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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd February 1873.**

No. 48. Read the following endorsement of the District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 25th January 1873, No. 4,627:—

From the Assistant Engineer in charge of Madura Range, to the District Engineer, Madura, dated Madura, 19th December 1872, No. 769.

As I have been informed by you that it is in contemplation shortly to form the Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevanga (at present attached to this range) into a separate range, I consider it my duty to bring prominently to your notice the services rendered by Supervisor Mooneappah Pillay during the year he has been in charge of them as sub-divisional officer.

1 Statement.
1 Book of Certificates.

2. The deplorable state in which Mr. Martin left the late 3rd Range you have already been made aware of; it has been entirely to the untiring exertions of Mooneappah Pillay that most of the heavy arrears have been cleared off. All estimates framed by Mr. Martin have been revised by the Pillay, and the savings effected in the reduction of the original rates have been remarkable. In every case the requirements to the roads omitted by Mr. Martin in the way of earthwork, gravelling, tunnels, etc., have been supplied, and yet the estimates have been in many cases considerably reduced their original amounts.

3. I have had many opportunities of judging of Mooneappah Pillay's worth, and I can confidently assert (and it gives me much pleasure in doing so) that he is a most valuable and energetic individual and a thoroughly honest public servant.

4. When I first took charge of the late 3rd Range the complaints from mile coolies and maistries that they had not been paid for this and that month, and from contractors that they had not been paid for work done, were something beyond description; now there is not a murmur, although I have made it a point to make inquiries whenever I visited the sub-division.

5. Though it was late as the month of December 1871 when Mooneappah Pillay took charge of the sub-division, and there was so large a balance as Rupees 37,941 unexpended, yet by the close of that official year by his great exertions he managed to utilize nearly the whole amount in a most satisfactory manner.

6. I beg to submit with this a statement showing the estimates revised by Mooneappah Pillay, the savings effected on each, the number of miles of road he has had under his charge, and the various works he has been engaged upon, and I trust you will bring the valuable services he has rendered to the notice of Government with a view of his obtaining promotion.

7. Printed copies of the various testimonials Mooneappah Pillay has received from the numerous officers he has served under accompanies this, which speak for themselves.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of the Government.

2. Since Mooneappah Pillay's transfer to the Madura District his conduct has come under my more immediate notice, and it has been highly satisfactory; and there can be no doubt but that he has

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3rd February 1873.*

done excellent service to Government in the two Zemindaries of which he has been, as stated by Mr. Leggatt, in departmental charge.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Madura.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1873, No. 355.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 4.

RECORDED, with the remark that the proper place for such recommendations is the appropriate column in the Quarterly

Return of officers and subordinates of divisions or districts, which are observed to be blank with reference to the Supervisor in question during the past year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Sawyerpoorum 5th January. 1856.

My Dear Faber.

Mr. pah Pillay, who has been Maramut Superintendent of Tinnevely the greater part of the time that I was Collector, wishes me to mention him to you, now that new arrangements are being made in the Department. I know that Mr. Horsley has written and spoken strongly in his favor to you and I have only to say that I am confident he would ably and honestly fill the best situation that can be given to him and that it would be a particular pleasure to me to hear of his being well provided for.

I give him this note to send to you.

Believe me

Your affectionate Brother

(Signed) C. J. Bird.

(True Copy.)

CERTIFICATE.

I have much pleasure in testifying hereby to the zeal and ability displayed by Mooneapah Pillay the Maramut Superintendent of Tannevelly, during the time I have been acting Civil Engineer of the 8th Division. I have received much assistance from Mooneapah Pillay during that time, and had I remained in the District I had every hope of seeing him in the advanced position which I had recommended him on the proposed transfer of the executive to the Engineer Department.

(Signed) R. A. Roberts Lt.
Acting Civil Engineer 8th Dn.

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28th August 1856. }

Extract of a letter from Capt Oakes to the Chief Engineer.

Major Horsley in his letter regarding the Transfer proposes that the Pay of the Marahmut Superintendent should be Rupees 120 while Lt. Roberts proposes Rs. 85 in Para 18 of his letter No. 116 of 21st July 1856 and as the Marahmut Superintendent thoroughly acquainted with the District and therefore well qualified on the Transfer to fill the important Post he now holds when his duties will become still more arduous and onerous and as I do not know of any other person in the District who is capable of fulfilling those duties with same advantage to the District I propose to leave him in his present position and not to make him an Executive agent or Overseer as was suggested by you particularly as I imagine the Government would not sanction so large a sum as 85 Rs. as his Civil salary were he merely an executive agent in charge of one or even Two Talooks.

(Signed) R. F. Oakes
Acting District Engineer.

9th December 1856.

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The Acting District Engineer.

Sir,

As I find that the various works in this Talook are with a few exceptions completed or very nearly so, and that those which remain to be done can be easily finished by the Sub-Overseer, I have in accordance with instructions contained in your letter No. 374. 22nd July, directed Overseer Mooneapah to proceed and report himself to you for instructions without delay. As Overseer Mooneapah is quitting my Range I take the opportunity of recording the very satisfactory manner in which he has performed his duty whilst under me and to mention that the very forward state of works in this Talook is entirely due to his great activity.

I have

(Signed) L. Paxton Lt.

Executive Engineer.

30th July 1857.

Overseer Mooneapah Pillay being about to leave my executive Range, I have much pleasure in testifying to his great activity and perseverance in carrying out the works under his charge which together with his knowledge of the District and the people with whom he has to deal, has enabled him to make the great progress he has done during the short time he has remained in this Taluq.

Streetvilliputloor } (Signed) L. Paxton Lieutenant.
July 12th 1857 } Executive Engineer.

Extract from, Diary, General Observations
for the month of October 1858.
Punjamahl Talook
Abtoor Head Sluice

Great credit is due to Overseer Mooneapah Pillay for the rapid and efficient manner in which the Sluice was built and it is due to his careful supervision that there is still a balance of Rupees 305-10 on the Estimate notwithstanding that 6 feet of sluice have been reconstructed in excess of the Estimate and sundry repairs executed for which no allowance was made. Overseer Mooneapah Pillay also rendered material assistance to Mr. Menair in completing the channel clearing by procuring coolies from Streevigooontum Talook and excavating the channel from the Head to meet Mr. Menair who had commenced his repairs from the Autoor Tank

Had we a few more Overseers with the zeal skill and last tho' not least the command of labor which Overseer Mooneapah Pillay possesses there would be cause for but little anxiety with regard to the quantity and quality of work executed and the obstacles with which we now meet would soon be swept away.

When vacancies in the higher grades occur I would beg to recommend Overseer Mooneapah Pillay's qualifications and claims to the favourable consideration of the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) R. F. Oakes Captain.
Ag. District, Engr. Tinnevely,

Pearl Fishery Kotoo 5th March 1861.

This is to certify that Mooneapah Pillay 1st Class Overseer has completed the Pearl Fishery Buildings in a very short space of time and quite to my satisfaction both in cost Materials and Workmanship and I find him very active and diligent.

(Signed) G. Phipps.
Superintendent.

Tinnevely District Engineers Office.
 Shermadovy 4th March 1861.
 Memo No. 473.

The District Engineer is well satisfied with the celerity with which Overseer Mooneapah Pillay has executed the work of the Pearl Fishery Buildings, and will have pleasure in mentioning this good service to the Chief Engineer.

Captain Winscom now trusts that Mooneapah Pillay will accelerate as much as possible the work on cotton Road, and not fail to have it finished before 30th April next.

Also that the Custom House Catcheri at Vypar will proceed quickly and well.

(Signed) G. V. Winscom Captain
 District Engineer
 Tinnevely.

To
 Sir, The Chief Engineer.

Referring to the extract of Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 9190 dated 21st January 1861. I have the honor to inform you, that having previous to the receipt of the same, been requested by the Collector to prepare Materials for the Pearl Fishery Buildings at Tuticorin, I despatched Overseer Mooneapah Pillay for the purpose. He arrived at Tuticorin on the 20th January and on the 27th February reported to me that the whole of the buildings were erected, together with quarters for the Zadi Talaven the Head assistant Collector, Hospital several huts and Collectors Cutchary all which have not allowed for in the estimate at a cost of Rs. 3749—15—0 with the balance of the estimate, he had been requested to erect a shed for 60 Dulloyets and 20 Counters also a house for the Medical Officer, engaged for the Fishery.

I visited Tuticorin last month and saw the work executed by Mooneapah Pillay. It was rough, and I did not compare it with the estimate, but it was quite good, for all practical purposes and the celerity with which he has executed it demands from my hands more especial notice having lately reported unfavorably about him. To procure the vast amount of Palmirah leaves, bamboos palmiras &c. which have been called for at such a short notice in a place like Tuticorin, shews no ordinary ability and intelligence and certainly marks him as a man who can do his work remarkably quickly and fitted for emergent work.

Pavoor
 18th March 1861. }

I have &c.
 (Signed) G. V. Winscom
 District Engr.
 Tinnevely.

No. 11693.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Under date the 6th April 1861.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Tinnevely.

(Here enter dated 13th March 1861 No. 212.)

Resolved to inform the District Engineer of Tinnevely that the Chief Engineer is much gratified to learn from the foregoing letter that Overseer Mooneapah Pillay has shewn such zeal and energy in the preparation of the temporary Buildings required in connection with the Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin and hopes he will continue by his exertions and general good conduct and diligence to sustain the high character which has hitherto borne in the Department.

2. Captain Winscom will be so good as to communicate the above to Mooneapah Pillay.

(True extract)

To Capt. G. V. Winscom } (Signed) W. J. Birdwood.
District Engr. Tinnevely. } Dy. Cf. Engr. Southern circle.

Tinnevely District Engineer's Office.
Palamcottah 11th May 1861

Memo. No. 58.

The District Engineer has received with much satisfaction the Report of the completion of the repairs of Branch Cotton Roads by Overseer Mooneapah Pillay during April 1861.

(Signed) G. Winscom, Captain.
District Engineer Tinnevely.

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Statement shewing the strength and distribution of Officers and Subordinates employed in the 8th Division for the quarter ending 31st October 1866 Vide G. O. No 1724 dated 30 June 1863.

Name.	Rank.	On what duty employed.	If recommended grounds of recommendation for promotion.
Mooneapah Pillay.	Supervisor 2nd Class.	In charge of 5th Range Tinnevelly Head Quarter Nangunery.	Long and good Service deserves promotion to 1st Class Supervisor.

1000th 2nd November 1866.

Signed. H. L. Prendergast, Captain.
Officiating Superintending Engineer 8th Division.

No 209. Superintending Engineer's Office 8th Division Kodakandel 1st May 1867.
The Superintending Engineer was glad to find from the final Accounts of the past Official Year, that the Imperial funds were nearly expended in full. In the 5th Range there was no cash balance at the close of the Year; a very satisfactory result.

(Signed) H. L. Prendergast, Captain R. E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Division.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly dated Shairmadavy 14th January 1869. No, 13.

During his late tour in the south of the District, His Excellency the Governor expressed so much interest in the schemes for irrigating a part of that desert like country that I am inclined to hope that a scheme for improving the water supply from the Numbyar (or Throokoorangoody river might possibly now receive the consideration it deserves.

I agree with the Officer now in charge of the Range in thinking that all the existing Anikuts should be heightened and the channels widened and deepened in the 1st place. The subsidiary reservoirs should also be put in thorough repair at the same time; first for increasing the water supply, and secondly for increasing the area to be irrigated.—As to the first, I entirely approve of the Range Officer's proposal to divert a portion of the water of the streams which flow down the Western slope of the Ghauts, and are no urgently required in Travancore.

The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Pennington and the Range officer for their intelligent exertions in bringing forward a project which promises to be of material advantage to the country concerned.

(True extract
(Signed) Charles A. Orr. R. E.
Secretary to Government.

To
Mooneapah Pillay the Range Officer,
from H. L. Prendergast Superintending Engineer

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From

Captain W. H. HORSLEY
Civil Engineer 8th Division.

To,

C. J. BIRD Esq.
Acting Collector of
Tinnevely.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 455, dated 15th April 1850 requesting to recommend a proper person to fill the situation of Maramut Superintendent during the employment of the present Superintendent on other duty and to inform you that in my opinion the person most fit for the situation is Mooneapah Pillay, the present Head Writer of my Office, and I would recommend him accordingly for the Acting appointment.

He has been in my Office for a period of nearly 9 years first, as 2nd Writer, and lately as Head Writer and is well acquainted with every thing connected with the Maramut Department. His knowledge of the District and active habits form an additional qualification for the Office of the Maramut Superintendent and I have every reason to believe that he will afford satisfaction if appointed.

Civil Engrs. Offices 8th Div.
Tinnevely District
Cokracolah
16th April 1850.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
W. H. HORSLEY Captain
Civil Engineer 8th Division

(A True Copy.)

Constructing Police Station
house at Narvaipatty
1750
Repairing the clear water
Office at Narvaipatty
500
The Chattram at
Maramuttal
1900

1750	"	"	"	"	"
500	"	"	"	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"

Thomson & Co. to the Government of the Madras Presidency, 80 miles, there are 80 miles to be visited by the
the Divisional Officer.

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Madras District Office
19th December 1892

1 Deputy Commissioner
Madras District
19th Dec 1892
W. H. Horsley
Civil Engineer 8th Division

This to certify that Mooneapah Pillay joined this
Office as 2nd Writer on the 1st September 1841 and
continued in the same appointment till 19th April 1848,
having, in the mean time, acted as, Head Writer for
5 Months in 1843. On Mr. Menairs appointment to
the Survey Department on the 20th April 1848, Mooneapah
Pillay became Head Writer and remained such till 16th
April 1850, when he was nominated to act as Maramut
Superintendent of Tinnevely.
During the whole period that Mooneapah Pillay was
connected with this Office I had every reason to be
satisfied with his conduct and diligence in the per-
formance of his duties.
His knowledge of the District and experience in the
Department of Public works fully qualify him in my opinion
for the situation of Maramut Superintendent.
Civil Engineer's Office 8th Dn. } W. H. HORSLEY Captain.
Casinajoorpoorum } Civil Engineer 8th Division.
4th September 1850.

N. 969
 Madurai Range Office 21.8
 Madurai 19th December 1872.

To the Assistant Engineer
 in charge of Madurai Range.

To the District Engineer
 Madurai.

Sir, I have been informed by you that it is in contemplation shortly to form the Zemindaries of Rannade and Shavagunge (at present attached to this Range) into a separate Range. I consider it my duty to bring prominently to your notice the services rendered by Supervisor Monappa Pillay during the year he has been in charge of them as Sub-Divisional Officer.

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Annex 2
 Statement
 of Certificate.

Statement showing the work in charge of the Sub-Divisional Officer both in the ordinary Rannade and Shavagunge Zemindaries.

Name of Officer	Amount of Original Estimate	Amount of Revised Estimate	No. of British	No. of British completed	No. of British in order to be completed	Amount of the additional work as aforesaid
Communication						
Shavagunge	50400	48800	40	20 and 1870 812 miles in 1871-72	18	1600
Rannade	44800	69000	68	8	40	58000
Shavagunge	46400	60600	45	7		15800

Remarks.

Returned Shavagunge and Rannade by 3 miles and telling from within Shavagunge (estimated) through the original one.

Although 3 miles of travelling has been allowed in the Revised Estimate and allowed in original, the same has been on Column has been made up.

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that they had not been paid for work done on
was something beyond description now there
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at point to make enquiries whenever I visited
the Sub. Division.

Though it was late in the month
of December, 1871 when Moonappa Pillai took
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Printed Copies of the various testimonials
Mooneappa Pillay has received from the
numerous Officers he has served under.

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Have &c

Signed *C. R. Leggatt* *Off. Eng.*
in charge of Madras District.

(See Copy)
Submitted for the favorable
Consideration of the Government.

Enclosures: 2
1. Book of
certificate
1. statement

Since Mr. Mornesappah Pillay's transfer
to the Madras District his conduct has come
under my more immediate notice, and it has
been highly satisfactory; and there can be no
doubt but that he has done excellent service
to Government in the two jurisdictions of
which he has been, as stated by Mr.
Leggatt, in Departmental Charge.

Yours faithfully, *Lieut. Col. R.*

Madras. District Engineer Madras

25th January
1873.

The Secretary to Government

No 355

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during the past year. *L.M.N.*

See D. H. P. Madras
See S. Dept. 3/4/73.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer
Madras.

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G. O. 3rd Feb. 1873. 355.

Nos. 48 - 49

Supervisor Maoneppah

Pillay. Application
for the promotion
of Maoneppah
Pillay, recorded
with remarks.