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To

G. D. Wybrow Esquire
Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle
(Thro) C. J. Usher Esquire
Executive Engineer Godavery Eastern Dn.
H. A. Moss Esquire
Asstt. Engineer Headworks Sub Dn.
M.R.Ry. D. Ramanah Naidu Gar.
Anicut Superintendent.

JM / 31-5-93

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Most Honored Sir

I most respectfully and humbly beg your honor to transmit the enclosed memorial to the Government for its favourable consideration, with your kind recommendation.

I beg to remain
Most Honored Sir
Your most obedient servant.

Dowlaishwaram.
28th May 1893

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Anicut Lascar

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To

The Secretary to the Government of
Madras public works Department.

Humble memorial of Poethala Jammgadu
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notice has been served under G. O. No 840 dated 28-3-93,
stating that ~~their~~ his services will be dispensed with at
the expiration of three months from the date of notice.

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With due deference and profound submission, the memorialist prays the Government that the following few lines may be taken into its kind Consideration.

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(e) To carry large-apron stones from one place to another and to do such other difficult works during the whole scorching day of the working (summer) season notwithstanding watching at nights materials (lime & surki) tools, the river embankments and lankas (infested with cobras) during the times of flood and in the rainy season. What daily laborers or temporary men can be entrusted with the above works of responsibility and what reliance can Officers & subordinates keep on them and what will be the punishment in case of neglect of duty on their (daily laborers) part? The memorialist would bring to the special notice of the Government, the differences between servants who are bound by service reckonable towards pension and others who have no such binding.

(f) To accompany the Delta Superintendent attached to the Head works Sub Division for river survey work in surveying lankas and sand-shoals four miles below and four miles above the four branches of the anicut bearing scientific instruments in the scorching sun over them and burning sand beneath their feet (if a levelling box is slipped down the head of a lascar for his either getting too much fatigued by sun-stroke or, by accident then therewith end the lascar's services and for fear of this he is more careful towards the instrument than to his own life, but please consider the case of a daily laborer or a temporary servant Chargeable to work; nothing can be done but Confiscate the wages of the laborer viz as 3 or 4 or whatever he gets for that day.)

(g) To row boats measuring distances in the river & taking soundings after field work of river-chart survey is over. (None but experienced lascars can be employed in measuring distances over water.)

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(a) During the working season of May 1889 a big hole was found beneath the Maddur Anicut. Officers and subordinates attempted to penetrate into it and inspect the bottom of it but did not succeed not because the hole was not sufficiently large to hold men, but because it was too dark and heat was very immense, there was not good air to breathe in; light was created by reflection of large glasses into the hole; no daily laborer ventured to enter into the hole. At this time, the anicut lascars were ordered to enter into the hole and to fill it up from its very bottom. They did the work very satisfactorily and won the favor of the Superintending, the Executive & the Assistant Engineers of the time to whom the Government may make reference and obtain the truth of the matter as they form the eyewitness of the fact.

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(3) Both the above facts stated in (a) and (b) under para 2, will, they believe, convince the Government, in so far that they have undertaken the above works even at the risk of their lives. Such has been the hard labour with which they have been entrusted and such is the ultimate benefit they derived of it viz the reduction of their posts into posts chargeable to work which carry no pensions with them.

(4) Fully anticipating that they will enjoy the golden rule of the British Government and get pensions in their old age some of the lascars who have had landed property have disposed it of, lest they may be transferred to some other places far off their native land, they also disposed of their cattle which most of them had being unable to look after them while attending to the onerous duties of their public service both day and night. If they intend to return to their former profession, viz, cultivating their land they are now destitute of both land and cattle. When they are reduced to such a poor state of life as this, they have been reduced to work establishment to their great misfortune.

(5) Had this reduction been effected when the railway work was commenced in the Gody District, the memorialist would have at least earned viz from 4 to 6 anna a day (for only day time & not for night work) seeing that local rates of wages of daily laborers in force or greater than what he gets viz Rs ______ a day (ie) Rs for a month both for day and night work and finding that the anicut lascars in the Kistna District draw Rs 6, 7 & 8 per mensem, the Government's poor memorialist contemplated of sending a memorial to the Government for raising his salary to the corresponding grade of local rates but believing that the scale of rates established once for all will not be revised without his undergoing much trouble he did not submit the memorial. He now very deeply regrets for the necessity of his having had to present this memorial to keep him even in the same state he has been in, for the last 20 years. He most submissively requests the Govt. to contrast the differences between laborers whose wages are charged to works by day and servants who are bound (in fact fettered) by service binding.

(6) The Govt. may then question why the several advantages opened to daily laborers may not now be enjoyed by the permanent anicut lascars as they have now been reduced to work establishment; for this they have to reply that their loyal adherence to the department; ~~for this they have to reply that their loyal~~ for the last 20 years selling up their land and cattle receiving small salaries viz Rs 5 & 6 per mensem, for both day and night work, would not keep them justified receiving three months notices in spite of their hard labors in connection with river business, even at the risk of their lives as enumerated in the

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(8) All the reverence to Govt's service if any, is due to its bestowing pensions to its loyal servants in their dottage & without it, it is all the same with whom-so-ever the appointment rests.

(9) In conclusion the Government's humble and poor servant living on such a small pay of Rs. 5 per mensem who spent almost the prime of his life in the discharge of public duties begs to know if he should be betrayed unprotected by the Government in his old age.

Dowlaishweram
28-5-1893
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Salary Rs. 5-
Service 6 years - & 5 months

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