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N<sup>o</sup> 703 T.C.

Memo

Sub overseer Aronachellum Pillay is informed that the President Local Fund Board Trichinopoly has expressed his willingness to employ him as an Overseer on salary of Rs 30 per mensem under the Board from 1<sup>st</sup> January next & that he will accordingly be transferred from the P. W. Establishment from that date

Sd/- J. W. Randall  
4<sup>th</sup> December 79

Thro the Executive Eng<sup>r</sup> E. E. E.  
Division  
True copy

Qualification, Length of Service, & claim for Promotion & in addition I beg to refer to the recommendation for promotion by Mr. G. E. Manson Asst. Engineer then in charge of the Division, under date the 12<sup>th</sup> August for your Honor's favourable consideration. The accompanying Copies of Testimonials will also strongly support my claim for the Selection.

3. I further beg to state that Mr. Wybrow the late Executive Engineer having been satisfied of my qualifications recommended me to the Executive Branch & I was appointed as a Sub-overseer and am holding it for about 9 years

N. 2181

Forwarded to Subverser  
Aroonachellum Pillay this  
Supervisor Mr F. Watkins

9-12-79 by G. E. Manson

Aptt Engr

In charge Engrs

"True copy"

Aroonachellum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Subverser

J. W. E. 1  
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Secretary

25<sup>th</sup> January/82

To

The Supg. Engineer 6<sup>th</sup> Circle

Thro The Executive Engineer

Trichy Division & Mysore Subdiv. office

Most Honored Sir.

1. With profound respect I most earnestly beg to represent in the approaching transfer of Local Fund works with 5 Local Fund Overseers to be selected in the Executive Staff of the Department that I have been selected by your honors Predecessor Mr J. W. Randall in the year 1879, when the arrangement was to be made as per the enclosed copy of his memo, & fearing that selection which would have been effected had the transfer not been postponed, would not come to your honors knowledge, I beg to prompt to show my claims for the selection in the present opportunity.

2. I beg most respectfully to refer your honor to the Service Register, which records my qualification, Length of Service, & claim for Promotion & in addition I beg to refer to the recommendation for promotion by Mr G. E. Manson Aptt. Engineer then in charge of the Division, under date the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1880 for your honors favorable consideration. The accompanying Copies of Testimonials will also strongly support my claim for the selection.

3. I further beg to state that Mr. Wyler the late Executive Engineer having been satisfied of my qualifications recommended me to the Executive Branch & I was appointed as a Subverser and am holding it for about 9 years

Entd. in Receipt Book

without unblemished character & for the sake  
 of faction of my superiors regarding the perfor-  
 mance of my duties & such. The several re-  
 commendation for my promotion not having  
 had any effect, I beg to solicit your honor will  
 for all not to lose sight of my claim in your  
 honor's selection of Local Fund Overseers as  
 if I lose this opportunity I will not have  
 such a good one in future. I also beg to submit  
 my long service, Local Experience, and qual-  
 ification stand in my favour even in  
 preference to the passed Candidates, who  
 have always openings for situation while  
 the case is otherwise with me (as an im-  
 paired candidate).

4. If perhaps your honor would  
 have submitted the list of selected sub-  
 overseers exclusive my name. I earnestly  
 beseech your honor will graciously be  
 pleased to write on to forward this  
 application to the Collector for his  
 consideration of my claim also.

Hoping your honor will be pleased  
 to comply with my humble request.

I humbly beg to remain  
 Most Honored Sir  
 Your honor's most Obedt  
 (Sd) C. M. Aroonachellum  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub Overseer

"True copy"

Aroonachellum  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub Overseer

No 1321 T.C.

Memo

The Sub overseer is informed  
 that as the Executive Engineer  
 reported that he was not sa-  
 tisfied with the Sub overseer's  
 work the Supg. Engineer has  
 been unable to recommend  
 him to the Local Fund  
 Board for an appointment.

31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 82 / Sd / J Beatty Col. R. O.  
 Subm. No 3 / Supg. Engr. 6<sup>th</sup> Circle

To  
 Aroonachellum Pill  
 Sub Overseer  
 Sd Executive Engineer  
 Trichinopoly  
 "True copy"

Aroonachellum  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub Overseer

8<sup>th</sup> February 1882  
Shreevillam

To

The Supt Engineer C Circle  
This the Executive Engineer and  
District Sub Div Officer

Most Honored Sir.

1. With reference to your honor's Memo No 1321 T.C. under date the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1882 I most respectfully beg to state that the predecessors of the Executive Engineer under whose direct orders I was working were well satisfied and have recommended me for promotion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and I think therefore that the report therein alluded to must have been submitted by the present Executive Engineer and the remarks therein recorded must have been made by the Sub Division Officer with all probability & supported by the former officers.

2. I beg to explain that previous to the submission of the report, the Sub Division Officer whom I have reported myself to, with my own record in his camp at Arealoor on the 26<sup>th</sup> September last, and answered his few queries & questions about the work I was then engaged in (Survey of the proposed New road from Poodoospalai to Arealoor). This officer has never up to date visited any work I was superintending or executed nor had I been under his direct orders, but under that of the Overseer & other officers.

who on frequent inspection were quite satisfied with my works as recorded in their reports on my qualification. The enclosed Copy & Extract of the Executive Engineer's Convey his good opinion towards my qualification, nor the Overseer would find had opinion of me if referred to. As for the Executive Engineer who had neither visited my work nor had seen me as I had no occasion to wait on him.

3. Under these circumstances I beg to observe neither the Sub Division officer nor the Executive Engineer were justified to form a bad opinion as quoted in the memo under reference "that he (Executive Engineer) was not satisfied with the Sub Overseer's (myself) work" and as he has actually done so, I should submit that the bad opinion could not reasonably be formed by these officers on direct personal knowledge of my qualification, but, by hear say, if at all.

4. It is moreover surprising that the Executive Engineer to have reported me badly after having stated in his Endorsement No 1337.5 dated 8<sup>th</sup> Jan'y/82 that my name was included in the list of the Sub Overseers sent to the Collector.

with no mention of the remark not satisfied with the Sub Overseer's work as quoted above the Copy of the Endorsement is Enclosed.

5. I further beg to state that I have no alternative to resume my deserving character which was acquired & appreciated by Superiors having worked very hard for a long time in the Department, than to entreat your honor to refer to the officer or officers who made the bad remarks and ask them how they have come to such conclusion prejudicial to my present & future prospects & to furnish me with a copy of the munsab factory report referred to as I will probably have to Appeal & fight for my justified claim.

6. In conclusion I beg to state that all previous Executive Engineers under whose direct orders I was placed were quite satisfied with all the works I executed & recommended me for promotion to your honor on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1880, & on one occasion your honor was pleased to appreciate the method in which I was conducting my duties as recorded in memo No 11/80 T.C dated 15<sup>th</sup> February/81. Copy herein Enclosed. It is not out of place here to observe that during a few

months since the present officers have  
 come to this district there is no reason  
 how a man's habitually long acquired  
 efficiency & good conduct could become  
 worse, & I beg therefore again to request  
 your honors will be pleased to look over  
 all the previous records concerning my  
 claim & recommend me to one of the  
 Local Fund Overseer ship as already  
 arranged by your honors predecessor  
 & approved of by the President of the  
 Local Fund Board as per enclosed  
 Copy of Memo No 703 T.C. dated 4<sup>th</sup>  
 December 1879.

7. Humbly hoping that your honor  
 will be pleased to grant my prayers  
 as I am an old servant of 20 years  
 standing in the Department as recorded  
 in my service Register & so young (38)  
 as to have to pull on his life a long time  
 more with the inadequate pittance  
 he will get if thrown out without  
 being provided with a situation, which  
 to get, will be very hard for him if  
 the present opportunity be overlooked  
 by the competent officers like your honor  
 & slipped away.

I humbly beg to remain  
 Sir, Yr. Obedt. Servant  
 "True copy" *Chitro Madhulley*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub Division

E

Supg. Engineer's office  
 Camp Papanasam  
 No. 1396 T.C. 15<sup>th</sup> February 1882

Memo.

In reply to Sub Overseer Aroona  
 Chellum's petition of 8<sup>th</sup> inst. he is  
 referred to this office Endorsement  
 No 1321 T.C. of 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo. The  
 Divisional & Sub Divisional  
 officers have been quite long enough  
 in the Division to be aware of his  
 qualifications & efficiency.

Signed J. Beatty Col. R.E.

Supg. Engr. 6<sup>th</sup> Circle  
 Forwarded thro the Executive Engr.  
 Trichinopoly Division

"True copy"

*Chitro Madhulley*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub Division

P.W. L.S.  
2174/82

F  
Extract from the Report Submitted  
by Supervisor Mr. J. A. Hicken on  
the Efficiency, Conduct, & qualifi-  
cations of the Lower subordinate  
Staff, on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1881.

x x x  
Has only lately joined this Section  
but, holds very fair & good Testimo-  
nials from Mr. Nisfor the late  
Executive Engineer of this Division &  
others. I believe he can Survey, Level,  
Draw, & Estimate, & from the little  
I have yet seen I consider him  
both active & fairly intelligent, he  
seems accustomed to the saddle, as  
I have noticed him frequently on  
horse back. From his being compara-  
tively a young man yet he appears  
quite fit for his duty. There is  
nothing I know against his character,

Mr. Norfon before leaving the Divn.  
recommends him in the above  
Testimonial referred to, for pro-  
motion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

X X X  
Signed J. A. Hickam  
Superintendent  
Udyarpattanam Section

"True Extract"

Chro. Na. Chellay  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Subaltern

Trichinopoly  
14<sup>th</sup> March 82

No. 1708, S

To

Sroonachellum Pillay  
Subaltern 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt.

Udyarpattanam

Please forward Copies of your  
Testimonials &c to the undersigned  
& state also if you are willing  
to take up a Surveyorship in  
the Trichinopoly Municipality  
on your present salary after  
31<sup>st</sup> March 1882.

Signed C. C. Rawson  
Capt. R.E.  
Executive Engineer

"True copy"

Chro. Na. Chellay  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Subaltern

## Copies of Testimonials.

The bearer, Aroonachellum Pillay has served under me as an additional goomastah in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Range office for about 10 months during that time I had every reason to be satisfied with his work & behaviour. He is an intelligent hard working young man & has been appointed as a Moolah in the Madura District Engineers office.

Madura 14<sup>th</sup> August 1862  
Signed W. S. Harrington  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Dist. Engr.

The bearer, Aroonachellum Pillay was Writer under me for a space of 19 months while I was in charge of Pulney Taluk during which time I found him well up to his work, he is a neat Writer & good accountant.

10<sup>th</sup> January 1866  
Pulney  
Signed D. M. Nair  
Revenue S. D. O.

Extract from a letter from Taluk Revenue Diarigul to the officer in charge of Diarigul Range Madura Dist. No. 23 dated 16<sup>th</sup> August/66.

I beg to recommend Aroonachellum Pillay for the appointment of S. T. Maistry, as from the knowledge has as of the English language & English accounts. Estimating &c. I consider that he is a very fit man. Moreover he has been a long time in the Department without any promotion as there as been no vacancies & I consider him a man well worthy of advancement. I therefore beg to request that you will give the matter to your kind consideration.

liberation & recommend him for the post  
to the Supg. Engineer.

I have  
Signed J. Hamilton  
Overseer D.P.W.

Aroonachellum Pillay has served  
under me as a Subg. Overseer's Writer for  
upwards of 2 years during which time I  
have always found him willing & ready  
to do his duty, and I have never once had  
occasion to find fault with him.

He writes a clear bold hand, &  
understands the Range & Subg. accounts  
thoroughly, in short it is most impossible  
to speak too highly of him, & a better writer  
& accountant it will be hard to find  
in the whole Division. I hope to hear of  
his promotion to a higher appointment  
for which Mr. Lyon the Asst. Engineer  
in charge of the D. P. Range has recommend-  
ed him.

16<sup>th</sup> October/71 Signed J. Hamilton  
District Engineer

The bearer named Aroonachellum Pillay  
has served me as a Writer in the D.P.W. &  
while I held charge of Dinclijul & Madhura  
roads & I find him always willing &  
attentive in the execution of his duties.  
He is a good accountant & Writer & should  
be posted as an imperial Writer. He is  
now attached to a S. F. Overseer's Division  
The change will be of advantage to him  
& this is recommended as he has been  
long in the D.P.W. as a Public Servant.

5<sup>th</sup> June 1874

Signed H. W. Hylie  
District Engineer

The bearer Aroonachellum acted for  
6 months as Local Fund mistry and  
did his duty fairly.

Signed G. D. Hylbrow  
Offg. District Engineer

Bearer Aroonachellum has served about  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  years S. F. clerk in this Range during  
which time he worked well & gave me  
every satisfaction. he now leaves this  
Range to take up the post of S. F. Sub.  
Overseer (on probation) in Musiri Range.

5<sup>th</sup> June/75 Signed G. D. Hylbrow  
District Engineer

As suboverseer Aroonachellum Pillay  
is said to be appointed on probation  
I think he may now be confirmed as  
he has evinced zeal & ability in the  
execution of difficult work at Kunnappu  
in closing large breaches. I believe he  
will prove efficient in course of time.

21<sup>st</sup> August/75 Signed H. W. Hylie  
Kunnappadi Overseer D.P.W.

Suboverseer Aroonachellum Pillay  
has been placed under my orders in S.F.  
He has given me every satisfaction in  
the discharge of his public duties. He  
has acquired a fair knowledge of Survey  
& Levelling. I have record that I have  
found the man in his field work very  
correct & trust to hear of his advancement.

in the Department. I now part him  
owing to his transfer to the Engineering  
Division.

24 June 1878 3 / Signed J. J. Rammayachari P.W. 24  
Sub Overseer, 1st Grade 2176

In Charge Perumalloor Taluk

Aroonachellum Pillay Sub Overseer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is intelligent & is worth promotion  
to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

Musiri 3 / Signed C. H. F. Norford  
7 June 1879 3 Executive Engineer

I have known C. M. Aroonachellum  
Pillay for the last 2 years, & have a  
very high opinion of him. He is very  
intelligent & can survey & level very well  
& plot. He is only a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade suboverseer  
I strongly recommend him for promotion  
to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & in doing so above his seniors,  
if any, think him quite <sup>an</sup> exception to  
the ordinary rules of promotion, & trust  
that this strong recommendation will  
not be lost sight of.

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1881. / Signed C. H. F. Norford  
Offg. Executive Engineer  
Engineering Division

"True copies"

Aroonachellum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sub Overseer

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Endorsement  
No 1337. D. of 8<sup>th</sup> January 1882 agrees with  
No 3449 of

The Sub Overseer may be —  
informed that his name has been included in the list sent to the Collector with other Sub Overseers.  
should

Signed C. H. F. Norford Capt. R.E. and  
Executive Engineer. self without  
see's Letters

"True copy"

Aroonachellum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sub Overseer  
that he  
could have  
with as  
supg. Engg.  
see's

not near any more complaints of the  
kind, which may have to be taken —  
more serious notice of.

Salakad 3 / Signed J. B. Oakley Lt Col. R.E.  
15-2-81 3 Supg. Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

"True copy"

Aroonachellum  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sub Overseer

No 1480 T.C.

The undersigned quite agrees with the Executive Engineer Edichinophol in the opinion expressed in his Letter No 3449 of 21<sup>st</sup> ultims, that Overseer Fonseca's method of dealing with his suboverseer Aroona Chellum Pillay was most objectionable. Of course all orders to Industries & on the works he is responsible for should be conveyed thro the suboverseer, and any industry who absents himself without leave from or thro the suboverseer should be dismissed. The suboverseer's letters were perfectly correct. Shewed that he was attending to his work, & should have been replied to, by the overseer with as little delay as possible. The Supg. Eng<sup>r</sup> entirely disapproves of Mr Fonseca's conduct in the matter, & trusts he will not hear any more complaints of the kind, which may have to be taken more serious notice of.

Salakad 3 / 15-2-81 / 15-2-81 / Supg. Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> Div<sup>n</sup>

"True copy"

Chitrochallu  
3<sup>rd</sup> Div<sup>n</sup> Sd<sup>o</sup> M

P.W. E-10  
2474/82

Appeal Memorial  
of K. R. Aronachellum  
Petitioner. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sec. Sub-division  
Trichinopoly Division

To

His Excellency the Governor  
in Council  
Fort Saint George  
Madras.

The humble memorial of  
K. R. Aronachellum Pillay  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sec. Sub-Division D. P. O.  
Trichinopoly Division.

Sheweth.

Enclos 10

That memorialist begs to submit  
for the perusal of Government Copies of  
Correspondence with the Supg. Engineer  
& Circle who has failed to recommend  
memorialist to be employed under the  
Local Fund Board as arranged by his  
predecessor & the President as per Enclos  
memo (Marked A) No 703 T.C. dated  
4<sup>th</sup> December 1879.

2. That the Supg. Engineer states in  
his Endorsement No 1321 T.C. of 31<sup>st</sup> January 82  
(marked C) on memorialist's petition  
(marked B) that the Supg. Engineer was  
unable to recommend him for an  
appointment under the Board on the  
report made by the Executive Engineer  
to the effect "that he (Executive Eng.) was not  
satisfied with his work."

3. That on the receipt of the Endorsement  
above referred to, memorialist submit-  
ted to the Supg. Engineer an explicit

nate before actually testing him and his works, and that the opinion super-  
ficially formed as in this instance  
could only be otherwise than a fact.

9. Whatsoever tedious the corres-  
pondence be, the memorialist entreates  
the Government will be pleased to go  
through them & to do him justice, which  
cannot be exercised unless doing so  
and be convinced with all the circum-  
stances & to redeem him from the  
mischances he was wilfully subjected to  
by the want of due consideration of  
his claim on the part of the Subdivision  
officer & the cursory review of the  
Supg. Engineer.

10. That memorialist is about  
20 years standing with a little break  
by a resignation, & a sub overseer of  
9 years standing bearing an unblem-  
ished character throughout his  
career, and he is sorry to observe  
that he has been dealt with in this  
instance very unjustly by the Capri-  
cious remarks of a native officer  
in spite of his just claim founded  
on the favourably recorded opinions  
of several European officers, and  
against the tendency of the merciful  
Government in seeing the thrown out

servants be well provided for.

11. That Government with this view  
issued orders to the effect of employing  
only the thrown out hands under the Local Fund  
Board, but the Supg. Engineer paying no  
heed to the order recommended one  
Acerasawmy Dyengar said to be a framed  
candidate who had been never employed  
in the Department now was he recom-  
mended by the Executive Engineer of the  
Division. This arrangement appears  
to have been made in the Supg. Engineer's  
office.

12. That memorialist begs to state  
that not only the preference was given to  
the said Dyengar on out sider, but also  
memorialists juniors both in qualifica-  
tions & service & those that were not select-  
ed in the late postponed arrangement  
as it was the case with the Memorialist  
were now recommended by the Supg.  
Engineer.

13. That memorialist received an  
order from the Executive Engineer H. 1708.5  
dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 1882 (marked G) to say  
whether he is willing to take up an  
appointment of a Surveyorship in the  
Trichinopoly Municipality & to furnish  
his certificates. This plainly shews that  
the conduct of the Supg. Engineer of his  
qualification & conduct is not to under-  
serve & his claim was willingly overlooked.

VII. Have you ever recorded in your Diary (Form A) of inspection of the works executed by the Sub Overseer since he joined your Sub Division of so, when?

VIII. Do you know what is the nature of the operations left in the records of Division & Sub Division offices, by the officers before you, or the qualifications of the Sub Overseer? KC No. 2174

And memorialist shall ever feel bound to pray.

26<sup>th</sup> March 1882 *C. M. Moona Chellum Pillai*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sub Overseer

P.S. That memorialist begs to solicit that an order be passed before the arrangement of the Local Fund Board be effected regarding the appointments to be bestowed on the undeserving men such as the said Veeraswamy Dyengar &c.

*C. M. Moona Chellum Pillai*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sub Overseer

No 900 W of 4 April 1882 *M. W. Department*

Endorsement

Petition from C. M. Moona Chellum Pillai, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sub Overseer, M. W. Department, of 26<sup>th</sup> March 1882.

The prayer of the Petitioner to be provided with employment under the Trichinopoly Local Fund Board is not one which the Government can entertain.

*R.S.*

*Att*

30/3/82

sb,

The Petitioner

*Recd*

5/4/82