

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 1839W

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DATED 20 July '98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Peons : Declining to interfere on
behalf of certain — of the Circle
appealing against their alleged dismissal
by Mr. Hannan

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 1839W of 20. 7. 28
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

READ the following

Petition from Ameer Khan, late lascar, office of the Superintending Engineer II Circle, dated 18th April 1898.

-Do-	Shaik Server	-do-	d/18th April 1898.
-Do-	B.Venkataswamy	-do-	d/18th April 1898.
-Do-	Khadar Shareef	-do-	d/18th April 1898.
-Do-	B.Venkatappayya	-do-	d/21st April 1898.
-Do-	Shail Server & B.Venkataswami,	-do-	d/29.4.98.

From the Superintending Engineer II Circle, No. 1624 K., d/28-5-1898.

Petition from Ameer Khan, Shaik Server, Bodi Venkataswamy, Khader Sherif, late lascars office of the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 20th June 1898.

The above petitions are appeals from men who were formerly peons office of the of the Superintending Engineer II Circle praying to be restored to -- their appointments. After a careful consideration of the appeals, His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason to interfere on behalf of the petitioners.

TO The Petitioners.

Superintending Engr. II Circle.

(40-4,000-14-3-95.)

14.7.96

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos. 4695, 3943, 3618, 3617, 3616, 3615,
3706 & 5407.

SUBJECT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HONBLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HONBLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

*Petitions from the peons
dismissed by Mr. Hannan.*

FOR ORDERS.

These petitions are appeals to Govt. from men who were formerly peons in the office of the Suptg:Engineer, II Circle, praying to be restored to their appointments. After their alleged dismissal the petitioners appealed for reinstatement to the undersigned as Chief Engineer; an enquiry was then made into their complaints and the undersigned decided not to interfere in the matter. The present petitions are mainly repetitions of their previous representations on the subject. A precis of those representations with the Suptg:Engineer's remarks and the Chief Engineer's orders thereon, is submitted as a preliminary to a consideration of the present petitions.

Shaik Server had been peon for 10

years. Mr. Hannan ordered him to go to camp during his tour in the Kistna

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Eastern Division from 16th to 30th
January 1898. The ^{Sub-Engineer} syce was dismissed
and Shaik Server's services were
utilized instead. On one occasion he was
ordered to lead the Suptg:Engineer's
horse for a distance of 6 miles;sub-
sequently he was asked to rub it
down. Shaik Server was not only un-
used to the work but Muhamadans of his
stamp do not like to do such "mean "
work, and he was afraid of the horse
kicking him. He accordingly showed
reluctance" to do as ordered. For this
he was abused and "the gentleman and
his lady" bore a grudge against him.
The peon was sent with a letter to
the Lock Superintendent, Cowlaram, and
with instructions to get a reply
on the very day-the distance to be
traversed being 15 miles. On the
24th January, the peon walked with his
camp from Gudivada to Cowlaram, a
distance of 7 miles; and was immedi-
ately sent to the Masulipatam Club,
a distance of ¹² ~~40~~ miles, to bring 12
bottles of soda ^{the aid of} without a cooly. On
the 27th night at 10 o'clock, Mr.
Hannan gave him a letter to be carried
to Mr. Walch at Guntur, a distance of
42 miles (24 miles on foot and 18 by
train).

Mr. Hannan

Mr. Hannan having dismissed
one of his butlers and his syce, Shaik
Server's services were used for domes-
tic purposes. On the gentleman start-
ing again for camp on 7th February
1898, Shaik Server was ordered to carry
Mr. Hannan's private saman and tents
from his bungalow to the boat, without
the assistance of any cooly. At Peda-
ganjam, the boat had to be towed care-
fully through the bridge, as it had a
dog-cart on top; for this purpose Shaik
Server was giving the other end of a
rope to some others; and while doing
so, Mr. Hannan threw him into the canal.
As he was a swimmer, he was able to
reach the bank, and he had to tow the
boat from there for 8 miles. At Gund-
lakamma, he with some others had to ex-
tricate the boat from a shoal in the
river, into which it had got. At Kot-
tapatam Shaik Server was ordered to
fetch coolies to tow the boat; before
they arrived, he was ordered to carry
on his shoulders the horse saman to a
place 20 miles distant. Being greatly
fatigued and in want of food for the
previous 2 days, on representing his
inability to do as ordered, Mr. Hannan
ordered him to leave his badge and
belt and to "go away out of his ser-
vice!" Shaik Server represented that ^{he}
bore a good character and prayed that
he might be ^{restored} ~~rested~~ to his appointment.

(Ameer Khan

Ameer Khan, a pensioned sepoy, had been peon in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, for 5 years. He represented that Mr. Hannan very often ordered him to attend to much of his private work. When in camp at Cowlaram, on Mr. Hannan not returning from his walk up to 7 P.M. one day, Ameer Khan, of his own accord, went with a lantern and faced the gentleman at the canal bank on the opposite side. Mr. Hannan asked him to cross the canal. Not being a swimmer, he could not do as directed; he accordingly crossed the river by a bridge that was near, and went up to the gentleman. For the slight delay thus caused, Mr. Hannan beat him and threw him into the canal. On two successive occasions, he was ordered to follow the gentleman's horses. At Kottapatam, he was ordered to fetch coolies to tow the boat; before they came, Mr. Hannan ordered him to carry the horse saman and other articles to a place 20 miles distant. Being greatly fatigued and in want of food for the previous two days, he represented his inability to do as ordered. The peon did not say that he was dismissed for this, but prayed that he might be restored to his appointment.

B. Venkataswamy had been peon in the P.W.D. for 13 years. On 15th January last, he was ordered to follow Mr. Hannan's horses in camp to Paparru. By the care-
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* "There was no bridge for him to cross nearer than 2 miles" Mr. Hannan says.

carelessness of the syce, the horse had a sore leg; for which the syce was dismissed, for no fault, but that he followed Mr. Hannan's horses, Venkataswamy ^{also was} ~~was al-~~ so ordered to be out of duty for 2 days. Subsequently he was ordered to take charge of the horses, no syce having been engaged. Venkataswamy expressed reluctance to do the duties of the ^a ~~the~~ syce. Ever since that Mr. Hannan bore a grudge against him. At Gundlakamma on 10th February he was ordered to carry grass and grain for Mr. Hannan's horses to a place 8 miles distant. It was 9 o'clock at night, the river was boisterous, ^{there} ~~there~~ was no ferry to cross it and Venkataswamy was not a swimmer. He therefore expressed his inability to go; but on the gentleman insisting on his going ~~then~~ and there, the peon "somehow managed" to go. At Kottapatam, Mr. Hannan ordered him to carry a heavy load of saman to a place 20 miles distant. Being greatly fatigued by his foot journeys on the previous days, the peon expressed his inability to do as ordered. Mr. Hannan thereupon forced him to leave his belt and badge and to go out of his service. In these circumstances, the peon begged to be restored to his appointment.

B. Venkatapayya had been peon in the P.W.D. for 6 years. On Mr. Hannan starting for camp on 7th February 1898, he
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engaged no coolies to carry his saman from the bungalow to the boat, but ordered the peon to do the work. During his tour, the peon had to tow the boat along with the coolies. On the 11th February arriving at Kottapatam after 2 days journey without meals, he was ordered to go to Ongole to fetch bread, potatoes and cocoanuts for Mr. Hannan. On his return from ~~the~~ ^{that} place, he was ordered to carry a heavy load of samans to a distance of 20 miles. Being greatly fatigued by previous journeys he expressed inability to do as ordered, and Mr. Hannan forced him to leave his belt and badge and to go out of his service. The peon accordingly begged to be restored to his appointment.

Khader Shareef was peon in the P.W.D. and as such accompanied Mr. Hannan to camp on 7th February 1898. On the day of his starting, there was no cooly engaged to carry the gentleman's saman from his bungalow to the boat. The peon had to do it. During the tour, he had to tow the boat. At Pedaganjam, as he was giving the other end of a rope to the coolies in view to the boat being towed safely through the bridge, Mr. Hannan threw him into the lock; ^{wherefrom} ~~whereupon~~ the peon narrowly escaped with his life. On 11th February when he arrived at Kottapatam after

2 days journey on foot without meals, Mr. Hannan ordered him to carry a heavy load of saman to a place 20 miles distant. Being greatly fatigued, the peon ~~en~~ represented that he could not do as ordered. For this, he was called names, and forced to leave his belt and badge, and to go out of service. He accordingly prayed to be restored to his appointment.

The complaints, more or less constantly repeated in these ~~petitions~~ ^{petitions}, were

- (1) That Mr. Hannan ordered the peons to do the work of ^a syce.
 - (2) That he threw some of the peons into the water by way of punishment.
 - (3) That he ordered the peons to carry his private saman from his bungalow to the boat, and to tow his boat.
 - (4) That at Kottapatam on the peons' representing their inability to carry some horse saman to a distance of 20 miles, they were deprived of their belts and badges and turned out of the Govt. service.
- Mr. Hannan explained with regard to complaint No. (1), that shortly after joining the circle, he ordered Shaik Server to rub down his horses, on the man refusing to do this, ^{neither} ~~neither~~ he nor any others were again asked to do the work.

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Shaik Server led his horse one afternoon for a distance of 2 miles, while Mr. Hannan was inspecting work. This was all that Shaik Server or any other peon had to do in the way of working Mr. Hannan's ^{horses} ~~horses~~.

With regard to No. (2), it was not true, that he ^{the men} threw them into the water. He made them ⁱⁿ jump, but not by way of punishment. On one occasion Mr. Hannan insisted on one of the lascars (Ameer Khan), crossing the canal with his lantern, because it was quite dark, he wanted the lantern on his side of the canal as "he did not care to get bitten by a snake". The other occasion was when at Pedaganjam lock, he ordered two of the lascars to go into the water to keep the boat in the centre, as it was passing under the lock bridge. He had a trap on the top of the boat and he was afraid of its striking against the archway. On these two occasions the water was only about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep and the men were made to go in because they were occasions of necessity.

With regard to complaint No. (3), Mr. Hannan says that some of his saman was carried by peons along with some coolies from his bungalow to the boat, a distance of 200 yards. The only occasion when any of

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the peons towed his boat or ^{were} ~~when~~ even asked to do so, was when he wanted to reach Gundlakamma lock, where he was halting for the night. There was a very strong head wind and 4 peons helped by as many coolies towed the boat for a distance of 3 miles. Each lascar was ^{annas two} paid ~~as 2/-~~ for this.

As regard complaint No. (4), Mr. Hannan said that it was not true that he ordered any of the lascars to carry horse saman. He always sent a cooly to do it and never asked any of the lascars to do the work. The complaint ^{as to} these men having been dismissed, was not correct. The fact was that they all resigned one after the other at Kottapatam, 85 miles from Mr. Hannan's head quarters on the 11th February 1898. Their reason for resigning was that the work was too hard. Their ^{reason} ~~reason~~ "son detre" being principally for camping purposes, Mr. Hannan thought that they might have grown so unaccustomed to work by reason of the ^{very} ~~every~~ little travelling, they apparently had had during the previous 5 years.

With reference to the individual cases of alleged ill treatment, Mr. Hannan explained that he once sent Shaik Server from Pamarru to Masulipatam for a dozen of soda water; the man was told to get a cooly to bring it; but

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as he brought it himself, Mr. Hannan told his boy to give him ~~as 6/-~~ ^{annas six}.

As regards Venkataswamy's complaint that he was ordered to carry grass and grain to a place 8 miles distant at 9 o'clock night, when the river was boisterous, Mr. Hannan says that he sent this lascar at 7 P.M. from Gundlakamma to Kottapatam, a distance of 6 or 7 miles with 2 coolies carrying grass for his horses. It was after hours and the man was given a present of ~~as 4/-~~ ^{annas four}.

The peons complained of hard work; the first man to do so was the pensioned sepoy Ameer Khan, apparently "the ring leader in the conspiracy". He said the work of marching 12 to 15 miles a day with Mr. Hannan's horses was too hard. Mr. Hannan "told him that if he did not like it, he could go, and he went". The next man was Khader Sharif, who had been peon a short time. He said the work was too hard and that unless it was made easier he would resign. His resignation was then accepted. "The other three peons, two of them of long service, then came up with their belts in their hands and tendered their resignation". Mr. Hannan did not want to be left entirely without peons and accordingly told them that they must remain with them at all events for the present. They, however, refused to do so, and went off in spite of the remonstrances of (the

the Wharf Superintendent at Kottapatam, who tried to get them to stop on". The reason for this extraordinary conduct on their part, accordingly to the Wharf Superintendent, was that they did not want to accompany Mr. Hannan along the Buckingham Canal on account of Cholera. Mr. Hannan said that it was quite untrue that he employed them as domestic servants and "that they have not been able to give any instances where they had to do anything which they should not have been asked to do". It was intolerable, that Government servants, as these peons were, should treat him in the manner they did. The men petitioned to be restored to their posts; Mr. Hannan had no intention of ~~doing~~ ^{restoring} them, ~~so~~ and trusted that his decision would be approved.

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The case was disposed of in Chief Engineer's Memo No. 1819 c d/ 24th March 1898. The statement of the Suptg. Engineer that the peons were asked to do nothing that they should not have been asked to do, was accepted; his action in refusing to allow them to return to their duties, was approved; and the peons were accordingly ordered to be informed that the Chief Engineer declined to interfere in the matter. The Superintending Engineer was however ordered to consider whether the (peons

peons of long service, should not, if they express ^{ed} penitence for resigning, be then reinstated either in their former or some other posts.

In their present petitions to Government, these men merely repeat their previous representations, and add that they were not reentertained even after they had apologized to the Superintending Engineer. Two of the men, Shaik Server and B. Venkataswamy animadvert on the precariousness of their position as Government servants, in that their services were dispensed with "by one word of Mr. Hannan", without the least regard for their service in the Department, extending to 10 and 13 years respectively. They allege that on Shaik Server applying for a temporary watchman's post in Kista Eastern Division, the Executive Engineer ordered that he should not be given any appointment in the P.W.D., and that whenever they go all the P.W.D. Officers decline to give them any appointment. They allege that they never resigned their posts, but that their belts and badges were forcibly taken away from them. Even if it be the fact that they resigned their posts, they urge that there could ~~not~~ be no objection to their reappointment.

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In this Office memo No. 2573 c dated 18th May 1898, these petitions were forwarded to the Suptg. Engineer for consideration and remarks with reference to the undersigned's order that it should be considered whether the peons of long service should not, if they expressed penitence for resigning, be reinstated. In reply the Suptg. Engineer says "that it would be very bad policy to reentertain them". From ^{in their present petitions,} the repetitions, of "the false charges" already made, Mr. Hannan thinks that it does not look as if they repented of their past behaviour. "Such conduct would not be tolerated in any other class of Govt. servants" and Mr. Hannan does not see why it should be put up with from peons. Mr. Hannan states that he ^{issued} "issued no orders either officially demi-officially or privately regarding the non-employment of these peons", but that he approves of the action of the officers in refusing to give them employment.

The men had evidently got quite ~~the~~ out of hand, and were determined to do as little as possible. It is recommended that their petitions be rejected. *Suppl. Supr. Memo are of the very A.H. rules, & an example drawn 4-3-98*

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~~Public~~ Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 4695

From The Superintending
Engineer
H. Circle

Order

No. 1624 K

Dated 28.5.78

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SUBJECT.

Petitions from the
dismissed persons of
Mr Hannan —;
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with remarks.

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His Excellency

The Governor in Council
Fort. Saint George.

CHIEF SECRETARY
21. APR. 1893
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The humble appeal represents
of Ameer Khan peon in the office
of the Superintending Engineer
II Circle against the enclosed
order No ^{1517 C} ₂₄₋₅₈₀ of the Chief Engineer

May it please
your Excellency

Before I represent my grievances
I humbly beg permission to bring to your
Excellency's notice that I served the Country
in the military department for 16 years fought
three battles in Burma & Afghanistan obtain
medals in token of my faithful service &
lastly retired on a monthly pension of Rs 4.

I again entered in the office of
Superintending Engineer IInd Circle 5 years
back. Mr. J. Hannon our present S.E. took
me into Camp and ordered me very
often to attend to much of his private
work. As Contaram he went on a walk
over the Canal bank and did not return
till 7 P.M. I consequently ~~was~~



own accord took a lantern for him
and found him on the Canal bank.
But he and I happened to be on the
opposite banks of the Canal. He called
me from the other bank of the Canal
to come across the Canal but I told
him that I could not do so — as I
am not a swimmer. He called me by
names such as a bastard, pig, &c and
insisted on me to cross the Canal.

I could not do so but appeared before
him passing over a bridge which is very
near by. Of course it took me a
little time and he consequently beat
me and threw ^{me} into the Canal. I have
no other go than bearing this difficulty
during the cold night.

During his next trip he ordered
me to follow his horses vide enclosed
note of his instructions — which I obeyed.
He again ordered me to follow his horses
from Pedahangam to Kottapattanam a
distance of 17 miles — which I have also
done. We arrived at Kottapattanam where
he ordered me to fetch coolies for
dragging the boat before the coolies
came. He ordered me to carry the
horse Saman & the articles on my
shoulders to Singarayakonda a distance

of 20 miles. As I was greatly fatigued
owing to the hard labour I was put in
to and for want of food on the
previous 2 days. I represented that I
was unable to walk over with the Saman
on my shoulders a distance of 20 miles.
I represented all these circumstances
to the Chief Engineer for Public Works
Department who endorsed that he does
not interfere in the matter. I begged Mr. Hannon
to accept my apology and to keep me in my appointment but he declined to do so.
I therefore beg that the long
service & the toils I have undergone
during that time may be taken into
consideration & that I may be restored
to my appointment and be protected
from the pangs of hunger & famine.

I beg to remain

Your Excellency's most obedient
Servant.

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His Excellency
The Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

CHIEF SECRETARY
25 APR 1900
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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SECOND OFFICE

The humble appeal
representation of B. Venkatappa
peon in the office of Superintending
Engineer II Circle against
the enclosed order, No. 1819C
of the Chief Engineer, 24.5.98

May it please your Excellency,

I most humbly beg to represent
that I have been a peon in the D. P. W.
for the last years. Mr. J. Hannon
the present S. E. ordered me to follow
his camp on 7th February 1898. He uses me
more for his private work than for public
duty. On the day of his starting for
camp he engaged us coolies to carry
his saman from his bungalow to the boat
and ordered me to carry and load his
saman &c on the boat — which I
explicitly obeyed. During his tour he
ordered me to drag his boat on the
canal along with the coolies — this too
I have done. On the 11th February 1898

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we arrived at Kollapattanam after 2 days
journey without meals. As soon as
we arrived there he ordered me to go
to Ouzh and fetch for him bread,
potatoes & Coconuts - which I did
accordingly. As soon as I returned
from there he ordered me to carry on
my shoulder a heavy load of his luggage
& sail from Kollapattanam to
Singarayakadu a distance of 20 miles.
This I could not do as having been
greatly fatigued with journey on foot
on the previous days and consequently
I expressed my inability in carrying
out his orders. He then forced me to
leave my bag and held with him
and go out of his service and I was
thus forced to leave my appointment
for no fault of mine.

I represented on these circumstances
to the Chief Engineer for Public Works
Department who endorsed that he does
not interfere in the matter.

I therefore beg that my poor case
may be taken into your Excellency's
favourable Consideration and that
I may be restored to my appointment
and that I may thus be protected

in these famine days when I find it
very difficult to maintain myself.

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I beg to remain
Your Excellency's most obedient servant

B. Venkatappa

To

The Chief Engineer

for Public Works Department.

The humble representation of Shaik Server and B Venkataswami late peons in the office of the Superintending Engineer II Circle

Most Honored Sir

With humble reference to your No 1819C 24-3-1898



We beg to state that we were given the enclosed extract (but not the whole) of your honor's order and were ordered to give up all chances of further appointment in the Department. We beg to state that we have a long service in the Department (Shaik Server 10 years) and B Venkataswami 13 years) and during which period we worked with the strong hope that our means of livelihood will be as safe and guarded as anything and that we will enjoy in the long run our pension in the old age; we never thought that we were working on precarious and every day's threatening means of livelihood. Having that belief only in mind, we were working on a small monthly pay of Rs 6 for so long a period.

2. In such a case, we were dispensed with by one word of Mr. Hannon in one moment and our service was not in the least taken into account.
3. To add to this, one of us (Shaik Server) applied to the Northern Sub Division officer for a temporary watchman post Ungutur since and the Executive Engineer District Eastern Division ordered that he should not be given any appointment in the D. P. W. and the Northern Sub Division officer gave the enclosed endorsement. We do not know what sin we have committed so that we may not be re-appointed.
4. The Superintendent Engineer says that we resigned our posts though we never did so, excepting his forcibly taking our belts and badges. Even supposing

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that we resigned, there can be no objection to our re-appointment.

5. We tendered an apology to the Superintending Engineer and begged him to give us our former appointment or to transfer elsewhere, if he does not like to have us under him. He declined and wherever we go all the D.P.W. officers are declining to give us any appointment.

6. Copies of papers showing our previous behaviour are enclosed.

We therefore beg that the matter may be reconsidered and we may be given some concession for having worked in the Department for so long a period as we are dying for want of food in these days of famine.

For which act of kindness we shall as in duty bound have to ever pay for your long life and prosperity.

We most humbly beg to remain
Most honored Sir

Belwada
24/4/1888.

Your most obedient servants
Shrik Server
B. Vankataswamy

Extract from the Register of service and qualifications of the members of Superintending Engineer's office II Circle.

Shrik Server person

A willing and hard working man.

(sd) J. W. Martin
Suptg Engineer

A very good person. I transferred him to the office on account of an affection of his hands (not itch but excessive moisture). If this could be cured, he would make an excellent personal lascar; being steady, hardworking and reliable.

(sd) W. L. C. Baddeley
Major R E
8-11-1897.
(True copy)

(sd) Mr. Upshon
Manager
Suptg Engineer's office
2nd circle.

B. Vankataswamy person

hardworking.

Is quiet and as far as I have seen

(sd) J. W. Randall
12-12-87.

A good lascar and hardworking

(sd) J. W. Martin
2-4-1894

An excellent person, hardworking steady and reliable

(sd) W. L. C. Baddeley
Major R E
8-11-97.

(True copy)

(sd) Mr. Upshon
Manager
Suptg Engineer's office
2nd circle

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CHIEF SECRETARY
21. APR. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To
His Excellency
The Governor in Council
Fort-Saint. George.

SUPG. E. 2
N. 168
25 MAY. 93
SECOND CIRCLE

The humble appeal represents
of Khadar Sharief from the
the office of the Superintending
Engineer II Circle against
the enclosed order No. 1819C
20-288
of the Chief Engineer --
of the Chief Engineer.

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narrow escape of life. I bore this
patiently and draged as per his orders
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restored to my appointment and that
I may be thus protected in these hard
days of famine when I feel it
very difficult to maintain myself.

I beg to remain.
18-6-98. Your Excellency's most obedient
Servant,
20-8-98

Madras,

To

CHIEF SECRETARY
21. APR. 1893
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

His Excellency
The Governor in Council
Fort. Saint. George.

The humble appeal
representation of B. Venkataswami
peon in the office of the
Superintending Engineer
II Circle against the
enclosed order No. 1819 C
of the Chief Engineer
to His Excellency.

SUPG. ENR
No. 1819 C
25 MAY. 93
SECOND OFFICE

May it please your Excellency
I most humbly beg to represent
that I have been working in the P.W.D.
for the last 13 years. At the 15th January
1898 Mr J. Hanson our present S. E.
ordered me to follow his horse in camp
to Panamra on foot — which I have
done. Beg the Carelessness of the scribe
in the way the horse had a sore
on the leg and the horse-keeper was
dismissed. For the mere fact that I
followed the horses as per his orders and
for no fault of mine, he ordered me
to be out of duty for 2 days he afterwards
engaged me as his scribe and ordered
me to take charge of the horse and to

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road. I expressed
my inability to perform the duties of a
syc which my Caste forbids me to do.
Since that time he bore a grudge
against me. He again started
on a second Camp in Bellare District
where I represented the fact of my
having had sore eyes and begged of
him to keep me at Headquarters.
On the 11th February at Gundlakamma
where the river was in its high tide
he ordered me as soon as we arrived
at that place to carry grass and
grain for his horses which were at
Kottapattanam a distance of 8 miles. The
river was noisy and ~~the~~ boistress
there was no ferry to cross the river
and it was 9 o'clock in the night
and I had to cross the river and I
am not a swimmer too. I expressed
my inability to start at such a period
but he insisted on my going there and
there only being afraid of him I some
how managed at last to go as per
his orders. He ordered me to carry
on my shoulders a heavy load of Saman
from Kottapattanam to Sujarajkonda
a distance of 20 miles. I represented
my inability to do so being greatly

Madras, 1848.
fatigued with
food on previous days. He
me to leave my belt and
with him & to go out of his service.
As to my previous character I most
humbly beg that the perusal may be
made of my service book and the
qualifications report in the office.
I represented all these circumstances
to the Chief Engineer for Public Works
Department who endorsed that he
does not interfere in the matter. ^{Mr. Hennessey} ^{Mr. Hennessey}
I therefore beg your Excellency
that I may be restored to my appointment
and be thus protected.

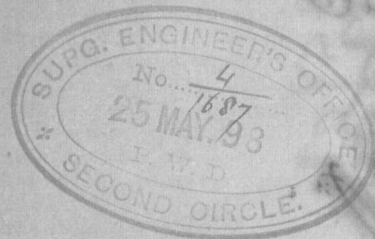
I beg to remain,
Your Excellency's most obedient servant
18-4-58. B. Venkataswamy

To

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.



The humble appeal
representation of Shaikh
Serap, person in the office
of the Superintending
Engineer IInd Circle against
the enclosed order No 1092 of
the Chief Engineer dated 28/1/93



May it please
your Excellency

Before setting forth my grievances
I beg to be excused in representing
that I have been a person in D.P.W.
for the last 10 years and as such
I have been exerting to do my utmost
in the discharge of my duties. I
was ordered to go to Camp by
Mr J. Hannan our present S.E.
in his tour through the District
Eastern Division and gives no Commission
Concerning more of his private
business than of public duties and
I beg your honour's permission to

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a few of them.
During his trip through the
District Eastern Division from 1886 to
30th January 1888, by reasons unknown
to me he dismissed his syce at Panwarra
and engaged no other syce of the
big horse instead. He began to utilize
my services in place of the syce. He
was pleased to order me to convey the
horse by reins from Panwarra to Contaram
on foot a distance of 6 miles — which I
did explicitly obey.

From Contaram to Panwarra Mr. J.
Hannan rode over the horse and
ordered me to rub the feet of the horse.
I was afraid that the horse would
kick me down as I never performed
such a duty either in or out of my
Capacity both official and social
(as Mohammedans of my stamp do not
like to do such a mean profession)
I showed reluctance to rub the feet
of the horse. Bearing grudge against
me from that time both the gentleman
& his lady used to speak very harsh
words of me such as a boar a donkey
etc.

Mr. J. Hannan sent me with
a letter with strict instructions
to get a reply on the very day from the
Lock-Superintendent Contaram a

the distance of 15 miles ^{Madras,}
this I obeyed.

On the 24th I walked with his
from Gudivada to Contaram a distance
of 7 miles and he immediately sent me
with a letter to Masulipatam enclosing
a distance of (12 miles) with strict orders
to carry for him from Masulipatam
club 12 bottles of soda without the
assistance of a coolie to help me
in the way. I conveyed the bottles
to Laashipuram a distance of 24
miles.

On the 29th night at 10 o'clock
he gave me a letter to be carried
to Mr. Waleh at Guntur a distance
of 42 miles (24 miles on foot & 18 miles by
train) — this too I obeyed.

My J. A journal will bear
testimony to the above statements.
Mr. J. Hannan dismissed one of his
bottles. His syce and used for his
domestic purposes.

He again started from camp
on the 1st February 1898 bearing grudge
against me for having been unwilling
at Gudivada to rub the feet of
the horse, he ordered me and eight
other persons to carry his
private baggage & carts &c from
his bungalow to the boat without

any Cooly man
I stayed.

His ~~dog~~ Card was placed
on the staff boat and at Peda-
Gangai Rock he ordered that
the boat may be dragged so that
the upper part of the dog Card may
not touch the bridge. I was
trying to do so and while I was
giving the other end of the rope to
some other, Mr. J. Haiman threw
me into the canal. As I am a
little swimmer I could reach the
bank and could thus save my life.
From that place he ordered me
to drag the boat which I did for
8 miles.

At Gundlakamma the boat
touched in the miry places of the
Gundlakamma river at the low
tide and had to raise the boat
along with others in the miry
place of the river. I was myself
dipped in the mud and could
some-how managed to come up
with the assistance of the other
peons.

We arrived at Kathapetam
where he ordered me to fetch coolies
for dragging the boat. Before the
Coolies came he ordered me to carry

the horse Saman ^{Madras,}
on my shoulders to Sengani
a distance of 20 miles. As I was
greatly fatigued owing to the hard
labour I was put into and forward
of food on the previous 2 days, I
represented that I was unable to
walk over with the Saman on my
shoulders over a distance of 20 miles.
He then ordered me to leave my
badge and belt with him and go
away out of his service and I
accordingly returned to Begum
headquarters. In this connection
I beg to represent that the same
officer used to have good opinion
of me vide ~~enclosed~~ ^{Copy} of his
recommendation No 1567 ^{to the District}
2-10-90
Judge Kistna for promotion of P.O.
The enclosed Copy of S.C. No 82 ⁸² ³⁷⁹⁶ speaks
also something of me. A kind person
through my service book and the
qualification reports in the office
will also throw light on my previous
Character.

I represented at these circumstances
to the Chief Engineer for Public
Works Department who endorsed
that he does not interfere in the
matter. I begged Mr. Haiman to accept my apology
& to keep me in my app^t but he declined to do so.

your Circumstances
I beg that my helpless
Case may be petted that I may
be restored to my appointment
and I may thus be protected.

I beg to remain

1846-98. Your Excellency's most obedient
Servant
Thos. Lerner

No 1624 K

Superintending Engineer's Office
Circular dated 28.5.98

From

J. H. Annan Esquire,
Superintending Engineer,
"Circle."

To

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the enclosures to your memo No. 2573 dated 18th May 98. I think the conduct of these lascars has been such that it would be very hard policy to re-employ them. In the petitions now returned they repeat the former charges already made and make new ones. This does not look as if they repented of their past behavior. Such conduct would not be tolerated in any other class of Government servants, and I do not see why it should be put up with it from

peons. I issued no orders either
officially, semi-officially or privately
regarding the non-employment
of these peons, but I approve of
the action of the officers referred
to in refusing to give them employment.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servt

W. M. M. M.

Superintendent of Police
to Civil.

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No 5407

From Amur Khan, Shaiti Sayer
Badi Venkatarawing Khair Shingh
Peons in the office of II Circle
Bazwara.

No.

Dated 20-6-98

Received } 29-6-98
Registered }

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Praying that they may be
re-appointed or transferred
to some other place in the
II Circle.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
JUN. 1893
GOVERNMENT OF AMERICA

Exc. Mercy

The Right Honorable
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

The humble representations
of Amir Khan, Sheikh Dervish Badi
Vaukas and ~~Amir Khan~~ ^{Shadi Shiff}, persons in the
office of the S. E. II circle.
His Excellency.

office of the
May it please your Excellency.
We beg to be excused for intruding
upon your Excellency's most valuable time
in representing that we petitioned your
Excellency two months ago setting
forth our grievances. Consequent on our
dismissal by Mr. Hanson the S. E. H.
& that we have not yet received any
endorsement to state that

2 We most humbly beg to state that we have a long service in the Department & during which period we worked with a strong hope & firm belief that our means of livelihood will be as safe & guarded as anything in the happy British Government and that we are ~~quite~~ guaranteed to enjoy in the long run to enjoy our pension in the

No.

20-6-98

Bjwasa

We beg to see
Your Excellency's faithful servant

(Sd)

Ameer Khan.

P. Venkataswamy

Shik Server

21.8.98

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 18th May 1898

From Ameer Khan, Peon, Superintending Engineer's office, II Circle, No dated 18th April 1898.

From Shaik Server, Peon, Superintending Engineer's office, II Circle, dated 18th April 1898.

B. Venkataswamy, Peon, Superintending Engineer's office, dated 18th April 1898.

From Khadar Shareef, Peon, Superintending Engineer's office, II Circle, dated 18th April 1898.

From B. Venkatappayya, late Peon, Superintending Engineer's office, II Circle, dated 21st April 1898.

From Shaik Server, late Peon, Superintending Engineer's office, II Circle, dated 29th April 1898.

The foregoing petitions are forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, for consideration and remarks, with reference to the last para of Memo from the undersigned No. 1819C dated 24th March 1898.

To

The Suptg. Engr. II Circle
[P.W. 41. 1,000-24-3-98.] with 6 petitions.

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3943

3618, 3617, 3616, 3615

3706

From

Shaik Serwar

B Venkataswami

Late Nona, His Office

II Circle

No.

Order

Dated 29 April 1898

Received } 2 May 1898

Registered }

Enclosures 2

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SUBJECT.

Praying that the order dismissing them from the service may be reconsidered & that they may be allowed some concession in consideration of their past long service in the Dept.

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15 9/14/98 R 14/5

No.	Date.
2342C	2-5-98
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2153C	18-4-98
1940C	29-3-98
1819C	24-3-98

To Mr. J. B. In
26-4-98

Shankar sirur of
Bezawada.

His petition of 9/4/98
requesting to appoint
him as a watchman at
Mungutur Head Sluice.

The Executive Engineer
declines to give him
the post applied for
and so his request cannot
be granted.

W. Campbell
24/4/98

Assistant Engineer
23/4/98 S. S. D.

No 1879C

Government of Madras
Public works & Genl
Memorandum

Dated 26-3-98
From the Superintendent
District Road K. 7/4-3-98

The peons should be informed
that the undersigned has read their
petitions and declines to interfere
in the matter.

(Sd) W. B. Desmiton
Ag Chief Engineer
(True Extract)

No 1020 K Communicated
to peon Shankar sirur with reference
to his petition to the Chief Engineer

(By road)
(Sd) Mr. Upadhar Mangam
Supply Engineer
Circle.

Case No. 5407
These last letters are
addressed to W.S.
the Premier - who
did not come to no.
I suppose their disposal
must now go to W.S.
If so, please have
a note written
detailing the case.

W.S.
7.6.98

SAW
I think you had better
draft the note. The case will
have to be carefully and
clearly stated.
K.S.
8 June 98

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3618
3617-3616-3615
3614

Order

From

Khadar Sharif
Deon Sir's office

No.

Dated 18 April 1898

Received } 22-90
Registered } 25-90

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SUBJECT.

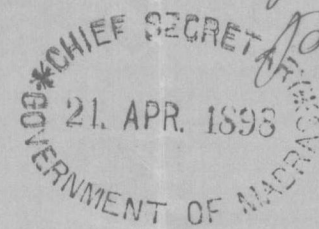
Appealing against the order
removing ^{him} from the service
(and praying for restoration
to his appointment.)

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Circ.

No 1819 c

Government of Massas

Public Works Department.



Memorandum

Dated 26th March 1898.

From the Superintending Engineer
Second Circle, No 708 K of 11-3-78.

The pious should be informed
that the undersigned has read their
petitions and declines to interfere in the
matter.

12d) W. B. de Winton.

Ag: Chief Engineer.

/ True extract /

No 1020 K.

6.4.98 Communicated to the Hon.
Khadii Sherif with reference to his petition
to the Chief Engineer. / By Order

Mr. Chapman Manager

Suply: Engineers Off
II circl

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3617

From *B. Venkatawamy*
Peon His Office
M. L. L.

No.

Dated 18th April 1898

Received 22nd 90

Registered 258

Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

*Appealing against the orders
removing him from the Court
Service and praying for restora-
tion to his appointment.*

Order

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FURTHER PAPERS.

Government of Madras.
Public Works Department

Hemorrhoids

Dated 24 ¹⁴/₇ March 1898.

From the Superintending Engineer,
Second Circle, No 708 K, 2/11-3-98.

The pious should be informed that the undersigned has read their petitions and declines to interfere in the matter.

1000 / W.B. de Winton.
Asst. Chief Engineer.

(True extract)

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6.4.98 Communicated to the hon Badi
Venkataswamy with reference to his petition to
the Chief Engineer.

1 By Order

Mr. Lyndon Manager

Suplg. Engineer's Office
II circle.

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3616

From

Shaik Seruier
Peron Sh's office
II kinch

Order

No.

Dated 18th April 1898

Received { 22-4-98

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SUBJECT.

Appealing against the orders
removing him from the service
& praying for restoration to
his appointment.

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No 1819 C.

Government of Madras.
Public Works Department.

Memorandum.

Dated 24th March 1898.

From the Superintending Engineer
Second circle, No 708 K, of 11-3-98.

The persons should be informed
that the undersigned has read their
petitions and declines to interfere in
the matter.

1st / W. B. de Winton
Ag: Chief Engineer

True extract

No 1020 K
= 6.4.98 Communicated to the person
Shank Sures with reference to his petition
to the Chief Engineer. / By Order

Mr. Byrdson Manager.

Suplty: Engineers Office
II circles

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3615

Order

From

Ameer Khan

Deon Sri office

No. 11 lane

Dated 18th April 1898

Received } 22 — 20

Registered } 25th —

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SUBJECT.

Appealing against the
orders removing him from the
service and praying for
restoration to his appointment.

25/4/98
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S. H. W.

No 1819 C.



Government of Madras.
Public Works Department.

Memorandum.

Dated 24th March 1898.

From the Superintending Engineer,
Second circle, No 708 K, of 11-3-98.

The honrs should be informed that
the undersigned has read their petitions
and declines to interfere in the matter.

1st / W. B. De Winton.
Ag. Chief Engineer.

(True extract)

No 1020 K
6.4.98

Communicated to the hon
Amier Khan with reference to his petition to
the Chief Engineer.

By order
Mr. Lushon Manager
Supty. Engineer's Office
II circle.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3706

From

B. Venkataswamy

Late from His office
Dine

No.

Dated 21st April 1898

Received } 25th 90
Registered } 27 - 4 - 98

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SUBJECT.

Appealing against the
orders dismissing from
the service & praying
for restoration to his
appointment

Order

By lines on to travel

a. below

- 5th Durgam Chattri
- 6th Kaladurgam Chattri
- 7th Kunaykullem Chattri
- 8th Santanawan Chattri
- 9th Peddagan Chattri

The Chattri Supl^r with
Supl^r for & Supl^r
on each to
carry home
Paman

PH
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SM

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No 1819 c

Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY
25. APR. 1890
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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From the Superintending Engineer
Second Circle, No 708, K, of 16-3-98.

The pious should be informed
that the undersigned has read their
petitions and declines to interfere in the
matter.

1 sd 1 W-B. de Winton.
Ag: chief Engineer

/ True extract /

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6.4.98 Communicated to the person
B. Venkatāppiah with reference to his petition
to the Chief Engineer.
1 By Order

1 By Order
Mrs. Hyslop Manager

Supltg: Engineer's Office
Circle

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3177

From

The Sup^d Engineer
H Circle

No. 988K

^W**Dated** 4 April 1898

Received

Registered

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SUBJECT.

Board of Sup^r Eng^rs Office
 Explains the Circumstances
 under which the — were
 asked to go into the water.

28/5-43 R25/11
Answers (plus) from Gold
sent again 26/4 R2/5

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With reference to your memo
No 1819 b, dated 24th Instant in which
you state "It is noticed that the Sup^y
Engineer did force one or more of the
peons into the water by way of punish-
ment", I beg to state that this was
not the case, but doubtless you were
justified in ^{presuming} ~~perceiving~~ so as I did not
explain the circumstances not wishing
to make my letter too long.

I insisted on one lascar crossing the canal with my lantern. This was not done as a punishment -
-ment to the lascar but because

it was quite dark and I wanted
the lantern on my side of the canal.

At the Peddagangam lock I
ordered one or two lasears. I am
not quite sure whether it was one
or two but to be quite safe I will
say two, to go into the water when
my boat was passing under the
lock bridge to keep it right in the
centre, as I had a small trap
on top of the boat and I was
afraid of its striking against
the arch way. These are the only two
occasions on which I ordered the
lasears into the water and they
were occasions of necessity.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt Servt

Wm. Munn

Superintending Engineer,
Chennai

It was quite dark and I wanted
the lantern on my side of the canal.
At the Peddagangam lock I
ordered one or two lasears. I am
not quite sure whether it was one
or two but to be quite safe I will
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on top of the boat and I was
afraid of its striking against
the arch way. These are the only two
occasions on which I ordered the
lasears into the water and they
were occasions of necessity.
I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
Wm. Munn
Superintending Engineer,
Chennai

Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3202

From The Sup^y Engr
The Arch

C
No 2153C of 18-4-98
Order

No. 1021K.

Recorded with
reference to Memo No. 1819C
dated 24th March 1898.

Dated 7 April 98.

Received } 9 April 98
Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Bodi Venkata Swarna
Staking Kat - is one
of the Cas cars whose
applications were
disposed of in Memo. 1869
Cd/24. 3. 1898.

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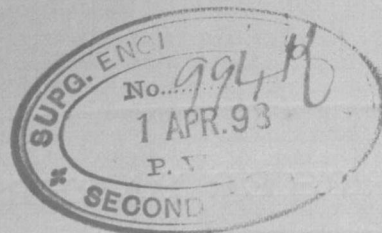
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Telegram



From Bodi Venkataswam.

№ 1940 сд/29-3-58

Report to the
Suply: Surgeon II circle, &
forward of report as to whether
the petition has been re-
ceived in his office, & if
so, as to when it will be
forwarded.

No. —

Dated 27 }
Received 28 } March 1898
Registered 28 }

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that orders
may be passed on his appeal
petition of 18th ultimo.

№ 1021 K.

7. The petitioner is one of the five lascars whose applications were disposed of in Memo No 1819 C d/24. 3. 98.

Harman
Supt Engineer
II Circle

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Class. *Sp* INDIAN TELEGRAPH. Monthly Local No. *581*

To *312/1000* From *Bengal*

Station *312/1000* Station *Bengal*

Words. Day. Hour. Minute. OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION.

25/2 27 10 22 *Sp*

To (Person) From (Person)

Chief Engineer *Bengal*

P.W. S.

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RECD. FROM L. N. SENT TO L. N.

At Hrs. Mts. By At Hrs. Mts. By

Date Postmaster.



Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2797

Telegram

From Bodi Venkataswami

No 1940C8/29-3-98

Referred to the S. E. II
Circle for favour of report
as to whether the petition
has been received in his
office & if so, as to when
it will be forwarded.

No. —

Dated 27

Received 28

Registered 28

} March 1898

(Sd) C. A. B. Boulton

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Dy Chief Engr

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29/3/98

SUBJECT.

Requesting that orders
may be passed on
his appeal petition
of 18th ultimo.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

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From

from
The Superintendent
2nd Grade

No. 708 K.

Dated 11 March 1898

Received

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14. 3. 98

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SUBJECT

Leons of Sapey. Enon.

Office 2nd Circle - 5th Floor

the circumference

requesting that they

may not be allowed to

turn back to their apptts

10/25/96 25/3/00

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have a narrow escape of life. I bore this patiently and dragged, as per his orders the boat on the canal for 8 miles from that place.

On the 11th February we arrived at Kottapattanam after 2 days journey on foot without meals. At Kottapattanam he ordered me to carry on my shoulders a heavy load of Saman to Singarayakonda a distance of 20 miles. This I could not do as having been greatly fatigued in the previous journeys on foot dragging his boat and I consequently represented my inability for carrying a heavy load on my shoulders. And he then called me by names and forced me to leave my bagge and belt with him and go out of his service and I was thus compelled to leave my appointment.

I now beg that my poor case may be taken into your honor's favourable consideration, that I may be restored to my appointment and that I may thus be protected in these hard days of famine when I find it very difficult to maintain myself.

I beg to remain.

Most honored Sir,

Your most obedient servant;

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The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

The humble representation
of B. Venkatappayya peon in
the Office of Superintending
Engineer II. Circle.

Most respected Sir,

I most humbly beg to represent that I have been a peon in the D. P.W. for the last 6 years. Mr. J. Hannon the present S. E. ordered me to follow his camp on 7th February 1898. He uses me more for his private work than for public duty. On the day of his starting for camp he engaged no coolies to carry his Saman from his bungalow to the boat and ordered me to carry and load his Saman &c on the boat - which I explicitly obeyed. During his tour he ordered me to drag his boat on the canal along with the coolies - this too I have done. On the 11th February we arrived at Kottapattanam after 2 days journey without

meals. As soon as we arrived there he ordered me to go to Ongole and fetch for him bread, potatoes & Coconuts - which I did accordingly.

As soon as I returned from there he ordered me to carry on my shoulders a heavy load of his luggage & samans from Kottapatnam to Singarayakonda a distance of 20 miles. This I could not do as having been greatly fatigued with journey on foot on the previous days and consequently I expressed my inability in carrying out his orders. He then ^{forced} ~~ordered~~ me to leave my badge and belt with him and to get out of his service and I was thus forced to leave my appointment for no fault of mine.

I therefore beg that my poor case may be taken into your honor's favourable consideration and that I may be restored to my appointment and that I may thus be protected in these famine days when I feel it very difficult to maintain myself.

I beg to remain.

Most honored Sir,
your most obedient servant.

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B. Venkatasamy

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To

The Chief Engineer.

Public Works Department

The humble representation of
B. Venkatasamy, from the
office of the Superintending
Engineer, II Circle.

Most honored Sir,

I humbly beg to represent that I have been working in the P.W.D. for the last 13 years. On the 15th January 1898 Mr. J. Harrison our present S. & E. ordered me to follow his horses in Camp to Pavarur on route - which I have done.

By the carelessness of the syce in the way the horse had a sore on the leg and the horse-keeper dismissed me on the mere fact that I followed the horses as per his orders and for no fault of mine he ordered me to be out of duty for 2 days & afterwards engaged no syce and ordered me to take charge of the horse and to lead it by reins on route - I expressed my reluctance to perform the duties of a syce which my caste forbids me.

to do. Since that time he bore a grudge against me.

He again started ~~on his~~ a second camp in Nellore District when I represented the fact of my having had sore eyes and begged of him to keep me at headquarters.

On 10th February at Gundlakamma where the river was in its hightide he ordered me,

as soon as we arrived at that place, to carry grass & grain for his horses which were at Kottapatnam a distance of 8 miles.

The river was noisy and boisterous there was no ferry to cross the river and it was a shock in the night and I had to cross the river and I am not a swimmer too.

I expressed my inability to start at such a period but he insisted on my going there and there only. Being afraid of him I somehow managed at last to go as per his order.

He ordered me to carry on my shoulders a heavy load of Saman from Kottapatnam to Singarayakonda a distance of 20 miles. I represented my inability to do so being greatly fatigued with toils of journey on foot on previous days.

He then forced me to leave my belt and badge with him and to go out of his service.

As to my previous character I most humbly beg that a perusal may be made of my service book and the qualification reports in the office. These are hard days of famine when I feel it very difficult to maintain myself and my family.

I therefore beg that I may be restored to my appointment and be thus protected.

I beg to remain

Most honored Sir,

Yours most obedient servant.

B. Venkataswamy

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My horses are to travel as follows.

- 5th. Duggiala Lock.
- 6th. Korkinara Lock.
- 7th. Narasayapalem Lock.
- 8th. Santaravoor Lock.
- 9th. Padaganjam Lock.

The Lock Supt. will supply gross & supply one cooly to carry horse samani.

(Sd) - J. H.
4-2-88.

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department. 98

The humble representations
of Amra Khan, Secy in the
office of the Superintending
Engineer IInd Circle.

Most Honored Sir,

Before I present my grievances I humbly
beg permission to bring to your honor's notice
that I served the country in the Military
Department for 16 years fought 3 battles in
Punjab and Afghanistan obtain medals
in token of my faithful service and lastly
retired on a monthly pension of Rs 4.

I again entered in the office of Superintending
Engineer IInd Circle 5 years back. Mr. J. H.
our present S. E. took me into camp
and orders me very often to attend to
much of his private work. At Cantaram
he went on a walk over the Canal bank
and did not return till 7 P.M. I
Consequently of my own accord took a
Lantern for him and faced him on the

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canal bank— but he and I happened
to be on the opposite banks of the canal,
he called me from the other bank of the
canal to come across the canal
but I told him that I could not
do so— as I am not a swimmer. He
called me by names such as a bastard,
pig &c and insisted on me to cross the
canal. I could not do so but appeared
before him passing over a bridge which is
near by. Of course it took me a little
time and he consequently beat me and
threw me into the canal — I had no
other go than bearing this difficulty
owing to the cold night.

During his next trip he ordered
me to follow his horses with enclosed copy
of his note of instructions which I obeyed.

He again ordered me to follow his horses
from Padanjanu to Kottapetnam a distance
of 17 miles which I have also done.

We arrived at Kottapetnam where he
ordered me to fetch coolies for dragging the
boat. Before the coolies came he ordered
me to carry the horse samau & other articles
on my shoulders to Singarayakonda a distance
of 20 miles. As I was greatly fatigued owing
to the hard labour I was put into and
for want of food on the previous 2 days.

I represented that I was unable to
walk over with the samau on my shoulders over
a distance of 20 miles.

Under the above circumstances I humbly
beg that my helpless case may be pitied
that I may be restored to my appointment
and I may thus be protected.

I beg to remain

Most honored Sir,

Yours most obedient servant.

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To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

The humble representation
of Sheik Seres peon in the
office of the Superintending
Engineer IInd Circle.

Most honored Sir,

Before setting forth my grievances
I beg to be excused in representing that
I have been a peon in the D. P. W. for the
last 10 years and as such I have been
exerting to do my utmost in the discharge
of my duties. I was ordered to go to camp
by Mr J. Hannon our present S. E in
his tour through the Kishna Eastern Division
and he gives us commands concerning more
of his private business than of public duties
and I beg your honor's permission to
enumerate below a few of them.

During his trip through the Kishna
Eastern Division from 16th to 30th January 98,
by reasons unknown to me he dismissed
his syce at Panarru and engaged no
other syce instead. He began to utilize
my services in place of the syce. He was

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pleased to order me to convey the horse
by reins from Panamra to Contarai on foot
a distance of 6 miles — which I did
explicitly obey.

From Contarai to Panamra Mr. J.
Hanson rode over the horse and ordered
me to rub the feet of the horse. I was
afraid that the horse would kick me
down as I never performed such a duty
either in or out of my capacity both
official and social (as mohammedans
of my stamp do not like to do such a
mean profession) I showed reluctance to
rub the feet of the horse. Bearing grudge
against me from that time both the
gentleman & his lady used to speak
very harsh words of me such as a boar
a donkey &c

Mr. J. Hanson sent me with a letter
with strict instructions to get a reply
on the very day from the Lock Superintendent
Contarai — a distance of 15 miles
"Coming & going included" this I obeyed.

On the 24th I walked with his
camp from Gudivada to Contarai a
distance of 7 miles and he immediately
sent me with a letter to Masubjatan
club a distance of (12 miles) with strict
orders to carry for him from Masubjatan

club 12 bottles of Soda without the assistance
of a coolie to help me in the way — I conveyed
the bottles to Laeshmipuram a distance
of 24 miles.

On the 27th night at 10 o'clock he gave
me a letter to be carried to Mr. Watch at
Guntur a distance of 42 miles (26 miles on
foot & 18 miles by train) this too I obeyed.

My J. N. journal will bear testimony
to the above statements.

Mr. J. Hanson dismissed one of his
butlers & his syc and used me for his
domestic purposes. He again started
for Camp on 7th February 1898 bearing
grudge against me for having been
unwilling at Gudivada to rub the feet
of the horse he ordered me amongst other
peons to carry his private samarra & tent
&c from his bungalow to the boat without
the assistance of any coolie man — This
I obeyed.

His dog cart was placed on the
staff boat and at Pedaganjani lock
he ordered us that the boat may be
draged so that the upper part of the dog
cart may not touch the bridge. I was
trying to do so and while I was going
the other end of the rope to some other

Mr. J. Hanson threw me into the canal.
As I am a little swimmer I could

reach the bank and could thus save my life. From that place he ordered me to drag the boat which I did for 8 miles.

At Gundlakamma the boat touched in the miry places of the Gundlakamma river at the low tide and I had to raise the boat along with others in the miry place of the river. I was myself dipped in the mud and could somehow managed to come up with the assistance of the other peons.

We arrived at Hottapattanam where he ordered me to fetch coolies for dragging the boat. Before the coolies came he ordered me to carry the horse sawan and other articles on my shoulder to Siingarayakonda a distance of 20 miles. As I was greatly fatigued owing to the hard labour I was put into and for want of food on the previous 2 days. I represented that I was unable to walk over with the sawan on my shoulder over a distance of 20 miles.

He then ordered me to leave my badge and belt with him and go away out of his service and I accordingly returned to Belwada headquarters. In this connection I beg to represent that the same officer used to have good opinion of me while

enclosure copy of his Recommendation No. 1507/2-10-90 to the District Judge Dist. for promotion of B.O.B. The enclosed copy of S.O. No. 831 E. 3786 speaks also something of me. A kind perusal through my service book and the qualifications reports in the office will also throw light on my previous character.

Under the above Circumstances I humbly beg that my helpless case may be pitied that I may be restored to my appointment and I may thus be protected.

I beg to remain
Most honored Sir,
Yours most obedient Devout
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My dear Hannan

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Superintending Engineer

Byzabad dated 11 March/98

From

J. Hannan Esquire,

Superintending Engineer,

To

The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honour to return the five petitions from my peers to your address forwarded me duly - officially to which I wish to reply officially. I have for easy reference marked the petitions A. B. C. D. & E.

Petition A. Shortly after joining the circle, I asked this lascar to rub down my horses in camp one morning as the Syce had not come up. He refused. Neither this man or any of the others were again asked to do so. He led my horse one afternoon for a distance of two miles whilst I was inspecting work. This is all he or the others had to work my horse. I sent him from Panavara to Masatipatam for a dozen of Soda water. He was told to get

get a cooly to bring it, but brought
it himself instead, for which I told my
boy to give him as 6p cooly. He carried some
of my Saman from my bungalow to my
boat with the other lascars a distance of
200 yards but coolies were also employed
to do this. I made this lascar jump into
the water as he describes but the water
was only ^{about} $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep. I did not as alleged
throw him in. He and three other lascars
assisted the 4 coolies who were towing my
boat for a distance of 3 miles as there was
a very strong ^{head} wind and I wanted to
reach the Gundlakamma Rock where I
was halting for the night. I paid each
lascar for do so as 2p. This was the only
occasion any of the persons towed my boat
or even asked to do so. It is not true
that I ever ordered any of my lascars
to carry my horse Saman to Suriga-
mayakonda. I always send a cooly to
carry the horse's Saman and never asked
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any of my lascars to do so.
Petition B. Late in the evening, I was
walking on one side of the Pobra canal
and this lascar was on the other side
with my lantern as I did not care to get
bitten by a snake. I insisted on the lantern
being brought to my side. The depth of
water in the canal did not exceed $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
After some difficulty I got him to wade
across the canal. There was no bridge for
him to cross nearer than 2 miles.

Petition C. I sent this lascar at 7 P.M.
from Gundlakamma to Kottapattam a
distance of 6 or 7 miles with two coolies
carrying grass for my horses. As it was
after hours, I gave him a present for
doing so of as 4p. The other allegations
are similar to those already dealt with
above.

Petition D. All the allegations in this, which
need be noticed, are repetitions of what has
already been dealt with above.

Petition E. The last remark applies to
that

also.

The statements that I dismissed these
peons are not correct. They all resigned
one after the other at Kottapattam 85
miles from my Head Quarters on 10th Feb'y.
The reasons given by them were that the
work was too hard. This may be so, as
they are now apparently quite un-
accustomed to work. I have not my
predecessor's journals to refer to but I
think I am correct in saying that for
the last 5 years the peons have had
very little travelling to do and con-
-sequently but little work to do. Their
"raison d'être" being principally for
camping purposes. The first peon who com-
-plained was (B) a pensioned Sepoy.
He seems to have been the ringleader
in the conspiracy. He said the work
of marching 12 to 15 miles a day with
my horses was too hard. I told him
if he did not like it, he could go &
he went.

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The next was (E) Khadur Sheriff. He has
think only been a peon a short time.
He also said the work was too hard and
unless it was made easier he would re-
-sign. I accepted his resignation.
The other three peons, two of them
men of long service then came up with
their belts in their hands and tendered
their resignation but as I did not want to
be left entirely without peons I refused
to accept and told them they must re-
-main with me at all events for the pre-
-sent. They, however, refused to do so,
and went off in spite of the remon-
-strations of the wharf Superintendent
at Kottapattam who tried to get them to
stop on. Their conduct seems extraor-
-dinary. They state that I have employ-
-ed them as domestic servants. This is
quite untrue and they have not been
able to give any instances where they
had to do anything which they should
not have been asked to do, the statements

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that they were asked to carry horse
saddles being quite false. It seems
intolerable that Government servants
as these persons are, should treat me
in this manner. I asked the wharf
Superintendent at Kottapattam why
they acted like this and his opinion
was that they did not want to
accompany me along the Buckingham
Canal on account of the Cholera. They
all now petition to be put back in
their posts. I have no intention of doing
so and I trust that you will approve
of my decision.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant,
M. S. N. S.
S. 15/2/98
for Superintending Engr.
to Civil

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*This is the first time I have seen the myriads of these hairy
P. W. D. petitioners during my absence*

The humble petition of *Shankar*

Peon in the Office of the Superintending
Engineer. D circle.

Most Honoured Sir,

I most humbly beg to state that my services
were unreasonably dispensed with by Mr. Hannon
for no fault of mine & that I consequently put in
a petition to your honour on the 18th of the last month.
I am greatly troubled for want of meals in these hard
times of famine without any appointments & I have
not yet received any endorsement from your honour
till now. I beg to state that he excused ^{too} in repeating
(1) that the (A. E.) Mr. Hannon treated me as a spec.
(horse keeper).

(2) that I carried 12 bottles of soda water from Malasipatam
to Lukshimpuram a distance of 24 miles on my shoulders
without the assistance of a cooly whose Mr. Hannon did not
allow for me. He never paid me anything to engage a cooly
or for myself.

(3) I carried his private Sacuan (furniture) from his
Murjallow to the boat in the hot sun without any coolies.

(4) To add to this, he threw me in the Petta Ganjam Lock
where the water was more than 5 ft deep. I would have lost

My life had I not been a little swimmer. That he finally
dispensed with my services simply because that I was unable
to carry his horse across on my shoulders from Kottapalman
onwards for 20 miles as I was greatly fatigued on account
of my journey on the previous days without meals.

I therefore, beg that your honor will be pleased to
restore me to my appointment & to transfer me somewhere
else if Mr. Nannon does not like me to have, to some
other place. I never resigned my appointment either orally
or written.

I further beg that your honor may be pleased
to protect me from the pangs of hunger & famine,
for which act of kindness I shall be under the
boundless debt of your honor's gratitude for ever
& ever

I beg remain

Most Honour'd Sir

Your most obedient servant-
Ship-Servant

Be L. L. L.
15th March
1888

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
The humble representation of Khadar Shareef
Person in the office of the Superintending Engineer

II Circle.
Most Honored Sir

I humbly beg to represent that I submitted
a petition to your Honor setting forth my grievances
and difficulties consequent upon my being
despended with from service by Mr. Haimon
our present S. E.
I am suffering for want of food in these critical
days of famine. It is true that I was greatly
fatigued at Kottapattene with the tribes of
journey and so such I expressed that I
could not carry his saman on my shoulders
on foot for 20 miles. He therefore forced me
to leave my badge and belt with him and go
away.
I did not resign either orally or written as he
did said. I therefore beg that I may be
restored to my appointment or that I may be
transferred elsewhere if the S. E. does not like
to have me under him and that I may be
protected in these hard days of famine

For which act of kindness I shall ever pray
as in duty bound.

I most humbly beg to remain

Most Honored Sir

Your most obedient servant

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For which act of kindness I shall ever pray
as in duty bound.

The Chief Engineer to Govt. in
Public Works Department

The humble presentation of B. Venkataswami
Peon in the office of the Superintending
Engineer's office at Circle.

Most Honored Sir.

I humbly beg to represent that I
submitted a petition to your honor setting
forth my grievances and difficulties con-
-sistent upon my being despatched with
from service by Mr. Hauman our present
Superintendent Engineer.

I am suffering for want of food in these
critical days of famine. It is true that
I was greatly fatigued at Kattapattani
with the toils of journey and as such I
expressed that I could not carry his saman
on my shoulders on foot for 20 miles. He
therefore forced me to leave my badge and
belt with him and go away.
I did not resign either orally or written
as he said. I therefore beg that I may
be restored to my appointment or that
I may be transferred elsewhere if

Superintending Engineer does not like to have
me under him and that I may be protected
in these hard days of famine.

I most humbly beg to remain

Most honored Sir

Your most obedient servant

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B. Venkataswamy

I have been up to my eyes in
trouble and distress since I
was appointed to the post of
Superintending Engineer. I have
been suffering from want of food
in these hard days of famine. I
have been forced to leave my
badge and belt with him and go
away. I did not resign either orally
or written as he said. I therefore
beg that I may be restored to my
appointment so that I may be
transferred elsewhere if the S. E.
does not like to have me under
him and that I may be protected
in these hard days of famine. For
which act of kindness I shall ever
pray as in duty bound.

To
The Chief Engineer

Public Works Department

The humble representation of B. Venkataswamy from
in the office of the Superintending Engineer II Circle
eldest Honored Sir

I humbly beg to represent that I submitted
a petition to your honor setting forth my grievances and
difficulties consequent upon my being dispensed with
from service by Mr. Hammonour present S. E.

I am suffering for want of food in these critical
days of famine. It is true that I was greatly
fatigued at Hata patacane with the tobo of
journey and as such I expressed that I could
not carry his samon on my shoulders or foot
for 20 miles. He therefore forced me to leave my
badge and belt with him and go away.

I did not resign either orally or written as he
said. I therefore beg that I may be restored
to my appointment so that I may be transferred
elsewhere if the S. E. does not like to have me
under him and that I may be protected in
these hard days of famine. For which act of kindness I shall ever
pray as in duty bound.

I most humbly beg to remain

Most Honored Sir

Your most obedient servant

B. Venkataswamy

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With
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To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
The humble representation of a sincere K
person in the office of the Superintendent
office II Circle

Most Honored Sir

I humbly beg to state that I petition
your honor on 18th ultimo begging that
may be restored to service from which
was despoised with by Mr. Hannan
present S. B.
I am a military pensioner and I was
very obedient in obeying the orders of
Hannan. I on my own accord took
canton for him as he did not return
his camp till 7 P.M. in the night. In
consequence was that in his anger
threw me into the canal and all my
cloths were wetted and I had to walk in
such cloths during night. He threw me in
the canal simply because that I could
cross the canal as directed by him
because that I met him
the bridge which was very
his saman included

...and he never paid either
to any other laborer in consideration
or doing his private work in addition
expensed with our services by forcibly
of our badges and belts and says that
have resigned and we never resigned
appointments either or written. I

fore beg that I may be given my appoint-
ment and that I and my family may
be protected in these future days.

I most humbly beg to remain

Most Honored Sir

Your most obedient servant

W.P.
15/3/98

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Respect
Very