

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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N^o 3. Masulipatam Collectors
(Cutcherry) 9th February 1857
From M. L. Chase Esquire
Acting Sub Collector in charge
Masulipatam

To J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
in the Public Dep.
Fort St. George

1. In pursuance of the order of
Para 1 Government in the Revenue Department
dated 20th Ultimo N^o 72, I have the honor to
submit herewith a Register of the applicants
for Pension of Raja Raminah Acting -
Naib Sheristadar of this District.

2. The circumstances under which this
application is now submitted, are no doubt
fresh in the memory of Government - They
seem to me to warrant the dispensing with
the usual Medical Certificate in the case
of this officer, especially as the
Honorable Court of Directors have, in the
first instance, suggested his retirement on
pension -

3. This officer has completed a service
of 30 years, during which long period, not
a days' intermission has occurred, nor has
he been found remiss in any single instance.
His career has been one of great usefulness
from the first to the last, filling in succession

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the most important posts in the Collector's Establishment, save only that of Head Sheristadar the duties of which office also he is stated to have discharged tho' only temporarily with ability & to the entire satisfaction of his Employers. His absence from duty on private affairs during the whole period of service, has been but a very few months & always on authorized leave.

4. Of the general character of this officer, Mr Lushington has given his opinion at length in his letter of the 26th March 1856-

N^o 11

para 11 & 12

I shall simply extract here a few passages from that communication. "On referring to the passage in Mr Bird's letter to which allusion is made in the Honorable Court's Despatch, I observe that Mr Bird expressed opinions of Raja Ramana's conduct very different from those with which he regarded that of nearly all the other servants. There cases of any undue receipt of money which the minutest preliminary inquiry had been able to discover, were very few - the amount a few hundred of Rupees which came to his hands rather as an officer's perquisite under the system then prevailing than in any other form, while against almost every one around him there were charges of direct exactions of thousands. In all parts of the District I have seen that he is regarded with respect and that he is considered as a kind-hearted upright man, while nothing can be more

different

"different than the tone of feeling displayed on any allusion to Ramanojapuram and those who have resembled him in character. I do not in any degree mean to urge that his degradation & punishment was not a necessary & proper consequence of the disclosures which had been made. In his position, he ought to have taken a bold line & have given some intimation of the corruption which was reigning around him. But he is a man of remarkable timidity; Ramanojapuram as much as possible kept him from the discharge of any duties calculated to give him influence - and for him to have entered into a struggle with one so subtle and unscrupulous as Ramanojapuram at a time when the Collector placed so much reliance on Ramanojapuram, would in all probability have brought on his ruin."

para 16

"I am unwilling to adopt a measure which on a consideration of the character of the man, of his age, of the difficulties of his position and of his almost isolation in the Cutcherry as a generally honest man, I should feel to be somewhat harsh."

5. By the very favorable opinion thus expressed

expressed of this offer, I am encouraged
to bring forward for the consideration &
indulgent orders of Government, a request
of his, which tho' contained in his Paper
submitted with Mr. Lushington's letter of the
26th March last, does not appear to have
been dispoised of, and which he has reiterated
on the present occasion - I allude to his
claim to a portion of Pay from the undrawn
salary Chargeable to Government of the
vacant office of Head Sheristadar
from the period subsequent to the suspension
of Ramanooja Row from office till his
successor Chakrapany Row was appointed.

From 10th February
1851 to 2nd June 1852
at Rs 210 -
No 3348-8-

Regarding the nature of the duties which
then devolved upon him, I think it just
to him to quote his own words: "In February
1851, consequent on the suspension of
Ramanooja Row, I was called upon under
a special order from the late Collector
(Mr. Porter) with the concurrence of the
late Commissioner as expressed to me
by Mr. Porter himself to take charge of,
and conduct the duties thereof. I need
scarcely mention that if ever the duties
of a Head Sheristadar in this District
were difficult, responsible, & troublesome,
they were so at the period when the
Commissioner was in the neighbourhood
making

"making searching inquiries into the charges,
"preferred against Ramanooja Row, and
"many other servants, when the settlement
"of the year in several Talooks was
"yet to be made, with an entire change
"of the principles of the Revenue system
"then in vogue, & the substitution of one
"on improved principles & of a character
"tending to restore confidence to the
"people, and when moreover every thing was
"in great bustle & confusion, to attend
"to the multifarious & onerous duties claiming
"attention of the Head Sheristadar,
"independently of carrying on the current
"business. - In the difficult position in which
"I was then placed, I had the support
"of the late Commissioner, who, simultaneously
"entrusted a portion of his own inquiries
"to the ^{late} Collector, and which mainly enabled
"me to dispose of under the orders of the
"late Collector so many important matters
"together with the heavy arrears of business
"that then had devolved upon me."

6 As I believe that these statements
are substantially correct, I trust that
his claim for some remuneration for
extra duties faithfully performed would
meet with the favorable consideration
it deserves at the hands of liberal
Government

Government - He performed these duties exclusively from 10th February 1851 to end of October of that year - From November, the Commissioner gave to Mr. Lushington the services of Rayappa his own Sheristadar, for conducting the settlement while Raja Ramanah continued to carry on the current work of the office - From 9th June 1852, Chakrapany Row was appointed Acting Head Sheristadar - The difference of salary for the interval up to the date of Rayappa's joining as temporary Head Sheristadar, would be Rs 781-1-2 - Reckoned up to the date of the appointment of an Acting Head Sheristadar, it would be Rs 1435-1-2 - If compensation is accorded up to the latter date, it will raise the amount of his pension to Rupees 58, while, at present, the amount of it cannot exceed Rs 55, calculating by the actual receipts during the preceding 5 years -

7 Taking all circumstances into consideration, the rank of the officer, his extremely useful career of services in different high grades during an uninterrupted period of 30 years; his general character of honesty & uprightness, his being in very poor circumstances with a large family

family) dependent on him, and without any ill gotten accumulated riches to enjoy after retirement, I strongly recommend to Government the grant of a monthly pension, to commence from 1st March, of Rs 58 or 55 whichever the Government may be pleased to grant as explained in the preceding para, and such amount of remuneration as Government may in their liberality deem fit for the period he actually discharged the duties of the office of Head Sheristadar as explained above under a special order, while that office was vacant. I am emboldened to say in making this recommendation by a perusal of several testimonials in his possession, which taken in connection with Mr. Lushington's opinion & the marked approbation expressed of him by Mr. Fraser and other gentlemen, in their official reports, show that the present applicant for pension bore a uniformly good character.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant

M. C. Chatterjee
Acting Sub Collector
in charge

Dec. 15th.

Philadelphia
Dec 1857

From the

The object of this
letter is to change
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To the Chief Secretary
to the

Public Dept
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dated 9th January

1857
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Enclosure 1

Recommendation for
Pension, for a statement
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Dec 1857

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of the Civil Auditor

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forwarded to the Civil Auditor

28th Dec
28th Dec

Register of an application for a Superannuation Pension, at the Establishment of the Collectors of Masulipatam, prepared under the Rules passed by Government under date 15th May 1851.

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Name of the person by whom the Pension is applied for, with the name of his father	Age of applicant at the time of application	Size	Religion, caste, or tribe	Where residing	Total period of service	Dates and Stations of the several appointments held by the applicant	Years	Months	Days	Applicant's service continuous or not	How long unemployed under what circumstances	Date of application to Government	Salary or emolument of official or other employment at the time of application	Abstract of the grounds of application	Remarks by the Head of office	Proposed amount of Pension per annum	Treasury at which the party is pensioned, under the name of his pension	Orders of Government								
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Gaza Ramanath son of Subbarayudu	52	5 1/2	Vidukha Bramin	Madras	Acting Sheristadar	Head Custom writer in the Hoosoor from 21 st November 1826 up to 25 th March 1827 - Do. do. from 26 th March 1827 to 18 th September 1829 - Assistant Accountant from 19 th September 1829 to 20 th December 1830 - Do. do. and Magistrate Writer from 21 st December 1830 to 11 th March 1831 - Assistant Accountant from 12 th to 25 th March 1831 - English Record Keeper from 26 th March 1831 to 25 th March 1832 - Do. and Acting English Head Writer from 26 th March 1832 to 3 rd August 1835 - Do. do. from 4 th August 1835 to 31 st October 1837 - Head English Writer and Acting Head Accountant from 1 st to 29 th November 1837 - Head English Writer and English Record Keeper from 30 th November 1837 to 20 th April 1838 - Head English Writer from 21 st April to 9 th October 1838 - Do. and officiating Head Accountant from 10 th October to 5 th December 1838 - Head English Writer from 6 th December 1838 to 21 st May 1839 - Do. and Head Accountant from 22 nd May to 21 st August 1839 - Head English Writer from 22 nd August 1839 to 28 th July 1843 - Horse or Pishkar or Head Revenue Munsif from 29 th July 1843 to 31 st August 1848 - Deputy Sheristadar from 1 st September 1848 to 9 th February 1851 - Do. and officiating for the Head Sheristadar from 10 th February 1851 to 8 th June 1852 - Deputy Sheristadar from 9 th June 1852 to 24 th February 1856 - Employed on quana	17 8 25 8 30 65 30 35 35 70 40 70 70 70 70 70 80 120 120 120	2 1 2 1 1 3 2 2 1 1 1 1 3 5 5 2 1 1	5 24 2 22 11 29 7 28 29 21 19 27 16 7 3 7 3 9 27 16	Continuous and uninterrupted	9 th February 1857	1002 1/2	For grounds of application and other particulars of this office orders and correspondence are fully described in the title of application Government accompanying this - January 1857 to 72 Letter from the Acting Sub Collector in charge dated 9 th February 1857 No. 3	55	Madras Treasury											

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Adm. of the Court
J. H. C. 2d May St
M. H. A. B. B.
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A letter from the
acting Land Officer
in charge of the
dated 9th February
1857 C. 157

Register of an
application for a
superannuation
pension on the
Retirement of
the Father of
Marshall's

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Report of the Civil Auditor.

The Civil Auditor has the honor to report, that the Authorized Official allowance of Gaza Ramana, Acting Mail Sheristadar on the Establishment of the Collector of Masulipatam, for the last five years of his service, is Rupees 109 - 2 - 4 per

* per to 31st January 1857.
the same amount is the
average. -

month; and his service on

under the Government embraces a period of 29* years 5 months and 10 days; viz: from

* 23 m. 3.
or 30 - 2 - 10.
up to 31st Jan^y. 1857. -

21st November 1826 to 30th April

1856 up to which date only returns from the Collector of Masulipatam have been received. -

[Signature]

Civil Auditor.

Civil Auditor's Office,
Fort Saint George,
The 23rd February 1857.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Pension Department.

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^x and that a Certificate be issued making the same payable from the 1st March 1857 the date from which he ceased to be employed.

By *James Mackenzie*
Off. Secretary to Govt.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or account.]

Copy
To *Actg. Sub. Collector in Charge of Musuliputnam* } *desp'd 6th*
with Orig^l & Copy of Certificate

" *The Civil Auditor* } *desp'd 6th*
with Copy of Certificate *Recd 7th 1857*
9th March 1857

" *Public Department* *dispt 12th* *Est.*
Ent. 14th March 1857

By order to Govt.

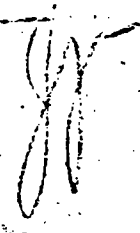
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Extract Minutes of
Consultation



Dated 6th March
1854

Presenting as before
annuation of 3000

(54) 24th June

to Raja Dhanomah
on the establishment of the
Dubliet (Machya)
No of Consulate

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