Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3576 W

DATED 22.12.97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Clerk Gnanamuthu Pillai, IV Circle.

Sanctioning with remarks the proposal that — be replaced as a supernumerary in the Rs. 20-30 grade while serving in the plains and that if he has not yet been retransferred to the hills, he should be absorbed in the first vacancy in the circle staff.

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No 2647 of 97 dated 11-3.97 from the S.S. IV

Current No. 3799 of 1897, dated 13.4.97, from the [illegible]

" " 8105 " 1897, " 29.6.97, " the S.S. IV

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ORDER. No 3578 W 22

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Note for His Excellency the Governor.

These papers are again submitted for orders with reference to His Excellency's remarks of 8th May 1897 on the paper flagged W.

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3. But the immediate cause is the fact that in transferring Gnanamuthu Pillai to the plains 'in the interests of Government', and replacing him on the hills by a clerk on Rs. 15 to 20, and allowing the latter to draw Rs. 20 to 30 in accordance with G.O. No. 2206 W dated 28th August 1882, Mr. Malet, the Executive Engineer of --- Coimbatore Division, exceeded the -- sanctioned scale of establishment for the Division, and therefore --- exceeded his powers.

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4. He has been, consequently, asked to show cause why he should not pay the hill allowance received in excess of sanctioned scale by clerk Manikam, and his reply is herewith

attached. Flag B. He claims his right to appoint a clerk on Rs. 15 to 20 to the hills and increase his pay to Rs. 20 to 30 under the G.O's referred to in para 3 of his letter. But it is manifest, and should have been so to him, that he had no such right if, in exercising it, he exceeded the sanctioned scale.

5. It is, however, a misunderstanding on his part, which, I think, may be condoned because he was not responsible for the '*fons et origo mali*' the appointment of Gnanamuthu Pillai straight to the Rs. 20 to 30 grade, and because he was absolutely debarred, under the existing circumstances, from moving Gnanamuthu from the hills, however much it might be to the -- interests of Government, until he was promoted to the Rs. 30 to 40 grade, and created a vacancy in the Rs. 20 to 30 grade.

Very well.
A.S.H.

6. Mr. Malet further asks that Govt. will authorise the Examiner to pass the pay of the next higher grade to any clerk transferred to the Nilgiris, whether there is a vacancy or not in the Division. I do not think there is any necessity for this. The post of an overseer's clerk is one suited to a clerk on Rs. 15 to 20, and should not be given to a clerk on higher pay, and the rule may remain as at present, viz, that a clerk on Rs. 15 to 20 -- shall draw the pay of the next higher grade, when serving on the Nilgiris, beginning with the minimum.

I concur.
A.S.H.

7. To get over the difficulty of Gnanamuthu Pillai being now in excess of the sanctioned scale in the Rs. 20 to 30 grade, he may, I think, as already proposed, be considered as supernumerary in that scale until the next vacancy occurs *in the Circle* (not Division), and he can be -- absorbed.

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Walsh. The charge of Coimbatore Dn. exceeded the sanctioned scale of establishment for the Dn. & therefore exceeded his powers.

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5. It is however, a misunderstanding on his part which, I think, may be condoned because he has not responsible on the 'fons et origo mali' the appointment of Gnanamuttu Pillai Sharp. to the Rs 20 to 30 grade, & because he was debarred under the existing circumstances from moving Gnanamuttu from the Dn. however much it might be to the interests of Govt. until he was promoted to the Rs 30 to 40 grade & created a vacancy in the Rs 20 to 30 grade.

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Memorandum. with
reference to Memo: No
4196 C of 18.10.97.

The S. E. Coimbatore
division apparently does
not see the point of the
Accountant's objection to his
action in claiming pay
for clerk V. Manikka Mud.
at Rs 20/30 at Ootacamund.

V. Manikka Mudr.
on Rs 15/20 in the plains
was transferred to
Ootacamund on the Rs 20/30
grade, the latter being
the rate of pay for
an ordinary clerk
in the Nilgiri hill-
division.

Clerk Gnanamuthu
Pillai's permanent appt.
at Ootacamund was
in the Rs 20/30 grade,
& by his transfer to
the plains in the

grade, in the place of a man on Rs 15/20, an excess occurred in the entire scale for the Coimbatore division.

The case would be different if a clerk (A) whose permanent grade was Rs 15/20, was serving on the Hills on Rs 20/30. (A) is retransferred to the plains on Rs 15/20, & another clerk (B) ~~[illegible]~~ on Rs 15/20 is sent to the Hills on Rs 20/30. There would then be no excess in the total scale, and the transaction would be quite within rule.

Gnanamuttu Pillai's permanent grade being Rs 20/30, could not be sent to the plains on Rs 15/20 without injustice to him, & if he was sent down on Rs 20/30, manifestly his pay at Ootacamund should have been restricted to Rs 15/20.

The Ex. Engr. considers that the pay of an overseer clerk at Ootacamund is Rs 20/30, he was not exceeding the scale by sending a Rs 15/20 clerk to the Hills in the former grade. The sanctioned scale however refers to the scale of the whole division. Gnanamuttu Pillai was drawing the pay of his own grade on the Hills, and not that of the next higher one, & this led to the difficulty in transferring him to the plains in a lower grade.

The whole transaction appears to have been the result of a misunderstanding, & ~~[illegible]~~ the Examiner might perhaps be authorised to pass the pay of clerk Gnanamuttu Pillai as a supernumerary in the Rs 20/30 grade while he was in the

Will it not be better to
obtain sanction for paying
the Nilgiri overseer clerk
Rs 20 to 30, even tho' it be
in excess of the sanctioned
scale. If that clerk is
on Rs 20 to 30 he will
draw nothing extra. If
on Rs 15 to 20 he will

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Draw pay & next higher scale -

P. S. The several references in this case arose out of the Engr's note of 8.5.97 on the paper flagged W.

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blic Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 11827

Order

From The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle

No. 643/W

Dated 25th November 1897

Received 29.11.97

Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

V. Manicka Mud: Clerk - Forwards explanation by Mr Malet Ex: Engr: showing causes why he should not pay the hill allowance due to -

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Salmon House
Ootacamund
17th November 1897

From
A. A. G. Malet
Executive Engineer P. W. D.

To
The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division
Coimbatore.

Sir,

Your No $\frac{4175}{31-10-97}$
Supg Engr No $\frac{3621}{C9}$ 23-10-97
Chief Engr Memo No $\frac{4196C}{18-9-97}$

With reference to the papers quoted in the Margin I have the honor to submit the following explanation.

2 I would submit that the matter has been looked at from the wrong point of view, that it is not a question of mistake or blame and that the only question at issue is whether a clerk transferred to the Nilgiris can be given the pay of the next higher grade whether or not there is a vacancy in the Division against which such pay can be admitted and passed by the Examiner P. W. A.

3. I presume no one will question that as Executive Engineer I had the right to transfer A. Gnanamuthu Pillay (20-30 and drawing Rs 30) from Ootacamund to Erode and V. Manicka Mudaliar (15-20 and drawing Rs 16) from Erode to Ootacamund, in the interests of Government Service and within the limits of my division.

+ Only if the scale for the division is not exceeded
CW

4. I presume also it will not be questioned that a clerk transferred to the Nilgiris should get the + pay of the next higher grade under para 5 of Supg Engr IV circle No $\frac{483}{9-10-84}$ EM and para 2 of G.O. No * $\frac{2699\,W}{3-11-84}$ subject to the scale laid down in G.O. No $\frac{1168\,W}{1-\ -92}$ which for this post is Rs 20-30.

* Unis [illegible] for 2206W of 24-8-82. Reg O.
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5. I believe that the Examiner P.W.A. admits these premises but contends that he is unable to admit pay of the next higher grade to a clerk transferred to the Nilgiris unless there is a corresponding vacancy in the Division.

6. I submit that the Examiner's ~~condition~~ contention is wrong and that, subject[+] to the authorized scale not being exceeded, he can pass the pay of the next higher grade whether there is a vacancy or not.

[+] But of course it must be exceeded if there is no vacancy

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7. If however the Examiner is considered to be in the right, I would request (vide the last para of my No 358/27.1.97) that a distinct ruling may be issued authorizing the Examiner to pass the pay of the next higher grade to any clerk transferred to the Nilgiris, subject to the scale laid down, whether there is a vacancy or not in the division and also subject to the two conditions.

(1) That the clerk transferred commences on the minimum of the next higher grade.

(2) That he revert to his substantive grade and pay if transferred to the plains unless he obtains permanent promotion whilst on the Nilgiris.

8. My reasons for considering such an order necessary are:

(1) The power of the Executive Engineer to transfer clerks in the interest of Government Service and for the due administration of the division must be upheld

(2) The scale laid down for this post being 20-30, it is necessary when selecting a clerk for transfer, to select one in the next lower grade i.e. 15-20, otherwise it is a distinct punishment and hardship (considering the extra cost of living, clothes, house rent &c)

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to transfer a clerk to the Nilgiris & also the object of the order granting the pay of the next higher grade would be defeated.

(3) If the clerk to be transferred from the Nilgiris is permanent 20-30 he cannot be reverted to 15-20 on coming down to the plains (as in the case now under consideration) so there can be no vacancy for the clerk transferred to the Nilgiris and consequently the power of the Executive Engineer to transfer clerks and the order that a clerk transferred to the Nilgiris gets the pay of the next higher grade become null and void.

9. I submit with all deference that

(1) I acted within my powers and in the interest of Government in transferring the clerks

(2) That I acted under the orders of Government in claiming pay for the clerk transferred to the Nilgiris within the scale sanctioned for the post.

(3) That if the Examiner cannot admit the pay claimed by me as Executive Engineer, Government should support my action by issuing necessary orders.

10. The Examiner P. W. A. in the case under consideration not only refused to pass the pay of the next higher grade to Manicka Moodaliar on the ground that there was no vacancy but also refused to pass the reduction of Gnanamuthu Pillay from 20-30 to 15-20 on his transfer to the plains on the ground that Gnanamuthu Pillay was a permanent clerk 20-30.

11. Clerk Manick Moodaliar was transferred to the Nilgiris in September 1896. I was of course bound as Executive Engineer to claim the pay I considered due to the clerk in my salary bills. The Examiner took action as usual in his audit notes and as I found the Examiner differed from

me I, as in duty bound, reported the case for orders in my No $\frac{355}{27-1-97}$; should the Chief Engineer not admit my explanation I submit I should not be held responsible after the end of February 1897 by which date final orders might have been issued.

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

Allan Stuart
Executive Engineer. P.W.D
(On leave)

No. $\frac{643}{W}$ dated 25th November 1897

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. with reference to his memorandum No. 4196C dated 18th October 1897.

Supg. Engineer, W Circle.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE
No. 4166
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Encl.
COIMBATORE

No. 4384 of 18th Nov 1897

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer with ref. to his endorst. no ~~627~~ of 23-10-97

S. Murray
Ex. Eng
18/11

No. 4196C

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 18th October 1897.

With reference to letter from the Superintending Engineer IV Circle No. 453 W dated 21st August 1897, the undersigned has the honour to state that ~~he is not satisfied~~ --- ~~that~~ the responsibility for the -- mistake in clerk Gnanamuthu's case appears to be due to Mr Walsh action, in claiming pay at ~~can be thrown wholly on a former Superintending Engineer.~~

2- In para 2 of G.O. No. 2206 W d/ 28th August 1882, it was stated that there was no objection to a clerk being transferred to the Nilgiri -- division in a higher grade provided the sanctioned scale was not exceeded. Granting that clerk Gnanamuthu Pillai was originally appointed -- direct to the Rs. 20-30 grade, and that it was believed that that was his permanent grade. Whether on the Hills or on the plains, it is clear that when he was transferred to the plains in his own grade, there was no vacancy in the sanctioned divisional scale to admit of another man on Rs. 15-20 being sent to the Hills

From a perusal of the papers connected with this case, "Rs 20 to 30 for clerk Manikam in excess of the sanctd scale. Clerk Gnanamuthu should be retransferred to the hills, & Mr Walsh should be called upon to ~~explain~~ shew cause why he should not pay the hill allowance recd of clerk Manikam over & above the sanctd scale

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Hills on Rs. 20-30. The mistake was therefore in claiming pay for clerk Manikam at Rs. 20-30 when this could not be done without exceeding the sanctioned scale.

3. In these circumstances the Superintending Engineer is again requested to reply to the questions in paras 1 and 2 of this office No. 324 D dated 25th May 1897.

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Issued 19/10/97

The Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 9790

Order

From The Supg. Engineer 4th Circle

No. 453/W.

Dated 21st August 1897

Received 25/8/97

Regd: 2-10-97

Enclosures ✓

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SUBJECT.

A. Gnanamuthu Pillay Clerk IV class 3rd grade

Reports that the responsibility for the mistake in the case of — rests with the Supg. Engr. Col: H. M. Vibart R.E. who originally appointed —

H.C. × wrote on the 28/9 day I understand the papers are now in circulation in connection with his pay bill [illegible]

O.S. 85/0 13/10/97

H.C. a portion of file connected with this case is not forthcoming. a ref to [illegible] may have been made for orders whether [illegible] may avoid [illegible] [illegible] 20/10/97

× When were the requisitions sent to Madras?

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 453/W

Suptg. Engr's Office 4th Circle
21st August 1897

From
J. Hannan Esq
Superintending Engineer 4th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W. Department
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to your Memo: No. 1092. D. dated 10th August 1897, I beg to state that in view of the explanation given by Mr. Malet in his letter forwarded with this office endorsement No. 357/W dated 29th June 1897, and after further and more careful perusal of the G.Os quoted therein I have come to the conclusion that the responsibility for the mistake made in this matter rests with the Superintending Engineer who originally appointed Gnanamuthu, as explained in para 3 of Mr. Malet's letter above quoted. This officer was Colonel H M Vibart R E

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J Hannan
Suptg. Engineer 4th C

P.T.O.

P. W. D.

Memorandum

From the Suptg. Engr., IV Circle, No. 351/W

dated 29th June 1897

R. No. 1092 D d/10th Aug: 1897

The undersigned observes that the question asked in Memo No. 324 D dated 5th May 1897 has not been answered. The Suptg. Engineer is requested to be good enough to state specifically who is the officer responsible for the oversight referred to, and to call upon ~~the~~ him to show cause why he should not make good to clerk A. Gnanamuthu Pillai the difference of pay until such time as the latter is absorbed.

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Rd.

To

The Suptg. Engr., IV Circle. Despd 10/8/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8105

C. J.

Order

From The Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle

No. 357/W

Dated 29th June 1897

Received 1-7-97

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SUBJECT.

Gnanamuthu Pillay Clerk IV Class 3d Grade States that the non reversion of — to the lower grade due to certain orders of Government having been overlooked in the Division Office.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Letter from A A G Malet Esqr Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division to the Supg. Engineer 4th Circle dated 7th June 1897 No. 2262

In reply to your No. 333/C.J dated 29th May 1897, I trust you will excuse me if I question the correctness of some of the remarks, contained in your No. 140/W dated 11th March 1897 on my No. 874 dated 5th March 1897.

2. I understand the facts of the case to be, as follows:-

3. Clerk Gnanamuthu Pillai, was given his first appointment in this Department by your office, as Overseer's clerk, at Ootacamund on Rs 20 to 30.

I submit that, as this was his first appointment he should have been appointed on Rs 15 to 20 the regular pay of his grade, and a special condition added that as he was appointed to the Hills he would draw, under existing rules, Rs 20 to 30 the pay of the next higher grade.

Had this been done the record would have been clear in my office.

4. This first appointment was made in August 1889, and when the transfer of this clerk to the plains took place in September 1892, the only record about the clerk available in my office was that he was a permanent clerk IV class III Grade drawing Rs 20 to 30.

5. Gnanamuthu Pillai was transferred by me to the plains not by "an oversight" but in the interests of Government, as two clerks in one office on the plains were fighting together, and I considered it necessary to separate them. Had I known that Gnanamuthu's permanent appointment was 15 to 20,

I would have reverted him on his transfer to the plains, but I did

did not know this.

6. I posted Manikam to Ootacamund in place of Gnanamuthu transferred, and, as this clerk was drawing Rs 15 to 20 on the plains & claimed (under the rules in force) Rs 20 to 30 for him when transferred to Ootacamund.

The Examiner objected to this increase, as there was no vacancy and then only, on making enquiries, I ascertained that Gnanamuthu Pillai should have been reverted to 15 to 20.

7. I explained all this personally to the Head Clerk of your office and told him that the mistake would not have occurred if the rate of pay accorded to Gnanamuthu on his first appointment had been clearly notified to my office.

8 My reasons for asking that

clerk Gnanamuthu be treated as Supernumerary in the 20 to 30 Grade are as follows:-

(1) Because he was originally appointed in August 1889 direct to the 20 to 30 Grade on the Hills without any condition that he would be reduced to 15 to 20 if transferred to the plains.

(2) Because he was sent to the Peryar with Sergt. Carnwell under the orders of the Superintending Engineer, vide Supg: Engineer's No. 103 N.I. dated 17th February 1890, and without any option on his part.

(3) Because after transfer to the Peryar he was treated as a temporary clerk and though he got higher pay as a temporary clerk he lost all chance of getting promotion as a permanent clerk which he might have obtained had he remained in this Division. He has since had his claim recognized as being a permanent clerk but only reverts to his original position

(4) Because being a permanent clerk with 7½ years' Service he now owing to not having had permanent promotion has to revert to V class 1st Grade on Rs 15 to 20.

9. I consider this clerks' case to be exceptional and to deserve special consideration.

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No. $\frac{351}{W}$ d/29-6-97

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Forwarded to the Chief Engineer with reference to Memorandum No. 324 D dated 25th May 1897. The non reversion of the clerk to the lower grade when he came down to the plains, appears to be due to G. Os. Nos. # 2206 W and x 2699 W dated respectively 28th August 1882 and 3rd November 1884, having been overlooked or lost sight of in the Division office.

J Hanna

Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

P. W. D.

Memorandum

No. 324 D dated 25th May 1897

The undersigned is directed to request that the S.C. IV Circle will × × ×

~~With reference to his endorsement No. $\frac{140}{W}$~~ dated ~~11th March 1897, the Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle, is requested~~ ~~to~~ be so good as to report who is the officer responsible for the oversight referred to in his Endorsement No. $\frac{140}{W}$ d/ 11th March 1897. ~~therein~~,

2. The officer concerned should also be called upon to show cause why he should not make good to clerk A. Gnanamuthu Pillai the difference of pay until such time as the latter is absorbed

22/5/97

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To

Rd.

The Suptg. Engr. IV Circle. D/ [illegible]/5/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3799

Order

The only shadow of grievance that this man has, is due to an oversight of his superior officer. It is hard on the Govt. that it should have to pay for the oversights of its own superior officers. Why should not that superior officer make good to Mr. Gnanamuttu, the difference of pay, until such time as the latter is absorbed? A.S.H. 8.5.97

The recommendation at the end of the Supdg. Engr's endorsement is sanctioned.

6/5/97

From The Examiner P.W. Accts
Madras.

No. 1192 D/E.

Dated 13th April 1897.

Received 14.4.97

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SUBJECT.

A. Gnanamuttu Pillai, Clerk — stating that there is no audit objection to — being treated as a supernumerary clerk.

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No. 874

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS
31 MAR. 1897

Executive Engineer's Office,
Coimbatore Division,
5th March 1897.

FROM,
A. A. G. Malet Esq.,
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.
COIMBATORE DIVISION.

TO,
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.
FOURTH CIRCLE

ENCLO:

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that Clerk A. Gnanamuthu Pillai on the 20 to 30 grade on the hills had to be transferred to the plains from 29th September 1896. He was not reverted to the next lower grade as it was believed his grade was 20 to 30 whether on the hills or the plains, because he was originally appointed to the 20 to 30 grade without any special conditions regarding reversion, and as his permanent service was allowed to count from 17th December 1889. Vide G.O. No 2420 W of 20th August 1896. Pay for the clerk that

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was sent to the Hills in place of Clerk Gnanamuthu Pillai was claimed at Rs 20, this being the next higher grade and the rate of pay sanctioned in G. O No. 1068 W of 1st April 1892, but the Examiner has not passed it as there was no vacancy and the appointment was therefore in excess of the sanctioned scale of the Division. It is not possible that this clerk can live on his pay in the 15 to 20 grade on the hills, and I had no other alternative but to revert Gnanamuthu Pillai to the 15 - 20 grade. The case of Gnanamuthu Pillai is a peculiarly hard one and deserves special consideration. He was transferred to the Periyar on the 17th December 1889 and through no fault of his own he was overlooked and not promoted to regular vacancies that occurred in this circle after that date. That he should now be made to revert to the 15 to 20 grade will be a great hardship on the clerk, as I am of opinion that had he not gone to

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The fault of his superior Officers?
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Periyar he would not have been overlooked in the vacancies that occurred during his absence. The clerk bears a good character and has been favorably reported on every half year since he rejoined this Division and I therefore suggest that you will kindly address Government with a view to treat him as a supernumerary clerk on the 20 to 30 grade to be absorbed when the next vacancy occurs.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant.

4.3
Executive Engineer

FH
4/3/97

SG. 4/3/97

CH. ENGINEER P.W.D.
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FOURTH CIRCLE.

From
The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division

Dated 4th }
Despd 5th } March 1897
Received }

No. 874

Clerk A. Gnanamuthu
Pillai
Requests to address Govt.
to treat — as supernumerary clerk on 20 to 30 grade
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EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
31 MAR. 1897
No ....

No. 1140/W d/11-3-97

Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. for favorable consideration.

The assumption of the Executive Engineer that the clerk was appointed on Rs 20 to 30 without any special conditions does not seem to be correct. He was appointed as Overseer's clerk. His transfer to the plains on the same grade was made to fill up a vacancy caused by one of the Division clerks taking up an appointment in the College of Engineering, Madras with a lien on his appointmen in this department. So far there was nothing irregular, but on the latter clerk reverting to his appointment in the Coimbatore Division office Gnanamuthu should have been sent back to his substantive appointment on the Hills. This was not done through an oversight, and it is not considered fair that the clerk should suffer on this account. It is therefore recommended that he be treated as a Supernumerary clerk on Rs 20 to 30 grade to be absorbed when the next vacancy occurs.

W Hannan

Supg. Engineer, 4 Circle.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2647

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
31 MAR 1897

No. 1794 C of 29th March /97

~~**Order**~~ O. u.

To C

for favour of remarks.

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31.3.97

To. No. 1192 D/E. dated 13th April 1897

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No audit objection.

2. The clerk has already been twice treated as supernumerary. Vide G. O. No 2420 W dated 20th August 1896 and No 706 W dated 10 March '97.

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For C.

13.4.97

From The Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle.

No. 140/W

Dated 11th March 1897

Received 13-3-97

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SUBJECT.

A. Gnanamuthu Pillay — Clerk.

Submits letter from the Exi. Engr., Coimbatore Dn. for favor of orders with recommendation that be treated as a Supernumerary Clerk on Rs 20 to 30 grade to be absorbed when the next vacancy occurs.

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29-11-97
(Sd) K.H.B.B

NOVEMBER.

To. The S. Es I & III circle
" Chief Engr. for Irrg
" Ex. P. W. accts

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Anantapur	·17	·19	·37	·98	..	1·71	·03	·02	·01	·06	1·77
Bellary	·28	·11	1·11	2·48	..	3·98	·03	..	..	·03	4·01
Kurnool	·28	·23	2·12	3·09	..	5·72	·40	..	..	·40	6·12
Total ..	1·24	·91	10·14	13·69	·05	26·03	·63	·13	·02	·78	26·81
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