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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	7—7—	1859

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No 410.

Civil Architects Office

From

Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Atkinson

Civil Architect P. D.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have the goodneſs to lay before Government for their consideration and final orders the accompanying Copy of Correspondence on the subject of granting a pension or gratuity to an old public servant for many years the maistry Smith of this and another Department but who from his age 70 years and loſs or defect of vision is now quite past work and having no relations living who are able or willing to support him he must either beg or starve unleſs this petition for him be granted.–

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I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. H. Atkinson
Lieut Coll. Civil Architect P. D.

Civil Architect's Office
Pantheon Road.
Madras
10th July 1857.-

Separate

Public Department

No. 242.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 5th September 1857.

Read the following letters.

From the Civil Architect P. D.
Submitting an application for the grant of a Superannuation Pension or gratuity to Smith Maistry Moottooverappah- Here enter 10th July 1857.

From the Military Auditor Genl. ——— 26th August 1857.

The Civil Architect having learnt that Government of India have under their consideration the question of extending the privilege of Pension to certain classes not now entitled to such a provision, recommends the case of a Smith Maistry, who was 26 yrs - 7 ms in his Department, but retired from the same 5 yrs ago.-

2. The Government cannot notice this application. If the rules are hereafter enlarged, effect can only be given to them in the case of Servants actually in employment at the date of the notification of the orders of the Supreme Government.-

(True Extract)
(Signed) D. F. Carmichael-
Dy. Secretary to Govt.

To
The Civil Architect.
P. D.

(True Copies)

E Johnstone Lieut.
Acting Civil Architect P. D.

No. 317.

Civil Architects Office

From

Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Atkinson
Civil Architect P. D.

To

The Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to make application to Government for a gratuity in default of a Pension to be granted to Mootooverappah the former Smith Maistry of this Department who at the age of at least 70. years is now without the means of Subsistence after a Service of 27. years and 5. Months in this and mofussil Departments Vizt. He served in the Superintending Engineer's Office at Trichinopoly for nearly 14 years and was discharged on account of the reduction made by Government on the 31st December 1834. was re-entertained in the Superintending Engineer's Office at the Presidency as Smith Maistry on the 1st August 1838. and Served nearly 13 years and 5 Months was discharged at his own request on account of old age on the 31st December 1851. his total Service in both Departments is 27 years and 5 Months— Which service could I believe be verified in the Civil Audit Office.—

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3.- If a small pension were allowed to this Class of people it certainly would be a great Charity as well as of advantage to the public Service. As under the existing System when they are old or worn out they must either be discharged to live as they can or their Department may remain clogged with inefficient Men for a length of time from unwillingness on the part of the Head to consign old deserving Servants to starvation and Misery in their old age.-

4.- A proper representation to the authorities would I should hope shew the hardship of this Class of people being alone debarred from a pension after ever so long and faithful Service on their part and the discouragement therefore it must practically be to them considering the exposure they must undergo compared with Clerks Conicopolies and others who all receive pensions, that the harder they work the sooner will they wear themselves out and be turned adrift.-

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St. George
26th May 1857

(Signed) W. H. Atkinson
Lieut Coll. Civil Architect P.D.

Trichinopoly 9th March 182

This is to Certify that the Bearer Mootooverah is the Smith Maistry of the Engineer's Department, in which he has served several years, he is an excellent workman, and very particular in the performance of all duties entrusted to his care.-

(Signed) J. Mackintosh
Captain Supt. Engr. S. Dn.

This is to Certify that the Bearer Mootoovirum is the Smith Maistry of the Engineer's Department in which he has served about 4 years he is an excellent workman and very attentive and active in the performance of all duties entrusted to his Care.-

Trichinopoly
23rd August 1825

(Signed) J. J. Underwood
Captn. Supt. Engr. S. Dn.

Trichinopoly 23rd February 1831.

This is to Certify that the Bearer Mootooveran is the Smith Maistry of the Engineer's Department, in which he has served more than 10 years, he is an Excellent workman, and very particular in the performance of all duties entrusted to his care

(Signed) J. J. Underwood
Captn. of Engrs. Supt. Engr. S. Dn.

Madras July 31st. 1843.

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(Signed) J. J. Underwood
Lieut Coll of Engineers S. Dn.

(True Copies)

(Signed) W. H. Atkinson
Lieut Coll Civil Architect P.D.

No 1380.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 20th June 1857.

Read the following

No 37.

From,

F. Lushington Esquire
Civil Auditor

To,

Colonel C. E. Faber.
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir,

With reference to your Proceedings of the 6th Instant No 979. I have the honor to state, that under the notification of the 14th April 1835, published at Page 236 of the Gazette for that year, which announces the rule that no application for a Pension or Gratuity on behalf of an individual is entertained after he has finally quitted the public Service, Colonel Atkinson's application forwarded with your Proceedings for a gratuity on behalf of Mootooverappah who is stated to have retired from the Service from 1st January 1852, about 5½ years ago, cannot therefore under the above circumstances be entertained.—

Herewith returned.

2— Under the Superannuation Pension Rules as they Stand now, Smith Maistries are not eligible to pension, but the Government of India, I beg to observe, have it under contemplation to extend the operation of those Rules so as to embrace, among other Classes of Public employees now excluded from the benefit of them, all Mechanics and Artizans of whatever description in receipt of pay from the state.—

3. Further should it be intended to press the claim of Mootooverapah before Government, I beg that Colonel Atkinson's Statement that the Services of this person can be verified by this Office, may be corrected, as the Salaries of the establishment of the Superintending Engineer of Trichinopoly do not appear to have been audited in the Civil Department, and those of Colonel Atkinson's establishment as you are aware were not audited by this Office prior to May 1856.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) F. Lushington
Civil Auditor

Fort Saint George
Civil Auditor's Office
11th June 1857

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing letter No 37, dated 11th Instant be forwarded to the Civil Architect, and to return his application No 317, dated 26th ultimo, for a gratuity for Mootooverapah, which the Chief Engineer declines to forward to Government, as the Civil Auditor reports it irregular to do so.—

(A true Extract)
Signed G. C. Collyer Captain
Supdt. Engr. Central Circle

To
The Civil Architect
at the P. D.

(True Copies)

Lieutt.
Acting Civil Architect P. D.

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at the P. D.

(True Copies)

W H Atkinson
Lieut. Col. Civil Archt. P. D.

No. 317

Civil Architects Office

From Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Atkinson
Civil Architect P. D.

To The Chief Engineer in the
D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.

Fort Saint George
26th May 1857

W M Atkinson
Lieut. Col. Civil Architect

Pro: to the Civil Auditor
dated 6 Aug/57 No 979.

1857 No [illegible]
Engineer Department
From
The Civil Auditor
To
The Chief Engineer
Dated 20th May 1857
Received 23 May 1857
No 37/ of 1857
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Trichinopoly, 9th March 1824.

This is to Certify that the Bearer Mootoovenah is the Smith maistry of the Engineer Department, in which he has served several years, he is an excellent workman, and very particular in the performance of all duties intrusted to his care.

(Signed) J. Mackintosh
Captain Supt. Engr. Dept.

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(Signed) J. J. Underwood
Captain Supt. Engr. S. Dn.

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23rd Augt. 1826)

Trichinopoly, 23rd February 1831

This is to Certify that the Bearer Mootoovenun is the Smith Maistry of the

Engineer Department in which he has served more than 3 years he is an excellent workman and very particular in the performance of all duties intrusted to his care.

Signd. [illegible]
Captain Engrs. Supt. Engr. S. Dn.

Madras July 31st 1843.

This is to certify that the Bearer Mootooverapah Smith Maistry of the Engineer Department has served many years in the Department. He formerly served under me at Trichinopoly he is a most clever workman and I believe active and attentive I recommend him to the notice of my successor.

(Signed) J. J. Underwood
Lieutt. Colo. of Engr. S. Dn.

(True Copies)

W. H. Atkinson
Lieutt. Col. Civil Architect P. D.

No 410

Civil Architects Office

From
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Atkinson
Civil Architect P. D.

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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Civil Architects Office
Pantheon Road
Madras
10th July 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

W H Atkinson

Lieutt Coll Civil Architect P.D.

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Centre Division
No. 283
Engineer Department
From
The Civil Architect P.D.
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

O.C. No 22 of 1857

Dated 10th July 1857.
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No. 610.–
Enclosures 3.

Requesting to lay before Government for their consideration and final orders an application for a pension or Gratuity to be granted to Smith Maistry Moottoovarappah.

Fort St. George
14th July 1857

Forwarded to the Military Auditor General for the usual verification.–

D. F. Carmichael
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

To
The Military Auditor General dated 14th

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Memorandum.

In acknowledging the receipt of the order of Government dated 14th Ultimo, the Military Auditor General has the honor to report that the Abstracts of the Superintending Engineer's Department at Fort Saint George have been carefully examined and the name of Mootooveerapah appears therein as described in the annexed Memorandum.–

(Signed) J. I. Losh Major.
Military Aud. Genl.

Fort Saint George
26th August 1857.

To,
The Dy. Secretary to Government
Public Department

Memo. of the Services of Mootooveerapah Smith Maistry in the Superintending Engineers' Departt. at Fort St. George.

	Period of services verified by the records of the Military Auditor General's Office			Period of services claimed but which cannot be verified by the records of the Mily. Audr. Genl's Office		
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Trichinopoly.						
As Smith Maistry from 1st November 1821 to 31st Decr. 1834 at Rs. 14.. per Month	13	2	"			
from 1st January 1835 to 31st July 1838 name does not appear				3	7	"
Madras.						
As do. from 1st August 1838 to 31st Decr. 1851 at Rups. 21.. per Month	13	5	"			
Total period of Service	26	7	"	3	7	"

The average Salary or authorized Official Allowce. for the last 5 Years has been Rs. 21.. per month.

Signed/ J. J. Losh Major
Military Auditor General
/ True Copies /

Wm. H. Macdonald Lt. Col.
Offg. Mily. Audr. General

Exd T.L.

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Fort St George,
26 August 1857 }

J. S. Soth, Major,
Military Auditor General

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

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J.J. Losh, Major,
Military Auditor General

Compd. J.J.

Separate

Public 1857 Department

No. 276

To
The Military Auditor
General

Dated 26th August 1857

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Reports on the
service of Smith Maistry
in the Superintending
Engineer's Department
of Public Works

Separate
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No. 242.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 5th ~~August~~ September 1857

Read the following letters

From the Civil Architect P.D. 3

Submitting an application for the grant of a Superannuation Pension or Gratuity to Smith Maistry Mootooverappah — Herewith 10th July 1857.

From the Military Auditor General 3 — " — " — 26th August 1857

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D. F. Carmichael
Dy. Secy.

20/8/59

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To the Civil Architect P.W.D. despd. 7th
" Civil Auditor " 7th

Vide Gt. Ex. Letter 10 Septr 1859

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No. 329
Extract
5th November 1857
From Procs. of the Chief Engr. 24 Decr./57 No. 5729 in Cons:

C. Hallings [illegible]

No. 6241

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George Under date the 24th December 1857.

Read the following letter of

[illegible]

Forwards correspondence on the subject of the grant of a gratuity or Pension to [illegible] Smith Maistry

Here Enter 19th December 1857, [illegible]

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter No. [illegible], dated 19th December 1857, to request the attention of the Secretary to Government P. W. D., to Colonel Atkinson's letter to the Chief Secretary under date 10th July 1857, No. 410, and its enclosures, in which the case of the Petitioner is disposed of.

Enclosure 1. 2. Resolved also to return the Petition received from Government, under date 11th December 1857, No. 2740.

(A True Extract)

C. L.

Chd. Foster Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

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(Copy)

To

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General
of India in Council.

The humble petition of S.
Moottoowerappa Smith Maistry
attached to the Office of
Civil Architect at Madras.

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Lordship's petitioner served in the Madras Government for about 54 years and gave every satisfaction to his Employers. About 6 years ago he was obliged from age (90 years) and infirmity to retire from his Office. Not being of a class entitled to pension he was allowed in consideration of his distress to receive from his successor seven rupees a month out of a salary of Twenty one rupees attached to the situation of Smith Maistry. He was accordingly paid the allowance until the beginning of 1857 when owing to the changes made in the Office of Civil Architect, the allowance was ordered to be discontinued. He petitioned the Madras Government and begged their favorable consideration so that they may at least be pleased to favor him with the usual gratuity but this has been denied him and he was told that his prayer for gratuity

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Public Works 1857 Department
No 2529.

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 24th } December 1857
Received }

No 6241

Enclosure 1
Returns a Petition received from Govt
No 2740 dated 11th December 1857
Requests attention to the Civil
Architect's letter to the address of
Chief Secretary No 410 of 10th July 1857
on the subject of a gratuity
being granted to Maistry S.
Moottoowerappah.

gratuity cannot be complied with as he retired from the public service some years ago.

Against this unmerciful decision your Lordship's Petitioner humbly appeals to your Lordship's Justice and earnestly solicit that in consideration of his long and laborious service, his very old age and forlorn condition the Madras Government may be directed to shew some kind consideration towards a man who suffers extreme distress from starvation and grant him the usual gratuity to enable him to pass the remainder of his life without misery. "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."

Madras
18th May 1858

Your Lordship's Petitioner
As in duty bound
shall ever Pray

(Sd) in the vernacular

(True Copy)

A. James
Asstt in charge P.W.D.
with the Govr Genl.

Compd A.J.

No. 300.

From
Captain H. Yule
Offg Secy to the Govt. of India
with the Governor General.

To
The Secretary to the Government of
Fort Saint George
Dated Allahabad the 14th June 1858.

Public Works Dept
Public

* From Moottooverappa
Maistry, attached
to office of Civil Ar-
chitect at Madras
d/ 18th May.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General to transmit copy of a petition* lately received by His Lordship, who considers that, if the maistry's statements as to his age and length of service are correct, the case is really so exceptional that there can be no serious objection to treating it as such. He would therefore commend it to the favorable consideration of the Madras Government.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt,
H. Yule Captain
Offg Secy to the Govt of India
with the Governor General

Allahabad
the 14th June 1858

Exd A.J.

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Memorandum.

The Officiating Military Auditor General has the honor to forward to the Deputy Secretary to Government Public Department, a Copy of the Military Auditor General's report dated the 26th. August 1857, on the service of Mootooverapah Moodelly, late Smith Maistry attached to the Establishment of the Civil Architect, P. D. as requested in his Memo: of the 24th Instant.

Wm. [illegible] Lt Col
Offg Mily Aud. General

Fort Saint George
26 July 1858

To,
The Dy Secretary to Government
Public Departt.

Compd T.L.

Separate
Public 1858 Depart
No. 294

From
The Officiating Secretary
to the Govt. of
India

Dd 14th &
Recd 26th June 1858.

Recommending to the favorable consideration of this Govt. the case of Mootooverappah late Smith Maistry in the Establishment of the Civil Architect at this Presidency

Rf. Le. No. 246
Dd 25 Aug 58

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No. 375.

Civil Architects Office.

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From

Lieutt. G. V. Winscom

Acting Civil Architect P. D.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Public Department

Fort Saint George.

Sir

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of letters to and from Government dated 10th July and 5th September 1857 on the subject of Pension or gratuity for Mootoocarapah late Smith Maistry of this Department as requested in your Memorandum dated 20th Instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obt. Servt.

Geo. Winscom Lieut.

Acting Civil Architect

P. D.

Civil Architects Office

Madras.

22d. July 1858.

Separate

Public 1858 Depart

No.

From

The Military Auditor General

Dated 26th

Recd 27th July 1858

Forwards as called for copy of his report of the 26th Augt /57 on the services of Mootoocarappah of the Civil Architect's Office

Separate

Public 1858 [illegible]

No. 326

From

Actg Civil Architect

Dd 22nd

Rd 23rd July 1858

Forwarding as called for copies of certain letters named within.

No. 436 - From

Lieut. G. V. Winscom

Acting Civil Architect P.D.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Public Depart.

Fort Saint George.

Civil Architects Office

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Sir

In reply to your Memo dated 11th Instant I have the honor to inform you that the late Smith Maistry Mootooverappah states that he has included in his application the Services rendered by him to some private individuals and that the Military Auditor General's Certificate is correct.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obt. Servt.

Geo. Winscom Lieut.

Acting Civil Architect

P.D.

Civil Architects Office

Madras

16th August 1858

Separate
Public 1858 Depart.

From
Offg Civil Architect
To
The Depy Secretary
to Govt

Dated 16-8-58 }
R/17-8-58 }

In reply to the Deputy Secretary's memo states that the services are included.

Sep. R No. 246
of 26 Aug/58

No 387.

Civil Architects Office

From
Lieutenant G. V. Winscom
Acting Civil Architect P.D.

To
The Deputy Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum dated 24th Instant I have the honor to forward the accompanying copies of the enclosures to Colonel Atkinson's letter to Government No 410 dated 10th July 1857.

2. Mootooverappah's Petition was returned to him at his request.

Civil Architects Office
Madras
27th July 1858

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt
Geo Winscom Lieut
Actg Civil Architect P.D.

Separate
Public 1858 Depart

No. 334

From
The Civil Architect

Dated
27th July 1858

Forwards copy of certain correspondence called for.

c 30 July
R Welling

Separate

Public Department

No. 246

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.
Dated 25th August 1858.
Read the following letter

The Officiating Secy. to the Govt. of India — Fort William 14th June 1858.

With this letter the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India forwards copy of a Petition to the address of the Governor General, from one Mootooveerappa Maistry, and communicates his Lordship's opinion that there can be no objection to treating the Maistry's case as an exceptional one, provided the statements made by him as to his age and length of service are correct.

2. In his petition to the Govr. Genl. the Maistry states, that, after a service of 54 years he was compelled

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3. Of the foregoing statemen there is one which cannot now be enquired into viz: that regarding the assignmen of 7 Rs a month for his suppor out of the salary of his success In his correspondence with the Chief Engineer and the Govt. presently to be alluded to, the Civil Architect made no allusion to it, and Heads of Departments are not authorized to make such arrangements. It is possible that Col: Atkinson may have permitted it notwithstanding, but if so under what circumstances he did it cannot now be known; that officer's death on his passage to England a month or two ago precluding all further Enquiry. If it was done it was certainly highly irregular.

4. For the rest, the true facts are these - In May of last year, the Civil Architect applied to the Chief Engineer to recommend the man for a pension or "in default of a Pension, for a gratuity" - his age he stated was 70 years, and his service 27 years, 5 months - On a reference being made to the Civil Auditor, that functionary pointed out that either claim was inadmissable, citing one of the Standing Rules in such Cases which enacts that applications

for Pension or gratuity will not be entertained on behalf of any individual who may have finally quitted the public service especially for any length of time and 5½ years had passed since the Maistry's retirement. Deferring to this opinion, the Chief Engr. declined to submit the case.

5. Still anxious to benefit the man who had been an excellent smith in his day, the Civil Architect applied to Govt. direct, urging as will be seen by a perusal of the annexed copy of the orders passed on the case, a distinct plea, and one which did not raise the validity of the *in limine* objection taken by the Civil Auditor.

6. That objection however exists, and it is only in extreme cases that it can be set aside. The present does not appear to Govt to come under that head.

D. F. Carmichael
Dy. Secy to Govt.

+ Ref: Pub. Dept.
E. M. C. No 242 of 5 Sept/57.

"The Civil Architect having "learnt that the Govt of India "have under their consideration, "the question of extending the pri"vilege of Pension to certain classes "not now entitled to such a provision "recommends the case of a Smith Maistry "who was 26 yrs: 7 mos: in his Departt "but retired from the service 5½ years "ago."

2 "The Govt cannot notice this "application - If the Rules are "hereafter enlarged, effect can "only be given to them in the case "of servants actually in employ"ment at the date of the notification "of the orders of the Supreme Govt."

Copy to Civil Architect who will communicate the substance to the Maistry reporting his Ld done so.

C 30 July
R 13 Augt

Draft

(Separate) Public Dept.

From the Chief Secy
to the Off. Secy to the Govt of India
in the P. W. D. - with the Govr Genl

Read letter

LC - ~~In reply~~ With his ~~to your~~ letter the Off. Secy to Govt of India &c ~~of the~~ ~~[illegible]~~, forwarding copy of a Petition to the address of the Govr Genl, from one Moottoveerappa Maistry, & communicating his Lordship's opinion that there can be no objection to treating the Maistry's case as an exceptional one, provided the statements made by him as to his age & length of service are correct, ~~I am directed to submit the following explanation~~

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6. Should the G. G. be of opinion that the Maistry's case, as stripped of some exaggerations, is still one wh. entitles him to the usual gratuity (6 months salary) the G. in C. will of course submit an application on his behalf to the Govt of India. ~~Claims to Pension in retirement are disposed of here, while those for Gratuities are decided at Calcutta.~~

× Separate. Public Dept. E. I. C. No. 242.
of the 5th Sept /57.

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but it is only in extreme cases
but it can suggest a case.
The present date 28/7-58

Separate

Public /1858/ Departt.

No. 246

Extract

Dated 25 August 1858 —

No. 493

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MEMORANDUM.

One letter from the Garrison Engineer Fort St. George dated 11th April 1859 No. 8?? with 3 Enclosures therein alluded to.

The ... Military Auditor General has the honor to return the papers, as per margin, which were forwarded for Verification on the 11th ultimo, and to state that the Abstracts of the Supg. Engineer of Trichinopoly Officiating the Presidency have been carefully examined, and that the name of

——— Mooloovecrapah ———

appears therein as described in the annexed Memorandum.

J. J. Losh [illegible]

Military Auditor General.

Fort St. George,
1st June 1859.

To

The ~~Secretary to Government,~~
Garrison Engineer
~~Public Department,~~
Fort St. George. —

Exd.

MEMORANDUM of the services of Mootoosawmypillay smith maistry in the Superintending Engineer's Depart. at Fort Saint George

	Period of services Verified by the records of the Military Auditor General's Office.					
	Years.	M.	D.			
Trichinopoly						
As Smith maistry from 1st " November 1821 to 31st December 1834 at Rs 14 per mensem	13	2	"			
As — do — from 1st January 1835 to 31st July 1835 (name does not appear)	"	"	"	3	7	"
Madras						
As Smith maistry from 1st August 1838 to 31st Decr. 1851 at Rs 21 " " " month	13	5	"			
Total period of service	26	7	"	3	7	"

The average salary for the last 5 years is Rupees 21 per month.

J. Blyth Lieut. Col.
Asst. Audr. General.

Madras Printed at the Government Press.

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To

Colonel C A Browne

&c &c &c

Most Revered Sir

After faithfully serving the Madras Government as Smith Maistry in the Ordnance Department for more than 54 years, I am now forlorn in my 90th year of age and reduced to struggle with starvation and misery. my repeated applications to the Government of Madras and Bengal for Pension or gratuity [illegible] have been unkindly refused on the ground that they were [illegible] some years after my retirement. The reason for this delay was I believe I Shewed that by an arrangement made in the late Superintending Engineer's Office at the Presidency I was kindly allowed by Colonel Underwood 7 Rupees out of the allowance attached to the appointment of Smith Maistry. That this was continued to me till the reorganization of the D. P. W. and when it was discontinued I was obliged to solicit the protection of

Government. Not satisfied with this information Government have cruelly denied me the support I besought and consequently I am at this moment suffering extreme distress. If Government would pity my helpless condition and give me a small gratuity of fifty Rupees I will not only be relieved from my present unhealthiness but will likewise be rescued from starvation and other miseries of too old age. Pray condescend to look down upon me with compassion and help [illegible] charity [illegible] cannot help me from [illegible] Bounty and for this payment I will perform to you the only service I am capable of rendering namely will pour out my prayer to the Almighty before whom I am to appear in a very few days to bless you with all worldly comforts and heavenly happiness.

Should the result of a perusal of this humble address be a feeling to reject it as coming from a stranger who have no claims at all on your Benevolence I beg you will be pleased to do so after seeing how old and how helpless I am.

For

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

I beg leave to remain
Most Honored Sir
your most obedient humble servant
[illegible]

To Govt 17 June/58 No 1790

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From Mottoo-
ve..vr. Smith Maistry in
the Ordnance De-
partment of Mad-
ras-

Dated 29th Nov.
Rec 29th Nov 1858

In D 721 Decr
1858

Representing his destitute
condition, and praying for
a gratuity of 50 Rupees.

Fort St George
2 December 1858

Transferred to the
Inspector General of
Ordnance.

W Brown Cd
Secretary to Govt

Recd 3/12/58

No 317.

Civil Architects Office

From

Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Atkinson
Civil Architect P. D.

To

The Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to make application to Government for a gratuity in default of a pension to be granted to Mootooverapah the former Smith Maistry of this Department who at the age of at least 70 years is now without the means of subsistence after a Service of 27 years and 5 Months in this and mofussil Departments Vizt. He served in the Superintending Engineer's Office at Trichinopoly for nearly 14 Years and was discharged on account of the reduction made by Government on the 31st of December 1834 was re-entertained in the Superintending Engineer's Office at the Presidency as Smith Maistry on the 1st August 1838 and served nearly 13 Years and 5 Months was discharged at his own request on account of old age on the 31st December 1851 his total Service in both Departments is 27 years and 5 Months — Which service could

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I believe be verified in the Civil Audit Office.–

2. Annexed are Copies of his testimonials from predeceſsors of mine and up to this time from the date of his discharge he has found means of support but having now nearly lost his eyesight the effect in great measure of his occupation he is no longer capable of doing any thing for himself and having no friends or relations willing or able to aſsist him he must either beg or starve for the remainder of his days.–

3. If a small pension were allowed to this claſs of people it certainly would be a great Charity as well as of advantage to the public service – As under the existing systems when they are old or worn out they must either be discharged to live as they can or their Department may remain clogged with inefficient men for a length of time from unwillingneſs on the part of the Head to consign old deserving Servants to starvation and miſsery in their old age.–

4. – A proper representation to the authorities would I should hope shew the hardship of this Claſs of people being alone debarred from a pension after ever so long and faithful Service on their part and discouragement therefore it must practically be to them considering the exposure they must undergo compared with Clerks Conicopolies and others who all receive pensions, that the harder they work the sooner will they wear themselves out and be turned adrift.–

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort Saint George
26th May 1857

Signed) W. H. Atkinson
Lieut Coll Civil Architect &c.

Trichinopoly 9th March 1824.

This is to certify that the Bearer Mootooverah is the Smith Maistry of the Engineer Department, in which he has served several years, he is an excellent workman, and very particular in the performance of all duties intrusted to his care

Signed) J. Mackintosh
Captn. Supt. Engr. S. D.–

This is to certify that the Bearer Mootooverun is the Smith Maistry of the Engineer Department in which he has served about 6 years he is an excellent workman and very attentive and active in the performance of all duties intrusted to his care.–

Trichinopoly
23rd August 1825

Signed) J. J. Underwood
Captain Supt. Engr. S. D.

Trichinopoly 23rd February 1831.

This is to certify that the Bearer Mootooverum is the Smith Maistry of the Engineers Department, in which he has served more than 10 years, he is an Excellent workman, and very particular in the performance of all duties entrusted to his care.—

(Signed) I. I. Underwood
Captn. of Engrs. Supt. Engr. S. Dn.

To Govt 17 Jany/59 No 1790

Madras July 31st 1843.

This is to certify that the Bearer Mootooverappah Smith Maistry of the Engineer Department has served many years in the Department he formerly served under me at Trichinopoly he is a most clever workman and I believe active and attentive I recommend him to the notice of my successor.—

(Signed) I. I. Underwood
Lieut. Coll. of Engrs. S. D.

(True Copies)
signed W. H. Atkinson
Lieut. Coll. Civil Architect P. D.
(True Copies)

J W Atkinson Captain
Civil Architect P. D.

No. 410

Civil Architects Office

From
Lieutt. Colonel W. H. Atkinson
Civil Architect P. D.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to request you will have the goodness to lay before Government for their Consideration and final Orders the accompanying Copy of Correspondence on the subject of granting a pension or gratuity to an old Public Servant for many years the Maistry Smith of this and another Department but who from his age 70 years and loss or defect-vision is now quite past work and having no relations living who are able or willing to support him he must either beg or starve unless this petition for him be granted.—

2 I venture thus to trespass on the attention of Govt. in Consequence of the 2d para of the Civil Auditors letter to the Chief Engineer which accompanies this stating that the Government have some idea of enlarging the operation of the present pension rules and I am

unwilling therefore to forego giving the Man the benefit of a chance

Civil Archts. Office
Madras
10th July 1857

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. H. Atkinson
Lieutt. Coll. Civil Archt. P.D.

(True Copy)
G. A. Hitchins Captain
Civil Architect P.D.

Regd 17 July/57 Reg 960

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General Department

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From

J. L. Lushington, Esq.
Acting Civil Auditor

To

Captain H. W. Rawlins
Garrison Engineer

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the name of Mootooveerapah a Smith Maistry in the Superintending Engineer's Office at Trichinopoly does not appear in the Records of my Office. The Abstract of the Civil Engineer's Establishment for the period in question have been received, but no mention is made of Moottooveerapah.

2 It is stated by you that he was re-entertained in the Superintending Engineer's Office, at the Presidency from 1st August 1838 to 31 December 1851 I beg to inform you that this Establishment was

under the control of the Military Department at that time; no information therefore can be rendered from this Office.

Civil Audit Office,
Fort Saint George,
8th April 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.,
J. L[illegible]son
Acting Civil Auditor.

Exd

To Genl 11 June/59 No. 1790

D. P. W. 1163

From
The Civil Auditor
Dated 8
Recd 23 April/59

Copied by [illegible]

No. 197

Civil Architects Office

From
Captain H. W. Hitchins
Civil Architect P. D.

To
The Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort St. George

Sir

With its enclosure herewith returned

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings No. 8513 dated 11th Instant I have the honor to state that the present smith maistry of the Garrison Engineers Deptt. was the Petitioner's deputy for many years, and on his succeeding to the Office of the Petitioner, it appears that he promised to give the Petitioner a sum of 7 Rupees monthly out of his salary of 21 Rupees

2 This arrangement met with the entire approval of Colonel Atkinson, and it was not till the Offices of Garrison Engr. and Civil Architect became separated that the smith maistry who then was no longer under the immediate control of Colonel Atkinson refused to make this allowance to the Petitioner.

3 The late Colonel Atkinson then addressed the Chief Engineer on the subject as per his letter No. 317 dated 26th May 1857 accompanying, and eventually the Government a copy of which is also forwarded.

4 I would suggest that a copy of

this letter be forwarded to the Garrison Engineer in whose Deptt. the party referred to is serving.

Civil Architects Office
Madras
15th March 1859

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
H W Hitchins Captain
Civil Architect R. D.

To Go. 17 March/59 No 1790

No. 161

Garrison Engineer's Office

From
Captain H. W. Rawlins
Asst. Garrison Engineer

To
The Deputy Chief Engineer
Central Circle

Sir
Fort St. George

In obedience to the orders contained in your proceedings No. 9095 dated 29th March last, I have the honor to report having made every enquiry in my power regarding the services of Mootooverapah formerly a Maistry Smith attached to the late Superintending Engr's Establishment. I enclose all the papers, together with a memorandum from the Military Auditor General verifying the man's statement that his name was on the abstracts of the Supt. Engr's Office at the Presidency and at Trichinopoly from the year 1821 to 1834, and from 1838 to 1851, being an aggregate recorded service of 26 years. From 1834 to 1838 no record of the Smith's name can be found, but it is believed that he was during that time on daily pay of Government.

2. It appears that in 1851 the man

was

To Garrison 29 March /59 No. 9095
To the Secy Pub Dept No 1790
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1859/1790
Centre Division
Engineer Department
From
The Civil Architect P.D.
To
The Chief Engr D.P.W.
Dated 15th March 1859.
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Regarding Mootoo-
Verappah Smith
Maistry

was considered too old for further effective service, and his case undoubtedly ought then to have been brought to the notice of Government for pension or gratuity - Instead of which, however, a private verbal arrangement was entered into between the maistry and his successor in my workyard, with Colonel Atkinson's permission, by which the old maistry Mootooverapah was to receive for his life Rupees 7 from his successor's pay of Rs. 21, This monthly sum he continued to receive for 5 years and four months, equal to the sum of Rupees 448; — until the case was brought to the notice of the Garrison Engineer when the allowance was discontinued as being irregular & contrary to the rules of the service -

3 - The man is certainly not entitled to any further gratuity having already received so much, but as he is very old and infirm, I respectfully recommend that the small sum he asks, vizt. Rs. 50, may specially be granted to him as an indulgence -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servant —

Fort St. George
13th June 1859

A.W. Rawlins, Captain
Asst. Garrison Engineer

To the Secy to Govt No 1790
d/17 June 59

No 2809

Central Circle

From
The Asst Garrison
Engr.
To
The Deputy Chief
Engr. C. C.
Dated 13th June /59
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Forwarding
Correspondence regard-
ing the services of
Mootooveerapah a
Smith Maistry attached
to the late Supg Engr Office

WRR

Central Office P.W.
Fort Saint George
17th June 1859.

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No 1790

From
The Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration and orders of Government the accompanying correspondence from the late Colonel Atkinson and the present Assistant Garrison Engineer relative to the services of one Mootooverapah, formerly a Maistry Smith attached to the late Superintending Engineer's Department.

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No 161 d/13 June 59
with
enclosures

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2 From the documents enclosed, the Government will observe that this individual was borne on the regular Abstracts of the Superintending Engineer's Office at the Presidency and at Trichinopoly from 1821 to 1834 and from 1838 to 1851, and that during the period intervening between the years 1834 and 1838, he appears to have been employed on daily pay.

3 As however by the break of 4 years as shewn above, the Maistry's services has only been 13 years, for which he can claim any consideration at the hands of Government, I have the honor to recommend

that, for faithful services rendered by him he may be granted the small gratuity of Rupees 50 which he asks for.

4 It appears that so far back as 1851 he was considered too old for further service, and another maistry was in consequence appointed to succeed him, but a verbal agreement was entered into, by which the former was to receive for life Rupees (7) Seven from the pay (Rupees 21) of his successor. This sum continued to be drawn for 5 years and four months, so that Moottooveerapah has received in all the sum of Rupees 448 while unemployed (64 months × 7 Rupees = 448 Rupees) As however this arrangement was of a purely private nature, and as the Claims of the Maistry should have been brought forward by the late Colonel Atkinson at the time he was found physically disqualified for further service, I am of opinion that he is not debarred from the indulgence which he now craves, and accordingly recommend that his case may receive favorable consideration.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
W K Bell Lieut Col.
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George,
17th June 1859.

Lieut Col.
Dy Chief Engineer. C.C.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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From The Chief Engineer.

To The Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Dated 17 } June 1859.
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Recommends that Moottooveerapah, a Maistry Smith formerly attached to the Supt Engr Dept may be granted a gratuity of Rupees 50 for faithful services rendered to Government.

C 27 June
R 1 July

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer, with Enclosures — } Here enter No 1790 dated 17th June 1859 —

Read former correspondence upon the same subject — }

Order thereon dated 7th July 1859 No 227

1. This man's case has already been fully discussed and orders have twice* been passed upon it, firstly on a reference※ by the late Civil Architect, and secondly on its being forwarded by the Supreme Govt for favorable consideration

2. Copies of the orders of Govt do not appear

* E.M.C. 5th Sept. 57.
E.M.C. 25th Augt 58

※ Letter dated 15th July. 57.

MC

o Fr. Secy to Govt of India. 14th June 58.

to have been furnished to the Chief Engineer's Office.

3. ~~The~~ Mootoo Veerappah resigned his Appt in 1851, but by a private arrangement, entered into with the sanction of the late ~~Lieut Assistant~~ Col. Atkinson, continued to receive from his successor who had been his deputy a sum of 7 Rupees a month. Irregular as this transaction doubtless was Petr has largely profited by it, and as the amount he has received ~~largely~~ far exceeds anything he could have looked for in the shape of a gratuity had he applied previously to his retirement, the Govt must decline to relax the rule.

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4. Copy of the orders of Govt referred to in pa
1. will be forwarded to the Chief ~~informati~~ Engineer for his informa

JJ. L.F.

The previous proceedings must be confirme
but this is another instance of the
eccentric and objectionable action int
which our Officers are driven from a
sense of humanity and justice
the absence of pensions to subordina
worn out Public Servants

Whitefor
28 June 5

J.G.

W.M.

To
The Chief Engineer Secy 7/7/59
with copies of G.M. Cs referred
to in paras [illegible]

Separate
Pub: 1839 Septr.
No. 227

Pro: of the Madras
Govt.

dated 7th July 1839

Declining to sanction
the gratuity proposed & recommended
by the Chief Engineer on behalf of
Mootooveerapah Lake Maistry
Smith.