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To

The Most Noble, Richard Plantagenet, J. C. S. S.
Duke of Buckingham, and Chandos
Governor of Madras, and its Dependencies.

The humble Memorial of Wm. H. Hawkins, C.E., 1850
and late Assistant Engineer in the D.P.W.

May it please Your Grace,

I feel quite sure that, if any very hard, and
distressing case could be laid at the feet of our most
loved and revered Sovereign, Queen Victoria, every just
claim would be done me; but as that is a very difficult
matter for me to accomplish under my present circum-
stances, I venture to lay my exceptionally hard case
before Your Grace, in the full assurance that a Go-
vernor of such an exalted hereditary Rank as Your
Grace holds, will not withhold from me the justice which
the Throne itself would not refuse to vouchsafe to
me for.

"It is never too late, to do a good Act!"

"Never too late, to repair an unrequited wrong!"

2. I am the humble Son of a very honest
English family, the first member of which, Mr.
Nathaniel Webb, came out as a Writer in the Hon-
orable Company's Service in the year 1778.

3. Mr. N. Webb, Your Grace, was my Grand
Uncle, and he served the Madras Government, most
assiduously, for the space of 58 years, and did not
take his Annuity till the age of 81, and died, less than a

year after, in 1838.

4. My Father, Captain Charles Hawkins, came out to this country, as a midshipman, on board the Honorable Company's ship "Cuffwell," and subsequently, after the capture of the "Isle of France," he was appointed Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, where he held till his sudden death in 1842, by which time he had served the Government for 26½ years, leaving a W. F., and six children unprovided for.

5. Deeming it essential to do so, your Grace's memorialist had ventured, respectfully to bring the above services to the kind notice of your Excellency in the way of information.

6. Your memorialist, Frederick, Kothaiah, is the third son of Captain Charles Hawkins of Vizagapatam, and the only one of his 6 sons who was employed under the Madras Government, although the continued services of Mr. C. K. K. and those of my Father amounted to no less than 8½ years.

Services

7. In January 1856, Captain J. T. Haig, R.E., on the recommendation of Mr. J. Copleston, the Judge of Rajahmundry, nominated me to the "Upper Godavari Expedition," and, in May following, he sends me the accompanying Testimonial No. 1. which and the rest, I earnestly beg Your Grace's pardon.

In January 1856, after our return from the above expedition, Captain Haig writes of me, to Capt. J. H. Rundell, R.E., as shown in Testimonial No. 2.

In March 1858, Mr. C. K. Pelly, of the Civil Service, writes to me as shown in Testimonial No. 3, with regard to my examination in Telugu, which passed "with very great credit."

In 1860, Colonel Baileys, R.E., took charge of the Godavari District, and he was as well satisfied with the way I was conducting my duties

at Ellore, that I got me promoted to an Acting 1st Assistant District Engineer in August 1860.

In December 1861, Col. J. H. Rundell, R.E., reports, to the Chief Engineer, of the High Level Canal, "that I had constituted at Ellore, as shown in Testimonial No. 4."

In August 1863, the year in which the reduction of the Department of Public Works deprived me of my 8½ years' service, "without any fault being imputed to me," Colonel J. B. Anderson, R.E., and a C. I. S. wrote of me as shown in Testimonial No. 5, by which, and its accompanying statement, it will be apparent to Your Grace that I did nearly three times as much work in 1862-63 as my predecessors, and more than six times their average in the first two months of 1863-64; and that in consequence, the Revenue had been increased by about 52,000 Rs. in one Rangachy. It was while working on this, Your Grace, that I was deprived of my bread with a family of four children depending on me.

Promotions

1. Fort St. George, 21st October 1856
Mr. J. B. Hawkins, passed an examination in Surveying, Civil Engineering.
2. Fort St. George, 26th June 1857
J. B. Hawkins Esq. Supernumerary Act. Civil Engineer, to officiate as Act. Civil Engineer.
3. Fort St. George, 27th April 1858
Mr. J. B. Hawkins, to act as Assistant Executive Engineer.
4. Fort St. George, 20th August 1858.
Mr. J. B. Hawkins, to be Assistant Executive Engineer.
5. Fort St. George, 24th August 1860.
Mr. J. B. Hawkins, to act as 1st Assistant District Engineer.
8. I beg to respectfully beg Your Grace's kind consideration of the accompanying statement, because

it will show that the average of the first 5 years -
from 1857 to 1861 under 3 of my predecessors, is
Rs 29,067, while the value of the work done by
me, during the following years 1862, amounted
to Rs 41,577 - and during the 2 months, May and June of
1863, it had extended to Rs 44,711 - which is more than
the 12 months' average of the first 5 years under them.

First, Your Grace, and then in 1863, in which your memorialist was conducting the duties
entrusted to him, when the reduction of the Department
of Public Works, in the following month of July
1863, deprived him of his appointment, together with
several other Officers, "without any fault being imputed
to them" and, I believe, I am the only officer, of all
those who lost their appointments, who has not been
readmitted to his former position in the Department,
although, as the Testimonials will show, I did
much more work, of an excellent description
than my predecessors; and although I was never
tired in my life, and never touch tobacco in
any shape - habits which have enabled me to con-
tinue in robust health, and permit me now, to
undergo any amount of exertion, or hard work. I
can converse fluently in Telugu, and Hindustani,
and can make myself understood in Tamil, Bodo,
and Bengali, and had it not been for these fatal
reductions, your memorialist would have been
a District Engineer by this time.

10. Your memorialist was nearly 47 years
of age when he was deprived of his appointment, and
Your Grace will at once see how difficult it must
be for a man to commence life again at that age, in
among strangers. If, however, a little consideration
had been shown me, on account of the services shown
above, and I had been permitted to continue in office
even till I had attained the age of 55, that would have

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added 8 years to my former service of 82 years, mak-
ing a total of 162 years, and entitling me to a
small Pension for the support of my latter days.
Instead of this, I have been reduced to a most dis-
tressing position, from which I humbly beg Your
Grace will mercifully extricate me.

11. I venture, respectfully, to submit
herewith, five special Memoranda for Your
Grace's kind, and earnest consideration, and
to subscribe myself,

Your Grace's,
Most obedient & humble Servt.
F. H. Hawkins.

If the 55 years' Rule be an insuperable bar, to my readmittance into any of the permanent Departments under Government, notwithstanding any thorough physical ability for further work, something might be done for me with reference to any of the following occupations.

1. Science & Inventions.

In the manufacture of these, I feel confident of giving satisfaction, as I received a prize for them in the Rajahmundry Exhibition held under the control of Mr. Purvis the Collector. With my signature of "Amara", I will D. to undertake to cure almost every case of Dysentery, and Diarrhoea - which appear so prevalent in Madras.

2. Alcohol & Brandy.

When Major Sanderson was Deputy Commissary General in Madras, my Alcohol was tested by Dr. Barclay, the Medical Storekeeper, and pronounced to be very pure, and of an excellent quality, and under a license from Mr. R. Thornhill, who was then Collector of Masulipatam, I commenced the manufacture of Brandy, before the drought of June of 1864 occurred, and it was preferred to the then dreggy brandy from Europe. It is a thoroughly pure, and unadulterated Brandy, & could be advantageously used for the Army, and in the Hospitals. It is also cheap.

3. Farming.

I have a great predilection for farming, and if Government would place me in charge of a place like the People's Park, I could rear a large quantity of Poultry, and pigeons, and introduce four kinds of Fowl from Bengal, which are not common, and consequently multiply rapidly. They afford excellent food to the English, and one of the species

attains the weight of two Bengal mounds, equal to 164 lbs, another to 20 or 30 lbs, a third to about 20, & the fourth averaged from 4 to 8 lbs. when the Right Hon. Exhibition alluded to above, as having taken place in Mr. Purvis' time, & got a prize for the best young Bull exhibited in the District.

Plantations.

The Rules, I believe, admit of the Government making advances to trustworthy individuals, to enable them to establish firewood plantations along the line of Railway, for public purposes; and if this could be done in any case, it would be a great boon conferred on an unfortunate district of Government. Money is lent it is of course recovered as the plantation advances. These very plantations, if properly managed, would be the best places for extensive "live stock farms" in, for the partial shade produced by the various suitable trees planted in them, in this arid country, cause the several grasses to grow very luxuriantly; and, with the leaves and blossoms falling from the trees, and the numerous insects hovering in the grasses, afford excellent nourishment for both the poultry, and the four footed animals. particularly the short legged goats, which, with proper treatment, produce kids, which when three or four months old, make a most delicious dish for the table.

"Cooveru".

I am also prepared with a Project for getting rid of the filthy liquid that falls into the "Cooveru" from the drains of this City; and for the periodical admittance of fresh sea water to cleanse that stream; and I am ready, should Your Grace desire it, to prepare a small working model to show how this is to be effected. Moreover, understanding, more or less, five of the languages of India, as well as the ways of its people, I feel confident of being found very useful. The Municipality

if one of the two proposed Vice Presidencies were bestowed on me.

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It would appear that, if the Authorities are desirous of encouraging the introduction of Arts, and Manufactures into India, and if Your Grace should be of the same mind, an opportunity might be afforded your Memorialist of securing a livelihood, by permitting him to manufacture Alcohol, and Brandy for the Government - and thus retain in the Country, the large sums of money which are annually sent to a foreign Market, for Brandy, and Gin.

Madras 22nd Feb. 1847.

F. M. Hastings, C. B. of 1846

Statement of the expenses incurred in the 10 Range District

	New Works	Repairs	Total	Remarks
	M. A. P.	M. A. P.	M. A. P.	
1857. 58	29028. 0.9	17775. 9.8	46804. 10.2	Partly under Mr. Day, and partly under Mr. Hargrave.
1858. 59	1460. 14.6	10650. 12.3	12110. 11.9	Under direct Hargrave.
1859. 60	1125. 7.1	6120. 5.11	7245. 12.3	Under Mr. H. Lee.
1860. 61	12606. 5.4	1636. 10.10	14242. 15.5	Under Mr. H. Lee.
1861. 62	26350. 11.5	506. 1.1	26856. 12.6	Two months under Mr. Day.
1862. 63	65142. 5.4	1070. 0.7	66212. 6.1	Two months under Mr. Hargrave.
1863. 64	23900. 2.9	250. 14.10	24150. 15.0	Under Mr. H. Lee.

*The average of the first 5 years under Mr. Day, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Lee, is 2995. 10.10 per annum. This is the average of the first 5 years under the above officers.

*The 2 months expenditure in 1862 & 1863 under Mr. Hargrave, more than equalled the 12 months average of the first 5 years under the above officers.

(A true copy)

W. H. Hargrave, C.B.

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To Mr. J. K. Hawkins

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"They take care of yourself. Do not let your hands
in doing a certain amount of work, but set yourself certain
hours of work daily, and on no account exceed them. Whatever
you can accomplish, I shall be fully satisfied that it was
for want of exertion, and hard work that you did not get this more."

Chandah
27th May 1855

(Capt) J. J. Haig R.E.
Upper Indus Expd.

h. 2

Capt. J. J. Haig to Capt. J. H. Randall.

"I found last season that the greatest care is necessary
in making this measurement - of the quantity of water passing down
the Indus - If Hawkins could be sent, he has had some practice
in this sort of thing before, and would do it carefully and well.
Whereas you can send should you like, it will not be more than
half a day's work. Hawkins would be the best man decidedly."

Adyar
22nd June 1856

(Capt) J. J. Haig R.E.
Upper Indus Expd.

h. 3

On my examination in Telogon

"I am glad you came off with such flying colours, and you
have to thank yourself. The report I sent in was good, but not much
is there I considered that you deserved, and I shall always be glad
to hear of your success in the F.W."

Waltair
March 1858

(Capt) C. R. Pelly, C.E.
Assistant Collector

h. 4

Capt. J. H. Randall's report to the Chief
Engineer, of the High Level Canal Lock that I
had constructed at Chlore.

"Whereas, Lt. Col. Randall recorded his opinion
with reference to the High Level Canal Lock constructed
Hawkins that it was exceedingly well built, and of
great use, and praise had been bestowed upon it, and the
Hawkins thoroughly understood the section of Indus stream."

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Col. Jb. Anderson, R. Co. South Carolina

"Mr. J. Hawkins joined the Revenue District in Oct 1861, and continued in charge of one of the most important Ranges in the District till July 1863, when the reduction of the P. W. D. Department led to his dismissal, along with several other gentlemen of the same grade, without any fault being imputed to them. His works have progressed very favorably during Mr. Hawkins' incumbency. The expenditure of 1862-63 was far in excess of that of the previous year, and to this is mainly to be attributed. The considerable rise in the Revenue from the not cultivation viz 22,000 and the prospect of a still greater increase in 1863-64."

This prospect was actually realized to the extent of \$2000 Re.

London 22 Feb. 1874

Dear Sir

J. W. Hawkins, R. Co.

No 519-

Transferred to the additional Secretary, Revenue Dept. in continuation of duties made date 6 Feb 77 on an application from Mr. Hawkins for employment.

Mr. Hawkins' letter to the Secretary, Revenue Dept. 28 Feb 67

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Revenue. Mr. Hawkins

has been on duty since 1859

He will be appointed in the next year to the position of Secretary to the Revenue Dept. on the 1st of April 1877

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15 March 77

No 1648

Chairman of the Secretariat to the Government

Day order

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Mr. Hawkins

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F. R. Haskins Esq.

Conservation

(Thos. P. W. Sept.).

Dated 26 Feb
 Recd. 3 March 77

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stating that his services were dispensed with in the reduction of 1863 & praying that his long service will receive consideration

With rivers

76. P. M. W. O'Connell St 1873.

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