

Public (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 222

DATED 28th March 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

INSOLVENCY.

Declining to reconsider G.O. No. 935, dated 10th December 1894, ordering that Lazarus Johnson, Proof Reader, Government Press, who has obtained the benefit of the Insolvent Act, be dismissed from the service.

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Madras 25 February 1898

To.

His Excellency The Right Honorable
 Sir, Baron Wenlock G. C. S. E.
 Governor in Council
 Madras.

The humble memorial of Lazarus Johnson,
 late proof reader in the Government Press
 Madras, residing at S. Harris Road,
 Pudukottah, Madras.

Most Respectfully Sheweth.

1. That your Excellency's Memorialist entered the service of Government in the year 1886 and served up to 15 December 1894. a period of 8 years, prior to which he served a Private Printing firm 5 years, and subsequently 2 1/2 years on the Madras Railway Company as a Ticket Printer.
2. That Memorialist having availed himself of the benefit of the Insolvent Act has found himself discredited in the eyes of Government, and by an order dated 15 December 1894 from the Superintendent has been dismissed the services of Government.
3. That Memorialist's Insolvency was not due to wanton recklessness or extravagance.
4. That prior to Memorialist joining the Government Press his earnings were inadequate to meet his demands, having then had to support in addition to his wife and two children, an unmarried sister, aged and infirm Father-in-law, Mother-in-law and a paternal aunt, and consequently had to borrow small sums of money from time to time repayment of which he was making regularly.

5. That when Memorialist joined the Government Press he was started on Rs 20/- which was inadequate for the support of his dependants, and having no other alternative, being in addition worried by his creditors, he has to incur fresh debt. In the mean time Memorialist's salary was raised by increments to Rs 40/- and is now attached.

6. That during this time Memorialist's wife was brought to child bed, and was in a very precarious state, and his Father-in-law after a protracted illness died, and Memorialist had to meet funeral expenses and further to meet the marriage of his sister. In addition to these misfortunes, Memorialist lost 2 of his children from Cholera, one on the 28th and the other on 29th September 1891, followed by the death of a third child on the 29th November following. These misfortunes following so rapidly one after the other involves Memorialist. To add to these misfortunes Memorialist's Mother-in-law was attacked with Paralysis and is still in bed, and a few months after Memorialist had to meet the funeral expenses of a brother who was unemployed.

7. That these calamities occurring so quickly often such other Memorialist was compelled to have recourse to persons whose pressure forced him to take the benefit of the act.

8. That the sums from time to time borrowed by Memorialist were comparatively trifles, but the persons adding interest at exorbitant rates and Court Costs increased the total amount considerably.

9. That before going in for the benefit of the Insolvent Act, Memorialist may here mention that he determined to pay his creditors by small

circumstances to the head of his Department and the Superintendent commended Memorialist's honest intentions, and favorably considered his request and permitted him to wait between the period of his application to the High Court and the disposal of his Insolvent Petition, and was recommended his case for the favorable consideration of Government.

10. That Memorialist respectfully begs to lay his sad and unfortunate case in your Excellency's gracious hands and prays that, that clemency which has been extended to others of your Excellency's subjects may be extended to Memorialist as well. As this is his first involuntary, and taken into consideration that he has otherwise borne a good character and has served Government in a quasi-military capacity in the Madras Volunteer Guards to which honorable corps he still belongs, and lastly that your Excellency will have pity on him for the sake of his unfortunate wife and innocent children who are suffering great privation and want and that your Excellency will graciously be pleased to over his present statement in the service, for which act of kindness and charity Memorialist is in duty bound.

I shall ever pray.

J. G. Harrison.

Government Press,
MINT BUILDINGS, MADRAS,
4th March 1895.

OFFICE NOTE.

In forwarding herewith
the Memorial dated 25th February
1895, of Mr. Lazarus Johnson, the
Superintendent, Government Press
submits that Mr. Johnson was employed
in the Government Press for about
8 years (vide Office Note No. 3089 d/21-11-94)
and he was removed from the service
on the 15th December 1894, in accordance
with G.O. dated 10th December 1894
No. 935 Public. During his service
he was an intelligent and hardworking
servant of Government. The Superintendent
sympathises with the memorialist in
the several domestic trials he has
endured, and solicits that his
memorial may be favorably considered
by Government on this occasion.

R. Hill
Superintendent

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

From
THE SUPERINTENDENT,
GOVERNMENT PRESS,
To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Madras.

Pub. No. 935 of 10-12-94

Order 28 March 1895, No 222.

The Govt. is not
prepared to ^{re}consider
G.O. 10.12.94, No 935.
from orders.

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J.B.B.
15.3.95.
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IN M.S.
Supt: Govt Press

Subject.

Submits the memorial of Mr.
Johnson who was a proof-reader in
Office, for the favorable consideration
of the Govt.

Public DEPARTMENT.

No. 736.

From Supt: Govt Press.

Appeal of L. Johnson
against dismissal
for indebtedness

Dated 1895.
FOR ORDERS. with ref. to G.O.

The man must have been in debt all along - It is the usual story, "earnings inadequate to meet his demands." This is what they all say. But none of them even seem to think of decreasing their demands - This man owed about 2 years pay - It is as if the Chief Secretary (Stephen Hudson) was using him to point the moral) owed 3 lakhs. As I said before, I think we really must make an example. It is unfortunate for this particular man that the example should be made in his case, but someone must be unfortunate in this way, if an example is to be made at all. I would not go back on the G.O. already issued. Luckily for this man, he has a trade & live by a good character in that trade.

d/ 10.12.94, No 935.

If the Hon. Members are disposed to give the man another chance it is submitted that the Supt, Govt Press, may be requested to verify the statements in the appeal.

J.B.B.
15.3.95.
If the man's story is true this seems a hard case. But if it is he should have gone to the Court long ago
15/3/95

This is the old story - and I am afraid we must be stern. He is I repeat to say not the only one whose case has come before me similarly situated - and he is not ~~too~~ to much an example as ~~that~~ another sample of that melancholy band whose appearance in the Insolvent Court has culminated their dismissal from the public service.

22 Mar

13/3/95
The story is a melancholy one, but the man has been in debt ever since he entered the service 27 years ago, & as the Hon Mr Bles says he knows a trade by which he can live. I don't think the order should be reconsidered.

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