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RETURN to an Order of the *Legislative Assembly*,

Dated 29th September, 1885, for—

A COPY of all Papers connected with the Appointment of Mr. Murray to the Public Works Department.

(Mr. Zox.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 14th October, 1885.

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(Public Service Board, 17/6/85.—5522.)

Department of Mines and Water Supply,
 Melbourne, 16 June, 1885.

SIR,

I have the honor, by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply to request that the Public Service Board will be so good as to nominate, at an early date, some person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. C. L. Lutz, C.E.

Mr. Lutz occupied the position of assistant-engineer and draughtsman.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. W. LANGTREE,
 Actg. Secretary for Mines and Water Supply.

The Secretary Public Service Board,
 &c., &c., &c.

Is the department aware of any person in the service who is properly qualified to undertake the duties of the office?

The Board would be glad to receive a description of the duties likely to be required of the officer.

B.5522/925.

(Signed) T. COUCHMAN.
 20/6/85.

1. No.

2. An assistant hydraulic-engineer who must be competent to conduct investigations and report to the head of the department upon projects of water supply, to make the necessary preliminary and final engineering surveys of works, and to prepare drawings and specifications for contracts and supervise their execution.

(Signed) C. W. LANGTREE,
 Secretary for Mines and Water Supply.
 29/6/85.

(Public Service Board, 30.6.85.)

Letter to P. W. O. as to officers entitled, 3/7/85.
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No. 5792.

SIR,

Public Service Board, Melbourne, 3 July, 1885.

The position of Assistant-Engineer and Draughtsman in the Department of Mines and Water Supply having become vacant, I am directed by the Public Service Board to inquire whether you consider any of the engineering draughtsmen in your department are entitled to the position as promotion by seniority and merit. The salary of the vacant office is, under the regulations, £300 with £10 annual increments up to £400.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. T. GOMM,
Secretary.

The Secretary for Public Works,
&c., &c., &c.

Attach prior corr.—Sd. T. C.—22/7/85.

Mr. Ettore Checchi, engineering draughtsman, is entitled by seniority to promotion when such occurs. It will be necessary, however, that his present position should be at once filled in the event of his transfer to the Mining Department.

(Signed) C. LE CREN,
Secretary for Public Works.
21.7.85.

The Secretary, Public Service Board.
(85 | 1058/22.7.85.)

Is Mr. Checchi considered by the Inspector-General of Public Works (who is also Chief Engineer for Water Supply) to be fitted for the duties of the office.

By order,
(Signed) H. T. GOMM,
Secretary.

24.7.85. (B. 5522/1150.)

The Inspector-General of Public Works reports that Mr. Checchi is fitted for the duties of an assistant-engineer and draughtsman in any branch of engineering. Mr. Steel is of opinion, however, that (as the duties required are more those of an executive than an assistant-engineer) it is essential that the officer to fill such vacancy should have had special experience in water supply works.

(Signed) C. LE CREN,
Secretary for Public Works.
3/8/85.

(85 | 1114/3.8.85.)—(Public Service Board, 4/8/85.)

(Public Service Board, 22/7/85.—6453.)

The Public Service Board will be glad if the Secretary for Public Works will obtain from the Inspector-General and the Chief Engineer for Water Supply definite expression of opinion whether or not Mr. Checchi is duly qualified to fulfil the duties of the office of assistant-engineer in the Water Supply Department. See section 74 of Act 773.

By order,
(Signed) H. T. GOMM,
Secretary.
10/8/85.

(B. 6453/1243.)

Further report of the Inspector-General of Public Works attached hereto for the information of the Public Service Board.

(Signed) C. LE CREN,
Secretary Public Works.
10/8/85.

(85-6 | 1144.—10/8/85.)
(Public Service Board, 11/8/85.)

(Copy.)

Department of Public Works, Melbourne.

If there was a superintending-engineer in the Victorian Water Supply Department, I would have no hesitation in stating that Mr. Checchi was fitted for the office of assistant-engineer with him.

As there is not, and as the duties required are much more responsible than those of an assistant-engineer, I would repeat that actual experience in water supply works is indispensable to the position, and therefore I consider that Mr. Checchi is not duly qualified to fulfil the duties of the office described (erroneously, I think) as assistant-engineer in the Water Supply Department.

(Signed) W. H. STEEL.
10.8.85.

(Copy.)
W.S. 85/3656.

No. 7066.
SIR,

Public Service Board, Melbourne, Aug. 14th, 1885.

Referring to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of an assist.-engineer Water Supply Department, I beg to inform you, by direction, that the Board is prepared to certify that there is no person in the service duly qualified for the position in question. If the department, however, now requires to obtain a certificate in Mr. T. Murray's favor, it is requested to be good enough to furnish evidence of his qualifications for the work, together with an expression of opinion as to his fitness, from the Chief Engineer of Water Supply.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. T. GOMM,
Secretary.

The Actg. Secy. for Mines.

Referred to the Chief Engineer of Water Supply.

Mr. Thomas Murray entered the service of this department on the 6th July, 1882, and left on the 9th Feb., 1885. During this time he was acting as assistant to Mr. Gordon, C.E., and prior to his commencing duty he produced his university papers as having passed the examination in 1879. (No. 1232.)

(Signed) C. W. LANGTREE.
17/8/85.

I have seen documentary evidence showing that Mr. Thomas Murray obtained his certificate of civil engineer at the Melbourne University in 1883, and for competency as a municipal surveyor in 1884, that he had 2½ years' experience, as assistant to Mr. Gordon, C.E., in water supply works, and that he is at present engineer to the shire of Echuca. From the above, and also from what I have seen and heard of Mr. Murray, I am of opinion that he is fitted for the office of assistant-engineer and draughtsman in the Victorian Water Supply.

(Signed) W. H. STEEL.
17/8/85.

(P.P. 7138.)
M.D. 85/2697.

(Copy).

(Public Service Board, 3/8/85.—7030.)

Department of Mines and Water Supply,
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1885.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that Mr. Tom Murray, formerly of this department, and now engineer for the Echuca shire council, may be appointed assist.-engineer to fill the vacancy in this department, caused by the resignation of Mr. Lutz.

I have had an interview with Mr. Murray, and he is willing to accept the position.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. W. LANGTREE,
Secretary for Mines and Water Supply.

The Secretary, Public Service Board,
&c., &c., &c.

Letter 7066/15.8.85.

W.S. 85/3495.
SIR,

(Copy.)

P.S.B./7138.
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1885.

I have the honor to apply for appointment to the position of assistant-engineer in your department, rendered vacant by the resignation of C. L. Lutz, Esq., C.E.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T. MURRAY, C.E.,
(Melbourne University),
Licensed and Municipal Surveyor.

The Secretary for Mines and Water Supply, Melbourne.

Urgent. Referred to the Public Service Board.

Having made inquiries I cannot learn of any one in the service available and qualified for the work required.

Mr. Thomas Murray is, in my opinion, a fit and proper person, and duly qualified.

(Signed) C. W. LANGTREE,
Secretary for Mines and Water Supply.
6/8/85.

(Recorded/4/7/85.)

(Copy.)

Department of Mines and Water Supply,
Melbourne, 17 August, 1885.

M.D. 85/5157.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, No. 7066, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of the Public Service Board, a memorandum from the Chief Engineer of Water Supply, giving evidence of Mr. Thomas Murray's qualification for the position of assistant-engineer and expressing his fitness for the work.

I beg to request that the Board's certificate in Mr. Tom. Murray's favor may now be issued.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. W. LANGTREE,
Secretary for Mines and Water Supply.

The Secretary, Public Service Board,
&c., &c., &c.

Ordered.—Prepare the necessary certificate (for draft, see certificate in the case of Major-General Downes).—T. C., 18/8/85.—(S. 74.)

Certif.—7224-5.—20/8/85.

(Copy.)

Public Works Department,
Melbourne, 15 August, 1885.

GENTLEMEN,

A vacancy for assistant engineer and draughtsman having occurred in the Water Supply Department, I have the honor to apply for the appointment.

As to my qualifications, I beg to refer you to the list of subjects on which I was successfully examined by the Municipal Surveyors' Board, which comprises—collection storage and distribution of water, to include the construction of reservoirs, and the principles and practice of the distribution of water through pipes and open channels.—[*Victorian Government Gazette*, 12.1.1883.]

I have been a draughtsman these last ten years, and am now senior draughtsman with a salary of £245 per annum.

I have, &c.
(Signed) E. CHECCHI.

The Civil Service Board.

Ordered—Ack. only.—T. C.—24/8/85.—7323.—25/8/85.