TO

His Excellency, The Right Honorable

Beilly Baron Wenlock G. C. I. E.

Governor of Fort. St. George,

MADRAS.

Humble petition by A. MUTHAIYA PILLAI, D. P. W. Channel Superintendent of the Palayam channel, Palamcottah, Tinnevelly District.

Respectfully Sheweth:

1. That petitioner was doing the duty of the above Channel Superintendent for the last four years.

2. That in the impartial discharge of the above office, petitioner had incurred the displeasure of the ryots of the lower irrigation, which will be seen from the reports made by petitioner against the ryots. A reference to petitioner's immediate superiors is solicited to bear out the above fact.

3 Lately between the 18th and 22nd August 1894, a dispute arose between the ryots of the Kottaram village and those of the lower irrigation (who are now the complainants against the petitioner) with regard to the distribution of water in the Kottaram supplying sluice On the matter being taken to petitioner, he, in the exercise of his discretion, distributed the water between the two people

4 The ryots of the lower irrigation who are already inimical to the petitioner got offended at this and made several complaints containing several false allegations against the petitioner to the Superintending Engineer, Chief Engineer &c.

5 Petitioner's immediate superior, Mr. Hendrick, Supervisor reported that the complaints were owing to ill-feeling and that the petitioner should be transferred elsewhere.

6. The Executive Engineer thereupon reported to the Superintending Engineer that the petitioner be called upon to vindicate his character.

7. Petitioner begs to submit that there was no regular enquiry either by the Supervisor, Executive Engineer or any Departmental officer.

8. When such is the case, to the great misfortune of the petitioner, he gets an order from the Government ordering prosecution of the petitioner and suspending him from office, pending such prosecution.

9. Petitioner need hardly submit that justice has not been done to him inasmuch as he has not been given an opportunity to vindicate himself departmentally before ordering prosecution.

10. Petitioner begs to submit that he will be needlessly put to great loss and trouble, should his case be enquired into criminally, on the false allegations of vague, irresponsible ryots.

11. Petitioner further begs to submit that a full departmental enquiry will clearly show that the petitioner is guiltless, that the charges brought against him are false and that it is the complainants that should be prosecuted—and not the petitioner.

Pray, therefore, that your Excellency be graciously pleased to order a full departmental enquiry into his case before he is prosecuted criminally. Pray also that pending disposal of this petition, the prosecution now ordered be stayed.

Petitioner, shall ever pray.

12*th December* 1894.

A. Muthiah Pillai
Palaiem Channel Supdt D.P.W

Petition from A. Muthaiyal Chetty
D. P. W. Channel Superintendent
Trincomalee

Dated 12 December 1894

Transferred to the ~~Chief~~ Secretary to P.W. Department
Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

[signature]

Private Secretary.

Government House,
Gennidy.
14 December 1894.

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From A. MacCartie Esq. I.C.S.
~~THE~~ PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE
RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR,

To
THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Dated 14 } December 1894
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TRANSFERS a petition from A. Muthaiya Pillai praying for a departmental enquiry being held into his case before he is prosecuted criminally.

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