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[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment - Municipal High School, Pollachi -
Sri T.R. Veerappan - Assistant - Remission in
pay - Petition against Commissioner's orders -
interference - declined.

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From

T. K. Veeraraghavan, B.A., L.T.,
Assistant,
Municipal High School, Pollachi.

CNo. 196/44.

To

23. AUG. 1944

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local Administration,

FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Through

THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,

POLLACHI.

And Through

The Head Master,

Municipal High School, Pollachi.

Sir,

This is a most humble memorial respectfully submitted to the benign Government praying for the exercise of their powers of review under Section 8 (2) of the rules relating to appointment and punishment of Officers and servants of Municipal Councils over the orders

D.Dis. No. 3240/41 dated 14-6-1941

R.O.C. No. C 4563/41 dated 31-10-1942

R.O.C. No. C 6744/42 dated 1-11-1942

of the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Pollachi, inflicting a reduction of Rs.9/- in the salary per month for a period of two years, and another reduction of Rs.5/- in the salary for one month and passing severe censures and unduly strictures on the conduct and character of the Memorialist, who had been the most persecuted of all the unhappy victims at the hands of one Mr. Sellaraj, who, as the Executive Head of the Municipal Council in the years 1939-42 dissipated all his energy and prostituted all the powers vested in him in the wilful and malicious persecution of many a hapless and helpless Municipal employee, particularly the members on the staff of the Municipal High School, Pollachi, the aggressor being motivated by nothing other than his inordinate lust for the transient and deceptive

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smile of filthy lucre.

The facts of the case are as follows:-

1. That there was no love lost between the Commissioner Mr. Sellaraj and the Memorialist as the Officer was labouring under a misapprehension that the Memorialist was the person who drafted various petitions to the authorities on behalf of the citizens of Pollachi, relating to the highly corrupt practices of the Commissioner, who was reported to have amassed a considerable fortune ^{by} hole and corner methods; and which resulted in several enquiries, conducted by the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities.

2. That it was the presumption of the Commissioner that the Memorialist was the source through which the authorities were informed that the Commissioner had collected all the materials necessary for constructing a palatial bungalow at Palamcottah and that he had misappropriated large sums of money from various sources.

3. That the Memorialist in his capacity as an Assistant Examiner in English had had already fallen under the displeasure of Mr. Sellaraj in March 1941, as he had definitely refused to disclose to him the mark of one candidate (a Christian girl) who had appeared in the S.S.L.C. Examination held in March 1941, and in whom the Commissioner was interested.

4. That the Memorialist was directed to appear before the Commissioner at his residence and when the charges were categorically denied, the Officer dismissed the humble Memorialist with the remark "You will see the consequence of interfering with affairs that do not concern you. Wait and see."

5. That, ever since, the infuriated Officer had no other

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thought than that of plaguing the unhappy subordinate in and out of the Institution (and also his alleged accomplices/all members on the staff of the High School) and with a view to annihilate his imaginary foes, the Commissioner framed fraudulent charges against them for clandestine tuition, fabricated evidence, warned, censured and fined the distressed members of the noble profession but wilfully and deliberately made a solitary and sinister isolation in the case of the Memorialist and inflicted on him a reduction of Rs.10/- in his salary per month for two years, and future increments to count after the expiry of the period of reduction, but which order the Government

pp 57-58 of (J) was pleased to set aside in G.O. No.896 dated 20-6-1942.

6. That the Memorialist who was under a delusion that the balm of time would have mellowed down the Officer's inexplicably biased attitude towards him, was terribly shocked to notice the frantic efforts made by the Commissioner, sweating day and night to manipulate records, concoct evidence and terminate the services of the unhappy Memorialist.

7. that the Headmaster, late K.S. Nanjunda Ayyar, who was the friend, philosopher and guide of the Memorialist for an unbroken period of a decade, was by nature weak and irresolute and under official pressure submitted various adverse reports about his assistants, in consideration for which the Commissioner had vouched to exonerate him from the various charges then pending against him.

8. that, consequent on the Headmaster's report, orders were passed censuring the Memorialist and reducing his pay by Rs.5/-, the only fault of the Memorialist was the alleged disrespectful term 'august presence', a term

employed in the Pickwickian sense meaning ^{Venerable} ~~reverend~~ but misinterpreted by the Officer. - R.O.C. No.C 6744/42 dated 1-11-42.

9. Further, that the Commissioner was pleased to censure the conduct and behaviour of the Memorialist, as the Officer fancied that the subordinate had been canvassing for himself the post of the Headmaster, which the Commissioner had reserved for his own man (Vide D.Dis.No.3240/41 dated 14-6-41).

10. that the Commissioner who was all stiletto and mask had been straining every nerve to have 'his man' (an unemployed and inexperienced L.T., belonging to Nadar community and a relation of his) appointed as the Head of the Institution, and motivated by self-aggrandisement rather than for the well-being of the Institution, reduced the permanent Headmaster to the status of the first Assistant and then finally forced him to retire from service, manipulated records, denounced the other Senior L.T. Assistants unfit for the exalted post of Headmaster and thereby putrefied the fountain of wise and just administration by stooping to machinations, out-hitlering Hitler, in various nefarious acts of chicanery and forgery.

11. that the Headmaster, late K.S. Nanjunda Ayyar, who denounced his Assistants who stood by him through thick and thin, with the hallucination of finding favour with his persecutor, sacrificing thoughtlessly the love and esteem of his assistants and missing justice and sympathy at the hands of his officer, died of heart-failure soon after his forced retirement, a tragedy too deep for tears.

12. that the affairs of the High School were not in a satisfactory state, as the Commissioner Mr. Sellaraj had brought about the Students' strike by his own thoughtless

acts and highly insolent behaviour towards the pupils and parents (a fact which shall be proved if an enquiry is held) and the District Educational Officer at that time was fully convinced of the fact that the Commissioner was entirely responsible for the strike.

13. that, consequent on the strike, the S.S.L.C. results were poor and the District Educational Officer made certain adverse remarks and the Commissioner out of ill-will ^{and} malice with great semblance of verisimilitude but in reality absolutely no bearing at all on the remarks made by the Educational Officer, carried away the Elementary Mathematics answer books of Fifth Form pupils, kept them with him for six months, tampered with them, fabricated records and finally framed charges against the Memorialist, ^{for} malpractice, the very creation of which was entirely due to the ingenuity of the Officer himself, a past-master in the art of surreptitious dealings.

14. that the Officer after wilfully and deliberately tampering with the answer books with the avowed object of wrecking the career of a sub-ordinate, had them ostensibly revalued, not by any experienced Mathematics Teacher, but by his 'own man' a raw and inexperienced person, a temporary assistant in the High School and whose only opportunity to secure a permanent footing in the School depended entirely on the exit of the Memorialist.

15. that the charges against the Memorialist could have been met with only if he had been allowed the privilege of scrutinizing the alleged malpractice and though the Officer had been pleased to issue an order that the answer books might be perused, the Memorialist was allowed to have

a glimpse of only two answer books for about 10 minutes and even after repeated entreaties, the Memorialist was denied the privilege of going through the answer books - a very novel and highly irregular procedure considering the nature of the charges wilfully and maliciously framed by the petulant Officer.

16. that the distressed Memorialist when submitting his explanation had to rely on the vague strength of his memory except in the case of two answer books (belonging to one M. Kandawami and Gowri) which he had the good fortune to skim over.

17., that it is highly unthinkable that the Memorialist had tampered with the answer books, in view of the fact that he himself was the teacher handling the subject and the Examiner in the subject throughout, and could have made any pupil pass without having any recourse to malpractice and that even in spite of the alleged malpractice only 43 pupils out of 75 had secured the minimum for pass.

18. that the state of the High School in those days may be gathered from the report of the Educational Officer who was fully aware of the innocence of the Memorialist and the terrible ordeal to which he was subjected to by the Commissioner, notwithstanding the efficiency, loyalty and popularity of the humble Memorialist.

19. that the Commissioner Mr. Sellaraj even long before he framed charges against the Memorialist had informed many respectable personages in the locality that he was going to remove the Memorialist from Service.

20. that it was credibly rumoured that the Commissioner had put the cart before the horse by drafting orders in advance terminating the services of the Memorialist even

before the enquiry, but the proverbial 'slip betwixt the cup and the lip' intervened-the Memorialist went on Medical leave and the Commissioner was transferred.

21. that the Commissioner made frantic efforts to see that the medical leave applied for was not granted by the District Medical Officer, wrote demi-official letters importunating for cancellation of leave, motored to Coimbatore at the expense of "the temporary assistant" to meet the District Medical Officer in person, and when at last he found that virtue ultimately triumphed, on the eve of his departure to Kumbakonam, sent one of his confederates to the Memorialist who assured the heart-broken soul that all the charges would be withdrawn for a sum of Rs.400/- or even less - a most despicable offer which the Memorialist treated with the contempt it deserved.

22. that the Officer, embittered all the more towards the Memorialist, prevailed upon his successor one Mr. Doraiswami Mudaliar (whose first appointment as Commissioner was in this Municipality) and had the salary of the Memorialist reduced by Rs.9/- per mensem for two years - R.O.C. No.C 4563/41 dated 31-10-42.

23. that in the farce of an enquiry held, two important witnesses were conspicuous by their absence and the "temporary assistant" who had valued the answer books was allowed to go on leave on the fateful day, for obvious reasons, and that the Memorialist was not allowed to cross-examine the witnesses that were tampered with.

24. that the successor of Mr. Sellaraj, who was a fresher, amended the already existing order of dismissal drafted by Mr. Sellaraj and a most innocent employee was ruthlessly guillotined.

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25. that the Memorialist was not able to submit an appeal to the Director of Public Instruction within the time prescribed for reasons detailed hereunder:-

i. that he had been constantly in broken health which necessitated him to avail himself of Medical leave for a long period (not to mention of the privilege leave and casual leave exhausted) and which also disabled him from appearing before the Medical Officer at the Indian Military Hospital at Bangalore when he had come out - successful in the two selections in connection with the recruitment of Officers in His Majesty's Land Forces, (King's Commission).

ii. that the Memorialist was made to believe from the order of the Commissioner that the charges framed against him were based on the recommendation of the District Educational Officer, and as he had already fallen under the displeasure of the Commissioner and mentally worried over unexpected domestic affliction, misfortunes never come single, the epidemic of plague prevalent in the town and then suddenly very serious eye trouble that compelled him to have immediate treatment at the Ophthalmic Hospital in Madras - all the combined forces of evil incapacitated him from submitting an appeal to the proper appellate authority in time.

iii. that the delay in the submission of the memorial was due to various extenuating circumstances beyond human control and as such it is the humble prayer of the Memorialist that the All-Merciful Government may be pleased not to shut the gates of mercy on a most unfortunate Municipal employee, whose suffering ⁱⁿ the course of two years had even tended to shake his very faith in the divinity that shades human ends.

26. that in view of the fact that the prosecution story was a myth, the benign Government, in whose unerring wisdom and impartial justice the Memorialist has abundant faith and hope, may be graciously pleased to call forth all the relevant records and pass such orders as they deem fit.

For which act of justice, the most humble and the most obedient Memorialist shall be ever grateful.

J. K. Veera Raghavan

Pollachi,
August 17, 1944

- 1) Submitted through the proper channel. ✓
- 2) Copy " to the Secretary, Local Administration, Madras.
- 3) " " to Mr Sellaray.

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① No. 10196/44 dated 21-8-44.

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Memorial to Government dated
17-8-1944 from Sri T. K. Veeravaghavan,
273 A, L.T., 4th assistant, is submitted
to the Municipal Commissioner, Pollachi.

As there are several allegations of
a personal nature in this memorial
against Sri S. R. Sellaraj, the then Municipal
Commissioner, the late Sri K. S. Manjunda Iyer
D.A.; L.T., the then Headmaster and one of
the L.T. assistants, it was deemed
advisable to mark it "Confidential."

Headmaster
21-8-44
Municipal High School,
Pollachi.

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department, Madras, through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, with the following Disposal files:-

- (1) R.Dis. 2116/41 dated 14-5-41. (Admission to Rs 90) - pp 29-38
(2) D.Dis. 3240/41 dated 14-6-41. (Censure) - pp 119
(3) D.Dis. 3530/41 dated 16-1-42. (Appeal against reduction of pay) - pp 43-46
(4) D.Dis. 2609 dated 14-11-42. (Reduction of pay by Rs 9/m) - pp 147-155
(5) D.Dis. 6744/41 dated 17-11-42.

2. The memorialist in this case is a L.T. teacher employed in the High School under the management of this council and requests cancellation of some of the punishments meted out to him by my predecessors in office and for which he had not submitted any appeal in time as provided for in the rules relating to the appointment and punishment of Municipal servants. The following are the punishments referred to in the memorial--

(1) Reduction of pay from Rs.100/- to Rs.90/- from 1-5-41 for giving private tuition to pupils clandestinely and without permission, for defying the commissioner's orders and instructions not to give private tuitions without permission, for dispersing the class before the prescribed time and for impertinent behaviour towards the Headmaster - pages 29 to 38 of R.Dis. 2116/41 dated 14-5-41. This punishment was subsequently cancelled by Government in their order No. 896 Edn., & P.H., dated 20-6-42 (vide page 15 of D.Dis. 2609/42 dated 14-11-42) and was converted by the Commissioner into a temporary reduction of Rs.5/- in his pay for one month from 1-11-42 (vide pages 43 to 46 of D.Dis. 2609/42). File D.Dis. 3530/41 dated 16-1-42 contains copies of the appeal submitted by the memorialist against the Commissioner's order D.Dis. 2116/41 dated 14-5-41 to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras and his proceedings Dis. 67/42 dated 5-1-42 rejecting the appeal of the memorialist.

(2) Censure for trying to bring pressure upon and influence the Commissioner - D.Dis. 3240/41 dated 14-6-41.

(3) Reduction in pay by Rs.9/- per mensem for a period of two years from 1-11-42 for tampering with answer papers of pupils, for careless valuation, for awarding marks in unwarranted cases, etc. - Roc 4563/41 dated 31-10-42 at pages 147 to 155 of Current rule of D.Dis. 6744/41 dated 17-11-42.

3. On going through the previous papers mentioned above it will be seen that the teacher had been given all possible facilities for clearing his character and that he had availed of every opportunity to defend himself and wriggle out of the situation by all means - fair or foul. He does not pretend ignorance of rules or procedure. When his pay was reduced to Rs.90/- by the then Commissioner (Sri S.R. Sellaraj) in his proceedings R.Dis. 2116/41 dated 14-5-41 (vide para 2(1) above) he appealed to the Director of Public Instruction against the Commissioner's order and when the appeal was rejected by the Director he submitted a petition to Government alleging technical mistakes and irregularities in procedure. He succeeded in his attempt to get the particular order cancelled and in the fresh proceedings started against the memorialist by the then Commissioner Sri P. Doraiswami Mudaliar, he escaped with a much lighter punishment. Observing the petitioner realised the futility of appealing against this order (D.Dis. 2609/42 dated 14-11-42) in spite of all the malice and machinations he had urged against Sri Sellaraj and others in his appeals dated 23-8-41 and 30-8-41 to the Director of Public Instruction and his subsequent memorial to Government dated 23-8-42 and allowed the matter to rest there. He had been on duty for about 2 months prior to the date of this order and for over a year after the date of the order. From all antecedents, it may well be assumed that he would not have kept quiet if there was a ray of hope for him.

4. The punishment meted out in Commissioner's order D.Dis. 3240/41 dated 14-6-41 was only a censure and there is no appeal against it under the rules.

5. The next punishment referred to in the memorial is that

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It imposed on him for gross irregularities in the valuation of answer papers, the fabrication or substitution of answer papers, interpolations etc. This enquiry was started more as the result of certain gross irregularities and malpractices brought to notice by the District Educational Officer, Coimbatore. The various allegations appear to have been carefully and thoroughly scrutinised and verified before charges were framed against the teacher by the Commissioner (Sri S.R.Sellaraj) in his proceedings Cl/4563/41 dated 17-6-42 (vide pages 97 to 99 of D.Dis.6744/41 dated 17-11-42). Immediately after the charges were framed against him, the teacher went on three months leave and rejoined duty only on 25-9-1942. He submitted an explanation to the charges framed against him on 29-6-42 but it did not contain specific answers to any of the charges. As the teacher was on leave, the enquiry was held up till he rejoined duty. In his report dated 6-10-42 (page 133 to 139 C.F. of D.Dis.6744/41 dated 17-11-42) the teacher submitted a detailed explanation to the several charges framed against him. By this time Sri S.R. Sellaraj (Commissioner) had handed over charge to Sri P.Doraiswami Mudaliar and it was the latter who further enquired into the matter and passed final orders. A kind perusal of his order Roc No.4563/41 dated 31-10-42 (at pages 147 to 155 of C.F. of D.Dis.6744/41 dated 17-11-42) will show how carefully he had analysed the evidence for and against - in respect of each charge and found 8 out of the 10 charges against the teacher clearly proved against him. The teacher was on duty for over a year after this order was passed against him. If he was aggrieved at the order, he should have appealed against it within the time allowed by the rules. He had not hesitated to distort facts or bring forward allegations of malice, prejudice or persecution against his superiors or to point out irregularities in procedure on a previous occasion when he appealed to the Director and submitted a memorial to Government (vide para 3 above) and it is therefore highly incredible how the teacher would have pocketed the order so meekly this time. The only reason that I could imagine for his failure to submit an appeal at the time was that the charges against him were admittedly of such a serious nature and that had he persisted in his attempt to clear out of the wrangle, he would only be getting himself into further trouble. In any case, there seems to be hardly any valid ground to condone the omission to submit an appeal in time.

6. The present memorial does not disclose any new matter which had not been urged in the previous petitions, explanations and appeals and had not been thrashed out in detail. No reasonable ground has also been urged for condoning the delay in submitting the appeal or warranting intervention by Government after the lapse of nearly 2 years. One prominent feature that is noticed however in the present memorial is the most reckless way in which the teacher is persisting in making allegations of a most *heinous* kind against Sri S.R.Sellaraj, who had the occasion to take disciplinary action against the teacher and who is not here now. This game of mud-slinging by the teacher was started first in the appeal submitted by him to the Director of Public Instruction on 23-5-41 (page 1 to 5 C.F. of D.Dis.3530/41 dated 16-1-42) and then in the continuation petition submitted by him to the Director on 30-8-1941 (pages 37 to 40 C.F. of D.Dis.3530/41). Finding that no action had been taken against him for such misconduct and that his appeal was rejected by the Director of Public Instruction, he reiterated, though in a milder form, the same allegations against the Commissioner Sri S.R. Sellaraj in his memorial to Government dated 28-3-42 (page 1 of D.Dis.2609/42). In his continuation petition dated 1-5-42, to the Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department (page 7 of D.Dis.2609/42) he went a step further and accused the Deputy Director Sri Ranganatha Mudaliar also of malice, illfeeling etc. Unfortunately then also no notice was taken to check such intemperate language or insubordinate conduct on the part of the teacher. In the present memorial, he has therefore been emboldened to not only repeat some of the old allegations against Sri S.R.Sellaraj, but also cast aspersions against his successor also and the old Headmaster of the school (Sri K.S.Nanjunda Iyer) who is now no more. These aspersions are made more with a view to scandalise the officers

officers concerned and probably to create a sort of misgiving in the minds of others also, than to gain any relief at the hands of the authorities. The petitioner forgets that such an attitude on his part would only alienate their sympathies even if he deserved any.

7. Considering the gravity of the charges proved against the memorialist by the Municipal Commissioner in his proceedings Roc 4563/41 dated 31-10-42 (pages 147 to 155 Cf. of D.Dis.6744/41) and the highly objectionable and reprehensible way he has thought fit to indulge in such scurrilous attacks against more than one responsible officer of Government, the question of taking action against the memorialist under Rule 154 of the Madras Educational Rules may be considered so that it may be a lesson not only to the memorialist but also to the other misguided employees, who will otherwise be tempted to follow the footsteps of this memorialist, whenever any disciplinary action is taken against them. It does not seem desirable to hold a departmental enquiry into the conduct of the memorialist in regard to the present petition and call upon him to establish the allegations made by him, as by doing that he would only be getting an opportunity of slinging mud further at several officers without seriously injuring his own position.

8. The five disposal files sent herewith may be returned when done with.

K. S. Narayanaiah
Commissioner. 25.8.42

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To
The Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department
Fort St. George, Madras, thro' the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

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T. K. Veeraraghavan, B.A., L.T.,
Assistant, Municipal High School, Pollachi.

To

(addition character plus all the new shift)
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION,

FORT ST. GEORGE, M A D R A S.

Through

The Commissioner,
Municipal Council, Pollachi.

And

Through The Head Master,
Municipal High School, Pollachi.

Sir,

Ref:- Memorial submitted on 17-8-44 praying for
rescinding the orders of the Municipal
Commissioner, Pollachi. H-1-9 ante

In continuation of the humble memorial referred to above, I may be permitted to submit the following few facts for kind perusal and for favourable consideration.

1. that the memorialist failed to appeal against the orders of the Commissioner within the prescribed time for reasons detailed hereunder:-

(a) that while one, Mr. Sellaraj, was the Commissioner, he had, out of ill-will, subjected the unhappy memorialist to various tribulations in and out of the institution and unthinkable official torture for an unbroken period of two years and a half, which had paralysed all the feelings of the memorialist.

(b) that the memorialist who had come out successful in the final selection in the recruitment for His Majesty's Jan

and Air Forces (King's Commission) and had only to appear for Medical Examination at the Indian Military Hospital, Banagalore, never worried about any appeal, as he had resolved to go on active service. (Vide W₁, W₂, W₃ *the only records available*)
pp 21-25 info

(c) that the memorialist had only just then successfully appealed against the order of Mr. Sellaraj and when one false accusation after another, like 'Doodle Bugs' were levelled against him his senses were completely dazed and he fell into a stage of lethargy.

(d) that the memorialist was not materially affected by the reduction of Rs.9/- in his pay of Rs.100/-, as he was granted the War allowance Rs.8/-, which he could not have drawn if his pay had been Rs.100/-.

(e) that the memorialist had serious trouble in the eye which necessitated him to have treatment at the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, for a period of more than three months, not to make mention of the worry and disappointment in official life and domestic affliction.

(f) that the Commissioner, Mr. Sellaraj, had disclosed to many that the Director of Public Instruction had ordered the cancellation of the L.T. certificate of the memorialist, though the truth came at last that it was the Commissioner who had written to the Director, urging the cancellation of the certificate, for reasons best known to himself.

(g) that the various factors submitted above marred the memorialist from appealing to the appellate authority in time.

2. that the memorialist was not allowed to peruse the

answer books, alleged to have been tampered with.

3. that the letter of the Educational Officer had

absolutely no bearing on the charges framed against the memorialist.

4. that the memorialist was convinced that the records were manipulated by Mr. Sellaraj, and that the refusal of his successor Mr. Doraiswami Mudaliar, to have the tampered answer books perused by the memorialist and the very mysterious absence of the answer books on the day of enquiry and the credible information at hand - all went to unmistakably demonstrate that some tampering had been done by Mr. Sellaraj with a view to implicate the helpless memorialist, and that fearing later, that the answer books were the trump card for his own ruination, he had then stealthily removed, for which the memorialist was morally convinced that Mr. Doraiswami Mudaliar was not entirely innocent, as he had furnished the memorialist with the false information that the answer books were with the District Educational Officer.

5. that it is the firm conviction of the memorialist, that Mr. Doraiswami Mudaliar, who would ordinarily have refrained from punishing an innocent sub-ordinate, was prevailed upon by Mr. Sellaraj to have the services of the memorialist terminated, but Mr. Doraiswami Mudaliar struck a via media and had the pay of the memorialist reduced by Rs.9/-.

6. That the attitude of Mr. Sellaraj towards the memorialist could be discerned by his behaviours on 16-5-41 when he deliberately insulted and assaulted the memorialist and later apologised, as a consequence of which, the intended proceedings against him were withdrawn (Exhibit A.). p 27 info

7. that it is not the intention of the memorialist to bring into disrespect any one, still less Mr. Sellaraj, who failed with all his extra-ordinary powers, mighty resources and high connections to have the career of the memorialist wrecked, but the memorialist engaged in the noble task of moulding and impregnating the character of the future citizens of the State, deems it his paid duty to inform the benign Government the tribulations to which was subjected to by a highly-prejudiced Officer.

8. that the memorialist is confident that if the present Commissioner would probe into the intricate and subtle details of the conspiracy engineered and fathered by Mr. Sellaraj, he would surely feel that manifest injustice had been done to a most innocent Municipal subordinate whose only fault was his honest and efficient service for fifteen years in the local High School. (Vide T₁, T₂) p 29 info

9. that the sufferings of the memorialist had been beyond human endurance and that he regrets very much if he had unwittingly couched the memorial in intemperate language.

10. that it is the humble prayer of the memorialist that the orders of the Commissioner may be set aside or the benign Government may be pleased to hold a fresh enquiry in the matter.

For which act of justice, the memorialist shall be ever grateful.

T. K. Veeraraghavan
12-9-44

Pollachi
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Copy submitted to the Secretary, Local Administration (direct).

Enclosures (five in all).

Local Administration Department.

From Sri P. Duraiswami Mudaliar. B.Sc.,
Commissioner, Pollachi Municipality,
Pollachi.
To The Collector and District Magistrate,
Coimbatore.

L.Dis.1204/43.

Dated the 23rd February 43.

Sir:

War - Emergency commission - application of Sri T.K. Veeraraghavan - assistant, Municipal High school, Pollachi - certificate of date of birth forwarded.

With reference to the application of Sri T.K. Veeraraghavan, B.A.L.T., Assistant, Municipal High School, Pollachi for an emergency commission in His Majesty's Land Forces. I forward herewith an extract from the service register showing his date of birth as requested by the applicant.

W. S. S. S.
Commissioner.

PGN 23-2. *12/43* ✓
Copy to Sri T.K. Veeraraghavan, Assistant, thro' the Headmaster, Municipal High school ~~with~~ for information with reference to his petition

forwarded dated 17-2-43. *17/2*
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E.C.A.No. 26/43. (13)

The Recruitment Sub Committee,
Coimbatore, 26th February 1943. W

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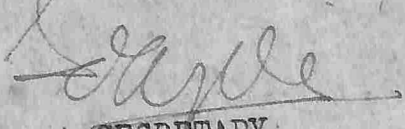
Sri. T. K. Veeraraghavan,
Municipal High School,

Pollachi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application for an Emergency
Commission in His Majesty's Indian Land Forces, d/ 17-2-1943.
I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange to meet the Members
of this Committee for an interview, on Monday the 1st March 1943,
at 4-30, P.M., at the Collector's Office, Coimbatore.

Yours faithfully,


SECRETARY.

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THE MADRAS PROVINCIAL SELECTION BOARD
Senate House, Chepauk.

~~"Victory Horse" Mount Road~~

MEMORANDUM No. 1498/ P.B., dated 9-4-1943.

Emergency Commissions in His Majesty's Indian Land Forces, the
Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force.

Mr. T. K. Veerara ghavan,

is informed that an interview by the Madras Provincial Selection Board
for King's Commissions will take place at 10.30 A.M on ~~in the~~

~~"Victory Horse" Mount Road, Madras.~~ Wednesday the 14th April
1943, at the Senate House, Chepauk, Madras.
Railway warrant is enclosed herewith.

M. RAMAN,
Secretary.

W. R. S.
on 14.4.43
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Exhibit (A)

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To

S.R. Sellaraj Esq., B.A.,
Commissioner,
Pollachi.

Sir,

I am really shocked at your brutish behaviour towards me this morning. You seem to have no respect for law and order. I am not satisfied at the conciliatory attitude you had late at 11 a.m. If you do not send a written apology for your highly insulting behaviour, I shall be applying to the Government for permitting me to launch civil and criminal proceedings against you. I am also forced by *irresistible* circumstances to report the incident this morning to the police. Remember there is something more precious than service.

Pollachi,
16-5-'41.

I am,

Yours truly,

J. K. Veerabharatham
16-5-41

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P.R.Kandaswamy
Chairman,
Municipal Council,

Municipal Office,
Pollachi 25th Aug.1944.
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I have very great pleasure in recommending the bearer, Sri.T.K.Veeraraghavan, B.A., L.T., Assistant Municipal High School, Pollachi, as a smart industrious and intelligent man of parts; who has to his credit service in the Local Municipal High School for a period of about fifteen years. He is a very efficient and popular teacher and is gifted with great powers of organisation. He has been taking great interest in the Extra Curricular Activities of the School. I am confident he will prove a most popular and successful Headmaster of any High School.

Sd.P.R.KANDASWAMY,
Chairman,
Pollachi Municipal Council.

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Rao Bahadur
S.V.V.NAIDU,
Proprietor,
I.C.S. Mills,

Pollachi.
28th August 1944.

Mr.T.K. Veeraraghavn B.A., L.T., Municipal High School Pollachi has been intimately known to me for the last fifteen years. He is a very smart intelligent and capable teacher, highly conscientious in the discharge of his duty and extremely popular with the pupils and with the public. A good sport himself he has been taking a keen and lively interest in the field games and sports. A Strict Disciplinarian, gifted with rare talents and acquirements and having great powers of organization, he is an asset to the profession. I can most confidently assert that he will prove a most successful, highly popular and efficient head of any institution.

/True copy/

Sd. S.V.V. Naidu.

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...with school. Tolachi has been intimately known to me for the last fifteen years. He is a very energetic, intelligent, and capable leader, highly respected in the community of his city and extremely popular with the public and the police. A good sport himself, he has been taking a keen and lively interest in the field games and sports. A strict disciplinarian, filled with the feelings of responsibility and devotion to the cause of the nation, he is an asset to the profession. I can most confidently assure that he will prove a most successful, highly popular and efficient head of any institution.

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Memorial to Government dated 12-9-44
from T. K. Veeravaghana Iyer, B.A., L.T., 4th
P. 1944 Assistant, is submitted to the Municipal
Pal Commissioner, Pollachi, in Contem-
nation of my endorsement No. 196
of 44 dated 21-8-44

1. *Madhav Pillai*
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Madhav Pillai
Municipal High School,
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Ref. C1/5824/44.

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Municipal Office, Pollachi
Dated the 15th September 44.

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Local Administration Department, Madras, thro' the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, in continuation of my Endorsement Ref. C1/5824/44 dated 27-8-44 on the previous petition dated 17-3-44.

2. The memorialist has in para 1 of the present petition explained that one of the reasons for the failure to submit an appeal in time was that he had applied for an emergency in His Majesty's Land Forces. It is seen from the papers now submitted by him that he had submitted an application for the purpose in February 1943 and that he had been called up for interviews at Coimbatore and Madras but the fact remains that he was not selected. Nothing is however also known here of the circumstances under which his request was disallowed. The other reasons set forth by the memorialist for the failure to submit an appeal in time cannot be said to be fully satisfactory.

3. Even in the present petition, the memorialist has not spared Mr. Sellaraj, though the punishments referred to by him were those inflicted by his successor Sri P. Doraiswami Mudaliar. He accuses Sri Sellaraj of having even fabricated certain records to bring the memorialist into trouble and of having influenced his successor Mr. Mudaliar in the matter of putting the memorialist into trouble. It seems hardly necessary to reopen the enquiry at this belated stage or to take any notice of such allegations.

4. In para 9 of the present petition, the memorialist has expressed his regret for the intemperate language used in his -
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previous petition. The language used in the present petition is no less intemperate or the allegations made against the Commissioners no less serious than those in the previous petition. Hence, the expression of regret appears to have lost all its grace.

5. All the connected papers have been submitted already.

D. N. Narayanaiah
Commissioner. 15-9-44

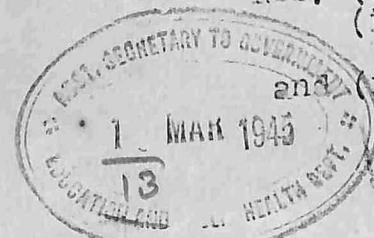
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.No.1718.G/44, dated 7-3-1945.

Sub: Memorial - Sri T. K. Veeraraghavan, Assistant, Municipal High School, Pollachi - against the Commissioner's Order reducing his pay - Submitted.
Ref: (i) Memorial dated 17-8-44 from Sri T.K. Veeraraghavan.
(ii) Further petition dated 12-9-'44 from Sri T.K. Veeraraghavan.
and (iii) Encls. Nos. Cl. 5824/44, dated 27-8-44 and Cl. 5824/44, dated 15-9-'44 of the Commissioner Pollachi Municipality.



Submitted.

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2. The Municipal office files Nos. D.Dis.2609/42, dated 14-11-42, D.Dis.6744/41, dated 17-11-'42, D.Dis.3240/41, dated 14-6-'41, D.Dis.3530/41, dated 16-1-'42 and R.Dis.2116/41, dated 14-5-'41 are enclosed.

T. Am. Nanyan
for Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department.

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to
the petitioner through
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(with 5 all office files ret'd)
✓ D.P.S.

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Establishment. Municipal High School
Pollachi - Sri T.K. Veeravagharan - Assistant -
Reduction in pay - Petition against Commissioner's order
Interference - Declined -
Petition from Sri T.K. Veeravagharan, Asst M.H. Schol Pollachi D 17.8.44 + 12.10.44
From the Commr Pollachi Muz N. Ref. C1.5824/44 227-844
+ no C1 5824/44 8 15.9.44
From the D.P.S. No 1718 G/44 8 7.3.45
Order no 588 Edu dated 16.4.45
The Govt decline to interfere in the

matter

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B. WOMEN'S BRANCH.					
XIX	(Sub-Assistant Surgeons).	65-72/-100-8/-124-	9/2-160 in the case of persons who possess the qualification prescribed in item (1) in column (8) of annexure II.	100-8/-124-9/2-160 in the case of persons who possess the qualification prescribed in item (2) in column (8) of annexure II.	
XX	(Lady Apothecaries)	150-5-200-10-300.			
XXI	I Matrons—				
	I Grade	British Rs. 280-35/- 350-20/-370 (H) If recruited locally, Rs. 280-25/-305. (a) I on Rs. 190-80/-280 if held by a matron recruited in Great Britain or on Rs. 165-20/-205-25/2-230 if recruited locally (b) 2 on Rs. 165-20/-205-140-15/2-185. 60-6/2-90.* 40-4/2-60.*			
	III Grade	2 (Ward Sisters) 3 (Nurses)			
*	Also applicable to				
	(1) persons appointed as regular probationers before the 27th October 1938, if they had any break in probationary service on or after the last July 1938,				
	(2) persons appointed on or after the 27th October 1938 including those who are reappointed on or after that date after a break in service, and				
	(3) persons appointed before the 27th October 1938 as temporary measures in cases of emergency.				
	For this purpose the circumstances which constitute a "break in probationary service" or a "break in service" shall be deemed to be the same as those which constituted such a break for the purposes of the rules referred to in the first proviso to rule 23.				

there is no appeal against the first punishment of censure.

^{punishment}
regard to the next it is submitted that the memorialist pay was originally reduced from Rs.100/- to Rs.90 by the Commr. His appeal

the D.P.I. against the Commr's order was dismissed. He petitioned

Govt. and in G.O.No.869 Edn., dated 20-6-42 the Govt. set aside the

orders of the Commr., and directed that a fresh enquiry be held. The

procedure was followed and ~~the raised order~~ ^{order} reducing the pay of the

Memorialist by Rs.5/- for a period of one month was passed. The last

imposition of reduction in pay by Rs.9/- for two years from 1-11-42

^{inflicted for serious}
~~some~~ charges. The memorialist did not prefer any appeal against

the order of punishment and his present petition is belated. ~~He has~~

gives reasons for this failure in his petition on p.p. 17-18 c.f.

^{by the memorialist}
The grounds urged for a reconsideration of the case are that -

as denied the privilege of going through all answer books and that

was not allowed to ~~cross~~ ^{certains} examine the ~~infix~~ witnesses. Attention

solicited to the remarks of the Commr. paras 5 to 7 on p.p.13-15

paras 2 to 4 on p.p.33-34. He considers that there is no ground

condoning the omission to submit an appeal in time and or for

getting a fresh enquiry at this belated stage. The D.P.I. has no

recommendation to make on behalf of the memorialist.

For orders whether the Govt. may decline to interfere in the

Man/ decline to interfere. M: D. 12.4.44

12.4.44

A draft order is submitted below for approval

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para 15 on p. 5-6 c.f.

para 23 on p. 7 c.f.

Also to Headmaster report on p.140 of 4

that review may be accepted.

12.4.44