assist in the Military Dept where the office is small

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The Hon. Members [illegible] direction, as usual, in regard to their [illegible]. My views are not altered. 4/2/93 16 W, 7 Feb

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Public Works Department.

Order No. 478 W/dated 23rd February 1893

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from Mr. R. Parsons, Chief Assistant, P.W. Secretariat, dated 27th January 1893.

Mr. Parsons will be informed that his request cannot be complied with.

Ms 17 Feb.

MB 17.2.93

J.G. 17/2/93

To

R. Parsons Esqre Dd 23/2/93

G.O. No 476 W dated 23/7/6