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Clifton Cottage
Coonoor 15. 4. 72

Dear Sir

Please excuse the liberty I take in addressing you as a stranger for the purpose of asking a favor. With reference to the accompanying papers I know much depends on the manner they are laid before His Excellency — I am very anxious that if possible they may be perused and the application if necessary forwarded for sanction before Lord Napier leaves

I have reason to believe Lord Napier would grant my request if it came before him -

I need scarcely say how precious the boon would be to me in my circumstances -

I have no claim upon your kindness but I beg the favor of your help in this matter - If it is in your power to expedite the despatch of my appeal to Lord Napier in order that it may reach before he leaves I shall be most grateful if you wd.

Perhaps the opinion of the colleagues of His Excellency the Governor of Madras may not be necessary - or if necessary probably they could be obtained through circulation speedily -

Whichever may be the case will you kindly help me as far as consistently may be done -

If this paper reach Lord Napier I feel no doubt of the result and if what I ask is granted I shall be saved from great impending misery - I was unable to forward them before or would have done so. I am making a final attempt to get something for what has been

Major C. R. Stewart
Private Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor

taken from me giving up all hopes of employment and not expecting any further aid from Govt. if I get this.–

I hope you will overlook the clumsy way I have put the papers together nd kindly help me to attain my desire so far as you think right.– Apologizing for the trouble

I am
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully

– To Major C. R. Stewart.–

Ootacamund
16th Septr/71.

My dear Sir

Mr Lein sent me your Testimonials and I returned them to him. They are very satisfactory and I do not think there is any insuperable objection to your being employed in the Postal Departt. – I have no objection to your sending in an Official application which I will put with those of other Candidates but I can hold out very little hope

x x x x x x x and
you must be aware that
neither your testimonials
nor the last order of Govt.
in your favor can altogether
counteract Mr. Thornhill's
report. –

Yours very truly
Sd. A. G. Pears

True Extract

C. Howell

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Madras 5th October/71

My dear Mr. Powell

I am glad to hear
that the Govt. order which
you quote has been
passed in your favor,
It is for you of course
to make use of this.

If a reference
should be made to me
regarding your removal

from the Madras Police
I can only of course
state the circumstances

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Believe me
Yours very truly
Sd C S Hearn.

True extract
C Powell

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Extracts from 2
letters one from Col:
Pears one from Major
Hearn showing
how the order in
my Case has told
against me
C Powell.

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Govt. House. April 23d

My dear Huddleston.
The petition I referred to yesterday is from a Mr C. Powell a dismissed Officer of Police. who wants his case forwarded to Lord Napier before Ind'a leaves the

country.
I intended my note
to have been enclosed
in the cover to you

Yours sincerely
W Stewart

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Public Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Dt. 26th August 1871 No 1317 -

The Government, although they consider it necessary to remove Mr Powell from the Police Force, see no objection to his being otherwise employed should an opportunity offer.

Sd (True extract)
R. S. Ellis
Chief Secretary

True Copy -
C Powell

Copy of the
last Govt order
dated August
1871 Ootacamund

C Powell

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Govt House
Madras 19

C Powell Esq 13th Nov 1871
Coonoor

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt some days since of the your letter under date 6th inst which, together with its Enclosures has been submitted to Lord Napier by whose desire I am now to return to you those Enclosures, And to inform you that His Lordship has read your letter And the Accompanying papers Attentively And he would be sorry to think that any injustice has been done to you in consequence of Mr. Thornhill's Enquiry

Copy of Col: Forsyth's
letters. [illegible]

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From Mr. C. Powell late Madras Police
To. Major R. C. Stewart. 27
Private Secretary to
His Excellency The Governor
of Madras.

Dated Clifton Cottage Coonoor.
April 15th 1872.

Sir

I beg respectfully to ask you to do me the favor to submit this letter and accompanying papers for the kind consideration of His Excellency the Governor..

2 If it should please His Excellency only to consider the subject in Council I humbly trust that any informality in that case may be kindly overlooked and this final appeal considered

3 I take the liberty to ask the above mentioned favor because I anticipate if the Government of Madras is gracious enough to

to consider this application, sanction for what I ask can only be given by His Excellency the Governor General.

4 His Excellency the present Governor General is fully acquainted with my case and would probably be more inclined to look favorably on this appeal, therefore, I earnestly beg if possible this application may be sent to His Excellency Lord Napier, before he leaves.

5. I beg in the first place to state that I have been told by many and by the highest authority that I lost my appointment chiefly through the charge against me contained in Para: 13 of Govt. Proceedings Dd 14th Decr 1870.

6. I beg to submit a true history of the circumstances which led to that charge and an affidavit in support of it.

7 This paper has been before His Excellency Lord Napier together with several papers in refutation of other charges contained in Govt Proceedings Dd 14th Decr/70 and in reply I received the accompanying letter from His Lordship's Private Secretary dated 13th Novr 1871.

8. As the charge to which the accompanying Affidavit refers seems to have been considered the only substantial charge against me I believe it would be giving unnecessary trouble to include the above named remaining papers therefore I have not done so.

9. I beg to bring to notice that the Madras Govt. appear never to have contemplated permanently removing me from Govt. employ but this is practically the result of the order.

10. I have made every effort to obtain Govt. work without success; I have reason to believe had His Excellency Lord Napier remained at Madras I may have done so if the recent despatch from His Grace the Secretary of State for India had not arrived but this last fact shuts not only every hope but every chance out as far as I am concerned--

11. In consequence of the sweeping character of Govt. Proceedings dated 14th Decr./70 I am also shut out from respectable employment generally in these days of competition.

12. I have therefore been compelled to

struggle for myself. I have partially established myself as a Carrier and Agent in a very small way on the Neilgherries. I have done this with little means through unsparing toil. If the Govt. grant the aid I ask I shall probably be able to complete my arrangements for a livelihood.

13. For the truth of this statement I can refer to numerous persons of position at Coonoor among whom are 3 General Officers. I may also state that I have just sent in a Tender to convey Troops between the Rail & Hills to the Dy. Master General's Office.

14. Should I not obtain the help I ask my hitherto unaided efforts will probably prove fruitless for I have done my very utmost and only ask for aid from Govt. as a last resource.

15. In order that Govt. may clearly judge of the nature of this appeal I have taken the liberty to forward seperately a brief history of my service

16. I trust His Excellency will graciously consider the fact that I have never had any leave save 2 months Privilege leave and a few days casual leave and the Govt. have never incurred expense on my account in consequence

during the whole of my service -

17. I diffidently draw attention to the Testimony I submit to a fair character proving that if I have failed to please everyone I have been zealous and earnest.

18. I could produce a great amount of private and public testimony of a similar nature, from some of the ablest and highest Officers in the land but believe it would needlessly take up valuable time.

19. I beg particularly to bring to notice the nature of the Medical Certificates I forward. It is evident from them I have paid the penalty of excessive toil and exposure on duty.

20. I could instance cases and support them with official reports but I believe it would not be desired -

21. I once rode across country in the Punjab 100 miles in 9 hours on 3 Horses and a Camel. In accordance with practices early learned at Sea I have ever given "both hands" to my work -

22. With an earnest desire to forget the past in anxious endeavour to strike out a new field I humbly and respectfully ask if untiring energy and excessive zeal should be permitted to be

the means of throwing me an outcast on the world after several years hard service with a blighted name, indifferent health, no prospect, and no means.

23. In these days it is almost impossible for such a man to start in a new career but the difficulty is augmented ten-fold in my peculiar circumstances.

24. Govt. employ of a certain kind is what I have been used to since /57 I have worn a sword ever since then and have held (save as a 1st C Inspector in the Madras Police for 4 months) the position of at least a Senior Subaltern in the army - × I have a young family dependant on me (three children the oldest 4 yrs) who have not been used to the trials my misfortunes have brought on them -

× Master in Navy ranks with Captain in army.

25 - The Govt. have never been put to any expense for me on acct. of leave of any kind when I might have obtained it but did not - I have made myself an Efficient Police Officer entirely at my own cost and almost entirely in my own time conscientiously giving every hour of service to the duties of the moment --

26 During the only leave I ever had (2 months Privilege in May & June 1870) though confined to my bed with Guinea worm I prepared myself to pass the Special test in Telugoo and Law in Augt. 1870 -

27. I beg specially to bring to notice what prevented my going on sick leave from the Madras Police viz - That such a step would have reduced my pay from Rs 400 to Rs 100 per month on which I could not subsist -

28. During Mr Thornhill's enquiry, during my suspension or in former appeals to Govt I might have sheltered myself behind Medical Certificates and the plea of ill health specially with regard to the charges against me but I felt that truth would vindicate itself sooner or later without such aid -

29 - I have no desire to appeal elsewhere. I am bound to believe that if justice miscarried in my case the Madras Government did what they could to prevent it -

30. Considering these circumstances and the nature of the statements and accompanying papers I submit I humbly entreat His Excellency graciously to hear my appeal and to recommend as a special case the sanction of a compassionate Gratuity of 4 months pay which merciful gift will save me from ruin -

40 I beg particularly to draw attention to Mr Herdon's Testimony and to the report on the Hassan District. Mr Herdon was born and bred in and never out of India. The accompanying Testimony was his official report on me. It was no small sacrifice that obtained from him (a strong hard working officer himself) the statement that I was "capable

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Pension Department.

Memorandum for Orders.

Mr Powell, late Assistant Superintendent of Police, prays for the grant of a gratuity of four months pay to him as a special case, and begs that his application may be forwarded to the Government of India, immediately, as he anticipates a more favorable answer if the matter is laid before Lord Napier who is well acquainted with the facts of the case, than from Lord Napier's successor.

2. The concession he asks cannot be granted under the Rules as he was removed for misconduct. It is not clear from his memorial

The rules do not admit of a gratuity under the circumstances. I do not see how we can go to the Supreme Govt. after the lapse of so long a time.

S. W. S.

Certainly not.

R.S.C.

memorial, on what grounds he bases his Application but apparently he urges that, Government having in their order of the 26th May 1871 No. 1317, consented to his employment in another Department, should the opportunity offer, he cannot be considered to have been dismissed -

Col.

Request for gratuity by [illegible] Powell late Asst. Police Supt.

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of enduring any amount of fatigue

41. I can conscientiously state that I have applied myself freely and wholly to my work and [illegible] thought of self. I have had to struggle with peculiar trials chiefly in consequence of this unfortunate state zeal and I humbly ask a little aid partly in lieu of what I have lost, and partly in consideration of the fact that during all my service Govt. have never incurred any expense on my account for leave.

42. In conclusion I beg to apologize for this hurried letter and its many imperfections and to ask consideration for the same. Trusting that my appeal may be considered and forwarded to His Excellency Lord Napier

29 April /72
Pension 1872. Departt

No 681.

From
Mr C. Powell
late Madras Police

Dated 15 } April /72.
Recd 24 }

Order No 289

Prays for the grant of a gratuity of four months pay as a special case and begs that his case may be forwarded to the Govt of India immediately

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Order thereon 25th April 1872 No 289.

Mr Powell is informed that the Rules do not authorize the grant of a gratuity to him and that the Government are not prepared to make any special recommendation to the Supreme Government on his behalf.

C.A.

To,

Mr C. Powell, late of Madras Police } Desd
with Enclosures } 30/4.

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