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# Marine (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 497 Marine

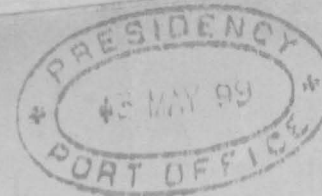
DATED 5 June 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

N. Velayudhen Pillai Head Clerk Port Office,  
Tuticorin, <sup>under Rule 6 of the Mysore Rules</sup> Reporting the petition from — praying  
that the post of Pier Master at that port may  
be conferred on him.

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To  
H. E. Sir Arthur Elibank Havelock.  
Governor in Council  
Madras.

Most respectfully sheweth:—

That this Memorial is an appeal against the Presidency Port Officer's Departmental Order, No 477, dated 30/12/98 appointing one Mr Hart, on probation for 3 months, as Pier Master on Rs 75 per mensem, at the Port of Tuticorin.

A. "Has been careful and considerate in his dealings with the divers which has tended to make the fishery more popular and profitable to Government." "His work is one entailing considerable discomfort & exposure as he has to proceed and remain with the divers when living on the islands" (From Capt G. A. Phipps, Port Officer & Supt of Pearl Fisheries)

B. "Both of these men (Memorialist a Gumasta and office Clerk) appear from the records to have taken an interest in the work and the Gumasta has so identified himself with this particular kind of work that it would be difficult to get such a useful man in ~~the~~ event of his seeking other employment." (From Captain G. W. Wicks

Captain G. W. Wicks, acting Port Officer & Supt of Pearl Fisheries)

- C. As Chief clerk on Rs 50 of my immediate branch of the department I recommend the permanent chank Gumasta N. Velayudhen Pillai, a man whose long service and experience in the Fishery Dept renders him perfectly efficient in its working" (From Captain T. H. Baker Port Officer & Supt of Pearl Fisheries)
3. That subsequently the Memorialist was transferred to the Port Dept as Head Clerk which post he holds for the last nine years making thus a total service of nineteen years.
4. That the Memorialist during his long service has become well acquainted with boatmen and merchants and general management of the traffic of the Port. He possesses a fair knowledge and experience of the work of the Pier Department. His abilities have been appreciated by Captain H. S. Brown Lt R. N. R. late acting Port Officer of this port who kindly recommended the Memorialist to the Presidency Port Officer Madras for the post of Pier Master above alluded to.
5. That during the period of service as Head clerk, he worked daily from dawn to late in the night and thus earned a good name for zeal and energy in the discharge of his duties which he did continuously for the whole period without availing of even casual leave.
6. That the Presidency Port Officer in reply to the above letter ordered that proposals should be made by Captain Baker the permanent Port Officer on his return from leave.
7. That Captain Baker was on his return kindly pleased to endorse fully Captain Brown's opinion in recommending the memorialist for the post of Pier Master and a further reference was made and answered.
8. That notwithstanding a stranger totally unacquainted with the port, boatmen, merchants and traffic of the Port and who appears to be unable to read or write the vernacular of the place has been appointed as Pier Master on probation. The diaries of this

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this individual if examined would show that his knowledge of English even is imperfect.

9. That Captain Brown acting Port Officer gave the Memorialist a trial for about 7 months in looking after the duties of Pier Master without prejudice to his duties as Head clerk and being satisfied with the Memorialist's efficiency as a Pier Master recommended him to the Presidency Port Officer for selection in preference to a stranger.

10. That the Head clerk of any out port in the Presidency has no prospect of promotion as in other departments where appointments are graded. This very remote opportunity which opened a chance for promotion to the poor Memorialist after so many years long and faithful service if denied him and given to an outsider would be extremely hard on the Memorialist and the Memorialist has no other alternative under the circumstance but to appeal to your Excellency in the matter.

11.

Under these circumstances your Excellency's humble Memorialist prays your Excellency to take into consideration his long service, hard work, and the opinion of his superiors regarding his abilities (Exhibit 1) and reward him for the same by conferring on him the said post of Pier Master at Tuticorin for which he has been so strongly recommended by his direct superior officers on perusing the connected records that may be obtained from the Presidency Port Officer, Madras.

And your Memorialist will as in duty bound ever pray.

*Melayudhan Mai*  
Head clerk

Port office

Tuticorin, 26th. April 1899.

No 1.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Govt of Madras dated 27-7-82  
No 1034 Revenue.

In the estimate I have also provided an addition of Rs 5 per month to the pay of the Chant~~e~~ Gumastah (N.Velayudhem, Pillai) making his salary for the future Rs 20 per month. In explanation of this increase, I beg to say that the Gumastah has now been employed for three years and has been careful and considerate in his dealings with the divers, which has tended to make the fishery more popular and profitable to Government x x x x x. I shall be obliged if you will kindly support these recommendations.

No 2.

Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November 1884, No 4062.

During the frequent absences of the Supt on other duty the business of the Chank Fishery has been carried on by the clerk assisted by the Gumastah N.Velayudhem, Pillai and has been chiefly dependent on their exertions on those occasions. Both of these men appear from the records to have taken an interest in the work and the Gumasta has so identified himself with this particular kind of work, that it would be difficult to get such an useful man in the event of his seeking other employment.

No 3.

Good a very deserving young man writes a good hand

(Signed) Geo W. Wicks

Ag Port Officer

30/9/85

General Remarks:- The books of this office were on the whole in a more satisfactory condition than those I had seen elsewhere.

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No 4.

Certified that N. Velayudhem Pillai served as second clerk in my office during the Pearl Fishery of this year, he was very useful and fully understands the system of accounts and procedure.

(Signed) G. A. Phipps

Supt of Pearl Fisheries

8th June 1889

No 5.

N. Velayudhem Pillai Chank Clerk has served under me for the past ten years. He is a steady reliable man and I have always been satisfied with the way in which he has done his work.

(Signed) G. A. Phipps

Supt of Pearl Banks

20-6-89

No 6.

A hard working and trustworthy man, writes well, is good at accounts and keeps his record in good order.

(Signed) J. H. Baker

Port officer & Supt of P Fisher

8.3.90

No 7.

This is to certify that Velayudhem Pillai has been head clerk of this office during the time that I have been acting Port officer and I have always found him diligent, trustworthy and efficient, he is moreover a neat and fast writer and quick and accurate at figures.

(signed) C. S. Johnson R NR

Ag Port officer

10-8-90

No 8.

Extract on notes of Inspection of Books and Records of Port office by the Manager Presy Port office

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No 9.

Note to the Ag Port officer Tuticorin dated 29-3-92

The Head Clerk is a very trust worthy and hardworking man, well up to his business.

(Signed) J. H. Baker

Port officer and Supt of Pearl Fisheries  
No 10.

Has performed his duties most satisfactorily. He is an excellent clerk.

(signed) H. D. Baddeley

Ag Port officer

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Extract from letter No 45/a dated 7-12-89 to the Collector of Tinnevely.

As chief clerk on Rs 50 of my immediate branch of the Dept, I recommend the permanent Chank Gumastah (N. Velayudhem Pillai) a man whose long service and experience in the Fishery Dept renders him perfectly efficient in its working.

(signed) J. H. Baker

Supt of Pearl Fisheries.

No 12.

Endorsement on application to the Collector South Arcot.

Forwarded through the Presidency Port officer Madras for favourable consideration.

Whenever I was in charge of the officer during the absence of permanent officer I always found the applicant sharp and energetic. He is a very hard working man and endeavours to master all the details of his work. His departure if he get the appointment, it will be a loss to this office but that should not stand in the way of his promotion & welfare, I have no hesitation in recommending him

(signed) W. H. H. Chatterton  
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NO 13.

Endorsement on application dated 18-2-99 to the President District Board, Tinnevely. Forwarded for favorable consideration. The applicant is a very hardworking, trustworthy and competent man and I can highly recommend him.

(signed) T. H. Baker

Port officer.

No 14.

Endorsement on application to the Secretary to Govt Local and Municipal Department Madras. Forwarded through the Presidency Port officer Madras for favorable consideration. During the short time I have been in charge of the Port of Tuticorin, I have found the petitioner a good and very hardworking man. He understands his work and performs it efficiently.

(signed) H. S. Brown Lt R.N.R.

Ag Port officer.

8.7.98

No 15.

I have much pleasure in offering that during the time, ie, from the 5th July 1892 to Sept 30th 1892 a little short of 3 months that I have been in charge of the Port of Tuticorin as acting Port officer and Supt of Pearl Fisheries that Mr N. Velayudhem Pillai Marine Clerk etc has given me every satisfaction in as much as he has done his best endeavours in rendering me all possible assistance in carrying out the duty in connection with the Dept generally. He is intelligent and is at all times very attentive to his office duties, he is a strictly sober person and I have found him to be both honest and truthful during the short period of my acting appointment.

(Signed) Robert Minto

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No 16.  
Extract from the daily log of Tuticorin Port dated 23d April  
1892.

Inspected the Port officer Tuticorin and found the books  
in order and up to date and the cash balance correct

(Signed) B. P. Creagh R. M.

Presy Port officer

No 17.

Extract from Tuticorin Port officers letter No 4/5 dated 28/4/93

to the Presidency Port officer Madras

As (N. Velayudhem Pillai) abilities I can conscient  
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not do this work better than he does at present his books are all  
neatly and correctly kept, he can draft a very fair letter on  
matters connected with current duties, and he is a good account-  
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when he inspected the books & records of the various Port offices

recording that those of this office were in better order than  
-ed clearly proved the competency of Velayudhem Pillai as a Head  
Clerk.

(Signed) J. H. Baker

Port officer.

(True Extract & Copies)

Velayudhem Pillai  
Head clerk  
Port Office

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Received & forwarded to  
 the Presidency Port Officer  
 Messrs. J. H. Baker  
 Madras.  
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 (Signed) H. P. Green R. M.  
 Presy Port Officer

No 169 C

No 17.

Extract from Tatterson Port Officers letter No 4/5 dated 28/4/98

Forwarded to the Secretary  
 to Government Marine Department  
 As regards his (N. Velayudham Pillai) activities I can conscientiously say that he passed the highest test possible he could give the post because in my opinion he was not sufficiently qualified for it, having only a very slight knowledge of fitter's work. The best man for the post was selected.

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(Signed) J. H. Baker  
 Port Officer.

Madras,  
 May 1899

Commander, R.M.,  
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