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Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	688	Press Mis.
Dated	7-12-	1970.

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Rajahmundry
21st Nov 58

To
The Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Godavery District

Respected Sir

I most humbly beg you will take into Consideration the Undermentioned Statement and get me the Gratuity allowed to Government Servants who Resigne from Old Age and Length of Service

Sir

I entered the P. W. Department in the Godavery Division on 1st April 1854 from the E. G. V. Company I was a Sergeant

I was Appointed Navigation Superintendent by Major A. T. Cotton from 1st April 1854

Was Promoted to 1st Class 1st Grade Sub. Overseer in the No III or Western Delta Range at Chellapetta in Godavery Division 1st May 1857

In July 1857 the Bengall Mutiney broke out and I was Ordered to my Corps but the District Engineer Capt F. H. Rundall R.E. now Col F. H. Rundall R.E. Bengall Service desirous of keeping me has he required my Services – so many Military Men having left

Supdg Engineer 1st Division

The Division

He Appointed me Delta Superintendent in lieu of the Sub Overseers part I had lost

I Received the Government thanks in G. O. in the latter end of 1861 for my Exertions in Saving the Stationery Works of the Range from the Inundation of the Delta Consequent upon the Gulaney Embankments having Breach – and flooded the whole Delta I had to live in my Boat with my Familey for 3 Days and Nights on account of my House being flooded –

Which Post of Delta Superintendent I retained up to 19th October 1868 when my Resignation was Accepted

I Resigned on account of the Duties being too hard for me to continue to my own Satisfaction and Benefitt to the Government and keeping o Thers Out who was Younger and more fitt to fill the Appointment

I am Now 57 Years of Age and 40 Years in the Military Service

I Therefore Solicits your Aid and Support in forwarding this my Petition to the Chief Engineer or other Authorities who you may deem it right to have it forwarded too – From Your knowledge of my Character since you have

been in the Division – to procure me the Gratuity Government Allows

I inclose a Copy of my Testimonials for 1828 Up to 1868

My Period of Service as follows

	Years	Months
Navigation Superintendent	3 —	1
1st Class 1st Grade Sub Overseer	—	2
Delta Superintendent	11 —	3
Total P. W. Department Service	14 —	6

I Humbley Beg to Remain

Honored Sir

Your Mosts Humble & Obedient Servant

A. Harris

Pensioned Sergeant

Supg Engineer 1st Division

Copy of my Testimonials

I Certify that Corporal Harris has been in the 9th Company under my Command for the last four Years during which time he has conducted himself to my Satisfaction as a steady man and a good Soldier

Kamptee
22d January 1835
(Signed) C. Butler Captain
Comg 9th Company M. E. Regt

I have known Corporal Harris since he joined the Regt he has a well behaved Soldier and bears a good Character

Kamptee
23d January 1835
(Signed) J. J. Neill Lieut & Adjt
M. E. Regt

I have commanded the Regt two Years during which time I have had every reason to think well of Corpl Harris

Kamptee
24th January 1835
(Signed) C. A. Elderton Lieut Col. Comg
M. E. Reg

From opportunities I have had at different times of seeing Serjeant R. Harris of this Regt I consider him to be a Steady and good man in all points of duty

Kamptee
10th August 1838
(Signed) J. H. Warrington Lieut
in charge of D. Compy M. E. Regt

I have known Serjeant Harris since the Year 1833 during which time he has never been in any trouble he is a very steady man and a good Soldier

Kamptee
12th August 1839
(Signed) Th. J. Rymes Capt
M. E. Regt

The bearer Serjeant Harris I have known some Years and consider him a Smart and Intelegent Soldier, and one well worthey of advancement in the Savice

Kamptee
13th August 1839
(Signed) L. Stephensen Lieut & Adjt
M. E. Regt

The bearer Serjeant Robert Harris. M. E. Regt has conducted himself since he joined the Regt in a very correct manner and is a man who bears a good Character in the Regt

Kamptee
13th August 1839
(Signed) R. D. Weir Captain
M. E. Regt

I have known Serjeant Robert Harris for several Years as Serjeant & Corporal and have always considered him a steady good Non-commissioned Officer and attentive to his duties

Kamptee
13th August 1839
(Signed) Thos H Nicking Lieut
Quarter Master M. E. Regt

I have known Serjeant R. Harris for many Years and from what I have observed of him I consider him to be a man of good Character

Kamptee
13th August 1839
(Signed) E. A. Howden Major M. E. Reg

Supg Engineer 1st Division

— This is to Certify That during the time (upwards of five Years) That Color Sergeant Robert Harris has been in the 2d European Light Infantry his Conduct has been very Correct he his a Sober well behaved man and Zealous in the performance of his duties —

— (Signed) — C. Cook Lieut & Adjutant
2d E. L. Infantry —

— (Signed) — R. Budd Lieut Col —
Commanding 2d E. L. Infantry —

Trichinoply
5th July 1845

— Robert Harris late Color Sergeant in the 2d E. L. Infantry Served under me for about 5 Years during the whole of which time he had the Payment of a Company in the discharge of which duty he gave me every Satisfaction. He was Sober Active and Diligent and this a good Accountant —

— On my return from England I was much Surprised to finde that he had invaleded as I thought there had been many Years worke in him. And I think him Still well qualified for duty —

— (Signed) — H. A. Hornby Captain —
2d E. L. Infantry —

Trichinoply
19th September 1846

— This is to Certify That Sergeant Harris late of the 2d E. L. Infantry joined the Regt with the Drafts from the M. E. Regt in 1839 from which period to the date of my Relinquishing the Command in 1842 —

— I had every reason to be Satisfied with him has a Sober intellegent Active & good Non-Commissioned Officer — (Signed) — A. B. Dyce Colonel —
2d E. L. Infantry —
Brigadear General —
Commanding Northan Division —

Waltair
10th January 1849

— In carrying into effect the Above Ordors it affords the Assistant Commasary of Ordnance much gratifaction to be able to place on the records of this Arsenal That during the period Sergeant Harris has been Actg as Store Sergeant he has carried into effect the Several Duties assigned him with Zeal and Ability and has on all occations given grate Satisfaction to his Superiors —

— (Signed) — J. Hamilton Lieut —
Asst Commasy of Ordnance —

Vizagapatam
29th March 1850

— Consequent upon the above Station Order Sergeant Harris will rejoin his Company —

It affords The Asst Comasy of Ordnance much pleasure in placing upon the records of this Arsenal that from the period Sergeant Harris rejoined it 8th April 1850 until this date his conduct in all respects Has been Such as to continue to meet the approbation awarded to him in Arsenal Orders of the 29th March 1850 —

— (Signed) — J. Hamilton Lieut —
Asst Comasy of Ordnance —

Vizagapatam
1st April 1851

— Sergeant R. Harris has been employed under me as Delta Supdt W. Delta G. Division for nearly 3 Years his worke has been the regulation of the Head Sluice and principle feeding Escapes Weirs of the Delta agreeably to Occasional instructions from me he Maintained the Standard of water in the different Main Canals as requisite. Also Occasionally to visits various parts of the Delta and report on the Irregation State of the crops, Drainage &c he has also been Sometimes employed by me in particular works (Chiefly Earth Work) in [illegible] and in all the above Capacities I have found him Zealous and Strictly attentive to Orders —

— (Signed) — F. Greenaway Captain —
A. D. Engineer —

Sundamoor
31st March 1860

— Mr R. Harris Served under my orders During a Period of nearly four Years. As Delta Supert and was mostly employed by me on Executive works he has always given me Satisfaction his long experience and thorough knowledge of the W. Delta of Godavery makes him a valuable assistant to the Officer in Charge of the Range I consider it right also to note his long and Faithfull Service and the very inadequate remunnation he had up to this time received. I can also state Mr R. Harris is Strictly trustworthy Sober & Faithfull & Zealous in the performance of his Duties. He did every Thing for me with the Strictest propriety in every particula and fully to my Satisfaction and I am well pleased to give him this Character —

— (Signed) — J. D. Harris —
Asst Executive Engineer E. I. I. & Canal Company —

Maishraka
Calcutta
27th December 1863

Supg Engineer 1st Division

O. M. No. 28 A 9/20/6.

The Under Secretary to the Pension Dept. is directed with reference to the application submitted for a gratuity to Sergeant Harris late Police Superintendent in the Godavery District, to request the Supt. Engineer 1st Division to furnish a copy of Sergt. Harris' resignation, if made in writing and if ~~this~~ it amounted to an application for permission to retire ~~&~~ on the ground of incapacity for further duty, to state why the applicant was not at once ~~[illegible]~~ for medical Examn ~~The Sergeant [illegible]~~ ~~to state~~ Explain why the

No 28 7/9/71

Applicant " was unt
to obtain " a medi
certificate till the 11th fe
1869, to state whether
he made any attempt to
to obtain one before that
date, and if he did, why
he could not ~~get one~~ succeed
The exact cause of incapacity
ultimately admitted cannot
be ascertained from the Cer-
tificate, herewith returned
to be reforwarded with expla
nation.

To the Supg Engr 1st Divn
with Medl Certte

Superintendent in the Godavery District on a Monthly Salary of 70 Rs. His services prior to the 1st May 1865 will be found among the records of your Office, as the Salaries of the Conservancy Establishments were then paid by the Revenue Department.

Mr Harris had no leave which counts against service for pension from 1st May 1865 to 18 October 1868.

S. Wood

Controller of C. W. Accts.

EXAMINER OF CLAIMS
1869
No.
JY 10
MADRAS

From
The Controller of P. W. Accounts,
Madras.

To The Examiner of
Claims

Dated 9th July 1869.
Received
No: 164

Your ~~Docket~~ Memo, No. 721,
Dated. 5 July, 1869

The services of Mr. R. Harris have been verified fro the records of this Office from 1st Ma 1865 to 1st October 1866 as a Delta Superintendent.

Pens. L No. 265/70.

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Returned for submission to the Chief Secretary to Government through the Accountant General in the form prescribed by the rules as laid down at pages 138 to 140 of the Uncovenanted Servants' Vade Mecum.

Fort St George
13th March /69

Col: R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

April /69

To The Supdg Engr.
of the 1st Dn.

Pens. L No. 264/70.

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No 10

Supg Engineer's Office
1st Division
2d April 1869
Dowlaiswaram 31st March 1869

From,
Captain J. J. Ryves R.E.
Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To,
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
D.P.W. Madras

Sir,

Enclo:
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1 Application
with Certificates.
1 Extract from
Register –

I have the honor to forward the accompanying application for gratuity from pensioned Sergeant Harris lately Delta Superintendent in the Godavery District which post he resigned on the 7th August 1868. I forward with the application an Extract from Register of Sergeant Harris' Service in the P.W.D. –

2 – I am not at all certain that under the Regulations this is a case which should be submitted to Government, the applicant's conduct has always been good and I therefore am disinclined to decline to forward the application –

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

J. J. Ryves Captn R.E.
Supg Engineer 1st Division

E.G.
HM.

[illegible] 1869 [illegible]

No. 264 / No. 451

from the Supdg Engineer
1st Division

To the Secretary
to Government
D.P.W.

Dated 2d } April 1869
Recd 3d }

,, 1st July 1870

Enclosures 2

Forwards an
application for gratuity
from Pensioner Sergeant
Harris lately Delta depty
in the Godavery District

O. No. 688.

Register of application
for gratuity under old
rules on behalf of late
Delta Supervisor H. Bx.
Harris of Godavari
9/13 May 69

No. 48—26-4-69—200.

PENSION REPORT DEPARTMENT.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
The 3d July 1869

To
THE Superintending Engineer
1st Division

The undersigned has the honor to return the papers connected with the ~~Pension~~ / Gratuity / ~~Compassionate Allowance~~ case noted in the margin, received with letter ~~Memo.~~ dated 2d April 69 No. 10 for want of Nos. 3. 5. 11. 15. 19. 20. 23. 25. 26C. 27. 28 & 39

It is particularly requested that an EARLY reply may be sent, and that this Memo. be re-transmitted.

Tudor Trevor
Offg Examiner of Claims.

1. Detail, with dates, of local posts. } Vide paras. 133-134-135 and 141, of chapter III of the
2. ,, ,, of pay. } Civil Auditor's Manual.
3. ✓ ,, of leaves enjoyed other than Privilege or preparatory, during the whole period of Service, vide Government Notification, published at page 540, 2nd Volume of the Gazette for 1863.
4. Full name in item 1 of the Register of application.
5. ✓ Certificate of age attested by Head of Department.
6. ,, that alleged services from to are proved from the records.
7. ,, of past character, vide page 99, 2nd Volume of the Official Gazette for 1862.
8. Explanation of apparent breaks.
9. ,, ,, degradation.
10. Insertion of desired place of payment.
11. ✓ Printed form of application for Gratuity under the new Rules published at page 631, of the 2nd Volume of the Gazette for 1866.
12. Printed form of application for gratuity under the old Rules, which can be had from the Superintendent of Stationery.
13. One Register (printed) of all applications for gratuity should be sent to this Department, as required under the recent Orders of Government, instead of the separate manuscript Registers for each individual, herewith returned.
14. Insertion in item 15 of the Register of all descriptive marks agreeably to Notification published at page 802, of 2nd Volume of the Gazette for 1866.
15. ✓ Insertion in the Leave Statement, of the period of absence with loss of full and half pay, respectively, during the period of
16. Insertion (in red ink) in the detailed Statement of service, of the period during which the applicant without employ by
17. Insertion in of the Register, of the proposed amount of Gratuity
18. Information as to whether the applicant received any gratuity for past service in consequence of the abolition of his Office on the if so, a Copy of the order sanctioning such gratuity must be furnished.
19. ✓ For deletion of Remarks at foot of the Register, if the applicant did not receive any gratuity.
20. ✓ For the deletion of grounds of retirement, &c., other than those required under N. B. at foot of the Register.
21. Discharge Certificate from the Superintendent of Police shewing the period of the applicant's employment in the new Police, and why his services were dispensed with.

22. Testimonials of character or Certificates given to applicant by the Head of an Office, or, (in the absence of such Certificates,) an affidavit signed before a Magistrate, in support of the applicant's service from to which cannot be proved from the Official records.

23. Explanation of the cause of delay in submission of application until 13th May /69 when the applicant appears from the statement of service to have ceased to do duty on the 8th April 1868.

24. Explanation why the applicant was retained in Government service from to when the Medical Certificate was dated vide Government Notification, published at pages 603 and 473, 1st and 2nd Volumes, respectively of the Official Gazette for 1866.

25. Explanation why the applicant was recommended in Column 11 of the Register, for a gratuity of Rupees 420 equal to 6 months salary, when he is eligible to the gratuity of Rupees 840 equal to — 12 — months salary under the new rules.

Vide Inspector General's Circular No. 1517, dated 25th April 1868, Indian Medical Department.

26. Medical Certificate in prescribed form shewing the applicant's inability to serve longer.
   a. Vide Government Notifications, published at page 740 and 632, Volume I of Gazette for 1858 and 1863, respectively.
   b. Agreeably to the Orders of Government, dated14th June 1866, No. 224, as the applicant's service exclusive of the periods amounts to
   c. Vide Government Notification, published at page 705, 1st Volume, and page 450, 2nd Volume of the Official Gazette for 1865 and 1866, respectively.

27. Explanation why Medical Certificate is ~~dated~~ not produced immediately after the applicant ceased to do duty~~, instead of on, or before, his retirement from Government service~~.

28. Transmission of the true Copy of the order of Government under which the applicant was paid.

29. Translation of the orders of under which the applicant as the cause of should be shewn in this Office report to Government.

30. Explanation as to whether the applicant applied for during his life, if so, when he applied, and when he died.

31. Explanation as to whether the applicant's heirs applied for the arrears of due to the applicant up to the date of decease, together with date of application for

32. Insertion in the 1st, and 2nd sides of the Register, of the correct periods of years. as pencilled, instead of years.

33. Insertion in the Register of application as to whether the applicant for Compassionate allowance has been employed since the date of the abolition of Office in , and whether holds any employment at present.

34. English translation of affidavit to be given, on the back of the same (herewith returned,) so as to enable this Department to report its tenor to Government.

35. Signature of the applicant, to be affixed at foot of affidavit in

36. Transmission of the Printed Memo. from this Department dated as requested therein, as the cannot be disposed of without it.

37. Insertion in Clause 3 of item No. 7 in the 1st side of the Register, of the date, and No. of the Order of Government, under which the applicant was thrown out of employ by reduction of Establishment.

38. For deletion of the applicant's service of years before 22 years of age in item No. 9 of the 1st side, and at foot of the 2nd side of the Register, as the entire service rendered by up to are required to be shewn in the case of Compassionate allowance.

39. As applicant's service from 1st April 1857 to 30th April 1859 cannot be proved from the annual returns on record in this office information is requested as to the source from which he was paid during this period & who audited the pay abstracts — Copies of ~~these~~ an abstract for any one month in each year viz. — G. J. [illegible]

Pens L [illegible] 26/5/70.

I, Surgeon James Edward Dickinson Zillah Surgeon of Rajahmundry do hereby Certify that I have carefully examined Mr. R. Harris late Delta Superintendent D. P. W. Godavery District; that his age is, by his own statement, fifty eight years and by appearance about the same; and that I find him to be unfit for further service, from General service not in my opinion, attributable to intemperance, or other irregular habits.

Rajahmundry
11th July 1869

J. E. Dickinson
Surgeon
Zillah Rajy.

Chettipetta
Dated 7th August 1868

To,
William Andrews Esquire
Executive Engineer G. D.

Most respected Sir,

I have received my new charge, and beg to state, that I am unable to take charg of so large a Range from old age, not being able to travel.

I therefore beg you will accept my resignation from the earliest date you can liberate me.

Your most Obedient & humble
Servant
(Signed) R. Harris
Delta Supt.

(True Copy)

(Signed) W. Andrews
Exe Engr inch. No 3 Range

(True Copy)

[illegible] Major RE
A. Supg Engineer, 1st Dn.

Enclosure in a letter
No 1402 dated 3d July /70
from the Supg Engineer
1st Division to the
Under Secretary to
Govt Public Wk Department
Madras.

Pens. Ln No 804/70

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~~these~~ an abstract for any one month
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Rajahmundry
July 1870

To
The Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Dowlaishwarum

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 1038 dated 28th June, I beg to state that I applied to be permitted to resign my appointment as Delta Superintendent under J.W. Rundall Executive Engineer No 3 or Western Delta Range Godavery District. I received an answer to state my reasons for resigning my post.

My explanation was to the effect that I found I was getting too old, as I then was 57 years of age, 40 years of which I spent in India with a service extending over 15 years in the P.W.D., and that I was not able to continue my duties to my own satisfaction, and benefit to the Government. Keeping out a younger and fitter man for the post than I was, and my resignation was accepted in September 1868. I was

relieved

relieved by Mr D. H. Jackson in October 1868 when I removed to Rajahmundry.

Not having heard anything about a gratuity being applied for; on the 10th November 1868 I begged of the Superintending Engineer 1st Division to make the necessary application on my account. To this however I received no answer.

Knowing that a Medical Certificate would be required of me, I sent in an application to Doctor Aitkin the Zillah Surgeon of Rajahmundry for the same, his answer was that he was willing to give me a Certificate that I was totally unfit for any more work, but that he could not do so as he was not called upon Officially by the Superintending Engineer 1st Division. I then went to Captain Ryves the Superintending Engineer, and he promised to do so, but having had much work on his hands he did not attend to my request

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ted the pay abstract — Copies of ~~these~~ an abstract for any one month [illegible] 6. J. [illegible]

I again called on him, and he told me to give his Complements to Doctor Aitkin Zillah Surgeon Rajahmundry to examin me, but the Doctor told me, he could not without a Public letter calling upon him for to do so.

I still waited for the order, but no order came, and Captain Ryves went to England without sending the order.

After this Major Fischer took charge of the Division, and I applied to him to search for my application originally sent to Captain Ryves amongst his office records, and when it was found, to request the Zillah Surgeon to send in a Certificate When that order was sent, Doctor Dickinson was relieving Doctor Aitkin's, and I was ordered to attend the Horspital for examination. It so happened that the two Doctors were together when I made my appearance and I was examined by them, but as Doctor Dickinson was the relieving Doctor he

signed

signed the Certificate.

I cannot explain myself more fully as to the cause of my not being examined.

The cause of incapacity was first old age - 57 years - 40 years service in India, out of which I was 15 years in P.W.D. and completely worn out and not able to go over so large an extent of range as was then given me by Mr J W Rundall Executive Engineer No. 3 Range.

I humbly beg to remain
Sir
Your most humble &
Obedient Servant
W Ferris
Pensioned Serjeant

Recd. 2nd Augt/70.

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~~these~~ an abstract for any one month
in each case [illegible] C. J. [illegible]

No 1635

From
Pensioned Sergeant
R. Harris

Dated July 1870
Recd 23 July 1870

Informs the cause of his resigning the post of Delta Suptt in 1868-

Pens. L. No. 804/70

EXAMINER OF CLAIMS
1869

No. 1728

Superintending Engineers Office 1st D.
Dowlaiswarum 2d Augt 1869.

From,
The Ag. Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To,
The Examiner of Claims
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 48 dated 3rd July 1869 returning the gratuity application made by me on behalf of Mr R. Harris late Delta Superintendent, for want of certain information, I have the honor to forward herewith the applications prepared in proper form, from which the information required by your Queries Nos 3. 5. 11. 15. 19 and 20 will be obtained.

Query No 23. I have to state that the Applicant having resigned his post on the 18th October 1868, ceased to do duty on the 19th October 1868 and not 8th April 1868 as stated by you. His application for gratuity was

was not received in this Office until 21st November 1868, and owing to the then approaching departure of my Predecessor, who was busily engaged on some important Projects, the application was retained in this Office until 2nd April 1869. Hence the delay.

Query No. 25. The applicant, being a pensioned Serjeant, was recommended for a gratuity of Rupees 420 equal to 6 Months salary instead of 840 Rupees assuming that the latter Amount is not claimable by Mr. Harris unless he was an ~~a~~ uncovenanted Servant but as it is observed from your Query that the Applicant is eligible to the gratuity of Rupees 840 he is now recommended accordingly for that Amount.

Query No. 26 & 27 A Medical Certificate which the Applicant was not able to obtain until 1st July 1869 is enclosed.

Query No. 28. As the G. O. No. 1281 dated 21st November /53 in which the Applicant's post was sanctioned is not obtainable in consequence of old records of late District Engineer's Office having been destroyed, no copy of the same is enclosed.

Query No. 39. As the old records of late District Engineer's Office were destroyed, the information required as to the source from which the Applicant was paid, as well as the Copies of the Abstracts audited in the years 1855 & 1857 are not obtainable, but one abstract for May /56 found amongst the Office records is herewith enclosed. As it is observed that the Civil Auditor audited the abstract for the above Months 1856, it is presumed that from the records of that Office copies of abstracts may be obtained.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
Captain R.E.
Dy. Superintending Engineer
1st Division

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~~these~~ an abstract for any one month
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G.O. No 1448
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From,
Offg. Examiner of Claims

To, The Superintending Engr
1st Division

No. 48

D/ 3rd July 1869
Recd. 8th — Do —

Returns 1 Register of application for gratuity on behalf of Mr. Harris Della Superintendent of Godavery District

Pens: L. No. 265/70.

To
The Examiner of Claims

No 1728 dated 2 Augt
1869.

Pens: L. No. 265/70.

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in each case in — G. J. [illegible]

Name Mr. R. Harris age when first entertained 42 Years 7 Months

Establishment	Date	Appointment	Salary		Period of service in each appointment Y.	M.	D.	Remarks regarding punishment Severe and formal reprimands and all special Commendations or Mark of approbation
D.P.W.	1st April 1854	Navigation Superintendent	50	"	3	1	"	First entered the HEIC Service May 1828 in ME Regiment ——— May 1845 entered D.P.W. in April 1854. Never received punishment or reprimand during my Military or Civil Service, A period of 37 years last May. Have testimonials from my Military Officers in No. 15. Too many to be entered here. Testimonials from my Civil Officers in No. II Last one enter in full Captain J. Mapgill and Lieutenant Smally left testimonials in the Office for me which I never receive it.
	1st May 1857, upto 7th August 1868,	Delta Supdt.	70	"	11	3	6	
					14	4	6	

East India Irrigation & Canal Company
Maidenapore Division.

No. II. Maisbraka 27th December /63

Mr. R. Harris served under my orders during a period of nearly four (4) years. as Delta Superintendent and has mostly employed by me on executed work, he has always given me satisfaction. his long experience and thorough knowledge of the Western Delta of Godavary makes him a valuable assistance to the officer Incharge of the Range. I consider it right also, to note his long and faithful service and the very inadequate remuneration he has upto this time received, I can also state that Mr. R Harris is strictly trustworthy sober faithfully and zealous in the performance of his duties he done every thing for me with the strictest propriety in every particular and fully to my satisfaction and I am well pleased to give him this testimonial.

Maisbraka }
Calcutta }
(signed) T. D. Harris.
Assistt. Executive Engineer
E.H. & Canal Company

Has given great Satisfaction in all he has done. and will carry out orders accurately and well.

(Signed) R.E. Norfor
Assistt Engineer G.D.

A steady and painstaking man, well qualified for the regulation of water, inexperienced in Constructive works.

Godavery District No 3 or
Western Delta Range
Nursapore, 2d September/68

(Sd) W. Andrews
Executive Engineer
Godavery

(True Copy)

Captain R.E.
Supg Engineer 1st Division

Supg Engrs Office 1st Dn
Dowlaishwarum
2d April 1869

P.W. 1401/69.

Enclosure in a
letter No 10 dated
2d Instant from the
Supdg Engineer 1st Dn
to the Secretary to
Government D.P.W.

Recd. L No 264/30.

No 1402

Supdg Engineer's Office 1st Dn
Dowlaiswaram 30th July 1870

From

The Acting Supdg Engineer
1st Division

To

The Under Secretary to Government
Public Wks Department

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 28 dated 20th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward herewith, a copy of the resignation of Mr. Harris late Delta Superintendent in the No 3 Range of the Godavery District, also an original letter from him, from which it will be seen, that it was from old age that he resigned the appointment he held in the Department, that he had tried hard to obtain a Medical certificate on or about November 1868, or nearly 8 months prior to his obtaining one. The delay apparently rested with this Office long before I took charge, and under all the circumstances connected with the case, and the great delay that has taken place in admitting the claim for gratuity, I trust orders will be passed at an early date.

I have

2 There is nothing on record in this Office to show why the Applicant for gratuity was not, at the time he tendered his resignation, at once sent for Medical Examination.

3 The Medical Certificate which accompanied the Memo under reply is returned herewith, as requested.

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

Wm. F. [illegible] Major R.E.
~~A/~~ Supg Engineer 1st Division

Revenue 1870 Deposit

No 1402

from

The Acting Supg Engineer

1st Division

To

The Under Secretary to Govt

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No 804. Madras

Dated 30th July 1870

Recd 8th " "

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Forwards a copy of the resignation of Mr Harris late Delta Supdt in No 3 Range Godvy Distt and an original letter giving reasons for having resigned his post in the department

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No 2541 Supg: Engineers: Office 1st Division
Dowlaishweram 28th October 1870

From.

The Acting Supg: Engineer
1st Division

To.

The Under Secy: to Government
Public Wks Dept.

Sir,

As several months have elapsed since I last addressed you on the subject of gratuity to Mr. Harris late a Delta Superintendent in the No. 3 Range of the Godavery District, and as it is upwards of a year now that this individuals claim was sent up in a complete form to the Examiner of Claims, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the orders of Government at an early date on this long pending question

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Geo: T: Tucker Major R.E.
Acting Supg: Engineer 1st Dn.

1st Division

Pension 1870 Department

No. 1207

From

The Actg. Supdg. Engineer
1st Division

Dated 28th Oct.
Recd. 4 November } 1870

Requesting early orders on the application for gratuity to Mr. Harris late Delta Superintendent

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Pension Department

Memorandum for Orders

Mr. R. Harris

a pensioned European Servant, was entertained in the Department Public Works in the Godavery district on 1st April 1854 at the age of 52 years, and served in pension grades, till 18th October 1868, 14 years, 6 months, and 18 days, which period, if he is held not to have voluntarily resigned, and if the delay in procuring Medical certificate till the 11th July 1869 is overlooked, will entitle him to a gratuity Rs. 840, equal to 12 months' pay

2. It appears that on 7th August 1868, Mr. Harris was transferred to the charge of a portion of the district in which the work was heavier

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heavier than in that he had before; and feeling himself unable to undertake it, he wrote to the Range Office stating that he was incapacitated for the charge by old age and was unable to travel, and begged that his resignation might be accepted as soon as he could be relieved. In a subsequent letter he says that the Range Officer called for his reasons, and that he stated that he felt himself worn out and unable to perform his duties to his own satisfaction. He was relieved on the 18th October 1868. It was unquestionably the duty of the Range Officer to send him for Medical Examination before relieving him, but this was not

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not done. On 21st November, not having heard anything of his gratuity, he addressed the Superintending Engineer recounting his services, (which if correctly stated are creditable to him) and asking that application might be made for his gratuity. He, at the same time, applied to the doctor who, he says, told him he was unfit for work, but refused a certificate, as no official demand had been made. Mr. Harris then went to Captain Ryves who sent his compliments to the Doctor but this failed to elicit a certificate ~~which was~~ again refused in the absence of any official requisition. Captain Ryves then went to England and at last, on

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on the request of Major Fischer his successor, a Medical certificate was obtained in July 1869. He is 66 years old

I submit that Mr. Harris is entitled to gratuity, as it was the plain duty of his Superiors, without formal request from him, to take steps to get him gratuity, on his pleading physical incapacity; and it is clear that about the time of his resignation, he tried his best to make his superiors do what was needful. Major Fischer seems to admit the correctness of Mr. Harris' Account of the circumstances. He was, however, entertained late in life, and it has been as usual to reduce gratuity on this ground. Orders are requested what amount he is to get, if any.

H.L.S.

I would give him the full gratuity

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Memo for Orders
Pension

Pension Deptt
O No 1688/1870

C 18 Novr
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REGISTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRATUITY UNDER PENSION RULES, PUBLISHED UNDER DATE 3RD MAY 1864, FROM THE Permanent Conservancy ESTABLISHMENT OF THE Godavery District in the 1st Dn ~~OF~~

1	Full name of the Person by whom the Gratuity is applied for.			Mr Robert Harris
2	Present post			Unemployed
3	Date of commencement of service			1st April 1854
4	Date of retirement of service			to 19 October 1868
5*	Abstract of the grounds of application.	1. Injured while in the execution of public duty.		
		2. Inability to serve longer.		from Old age and therefore resigned his post—
		3. Reduction of Establishment.		
				Years. Months. Days.
6*	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	1. Resigned the service from	to	Nil
		2.† Reduction of Establishment from	to	Nil
		3. Suspended from	to	Nil
		4. Dismissed for misconduct from	to	Nil
7	Total of service before 22 years of age			Nil
8	Total of service not in Pension grades			Nil
9	Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave			Nil
	Grand Total			Nil
10	Total period counted as service			14—6—18
11‡	Age of the applicant at the time of this application			58 years
				Rs. A. P.
12	Salary per mensem at the time of application			70—"—"
13	Proposed amount of Gratuity			840—"—"

* *N. B.*—The reason of the applicant's retirement and of his being unemployed for the periods given being left, the other grounds of retiremen and reasons of break in employment should be erased with red ink.

† It is hereby certified that no gratuity was drawn by the applicant on reduction of Establishment in the year.
It is certified that gratuity having been granted was refunded to the amount of Rs. As. P.
Order sanctioning payment of gratuity was
Amount of gratuity granted was Rs. As. P.
Refund of gratuity was credited to the account for the month of 186 .

‡ I do hereby certify, that to the best of my belief the applicant's age above stated is correct.

Captain R.E.
Ag. Superintending Engineer
1st Division

Statement of total period of Service.

Establishment.	Post.	Pay. Rs.	A.	P.	Period. From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	Accountant General or Controller of Military Account's Remarks.
D.P.W.										
Godavery Dist.	Navigation Superintendt. on Conservancy Establisht.	50	"	"	1st Apl./54	30th Apl./57	3	1	"	
Do	Delta Supdt. on Do Do	70	"	"	1st May/57	to 18 Octr./68	11	5	18	
						Total	14	6	18	

Years. Months. Day

Deduct service before 22 years of age ... ... " " "

Deduct service not in pension grades ... ... " " "

Deduct leave ... ... " " " " " "

Net period of Service...... 14 6 18

Explanation of Column 6 with quotations of orders of reinstatement.	Explanation of any degradation.
Nil	Nil

Detail of leave on half pay and full stoppage of pay. From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	Remarks by the Head of the Office on past character and conduct of the applicant throughout the service.
	Reply to Query No 15 Nil				Good
	Total of leave...				

The ... Office, 186 .

Capt. R.E.
Ag. Supg. Engineer 1st Dn.

No. 10
REPORT OF THE

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of...	14	6	18

Applicant is eligible to a gratuity of Rupees equal to months' salary under Clause Section of the Revised Pension Rules. Of his service of years 14-6-18 only a period of yrs. 8-4-18 viz. from 1st June/57 to 30th April/62 and from 1st May/65 to 18th Octr./68 can be verified from the records of this Office and of the Office of the Contr. of P. W. Accounts, but attested copies of testimonials are produced showing that Mr. Harris served for the full period given in item No. 10.

Mr. Harris in tendering his resignation on the ground of old age solicits at the same time to be allowed a gratuity for his past services, but it is doubtful whether his case comes under the Desph. of the Secy. of State of 24th Nov./63 No. 258.

× His letter of 21st Nov./68 to the Supg. Engr. 1st Dn. Godavery Dt.

Para 6 of the U. S. Vade mecum

The Supg. Engr. 1st Division in his letter of 2nd Augt./69 No. 1728 explains the cause of delay in the submission of this application and in that of obtaining a Medl. certificate. Should Government under all these circumstances be pleased to give Mr. Harris the full benefit of his past services he will be eligible to the gratuity specified in item No. 13 in the 1st side of the Register under clause 1 Section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules.

W. Donald
Examiner of Claims

Pension 1870, Department.

No. 265

From the Examiner of Claims

Fort Saint George,

To the Chief Secretary to Government,

Civil Pension Department.

No. 10

Dated 30 March

Received 1st April 1870

Enclosures

Verifies the service

of Mr. R. Harris

late Delta Superintendent

borne on the establishment of the Supg Engineers 1st Division

With an order No. 688

Pension 186 , Department.

From the

To the Accountant General or Controlle

of Military Account

Dated
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Register of an application for Gratuity in behal

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT. 7th December 1870 No. 688.

The Govt., on perusal of the correspondence connected with the case, have arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Harris did not unconditionally resign his post, and that the delay in the submission of application & in obtaining medical certificates was owing to no fault of his. Having regard to his age, the certificate may be accepted.

2. Under clause 1 section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules the G. in C. resolves to grant ~~Mr. Harris the [illegible]~~ to Mr. Robert Harris, late Delta Superintendent in the Godavery district, a gratuity of Rs 840 or 12 months pay to which he is entitled for his service of 14 y. 6 m 18 d.

H. L. S.

From the Superintending Engineer 1st Division
" – Accountant General