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From

Rajah Bommadurra Vekata
Karasimha Saide Bahadur
Zemindar of Vallur &c.

To

W. P. Austin Esquire
Ag. Collector Kistna District

Sir,

The Government have been
volently placed at my disposal for 2
years the services of Muniraji Ramay
ya Pantulu Garu (late District Munsif
of Bezawada) for the better management
of my estate and for the rectification of
the irregularities perpetrated hitherto
by my tenants.

Mr Horsfall the late collector
Kistna District reported to Government
that he, the said Ramayya Pantulu
Garu, had restored order in the estate
but a great deal more remained
yet to be done. (Vide G. O. No. 78 Goma
= my 29. 1883.)

His term of appointment will
expire

expire on 24th February next. He
has effected numerous reforms
on the lines of the rules & regulations
of the British Government for the
well being of my estate. Unless these
reforms are perfected & carried
to completion, the object of Government
in kindly sparing him for the last
2 years will not fully be realized.
I am glad of this favor. which
Government have evinced towards
my estate, out of their pure bene-
volence towards native estates.
Your honor is well aware what
loss will be caused by his reversion
leaving the affairs of the estate incom-
plete.

I will pay contribution (towards
his pension &c) as heretofore for
his services. I therefore request
that you will recommend to Govern-
ment his retention on my estate
for 2 years more at least, so that
the affairs of the estate might be

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set on a permanently satisfactory
footing: and that you will be pleased
at once to obtain the sanction of
Government for this arrangement;
his term of appointment being nearly
over.

Please to consider this.

/sd/ Rajah. Venkata Narasimha
Aidu Bahadur Zamindar

/True translation/

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Enclosure in letter
Extra No. 5 January 29
1884 from the Acting Col-
lector Kistna to the Chief
Secretary to Government
Political Department
Madras.

English translation of
the Zemindar's letter to
the Collector.



CERTIFICATES

AND

LETTERS &c.

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THE CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATIONS

OF

MUNNANGH RAMAYYA

District Munsiff of Combaconum.

AT PRESENT

On Special Duty.

CERTIFICATES.

Munnangi Ramayya having applied to me for a testimonial to support his application for the Office of Government Pleader, I have the pleasure to certify that, during the three years of his career as Pleader in my Court, he has been attentive and industrious, and made great progress in the art of conducting cases. He is also fluent and pretty skilful in his arguments on behalf of his clients, and I have been quite satisfied with him.

Small Cause Court

Masulipatam,

12th March 1868.

(Signed) J. WILKINS,
Judge.

Extract from the Service Register.

Ramayya was appointed Nazir by me in July 1868, and upon the Head Clerk's promotion to an acting District Munsiffship, I felt I could not do better than appoint Ramayya to succeed as Head Clerk.

Ramayya was prior to his appointment as Nazir, a Pleader of this Court and like Mr. Wilkins, the permanent Judge, I had the highest opinion of his professional skill and efficiency. As ministerial officer, Ramayya has been equally successful, and I shall be glad to hear that he obtains promotion to a District Moonsiffship for which office he has passed the prescribed examination, and he is in my opinion altogether well qualified for such a promotion.

Masulipatam

Small Cause Court,

18th March 1869.

(Signed) S. R. DAWES,
Acting Judge.

Extract from a letter of the Small Cause Judge, Masulipatam to the Civil Judge of Rajahmundry,
dated 26th June 1871.

I have the honor to forward herewith an application addressed to you by my Head Clerk for the vacant office of District Munsiff at Rajahmundry which he has applied to me to transmit.

I have known M. Ramayya for some years as Vakil and Head Clerk of my Court and can testify to his knowledge of law, his shrewdness and judgment which fully qualify him for the office of District Munsiff. I never had occasion to doubt his honesty and integrity and shall therefore be glad to hear of his promotion.
(Signed) J. WILKINS,
Judge.

16th October 1873.

To,
The Registrar, High Court, Madras.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable Judges of the High Court that taking advantage of the holidays on account of the Dasara feast, I proceeded to Karempudi and examined the Munsiff's Court at that place.

The present Munsiff Munnangi Ramayya has only lately joined the Court, Mutnur Nagabhushanam having been transferred to Bapatla.

The state of work in the Court is very satisfactory. There were on 1st October only 77 suits pending and the disposal has been sufficiently rapid, as only 4 suits have been pending above 6 months. There were 176 suits pending at the beginning of the quarter, and 152 were filed during the quarter making a total of 328 of which 231 have been disposed of altogether.

The Diaries A. and B. were fully kept upto date. The accounts and books were in perfect order and the whole state of the Court reflects credit both on the late and the present Munsiffs.

The present Munsiff M. Ramayya I am glad to find also records full notes in English.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. C. HANNINGTON,
Acting District Judge.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) S. T. MCCARTHY,
District Judge.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Small Causes dated 11th July 1877.

On the eve of delivering over charge of the Court of Small Causes, I feel it my duty to record my opinion of the two District Munsiffs whose decisions have come before me in appeal, and of the Pleaders attached to my Court.

Munnangi Ramayya appears to be careful and painstaking in the trial and disposal of his cases and in drawing up his decisions which are always clear, forcible and logical. His judgments show an evident desire on his part to do justice to the parties.

(Signed) J. WILKINS,

(Signed) J. WILKINS,
Small Cause Judge.

(True Extract)
(Signed) J. WILKINS,
Judge.

Proceedings of the District Court of Kistna at Masulipatam dated 5th March 1879.

Read arzi dated 31st January 1879 from Munnangi Ramayya District Munsiff of Masulipatam requesting the Court to transfer 200 suits from the file of his Court to other Court and to relieve him from the work with which he is overburdened.

Under section 25 of the Civil Procedure Code the acting District Judge resolves to lighten the extremely heavy file of the Bunder Court by transferring a certain number of cases to other Courts.

The acting District Judge is aware that it is only on account of the unmanageable number of cases filed that so many cases are pending and is satisfied that no one could have worked harder or have taken greater pain to keep his file low than has the District Munsiff.

He resolves to relieve him of 150 suits, 75 to go to Baupatla and 75 to Bezwada. The Bunder Munsiff will send a list of cases for transfer selected so as to give the least inconvenience to the parties concerned.

(Signed) J. KELSALL.
Acting District Judge.

(True Extract)
(Signed) S. T. MC CARTHY.
District Judge.

Rajahmandry, 25 - 9 - 80.

To,
M. Ramayya Garu
District Munsiff Masulipatam.

I have been too busy to write about you before, as I promised, but I am glad to certify to your diligence and ability in disposing of the heavy work of your Court. The appeals from your decisions were comparatively few. It was my intention to have recommended to the High Court to give you some assistance in the way of an

extra Munsiff at all events for a time : you will no doubt get your promotion in your turn, and you deserve it in my opinion. I hope you will soon recover your health.

Yours faithfully,

B. HORSBRUGH. C. S.

District Judge.

Extract from Mr. Kelsall's Letter to M. Ramayya.

* * *
I have recorded my opinion of your services in letters to Mr. Horsbrugh my successor and Mr. Weir the Registrar of the High Court. They are the only gentlemen concerned to know it.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN KELSALL,

District Judge, Kistna.

MEMO.

Of the five Munsiffs in this District the best is without doubt M. Ramayya of Masulipatam.

* * *
(Signed) J. KELSALL,

Acting District Judge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) S. T. MCCARTHY,

District Judge.

SIR,

You have, as I know, been very hardly worked for some time, and perhaps would like a change. Till there is a passed Assistant (probably not for six months or a year) I shall want a Temporary Deputy Collector who will have charge of Bander and Gudivada Taluqs. If you like it I will send up your name to-day. I have

spoken to Mr. Grahame, and he has no objection and can spare you at once. Kindly let me know as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
J. KELSALL,

Collector, Kistna.

Madras, 26 - 4 81.

MY DEAR SIR,

Your letter of 7th April duly received. I have done what I said and I hope you will before long receive promotion.

In haste,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. F. GRAHAM,
District Judge, Kistna.

Extract from the letter from C. J. Knox Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government dated Masulipatam 12th September 1881. No. 2020.

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5. M. Ramayya Pantulu, until recently Munsiff of Masulipatam has now been transferred to Bezwada, and has earned a good reputation as a public servant. He is a third Class District Munsiff having 12½ years service, has passed the tests required for District Munsiff and Deputy Collector. In January last Mr. Kelsall recommended him for appointment as Temporary Deputy Collector.

Nellore. 12th July 1882.

Ramayya Garu.

I am very glad to hear that you have so soon managed to arrange the affairs of the Vallur Estate. I shall send your letter to Mr. Moberly who will, I am sure, be also glad; as he wishes you well.

I shall see you at Masulipatam no doubt, next month.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) A. J. B. ATKINSON,
District Judge.

My dear Munsiff,

I must congratulate you on your success at Vallur and hope you will continue to prosper there.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. P. FIDDIAN,
Head Assistant Collector, Bezwada.

Extract from the letter from J. G. Horsfall Esq.,
Collector of the Kistna District to the Chief Secretary
to Government dated Kondapally, 17th January 1883,
Extra No. 6.

During the eleven months the estate has been under the management of Ramayya Pantulu, numerous important reforms have been introduced such as the exchange of pattas and muchilikas, the settlement of rates the elimination of irrecoverable arrears from the dowie, &c. I believe, however, there is a good deal yet to be done, and consider that it is desirable that work so successfully begun should be completed.

No. 55.

M. Ramayya Pantulu Garu, District Munsiff, Masulipatam, has been in a weak state of health for the past 6 months and has consulted me several times. His weakness of health has been in a great measure, if not altogether due to excessive work, and I have often advised

him to take complete rest for sometime. During the last recess he took some rest he so much needed, but it was not of sufficient duration nor did he altogether abstain from work.

Masulipatam, } (Signed) H. D. COOK, M. B.
4th June 1879. } Surgeon,
Zillah Surgeon.

No. 74.

District Munsiff Munnaangy Ramayya Pantulu Garu has on and off been taking medicines for many months past and has often complained to me that he finds his work too much for him. He appears to be suffering from Nervous Debility accompanied with indigestion.

He thinks that a more active life would be healthier for him, and in this I quite agree: he has been District Munsiff for 7 years.

District Surgeon's Office, } (Signed) C. R. G. PARKER
Masulipatam, } Surgeon Major,
Dated 9th March 1881. } District Surgeon.

No. 51.

This is to certify that M. Ramayya District Munsiff of Masulipatam has been for a long time suffering from Constipation and Dyspepsia attributable to the sedentary nature of his duties in great part, and the heavy work of his Court.

I am of opinion that a transfer to some employment not so sedentary in its nature would be beneficial to his health.

Civil Dispensary, } (Sd.) W. H. THORNHILL, M.D.
25th August 1881. } Surgeon.
Ag. Civil Surgeon, Masulipatam.

Extract from the Kistna District Manual regarding
the Zemindars of Vallur.

In 1880 a cloud passed over the prosperity of this Zemindari. Agrarian disturbances were threatened in the Vallur villages, many of the cultivators refusing to pay the rents which were demanded by the Raja's officers and, *more Indico*, bringing charges in the Courts against some of these officers. The Acting Collector and Acting Head Assistant Collector, who were then in charge of the District and Division, were disposed to think that there must be some real grievance which had created this Land League agitation in the Vallur estate. The Rajah was not disposed to yield without a struggle and hit upon an expedient which none of the Irish landlords in similar plight tried against Messrs. Davitt and Parnell. He took steps to file suits against the Head Assistant Collector and the Tahsildar of Bezwada claiming heavy damages on the ground that they had incited his tenants to withhold their rents. This dispute came to the knowledge of Government who arranged matters by lending to the Zemindar the services of Munrangi Ramayya, District Munsiff of Bezwada, under whose able management of the Zemindari the danger of Agrarian disturbance has passed away.

Narsa Rowpet
28th January 1884

From

M. Ramayya

Manager of Vallur Estate.

To

H. P. Austin Esquire,

Collector, Kistna

Sir,

I beg to return, with thanks, the Vallur Zemindar's letter forwarded to me with your endorsement dated 27th January 1884, inquiring whether I am willing to remain two more years with the Zemindar as proposed by him.

In reply I beg to state that I am willing to remain as proposed, provided that Government sanction my retention under the usual terms.

2. You are aware that the new

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grades of Munsifs will come into force shortly. I have already explained that in the ordinary course I should be made a 2^d class Munsif. You will, I am sure, agree with me that my retention with the Zemindar should not interfere with my promotion. I beg therefore that you will be pleased, in submitting the Zemindar's application to Government, to recommend that the continuance of my connexion with the Estate be not permitted to operate prejudicially to me.

3. I have been District Munsif for 9 years, and the accompanying printed testimonials show that I have done good service as such. It is within the recollection of Government under what

Circumstances I have been of them to serve on this Estate. The reports of Mr. Horsfall and yourself bear testimony to its present improved condition. Don't you think that my labors deserve some recognition at the hands of Government? I, of course, do not ask for heraldic honors. But as I have been two years in the Revenue line, I think, I might fairly expect to be made a Deputy Collector. This, you are aware, would involve some sacrifice. For, the last grade of Deputy Collectors is only Rs 250. In the new scale I expect to be promoted to Rs 300 at once. I seek the change because it has been recommended by my medical advisers (see —

Certificates Nos. 51 & 74 in the
enclosed printed book.)

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
M. Ramayya
Manager of Vallur Estate
(True Copy)

Whurster
Ag. Collector.

Recd. 10/8/94

Supp No 2316/84

Enclosure in letter
Extra No: 5 January 29
1884 from the Acting
Collector Kistna to the
Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment Political Depart-
ment Madras.

M. Ramayya Pan-
tulu's letter with testi-
monials.

* English
translation

Kistna District
Collector's Circuit Office
Camp Narsaroupett
29th January 1884.

From

W. P. Austin Esquire,

Acting Collector
Kistna District

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In G.O. No: 135 February
16, 1883 the continued employment of
M. Ramayya Pantulu under the Vallur
Zemindar for another year from the 23rd
idem was sanctioned.

2. The period expires on 23rd
February 1884.

3. I enclose a letter from the

Zemindar requesting that M. Ramayya Pantulu may be allowed to remain with him for 2 more years on the usual terms as to contribution towards pension &c. I enclose

also M. Ramayya Pantulu's reply to my enquiry as to whether he is willing to remain

M. Ramayya Pantulu expresses his readiness to stay on provided that Government

Sanction his retention. The present terms

are — Pay Rs 350 + Rs. 58-5-4 Contribution for leave and pension. Total

Rs. 408-5-4.

4. With reference to para 2 of his letter it would seem that if M. Ramayya Pantulu had not been transferred to Foreign Service he might in the ordinary course of affairs expect to be promoted as 2nd class Munsif (Pay Rs. 300) in the new grading of the District Munsifs which

comes into force from the 1st of April next.

Should therefore the Government be pleased to sanction the continuance of his service on the Estate I trust that his claims to promotion will not be passed over.

5. As regards M. Ramayya Pantulu's request contained in para 3 I have only to remark that from the testimonials accompanying his letter, I gather, that as District Munsif, he did good service. It is only in his connection with the Estate that he has come more immediately under the eye of several successive Collectors who bear testimony to the great improvement achieved by him in its affairs. It will be remembered that his services were called into requisition at a time when oppression and abuse of authority on the part of the Zemindar's —

agents had induced forcible resistance on the part of the tenants and led to rioting and serious disturbance to the public peace, and when matters had reached a point which called for the active interference of Government and which might even have necessitated the attachment of the Estate under Regulation II of 1819.

6. It is matter for congratulation that a vast change for the better has ensued under M. Ramayya Pantulu's management and that peace has been restored.

7. I believe however, that a great deal yet remains to be done to set the affairs of the Estate on a permanent and ^{thoroughly} satisfactory footing; and for this reason commend the Zemindar's request to the very favorable consideration of Government.

8. When M. Ramayya Pantulu was first transferred to service under the Zemindar, he was District Munsif of Bezawada. He now stands posted to Cumbaconam.

9. I request that the orders of Government may be communicated to me by wire as he will require time to make his arrangements should he have to join his judicial appointment.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. Austell
Acting Collector

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Enclosure in a letter from the Ag. Registrar of the High Court of Judicature
at Madras, dated 15th February 1884. No. 586.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Political Department.

Read the following

From the Ag Registrar of the High Court,
Appellate Side, of 15th February/84. No. 586,
informing that the High Court
has no objection to sanction
the employment for six months
more of M Ramayya Pantulu,
Munsiff of Kumbhakurum, -
under the Vallur zemindar and
that in the new grading he will
be placed in the 3rd class on
Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty.

Order thereon 20 February 84 No. 586.

The following telegram will
be sent to the Collector, Kistna.

"Your No 5. M Ramayya Pan-
tulu may continue on Vallur
Estate for six months longer,
on understanding that he then
revert

reverts to Municipality.

/ True extract /

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N^o 1/2 / Secretary

The Pension Deptt

with previous papers

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Dr Karasimbaiya

Govt. of 1884 Madras.

To

N^o 177

The Revenue Dept

Proceedings, dated *20th July* 1884
No. *109 of 1884*

Subject.

*Informing the Col^{rs}
of Kistna, by wire, that
Munsiff M. Ramayya
may be permitted to
continue to remain
6 mos more under the
service of the Zemindar
of Vallur.* ✓

Order thereon 7th March 1884 N^o 193

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