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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	20-8-	1859

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To,

The Honorable D. Arbuthnott
Collector of Kurnool.

The humble memorial of Venkatrow
Head Serishtadar of Kurnool.

Honored Sir,

1. With profound respect and submission I humbly beg to lay the following address before your goodness trusting that it will receive your favorable consideration and pardon for the intrusion thus made on your valuable moments.

2. With reference to the letter to you of the 9th April last from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue intimating that the Government have in their extract Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd March 1859 No. 379 decided that from the length of my servic and advanced age, that I should retire on pension; I beg to submit my application as hereunder.

3. Being a servant of long standing who served the British Government with faith and zeal and without the shadow of any intrigue, I entertain hopes, on the eve of quitting service, of myself and my generation being left in a position ever to acknowledge the benefits and advantages which may be conferred on me by the Grace of Her Majesty's Government in token of my long but faithful services rendered to Government and being anxious therefore to give a detailed account of my circumstances, my application, I am afraid, will appear rather lengthy for which I crave I may be excused.

4. The subjoined statement will exhibit the

particulars of my career.

Establishment	Date	Number	Appointment	Salary		Period of service in each appointment		
						Years	Months	Days
1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8
Collector of South Arcot.	From 15th November 1813 to 14 Feby 1820.	1	Sayer Mooshariff of Ammunity in Tirudadee Talook.	10	„	6	3	„
	From 15 Do Do to 30th September 1821.		Without employ	„	„	„	„	„
Do of Salem.	From 1st Octor Do to 18 August 1832.	2	Hoozoor Gomastah	21	„	10	10	18
	From 19th Do Do to 20th November 1832	3	Do	28	„	„	3	2
	From 21st Do Do to 23d November 1833	4	Tahsildar of Sunkagiry Talook	100	„	1	„	3
	From 24th Do Do to 30th April 1835.	5	Do of Namacull Do	100	„	1	5	7
	From 1st May to 30th June 1835.		Suspended	„	„	„	„	„
	From 1st July 1835 to 24 December 1837	6	Tahsildar of Kistnaghery Talook	100	„	2	5	24
	From 25 Do Do to 30th September 1838	7	Do of Attoor	100	„	„	9	7
	From 1st Octor 1838 to 24th June 1840.	8	Do of Denkenecotah	100	„	1	8	24
	From 25th Do Do to 30th November 1850	9	Sub Collector's Hoozoor Sherishtadar	200	„	10	5	6
Commissioner and Collector of Kurnool	From 1st Decr Do to 30th Novr 1855	10	Hoozoor Head Sherishtadar	280	„	5	„	„
	From 1st Decr 1855 to 25th Decr 1856	11	Do	437	8	1	„	25
	From 26th Do Do to 30th June 1859	12	Do	525	„	2	6	6
			Total			43	10	2

5 I was first entertained in the South Arcot District in the Office No 1 by the then Collector, to the Office No 2 by Mr Cockburn in the District of Salem, and in the said District to the Offices numbers 3-4-5-6 and 7 by the Collector Mr John Orr & Sub-Collector Mr Ogilvie; to the Numbers 8 and 9 by Mr Glieg and to the 10th and last by the then Agent of Kurnool Mr T. D. Lushington. I had been raised by the patronage of Captain Russell to the two rates of increase of salaries Nos 11 and 12 in conformity to the rules framed for the increase of salaries to Head Sherishtadars

6 The following explanation will set forth the grounds under which I had been without employ twice for the periods referred to in para 4. I resigned the post No 1 the salary thereof being insufficient for my maintenance and better prospects for promotion having been opened for me at Salem. A perusal of the following translation of a Takeed will convince you of the impropriety of the principle upon which I was removed from the post No 5.

dated 1st May 1844 Truly

" Translation of a Takeed issued by Mr Ogilvie Sub Collector "of Salem to Venkatrow Tahasildar of Namacul.

" You have neglected to have earth dug up in the Takavy "form for the repair of Arroor Tank and covered your (the said) "fault by cutting earth in the shape of a channel. Besides this "you have personally represented that you have not visited the "work and taken any measures about it. You have failed to "appease the disputes existing between Mr King & Hunniah "at Mohanoor the dispute amongst Moottahdars is neither "stopped. You have been repeatedly fined. Consequently you "are from this date dismissed". This order does not contain any thing material charging me with infringement of any particular orders or Regulation or involving me in any documentary fault and it is likewise not allowable for a Sub Collector to dismiss a Tahasildar without the sanction of the Board of Revenue which circumstances, Mr Orr the then Collector of Salem having enquired into and finding me guiltless, conferred on me the post No 6 and Mr Orr on the supposition that my remaining longer in the Sub Division might subject me to unnecessary trouble and loss, removed me to his own Division. Since that time up to the date of the presentation of my application for pension, I am conducting the Official duties with great integrity and uprightness.

7. The following are transcripts of public testimonials of Character obtained by me from Officers under whom I have served.

"(1) Copy of an Extract from a letter addressed by the Collector
" of Salem to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated
" 10th July 1840.

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" Venkatrow is the best Tahasildar I have and
" I made choice of him from the confidence I have in his being
" fit to perform his duties efficiently. A statement of his services
" accompanies".

(Signed) J. D. Gleig
Princl Collector

"(2) Copy of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of
" Revenue dated 27th July 1840.

" Read the following letter from the Principal
" Collector of Salem dated 10th July 1840."

" (Here enter No.)

"The Appointment of Venkatrow Tahasildar of
" Dinkincottah to be Serishtadar in the Sub Division of Salem
" seems a highly judicious selection with reference to the previ-
"-ous services of the party named, and the Board trust his
" future conduct will prove the propriety of the choice. It may
" be observed that the appointment of the Sub Collector's Serish-
"-tadar does not require the sanction of the Board of Revenue.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Secretary.

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"(3) Copy of an Extract from a Report upon the settlement
" of the land Revenue for Fusly 1257 of the Talooks of the Sub
" Division in the Zillah of Salem under date the 13th October 1848.

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"47 In closing my third report on the settlement of my
" Division I consider it due to my Serishtadar Venkatrow to
" state that I have derived the greatest advantage from his
" industry and ability in preparing such accounts as I have
" had occasion to call for and from his knowledge of the District
" and the people. I have found him a valuable adviser and
" I believe him to be a careful guardian of the public Revenue
" at the same time that he appears to me to be more aware than
" many of the native Officers of Government that the interests
" of the Government and the people are the same. He has had
" much additional labour in preparing the accounts of the
" Ghidaganul lands and I believe has been successful in
" arranging the complicated documents it was necessary to
" refer to".

(True Extract)
(signed) F. N. Maltby
Sub Collector.

"(4) Copy of an Extract from a letter addressed by the Agent
" to the Governor of Kurnool to the Secretary to the Board
" of Revenue dated 18th November 1850.

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" 4 It now remains for me to bring before the Board the
" arrangement which I propose for filling up the vacancy sub-
"-ject to their approval. In the present state of this impoverish-
"-ed Districts inhabitants, I feel that the choice of a

" Head Serishtadar is a matter of considerable moment, &
" that the Officer selected, ought to be a practical man, with
" liberal views both of the interests of the Government and of
" the Cultivators, versed in the details of a good Revenue system,
" conciliating and free from bigotry or strong class prejudices among other qualifications.
" 5 Many candidates of high standing in public service have
" come forward and the Naib Serishtadar of this District is
" of course an applicant. He is a good man in his present posi-
"-tion but I quite agree with my Predecessor in considering
" that in the wide field of candidates from other Districts there
" are many whose claims are superior to his and that he does
" not possess all the qualifications which ought to be sought
" for and he has already been very fortunate in his promotion.
" 6. The person whose name I beg to submit for the approval
" of the Board of Revenue is Venkutrow Serishtadar of the
" Sub Division of the Salem District. I have given ample time
" for candidates to come forward and have been most anxious
" to nominate a man possessing in high degree all the qualifications
" which the Office requires and I trust that should the Board
" approve of the nomination, Venkutrow will justify the selection.
" 7 The Board will be aware that the Revenue authorities
" of the Salem Collectorate have entertained a high opinion of
" this Officer, and that Mr Maltby recently in charge men-
"-tioned him as a person well qualified for the post of Head
" Serishtadar in that District. I believe that his long
" experience in the systematic arrangement of Revenue accounts
" in Salem, his ability, his good temper and his liberal views
" would all continue to make him a very efficient Head
Serishtadar

" Serishtadar in Kurnool and I here beg to add that
" I consider freedom from local connexions a desirable
" addition to other qualifications.
" 8 The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has
" recently expressed his hope that I will do every thing in my
" power to remove or neutralize those influences which are
" supposed to have kept the Pattan Gentlemen from seeking
" for Honorable employment under the Company's Government
" and I trust that in such an attempt I should find Ven-
"-kutrow a less unwilling coadjutor than a most Bramin
" would be.
" 9 I therefore beg to submit to the Board of Revenue
" in the hope that the selection will meet with their approval
" and confirmation the name of Venkutrow Sub Serishtadar
" of the Salem District as Head Serishtadar of Kurnool
" and I shall be glad to receive the expression of their views
" at the earliest practicable date.
" 10 In conclusion I may mention that I should have
" addressed the Board some weeks since had I not waited
" for a reply to a reference which some application addressed
" to me had led me to make. To myself the delay is produc-
"-tive of considerable inconvenience.

(Signed) T. D. Lushington
Agent to the Governor

" (5) Copy of a Sunnud granted to Venkutrow late Se-
"-rishtadar in the Sub Division of Salem by the Agent to
" the Governor at Kurnool dated 1st January 1851.

" The Board of Revenue having under date the 28th Novr 1850
"confirmed my nomination of you as Head Serishtadar of the
"District of Kurnool. I consider you to have been appointed
"from 1st December 1850 and give you this official intimation of
"your appointment. I wish you at once to enter energetically on
"the duties of the Office.

"You will probably find much in the system of the accounts,
"as in all other points connected with the Revenues in this recently
"acquired District, which requires amendment, but any changes
"of this kind can be introduced gradually, and with full con-
"=sideration of the circumstances of the District.

"On one point I wish you at once to take a decided
"course of action. I have selected you from among many candi-
"=dates of high rank in the service, and have called you from a
"distant District because I know you to be a man of ability,
"and because I have ever heard favorable opinions of your
"honesty and integrity. The manner in which money has been levied
"from the Ryots by very many of the Public servants of all ranks
"in this District is notorious, and in nominating you I look to
"you to assist me to the utmost in putting a stop to these dis-
"=graceful proceedings. I trust that you will not only exhibit
"a good example in your own conduct that the pay of Govern-
"=ment is that alone to which a Public servant should look
"as his remuneration, but that you will unhesitatingly bring
"forward every instance in which any public servant under
"my authority, whether in the Hoozoor, or in the Talooks,
"appears to have been guilty of receiving money drawn from the
Ryots

"Ryots other than his official salary and I avail myself of
"the occasion to make known through you that I will to the
"fullest extent, enforce the provisions of Regulation IX of 1822
"hereafter against all proved delinquents on this point. I wish
"you to be liberal and just in your views of the interests
"both of the Government and of the Ryots, which are in
"reality the same, and to express your opinions to me frankly,
"and, if you act firmly on the principles which I have above
"alluded to, you will establish a name which will long be
"remembered and respected by the Ryots of this District, &
"may largely aid me and my successors in our endeavours to
"ameliorate their condition.

(Signed) T. D. Lushington
Agent to the Governor.

"(6) Copy of a Public testimonial recorded by the Sub-
"- Collector of Salem under date the 20th January 1851-

"In accepting the resignation of Venkutrow the
"Serishtadar of the Sub Division who has obtained pro-
"=motion in the Kurnool District, I consider the occasion
"a suitable one, to place on the records of the Office in
"which he has served, in the capacity of Serishtadar
"for 10½ years, to the recorded satisfaction of my predecessor
"my own opinion of his Character, and qualifications.

"The short time I have been in the District does not
"perhaps warrant my testifying to his integrity in the terms
"a more lengthened acquaintance with him would have
justified

" justified, but the creditable manner in which I found
" the duties of his Department conducted & the good name
" he bears in the District, convinces me that he has deserved
" acquired, the confidence and trust placed in him by my
" predecessors.

" I have myself found him an efficient Public servant
" in every respect, careful in protecting the interests of the
" Government at the same time liberal in his views towards
" the Ryots, and an intelligent and safe adviser.

(signed) T. Conway
Sub Collector

"(7) Copy of an Extract from the Jamabundy Report
" for Fusly 1264 from the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint
" George at Kurnool to the Board of Revenue under date
" the 18 December 1855.

" Para 79. In conclusion I beg to bring to the notice
" of the Board that my Head Serishtadar Venkutrow
" has displayed industry and ability in the performance of
" the duties of his Office, and that I have in no instance
" found him unworthy of the high encomiums passed upon
" him by Mr Lushington when recommending him for
" his present situation.

(A true Extract)
(signed) L. D. Daniell
Agent to the Governor

"(8) Copy of an Extract from the Official Register of the
" Agent at Kurnool for 1858. dated 13 June.

" This deserving old servant* of Government has fully
" justified the opinions entertained by the above enumerated
" Gentlemen.

* Venkutrow Head Serishtadar

(signed) J. G. Russell Captain
Officiating Agent.

"(9) Copy of an Extract from the proceedings of the
" Board of Revenue dated 20th May 1859.

Read letter from the Collector of Kurnool dated
" 7th May 1859 No. 36.

(In Consultation 13th May 1859 No. 2160)

" The Board feel unable to make the recommendation
" here requested though they would otherwise have been
" glad to meet the wishes of so old and meritorious an
" Officer as Venkut Row.

(A true Extract)
(signed) J. D. Sim.
Secretary

To,
The Honorable D. Arbuthnott
Collector of Kurnool.

8 The following are the copies of testimonials of Characters
privately given.

"(1) Extract from a letter addressed to Venkutrow on the
8th June 1843.

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" I was very glad indeed to hear of your promotion
" both on your own account and that of the District for
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"I feel certain you will do justice to your position and to the people and give satisfaction to your Superiors.

Your friends.
(signed) John Orr.

"(2) Copy of a letter written to Venkutrow on the 3 July 1850.

"You will have heard that the Board of Revenue have confirmed Tirmul Row as Head Serishtadar of this District. Although on the present occasion the claims of another party have prevented your obtaining this high appointment. I hope that before long you will gain the promotion to which your long and deligent services entitle you. I believe you to be well qualified by talents and experience as well as by a desire to serve the Government faithfully, for the situation of Head Serishtadar and if this statement of my belief resulting from more than four years knowledge of your labours, can be of use to you you are at liberty to make use of this note.

Your obediently.
(signed) F. A. Maltby.

"(3) Copy of a letter written to Venkut Row on the 6th Augt 1850.

"I regret to understand that there appears to be no prospects of your obtaining promotion to a Head Serishtadarship on the present occasion of a vacancy having arisen in Coimbatoor, but I trust that the claim to promotion to the higher grade, which, in the opinion of Mr Maltby and of other Gentlemen under whom you have been long employed, you possess in so high a degree, may speedily secure for you the object of your wishes in some other

District.

"District. Had I remained in my late appointment I should have expected great satisfaction in having so efficient a Serishtadar in making the Jummabundy of the Sub Division.

Your faithfully
(signed) J. D. Lushington.

"(4) Extract from a letter to Venkutrow dated 5th Septr 1850.

"I regret that you should have been hitherto disappointed of promotion, for I believe that you are competent to be at the head of an Office and that you would do your best to serve the Government faithfully and to protect the Ryots. But you need not dispair and if it is in my power to advance your interests I shall do so, as long as I have reason to hold the same opinion of your Character as I had in Salem.

Your obediently
(signed) F. A. Maltby.

"(5) Extract from a letter to Venkutrow dated 12 Decr 1850

"Though sorry that the District should lose an upright and talented Public Servant, I must still be glad of your promotion and feel sure that Mr Lushington will have reason to congratulate himself on having nominated you for the Head Serishtadarship of Kurnool. Whenever I have had the pleasure of working with you I have always observed with much satisfaction the kindly feeling shown by you to the Ryots whilst the interests of the Government were still duly levied for.

" If I can ever be of service to you I shall be glad
" of it and remain.

your Friend

(signed) J. W. B. Dykes.

"(6) Extract from a letter to Venkutrow dated 9 Feby 1858

" I received your letter and thank you much for it.
" I was very glad to know your getting so well and trust
" by the time I return you will be quite well for your
" services are invaluable to me.

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Yours truly

(signed) J. G. Russell

9 The subjoined copy of an Official letter addressed to
me by Mr T. D. Lushington will show the cause which
induced me to quit Salem, where I had served for a
long time, for Kurnool at a distance of 400 miles at very
great expense and trouble.

Letter dated 18th November 1850.

" I'm now writing to tell you that I have determined
" to nominate you as Head Serishtadar of this District, I
" am glad to be able to inform you that the position is a
" more favorable one than you supposed it to be when
" you wrote to me on the 28" Ultimo. intimating your objections
" to accept the Office, the salary being 280 Rupees a month
" instead of 210 Rupees as you supposed, with the same rules
" in regard to an increased rate of salary after length of
" service as Serishtadar which prevail in other unsettled

Districts.

" Districts. In the present state of this District the
" appointment is an important one, and as there are no less
" than 3 approved Head Serishtadars of other Districts
" among the candidates for Kurnool my selection of you
" entails considerable responsibility on me. I have not known
" you long, and I have therefore been mainly guided in my
" selection of you by a consideration of the very high opinion of
" your ability and integrity which has been entertained of you
" by the Gentlemen under whom you have been employed in
" the Salem District. More what I have seen of you I believe
" you to be a man of just and liberal views in Revenue
" matters; you have long been in an excellent School for
" accounts, and should the Board of Revenue approve of the
" nomination of which I entertain no doubt, I trust that by
" the strictest integrity by liberal views of the interests both
" of the Government and of the Ryots and by good conduct on
" all occasions you will justify my choice.

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Yours faithfully

(signed) T. D. Lushington.

10 As Government have themselves been pleased, in
reference to the uninterrupted service entered under para 4, to
offer me in pension a moiety of my present pay (as has been
allowed in the case of Goondapah and Apparow Head
Serishtadars of Tanjore and Guntoor respectively) to which
rate of pension I would have been entitled, had I been
allowed by Government to remain in service for 2½ years

more; and my object not being *actually* the pension granted under ordinary circumstances, I have not to much say on this subject.

11 As stated in Extract minutes of Consultation held under date the 22^d May 1851 No 478 Revenue Department, Head Serishtadars have been regarded as native Collectors of the Districts by the Government of the late Honorable Court of Directors, and now by Her Majesty's Government. They were required to perform the duties of this high Office conscientiously and with justice and impartiality so as to both to improve the Government Revenue and promote the welfare and prospects of its subjects. In the event of this class of Officers retiring from service, certain rules are in force framed by Government for remunerating their past services with pension for three lives. In conformity to those rules the late Cuddapah Head Serishtadar Bucharow, Dasaye Narayanapah and Neelacunturow of Bellary, and Apporow of Coimbatoor and others have been honored both by gifts of Jahageers and pecuniary grants for three lives of their respective generations and now those pensioners as well as members of their respective family ever under their prayers for the prosperity of Her Majesty's gracious Government. Moreover it appears from the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 27^th May 1859 that Kimsi Nursingarow late Serishtadar of the Board of Revenue has been honored with

with a pension for three lives and a valuable *Khillut* and in addition to this, with the honorary title of *Roy Royan Roy* for a service of 40 years. This is an instance of the very strong opinions entertained by Her Majesty's Government in of the compensation due to the labors of this class of Officers who have served with integrity & zeal. On the other hand I am now for the last 44 years serving the Government in the provinces and during this period have acted with great impartiality and taken every possible measure to prevent loss occurring either to the Government or its subjects. In proof of the foregoing facts, I offer the valuable testimonials of Characters specified in Paras 7 and 8. I therefore entreat that the liberal Government will kindly forgive me the liberty I take in aspiring to be deemed deserving of one of those foregoing honors, such as pension for three lives.

12. Of the 44 years of my entire service, 26 years I have served in the important and responsible Offices of Tahasildars, Sub Division Serishtadar and Head Serishtadar. I beg to represent that in discharging the duties of such responsible posts, I was as impartial and true to my duties as they required me to be, being apprehensive of the consequences of a reprehensible behaviour which would prove injurious both to the Public Revenue & the prospects of the subjects. I have confined myself solely to the pay allotted for the performance of my duties, under the impression that on my

retiring from service the Government would be well disposed towards me and grant me pension for three lives for the maintenance of my large family consisting of about 60 souls and with the view of attaining the highest point of honour and reputation for integrity that had been won already by several of my brother officers from the Honorable Government - It would be unnecessary to comment long on the subject, as testimonials will clearly elucidate the truth of the assertion. Moreover Mr. late J. D. Lushington had purposely sent for me to this non-Regulation District, with the object of introducing a better system of Revenue than it possessed. On my arrival a sunnud[x] was granted to me by Mr. Lushington specifying therein certain plans to be adopted in the system of the District & the testimonials referred to in paras 7 and 8 will speak to my having carried into effect the wishes of that Gentleman in respect of the Revenue system of the District & that he and his successors have expressed their highest sentiments of approbation of my abilities and services - It would appear by the "Land Revenue Report" of the Salem Sub Division for Fusly 1257 dated 15th October 1848 that I had been doing more extra work than what had been allotted to my Office. When I was Sub Division Serishtadar of Salem besides the Jammabundy settlement of the four Talooks comprising the sub Division I lent my assistance in the performance also of the

Jammabundy

Jammabundy of the Talooks under the management of the Collector - There are numerous public vouchers to bear me out in this respect. I regret to say that my rule of living and doing my duty honestly with the salary allowed to me, has involved me in great debt in which I still continue. It is not only myself that has unavoidably contracted debt by living uprightly and strictly - I would here beg permission to quote one instance in which Government have been graciously pleased to support the family of one, who died when in service leaving nothing for the maintenance of his family Vizt. Ramakistna Pundit the Head Serishtadar of Masulipatam and Coimbatore. Government being fully aware of his uprightness, have thought it just to relieve his widow and sons of the debts contracted by him and have liberally provided for their maintenance - The Record connected with the case of Ramakistna Pundit is now in the Offices of the Revenue Board and Government - a perusal thereof will confirm the foregoing statement -

[x] See under para 7.

13 I humbly beg to state that the foregoing matters may be taken into consideration, as well as the present system of appointing Deputy Collectors under the recent rules, which have done away the Offices of Head Serishtadars and also request it may be considered that the compensations given to the Head Serishtadars and the consequent present expenditure will not in future

have to be borne by the Government and though I am advanced in age, having good sight and bodily strength I had made an application for the post of Deputy Collector being able enough to conduct its duties; but unfortunately for me it was rejected and I was ordered to apply for pension. Under the circumstances above alluded to, I respectfully solicit that my long standing services, and valuable testimonials of general conduct may also be taken into consideration by the Government & that they will confer on me the scale of pension for three lives as stated below.

	Rs.	As.	P.
Full salary which now draw for my life	525	"	"
Moiety of which to my next heir	262	8	"
Do. Do. to the 3d heir	131	4	"

14. The Head Serishtadars mentioned in para 11 have been strongly recommended by one of the Gentlemen under whom they served and attained such an eminent and high rewards. None of the Gentlemen of my acquaintance are now in India. I have served with great fidelity since you came to this District (12 months) your honor is sufficiently aware of my abilities and I therefore beg to solicit that my application may be forwarded to Government with your honor's kind recommendatory letter to carry out my wishes as expressed in 13th Para, to take effect from the 1st July 1859 on which date I should retire from the service.

15. The Government Salary I have hitherto drawn is the only source of the maintenance of my large family which would be very much inconvenienced if I am not soon favoured with orders on this my application. I therefore beg that a speedy reply may be accorded me.

16. In conclusion I humbly and respectfully beg to announce my hope that my prayers may be approved by Her Majesty's Government and that they will thus give myself and the members of my large family further cause to tender our hearty prayers to Almighty for the prosperity of the most Gracious Queen and her dependants.

I beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your most obedient & humble servant

Kurnool
20th June 1859

(signed) Venkut Row
Head Serishtadar of
Kurnool

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In No 3227 of 1859

In Coun 5 July

Register of an application for a Superannuation Pension from the Establishment

Name of the person by whom the pension is applied for with the name of his father	Number on the Establishment	Identification of Applicants person	Size		Age of applicant at the time of application			Religion, Caste or tribe	Where residing			Present Employment	Total period of Service		Applicant in service continuing or not
			Feet	Inches	Years	Months	Days		Province	Talook	Village		Years	Months	
C. Venkut Row Son of Annajee Row.	9	Bamboo colour, prominent features, has a large mole on left side of head above temple, 2 Scars of sores on left cheek, and under chin, 2 under left side of belly 1 on left leg above ankle one under neck on right side and one on Chest.	5	6	63	6	13	Brahmin of the Madhwa Sect.	Kurnool	Kurnool	Kurnool	Foreign Dept. Sheristadar.	43	10	Not Continuing.

Kurnool
Collector's Office
31st June 1859

for [illegible] Blake
Asst. Clerk

Kurnool preferred under the Rules passed by Government under date the 15th May 1851.

How long employed and under what Circumstances.	Date of Application to Government	Average salary or authorized Official allowances per mensem for the five years preceding the date of application.	Salary or Authorized Official Allowance per mensem at the time of application	Abstract of the grounds of application.	Remarks by the Head of Office.	Proposed amount of pension per mensem and date from which to commence	Treasury at which the party of pensioner wishes to draw his Pension.	Order of Government
For 18½ months having resigned, the salary not being sufficient to maintain him. Dismissed in 1835 by the Sub Collector of Salem and reinstated by the Collector. was unemployed for 2 months.	29th June 1859	Rs. A. P. 436-14-6	525 Rupees.	By order of the Board of Revenue dated 9th April 1859	C. Venkata Row has borne an excellent Character through a period of 43 years service and he possesses testimonials from many men of note in the Civil Service. If the Board are unable to recommend him for the 3d generation pension which he prays for I beg that in consideration of his long and faithful service he be recommended for full pension for his own life to commence from the 1st July 1859. Collector	525-0-0 from 1st July 1859	Kurnool Treasury	

Lr No 3227 of 1819

No 80

From The Honorable D. Arbuthnott
Collector of Kurnool

To J. D. Sim Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir

1 I have the honor to forward the enclosed petition of Head Sheristadar Venkat Row which he presented to me with a request that I should lay it before the Board for their favorable consideration.

2 Venkat Row has borne an excellent Character through a period of 43 years service and he possesses testimonials from many men of note in the Civil Service.

3 If the Board are unable to recommend him for the 3 generations pension which he prays for I beg that in consideration of his long and faithful service he be recommended for full pension for his own life to commence from the 1st July 1869.

4 Venkat Row is a Brahmin of the Madhwa sect, aged 63 years 6 months and 12 days and proposes to reside and draw his pension in Kurnool.

The tatal period of his service is 43 years 10 months and 2 days and the following are the various official situations in which he was from time to time employed -

From 15th November 1813 to 14th February 1820 - Sayer Moosharuff of Punroolty in Tirputty Talook in the Collectorate of South Arcot on a Salary of 10 Rs per mensem. -

From 1st October 1821 to 20th November 1832 Hoozoor Goomastah in the Collectorate of Salem on a Salary of 21 & 28 Rs per mensem. -

From 21st November 1832 to 30th April 1835 - Tahasildarship in - Do - Do - on a - Do - of 100 Rupees per - Do.

From 1st July 1835 to 24th June 1840 Do in Do - Do - on a - Do - of 100 Rs per - Do -

From 25th June 1840 to 30th November 1850 Sub-Collector's Hoozoor Sheristadar in - Do - Do on a Do of 200 Rs per Do.

From 1st December 1850 to 30th June 1859 Hoozoor Head Sheristadar in the Commiſsion and Collectorate of Kurnool on a Do of 280, 437 and 525 Rs per Do.

Venkat Row was without employ for 18½ months Viz from 15th February 1820 to 30th September 1821 he says he resigned his employment for that

that period because the Salary was not Suff
-cient to maintain him - He was dismiſsed
from his office of Thasildar of Namacul in
the Collectorate of Salem for 2 Months Viz
from 1st May to 30th June 1835 by the Sub-
Collector but the then Collector of that Distr
reinstated him after enquiry and renewed
him to one of the Talooks in his Division -

6 The alleged services of Venkat Row
not being supported by the records of the
Offices in which he had been previously
employed I beg to forward a written state
ment verified by the solemn affirmation of
the applicant given before me certifying to the
above effect - His services were rendered -
directly under the British Government and
not under any other Estates -

7 The average salary and official allow
ance of Venkat Row for the last five years
is Rupees 438-14-6-

8 Venkat Row applied for his pension
at the express order of the Board it is there-
-fore unnecessary to say any-thing regarding
his

his Capacity for further Service –

I have the honor to be

Sir

Kurnool
Collectors Office
30th June 1859

Your Most Obedient Servant

D. Whitmott
Collector

Recd & Gost & Posto
Kurnool 20 August 1859

Department 1859
No 322
From The Collector of Kurnool
To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George
Dated 30th June 1859
Received 5th July
[illegible] 2496
Enclosures Three

Submitting application for Pension of Venkata Row Head Sheristadar of the District and recommending a pension of full pension for life –

List of Services of C. Venkat Row Head Sheristadar of the Kurnool District.

Establishment	Date	Number	Appointment	Salary	Period of service in each appointment Years	Months	Days
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Collector of South Arcot.	From 16th November 1813 to 14th February 1820	1	Sayer Moosharuff of Pun-kootty in Terwadee Talook	10	6	3	"
	From 15th D° — D° to 30th September 1821		Without employ	"	"	"	"
D° of Salem	From 1st October D° to 18th August 1832	2	Hoozoor Goomastah	21	10	10	18
	From 19th D° — D° — to 20th November 1832	3	D°	28	"	3	2
	From 21st — D° — D° to 23rd D° 1833	4	Tahasildar of Sunkagiry Talook	100	1	"	3
	From 24th — D° — D° to 30th April 1835	5	D° of Atmacul – D°	100	1	5	7
	From 1st May to 30th June 1835		Suspended	"	"	"	"
	From 1st July 1835 to 24th December 1837	6	Tahasildar of Kistnaghery Talook	100	2	5	24
	From 25th D° — D° to 30th September 1838	7	D° of Ahtoor	100	"	9	7
	From 1st October 1838 to 24th June 1840	8	D° of Ounkenucotah	100	1	8	24
	From 25th — D° — D° to 30th November 1850	9	Sub Collectors Hoozoor Sheristadar	200	10	5	6
Commissioner and Collector of Kurnool	From 1st December D° to 30th November 1855	10	Hoozoor Head Sheristadar	280	5	"	"
	From 1st December 1855 to 25th December 1856	11	D°	437 8	1	"	25
	From 26th D° – D° to 30th June 1859	12	D°	525	2	6	6
			Total		43	10	2

Venkat Row

Solemnly affirmed to be correct before me this 30th day of June 1859

D. Whitmott
Magistrate

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Ls No 3227 of 1859 3

In Con. 5th July 1859, No. 3227.

From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of KURNOOL,

dated Kurnool, 30th June 1859, No. 80.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed petition of Head Sheristadar, Venkut Row, which he presented to me, with a request that I should lay it before the Board for their favorable consideration.

2. Venkut Row has borne an excellent character through a period of 43 years' service and he possesses testimonials from many men of note in the Civil Service.

3. If the Board are unable to recommend him for the three generations pension which he prays for, I beg that, in consideration of his long and faithful service, he be recommended for full pension for his own life, to commence from the 1st July 1859.

4. Venkut Row is a Brahmin of the Mudhavaa sect, aged 63 years, 6 months and 13 days and proposes to reside and draw his pension in Kurnool. The total period of his service is 43 years, 10 months and 2 days, and the following are the various official situations in which he was, from time to time, employed.

From 15th November 1813 to 14th February 1820, Sayer Moosharuff of Punrootty in Tirputty talook in the Collectorate of South Arcot, on a salary of 10 Rupees per mensem.

From 1st October 1821 to 20th November 1832, Hoozoor Goomastah in the Collectorate of Salem, on a salary of 21 and 28 Rupees per mensem.

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From 25th June 1840 to 30th November 1850, Sub Collector, Hoozoor Sheristadar in do. do. on a do. of 200 Rupees per do.

From 1st December 1850 to 30th June 1859, Hoozoor Head Sheristadar in the Commission and Collectorate of Kurnool on a do. of 280, 437 and 525 Rupees per do.

5. Venkut Row was without employ for 18½ months, viz., from 15th February 1820 to 30th September 1821; he says he resigned his employment for that period because the salary was not sufficient to maintain him. He was dismissed from his office of Tahsildar of Namacul in the Collectorate of Salem for two months, viz., from 1st May to 30th June 1835 by the Sub Collector but the then Collector of that district reinstated him after enquiry and renewed him to one of the talooks in his division.

6. The alleged services of Venkut Row not being supported by the records of the offices in which he had been previously employed, I beg to forward a written statement verified by the solemn affirmation of the applicant given before me certifying to the above effect. These services were rendered directly under the British Government and not under any other estate.

7. The average salary and official allowance of Venkut Row, for the last five years, is Rupees 438-14-6.

8. Venkut Row applied for his pension at the express order of the Board, it is therefore unnecessary to say any thing regarding his capacity for further service.

Enc. 1.

REGISTER of an application for a Superannuation Pension from the Establishment of Kurnool, preferred under the rules passed by Government under date the 15th May 1851.

Name of the person by whom the pension is applied for with the name of his father.	Number on the Establishment.	Identification of applicant's person.	Size.		Age of applicant at the time of application.			Religion, caste or tribe.	Where residing.			Present Employment.	Total period of service.		Applicant's service continuous or not.	How long unemployed and under what circumstances.	Date of application to Government.	Average salary or authorized official allowances per mensem for the five years preceding the date of application.	Salary or authorized official allowance per mensem at the time of application.	Abstract of the grounds of application.	Remarks by the Head of office.	Proposed amount of pension per mensem and date from which to commence.	Treasury at which the party, if pensioned, wishes to draw his pension.	Order of Government.
			Feet.	Inches.	Years.	Months.	Days.		Province.	Talook.	Village.		Years.	Months.				Rs. A. P.						
C. Venkut Row, son of Annajee Row.	9	Bamboo colour, prominent features, has a large mole on left side of head above temple, two scars of sores on left cheek and under chin, two under left side of belly, one on left leg above ankle, one under neck on right side and one on chest.	5	6	63	6	13	Brahmin of the Madhava Sect.	Kurnool.	Do.	Do.	Hoozoor Head Sheristadar.	43	10	Not Continuous.	For 18½ months, having resigned, the salary not being sufficient to maintain him. Dismissed in 1835 by the Sub Collector of Salem and reinstated by the Collector—was unemployed for 2 months.	29th June 1859.	436 14 6	525 Rupees.	By order of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1859.	C. Venkut Row has borne an excellent character through a period of 43 years, service and he possesses testimonials from many men of note in the Civil Service. If the Board are unable to recommend him for the three generations pension which heprays for I beg that, in consideration of his lon gand faithful service, he be recommended for full pension for his own life to commence from the 1st July 1859.	525-0-0 from 1st July 1859.	Kurnool Hoozoor Treasury.	

Kurnool,
30th June 1859.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

Enc. 2.—Memorial of Venkut Row, Head Sheristadar of Kurnool.

Enc. 3.—List of services of C. Venkut Row, Head Sheristadar of the Kurnool district.

Revenue Department

No. 3292.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26th August 1859.

Read letter from the Collector of Kurnool dated 30th June 1859 No. 80.

(In Cons 5th July 1859 No. 3227)

With the above letter the Collector of Kurnool submits an application for a pension for his Head Sheristadar Venkut Row, whose advanced age precluded his appointment, in common with most other Officers of his class, to a Deputy Collectorship.

2. Venkut Row has served for the lengthened period of nearly 44 years, during the last 8½ of which he has been Head Sheristadar of Kurnool. His character has been excellent as his testimonials shows. Mr Arbuthnott recommends that he should be allowed to retire on the full pay of his Office (Rupees 525 per Mensem) for life, and he himself solicits the same amount for three Generations.

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3. The Board fully recognize Vencut Row's long and faithful services, but do not consider that they have been of such an eminent character as to entitle him to the special indulgences sought, which must clearly be reserved for cases of extraordinary merit. By the rules Vencut Row is entitled to a pension of Rupees 218 per Mensem. and the Board do not see such special reasons in his case as would warrant them in advocating a departure from the regulations.

(A true Extract)

Secretary

To
T. Pycroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Public Separate
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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.
Dated 20th August 1859.
Desp. 20th do
Recd. 22nd do
C.I. (Col. Letter) No. 412

No. 3292.

Submitting a letter from the Collr. of Kurnool forwarding an application for a pension from his Head Sheristadar Vencat Row & recommending that he may be allowed to retire on a pension of Rs. 218 per mensem to which he is entitled by the rules.

Wtt. on Order

Referred to the Civil Auditor for the usual verification.

Fort Saint George, 22d August 185 } L. [illegible]
Depy. Secy. to Government.

To
The Civil Auditor. Des/22d/8/59 Recd. 23/8/59 & Retd. 26/do.
L.L.
C.A.

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General Department.

No. 590.

Report of the Civil Auditor.

The Civil Auditor has the honor to report, that the authorized official allowance drawn by Vencat Row, the late Head Sheristadar on the Establishment of the Collector of Kurnool, for the last five Years of his service, averaged Rs. 436-14-6 ℔ mensem; and that his service under the Government entitling to pension extends over a period of 38 Years & 7 months, Vizt.: from 1st October 1821 to 30th April 1835, & from 1st July 1835 to 30th June 1859.

Fort Saint George,
Civil Audit Office,
26th August 1859. }

J. Lushington
Civil Auditor.

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Civil Pension Depart.

Or. [illegible]

Separate
Public 1859 Depart^t.
No. 423

From
The Civil Auditor

Dated 26th August } 1859
Rec^d 27th — }

Reporting on the service of Vencat Row late Head Sheristadar on the Establishment of the Collector of Kurnool

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No. 50.

Civil and Sessions Com
Bellary 29th August 185

From, J. H. Goldie Esquire,
Acting Civil and Session Judge
of Bellary

To, T. Pycroft Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward enclosed, for the purpose of being cancelled, the Pension Certificate granted to Gholam Mahomed, alias Patchasaib, the late District Moonsiff of Nunnindaverkerry, who died at this Station on the night of the 15th Instant.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.
H Goldie
Acting Civil & Session Judge.

To T. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

Exd Lawrence

Public Separate
~~Judicial~~ 5/1859 / Dept.

No. 429

From,
The Ag. Civil & Session Judge
of Bellary

To.
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Judicial Dept.

Dated 29th August
Received 1st ~~September~~ 1859
No. 50.

Enclosure

Forwards the pension certificate of Gholam Mahomed alias Patela Saib late District Moonsiff of Darrumaveram for cancelment on account of his death on the 15th August 1859.

With an order

No. 291

Ordered that the certificate No. 2262 granted to Gholam Mahomed alias Patelsaib, be cancelled and struck off the Register of Superannuation Pensions.

Fort St. George
1st September 1859

L. Franke
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

To
The Civil Auditor 2/9/59
Recd. Entd. & Retd. 2/9/59
C.A.

Separate

Public Department

No. 288

Proceedings of the Madras Government
~~Extract from the Minutes of Consultation~~

Dated 30th August 1859

Read the following Papers

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting a letter from the Collr. of Kurnool for a Superannuation Pension on behalf of A. Venkat Row late Head Sheristadar — Here Enter 25th August 1859.

Civil Auditor's Report —— 26th August 1859.

Age.	Period of Service	Averge Salary for the last five years of Service	Abstract of the grounds of application
Ys. - Ms. - Ds.	Ys. - Ms. - Ds.	R. - A. - P.	
63 - 0 - 13	38 - 7 - ..	436 - 14 - 6	old age

Resolved that a Superannuation Pension of Rupees Two Hundred and Eighteen, Annas Eight per Mensem be granted to A. Venkat Row

and

+ No. 2299

and that a Certificate be issued making the same payable from the 1st July 1859 the date from which he ceased to be employed.

L. S

Dy. Secretary to Govt.

To the Collector of Kurnool dd 31/8/59 with original & copy certificate.

" The Civil Auditor dd 31/8/59 with copy do.

Recd 1st Entd & Retd 2 September /59

" Public Department

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Public Department

No. 288

Extract Minutes of
Consultation

Dated 30th August 1859.

Granting a Super-
annuation Pension of Rupees
218 — 8 — 0 Two hundred & Eighteen & As. Eight
to Vencat Row late Hd. Sheristadar
on the Establishment of the
Collector of Kurnool
No. of Certificate