

Public Works
~~Marine~~ (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 3531 W.

DATED 7. December

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr. T. T. Raghavachariyar, Assistant Engineer
Requesting that nothing can now be
done to improve the prospects of — on the
Engineer Establishment and stating that after
considering all the circumstances of the case the
Govt is willing to allow him the option of
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3. His acceptance of the appointment of Asst. Surgeon General on the Provincial Surgeon Establishment in

January 1895 was purely
voluntary.

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but after considering all
the circumstances of the case,
the Govt is willing to allow
him the option of reverting
to the upper subordinate es-
tablishment - The Assistant
Engineer is requested to state
whether he is willing to
accept such reversion, on
the occasion of the next
vacancy in the first grade
of Sub-Engineers.

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Case of J. J. Raghavachariyer
and Govt. Prov. service

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note for S.E. the Governor

His Govt. note of 26.11.96

At the time Mr.
Asst. Engineer Raghavachariyer
was selected for promotion
to the Provincial Engineer
establishment in January
1895, he was at the top
of the list of Sub-Engineers
2nd grade, and drew as
much Rs 300 per mensem,
plus a sub-divisional
allowance of Rs 30 per
mensem.

The pay of an
Asst. Engr 3rd grade, Prov.
list, is Rs. 250 per mensem,
but under para 16, Chapter
II Vol I P.W. Code, he was
protected from loss of pay
by a personal allowance.
He thus continued to draw
Rs 300 per mensem as
an Asst. Engr 3rd grade.

This Asst. Engineer made an unusual choice,
but he does not suggest that he was
misled in any way. I would not relax
the time rule in his case. It would be in-
convenient to do so. At the same time,
I feel something is due to him for the
failure of Govt. to keep its original promise.
I would offer him the option of reversion to
the upper subordinate establishment
on the occasion of the next vacancy.

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but he lost the sub-
divisional allowance of
Rs 30, under the second
clause of para 16.

If he had remained
on the upper subordinate
establishment, he would
have been promoted to
Sub Engr 1st grade on Rs
400 per mensem, before
the end of 1895, & he then
estimated his present loss
at Rs 130 per mensem,
i.e. the difference between
(Rs 400 pay + Rs 30 sub div^y allow)
Rs 430, & Rs 300.

As an Asst. Engr
of the Prov^d list, he falls
under the operation of the
time rule prescribed in
para 59(2) Chapter I Vol
I P.W. Code, & he thus
cannot be promoted to
Asst. Engr 2nd grade (pay Rs 350)
until January 1898, or to
1st grade (pay Rs 400) until
July 1901 -

His prospect of pro-
motion on the Engineer

estab^t, are compared below
with those on the upper sub-
division list. -

upper subordinate estab^t

Engineer Substⁿ

January 1895 - Asst. Engr 3 rd grade Rs 300	January 1895 - Sub Engr 2 nd grade - Rs 300 + 30
January 1898 - " - 2 nd - Rs 350	Nov ^r 1895 - " - 1 st - Rs 400 + 30
July 1901 - " - 1 st - Rs 400	Nov ^r 1900 - " - (vacant) Rs 450 + 30
Jan ^y 1906 - Sub Engr 3 rd - Rs 475	Nov ^r 1905 - " - (do) Rs 500 + 30
Oct ^r 1907 - must retire under 55 years rule	Oct ^r 1907 - may continue on same pay until physically unfit for duty

As regards his reversion
to the position he occupied
before joining the Provincial
service, it is submitted
that on his appointment
to that service in January
1895, his place on the upper
subordinate was filled by
promotion from the grades
below. To admit of his
reversion, a vacancy must
be awaited, & while there
is no immediate prospect
of the promotion made in
his room must be cancelled,
which would be a hardship
on the men who have
held the higher grades for
nearly two years - under
the third clause of para

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option of declining promotion
to the Prov. Eng. Station,
and having made his election,
he must apparently abide
by the consequences.

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to obtain special advance-
ment on the Engineer Station.
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the time rule in his case,
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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department,	Date.
Memo.	456D	P.W.	17-6-96 ✓
S.O.	9178W	"	22-4-95 ✓
"	648W	"	18-3-95 ✓
Memo	1045C	"	13-3-95 ✓
S.O.	506W	"	4-3-95 ✓
"	291W	"	6-2-95 ✓
Memo	316C	"	29-1-95 ✓
S.O.	2072W	"	20-8-94 ✓
"	1748W	"	12-7-94 ✓
"	1828W	"	12-7-93 ✓
"	2232W	"	12-8-92 ✓
"	165W	"	19-1-91 ✓
"	1410W	"	25-5-91 ✓
"	2661W	"	10-10-90 ✓
"	2242-3W	"	18-8-90 ✓
"	1595-6W	"	9-6-90 ✓
"	1180W	"	21-4-90 ✓
"	3645-6W	"	21-12-89 ✓
"	1296W	"	22-5-86 ✓
"	3884W	"	10-12-88 ✓
Memo	1911	"	11-7-77 ✓
S.O.	1354	"	31-5-76 ✓
Memo	1273	"	24-8-76 ✓
S.O.	1075	"	29-4-76 ✓
"	298	Edl	2-10-73 ✓
"	1237	P.W.	14-5-72 ✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

Tanjore
6th November 1896.

From

T. T. Raghavachariar
Assistant Engineer
On Special Duty.

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The Chief Engineer and
Secretary to Government.

Madras
Through The Superintending Engineer
Special Duty, Tanjore.

Sir.

I beg to Submit the following
for your Kind Consideration and
disposal.

2. Induced by the appointment of Mr. N. Ratanasabapathy Pillay (who is now at Negapatnam as Executive Engineer 3rd Grade) in 1874, as Probationary Assistant Engineer, I joined the Madras Civil Engineering College in September 1874, and took the B.C.E. Degree in February 1876. Under the very G.O. that gave Mr. Ratanasabapathy Pillay his first appointment in the Department as Probationary Assistant Engineer (viz, G.O. No. 1237 dated 14th May 1872), application was

was made to the Government for a similar appointment for me. But the Government was not pleased to give me that appointment, and they offered me only a place in the Upper Subordinate Establishment. There was then an appeal to the Government by the Principal of the Civil Engineering College and the Director of Public Instruction, which resulted in the passing of G.O. No. 1354 dated 31st May 1876, promising to appoint me as a Probationary Assistant Engineer on the occurrence of the first vacancy.

3. Relying on the promise therein contained I applied to the then Chief Engineer, for an employment in the D.P.W. to stop in, until a vacancy occurred for appointing me as a Probationary Assistant Engineer. On that application of mine the Chief Engineer appointed me as a Supervisor 2nd grade. Ever since, no notice has been taken of G.O. No. 1354 dated 31st May 1876 and I had been left in the Upper Subordinate Establishment of the Department until January 1895, when I was taken into the Provincial Engineer Establishment as an Assistant Engineer 3rd grade.

4. Between 1876 and 1878 I petitioned Government, several times, reminding them of the G.O. in question and asking them for my appointment as Probationary Assistant Engineer as promised by them therein

therein. But on none of the occasions was I fortunate enough to get a favorable reply from them. I then stopped applying again to Government. However, in 1884-88 I once again respectfully took to their kind notice the existence of that unlucky G.O. and begged for one of the College annual Assistant Engineers' Appointments that happened to lapse at the time consequent on the extension of the College Study Course. On that occasion too my application experienced the same kind of treatment as my former ones had done. Discouraged from the very first, at every attempt, I naturally grew despondent and heart-broken and refrained from frequently troubling the Government with my applications.

5. I have been very peculiarly unfortunate throughout, and my case has not once received the consideration it was entitled to. I am not unmindful of the indulgence I have been already granted in having been allowed to continue and rise in the Upper Subordinate Establishment of the Department. But with us poor natives, an appointment in the Engineers ranks is really a very great thing; and when such a prize was held up to my eyes and denied me afterwards, it has cost me no small amount of pains to reconcile my broken heart to contentment with my present lot. Notwithstanding all the tuition my mind has undergone,

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now and again does crop up the thought of what I should have been in the Department if I had been appointed as Probationary Assistant Engineer so long ago as 1876, and of what I am at present - and when it does, I feel myself truly miserable.

6. My bad luck has been chasing me all along with a vengeance. The Government in their unlimited grace were pleased to issue their order N^o. 1237 of the 14th May 1872, and when I fulfilled its conditions and asked for the reward promised, it was denied me. Whenever I asked for the Appointment afterwards it was always denied me likewise, my applications not having been looked at in their proper light. Condemned as I was in the Upper Subordinate Establishment, and as I was slowly rising in it, came in the offer for a transfer into the Provincial Engineer Establishment in the beginning of 1895. For reasons which might be out of place to mention here I accepted in January 1895 the offered 3rd grade Provincial Service Assistant Engineer's Appointment, at a time when I was already an Honorary Assistant Engineer and at the very top of the Second grade Sub Engineers. If I had not joined the Provincial Service Engineer Establishment I would have got my first grade Sub Engineer nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ years ago. Thus my position already bad in the extreme has been made worse for me and I lose now, every month, Rs 130/-. To add to all this, even in this Provincial Service Establishment

Establishment I hold a position below some of my juniors.

7. A perusal of my sad case can not fail to impress on the minds of the Authorities that I have not been, from the very beginning, properly treated in the Department. Taking into consideration the great Sacrifice I have all along undergone both pecuniarily and in respect to position in the Department, and considering also my present heavy monthly loss and my bad position after 20 years hard work, I believe, I deserve the Compassion of the Government and must entreat them to do some thing for me to better my position in the Department. I beg you to lay my hard case before the Government for such action as you and they may be pleased to deem proper under the circumstances related above.

I beg to remain
Sir
your most Obedient Servant

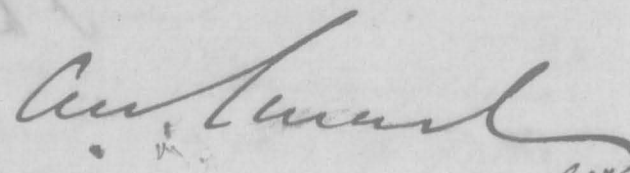
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Asst^g Engineer

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Forwarded for favorable con-
sideration. I cannot understand
how G. O. No. 1354 dated 31 May 1896
came to be overlooked and unless
through the diffidence of Mr. Rappara
Charian in not having forced his
case on the attention of Govt.
The case, in my opinion, is a peculiarly
unfortunate one and deserves
the utmost consideration of
the Govt. and I hope, if Mr. Rappara Charian
cannot get back the styles
he has lost through no fault
of his own, that something
considerable may be done
for him. He has been always
well thought of by the officers
under whom he has served.

7/11/96. 
Lt. Col. R. S. Collyer
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on special duty