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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1420 Press Mis.

110-11

Dated 9-9- 1930

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No. 110. Read the following Petition from C. RUNGAPAH NAIDOO, late Head Accountant of Neilgherry, Commissioner's Office, and at present Vernacular Record-keeper, Coimbatore Collectorate, to the Right Honourable FRANCIS BARON NAPIER, K.T., Governor and President in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 24th August 1870:—

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

THAT your humble memorialist would respectfully solicit the favour of the attention of Government to his Memorial, dated 25th April 1870, to which no answer has yet been received by him, and in which he begged of them to modify their Order, under date the 11th May 1869, No. 1,309, in so far as to extend to your memorialist exemption from passing the Special Test Examination in whatever district he may be employed, under the peculiar hardship of his case which had made it incumbent on him to further his own interests to remove from the commissioner's Office on the Neilgherries to that of the Coimbatore Collectorate, as the following circumstances will shew:—

Your Honourable Government were pleased in G. O., dated 6th February 1869, No. 322, to exempt your memorialist from passing the Special Tests to enable him to obtain for himself a suitable post on the Neilgherry Hills. But as there are no openings for promotion as set forth in the Commissioner's letter, No. 179, recorded with Proceedings of Government, dated 8th July 1869, on the Neilgherry Hills (except the one of importance which the Commissioner had filled up by nominating one Mr. Davis thereto), and memorialist having a young family to educate, and there being no suitable place for instruction at Ootacamund, your memorialist has consequently removed to Coimbatore, where he is at present employed as Vernacular Record-keeper under the Collector Mr. Sullivan, on a salary of Rupees 50, being 25 Rupees less than that of the office he vacated on the Neilgherries.

Had your memorialist remained on the Hills, there would have been no chance of his being promoted, as recorded by the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, and hence the *very favourable order* of Government on memorialist's behalf, exempting him from the Special Test Examination, has virtually become a dead one, and memorialist now earnestly looks upon a liberal Government to make it alive, from simply altering their order by making it applicable to other districts also, when only memorialist can assure himself of realizing its benefits in a district like Coimbatore, which affords an ample field for the same.

Your memorialist spent 23 years of his life in your service, confiding on the encouragement, reward, and consideration with which your Government invariably evince towards old and worthy servants, now looks up with confidence and appeals to them for the boon he seeks, feeling that after such a length of service in which he has studied the practice of administration in the various offices he has held, he will not be called upon by the Government to pass the theory and to attain an amount of book-learning quite incompatible with the age and other duties of your memorialist.

Your memorialist has, in addition with his regular duties when Police Ameen at Mettoopolliem, rendered useful service to the State by constructing several

public buildings and bridges, without the help of professional men, opened new roads, cleared the feverish jungles at Kullar (on the Hills), and planted avenues, etc., and has served your Honourable Government since 1845, and discharged the various functions of Peshcar, Cutwall, Police Ameen, Magisterial Clerk, Head Clerk in late Special Assistant Collector's Office, and ultimately Head Accountant in the Commissioner's Office on the Hills; and in all these various positions your memorialist performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of his superiors, as will be seen by the testimonials hereunto attached, will, he trusts, plead on his behalf such considerations his peculiar position demands, and left with no hope of realizing the valuable benefits recorded by the Government in their Order of 11th May 1869, No. 1,309, so long as he remained on the Hills, and the circumstances which compelled him to quit it, your Honourable Government will be pleased to accord to the humble prayer of your memorialist, viz., to exempt him from the Special Test Examinations, notwithstanding his removal from the Hills to the Coimbatore Collectorate or elsewhere, and for which act of benevolence your memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1870, No. 1,420.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances represented in the foregoing Memorial, and on further consideration of the case of the memorialist, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased, in modification of the Orders of Government noted in the margin, to exempt C. Rungapah Naidoo from passing the Special Test Examination, without reference to the district in which he may be employed on the public service.

G. O., 11th May 1869, No. 1,309.
" 8th July " " 1,975.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore, for communication to C. Rungapah Naidoo.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Coimbatore
Aug 25: 1870.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Collector's Certificate of Examination for the Assistantship of Mr. Robert Thomas examined by me in the Special Test Examination held in August last.

2. Mr. Thomas has passed the Examination in a creditable manner.

3. His general character and conduct are reported to be satisfactory.

4. His age is stated to be 22 years.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF COIMBATORE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 9th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 9th September 1870, *No.* 1,429.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 110-111.

C. Rungapah Naidoo, late Head Accountant of Neilgherry Commissioner's Office.—Sanction granted to his exemption from passing the Special Test Examination, without reference to the district in which he may be employed on the public service.

and experienced servants who are allowed to get their promotion without passing through the ordeal - Many of the Commissioners contemporaries have got their steps but as his services have specially required on the Brahmaputra he was kept on at Obtacamund and he fully expected that he should ultimately obtain his reward by being made Tahsildar of Gattra that place then the vacancy occurred. The Kistnapurries who however made a separate district and where the late Tahsildar retired the post was abolished and its duties transferred to the Manager of the Commissariat Office - The Superintendent saw that all hopes of advancement at Ootacamund were at an end and tried to get him promotion elsewhere - In their order dated 2d Feb: 1865 No 322 Govt expressed him from passing the special test, so long as he was employed on the Hills. On his applying to be sent to Collector of Bellary for a Tahsildar only last year I recommended to the Board of Revenue that the Govt should be moved to remove this restriction in which case I was prepared to employ him as Tahsildar The Board supported my recommendation but the Govt: in their order dated 11th May 1865 No 1304 (enclosed) declined to comply with it remarking that "Ranga Pillai has done good service on the Hills "should an opportunity occur for his

"advancement, his claims will doubtless
"not be overlooked" — But in passing
this order the Government — evidently
overlooked the fact that the post
of Interpreter on the Fisheries having
been abolished and the office of Manager
conferred on a much younger man
than the Memorialist — there was not
the remotest possibility of his obtaining
promotion there — This is clearly stated
in Mr. Brooks letter of the 27th May 1869 enclosed
in the Dep: of Govt Y. 8th July 1869 Enc 1975. (marked)
Anxious to obtain education for his
children the Memorialist resigned his
post as Head Accountant at Osty
& applied
time for employment here but unless the
Special Exit Rules are relaxed in his
favour on the plains as they have
been on the Hills he cannot save
more than Rs 50. a month. Thus

only hinder that had he remained
resigned his post on the Hills some
8 or 9 years ago when his services
could have been ill spared he
would in all probability have
some time since obtained the
same advancement which has
fallen to the lot of his contem-
poraries who on the score of experience
service were exempted from the
operation of the Exit Rules.

Believe me
Very truly Yrs
D. Macnabb

Just as Lord Napier was leaving
Combatoor I was taken aback by
his asking me if I was going to

t Metropolitan — I ought of course
t have asked his Lordship whether
he wished me to accompany him
t the boundary of the District - but I had
had so much t think of during
the last few days previous that
I quite forgot all about it. Kindly make
my excuses —

Rec: 2/658/70

Circulate a letter for the Collectors along with a Memorial from C. Rungapa Naidoo sometime Head accountant in the Commissioners office Neilgherries & now Head Keeper at Gairsoppa under all the circumstances & considering that the hope of advancement which the Memorialist naturally expected on the Hills were cut off by the abolition of the office of Sub Collector here & he that the Memorialist might be exempted from the Special Test Examination.

I think must under the circumstances he might be exempted.

Sgd A.

I can see no objection to a pro domo letter.

L 22 Jan 1870.

S. D. S

I think must under

TESTIMONIALS

OF

C. RUNGAPAH NAIDOO,

HEAD ACCOUNTANT,

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, OOTACAMUND,

OOTACAMUND:

PRINTED AT THE COLUMBIAN PRESS, 1869.

TESTIMONIALS

OF

C. RUNGAPAH NAIDOO,

Head Accountant Commissioner's Office Nellgherries.

No. 1.

Ootacamund, 21*st January* 1842.

This is to certify that C. Rungapah was acting as Writer in the Public Office at Ootacamund for more than a Month, during the absence of his Uncle C. Basheam, and I found him very useful; he writes English remarkably well and I can recommend him to any Gentleman or Officer requiring the services of a good Writer.

(Signed) J. GUNNING,

Staff Officer.

No. 2.

Ootacamund Post Office, 18*th January* 1849.

I certify that Rungapah Naick served under me as a Dawk Writer and subsequently as Head Writer of the Post Office of this Station, for a period of 2 years, and was latterly on the receipt of 50 Rupees per mensem.

I can recommend him for his clear and distinct hand-writing and very fair knowledge of English.

(Signed) J. HODGES,

Postmaster.

No. 3.

Ootacamund, 5*th Februarg* 1850.

This is to certify that C. Rungapah was engaged as an Assistant Writer in the Public Office at Ootacamund for Twelve Months agreeably to the Orders of the Government of India, dated 4th November 1848 and that he performed his duties in the Office from the date of the expiration

of the 12 Months, viz., from the 14th December 1849 to the 5th February 1860 pending a reference to Government on the expediency of his being permanently appointed, but that being anxious to visit his family in Travancore, he obtained my permission to proceed thither. He writes an excellent hand and was very attentive to his duties.

(Signed) R. HALL, Major,

Comdg. Neilgherries and Joint Magistrate.

No. 4.

Ootacamund, *2nd April* 1852.

I hereby certify that Rungapah Writer in the Magistrate's Office, conducted the duties of the situation entirely to my satisfaction, during the time he was so employed.

(Signed) G. WRIGHT, Major.

Commanding Neilgherries.

No. 5.

Ootacamund, *3rd November* 1853.

C. Rungapah Naidoo has been in public employ under me for about 18 Months and I have the highest opinion of his ability, intelligence, and general qualifications as a Native Public Servant in almost any capacity in which he could be employed. He is an excellent English Writer and speaks English particularly well.

(Signed) D. BABINGTON, Major,

17th Regt. N. I., Comdg. Neilgherries.

No. 6.

Ootacamund, 10*th October* 1853.

I have much pleasure in stating that C. Rungapah the Cutwal of Ootacamund has invaribly shewn himself most attentive and obliging to me; from all I have had to do with him I have formed a high opinion of his respectability and general good conduct.

(Signed) THOMAS DEALTRY,

Domestic Chaplain to L. B.

No. 7.

Ootacamund, *5th April* 1851.

C. Rungapah Naick was Second Writer in the Station Office, Ootacamund when I assumed Command of the Neilgherries in 1852. He was afterwards made Cutwal, a most laborious and invidious position at this place, and his intelligence, energy, zeal and activity were doing much good while his knowledge of English made his Services an acquisition to the European Visitors to the Sanitarium. Owing to a Caste disturbance between Moossulmans and Hindoos, he fell under displeasure, when (it is but justice from me to him to declare) he was really blameless to my convictions and suffered from the practices and information of opposite parties and he was made Pashkar of Kotergherry. But I have grounds for expecting to see him, now very soon replaced by the kindness and justice of his superior, in as good a public post as he held at Ootacamund.

Rungapah Naick, nephew to C. Basheam Naidoo is a well qualified and upright native, capable of rendering the most valuable public services, and I shall always feel an interest in his welfare, which I feel also assured from his good qualities, will never be long obstructed.

(Signed) D. BABINGTON, Lt. Col.,

Comdg. Neilgherries and Joint Magistrate.

No. 8.

13*th September* 1855.

I have the pleasure in testifying to the activity and obliging character of Rungapah Naidoo at present Cutwal of Ootacamund, who has rendered me much assistance.

(Signed) J. F. BISHOP,

No. 9.

Metoopolium, 1*st July* 1856.

Rungapah the Cutwal of Metoopolium has been most active and useful in procuring carriages for a detachment of H. M.'s 74th Highlanders en route to Coimbatore and has been most attentive and obliging.

(Signed) H. W. PALMER, Capt., 74th High.
H. JAMES, Lieut.,
H. J. F. EVANS, Lieut.,

No. 10.

Jackatalla, 17*th June* 1858.

On my leaving the District I have the pleasure to give to Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium, this testimonial, that in all public or private arrangements I have found him trustworthy, active and very intelligent. I have known him for several years.

(Signed) P. M. FRANCIS, Capt.,
Civil Engineer, 7th Div. and Ag. Head Engineer, C. C.

No. 11.

Metoopolium, 2*nd Novémher* 1858.

This is to certify that Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium has been very attentive in procuring coolies, carriages and supplies and given me all the assistance in his power. I have every reason to be satisfied with his exertions.

(Signed) CHAS. DOYLEY, CAPTAIN,

A. de C. to the Hon'ble Gov. Genl.

No. 12.

Coonoor, 14*th June* 1858.

Rungapah, the Metoopolium Cutwal, has given every satisfaction. He has been most useful in forwarding Lady Canning's baggage from that place.

(Signed) C. BOWIE,

A. de C. to the Gov. Genl.

No. 13.

Metoopolium, 2*nd July* 1858.

I have much pleasure in testifyng to the good opinion I have always entertained of the intelligence, trustworthiness, activity and honesty of Rungapah Naidoo whom I have known for 2 years. In the discharge of his duties he has always proved himself prompt and efficient while Cutwal of Metoopolium. He has particularly distinguished himself for his attention to all travellers passing through. I trust his promotion will be proportionate to his merits.

(Signed) J. O. C. BOSWELL,

Asst. Col. Coimbatore Dist.

No. 14.

Metoopolium, 6*th April* 1859.

All to satisfaction. Great praise due to the very obliging Cutwal.

(Signed) Rev. A. T. WOLFF.

No. 15.

Metoopolium, 6*th April* 1859.

Arrangements good. The Cutwal appears to do his duty in a manner scarcely met with. During many long marches I have never met with a Cutwal who so excites the respect of both natives and Europeans. His education is superior to most men of his class.

(Signed) E. D'A. EVEZARD,

No. 16.

Metoopolium, 1*st July* 1856.

The Cutwal of Metoopolium, by name Rungapah, is one of the most intelligent, active, and attentive men, I have known. I think he ought to have been promoted before this time. I have, known him for three or four years, and met him on several occasions, and I have always found him at his post, and most efficient in all his duties.

(Signed) T. MADRAS.

No. 17.

Metoopolium, Bungalow, 13*th May* 1857.

The Cutwal at this place, as every body that has anything to do with him can bear witness, is most obliging and useful. There is a Tappaul Station here and letters sent to the Cutwal are immediately read and answered by him in English, if necessary.

(Signed) ROLAND FARRER,

21st Regt., M. N. I.

No. 18.

12*th January* 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium has been exceedingly attentive, and has done all that I could have expected from him to smooth over the difficulties of the march (which would otherwise have caused some delay) as I had not been up to the Hills before, and could not easily have managed to get baggage taken up.

He has been constantly in attendance; looking after the people, superintending the packing, &c., and has been altogether *most efficient*; (keeping *every one else* up to the mark in *spite of all opposition*) and has procured carriages for every thing without any delay.

(Signed) T. M. KASKELL, CAPT.,

57th Regiment.

No. 19.

11*th April* 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium is very active and energetic in his often troublesome post. He is an intelligent man and I have always heard him well spoken of. He deserves consideration.

(Signed) M. J. WALHOUSE,

Sub. Col. in charge,

No. 20.

Ootacamund, 29*th April* 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium I have known for about three years. He is a most active and energetic man and holding as he does a difficult post, he labours assiduously at his duties, and by his obligingness and desires to please, affords general satisfaction to travellers at Metoopolium. I have much pleasure in affording him this testimonial of character.

(Signed) J. O. C. BOSWELL,

Civil Service.

No. 21.

May 1*st*, 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium has been most obliging and attentive to me. I was most agreeably surprised to find so intelligent and polite a Cutwal, and trust that he will speedily be promoted to a higher grade; it is not often one meets with a man of his stamp at an out station.

(Signed) H. NOTT,

Medical Officer, Neilgherries.

An European Soldier has just come in sick, the Cutwall produced a medical chest from his house, and I am thus enabled to afford seasonable relief to the sufferer, who has to thank the provident Cutwal as being the means of saving him a severe illness.

(Signed) H. NOTT.

No. 22.

Metoopolium, 25*th May* 1859.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the foregoing handsome characters. Cutwal Rungapah has been of great service to me in making the most satisfactory arrangements for the comfort of my family in going up and down the pass four times. He is most active and attentive in forwarding baggage and as at little expense as possible to travellers. He certainly is a most active, civil, and very useful, deserving man.

(Signed) R. BUDD, Major General,

Commanding Southern Division.

No. 23.

Metoopolium, 30*th May* 1859.

I have very much pleasure in adding my contribution to the testimonials already bestowed on Rungapah the Cutwal of this place. He has

been most forward in assisting me and my servants enrouto from the Hills to Trichinopoly, rendering willing service on more than one occasion, and saving me much trouble by his arrangements in my absence. I have heard him most highly spoken of by friends at Ootacamund, and I shall be glad to hear of his attaining to that promotion in the Public Service, of which he seems, judging from the many testimonials given to him by others, to be so deserving.

(Signed) CLAUDIUS HARRIS, Captain,

8th Light Cavalry.

No. 24.

2*nd July* 1859.

I have been up and down the Ghaut several times, and have noticed that Rungapah Cutwal has less respect for person than any Native Officials I have ever met; a Subs kit is taken as much care of as the Headswells, he is the right man in the right place, and I do trust that if he is promoted as former gentlemen in this book seem to wish, he may still be retained at Metoopolium to continue to give satisfaction and obtain a higher rate of pay than he does now. Native Officials generally ape the Civilian in diginity and thus lose that respect which would otherwise be meted to them. This Official is a Native Gentleman and knows how to treat an English one.

(Signed) F. DAWSON, Captain,

Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General.

No. 25.

7*th July* 1859.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the good character of Rugapah Naidoo, Cutwal of Metoopolium. I have known him eight years and have always found him a most attentive, obliging, and very intelligent public servant.

(Signed) E. S. CLEVELAND,

Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

No. 26.

Metoopolium, 26*th August* 1859.

I have had experience of Rungapah Naidoo's most obliging conduct for a year, and am happy to corroborate the handsome testimony uniformly borne to his efficiency as a valuable Public Servant, in a position of very peculiar difficulty. I trust he may be promoted in due time, but I should regard his removal from his present post with a view to increase of salary, as a serious injury to the Public interests.

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,

Sub-Judge of Ootacamund.

No. 27.

Ootacamund, 28*th November* 1859.

I have much pleasure in stating that Rungapah Naidoo (present Police Ameen, Ooty) when Cutwal at Metoopolium, was extremely obliging in obtaining carriage, Provisions, &c., for the several Detachments of the 74th Highlanders during the years 1854, 1855 and 1856 on their march from Trichinopoly, to join Head Quarters at Jackatalla.

(Signed) McDUFF, COLONEL,

74th Highlanders.

No. 28.

Ootacamund, 30*th January* 1860.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of Brigadier McDuff, that Rungapah Naidoo, Police Ameen at Ootacamund has given me every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties here, under me in my public capacity as Joint Magistrate, as well as in my private arrangements, for which he was very attentive and obliging.

(Signed) J. R. BROWN, LIT. COL.,

Comdg. Neilgherries and Joint Magistrate.

No 29.

Extract of a letter from E. B. Thomas, Esquire, Collector of Coimbatore to the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, dated 2nd November 1859, No. 410.

In reply to your letter of the 3rd ultimo, No. 159, I beg to inform you that I have transferred Syed Jemall to another post and sent the present Cutwal of Metoopolium, Rungapah Naidoo, to Ootacamund. He knows English well, is intelligent and active, and is best fitted I think for the post.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,

Collector.

(True Extract,)

(Signed) W. S. NESBITT,

Asst. Collector and Joint Magistrate.

No. 30.

31*st May* 1860.

I have known Rungapah Naidoo at present Police Ameen of Ooty for nearly 4 years and can conscientiously testify that he is in every way deserving of the many excellent testimonials which he has in his possession. Having served in the Coimbatore District myself for 4 years. I can also bear record to his being a very intelligent and active Police Officer. I sincerely trust that he may soon obtain the promotion which I think he richly deserves and which some how or other he has not yet been fortunate enough to secure.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,

Civil Service.

No. 31.

Ootacamund, 11*th September* 1860.

Rungapah Naidoo has during the past seven months satisfactorily discharged the duties of Police Ameen and Kotwall at Ootacamund, which at this station are often very troublesome. He is intelligent, active and industrious and whilst I much regret that the abolition of his situation has thrown him out of employment, I trust that a suitable post may again ere long be bestowed on him.

(Signed) W. S. NESBITT,

Asst. Col. and Joint Magistrate.

No. 32.

Ootacamund, 11*th September* 1860.

Rungapah Naidoo was employed by me as a Tamil and Teloogoo interpreter to a General Court Martial held at Ootacamund on 6th July 1860 and also to fairly transcribe a duplicate of the proceedings, both of which duties he performed to my satisfaction.

(Signed) H. MAYNE, MAJOR,

Dy. Judge Advocate General,

Southern Division.

No. 33.

Ootacamund, 13*th November* 1863.

Rungapah Naidoo acted as Head Clerk under me for some time, and I had every reason to be pleased with the diligence and exactitude which he displayed in the performance of his duties.

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,

Assistant Collector

No. 34.

No. 28.

From

H. P. GORDON, Esquire,

Assistant Collector, Ootacamund,

To

P. GRANT, Esquire,

Collector of Coimbatore.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the very great assiduity and intelligence which C. Rungapah Naidoo lately engaged in the Collector's Office, Coimbatore, has displayed in the management of this office, since the illness of his uncle C. Bashem Naidoo.

I have had opportunities of remarking his diligence, whilst in charge of this office afterwards while acting for Mr. Hannyington, and I trust that he will be rewarded by being confirmed in the position which he has hitherto held with so much credit.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,

Assistant Collector.

No. 35.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 7th May 1864.

No. 11. Read the following letter from P. Grant, Esquire, Collector of Coimbatore, to the Honourable A. J. Arbuthnot, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 26th April 1864, No 23

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to confirm C. Rungapah Naidoo as Head Clerk in the office of the Assistant Collector of Ootacamund in which he is now acting without requiring him to pass the general test examination. The circumstances under which this indulgence is solicited are as follows.

2nd. Previous to the introduction in the District in July 1860 of Mr. Pelly's new scale of Revenue Establishment, Rungapah Naidoo was employed for upwards of 12 years in different appointments, the salaries of which ranged from 22 to 42 Rs. vide the enclosed list of his services. A few days previous to the introductions of the new establishment on the Neilgherry Taluq in 1860 Rungapah Naidoo's services as Cutwall of Ootacamund were dispensed with at his own request as he was anxious to go elsewhere, employment in his own office being about to be abolished: a copy of Mr. Nesbitt's certificate to Rungapah Naidoo is given in the margin.

Rungapah Naidoo has during the past 7 months satisfactorily discharged the duties of the Police Ameen and Cutwall at Ootacamund, which at this station are often very troublesome. He is intelligent active, and industrious, and whilst I must regret that the abolition of his situation has thrown him out of employment I trust that a suitable post may again ere long be bestowed on him.

(Sigd.) W. S. NESBITT.
Ootacamund Asst. Collector and
11th Sept. 1860 Joint magistrate.

3rd. In April 1862 Rungapah Naidoo got employment in my office as an English Clerk on a salary of Rs. 25 a month and has continued in that post up to November last, when the Head Clerk in the Assistant Collector's Office having been taken ill suddenly, it became necessary to appoint a competent man to carry on his duties. Rungapah Naidoo from the experience gained in previous years during his 12 years employment on the Hills, in the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensioners on account of his knowledge of the records of the Joint Magistrate's office at Ootacamund was at once selected for the post. He has done his work to the satisfaction of those under whom he has been employed and as Basheam Naidoo the incumbent has now been pensioned it is requested that Rungapah Naidoo may be confirmed, he is not only competent to do the work and manage the various details connected with the payment of Military Pensioners requiring considerable attention, but he is willing to take the appointment, and is physically equal to working on the Hills. Very few natives are willing to go to the Hills, and when they do go, but few of them can stand the climate, so that I strongly urge Rungapah Naidoo's confirmation by Government. I would also recommend that for a time at all events all persons taking employment on the Hills be exempted from the General Test Examination Rules. The emoluments attached to the Hill appointments are so low when the expenses of living there are considered, that I doubt, if the Rule is adhered to, whether persons will be got to fill them.

Order thereon, *7th May* 1864, No. 513.

1. The Governor in Council is pleased to confirm the appointment of C. Rungapah Naidoo as Head Clerk in the office of the Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, without requiring him to pass the General Test Examination.

2. Adverting to the fact that the number of passed Candidates is annually increasing, the Governor in Council directs that each case in which it may be proposed to employ an unpassed man, in a situation the salary of which exceeds Rs. 25 per mensem, may be referred to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore,
To the Civil Paymaster.

No. 36.

Ootacamund, 17*th May* 1864.

To

C. RUNGAPAH,

Acting Head Clerk.

Special Assistant Collector's Office.

Ootacamund.

The satisfaction you gave in the discharge of your duties when employed as Cutwal of Ootacamund as certified by the late Assistant Collector Mr. Nesbitt, the experience you have acquired in the duties connected with the disbursement of Stipends to Military Pensioners and in the records of the Joint Magistrate's Office, by your previous employment on the Hills for 12 years, as well as the satisfaction you have given in your present position have been duly brought by me to the notice of Government, they have in their order of 7th Instant, No. 513 sanctioned your confirmation in the situation of Head Clerk of the Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund without requiring you to pass the General Test Examination. You are accordingly confirmed in the appointment, and you will therefore conduct yourself with the same diligence with which you have hitherto discharged your public duties.

(Signed) P. GRANT,

Collector.

No. 37.

Coimbatore, 3*rd June* 1864.

I have known Rungapah Naidoo the Manager of the Special Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund for several years and I have much pleasure in complying with his request for a testimonial. He is very intelligent, is well acquainted with English and very methodical in the transaction of business. I consider him quite competent to discharge the duties of a Tahsildar and in the event of that post falling vacant on the Neilgherries, I do not know any man in the District better fitted to fill it. The climate of the Hills seems to agree with him wonderfully and his courteous manners and obliging disposition have secured him the good will of all with whom he has come in contact, I have no doubt that he could easily pass the special test if he only had leisure to prepare for it, but the duties of his office occupy the whole of his time.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,

Sub-Collector.

No. 38.

Extract of a letter from J. C. Hannyington, Special Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 9th May 1864, No. 183.

The satisfaction which C. Rungapah Naidoo has afforded me, in carrying on the duties of his Office causes me to desire more particularly, that increase of pay may be granted to him.

(Signed) J. C. HANNYINGTON,

Special Assistant Collector.

No. 39.

30*th May* 1864.

RUNGAPAH,

Collectors only, and not Sub-Collectors, have this time been called on to submit the list referred to. I have no doubt that Mr. Grant will include your name if you apply to him. If my opinion was asked, I should have no hesitation in saying that you were the best qualified man in the District from local experience or other causes to succeed to the Tasil-ship of Ooty when vacanted by the present incumbent.

You have my best wishes for your success.

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,

No. 40.

Extract of a letter from Major W. Rose Campbell, Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, to P. Grant, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore, No. 37, dated 14th March 1865.

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For the establishments both of the Assistant Collector and Joint Magistrate, Ootacamund, (conjointly,) there are only allowed three Clerks, First the Head Clerk, whose time is fully occupied in preparing Returns, Orders, and Bills, and carrying on the correspondence connected with the payment of allowances and Pensions to a large number of Military Officers, European and Native Pensioners, assisting in the Demarcation Department and also in the Department of Deputy Registrar where; (as you are well aware,) there are voluminous Law Deeds, both in English and in the Vernacular, to be copied with the utmost precision, (a very

Head Clerk receives 45 rupees a month, now recommended for 70 rupees.

A printed copy of his numerous testimonials are herewith forwarded for the consideration of Government.

responsible and laborious task) for, with the 50 per cent fees allowed to the Deputy Registrar (a very insignificant amount per month), no properly educated Native will be induced to engage in the Registering Department on the Neilgherry Hills, (the climate of which is not only unhealthy but intensely disagreeable to Natives from the Plains), on such uncertain, unsatisfactory, and precarious conditions as merely to receive "what may" be collected from the Registering Fees. The pay of the Head Clerk is at present 45 rupees a month which I consider quite inadequate to the responsibility and laboriousness of his duties. I beg therefore most respectfully and most earnestly to recommend that his salary may be raised from 45 to 70 rupees a month, for, during the absence of the Special Assistant Collector at considerable distances from Ootacamund on Demarcation business, the conducting of the duties of his office devolves in a great measure on the present Head Clerk, as it is impossible for the Special Assistant Collector, (without serious interruption to the Demarcation Department) to leave his duties outside, to return to Ootacamund, except on very necessary occasions, (the sale of land and the like) and I beg to submit that were the present Manager to leave for a better appointment in the low country (which I am well aware, he is striving his utmost to do.) most serious inconvenience would ensure to the Public Service, as I feel convinced that no Native of respectability in the Low Country equal to the work of the office, would seek such appointment on the Neilgherries, on its present salary of 45 rupees a month, and no such individual I am sure, is to be procured at Ootacamund.

(True Extract,)

(Signed) W. ROSE CAMPBELL,

Joint Magistrate.

Salary increased to rupees 70 a month, Order of Government in their Proceedings, dated 21st April 1865, No. 1,793.

(Signed) W. ROSE CAMPBELL,

Joint Magistrate.

No. 41.

Ootacamund, *October 4th*, 1865.

Rungapah Naidoo held the office of the Head Clerk under me for some time, I had every reason to be pleased with the diligence and care shown by him in the performance of his duties.

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,

Assistant Collector.

No. 42.

Ootacamund, *July 28th*, 1866.

C. Rungapah acted as Head Clerk under me from October 1863 to July 1866. Having charge of the Pay Department and Pensioners. Has given thorough satisfaction. Regular, attentive and efficient.

(Signed) J. C. HANNYINGTON,

Special Assistant Collector.

No. 43.

C. Rungapah Naidoo acted as Head Clerk under me from 28th July 1866 to 2d May 1867 has given satisfaction.

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,

Special Assistant Collector.

No. 44.

C. Rungapah acted as Head Clerk under me from 3d May 1867 to January 1868. Has given great satisfaction.

(Signed) N. A. ROUPELL,

Acting Special Assist. Collector.

No. 45.

Ootacamund, 1*st September* 1868.

No. 38

OFFICIAL MEMO.

Rungapah Naidoo present Head Clerk, Special Assistant Collector's Office, is hereby appointed Head Accountant of the Commissioners' Office Neilgherries on a salary of rupees 75 per mensem. Rungapah Naidoo will enter upon the duties of his appointment from this date.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,

Commissioner.

To Rungapah Naidoo.

No. 46.

Ootacamund, 28*th November* 1868.

I have known Rungapah Naidoo since May 1867. For more than a year, he was employed under me as Head Clerk in the Special Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund, and discharged his duties in a very sa-

tisfactory manner. His work was of a very varied character. Embracing subjects relating to the Revenue, to the Pension and Money Order Departments, and several correspondence. By an Order of Government, dated 7th May 1864, No. 513. Rungapah Naidoo was permanently appointed Head Clerk in the Special Assistant Collector's Office, though he had not at that time passed the General Test Examination.

He is now anxious to be exempted from passing the Special Test Examination, and grounds his application upon the circumstance that he has been employed in the Government Service for 23 years, during which period he has had to discharge the duties of a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub Magistrate, and has thereby gained some experience of Revenue and Magisterial business. He further lays step upon the fact that his present duties in the Neilgherry Commissioners' Office are so arduous, that he has no leisure time which he could devote to study. Considering the length and quality of Rungapah Naidoo's services to Government. I think that some concession may fairly be made to him. Remembering further the loss he would otherwise sustain in diminution of salary, the usefulness of his present services and his present inability to devote time to study I hope that he may be exempted from the necessity of passing the Special Test Examination.

(Signed) N. A. ROUPELL,

Ag. Assist. Commissioner.

No. 47.

No. 284.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1869.

Read the following letter from J. W. Brooks, Esq., Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1868, No. 83 :—

Name.	Appointment.	Pay.	Period of service.
1 Rungappah Naidu....	Head Accountant..	75	23 years.

2. No. 1 is an old Government Servant of twenty-three years standing, and now gets an increase of Rupees five only over Rupees seventy drawn by him for a considerable period. The Tests required of him are the Precis-Writing and the Account Test. He is nearly fifty years old and has been continuously employed, on these Hills, from a period at which it was impracticable to get efficient men for work here. He is a hard-working and trustworthy Public Servant as may be gathered from the numerous and note-worthy testimonials borne by him, and submitted with his application herewith forwarded. I think he is in every way deserving of being exempted from the Precis-Writing Test, as contemplated in the Notification of Government, Public Department, under date the 4th August 1868. The remaining Test is not of great consequence, considering the length of his service and the small sum now added to his pay whereby he is brought under retrenchment. The formation of the Neilgherry Hills into an independent district has thrown a great amount of work upon him, and I can assure the Board that he is often at work from morning to night. It would be a great boon for a man of his years to be exempted from the Account Test also.

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Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Application and copies of testimonials of C. Rungappah Naidu.

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2. The Commissioner's recommendation that Rungappah Naidu should be exempted from the tests prescribed for Accountants of his standing, will be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Sub-Secretary.

No. 125.

Order thereon, 6th February 1869, No. 322.

Miscellaneous.

Sanction is accordingly granted for the exemption of Rungapah Naidoo, Head Accountant in the Neilgherry Commissioner's Office from passing the Special Tests prescribed for Accountants of his standing, so long as he is employed on the Hills.

(True Extract,)

(Signed) R. A. DOLLYELL,

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

C. Rungapah Naidoo Esq. my son's Agreement to be from the formation of the Neilgherry Commission. He professes a fair knowledge of Canarese. was about to enter duties and generally pleasant station.

Ootacamund } Signed/ C. W. Grant
11th March 1870 } Commissioner

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th May 1869.

No. 256. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th April 1869, No. 2,437:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1869, No. 29.

As there is a vacancy for a Tahsildar in this district, I do myself the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue the claims to promotion of C. Rungapah Naidu, who at present holds the appointment of Chief Clerk and Accountant in the Commissioner's Office on the Neilgherries.

2. He is a public servant of twenty-one years' standing, twelve of which have been passed on the Neilgherries, where he has always willingly performed his duties in a climate which most Natives of his class seek to avoid, and where in consequence he hoped to obtain his promotion. This expectation has not, however, been realised, and as he sees no chance of a step at Ootacamund, he has applied to me for an appointment as Tahsildar in this district.

3. Rungapah Naidu's services are detailed in Mr. Grant's letter to the Chief Secretary, dated 26th April 1864, embodied in the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 7th May 1864, a transcript of which will be found at page 11 of the pamphlet of testimonials to which this letter gives cover. Although I am always anxious to further the views of old and deserving servants of Government, I would not for an instant think of recommending Rungapah Naidu for the important post of Tahsildar, if I did not believe him to be fully competent to fill it. He is a very intelligent man, bears a very good character, has had considerable experience in both Revenue and Magisterial work, and, from his knowledge of English, is, in my opinion, better qualified for the post for which I now recommend him, than younger and less experienced men, who, with but little or nothing else to occupy their time, have succeeded in passing the Special Test in the Vernacular. To be an efficient Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate now-a-days, a man must be acquainted with English. He cannot acquire the knowledge which he is rightly expected to possess in connection with Revenue and Judicial work through the medium of translations.

4. Under the foregoing circumstances, and with special reference to his long services on the Neilgherries, I venture to hope that the Board will recommend to Government a relaxation of the Examination Rules in favor of Rungapah Naidu. He was exempted from passing the General Test Examination by an Order of Government, dated 7th May 1864, No. 513, and from passing the Special Test *so long as he is employed on the Hills* by Government Order, dated 6th instant, No. 322. If this restriction is removed, I should be very glad, with the sanction of the Board, to give him a Tahseel in this district if his services can be spared by the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.

Enclosure No. 1.—Copies of testimonials of Rungapah Naidu.

The Board believe that it is desirable in the interests both of Government and of the Bellary people, that Rungapah Naidu should be made a Tahsildar in that district.

2. They resolve, therefore, to recommend Government to relax their rules in this as a special case.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th May 1869.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1869, No. 1,309.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that Rungapah Naidu has been exempted from the Examination Tests, owing to the difficulty of obtaining passed Candidates for offices on the Neilgherry Hills.

2. This difficulty cannot exist in regard to the Bellary District, and the Government are, therefore, unable to comply with the Board's recommendation.

3. Rungapah Naidu has done good service on the Hills, and should an opportunity occur for his advancement, his claims will doubtless not be overlooked.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

No 179

Read the following Letter from the Commissioner for the Neilgherry Hills, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. Geo, dated Ootacamund, 27th May 1869, No 23.

I have read Proceedings of Government of the 11th Instant declining to accede to the Board's recommendation to appoint my Head Accountant a Tahsildar in the Bellary District, and herewith forward his petition entreating a reconsideration of the order. With reference to paragraph 3 of the order, I beg to observe that no opportunities for that officer advancement in this district at present exist. But under the present arrangement of the Neilgherry Establishment I have nothing here to offer him in the way of promotion. He is Head Accountant of my Office the Salary of which is only Rupees 75 a month.

When the Manager's post falls vacant the other day I had to look to my own office for a successor, and the choice lay between the Head Accountant and Head Clerk, both drawing the same rate of pay. For reasons which I need not now enter into I selected the latter who is a young man and promises well. The only post therefore in the district which offers promotion to Rungapah Naidoo is not one likely to be vacant for a while.

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No 180 Order thereon 5th July 1869 No 1975.

Miscellaneous. The Government must decline to modify their Order, under date 11th May 1869 No 1309.

The Commissioner's letter should have been submitted to the Board of Revenue. — Agreed. R. A. Dalyell Actg Secy to Govt

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No. 14-20

Under the circumstances
represented in the foregoing Memo-
-rial, and on further Considera-
-tion of the Case of the Memorialist,
The Right Honble the Govr. in Council
is pleased, in modification of
G.O. 11th May 1869 No. 1309 the Order of Govt.
G.O. 8th July 1869 No. 1975. noted in the margin,
to Exempt C. Rungaya
Naidu from passing the Special
Test Examination, without reference
to the District in which he may
be employed on the public service.

Folio Collr & Comptroller &c &c
Communication
Rungayah Naidu
6. Appeal Petn
6 — Order for Coll & Examr
16 — Bill of Fees

9th Septr 70

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