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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 25th July 1893, No. 1039 G.D.
Endorsement by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 5th Aug. 1893, No. 43 E.W.
From the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 17th July 1893, No. 1003 K.S.
" " " " " 29th " " 1105 K.S.
" " " " " 30th Aug. 1893 " 1321 K.S.
" " " V Circle " 3rd July 1893 " 232 W.
" " " " " 25th July 1893 " 262 W.
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From the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 29th Aug. 1893, No. 46 E.W.
From the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, dated 14th July 1893, No. 982 G.D.
From the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 27th July 1893, No. 188.

Order—dated 5th February 1894, No. 311 W., Public Works.

The petitioners will be informed that it has been finally decided to give effect to the transfers from "Establishment" to "Works" ordered in G.O., No. 840 W., dated 28th March 1893, and that those who may be entitled to compensation gratuities or pensions will receive the amounts due on their final retirement hereafter from the service of Government. No claims will be admitted in the case of those who voluntarily resign their appointments before they would, under ordinary rules, be entitled to retire.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Pension Department.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Govt. of {1894} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 5th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 5th Feb. 1894, No. 311 W.

FEBRUARY.

Establishment

Orders on petitions from lascars and others transferred from "Establishment" to "Works."

GRAND ANICUT.
TANJORE DISTRICT,
24th June 1893.

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 JUN 93
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To,

His Excellency
The Governor in-Council,
MADRAS.

The humble memorial of the LASCARS *employed in the several Anicuts of the Cawvery and Vennar Regulators who have been served with a notice No. 1470 of 17-4-93 by the Executive Engineer of Tanjore, dispensing with their services after three months from the date thereof, praying that they may be allowed to continue in service as heretobefore*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

1. WE the undersigned are Lascars employed in the several Anicuts connected with the Vennar and Cawvery Regulators. We were employed prior to 1886 and as such entitled to Government pension on the completion of a service of 30 years.

2. The Executive Engineer of Tanjore served us with a notice No. 1470 dated 17th April 93 informing us that after three months from the date of the receipt of that notice, our services would be dispensed with, owing to the abolition of our offices, and such of us as are entitled to any gratuity should submit our application for the sanction of the Government on the 2nd May 1893 we were served with an order No. 105 informing us that after that date our services would be considered temporary and that our wages would be paid out of the estimate charges.

3. We beg to submit that from the notice and the order referred to in para 2 of this memorial, it clearly appears that it is not the intention of Government to do away with our offices or services but to convert our pensionable service into non-pensionable one and deprive poor people of their pittance in their old age when they would be unfit for any active service to earn their bread. Against this proposal of Government we the memorialists most humbly beg to appeal to Your Excellency for the following among other grounds.

4 (*a*). Your Excellency's memorialists are persons whose services under Government range from 7 to 18 years. The best and active period of their lives is nearly over. They cannot now get into pensionable other public service being over aged nor can they hope to serve for that period to earn their pension as before the completion of the required service they shall become too old to be retained in public service.

(*b*) It is with a hope of getting a pension small as it may be most of us seek public service. Otherwise, we should have sought some other more lucrative employments and laid by some thing against our old age. Now we are deprived of that advantage also.

(c) Having become old and used to one sort of work for a long time we are not now in a position to learn any other profession more advantageous to us.

5. In addition to this we beg to submit to Your Excellency's mercy that it is the hope of getting pension that persuades us to undertake the perilous service of working in the Anicuts both night and day indifferently during the high floods. To deprive us at this stage of our lives of our pensions we beg to submit will be the most unkindest and merciless act which the Government can do to poor people dependant upon it for their livelihood.

Taking these circumstances into consideration and the cost of living which increases day by day owing to the failiure of timely rains we Your Excellency's humble memorialists beseech Your Excellency in Council to cancel the said order and allow us to continue in service as before.

For which act of kindness and mercy we will ever pray.

We Your Excellency's humble servants,
Beg to remain,

Kachamangalam Anicut.

SIGNED Thoppulan.
" Chockalingam.
" Ramasawmy Naicken.
" Arumugam.
" Ramasawmy.

Vettar.

" Alagaperumal.
" Muthoo.
" Periyannan.
" Angaiyan.
" Pooman.
" Mookkan.
" Aiyamperumal.
" Nagan.

Kodamurutty.

" Kathan.
" Venkataramien.
" Periyannan.
" Rengan.
" Sellan.
" Sawmy.

Vaduvakudy.

" Muthoo.
" Sawminatha Makkondan.

Upper Anicut or Akanda Cawvery.

" Adaikalam.
" Periyan
" Ramasawmy.
" Ramiyen.

Grand Anicut.

SIGNED Govindasamy Row.
" Doreisawmy Asary.
" Sellamuthu.
" Sevuttiyan.
" Lazar.
" Virasawmy.
" Mamundy.
" Kannan.
" Narayanasawmy Naidu.
" Hibram
" Venkatachellam.
" Raman.
" Sandappan.
" Vedtham.
" Sathasivam.
" Saminatha Mooppan.
" Maruthamuthu.
" Ramasamy.
" Krishnan.
" Anthony.
" Saminatha Piliay.
" Periyannan.
" Himam.
" K. Periyannan.

P. W. CURRENT 6020

Dgto: 6.7.93

SIGNED

SIGNED

Pend 30-6

Pend 1-6

Returned to the Petitioner for
Submission through proper Channel

Asst. Engr. for Irrigation
8th June 93

Asst. Chief Engr. for Irrigation

Recd 3.2.93

To

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation
Madras

Petition from Shaik Rajasahib
Delta Coolie, Narsapur canal
Godavery Western Division

Most honored Sir-

Ref Ex. Engrs No 21D. 23.4.93.
Giving me 3 months notice that I
will be made a temporary hand
from 15th July 1893 onward as my
Service is below 20 years: Please
kindly excuse me to send this direct.
Referring to the above, I most
respectfully beg to assign the
following reasons and I me justice
When Mr. Rundall was a range
officer in this Division his honour
was pleased to appoint me as
as store gumasta on Rs. 10 from
1872 to 1874. I had afterwards
submitted my application to
Mr. Walch the then Range
officer requesting to favour me
with a lock Supts post.

His honor has pleased to appoint me as a lock lascar and informed that I would be appointed as a lock supt on the occurance of a vacancy. Since that time I have been in the Department with about 18 years solid and pensionable service making me eligible for ⅓ pension. Some-time afterwards I represented my grievances to Captain A. R. H. Forward Ex. Engineer who had pleased to appoint me as a delta lascar. When Mr. Denison was Ex. Engineer Western Division I had submitted an application to him through Mr. S. H. Youngette then Sub Division officer. Upon which I was informed that my name would be registered as an applicant for lock supts post and that I would be appointed so as opportunity occurs. Some time afterwards when Mr. J. E. Paul was in charge of the Division I had to redress my grievances to him bringing forward my claims his honor was pleased to appoint as an asst. lock supt at jindagandy lock. Before I was confirmed in it, it is my bad luck that he was transfered to Godavery Eastern Division. Consequently I had to revert to my former post (Delta lascar) junior lascars with less knowledge in reading & writing who had the pleasure to visit the Ex. Engineer had favoured in being appointed to Lock Supts post. Whereas I had to engage in irrigation duties afar from the Head quarters of the Ex Engineer, had scarcely time enough to visit the officers thereby to win the favour of the officers. Consequently I had to become a victim to the injustice ×

Since temporary gumastas are

× I also beg to bring to your honors kind notice that the lascars with 5 or 6 years service and some

being appointed as lock keepers by the officers not considering my seniority and merits which the other men already have I intended to lay out those facts before the Chief Engineer but I was not bold enough to do so for fear that I would not be justified as the appointments of the menial servants do rest with Ex Engineers. The notice lately given by the Ex. Engineer gives me much injustice instead of my being compensated for the meritorious services I have been rendering, offering my blood and flesh to Government duty for the less pay with prospects that my toils would be compensated by conferring upon me with a lock keepers post in shape of promotion.

With a view of that the services of each and every person under the designations of a Lascar would be reckoned to pension, several people have taken up Lascars posts under different sections. Now the general order giving pension to those Lascars only employed on offices establishment is hard to other Lascars the services of lock keepers and Lascars under office establishment, who were lock Lascars previous to the day of the three months order are reckoned for pension whereas those of the Delta Lascars &c who are only employed in the Irrigation duties bearing the scorching sun during the whole of day and the due that falls during

night are of no avail.
The Government orders of
1876 are current to the effect
that the educated Mohammadans
are to be adequately compensated
by giving suitable appointments
and the claims of the Hindus
are to be considered next.
I therefore beg to state that
there is no officer who sees to
this and find my
educational qualifications
no which are as follows
I can read and write Telugu
pretty well. I know a little
English and Hindustani
I can discharge Irrigation
duties pretty satisfactorily.
and have possessed a good
knowledge in earth work.
I am a Mohammadan
by caste

My services will not be
reckoned for pension and
after 1st July 1893 and I will
not be eligible to seek any
permanant post in any
department after this
said date. Consequently
I humbly beg that your honor
will be so gracious as to
peruse copies of the testimonials
and direct the Ex Engineer
to favour me with a lock
swift foot!
for which act of kindness
I shall as in duty bound
for ever pray.
I humbly beg to remain
most honored Sir
your most obedient servant

Ghaikh Raja Yakala

28-5-73.

28 JUL 95
FOR IRRIGATION

The Delta Lascar Shiek Raja has served under me for the period of 5 years. His management on Irrigation is very satisfactory, also he is a good Superintendent on Earth work. He was already recomended to the D.C. Officer for his promotion of Lock Supt. post, as he can write Telugu well and can be called a good vernacular clerk.

25 September 1885
Madras.

(Signed)
K. Subbaraidu
Delta Supt

Shaik Raja Saheb

(True Copy)

The bearer Sheik Raja has served under me both as a Delta Lascar and acting Lock Supt for some time. I have always found him to be honest and zealous in his work. He is quite capable to discharge the duties of a Lock Supt. efficiently

Gendigandy
12th April 1887

(Signed)
D. Venkatachelam
Delta Supt.

Shaik Raja Saheb

(True copy)

Shaik Raja is the best Delta bascar in the Division. He will make a very good lock supt and do as much as a delta supt does in point of irrigation and Earth work.

(Signed) M. Ranga Charlu
Delta Supt.
6/3/93

(True Copy) Shaik Raja Sahab

No 652.

(Sd) J. Strode Wilson
Great Engineer

E.S. Office
7 febraury 1887

Thro the overseer Peravali section

(Sd) Illegible
13/2/87

Shaik Raja Sahabee

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(Sd) W
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Received in the E. in Chief Govt
Western Circle Rajahmundry
P.A. Srinivasachariyar
4/3/93

Forwarded to the Supt for disposal
P.A. Srinivasachariyar
6/3/93

Respectfully Submitted to E.S. Do with the petitioner's request as already addressed by the petitioner to the Chief Engineer. It is a fact that the recent order about the pensions of lascars has caused great discouragement to those who have nearly completed 20 years service. In the present case the man entered Govt Service in 1875 and has completed 18 years service. I hope it will be pended that he may be pensioned with a pension of Rs 3 per mensem appt before 15th July. He was several times recommended for a lock Supt post.

2/3/93 M. Ranga Charlu

No. 1039 G. D.

Submitted to
Chief Engineer for Irri-
-gation

S. D. Wyld
Supg. Engr. 1st Circle

25-7-93
recd 26/7

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6549/93

FROM

G. D. Wybrow Esq.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO,

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
for Irrigation
~~PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.~~

MADRAS.

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION
28 JUL 93
Received

DATED 25th
DESPATCHED 25th } July 1893.
RECEIVED

No. 1039 G. D.

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Petition from Shaik Rajah Saheb Delta Lascar requesting orders to keep him on the permanent Establishment & to favour him with a Lock Superintendent's chit— submitting the—

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P. W. CURRENT No. 6949

Encl 52
Rec: 9. 8. 93

No. 840 W of 28-3-93
" 1303 W - 15-5-93

No. 443 Rdd

Transferred to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. in continuation of Endorsement No 188 dated 27th July 1893.

Rnd Baha Venkatasamy
Sub Collr
Chief Engineer for Irrigation
Colaramund
5th August 1893

H.S. 213
13/7.8.93

6411

D.W

Submitted in continuation of petition from lessees in the Tanjore division (Cumbum Nos 6020 & 6061) for remission of rents for the 8th Inst.

If the Tanjore petition has not yet been disposed of, this one might be sent to the H.M. for orders in continuation. Otherwise, the order on the Tanjore case will be applicable to the present petition. Other similar petitions will no doubt follow.

D.W.

The papers have returned this day from H.M. who has directed that

11th

that the petitions must
await the reference
to India (probably linked
file.

24/7

D.W

The letter to India
has been despatched from
here this day. The papers will
now be sent to Madras for
printing & issue of the order.

Madras office will be asked
to return the orig com to await
India's reply.

28/7.

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Through

The Executive Engineer
Eastern Division Kistna.

and Superintending Engineer
II Circle.

The humble representation of the Lock, Delta and Tappal lascars of the Eastern Division Kistna.

Most humbly showeth,

1. That we are in due receipt of the notices served on us with reference to G. O. No. $\frac{840}{28-3-03}$ W which have taken us by surprise.

2. That it is plain to your mercy that we have spent our prime of life in this Department with the firm belief that, like others serving in other Departments, we get pension for our old age, but after all disappointed.

3. That we submit that the introduction of Government of India Code cannot alter existing arrangements and that it can only be made applicable in respect of persons entertained subsequent to its introduction.

4. That the exemption from the operation of this order in the case of persons of 20 years service and upwards has only done good to a limited extent which is not more than 20 in number, leaving a great number of us to be thus condemned.

5. That we earnestly pray that the concession shown in the case of Lock and Delta Superintendents may also be shown in our case as we are in the same establishment and on the same footing and that invidious distinctions may not be made as at present.

6. That our duties are such that we should work in the hot sun and wet weather, both days and nights, is a point which the generous Government should consider in the matter of granting pensions. In this connection we also beg to bring to your favourable notice that the Tappal peons in the Postal Department get service, and Revenue Inspectors' and other officers' peons in analogous position in other Departments get service, while we who do more onerous duties than the above mentioned, in regard to irrigation which forms the basis of Revenue, should not get is much to be regretted.

7. That, since orders have been issued directing that we shou'd not possess lands &c, in the Delta, most of us were obliged to disown them trusting that the pension we hoped to get will serve our purpose in the end, but alas, we are undone.

8. That the gratuity, which some of us will be entitled to, is so small that for a hard earned service of 20 years only 6 months salary is given which cannot serve any good purpose for our old age and further we are afraid that our future course will be fraught with many evils as the officers and subordinates under whom we may be serving will slight our present position and shake our foundations in the absence of service.

Lastly, we most humbly and submissively beg that we may be restored to our pensionable service to which we were first enlisted, by addressing the Government on the subject to protect us and our poor families, for which act of kindness and charity we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

We beg to remain sir,
Your most obedient and humble servants.

5-7-03

P. Venkataswamy

A. Elisha

A. Venkamma

Adapa Venkayya

No. 1003 Rs
17-7-93

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer P.W.D. with reference to G.O. No. 840 W. d/ 28. 3. 1893.

2. Lists of men who are affected by the G.O. will be submitted shortly with the necessary proposals for gratuities &c.

J.W. Martin
Superintending Engineer,
Circle.

16. 7. 93.

P. W. DEPARTMENT No. 6411

No 840 W dt 25-3-93

From

The Supdt Engineer
& Circle

From,

The Superintending Engineer,

II Circle.

To,

The

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept
Madras

Dated

Received

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Rec'd. 20.7.93

Dated 17-7-93

No 1003 Ks

Enclosures.

NO.

SUBJECT.

old Amt & Tappal
lascars in Kistna Delta
Petition from - Requesting
to restore their pensions
Recommending forwarding the -

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To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Through

The Executive Engineer
Westnrn Division Kistna.

and Superintending Engineer
II Circle.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
Regr. No.
20 JUN. 93
DUGGIRALA.
KISTNA WESTERN DIVN.

The humble representation of the Lock, Delta and Tappal lascars of the Western Division Kistna.

Most humbly showeth,

1. That we are in due receipt of the notices served on us with reference to G. O. No. $\frac{840\ W}{25-3-93}$. which have taken us by surprise

2. That it is plain to your mercy that we have spent our prime of life in this Department with the firm belief that, like others serving in other Departments, we get pension for our old age, but after all disappointed.

3. That we submit that the introduction of Government of India Code cannot alter existing arrangements and that it can only be made applicable in respect of persons entertained subsequent to its introduction.

4. That the exemption from the operation of this order in the case of persons of 20 years service and upwards has only done good to a limited extent which is not more than 20 in number, leaving a great number of us to be thus condemned.

5. That we earnestly pray that the concession shown in the case of Lock and Delta Superinintendents may also be shown in our case as we are in the same establishment and on the same footing and that invidious distinctions may not be made as at present.

6 That our duties are such that we should work in the hot sun and wet weather, both days and nights, is a point which the generous Government should consider in the matter of granting pensions. In this connection we also beg to bring to your favourable notice that the Tappal peons in the Postal Department get service, and Revenue Inspectors' and other officers' peons in analogous position in other Departments get service, while we who do more onerous duties than the above mentioned, in regard to irrigation which forms the basis of Revenue, should not get is much to be regretted.

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Lastly, we most humbly and submissively beg that we may be restored to our pensionable service to which we were first enlisted, by addressing the Government on the subject to protect us and our poor families, for which act of kindness and charity we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

We beg to remain sir,
Your most obedient and humble servants.

No. 2248 dated 25 July 1893

From

A. A. G. Malet Esquire,
Executive Engineer,
Kistna Western Division.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
II Circle.

Enclosures. /

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a petition from the Lascars in this Division affected by G.O. No 340 W. dated 28th March 1893.

There is considerable force in the representations made in the petition especially in paras 3, 6 and 8. It is undoubtedly extremely hard on petitioners to spring an order of this kind upon them and if Government have a legal right to transfer men from a permanent and pensionable service to a temporary and unpensionable one and that even, as in the present case, without offering adequate compensation, it certainly wish a disposal on the does.

Revenue No

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE
25 JUL 93
RECORD BRANCH

Pw 5/1 66467/93

No 1185/Rs
29-7-93
Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for disposal.
2 I think it is a pity Government did not exercise to allow the men now on the permanent establishment to remain on it until retirement or death.
3 In the ordinary course of events many of the men would, of course, never get a pension at all, while the total amount payable to those who might complete their service for pension will be only a comparatively small sum & would be payable probably a few years. The action of Government is very much calculated to create discontent in the minds of all public servants & it is questionable whether it is advisable to do this.
5/7/93 L.W. Martin Supdg Engr

does not seem equitable or just to exercise it.

The men took service under certain conditions and if Government see fit to alter those conditions without consulting the men's ~~conditions~~ duties the least Government can do is to give them ample and generous compensation as suggested in para 6 the effect of the recent order will be to lower the status of the Lock Pe Lascars in the eyes of their acquaintances and of men with whom they formerly stood on an equal footing.

In this Division the Officers personal Lascars and the Lock and Tapsal Lascars have all been on one roster for promotion or transfer pe se the majority cases men who at the time were personal Lascars are now Lock and Tapsal Lascars and vice versa.

The original personal Lascars will now have special grounds of complaint.

There is no doubt that as stated in para 8 their position will not be so strong as it was, as it is much easier to dispense with a man's services when he is only temporary. The order may also I think P- have a serious political effect as the action of Government is not likely to be loyally or favorably commented upon in the numerous villages where the relations and friends of the Lascars reside. I trust you will see your way to support the petitioners case as strongly as you can when forwarding the petition

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
Alfred Peake
Executive Engineer 2nd

P. W. CURRENT No. 6649

From

The Superintending Engineer
2d Circle

To the Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.
Madras

Recd: 31.7.93
Date 29-7-93

Read
No 1105 Ks
Delta, Lock Tappal lascars
in Kistna Western Division
Memorial how-forwards
the - with his recommendation
for allowing them pensionable
service -

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Through

The Executive Engineer
Westnrn Division Kistna.
and Superintending Engineer
II Circle.

Gudivada

The humble representation of the Lock, Delta and Tappal lascars of the Western Division Kistna.

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We beg to remain sir,
Your most obedient and humble servants,

Seventeen Lascars K. Venkataratnam & Lascars

8-8-93

Mark of P. Ramaya

Mark of R. Venkataraya

Ramavarappadu Lock

Kamalapuram Lock

Chigurumamidi Lock

Gadinadda Lock

PW E.1/7504/43

From Alfred Chatterton, Esquire,
Executive Engineer, Gudivada Division,
to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle,
dated 15th August 1893, No. 1945 S.E.

—

I have the honor to enclose a petition to the Chief Engineer from the Lock Tappal and Delta lascars of this Division.

As the Government order referred to affects a large class of Government servants on whose behalf other officers have, I believe, already made certain representations it is needless for me to discuss the matter at any length, but I would desire to point out that in this Division at any rate it will be difficult to secure men who in the future will render the same faithful & zealous service which has been obtained in the past.

The pay received by these men is now less than the daily wages of most coolies, and it is only the certainty of receiving that pay each month

month and the prospect that in their old age they will receive a pension sufficient for their wants that attracts men to a service, the duties of which are on the whole more arduous than falls to the lot of the poorer classes of this District.

For some years past the prices of the principal food stuffs of this District have been steadily rising and simultaneously the rates of daily wages to the coolly classes. The attractions of the appointments, which have now been declared non-pensionable have therefore much decreased and it appears to me that the saving which will be effected by the order which the petitioners desire to have rescinded will be entirely at the expense of the efficiency of the Department.

At the present time it is almost impossible to get men to ack solely as tappal lascars and the work has to be done by all Lock lascars in turn. The nature of the work entrusted

entrusted to Lock lascars and in a much higher degree to Delta lascars enables them subject the boat owners and pyots of the District to much inconvenience and annoyance unless they are paid gratuities not to do so.

In a permanent service the capacity of these subordinates can be restricted by the fear of dismissal and loss of service but if that be no longer dreaded it is likely that these offences will increase and the Canal & water regulation of the district will suffer through the inefficiency of the Subordinate Establishment.

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No. 1321 Ks
30-8-93

Communicated to the Chief Engineer, P.W. Department for favor of disposal, and in continuation of this office Endorsement Nos. 1003 K.S. & 1105 K.S. of the 17th & 29th July 1893 respectively.

2. I entirely concur with the opinion of the Ch. Engineer and specially in regard to the last para of his letter.

H. McRae
Superintending Engineer

Encl one Memorial

Ch. 6411 sent to Dev. on 22/7/93

Ch. 6649 sent to Dev. on 31/8/93 subject Petition of Tappal & Tankal Lascars for the Western Division forwarding memorial from the above Lascars for restoration of pensionable service.

(26)

P. W. CURRENT No. 7504

From

The Supt Engineer
2d Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Offs
Madras

Recd: 1.9.93
Dated 30-8-93
Enclose
No 1321 Rs

Dellad Lascars in Kudaneadu Dt forwards a memorial from - requesting to allow them pensionable service - with recommendation -

GRAND ANICUT,
TANJORE DISTRICT,
24th June 1893.

To,

The Superintending Chief Engineer,

Through,

The Executive Engineer,

TANJORE DIVISION.

The humble memorial of the LASCARS *employed in the several Anicuts of the Cawvery and Vennar Regulators who have been served with a notice No. 1470 of 17-4-93 by the Executive Engineer of Tanjore, dispensing with their services after three months from the date thereof, praying that they may be allowed to continue in service as heretofore.*

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH.

1. WE the undersigned are Lascars employed in the several Anicuts connected with the Vennar and Cawvery Regulators. We were employed prior to 1886 and as such entitled to Government pension on the completion of a service of 30 years.

2. The Executive Engineer of Tanjore served us with a notice No. 1470 dated 17th April 93 informing us that after three months from the date of the receipt of that notice, our services would be dispensed with, owing to the abolition of our offices, and such of us as are entitled to any gratuity should submit our application for the sanction of the Government on the 2nd May 1893 we were served with an order No. 105 informing us that after that date our services would be considered temporary and that our wages would be paid out of the estimate charges.

3. We beg to submit that from the notice and the order referred to in para 2 of this memorial, it clearly appears that it is not the intention of Government to do away with our offices or services but to convert our pensionable service into non-pensionable one and deprive poor people of their pittance in their old age when they would be unfit for any active service to earn their bread. Against this proposal of Government we the memorialists most humbly beg to appeal to your honor for the following among other grounds.

4 (*a*). Your honor's memorialists are persons whose services under Government range from 7 to 18 years. The best and active period of their lives is nearly over. They cannot now get into pensionable other public service being over aged nor can they hope to serve for that period to earn their pension as before the completion of the required service they shall become too old to be retained in public service.

(*b*) It is with a hope of getting a pension small as it may be most of us seek public service. Otherwise, we should have sought some other more lucrative employments and laid by some thing against our old age. Now we are deprived of that advantage also.

(c) Having become old and used to one sort of work for a long time we are not now in a position to learn any other profession more advantageous to us.

5. In addition to this we beg to submit to your honor's mercy that it is the hope of getting pension that persuades us to undertake the perilous service of working in the Anicuts both night and day indifferently during the high floods. To deprive us at this stage of our lives of our pensions we beg to submit will be the most unkindest and merciless act which the Government can do to poor people dependant upon it for their livelihood.

Taking these circumstances into consideration and the cost of living which increases day by day owing to the failiure of timely rains we your honor's humble memorialists beseech your honor to cancel the said order and allow us to continue in service as before.

For which act of kindness and mercy we will ever pray.

We Your honor's humble servants,

Beg to remain,

Kachamangalam Anicut.

SIGNED Thoppulan.
" Chockalingam.
" Ramasawmy Naicken.
" Arumugam.
" Ramasawmy.

Vettar.

" Alagaperumal.
" Muthoo.
" Periyannan.
" Angaiyan.
" Pooman.
" Mookkan.
" Aiyamperumal.
" Nagan.

Kodamurutty.

" Kathan.
" Venkataramien.
" Periyannan.
" Rengan.
" Sellan.
" Sawmy.

Vaduvakudy.

" Muthoo.
" Sawminatha Makkondan.

Upper Anicut or Akanda Cawvery.

" Adaikalam.
" Periyan.
" Ramasawmy.
" Ramiyen.

Grand Anicut.

SIGNED Govindasamy Row.
" Doreisawmy Asary.
" Sellamuthu.
" Sevuttiyan.
" Lazar
" Virasawmy.
" Mamundy.
" Kannan
" Narayanasawmy Naidu.
" Hibram
" Venkatachellam.
" Raman.
" Sandappan.
" Vedtham.
" Sathasivam.
" Saminatha Mooppan.
" Maruthamuthu.
" Ramasamy.
" Krishnan.
" Anthony.
" Saminatha Piliay.
" Periyannan.
" Himam.
" K. Periyannan.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 3414
7 JUN. 93
TANJORE DIVISION, S.R.W.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE
CHE[illegible]
30 JUN. 93
S.R.W. B. 5th CIRC.

2627 d/28-6-93

Forwarded

Asst Engr

27-6-93

I
The Supg Engineer V circle
No 2327
Submitted to
the Chief Engineer
for the favourable
consideration of Government
in accordance with
GO No 130310 of 15/5/93,
even of 20 years service &
allowances are not the attributes
but considering the truth of
the circumstances, as stated by
the Superintendents, para 4-a, b &
it is submitted that, the time
limit might be reduced to
10 years. J Charumie
3/7/93 Supg Engr 5 Circle

P. W. CURRENT No. 6061

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engr
P W D.

Dated 3 July 1893.
Recd. 7

No 2328.

ENCLOSURES.

Memorial of the Lascars employed in the Service of the Conservancy & Harbour Regulations who have been served with a Notice dispensing with their Services after three months from the date thereof -

Submitted for favourable consideration — praying that they may be allowed to Continue in Service as heretofore -

No 16 19 w 8 25 6 86
" 2254 w 8 5 9 86
" 2391 w 8 1 9 86
" 2396 w 8 1 9 86
" 2360 w 8 [illegible] 9 87
" 2936 w 8 3 11 87
" 43 w 8 7 1 87
" 476 e 8 9 2 87
" 709 w 8 8 3 87
" 1618 w 8 5 6 87
" 745 w 8 3 3 88
" 1518 e 8 10 4 88
" 3274 w 8 7 12 91
" 816 w 8 11 3 92
" 1917 w 8 2 7 92
" 2179 w 8 6 8 92
" 323 0 8 6 9 92
" 4270 e 8 21 9 92
" 840 w 8 26 3 93
" 1500 w 8 16 5 93
" 1717 e 8 13 4 93
" 1803 w 8 15 5 93
" 1691 w 8 27 6 93

(28)

For orders.

D43
19/7/93

Hand enquire the result of the reference to India. The time limit of retaining employment to be observed.
22/July.

H.S. 142
June 21-7

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE
25 JUL 93
350 M
P. W. D. 5TH CIRCLE

To The Superintending Engineer of the
5th Circle Madras.

From Ramasamy Nayakan, Head
Lascar of the Chunniyar Dam
Kombakonum Taluq Tanjore Dist.

Most Honoured Sir:

I humbly beg to bring the following
for your honour's consideration.
I served in this department as a tem-
porary servant from 1868 to 1874 A.D.
and I am serving as a permanent
Lascar from 187[illegible] A.D. Now I received
a notice as to the effect that the ser-
vices of the Lascars was taken
away. I am a native of Salem
Dist. and remain here entirely de-
pending on this employment. My
bodily frame is such as to be enter-
ed either in the Police or in the

P. W. CURRENT No. 6061

no 16 19 w 9 25. 6. 86

From

To

Dated

Recd.

Encls.

Colombo Museum Library

Secretary Dept. With this advantage in the year 1880 while I was a Lascar in Mallattur Annakutt I asked Mr Hughes whether I should enter into the Police Line. He not only advised me not to enter into that Dept but even asserted firmly that this Dept is a government one. On addition to this he favoured a Head Lascar Post and thereby my pay has been increased from 45 Rds to 60 Rds. Reckoning fully his words I served 4 and 19 years without any break whatever in the course, to the best satisfaction of my Superiors. What my earnest request is that my 4 years temporary service should be taken along with the 19 years permanent service, according to the rule in force. If this is an objectionable one, your honour would appoint me as a Superintendent on Rs 10. For I acted as a Supt. in the Arasalaar, Mallattur Annakutt, & in the Alaniyar Head and even received the Supt. pay (Rs 10.). Therefore I humbly beg your honour to do any favour to him, who served in the

as heretofore

Hrs 14
Nov 21-7

summer of his life with the spir
energy and who is to protect a large
family of many children in the winte
ter of his age.

I send up an another petition to the
Division officer requesting the same.

I am yours most
obedient Servant

18-7-93.

Forwarded to
The Chief Engineer
In continuation of this Office
endorsement No 232 W of 3rd Instant on a further
Communication from the Board Surveyor
Cotabato,
Which case is no doubt a
typical one. Of the contract a
nothing is mentioned, indeed
nothing can be seen except
otherwise than one letter

J C Williamson
SE ⑤
25/7

Cir 6061
sent to Bros
on 8.7.93.

Cir 6411
pages 55 11
on the subject
sent to Bros
on 11-7-93

Continued in service
as hereto before

Hs 142
Nov 21-7

P. W. CURRENT No. 6572

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer

P.W. Department

Dated 25th July 1893.

Recd. 26th

ENCLOSURES.

No. 262 W.

Petition from Ramasamy Naiker Head Lascar of the Mettur dam Kumbakonam Coleroon District -

Forwards Petition of - requesting to ~~Confirm~~ Consider the 4 Years Temporary Service - to Permanent one - as stated - situation -

0.S. 213

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. 08890

Code Class. Number.

To (Office) Madras From (Office) Palakol

Words 34 Date 21. Hour 12 Minute 50 Official Instructions. dfd

To (Person) The Chief Engr. for Irrigation From (Person) D. P. W. Lascar on the Narsapur Canal Godavari District

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION 22 AUG. 93 No.

84 Word Form.

Our permanent services are transferred to works establishment great injustice done to us. and families we pray for retention of service on permanent establishment or give us daily labourers wages of four annas a day.

Recd. from L.N. At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to L.N. At Hrs.

MADRAS 21-8-93

Clerk in Master

Calcedonian S. P. Co.—No. 266 T.—30.11.92—23,00,000

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To

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Code Class. dp

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number. 1066

To (Office) Ootacamund

From (Office) Palakol

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
62	21	12	51	Telegram @ rs

To (Person) H Excellency the Governor of Fort St George in council

From (Person) D P Le Lascars on the narsapur Canal to-cos gotavary dist

our permanent services are transferred to the establishment great injustice done to us and families we pray for retention of service on permanent establishment or give us daily labourers wages of four annas a day

J. Sec to Govt Rev

Mysore Pattuck

Recd. from LN. At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to LN. At Hrs. Mts. by

D P Le

Telegraph Master.

C. S. P. Co—No. 363 T—6-3-93—50,000.

OOTACAMUND 21-8-93

82 Word Form.

Telegram

~~Petition~~ from from the D.P.W.

Lascars, Narsapúr Canal, Godavari

Dt.

DATED 21st August 1893.

Touch

TRANSFERRED to the Secretary to Government,

Irrigation Branch

Public Works Department, for disposal.

(By Order.)

Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ootacamund

22nd August 1893.

P. R. CURRENT No. 7403

(26) (1893) DEPARTMENT.

From C. F. Mac Carter Esq I.C.S.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE

RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation Branch

Encl 1

Dated 22nd
Received 28th } august 1893.

ENCLOSURE. -

Subject.

TRANSFERS a ~~petition~~ from the D. P. W. Cabipuram Coolies Nanjapair Canal praying for retention of service on permanent Establishment.

4/4/49

W.

No. 46 Ew Endt

Transferred to W. together with the telegram of same date from the same petitioners to the address of the undersigned in continuation of this office endorsement No. 43. Ew. dated 5th august 1893.

Cir. 6949

W Rutherford 29/8
For Chief Engineer for Irrign.

Madras
29th august
1893 }

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& 12 Rs 5. It will be necessary I consider to raise the Lascars pay to Rs 7 & the Ex Engrs suggests that there be a few - on Rs 8 for the encouragement of long & deserving service.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient &t
P. D. Wyllie.
Supt Engr 1st Circle.

Enc 17-7

ER

FROM

G. D. Wyllie Esqr.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

thro' the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

DATED 14th
DESPATCHED 19th } July 1893.
RECEIVED

No. 982 G. D.

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION
22 JUL 93
No. 6710

ENCLOSURES 29

SUBJECT.

Anicut Lascars at Dow-
-laishweram ——
Forwarding 29 petitions from
the —— praying that G.O.
No. 840 W. dated 28-3-93 may not
be given effect to in their
case, and recommending
that their case may be
taken into consideration

D. W.

22/7

No. 188

To W.

Lascars employed on
Anicuts of importance
such as Godavari, Kistna,
Sunkesala, Penner, Sangam,
Palar, Poiney, Tamarapak
Upper & Lower Coleroon and
Srivaikuntham have more
special duties to perform
than those on works of
minor importance. As
represented by the Supdg
Engr, First Circle, cases of
emergency frequently arise,
men of experience accustomed
to the work and not afraid
of risking their lives in
preventing accidents from occurring
are found invaluable, and
I would strongly advocate
that the class (3) in G.O. No.
840 W. dated 28th March 1893
be retained on the permanent
Establishment. The services
they render, on small pay
though it be, would be much
more hearty and thorough
than that of paid monthly
coolies, which is all that
the new Establishment
might be regarded as.

Rue Drake-Brockman
Lt Col. R.E.
Chief Supt for Irrign

Ordered accordingly
27 July 1893

Government of Madras.

1893.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 6747

From

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation

ENCLOS.

No. 188

Dated 27. vii. 93

Received 2. viii. 93

SUBJECT.

Ancient Lascars at Dowlaish-weram: Forwarding with remarks letter from the Supty: Engineer I circle requesting that the —— may be borne to the permanent Establishment.

29—1,000—23-3-93.

quite the paper, but the entry was omitted by the Copyists. It has now been supplied.

If it is proposed to entertain, the whole question would apparently be reopened, and it seems too late to do this now. The proposal moreover seems indefinite. Only certain ancient lascars are to be exempted. Others not. It quite possible that even on the Anicuts named all the lascars would not have duties of equal importance. A wide field would then be opened for discontent, and petitions for exemption be multiplied.

C.S.
19 Jany. 94.

Seen
Jelly

No. 311 W dy 5 Feb

PROCEEDINGS O

Papers submitting pet
and others who are
"Works" Establishmen
of G.O. 840 W dated
that effect be not
question.

From the S.E. I circle
Endt thereon by the Chief
Engineer for Irrigation

From the S.E. I circle
do ——— do ———
do ——— V circle
do ——— do ———

From the Chief Engineer
For Irrigation

From the I circle
Endt by the Chief Engr: for Irrign

W
22 Jan

(40—2,000—11-10-93.

February 1894

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTME

Genl Estabt

F THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

titions from Lascars
transferred to the
to under the operation
28 March 1893 praying
given to the order in

(Ms. No. 1039 G. dy/25 July 93)
(" " 43 W dy 5 augt 93)
(" " 1003 MS 2/17 July 93)
(" " 1105 MS dy 29 — " —)
(" " 1321 MS dy 30 augt 93)
(" " 232 W dy 3 July 93)
(" " 262 W dy 25 July 93)
(" " 46 W dy 29 augt 93)
(" " 982 G.O dy 14 July 93)
(" " 188 dy 27 July 1893)

The petitioners will be informed that it has been finally decided to give effect to the transfers from "Establishment" to "Works" ordered in G.O. 840 W dy 28 March 1893.