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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th April 1874.*

No. 324A. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary, dated
Ootacamund, 13th April 1874 :—

From C. STREENIVASALOO NAIDU, late Taluq Overseer, Chingleput District,
to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment, dated Madras, 11th April 1874.

I most respectfully beg to forward herewith an appeal in triplicate to His
Excellency the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, and humbly
request the favour of your causing it to be despatched home at an early date.

2. I laid my deplorable case before the Local Government thrice, soliciting
the condescension of a perusal of the same, which, from the usual and formal
endorsement given that "Government cannot interfere with petitioner's case," does
not appear to have been done; hence this humble recourse to the highest authority
at home as I have no alternative left.

3. I am afraid, Sir, that in the event of the appeal being transferred, as
usual, to the Public Works Department, without being laid before the Council,
which I humbly beg may be done, the usual reply that "Government having
already disposed of the question do not see sufficient grounds for sending the
appeal home," would be the result.

4. I humbly beg, therefore, that you will graciously spare a few minutes to
go through the case, judge of the propriety or otherwise of my complaint, and
then deal with it in the best way you may deem proper.

5. I was an old and faithful servant of Government, and loudly cry out that
I have been most unjustly removed from the service. I beg that justice may be
done to me.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 324B. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1874, No. 1,066A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

His Excellency the Governor in
Council must decline to submit to the
Home Government any memorial which
may be laid before him with a covering letter written in the offensive tone which
Streenivasaloo Naidu has thought it proper to adopt in his communication of
11th April to the Chief Secretary; wherein it is imputed that petitions do not
receive proper consideration in the Public Works Department, but are disposed of
by the Secretary without reference to Members of the Council, which is contrary
to fact.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To C. Streenivasaloo Naidu.
~~To the Petition Department.~~

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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TO

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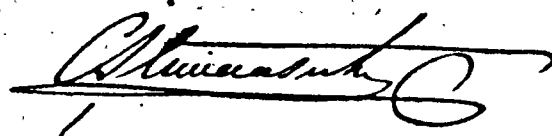
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