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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 8

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Dated 15 / 1 1863

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PENSION DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.
(Here enter 8th December 1862.)
From the Officiating Civil Paymaster.
(Here enter 22nd December 1862.)

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1863, No. 8 .

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2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to see anything in these arguments to justify a relaxation of the rules in favor of the applicant. Good and faithful service is an indispensable qualification for admittance to the benefit of those rules, and cannot be made the ground of a claim to special bounty. His Excellency in Council is satisfied from the applicant's numerous testimonials that his services have been marked throughout by great zeal and usefulness, but it will be no disparagement to say that neither the character of his labors, nor their results, have been so exceptional as to merit peculiar consideration.

3. The argument that the work, performed by the applicant thirty years ago, on a salary of less than ten Rupees, would now demand far higher remuneration, might be urged with equal truth in every case, while, viewed in its proper light, the fact that the rates of wages have risen during the few last years, tells rather against than in favor of his application. The limit of ten Rupees was fixed with reference to the state of the labor market, and the kind of work then procurable for that salary. The same kind of work now requires higher pay, and, if any change is to be made in the rule, its principle would be best maintained by raising the limit of remuneration with reference to existing rates.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. Hutchins

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Pension Depart^t. 3

Mem^m.

The Off^g. Civil Paymaster is requested to state when the rule, excluding service in any grade on a salary under 10 Rs. from ~~the period~~ entitling to pension, was first ordered, & whether it was intended to have, or has been regarded as having, retrospective effect.

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Ag Secy to Govt.

Fort S^t. George
12^th December 1862

To
The Off^g Civil Paymaster Dec 12/62

No. 179 Alr.

From
Captain E. Hemery R.E
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer
Central Circle.

To
Colonel W. I. Birdwood R.E
Chief Engineer
Department Public Works

Sir,

[illegible]
1 Letter with
[illegible]

I have the honor herewith to forward for your favourable consideration a letter from T. S. Veeraswami Moodaliar Head Estimate maker in the Office of the Central Circle Department Public Works, begging that the period of service from October 1830 to September 1840 during which he was in the receipt of less than 10 Rupees per mensem may be allowed to count for pension.

I have the honor to be &c.

E. Hemery
Captain R.E.
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer
Central Circle

Central Circle Office
Chepauk ...
25th November 1862.

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Memo to the Acct.
Paymaster
9/12 December 1862

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To

Captain C Hemery
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer C C

Sir,

With due submission, I beg most respectfully to bring to your kind notice, the following circumstances in connection with my employment in this Office, and to request you will be so good as to recommend to Government my exemption from the operation of the rule that "Employment in a grade ineligible for pension and in situations the salary of which is Rupees ten and less is excluded from the period entitling to pension

2 I beg to mention that I was first entertained in the late Chief Engineer's Office in October 1830, as a practitioner writer on a salary of Rupees 3-8. and that in 1832 my salary was raised to Rupees 7 per mensem - It was not till 1840 that I was again promoted and received an increase to my salary which was then made 12 Rupees per month -

3 My ordinary duties at the time were to prepare and examine the statement of services of Officers of the corps of Engineers, and to check periodical Indents for Stationery &c - Altho' the duties in question were in their nature very important, and those who are engaged in similar duties

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To Govt P W D No 4550
d/8th Decr/62

Copy in a letter [illegible]

1862 Depart

No

From
The Actg Dy Chief Engr
To No 3724 C. C.
The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

Dated 25th } November 1862
Recd } 1863
No 179

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duties in the Adjutant Generals Office, and in the Military Board are remunerated at salaries varying from Rupees 100. to 70 per mensem, still with the inadquate salary of Rupees 7 per month, I had to conduct the duties above referred to - I beg to assure you that my superiors have appreciated my labors, but in consequence of vacancies having been few, and the establishment I was employed in being then small, my promotion was slow -

4 I continued to serve on this salary up to 1848, when Government having sanctioned the entertainment of an Estimate Maker temporarily on a salary of Rupees 35 for preparing valuation Statements of all Buildings in the Fort and the suburbs, and the invitation for applicants in the Fort St George Gazette having failed to secure persons qualified for the post, I was recommended x to Government to be taken without prejudice to my service - The Government having sanctioned # my employment, I completed the work within 18 months, to the entire satisfaction of my superiors - About this time a vacancy in the regular Establishment having occurred, I was promoted to the post of 2d Estimate Maker and in the classification of the Establishment on the organization of the D.P.W, I was made the 3d Estimate Maker on a salary of Rupees 70 and lastly in 1856, I was promoted

to

x Vide letter of 28 apl 1848

Vide G O No 2036 of 6 May 1848 -

to the place of 2d Estimate Maker on 95 Rupees which I now fill -

5 I beg to state that I lately published a work entitled "Builders' Vocabulary" - This Book was published both in Tamil and Telugu with a corresponding English version; 500 # copies of the Tamil and 200 of the Telugu were purchased by Government, and 100 more of the former by the Board of Revenue - On a reference to a letter from the Chief Engineer recommending it to Government and from the replies received from the several Officers in the P.W.D to a circular addressed to them on the subject, it will be evident to you, how far the work I completed is useful in the Provinces

Vide G. O No 951 of 19 May /58

6 In consideration of the period I served Government, my general usefulness, my general conduct, and aptitude for business, and thorough acquaintance with my art which enabled me often to effect large reductions by a rigid scrutiny in the estimates that passed through me, all of which have been testified to by all my superiors without a single exception, and in consideration that my duties during the time I was employed on the small pay of 3½ and 7 Rupees per month, were not comparatively less important than those which devolved upon me subsequently as I rose in the Office and in consideration of the circumstances that the

remuneration

remuneration to writers 30 years ago was so very inadequate and their promotions were confined within such very narrow limits, I solicit the favor of your recommending to Government thro' the Chief Engineer to allow me to reckon towards pension, the period of service during which I was in the receipt of a salary below Rupees 10, as a special case deserving of being dealt with liberally by Government.

7 Copies of Testimonials received from time to time from the several Officers in charge of the P.W.D as well as from others are enclosed for your information.

8 In conclusion I beg leave to add that the period of service which I forfeit rendered during the time that I drew salaries under Rupees 10, was before the promulgation of the orders+ prohibiting such service to count for pension, and hence I humbly trust you will see that this is no very strong ground on which I can claim exemption from those orders.

+ Notification of 8 May 1849 Page 499.

I remain
Sir
Your most obedient and
humble servant.

Madras
8th November
1862

A. Veerasawmy Moodr
Estimate Maker.
D.P.W.

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Copies of Testimonials

Lt. Atwell Lake
Asst of Engrs

The bearer hereof named Veerasawmy is a Writer in the Chief Engineer's Office and during the time he has been under me, I have found him extremely attentive and steady, and he has conducted himself with great propriety. he writes a good hand and is in my opinion deserving of promotion when an opportunity occurs.

Chief Engrs Office
Jany 25th 1839 }

(Sd) Atwell Lake
Lieut & Asst of Engrs

Lt. T. Ditmas
Asst of Engrs

This is to certify that I found the Bearer T. Veerasawmy to be diligent and assiduous in the discharge of his duties as a writer, and has conducted himself to my entire satisfaction during the time I was Adjutant in the Chief Engineer's Office

Fort St George
January 1840 }

(Sd) T. Ditmas Lieutt

J. D. Rundall
Asst of Engrs

I concur in the above.

(Sd) J. D. Rundall
Asst of Engineers

[illegible]
Chief Engr

This is to certify that I found the bearer T. Veerasawmy to be diligent and assiduous in the discharge of his duties as a Writer and has conducted himself to my entire satisfaction during the time I was Chief Engineer

Chief Engrs Office
Fort St George
1st Jany 1842 }

(Sd) D. Montieth Lt. Coll
Chief Engineer

Chief Engd Mr
No 1799 / 25 Nov /62

To Govt 8th Dec /62 No 4550

Office [illegible]

[illegible] Miscellaneous

II

From

T. S. Veerasawmy Mundy
Estimate Maker D.P.W.

Dated 8th
Recd [illegible] November 1862

P.W. 3724/62

Requests to recommend to Govt to exempt him from the operation of the rule "that employment in a grade ineligible for pension and in situations the salary of which is Rs ten and less is excluded from the period entitling to pension."

Pensn 1862 D. part
No 605

The bearer ~~named~~ Veerasawmy has been in the Chief Engineer's Office as a writer for about fifteen years, during the two years that I have been Adjutant I have been much pleased with his attention to his duties, and I shall always be glad to hear of his further advancement in life.

Madras
11 Feby 1846

(S/) J. G. Johnston
Adjt of Engrs

Extract of a Letter from Lt Coll A Lawe Chief Engineer to the Secretary to Government Military Department dated 28 April 1848 -

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There is a person who has been a copyist in this Office for several years on a small salary of 12 Rupees a month and who has by his diligence qualified himself for making Estimates and doing such work as that in question, and I beg to solicit sanction to employ him on the allowance of 35 Rupees sanctioned by the Minutes of Consultation -

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Veerasawmy 2d Estimate Maker has been promoted from a writer, during my time in the Chief Engineer's Office, and I can confidently state that thro' his own exertions alone, he procured that situation -

Besides the duties that were entrusted to him, he never lost a moment in improving himself - he was however previously a good Accountant

(S/) H. W. Hitchins
Adjt of Engrs

The Chief Engineer invited parties to come forward by means of the Gazette who were acquainted with Estimate-Making on the occasion of the Military Board under the orders of Government, calling for Valuation Statements to be prepared of all the Public Military and Civil Buildings within the Fort and the Suburbs including Guindy, but no one responded to this call - Veerasawmy was brought to the Chief Engineer's notice as an intelligent man, one well versed in Accounts and who had learnt in his leisure time how to prepare Estimates and he was employed accordingly -

The Statements were completed in eighteen months in a most satisfactory way by him, and eventually he was promoted to an Estimate Maker in the regular Establishment -

(S/) H. W. Hitchins -

Veerasawmy an Estimate Calculator &c in the Chief Engineer's Office was very regular in his attendance and gave great satisfaction during the two years I was Adjutant -

Madras
4 Jany 1853

(S/) C. A. Foord Lt
Engineers

The bearer of this Veerasawmy is an Estimate Maker in the Chief Engineers Office, he has requested me to state my opinion of his work and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the intelligent and accurate manner in which he prepares Estimates, Accounts and Bills or checks them - I have found him intelligent and quick in taking up ideas out of the immediate of his work and believe that he would quickly learn any other system of Accounts or Estimate or Bill-making which may be required -

[illegible]
Adjt of [illegible]

Plans he has been in the habit of carefully examining and would master very intricate one with a little attention -

Madras
5 May 1855 }

(S/) P O Connell Lt
Late Adjutant of Engrs

I am happy to be able to add my testimony to the character here given by Captain O'Connell.

Captn C Blagrave
Asst Ch Engr

August 6/59

(S/) C Blagrave Captn
Asst Ch Engr

The bearer Veerasawmy Moodelliar 2d Estimate Maker in the Chief Engineer's Office D.P.W. having asked me to give him a certificate regarding his qualifications and manner of conducting his duties, I have much pleasure in stating that his conduct has given me every satisfaction during the 5 months I have performed the duties of Adjutant of Engineers, and that I consider he is in every way qualified

R Roberts
Asst of Engrs

qualified

qualified to perform the duties entrusted to him -

Madras
9 Oct 1855 }

(S/) R Roberts
Asst of Engrs

Extract from General Register Book

Colt C E Faber
Ch Engr

A highly intelligent and painstaking man, who has uniformly given the greatest satisfaction in the discharge of his duties -

12 April 1859 -

(S/) C E Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

Colt J H Bell
Chief Engr

T. S. Veerasawmy is a most able and efficient Estimate Maker.

4 March 1860.

(S/) J H Bell Colonel
Chief Engineer

Colt C Lawford
Ch Engr Mysore

I have known Veerasawmy Moodelliar Second Estimate Maker in the Central Office of Public Works Madras, for a period of six years and have always had a high opinion of his ability industry and excellent conduct.

Bangalore
5 May 1861 }

(S/) C Lawford Colonel
Chief Engr in Mysore

A H Tulloch
Asst Ch Engr

It gives me a great pleasure to testify to the intelligence and good character of Estimate Maker Veerasawmy - He has shewn great attention to his work while employed under me -

Chepauk
24 Decr 1861 }

(S/) A Tulloch Lt
Engineers

I. S. Veerasawmy Moodely one of the Estimate makers in the Central Office having asked me for a certificate, I have much pleasure in stating that he is one of the most respectable native gentlemen I knew. He has been a long time in the Department, and is "master of his art" and a very valuable and efficient man of business.

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Madras
27 March 1862

S/ H W Rawlins Major

Mint
27 March 1862

Having known I. S. Veerasawmy Moodely of the Estimate Department of the Central Office D. P. W. during the two years I served in that Office. I have much pleasure in stating that I formed a very favorable opinion of his qualifications and conduct.

Col. C A Orr
Dy [illegible]

S/ C A Orr
Mint Master

Extract from the General Register Book

Veerasawmy Moodelly I. S.
Has given great satisfaction by his diligent discharge of his duty

23d June 1862

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Extract of a letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle Madras, 7 July 1862 No. 95 to the Secretary to Government P. W. D.

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2 Owing to the novelty of the work and to the necessity for introducing a few trifling alterations to suit the locality, it appears to have been found necessary to remit the Estimates to Colonel Hitchins for explanation of details, and this, together with press of business in the Office (seriously compromised by the recent illness of the able head of the Estimate Department×) has occasioned some delay in their final submission to Government.

× Veerasawmy Moodr

Southern Circle Office
7 August 1862

I have great pleasure in recording my opinion of I. Veerasawmy Moodr, Head Estimate Maker in the Central Circle Office D. P. W.

[illegible]

I consider him decidedly the best man of his peculiar branch in this the Central Office, and I can aver that during the time in which I had charge of the circle much Public money was saved thro' the rigid and careful scrutiny which his thorough knowledge of his duty enabled him to make of all Estimates which passed thro' his hands.

I found his zeal quite equal to his intelligence and but for the extra time

which

which he often devoted to his work I could never have handed over the Central Circle Office as clear of arrears as it now is -

No Servant in the D.P.W. Office here has, in my opinion, higher claims to the favorable consideration of Government than Veerasawmy Moodellyar

(Sd) J. Ouchterlony Lt Coll
Dy Ch Engr S. C

Madras
Septr 12th 1862

I have known T. S. Veerasawmy Moodelly Head Estimate Maker in the Central Office D.P.W. for more than three years, and have had frequent opportunities of forming an opinion of his qualifications. He always gave me full satisfaction in the discharge of his duty, and I consider him a most valuable man in his particular Department -

(Sd) J Carpendale Lt Coll RE
Late Asst & Acty Dy Ch Engr

Lt Coll J Carpendale RE
Late Asst & Acty
Dy Ch Engr

No. 4550

Central Office of Public Works
Chepauk 8th December 1862.

From,

Colonel W. S. Birdwood R. E.
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,

Public

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favourable consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle forwarding with his support, an application from T. V. Veerasawmy Mudali Head Estimate Maker on his Establishment, soliciting that the period of his service under Government from October 1830 to September 1840, during which he was in the receipt of a Salary of less amount than ten Rupees, may be allowed to count for pension.

2. Veerasawmy Mudali is a person

To Govt 8 Dec/62 No 4550.

[illegible] letter to [illegible] of 23 May No. 24 [illegible]

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Copies of Testimonials given to T. S. Veerasawmy Mudr by the Officers of the P. W. D

P.W.D. 3724/62

Revenue Deptt. In No 608

person of great intelligence and industry, and from his thorough acquaintance with the principles of Estimating, his services have been invaluable to the several Officers under whom he has served, as is evident from the many high testimonials he has received, copies of which are herewith forwarded. Looking therefore to the great responsibility devolving upon him as Head Estimate Maker in the Public Works, and the highly satisfactory manner in which he appears throughout his career to have performed his duties, I strongly recommend that his prayer be acceded to, and that as a special case, he be allowed to count for pension the ten years he served in a situation, the salary of which was less than ten Rupees, particularly, as while so employed the work entrusted to him, was of the nature now generally performed by persons in receipt of a much higher rate of salary.

3. I would moreover beg to bring to notice, that the rule from which Veerasawmy seeks to be exempted was not ordered until the 8th May 1849, or nearly twenty years, after his first entertainment in Public employ, and I think that his meritorious services, are sufficient grounds to justify its not being applied to him.

No 49 Chapter III
Civil Auditor's Manual

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Col. R. E.
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Central Office of P.W.
Chepauk
8th Decr. 1862.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departt.

Compd [illegible]

his prayer are

Recd. 13th May 1863 No. 134

Referred to the Pension Department for Consideration.—

Col. C. E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

10th December 1862—
No. 87

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Pension— No. 605

No. 3724.

From
The Chief Engr. P.W.
To
The Secy. to Govt.
P.W.D.

S. O. No. 8

Dated 8th
Recd. 11th
Decr. 62
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No. 4550.

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General Departt.—

No. 589.

Civil Pay Master's Office,
Fort St. George,
22nd December 1862—

From,
W. I. Raynor, Esqre.,
Offg. Civil Pay Master.—

To,
The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government.—

Sir,

In reply to Memorandum from the Deputy Secretary to Government Pension Department dated 12th Instant, I have the honor to state that there is no separate order on record excluding Service on Salaries not exceeding 10 Rs. from reckoning towards pension; but the Pension Rules of 1817 also of 1851 contain a clause whereby certain grades are thus excluded when the salary is not more than 10 Rs.— and this clause, so far as I am aware, has always been held to be of general application.—

2d. Prior to the publication of the Civil Auditor's Manual in (May) 1857 the practice of this Office was to exclude such Service only on account of the grades (marginally) noted; but since that period the rule has been extended, and as it appears to me correctly, to all applications for Pension reported upon by this Departt. under the Pension rules.—

English & Native Accountants.
Moharries.
Mootsuddees.
Goomashtas.
Carcoons.
Turfdars.
Zillahdars.
Samutdars.
Sumperttees.
Conicopillays.
and
Mazoomdars.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant—

W. I. Raynor
Offg. Civil Pay Master.—

C. R. G. H.

this prayer are general

Copy in a Letter to England of 23 May No 22 of 1867

Pension 15th Jany /63
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From
The Offg Civil Paymaster

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

8 No. 8

Dated 22nd Decr
Recd 23d " } 1862.

No. 589

No. 640

Sir,
In reply to Memo. of 12th Instant, states that there is no separate order on record excluding service on salaries not exceeding 10 Rupees from reckoning towards pension, but that such service has since 1857 been generally excluded.

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Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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The Officiating Civil Paymaster — " 22d " "

Order thereon 15th January 1863. No. 8

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A. [illegible] Secy to Govt.

To The Chief Engineer D. P. W. Dec. 1871. with 5 Copies

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No 23, May No 22 of 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT,

Dated 15th January 1868

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