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21st April 1876.*

No. 288. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. OAKES, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 9th
March 1876, No. 393:—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that on the receipt of G.O., No. 363, of 10th
ultimo, I forwarded it to Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay and requested him to furnish
me with his Service Register to admit of his pension papers being prepared. In reply,
the Sub-Engineer has sent me the accom-
panying letter and two enclosures, which
he has asked me to forward to you.
No. —, dated 7th March.

2. I am of course altogether ignorant of the circumstances connected with the
channel-trial pits, &c., relative to which the Sub-Engineer appears to have incurred
the displeasure of Government; but, from the enclosed letter, it would appear that the
circumstances connected with two entirely different channels have been jumbled together.

3. With reference to the quotation in paragraph 3 of Lieutenant-Colonel
Fischer's letter, No. 3,599, from Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' letter, printed in G.O.,
No. 1,490, of 1st June 1871, I have only to observe that the opinion there expressed
is so very much at variance with that expressed in the accompanying extract from
Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' Administration Report of 1873-74, that it is clear
Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' hastily formed opinion in 1871 was not a correct one.

4. The enclosed pamphlet of testimonials shows in what high esteem Sub-Engi-
neer Mooneappah Pillay has been held by the various officers under whom he has
served and testify to his qualifications and ability, and I would beg to call special
attention to the very last testimonial which is from Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts.

5. I have no hesitation in saying that, though not possessed of much theoretical
knowledge, the Sub-Engineer has acquired a great deal of practical knowledge, and,
under an officer who is able and willing to assist him in any little difficulties induced
by his ignorance of theory, he makes a most efficient Range Officer and prevents work
in his Range from falling into arrears, and he has the good sense to ask for instruc-
tions in any little difficulties when he knows they are willingly and cheerfully
accorded.

6. The Sub-Engineer is physically far more capable than many men in the
department who are ten or more years his junior, and, as far as I am personally
concerned, I am quite willing to keep him in charge of No. 4 Range where he has done
much to bring to light frauds of which Government will hear betimes, and to bring
into something like order the chaos which he found in the Range owing to Messrs.
Hamnett's and Littlewood's incompetency and carelessness.

7. If Government still determine that the Sub-Engineer shall be compelled to
take his pension, I beg that a European Officer or Upper Subordinate of some experi-
ence may be appointed to relieve him, for the Range is by no means an easy one to
manage, and the numerous changes in its charge of late years, as indicated by the
enclosed memorandum, has left a great deal to be done and undone.

8. The Sub-Engineer has so far carried on the duties of the Range creditably,
notwithstanding the fact of his being unaided by a Sub-divisional Officer, as one of the

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No. 289. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1876, No. 1,001.

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No time should be lost in carrying out the orders of Government appealed against, in conformity with which it is

presumed that the Sub-Engineer's pension papers are all ready.

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(True Extract.)

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TESTIMONIALS.

No. 125.

FROM

CAPTAIN W. H. HORSLEY,
Civil Engineer, 8th Division.

TO

C. J. BIRD, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

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 1st, 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 ENG.'S OFFICE
8TH DIV. TINNEVELLY DISTRICT
COKKACOLAM,
16th April, 1850.

I have the honor to be,
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Your most obedient servant
W. H. HORSLEY, CAPTAIN,
Civil Engineer 8th Division.

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4th September, 1850.

W. H. HORSLEY, CAPTAIN,
Civil Engineer 8th Division.

MY DEAR FABER,

Mooneapah 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.)

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This is 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 three months in 1843. On Mr. Menair's 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 performance 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.

I have much pleasure in testifying hereby to the zeal and ability displayed by Mooneapah Pillay the Maramut Superintendent of Tinnevely, 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 Divn.
COURTALLUM,
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 Maramut 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 Maramut Superintendent is 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.

To 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

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Mooneapah to proceed and report himself to you for instructions with 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 Talook.

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July 12th 1857.

(Signed) L. PAXTON LIEUTENANT,
Executive Engineer.

Extract from Diary, General Observations
for the month of October, 1858.

PUNJAMAL TALOOK, AITHOOR 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 Rs. 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 Streevigoontum Talook and excavating the channel from the Head to meet Mr. Menair who had commenced his repairs from the Athoor Tank.

Had we a few more Overseers with the zeal, skill and last, though 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 works 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 favorable consideration of the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, CAPTAIN,
Acting District Engineer, 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.

TINNEVELLY DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

SHERNMADEVY, 4th March 1861.

MEMO. No. 479.

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 Cutchery at Vypar will proceed quickly and well.

(Signed) G. V. WINSCOM, CAPTAIN,
District Engineer, Tinnevely.

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The Chief Engineer,

Sir, 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 Mooncapah 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 Zali Talavem Cutchery all which were 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 Mooncapah 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 palmirahs, &c. which have been called for at such a short notice in a place like Tuticorin, shows 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,

13th March, 1861.

I have &c.

(Signed) G. V. WINSKOM,
District Engineer Tinnevelly.

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

Resolved to inform the District Engineer of Tinnevelly that the Chief Engineer is much gratified to learn from the foregoing letter that Overseer

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Mooncapah Pillay has shown 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 Mooncapah Pillay.

(True Extract)
To CAPTAIN G. V. WINSKOM, } (Signed) W. J. BIRDWOOD,
DISTRICT ENGR., TINNEVELLY. } Dy. Chief Engr., Southern Circle.

Tinnevelly 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 Mooncapah Pillay during April 1861.

(Signed) G. V. WINSKOM, CAPTAIN,
District Engineer, Tinnevelly.

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 30th June 1863.

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

PALAMCOTTAH, 2nd November 1866.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, CAPTAIN,
Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division

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No. 209, Superintending Engineer's Office, 8th Division.
KODAIKANAL, 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.

ENCLOSURE, No. 1.
From the Sub-Collector of Tinnevely to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Shairmadary 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 Throokoorangoodly 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 Anicuts 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 not 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.

Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay served under me for 4 years in Tinnevely as a Range Officer. After visiting some of his works in 1866, I recommended him for promotion, and he became a 1st Grade Supervisor in December of that Year. Mooneapah Pillay always kept his Books and Accounts in excellent order; his Returns both to the Comptroller, and to my office, being punctually despatched and correct. There was no works of much importance under Mooneapah Pillay, but when a push was wanted, to utilize available Funds in March 1869 and got the Courtallum Road in order; the work was well done, and rapidly by the end of the official year, so that the money was saved.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, CAPTAIN.
Madras, 15th June 1870.

MOONEAPAH PILLAY,

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent in to the District Engineer and I only hope it will meet with the success I anticipate on your account. You have rendered me most valuable assistance during the time you have been under my orders. I shall be most happy to see you promoted to a Sub-Engineer with best wishes.

I remain

Yours faithfully

G. R. LEGGATT,

Assistant Engineer,

D. P. W. Madura Range.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER,
In charge of Madura Range.
TO THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Madura.

SIR,

As I have been informed by you that it is in contemplation shortly to form the Zemindaries of Rannad and Shevagunga at present attached to this Range, I consider it my duty to bring prominently to your notice the services rendered by supervisor Mooneapah Pillay during the year he has been in charge of them as Sub-Divisional Officer.

The deplorable state in which Mr. Martin left the late 3rd Range, you have already made aware of it, has been entirely to the untiring exertions of Mooneapah Pillay that most of the heavy arrears have been cleared off. All estimates framed by Mr. Martin has 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 earth-work, gravelling, Tunnels, &c. have been supplied and yet the estimates have been in many cases considerably reduced their original amounts.

I have had many opportunities of judging of Mooneapah Pillay's work 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.

When I first took charge of the late 3rd Range the complaints from Mile coolies that they had not been paid for this and that month and from contractors that they had not been paid for work done was something beyond description, now there is not a murmur although I have made it a point to make enquiries whenever I visited the Sub-Division.

Though it was the month of December 1871 when Mooneapah Pillay took charge of the Sub-Division and there was so large a balance as Rs. 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.

*Range No. 4 Office
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I beg to submit with this, a statement showing the estimates revised by Mooneapah Pillay, the saving 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 the Government with a view of his obtaining promotion.

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

I have &c.
(Signed) G. R. LEGGATT,
Assistant Engineer, D. P. W.
Madura Range.

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30th October 1873.*

No. 509. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., District Engineer, Madura, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 2714.

ABSTRACT.—Forwards for the favorable consideration of Government, a Statement from Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay explaining the remissness alleged against him and soliciting a reconsideration of G. O. No. 2105, dated 23rd August 1873.

Order thereon, 30th October 1873, No. 2653.

(ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.) Ordered to be recorded and the Enclosures returned.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council receives with pleasure Colonel ROBERTS' reiterated assurance that Mooneapah Pillay is performing his duty in an exceptionally prompt manner. But he does not understand that Officer on the whole to reiterate his recommendation for the immediate promotion of the Supervisor.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, COLONEL R. E.
Secretary to Government.

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To the District Engineer, Madura, with Enclosure, No. 3488.
Communicated to the Supervisor Zemindary Sub-Division.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, LIEUT.-COL., R. E.
District Engineer Madura.
MADURA,
3rd November, 1873.

Extract from the Memorandum to accompany the Administration
Report D. P. W. Madura District, for 1873-74.

9. I have much pleasure in bringing to notice that since the departure from this District of Assistant Engineer Mr. Leggatt and the assumption of the Charge of the Madura Range by Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay in December last; the increase of work turned out in the Range has been remarkable. I find that up to December 1873 the outlay in the whole Range was Rs. 136,923 or for the 9 months an average of Rs. 15,000 per month, but the expenditure during January, February, and March 1874 i. e., since the present Range Officer assumed charge of the Range amounts to Rs. 98,266 making an average of upwards of Rs. 32,000 per mensem. There can be no doubt but that a very heavy amount of work has fallen upon the present Range Officer not only in clearing off the arrears of the Range Office, but in the execution, in addition of the duties of his Sub-Division to which has been recently added the scrutiny and check of the whole of the estimates for Irrigation and other works of the Ramnad Zemindary now under the Court of Wards. Indeed it is only by steady application that Mooneapah Pillay has been able to get matters straight and he fully deserves therefore to be noticed here.

(True Extract.)

No. 437.—Communicated to Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay in charge of the Madura Range for information.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, LIEUT.-COL., R. E.
District Engineer Madura.
MADURA,
6th May, 1874.

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It is now nearly 20 years since I first became acquainted with Mooneapah Pillay of Tinnevely and now, after a long interval, he has been again for the last 2½ years under my orders and almost immediate superintendence and I find no reason for changing the high opinion which I was then led to entertain in regard to his activity and zeal in the public service.

On the contrary I am happy to be able to say that on my special recommendation, the Government in recognition of his services have recently been pleased to promote him to the grade of Sub-Engineer.

He has been in charge of Madura Range for the last five months and during that period, he has done good service to Government in putting an end to the confusion and intrigues that prevailed during the incumbency of the Officer previously in charge of the Range.

I can only say in conclusion that it is a source of personal regret to me that in consequence of my quitting the Madura District, his services will no longer be at my disposal.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, LIEUT.-COL., R. E.
District Engineer Madura.

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The Superintending Engineer
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In reference to G. O. No.
363 dated 10 February 76 I respect-

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1 Original Extract
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1 Book of Testimonies

fully beg to offer the following explana-
tions with a view that you will be pleased
to submit the same for further consideration
of Government.

I beg to state that an
Estimate of Rs. 2,700 for cutting a channel
from the sea to Salt Pans at Muttos-
regumadapattam had been prepared and
sanctioned previous to my having taken
charge of the Zemindary Sub Division,
and when I assumed charge of the same
the Estimate having proved to be insufficient
I was requested to prepare a Revised one
for the work. I inspected the locality
myself and having found that the line of
channel had to be taken thro a sandy
hill I applied to the then Superintending
Engineer for an allowance of Rs. 50 for Trial
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Pits to ascertain the nature of the Substratum.
It was accordingly sanctioned and the
Deputy Collector then in charge of the Salt
Department was commissioned with the
excavation of the Pits under my supervision.
The Deputy Collector having executed the
work informed the same to Sub Overseer
Soondra Row who had the charge of the
Ramudam Gmindari, and whom I directed
to take levels and prepare a Revised
Estimate for the Channel. The Overseer
did the needful and submitted to me
the levels and the Estimate which I, after
due examination, forwarded with my
counter-signature to the Superintending Engr.

I did not inspect the spot with the Papers
for Trial Pits were executed by a responsible
Officer and the levels and Estimate were
taken by an Overseer who has had good
experience in such works. Having had
the charge of two extensive Gminderaries
as Ramudam and Sheragumga I had so
many duties to perform that I could
hardly spare time to attend to this
piece of work.

As the Pits were excavated by Deputy
Collector Ramudam Sawmy Mudelliar who
is now in Trichinopoly, I beg that a

reference be made to the Excavation of the Pits
relative to the Excavation of the Pits.
As regards Colonel Fischer's State-
ment that he cannot accept the allegation
that any proper levels were run before those
by Mr. Fox, I beg to add that, to a certainty,
proper levels were taken by Soondra Row

but the project for which Mr. Fox the
Surveyor had executed the levels was
quite different from the one for which
levels were taken by Soondra Row. The
levels of Soondra Row were intended for
cutting the small Channel on the Revised
estimate of Rs. 5,940 to a length of $1\frac{1}{4}$
miles and those of Mr. Fox for an open-
ing proposed to be made in the centre
of a large Swamp Panumbari (7 miles
long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles broad) to drain off
its stagnant contents into the Sea.

If the two levels be sent for and
inspected, the Government will see how
far my allegations are correct.
All that Colonel Fischer wrote
against me is attributable to his
personal grudge as will be hereafter
explained.

Referring to one of Colonel Roberts' letters, Colonel Fischer condemns me as ignorant of proper knowledge in Surveying and Levelling and as one who performs his work in a perfunctory manner. But I would humbly request the Government to refer to Colonel Roberts' Subsequent Remarks about me, in his administration Report of 1873/74 (Copy enclosed) having at first unfavorably reported about me before knowing my merits.

As regards the knowledge of Surveying and Levelling I beg to leave the matter to be judged by yourself, as you know for a long time how far I have been worthy of the positions I held from time to time.

I beg to avail myself of the opportunity now offered to represent the simple leading event that led to the mistaken enmity which Col. Fischer has entertained against me.

At the commencement of Colonel Fischer's administration in Madras after Col. Roberts' departure, he held me for some time in good esteem, but it soon wore out on account of the evil persuasion of the Palace Overseer Soobrayaloo Naidu who had often

misrepresented to him that the reduction of his estimate from Rs. 7410 to Rs. 5030 for the Rarghat Court by Colonel Roberts (vide G. O. No. 1118 d/20 April 1875) was owing to my instigation. This is the only cause of his having taken offence with me, from which his prejudice assumed a fearful aspect so much so that he ever since began to insult me as he pleased both in person and officially in spite of all my remonstrances with him, and which fact is known throughout the length and breadth of Madras. I endured his ill-treatments with as much patience as I could - I could command and privately asked Colonel Roberts who had been very well informed of that paper between Col. Fischer & myself, to obtain me a transfer, for I could not suffer myself to serve under a gentleman who had not appreciated my labors but bent on injuring me at any rate. And as the Government was pleased to transfer

me to this District, so I have been dis-
charging my duties under your orders.
In conclusion I beg to add
that I have served the Government
for nearly 35 years and my services
during this long period were highly
approved as will be borne out by the
Testimonials (a book of which is herewith
submitted) granted to me by the several
Gentlemen I have served under and
which will speak better for me than
I would myself. Tho' I am advanced
in years yet I feel not so inferior as
to be incapable of managing my
duties efficiently. I am both mentally
and physically fit for any post of duty.
A medical certificate to this effect
if it please the Govt will also be furnished.
Under these circumstances
I humbly beg that the Govt will kindly
reconsider my case and favorably
dispose of it in virtue of Section 53
Chapter II of Civil Pension Code
which allows the retirement of
efficient officers in the service of Govt.

until after they have passed 60 years
of age.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
N. Moonesinghe Pilla Sublingr.

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Tanjore, 9th March 1876.

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Superintendent's Office
Tanjore 9 March 1876.

From

Lieut Col N. F. Baker M.A.
Superintendent Engineer Tanjore

To

Major General G. W. Walker M.A.
Secretary to Government. M.O.

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Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on the receipt of G.O. No. 363 of 10th Ultimo I forwarded it to Sub Engineer Mooneappa Pillay and requested him to furnish me with his Service Register to admit of his pension papers being prepared. In reply the Sub Engineer has sent me the accompanying letter and 2 Enclosures which he has asked me to forward to you.

No. -
dated 7 March

2. I am of course altogether ignorant of the circumstances connected with the Channal trial pits &c. relative to which the Sub Engineer appears

appears to have incurred the displeasure of Government, but, from the enclosed letter it would appear that the circumstances connected with two entirely different channels have been jumbled together.

3 With reference to the quotation in para 3 of Vient Col. Fisher's letter No. 3599 from Vient Col. Roberts' letter printed in G.O. No. 1490 of 1st June 1871. I have only to observe that the opinion there expressed is so very much at variance with that expressed in the accompanying extract from Vient Col. Roberts' Administration Report of 1873-74 that it is clear Vient Col. Roberts' hastily formed opinion in 1871 was not a correct one.

4 The enclosed pamphlet of Testimonials shows in what high esteem Sub Engineer Mooneappa Pillay has been held

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by the various officers under whom he has served and testify to his qualifications and ability and I would beg to call special attention to the very last testimonial which is from Vient Col. Roberts. I have no hesitation in saying that tho' not possessed of much theoretical knowledge the Sub Engineer has acquired a great deal of practical knowledge and under an officer who is able and willing to assist him in any little difficulties induced by his ignorance of theory, he makes a most efficient Range Officer and prevents work in his Range from falling into arrears, and he has the good sense to ask for instructions in any little difficulties when he knows they are willingly and cheerfully accorded. The

6 The Sub Engineer is physically far more capable than many men in the Department who are 10 or more years his junior and as far as I am personally concerned I am quite willing to keep him in charge of No. 4 Range where he has done much to bring to light frauds of which Government will hear betimes, and to bring into some thing like order the chaos which he found in the Range owing to Messrs. Hammetts and Littlewoods incompetency and carelessness.

7 If Government still determine that the Sub Engineer shall be compelled to take his pension I beg that an European ^{Officer} or Upper Subordinate of some experience may be appointed to relieve him, for the Charge is by no means an easy one to manage and the numerous changes

changes in its charge of last year
as indicated by the enclosed
Memo has left a great deal
to be done and undone.

The Sub Engineer has so far carried on the duties of the Range creditably notwithstanding the fact of his being unaided by a Sub divisional officer, as one of the vacancies brought to the notice of Government in Letter No. 1978 dated 14 October 1875 is still unfilled. An Supervisor Lyons appointed in the Gazette of the 22nd February not having yet joined.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. F. Gates Lieut Col. N.E.
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Under date the 21 April
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 that the Sub Engineer's
 Pension papers are all
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 and report date of relief.

Sup^r Eng^r Sanyine } Dec^r 2-5-76
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