

Public (1895)⁷ Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Chief Secy having received
a report from the Supt. Genl. Press, on the
complaint of supersession from prof. under
the Memorandum. declines to interfere.

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From

The Superintendent,
Government Press,
Madras.

Order No 258-8711-3-97

No. 888

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 FEB 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Chief Secretary has received a
report from the High Court. The
on the petitioners case and
decline to interfere.

10/3/97.

Dated 26th February 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submits a petition from
M. Muniswami, proof-reader
regarding his promotion, with
remarks of the Superintendent

The Petitioner has signed (last) Pres. 9

C.A.

The delay is due to some difficulty
in tracing before about the
case in the Press

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To

The Hon'ble Mr. J. F. PRICE, C.S.I.,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, MADRAS

(THRO' SUPDT., GOVT. PRESS, MADRAS).

SIR,

I humbly beg leave to submit that I have been working in the Government Press for about 19 years. When the Head Examiner proceeded on leave for three months in August last Mr A. Raitt, the senior Examiner, acted for him. By the transfer of Singaravelu Mudelly, who was drawing Rs. 30 here, to Trichinopoly Collectorate Press, his post fell permanently vacant and the Superintendent ordered the Acting Head Examiner to submit arrangements for filling the vacant post. The Acting Head Examiner on seeing the Attendance, the Service and the Abstract books found that they were not tallying with each other and reported the matter to the Superintendent who ordered him to prepare a fresh list according to seniority and merit. In this arrangement V. A. Rajavelu was promoted from Rs. 25 to 30 and Mr. S. Francis from Rs. 20 to 25.

In last September when Mr. T. Fisher was the Acting Superintendent Mr. T. Peters, an Examiner on Rs. 45, took pension. In this arrangement the Ag. Supdt., the Asstt. Supdt., the Ag. Head Examr. and the Accountant, these four consulted together made the following promotions:—

Mr. A. F. Eccleston from Rs. 40 to 45
" M. Munisawmi " " 35 to 40
" P. Streenivasen " " 25 to 35
" C. Doraisawmy " " 20 to 25

In last October Mr. T. D'Silva, Proof-reader on Rs. 40, retired on pension and his place was not filled up till November. The permanent Head Examiner took charge of his duty from leave in November last. Not satisfying himself with the two arrangements that were carried out during his absence, the Head Examiner reported to the Superintendent that they should be considered along with Mr. T. D'Silva's arrangement. In the revised arrangements the promotions given to Messrs. S. Francis, Doraisawmy and myself during the Ag. Head Examr.'s time were cancelled.

The following statement will exhibit clearly the arrangements above referred to:—

Proposed by the Ag. Head Examiner in August 1896 and sanctioned by the Superintendent.	Service. YRS.	Proposed by the Hd. Examiner including Mr. D'Silva's arrangement and sanctioned by the Supdt.	Service. YRS.
Mr. V. Singaravelu's 30 Rs. given to—		Mr. A. F. Eccleston from Rs. 40 to 45	4
Mr. V. A. Rajavelu from Rs. 25 to 30		" C. Ragavulu " " 35 to 40	9
" S. Francis " " 20 to 25	5	* " V. A. Rajavelu " " 30 to 40	4
Mr. T. Peters' 45 Rs. given to—		† " P. Streenivasen " " 25 to 35	9
Mr. A. F. Eccleston from Rs. 40 to 45		* " T. M. Chinnathumby " 20 to 30	10
" M. Munisawmi " " 35 to 40	19	" A. Trivett from " 20 to 25	10
" P. Streenivasen " " 25 to 35		" P. Cunniah " " 20 to 25	?
" C. Doraisawmy " " 20 to 25	14		

* These had two promotions in the arrangements which occurred within three months.
† This Proof-reader has had three promotions within a short period of ten months.

I am now doing the duty of Mr. T. O'Connor (who was getting a salary of Rs. 100) *i. e.*, the 15 sections of the disposal lists of the Revenue Board Department and I am attending to other Miscellaneous works given to me. Considering this and my seniority I was promoted from Rs. 35 to 40 by the Ag. Head Examr. in September last. But unfortunately the permanent Head Examiner degraded me to Rs. 35 in November last and promoted my juniors Messrs. C. Ragavulu and V. A. Rajavelu. I was quiet, hoping to get a future chance.

When Mr. Brisson was dismissed in December last, the following arrangements were made :—

Mr. Sheik Kareem from	Rs. 55 to 60 (service 7 years).
„ C. Rajagopaul „ „	50 to 55 („ 15 „).
„ W. D'Moss „ „	45 to 50 („ 14 „).
„ P. Seetharam „ „	40 to 45 („ 16 „).
„ * P. Streenivasen „ „	35 to 40 („ 9 „).
„ † T. M. Chinnathumby „ „	30 to 35 („ 10 „).
„ Philbert on „ „	30 newly appointed.

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† This Proof-reader had two promotions in the arrangements which occurred within three months.

Even in this arrangement my claims for promotion were overlooked and P. Streenivasen my junior was given promotion.

All my juniors who have had promotion in the above arrangements have, like myself, not passed any Public Examinations nor the Technical Examinations in Printing and Proof-readers' work and yet they have been made to supersede me.

In this manner my claims have been overlooked from time to time and my juniors have been promoted to 50 and 60 rupees and whenever I appealed I was threatened. Even now there are two vacancies, one of Mr. Oliver, Examiner on Rs. 55, and another of Mr. F. Pereira, Foreman on Rs. 60, for which I am one of the old candidates hoping to be favoured with any of the posts, considering my long service and patience.

In conclusion I most humbly pray that justice be done in my case.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

M. Munisawmi

Proof-reader.

MADRAS,
20th February 1897.

OFFICE NOTE.

In forwarding the accompanying petition from M. Muniswami, proof-reader, dated 20th instant, complaining that he received a promotion from Rs. 35 to Rs. 40/- sub-protem, in September 1896, and that he was confirmed in the same in October 1896, and afterwards reduced to Rs. 35/- in November 1896, the Superintendent, Government Press, submits that the petitioner has no just ground of complaint as his promotion from reading boy has been ^{fairly} rapid, and he was promoted three times in 1895, owing to a number of changes, and with a desire to stimulate him to work well in the technical classes and pass the technical examination in ^{Novr?} December 1895. He failed to secure a pass, and the undersigned in March 1896 directed the Head Examiner not to recommend him for promotion.

*Reading boy on Rs. 7	from 23 rd August 1877
" " 8	" 16 th August 1881
" " 10	" 1 st Dec. 1881
" " 11	" 1 st Sept. 1890
Proof-reader, temporary, 15	" 1 st July 1891
" permanent 15	" 1 st Jan. 1894
" " 20	" 1 st March 1894
" " 25	" 1 st June 1895
" " 30	" 1 st Nov. 1895
" " 35	" 1 st Dec. 1895

Vide blotting 45 Encl
25-1-93

during 1896. The petitioner did not
rejoin the technical class for further
study in 1896, nor did he appear
at the examination in December 1896.

*Vide P.O. No. 5713 of 22-7-93 B
and Page 6 of 80 636 Part 2/12-853.

He is backward in his work, and
does not deserve to rise higher
when there are better men below
him. His promotion to Rs. 40/-
was made by a mistake, the
Head Examiner and undersigned
being absent from office owing
to illness, and my directions
were overlooked by the acting
Head Examiner. The men
promoted over him are capable
men, and deserve their promotion.

2. The assertion that he is
doing the work of a late Examiner
on Rs. 100/-, is misleading. This
work was given to Mr. G. Connor
owing to ill health and mental
weakness sometime before he
retired. The work is usually
done by proof-readers, not examiners,
except in special cases, or pressure
of work, &c.

3. Since the institution
of the technical examinations, the
Superintendent each year has
reserved a vacancy that may

occur between December and March
to promote the junior man who
comes out highest in the examination
and to advance the others, and so
encourage the proof-readers and
reading boys to become efficient
in their work.

R. Hill
Superintendent.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government.

From
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To
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
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