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informing Mr. S. T. Robert
with reference to his peti-
tion re-appointment in his
appointment in the
Secretariat from which
he was removed on official
business. The benefit of the
Assessment Act, that
the previous orders in
his case are final.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO

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can - for I have a
10 children and many
other dependents.
I testify to the
want and of my own Colours
in which I have quoted in
appeal for reinstatement.
I doubt not convince you
in my own whether I have
a faithful servant or
not. I am aware that my
case will be submitted to
your decision which, of
course will be a blessing
to my children as well as to
myself and my wife and as
is the fact since I have
been reinstated, considering
my great disability in
writing I beg you will kindly
do me the favour to
the liberty of the press
and pressing this to you.
In my present position
yet I am unable to
pardon you however.

~~My dear Sir~~ I have
decided to write to the
State of my wife & children
the source for some time
I send my children away
Charity School & people
for want of things.
It was once mentioned
by Col. C. J. Smith to
the fact of the
in the Salt Lake Mission
when it was first begun
but I was late. I sent
Col. Smith or Col. Smith
were in Mexico they were
I have no doubt and
interest in my behalf.
In consideration of
long service and the same
manner I have also
conducted my duties
the testimony of officers
held high positions - a
as I am now quite
of all my pecuniary
I trust earnestly & humbly
by you will be kindly

in my resignation
 of my place - for
 a short time, & never
 in my life, family with
 the deeply faithful
 & truly thankful.
 because in
 1875 on the 30th at the
 of my resignation was
 \$50 - 100 for the - the
 amount of present
 in salary of \$130.
 nothing in your money
 I am, dear
 friends in
 your most & much
 humble servant
 J. P. [Signature]

Late Clerk Potomac
 was at pett
 was
 24 Nov 1894

To

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

BEILBY LORD WENLOCK G. C. I. E.

Governor of Madras.

&c. &c. &c.,

*The humble Petition of
SAMUEL TURNBULL ROBERTS,
late a Clerk in the Public Works
Secretariat, Madras.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

That with reference to G. O., No. 302 dated 4th May 1892 in the Public Department removing your Excellency's Petitioner from the Public service, after having toiled for a period of more than 17 years, he begs leave most respectfully to bring the following facts to your Excellency's generous and favourable consideration with the earnest hope, that your Excellency will do petitioner the justice of perusing this his petition and deal with your Petitioner with justice and mercy.

2. That your Petitioner was entertained in the Public Service in May 1875, on a salary of Rs. 30 per mensem in the P. W. Secretariat, and on the date of his removal from the service on the 7th May 1892 was on receipt of a salary of Rs. 88 per mensem and was a Clerk in the III class 1st grade salary Rs. 80—100.

3. That in November 1878, while Petitioner was with the Government at Ootacamund his wife died suddenly at Madras after confinement, and owing to sickness and various other causes your Petitioner was involved in pecuniary difficulties and managed to avoid attachments against his salary till 1881, when his salary was attached. In November 1886 he applied for the benefit of the Insolvent Act and was suspended from office and only granted a subsistence allowance of Rs 15 per mensem, one-fourth of his pay, and he did not draw his full salary till July 1887, the consequence was, that during the period of his suspension, nearly seven months, having a large family to support and to meet the expenses of his second wife's confinement in February 1887, it was impossible for him to live without borrowing, as he had none to help him, and had only Rs. 9 left after paying house rent Rs. 6 from the subsistence allowance of Rs. 15 per month.

4. That these debts your Petitioner managed to pay till 1889 and in that year, while he was at Ootacamund with the Government, his wife and 2 of his children

having been laid up in St. Bartholomew's Hospital for some time, recovering a little, they were sent down to Madras, but after coming here he was laid up for some time and your Petitioner was in consequence put to considerable expense. In March 1890 his salary was attached so that he was left with only a moiety of his pay viz Rs. 42. Your Petitioner was financially crippled and in his straitened circumstances he had to meet from the moiety of his pay his household expenses &c., and pay the demands of creditors' who were unwilling to attach his pay,—the only source opened to meet these was by borrowing from one and paying the other. In addition to these difficulties, during the cholera epidemic of 1890, 4 of his children were laid up on the 1st September within 3 or 4 hours of each other and after their recovery from this dreadful sickness they were ill with dysentery &c., for a short time—all these circumstances which were quite unexpected and unforeseen—put your Petitioner to great difficulties and he had no other alternative left but either to see his wife and children lying at death's door or to borrow at exorbitant interest from Soucars to meet the expenses and place himself at their mercy—your Petitioner's debts thereby increased solely by exorbitant interest which your Petitioner was compelled to give the creditors to keep them off from harrasing him, as otherwise he would have been placed in great difficulties. Of the total amount of his debts about 2000 and odd, he actually got only about one-third and of this he has paid by attachments more than Rs. 700.

5. In October 1890, the then Deputy Chief Engineer, Major Baddeley R.E, directed your Petitioner to submit a schedule of his debts in accordance with G. O., Public Department No. 184 of 3rd July 1888, and on his doing so, Major Baddeley sent for him and made *personal inquiries* into the circumstances which led him to these difficulties, and on obtaining his explanation, with which he was *satisfied*, as will be seen from the following, Major Baddeley who clearly understood that the *inevitable cause of the difficulties* was mainly due to his suspension for a long period, and that the relief obtained by him by his first discharge in the Insolvent Court was *merely nominal*, very kindly brought the case of your Petitioner to the notice of the Chief Engineer Col. Pennycuick R.E, with the result, that his case was submitted to Government with a *strong recommendation that he should be permitted* to seek relief in the Insolvent Court without being suspended—In his Memo, No. 4001 C dated 7th October 1890 submitting his case together with another clerk's Col. Pennycuick states " * * * "it is desirable that they should retain the posts they now occupy as they are capable of doing good work if relieved from their difficulties * * * but the undersigned would strongly recommend that they may be allowed to seek relief in the Insolvent Court without being suspended * * * The services of the men are as follows:—

* * * * *

"Mr. Roberts' Actual service from 1st May 1875
Pensionable service from 1st May 1875"

6. That your Petitioner earnestly begs your Excellency will kindly take into consideration the generous view both of Major Baddeley and Col. Pennycuick of your Petitioner's case after a personal inquiry by the former officer and the *very strong recommendation* made on behalf of your Petitioner—to be permitted to seek

the benefit of the Insolvent Act without being suspended—to retain his post in the office.

7. The Government in their order in the Public Department on the above memo., permitted your Petitioner to continue in service another year, after which a report was to be submitted of his indebtedness and declining to grant the request of the Chief Engineer, to permit him to obtain the benefit of the Insolvent Act without being suspended—the rule then in force being that applicants to the Insolvent Court for relief should be suspended.

8. About the middle of 1891 an order was passed by Government empowering heads of departments to deal with such applicants as to the matter of suspension—On this order being issued your Petitioner obtained the permission of both the Deputy Chief Engineer and the Chief Engineer to continue in his post on his applying for the benefit of the Insolvent Act—your Petitioner applied for the same and obtained his discharge on the 28th of March last and was ordered by the Court to pay Rs. 15 a month towards his debts.

9. That from the above your Excellency will form an opinion that it was not through extravagance or any misconduct on the part of your petitioner, but from circumstances over which your Petitioner had no control, he got into difficulties and that he was compelled to obtain the benefit of the Insolvent Act to retain his post, and that if he did not choose to borrow at the only rates that could be got by one already involved, your Petitioner had only *one other course left* and that was to see his dear ones left to chance for their maintenance and for their recovery during the dangerous sicknesses they were attacked with.

10 That your Petitioner was not guilty of fraud or any Criminal offence, nor was he found incompetent to perform his duties that he should have merited the severe punishment of dismissal, after spending the best part of his life and strength (he is now 46 years of age) in the Public service for *more than 17 years*, but he simply had the misfortune of being in debt on account of circumstances over which he had no control and further his indebtedness did not interfere with the due performance of his duties.

On the appointment of Colonel J. Shaw-Stewart R. E. Consulting Engineer for Railways, as Joint Secretary to Government Railway Secretariat, your Petitioner was the only Clerk deputed to do the clerical work of the Railway Branch Secretariat, under the *immediate* orders of Colonel Shaw-Stewart, the testimony borne by this officer, which your Petitioner begs to quote below, will speak for itself as to how your Petitioner conducted his duties.

"I have every reason to be satisfied with the mode in which Mr. Roberts has carried on the business of the Railway Branch Secretariat and should gladly see his pay increased"

11. That your Excellency's Petitioner encouraged by the Head of the Deptt. being satisfied with his explanation and *feeling sure*, that he would not be removed from the service—and then only did he file his papers in the Insolvent Court. Had he expected that he would have been thrown out of the service, or the *slightest hint* given to him of this, he would have made other arrangements and not sought the benefit of the Insolvent Act.

12. Further your Petitioner begs to point out another great hardship that has been visited on him—your Petitioner applied to the Chief Secretary Public Department on the 21st May last regarding his re-employment and in reply received the enclosed order, stating that he is ineligible for re-employment in the Public service—your Excellency will see from this, that besides the loss of employment after more than 17 years service, he is now shut out and prevented from getting any employment, and is thus it may be said sentenced to starvation and death.

13. That the Government have been pleased in a large number of cases to reinstate Insolvents in their appointments after they obtained the benefit of the Insolvent Act several times—The following are some of the cases.

Ramakristna Moodly. Clerk, Presidency Port Office.
Srinivasa Moodly. Clerk, Presidency Port Office.
Cuadasawmy Moodaliar. Cashier, Sanitary Commissioners Office.
Aroomoogum Moodly. Clerk, Military Secretariat.
Mr. Paul. Clerk, Military Secretariat.
Mr. Stubbs. Clerk, Military Secretariat.
Cunoo Pillay. Clerk, Revenue Secretariat.
Thamotheram Pillay. Clerk, Revenue Secretariat.

These men were reinstated for the second, third and fourth time whereas your Petitioner obtained the benefit of the Insolvent Act a second time only, and the inevitable cause of this was his long suspension, when he sought the benefit the first time, and he was not holding a position of trust or responsibility nor was he in charge of money, to disentitle him to hold the post he was occupying.

14. Your humble Petitioner has a wife and 10 children the eldest 20 years and the youngest 6 months old and his aged father and 2 sisters widows dependent on him—If his case be taken into your Excellency's favourable consideration and he be reinstated in his appointment it will be the means of bringing him and his large family forward in the world otherwise a deplorable, sad and a most distressing state awaits them. It is with a bleeding heart that your Petitioner begs to approach your Excellency with this appeal, and being emboldened by your Excellency's kindness and sympathy, to those over whom your Excellency was elected to rule, it is with the greatest hope and confidence, that your Petitioner begs to submit his very hard case, for your Excellency's favourable consideration, and to beg for his reinstatement in the Public service from the date of his removal from the same, and for which act of mercy, may the Lord bless your Excellency's reign, with prosperity and happiness to yourself, and to your Excellency's subjects.

15. I regret that owing to a severe relapse of the influenza with which your Petitioner was laid up he was unable to submit this appeal earlier.

WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT

YOUR HUMBLE PETITIONER AS IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.

129/ W. Johnston

Reynolds

Madras 8th Aug 1892

Encls. No.

To

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*The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George
in in in*

*The humble petitioner of
Samuel Turnbull Roberts,
late Clerk, P.W. Department.*

Most humbly sheweth.

*That your Petitioner
in submitting the accompanying petition
for his reinstatement was unfortunate
in the reply he received, presumably because
such a petition to have the desired effect,
should be submitted through the proper
channel of communication with the
necessary recommendation of the officer
under whom the petitioner served.*

*2. That your petitioner now begs to
forward this petition, through the Chief
Engineer, Public Works Department,
and humbly submits for reconsideration
of his very sad case and an
reinstatement.*

Reinstatement to his former position under the following Circumstances.

3. That although your petitioner's removal from the Public Service was manifestly on account of his having applied for the benefit of the Insolvent Debtors Act, yet, as a matter of fact, such action on his part was greatly prompted by the suggestion made by his superior officer in his Memorandum No 4007C of 7th Oct^r 1891 Submitting a schedule of your petitioner's debts, wherein he very kindly remarked that were the petitioner to be allowed the privilege of settling the benefit of the Insolvent Act, your petitioner would be a better servant to Government and a recommendation was at the same time made to refrain from placing the petitioner under suspension.

4. That your petitioner subsequently obtained the benefit of the Insolvent Act and soon after he was removed from the Public Service.

5. That your Petitioner has a large and growing family who are undergoing great hardships since your Petitioner's removal from the service. He even went up to Mandalay where he was employed as Secy. Genl. and latterly as Head Clerk in

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in the office of the Principal Medical Officer - which being a trial office he was entertained, but from 1st April 1893, the office having been re-organised he had to leave on the 31st March - although your petitioner applied to Government in March, from Mandalay, to be permitted to be employed in the above office, the Government Order kindly sanctioning his request for No 688 dated 25th May 1893 did not reach him till his return to Madras.

Dr A. Porter, the Principal Medical Officer Myingyan and Mandalay Districts tried every means to keep your petitioner in the service - several telegrams passed between Dr Porter and the P.M.O. Madras Army on the subject but the latter decided that your petitioner was not eligible for the appointment.

Your Petitioner was sent the following testimonial by Dr Porter.

"Mr Samuel Turnbull Roberts has been a Clerk in my office since October last. He is a methodical, reliable man.

"He writes a good hand & works quickly.

"I paid him Rs 90 a month latterly."

Mandalay.
28 February 1893.

(Signed) A. Porter M.D. Myingyan
P.M.O. Mandalay.

regd
or

Dr Portier left Mandalay in the early part
of March and Brigade Surgeon Smith was
acting as M.M.O. till the arrival of Dr
Bakeman the permanent incumbent.

6. Your Petitioner now craves
that his officers may pity his condition
and that of his large family and
recommend him to Government for
reinstatement.

And lastly your petitioner
humbly craves that you will mercifully
give an ear to the Petitioner's prayers
and supplications and deal with your
Petitioner with sympathy - granting
your Petitioner's request.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

P.W.E. /
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W. B. Smith

late Clerk, P.W. Secretariat

Incessant pett.

Mandalay

21 November 1894.

The Honorable
Colonel J. P. Smith P.C.
Chief Engineer P.W. Dept.
Sir Sir Sir

Sir, I beg to most humbly and res-
pectfully ~~to~~ crave once more your kind
consideration of my case and I trust
will be able to show that I am not un-
deserving of your kind sympathy and
support, - as my consciousness that I am
not guilty of the suspicions formed against
me prompts me that I will eventually
succeed in my attempt for reinstate-
ment - if you will only be pleased to
make full inquiries of the Chief and
second Assistants regarding myself
and certain other Clerks who were em-
ployed in the P.W. Department and I
trust they will now be able to state what
the suspicions formed against me when
I was in service - of communicating in-
formation to the Press - is now found
correct or groundless and also, who are
now found to be the real culprits (I
humbly beg for an inquiry in justice
to me) - men who not only were not ex-
pected, but had the privilege of serving
till they retired of their own accord
and now have the advantage and p-

of enjoying their pensions as well
and are regular "Reporters" also —
whereas I, a poor man, with a very
large and growing family, have been
severely punished and made to suffer
on account of others' guilt, after serving 17 years.

When I called at the office as kindly
directed by you Mr Paulant, the Chief
Assistant, informed me that you could
do nothing for me. — This may be so Sir,
seeing that I was removed from the
Service by an Order of Government in
the Public Department, but I beg most
respectfully to point out that that order
was based on your remark that you
could not recommend my reinstatement,
for, when my aged father
saw the Honorable Mr Stokes, the
P.W. member there, he regretted that
on the face of the remarks made by
my officer, he could not go against
them. Such being the case Sir, the
Government would only give a deaf
ear to my appeal without your
kind support.

Sir, the proposal that I should

be

be the benefit of the Insolvent Act
solely for my good — you will see this
originated from you, kindly see your
Memorandum to the Public Department
No 4001 C of 7th October 1891, wherein
in writing to Government, you were
pleased to state that Mr. Langan and
myself should retain (after obtaining
the benefit of the Insolvent Act) the posts
we occupied as we were capable of
doing good work, if relieved from our
difficulties, and it was this consideration
proposal of yours Sir which subsequently
encouraged me to seek for the benefit
of the Insolvent Act.

May I therefore beg kind Sir that
you will kindly consider the poverty &
miseries I and my large family are un-
-going and be merciful to us & see us
inquire into my case, as I am confident
that you will then know whether I deserve
your sympathy or not and also what
I deserved the very severe punishment
inflicted on me — a punishment that
driving me and my family to ruin —
may I beg of you Sir, to kindly see
the accompanying appeal which I
Langan

My request will meet with success if
you can in justice to me say a kind word.

Trusting that the Almighty will
move your heart to be merciful to me,
with the greatest respect.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most Obedient & humble
Servant.

W. J. Roberts

late Clerk, P.W. Secretariat.

Success by post
Madras.

1st November 1894.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

Dated Madras, 28th November 1894.

Petition from Mr. S. J. Roberts, late clerk
P. W. Secretariat dated 21st November
1894 to the Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment.

Letter from — do — dated 21st November
1894 to the Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.

Submitted to Government in the
Public Department with reference to the or-
der in that Department No. 302 dated 4th Dec
1892 and in continuation of endorsement
No. 239 & dated 26th May 1893.

2. The undersigned regrets that he
can make no recommendation on Mr.
Roberts' behalf.

3. There is no ground for the assumption
that Mr. Roberts was removed from
service in consequence of any suspicion
formed against his integrity as a clerk.

The order in the Public Department is
based entirely on the facts disclosed by
his reckless borrowings.

John S. Cox, Secy. R.R.
Secretary to Govt. & R.R.

W. B. F.

To Hon: the Chief Secretary
to Government.

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Public ~~Works~~ Department.

No. 3805 C.

Dated 28-11-94

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remonstrances
petition from Sub. S. S.
Roberts, late clerk
P.W. Secretariat -
praying for reinstatement.

Public Dept

Cuo. 3476.

Order: 110 Dec 1894 N° 934

The petitioner will be referred
to ^{the} previous orders in his case which
~~be must consider as final.~~
^{are}

J. B. B.
30/11.

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This is the individual who addressed
to the letter handed to me
by the Council

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The Petr (thru P.W.D.)
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