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No. 59. Read the following letter from A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Chingleput, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chingleput, 13th December 1866, No. 435.

I am about to leave the District, after presiding over the Civil and Session Court for a period of five years, and I cannot do so without asking you to submit, for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the peculiar circumstances of a most deserving public servant, who has, since October 1862, been conducting the responsible duties of Sheristadar of the Court, giving entire satisfaction, not only to myself, but to those Officers who, from time to time, have acted for me.

2. I cannot speak too highly of Devaramban Moodelliar; and, in submitting his petition to me, which I now have the honor to do, I would earnestly request that, as a special case, he may be exempted from passing the test for the office of a District Moonsiff, a post he is eminently qualified to fill, but for which, owing to his multifarious duties, he is unable to prepare himself, as others could, with time at their disposal.

3. I fear I am asking a favor which it will be somewhat difficult to grant, but I still venture to indulge a hope that my appeal will not altogether be made in vain.

From P. DEVARAMBAN, Sheristadar of the Civil and Session Court, Chingleput, to the Civil and Session Judge, Chingleput; dated Chingleput, 12th December 1866.

I most humbly beg to lay the following circumstances before your Honor, for kind and favorable consideration.

2. On 1st December 1854, I was employed by E. F. Elliot, Esq., Chief Magistrate and Superintendent of Madras Police, as a writer in the Town Police Office, Madras. My chief duty in that office was to write depositions in cases committed to the Sessions, and, I believe, I gave satisfaction to my immediate superiors, as is shown by the testimonial given by T. G. Clarke, Esq., Magistrate and Deputy Superintendent of Police.

3. On 1st August 1855, I was appointed Head Writer of the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court of Chingleput, in which office I continued up to the 30th November 1858. I had to prepare several Calendars and Reports A and B in Criminal cases, and Criminal accounts, letters, &c., and also to assist in the Tamil Department. The testimonial given by T. Alaghiah Pillai, Principal Sudder Ameen, will show how I performed those arduous duties.

4. On 1st December 1858, I was transferred to the Civil and Session Court of Chingleput, as the English Head Writer. I managed the whole Criminal business, and attended the Sessions trials as Interpreter, and did so occasionally in the Civil Court, in addition to the ordinary work of my office. At that time, the preparation of the Calendars in Session cases, which were being prepared in the Principal Sudder Ameen's Court, was transferred to the Session Court. The testimonials given by W. Dowdeswell, Esq., E. B. Foord, Esq., and B. Pouncefote, Esq., will show how hard I worked during the three years and odd that I held that post.

5. When the Sheristadar's place became vacant, owing to the promotion of S. Narasimhooloo Naidoo, to the District Moonsiffship of Caranguly, I was appointed to act for him by W. S. Whiteside, Esq., and I took charge of the office on the 4th October 1862, and I was confirmed by your Honor in February 1863. After I became Sheristadar, I had to adjust the old accounts of the Civil Court, and to prepare the Cash and Ledger Books, according to the form of the High Court. I have still to adjust the Cash accounts of the late Principal Sudder Ameen's Court. I

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also kept the Jail accounts, and those of Cloth Manufactory till the charge of the Jail was handed over to the Zillah Surgeon, when I had to disentangle the Jail accounts from the Court's. I have been attending the Civil Court as Interpreter, and have been doing all the responsible and important work which devolves on my office to the satisfaction, I trust, of the several gentlemen who have presided over this Court, and my work has been of late increased by the Order of the High Court, dated 19th June 1866. The copies of the testimonials granted by the above mentioned gentlemen, as well as those granted by J. G. Thompson, Esq., E. C. G. Thomas, Esq., and your Honor are enclosed.

6. The purport of my now addressing your honor, is to lay before you the difficulties that beset me, and prevent me from looking to that promotion which I am naturally anxious to attain. I refer to the examination that, by the prescribed rules, I must pass before I can be appointed to the post of District Moonsiff.

7. The examination, as your Honor is aware, is a searching one, and I cannot possibly, without neglecting my legitimate duties, devote that time to study which an examination like this would render necessary.

8. I, therefore, most humbly beg that your Honor would be kindly pleased to lay my circumstances before the Most Honorable the Governor in Council, with your Honor's recommendation that, as a special case, I may be exempted from the operation of the Rules for Special Test, and free me from the bar to promotion.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1867, No. 31.

The Governor in Council is unable to comply with the foregoing application.  
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Civil and Session Judge, Chingleput.

„ Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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From  
The Civil & Ses. Judge  
Chingleput

To The Chief Secretary  
to Government

For 18th June

Dated 13<sup>th</sup>  
Recd: 15<sup>th</sup> } Dec: 1866.  
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2 Enclosures.

No 2755.  
Requesting to exempt,  
P. A. Devaramba Mooda,  
the Sheristadar of the  
Court, from passing  
the test of a District  
Moonsiff, as a special  
case. — N.

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4. Dec: 1867 No. 31.  
The Governor in Council is unable  
to comply with the foregoing application.

W. H. L. N. 31.  
To the Civil & Ses. Judge.  
Chingleput.  
For 18th June

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