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To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY
OF STATE IN COUNCIL OF INDIA,
LONDON.

The humble MEMORIAL *of* SEETHARAMIAH *late Clerk in the Salt Department at Naydavasel in the Tanjore District.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP.

That on a visit paid in 1865 to the District of Tanjore by the Honorable T. Clarke, Salt Commissioner, he examined the working of the Salt Department at the station of your Memorialist in that District. That after his return to Madras Mr. Clarke wrote to the Collector of Tanjore a memo. stating that among other things that your Memorialist being an old man may take his pension ; upon this the Collector prepared your Memorialist's papers ; but on your Memorialist appearing before the District Medical Officer he was pronounced fit for further duty.

2. That the Collector notwithstanding dispensed with your Memorialist's services on the 1st March 1866 also forwarded your Memorialists' papers to the Board of Revenue, who, in their Proceedings dated 11th July 1866 No. 3975 ordered your Memorialist to be paid a gratuity of Rupees 195 being the amount equal to your Memorialist's salary for 15 months—and this was confirmed by Government and ordered the amount to be disbursed by the Accountant General.

3. That upon the abstract for the amount being submitted, the Examiner of Claims notwithstanding, the distinct order of Government declined to pass the same for payment on the ground that your Memorialist was pronounced by competent Medical authority fit for further work. That since that time your Memorialist has been addressing the Collector, the Revenue Board, and the Government of Madras Presidency but without avail.

4. That it is true your Memorialist's claim is a trifling matter and may not have attracted the particular attention of the Madras Government, but when he now appeals to the higher authority it will commend itself to the favorable notice of the Government of Madras.

5. Your Memorialist was at first entertained on the 13th November 1830 in the frontier Choukee in the Tanjore District as a kurnum for a period of seven years, that afterwards he was promoted to Manium the duties of which he filled for seven years. That subsequently he was transferred to the salt department as Samprathy at Arasanagiree in the Tanjore District. That after 12 years service your Memorialist was promoted to Manium of the salt department in the Atharam Pattanam division in Thambekaynalavan cottay. That seven years afterwards your Memorialist was sent to Nydavasel as Sumprathee. That your Memorialist then received Rupees Ten and half but in the arrangement made in 1864 your Memorialist was ranked as a clerk and placed on a salary of Rupees 15.

6. That the total period of your Memorialist's services aggregates 36 years. That during this long period extending over more than a third of century your petitioner discharged his duties honestly faithfully and zealously to the satisfaction of his superiors and now after giving the best days of his existence to the service of Government in a Department where the subordinates are exposed to grave temptation, your Memorialist is too old and left without the means of support in his old age, when he may justly expect after his faithful service to a great and noble State the protection and support of that state,

7. Your Memorialist submits that his case is one of peculiar hardship. He has been deprived of his means of livelihood, he has been denied a pension and the sum granted to him by Government has been withheld—your Memorialist must either beg or die of starvation. To do the latter he is prepared, but he cannot face the former. He has for the last 36 years eaten the bread earned by the sweat of his brow and he cannot now eat the food doled out to him by charity. He feels sure that a generous Government will not allow such a disgrace to bring your Memorialist's grey hairs with sorrow to the grave.

8. That your Memorialist therefore now begs to appeal to your Lordship's sense of justice and humanity and to submit his case for munificent consideration.

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MADRAS, 31*st July* 1869.

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To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Honored Sir,

I beg to enclose a Memorial to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and to request that you will submit it to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for his re-consideration of my case, and grant me either pension or gratuity or an order to appear before any Medical Officer for a certificate if necessary. [illegible] I beg that my Memorial may be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India by the next Mail Steamer.

I beg to remain,

Honored Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

Setaramiyah

Clerk in the Salt Department at Naydavasal

in Tanjore District.

1st August 1869.

With the Memorial 27/8/69

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Financial Department.

No. 377

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Financial Department.

WDM.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for transmission to the Secretary of State for India, a memorial from Sitārāmayya, formerly a clerk in the Salt Department in the Tanjore District, in which he claims a pension or gratuity.

2. The Honourable Mr. Clarke Member of the Board of Revenue inspected the Tanjore Salt Works in 1864, and in his report he stated that the Memorialist, who was then a clerk at Naidavāsal, was a very old man, and that

in consequence the establish-
ment at that place, had
to be supplemented by extra
hands. This Government
in their order passed upon
Mr. Clarke's report, under
date the 1st August 1865
No. 1776, directed that the
Memorialist should be requir-
ed to take his pension. The me-
morialist accordingly was
removed from the effective
list; but on his presenting
himself for medical exam-
ination, the medical officer
certified that he was physically fit
for further service as a clerk.
The Examiner of Claims
thereupon reported that the
memorialist was not eligible
to

gratuity (his service in eli-
gible grades did not entitle
him to pension) as he had
not been discharged upon reduc-
tion of establishment or upon
medical certificate of unfit-
ness for further service. As
there was ample testimony to
his inefficiency, and as his
service was not of an un-
blemished character, the
Government were unable to
direct memorialist's re-employ-
ment in any branch of the
service, or to accede to the
recommendation of the Board
of Revenue that a gratuity
should be given to him as a special
case. He was during his
service once suspended and
twice

Subramanya's memorial for a pension or gratuity.

twice degraded, and there were two other breaks unaccounted for.

3. The statements made in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the memorial are unfounded.

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Dated 186 .

No. 186 . Statement.

To

The Secretary to the Government of

Department.

In G.O. dated 24th Aug. 69.

1869.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated Augt. 24. 1869.
Recd.

No. 377
Enclosure.

45. 46.

Forwarding for transmission to the Secy. of State a memorial from Seetaramiah, formerly a Clerk in the Salt Dept. in the Tanjore District, in which he claims a pension or gratuity.