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NOTIFICATION.

IN exercise of the power conferred by Section 10 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentleman to be a Municipal Councillor for the Municipality of *Conjeevaram* :—

M.R.Ry. Venkatasubbaiah

C. nos 676. mt
796 m

Fort St. George Gazette
Part I. A.

TESTIMONIALS
OF
D. VEDAGHERY AIYER,
TAHSILDAR OF WALLAJAH TALUQ.

Extract from the application on behalf of D. Vedaghery
Aiyer submitted to Government for the investiture of Magisterial
powers.

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Is very well acquainted with the codes, and has the
reputation of being a good Revenue officer; knows English well.

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SAIDAPET, }
10th January 1881. }

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
District Magistrate.

Vedaghery Aiyer was Magisterial Clerk and Acting Head
English Clerk while I was in the Chengleput District. I saw
some thing of his work in both Departments and it seemed
to me most satisfactory. He has been rapidly promoted, and
has earned, I know, the good opinions of his superiors, and I can
only say that in my opinion he has deserved them. I consider
him industrious and able.

25th September 1881.

(Signed) CHARLES J. WEIR,
Assistant Collector,
Chengleput District.

Extract from the Jamabundy report of Fasli 1291.

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The Head English Clerk S. Rajeswara Mudali was for a
considerable period specially employed in the Sub-Division.
D. Vedaghery Aiyer, the Revenue Head Clerk, performed
during his absence, and without extra pay, his own duties and
those of the Head English Clerk. Both men gave me every
satisfaction.

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(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Collector.

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During my short stay at Saidapet, I got through more work with Vedaghery Aiyer than with any one else, except the Deputy Collector. He is exceedingly well up in Revenue work, and has impressed me very favorably. I hope he will soon get promotion.

5-8-82.

(Signed) G. Mc WATTERS,
Acting Collector.

Extract from the Jamabundy report of Fasli 1882.

D. Vedaghery Aiyer, the officiating Head English Clerk, did very good work in assisting the Acting Tahsildar of Conjeeveram in ferreting out sundry heavy defalcations committed by village officers in the Taluq.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Collector.

Extract from the Treasury Dy. Collector's letter No. 157, dated 10th November 1883 to J. F. Price Esquire, Collector of Chengleput District, embodied in G. O., Military Department No. 2854, dated 16th June 1884, regarding the defalcations committed by the Military Pension Clerk attached to the Chengleput Collector's Office.

The Collector was good enough when I first reported matters to him to place the services of (D. Vedaghery Aiyer) his English Head Clerk at my disposal for the purpose of this scrutiny, and in truth but for the Head Clerk's close and careful work for upwards of six weeks, both in office and out of office hours, I should certainly not have been able even now to place before you the statement of adjustment I send with this letter. The detection of the frauds related in paras 4 to 9 was comparatively not difficult, but it is the accounting for those frauds that has been the labour. In some cases the tracing out of a small item has occupied two or three days.

(Signed) C. E. PLUNKETT,
Treasury Deputy Collector.

The services of Vedaghery Aiyer, were placed at my disposal by the District Magistrate Mr. Price to examine the accounts of the Cantonment Court of Small Causes, Saint Thomas Mount, in connection with certain defalcations suspected to have been committed by the Brahmin Head Clerk of the office, and I have pleasure in placing on record that Vedaghery Aiyer performed this unpleasant task to my extreme satisfaction and without allowing himself to be influenced by caste ties into showing partiality or favour, he honestly and unflinchingly exposed the fraudulent practices of the Brahmin Head Clerk of the Cantonment Magistrate's Office.

SAINT THOMAS MOUNT, }
21st August 1884.

(Signed) G. OAKES,
Acting Cantonment Magistrate.

Acted as Tahsildar of Trevellore Taluq during the months of September and October 1884; during which time he gave every satisfaction. His Revenue experience is valuable and his activity was commendable.

SAIDAPET, }
11th December 1884.

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Ag. Collector.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras 18-11-1885.

Dodala Vedaghery Aiyer, Acting Tahsildar of Trevellore in the Chengleput District, having been selected for me by Mr. Price, former Collector of Chengleput, has done excellent service with me for six months in the commission in which I was charged to report on the remissions in the Tanjore District. The ability with which he has discovered frauds in the Revenue Accounts is admirable. The labor and the zeal with which he has pressed them home leave nothing to be desired. He was the leading Ministerial Officer on the commission and to his great ability and painstaking the result is largely due. In my report,

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now in the press, I have commended his services to Government and asked for him a confirmed Thasil on Rs. 200.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
First Member of the Board of Revenue
on Special Duty, Tanjore Commission.

Extract from the report to Government, dated November 1885 on Tanjore remissions by Henry Sullivan Thomas Esquire, F. L. S., First Member of the Board of Revenue, Madras.

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208 I cannot close this report without a word about my fellow workmen. Had they behaved like

Dodala Vedaghery Aiyer, Ag. Tahsildar of Trevellore in Chengleput District on Rs. 175 a month.

B. S. Rangiah Naidu Garu, Chief Accountant, Revenue Board Office on Rs. 200.

Agaram Venkatarama Aya, Chengleput Vernacular Clerk on Rs. 30.

Devalam Ekambara Iyer, Chengleput Collector's Revenue Inspector on Rs. 30.

C. P. Raghavacharry Clerk, Revenue Boards, Office on Rs. 30.

with ability that fully justified their selection for me by Mr. Price from his Old District of Chengleput. They did their work too, in the face of much public contumely, which though it may be held cheap by Europeans, is bitterly felt by Asiatics. Seeing how whole, heartedly and ably they went through it all, I feel so indebted to them, that I wish it were in my power to reward them adequately; but a member of the Board of Revenue has absolutely no patronage, not even for a

son, so that I can only commend them to Government as faithful servants who have contributed largely to the fruits of this commission. If I may be allowed to indicate their several deserts I would submit that D. Vedaghery Aiyer and A. Venkatarama Iyer were the two ablest Members of the Office, and that D. Vedaghery Iyer who was an acting Tahsildar on Rs. 175 when I took him and who would have got his confirmation in that office in the ordinary course without his special services with the commission, may be granted one step to a Tahsil of Rs. 200, in recognition of his labours and ability.

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(True Extract)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
First Member of the
Board of Revenue.

Extract from the Government Order, dated 15th February 1886 No. 122 Revenue, passed on the above report of the 1st Member, Revenue Board.

* * At paragraph 208 of his report, Mr. Thomas very properly brings to notice the faithful manner in which the native subordinates placed under his orders assisted him in his difficult enquiry. Without their hearty co-operation, it is quite certain that the result of the investigation would have been very different to what it has been. Government fully recognize the claim put forward by Mr. Thomas on their behalf and early steps will be taken to give effect to his recommendations as opportunities offer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Secretary
to Government.

(True copy.)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
1st Member, Board of Revenue.

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Camp Palar Anicut.

17/5/90.

D. Vedagiri Syer whom I have known
as Tahsildar of Arcot for over a year,
and who is now promoted to Wallajah
where I am engaged in in Gamahandi,
wishes to apply for the post of Asst. Supt.
of Census. Judging from his excel-
lent work in North Arcot District
I consider him well fitted for the
post he solicits & hope he may
succeed in getting it. He has great
capacities for controlling a large
office, and is very straightforward
and industrious.

(Signed) Bannatyne Macleod
Asst. Sub Collector
North Arcot.

Madras

21 January 1894

D. Vedagiri Syer was Tahsildar of Wallajah throughout
the sixteen months (May '92 to Sept. '93). I was at Kanchi
his salary was the highest in the D. but his administration
was such that he was generally known as the "Premier"
Tahsildar. I found his work on the revenue & magisterial
side. He careful & thorough & I can honestly describe
him as an excellent man at his work. He was also
saddled with the onerous duties of Chairman of the
Wallajah Municipality, having been appointed
to that post on the removal of the late Mr. Chais-
nan at a time when the administration of the
Municipality was terribly disorganised. Vedagiri Syer
however succeeded in converting chaos into order
in a comparatively short time, & that he was
able to do this in addition to his legitimate work
is greatly to his credit. I understand that he is
now thinking of applying for the post of paid
Chairman of the Calicut Municipality & trust that
these remarks may serve him in good stead. His
retirement on medical certificate is mainly due
to his disinclination to casual life for which a
man of his age is naturally not well fitted, but
there is certainly, so far as I am aware, not the
slightest reason to suppose him physically inca-
pable of attending to the duties of a Municipal
Chairman. (Signed) Lionel Davidson
late Asst. S. C. North Arcot Dist.

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Refce on No. ¹⁵³_{m.p.6} of 1895.

Chingleput District Collector's Office,
Saidapet 21st Feb 1896.

From

G. H. Dance Esquire
Ag Collector of the
Chingleput District,

To

Chief
The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,

Madras.

SIR,

In reply to G. O. No. 178 M. M. is:
dated 1st Instant I have the honor to
recommend that Vencitapathi Nayadu, Pen-
sioned Tahildar, may be appointed Chair-
man of the Conjeevaram Municipality on
a salary of Rs 150 a month.

2. My nominee was Tahildar of
Palghat during the 8 years I was there. I found
him to be an honest, impartial, straightforward
man, painstaking withal, and remarkable for
his tact. Being an outsider he is less likely
to turn to the right hand or the left, than
a local man, and I think it is desirable -
that the paid Chairman of Conjeevaram should
be a non Brahmin. He was recently
pensioned but has still plenty of work

For St George Gazette
Part I. A.

in him. I saw him the other day - at
Palghat and he was looking younger than
he did some years ago. I have ascertained
that he is willing to take up the appoint-
-ment on the above salary.

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

Wm. Dancy
As Collector.

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From

The Collector of
Chingleput

To

Chief
The Secy. to Govt.,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Madras.

Dated 21st

Received

February 1896.

Refce on No. 153
of 1895.

Enclosure
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
FEB. 1896
SUBJECT.

Recommending that
Venkatapathy Nayudu may
be appointed Chairman of
the Conjeevaram Municipality
on a salary of Rs 150 a
month.

1784 h 1-2-96
1894 h 16-8-95
1811 h 19-9-95
1896 h 29-11-94
603 h 3-5-93
J.V. 694 756-94 Pension

Madras

5th. March 1896.

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No.

To
The Hon'ble Mr. J. F. Price C.S.I.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Deptt.

Most Honoured Sir,

Having now learnt that a Pen-
sioned Tahsildar has been recommended for
the place of paid Chairman of the Conjeevaram
Municipality I beg most respectfully to
apply for the same, and to enclose a
copy of my testimonials.

I retired in January 1894 and
am now passing my 50th. year of age. I
have served your honour for over 6 years
in the Chingleput District.

If by my qualifications and
age, I am considered a better man, I beg
that I may be appointed for the place.

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 796

From

M. R. D. Vadagiri Aiyar
Pensioned Subsildar

No.

Dated 5-3-96-

Received 6-3-96-

Enclosures /

SUBJECT.

Applying for the Chair-
manship of the
Conjeruram Muni-
cipality.

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hml 18-3-96

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 676. m. of 1896, dated 21st Feby: 1896 from the Collector of Chingleput

Current No. 796. m. of 1896, dated 5th March 1896 from the M. R. D. Vadagiri Aiyar.

FOR ORDERS.

I think we may take
the Ch's man - It will pro-
bably be for long that his
services will be required for
as soon as the Muni. Bill
becomes law, the Conjeruram
Muni. should be offered the
option of re-venturing to the
unpaid - Chairman - system, plus
person, efficient Secretary

MS
7/3/96

In G.O. No. 1151 m. dated,
19th September 1895, Government observing
that it was doubtful whether it will
be possible to find any non-official
gentleman who would be able to give
sufficient time to the affairs of the
town to enable him both to keep the
administration of the municipality
up to the standard that is now re-
quired and to bring the town up
heavy undertakings, viz., the re-
moval of encroachments and the
execution of the water supply scheme,
to a successful conclusion, suggested
to the Municipal Council the de-
sirability of appointing a trained
and experienced official, such as a
Deputy Collector or a Senior Tahsildar,
to the Chairmanship, until these
affairs have been settled. Although
the Council did not quite approve
of this proposal, the Government
considered

Considered it necessary and desirable to appoint a paid chairman and requested the Collector to nominate a suitable person for the office and to suggest the salary he should receive.

2. The Collector now strongly recommends the appointment of one Venkataswami Sanyal, a retired Tahsildar of Palghat, on a salary of Rs 150 per annum, without any explanation as to why an official in active service has not been nominated. He appears to have retired on a superannuation pension, being now nearly 58 years old.

3. The second of the curren read above is an application from one D. Vedajiri Sanyal, a retired Tahsildar of Wallajah, who has done good work as Chairman of the Wallajahpet Municipality. Vols. Mr Davidson's Recommendation in the file and Nos 1592 m. dated 3rd October 1892 and 1318 m. dated 29th September 1893.

The Col. in his recommendation does not leave much choice - his contention that a non-Brahmin could be the best chairman for Congress is perhaps sound, & in that respect the second candidate is not so suitable

* vide. f. C. No 178. m.
8 1st February 1896 -

as the first, who is however rather too old to be ^{very} energetic.

W.D.

9.3.96

Hm.

I do not know either of the men. The objection to Mr Sanyal's man is his age. The other, Vedajiri Sanyal, Mr. Sanyal has come thro' the Collector: he is a younger man & seems to have done good work, but his disinclination for "circuit" which induced him to resign his Tahsildari may affect him considerably even in Municipal work which ^{equally} requires an active bodied man. Before he is chosen, if he is chosen, inquiries should be made of the M^r. of the district in which he retired as to the cause of his retirement, as there is no official information on the subject here.

I understand the only suitable officials who applied were disqualified for "foreign service" by the time limit (10 years).

But if the Col^r found a difficulty in getting candidates he might have applied to the Board for help.

S.K. 12.3.96

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Order No. 467 dated 8/19/96

The appointment of M. K. Venkataswami
Naidu as Chairman of
the Municipal Council, Cojeburam, on
a salary of Rs. 150 a month, is approved.

(from order)
18/3/96

Office
Note the letter portion of H.M.'s note

To
The Collector of Cojeburam
Dated 24/3/96

These papers are for the
Municipal Council, Cojeburam

Appointment of a paid chairman
for the Cojeburam Municipal Council

FOR ORDERS.

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(From order)

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AD AGAIN G.O., No.
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DATED

REMENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

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