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TO

J. D. ROBINSON, ESQ.

Acting Collector of North Arcot.

SIR,

I beg leave respectfully to address you on the subject of my retirement with reference to the Proceedings* of the Madras Government under date the 1st June 1859 No. 736 received with the order of the Board of Revenue dated 4th June 1859 No. 2064.

* See No. 49 in the Appendix No. 2.

2. The higher authorities having determined that I should retire from 1st January next, I am willing to do so; and beg at the same time to lay before you this my application for special pension under the spirit of the Board's letter* to Government dated 10th May 1852 No. 164. An extract of this letter bearing on the subject is subjoined for easy reference.

* Note 4. Page 60 of the Rev. B. Cir: order Book Volume 2.

"The Board are of opinion that except in cases of extraordinary merit, or when a Sarrishta-"dar has been successfully employed in some unusual and arduous duty such as the survey "and assessment of a District, it does not seem desirable to extend the allowance to 3 lives."

3. My services (as the enclosed Appendix No. 1 will show, extend over a period of 33 years reckoned to the end of December 1859.

4. The accompanying Appendix No. 2 contains the testimonials and correspondence bearing on my character and merit in connection with my past services in different offices; and the Appendix No. 3 contains the correspondence connected with my request for an increase of pay under the rules that were in force before the creation of Deputy Collector. The perusal of these papers in Appendix Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will I trust enlist your support on my behalf.

5. In the office of the Head Sarrishtadar, I obtained the first increase of salary from the 26th July 1857, and my pay was accordingly augmented from 280 to 350 Rs. a month. According to the scale laid down for Sarrishtadars I would have been entitled in July 1859, to a further increase of pay at 525 Rs. a month, by taking my service as Head Accountant into account together with that passed as Naib Sarrishtadar for the reasons explained in my application dated 5th January 1857 printed in appendix No. 3; but the Government were pleased to appoint me to the newly created office of Deputy Collector on 500 Rs. and to post me to the Chengalpat District on the 25th March 1859.

6. The correspondence noted in the margin will show that I was in the receipt of 455 Rs. per mensem in the Rajahmundry District; Viz. 280 Rs. as Head Sarrishtadar and Rs. 175 as manager of the Pattapooram Estate which is still under the management of the Court of Wards in consequence of the minority of the Zamindar.

* See appendix No. 2.
No. 38. from the Collector of Rajahmundry to the Commissioner of Northern circars dated 15th August 1853.
No. 39. Proceedings of the Commissioner Northern circars dated 22d Agust 1853.

7. I accepted the office of Head Sarrishtadar of this District as per correspondence marginally noted with a sacrifice of 175 Rs. chiefly from a desire to render myself useful in the important task of revising the assessment then under contemplation, to secure the special consideration of Government for such special and important employment when I may retire from the service.

* See appendix No. 2 viz.
No. 41 from the Collector of North Arcot to the Board of Revenue dated 3d January 1855.
No. 42. From Do. to do. 7th Feby. 1855.

* See Appendix No. 2.

No. 44. Para 17 of the Minutes of Consultation dated 23d April 1855.

No. 45 Para 1 and 2 of the letter from the Collector of North Arcot to the Board of Revenue dated 25th July 1855.

No. 46. Para 10 of the minutes of consultation dated 20th Feby. 1857.

* No. 47 dated 26th October 1857. Appendix No. 2.

8. From the correspondence noted in the margin, it will be found that I was specially selected for the important work alluded to; a task which required no small degree of judgment, consideration and revenue experience, and involved no inconsiderable mental and bodily labor; and that I successfully executed it with the aid of a very scanty Establishment as will be seen from the *report of Mr. Banbury the acting additional Sub Collector who had the supervision of the work.

9. This fresh undertaking however was not accomplished without serious detriment to my health. From having been obliged to travel to different parts of the District to effect a speedy and efficient settlement, I was exposed to such hardships that immediately after the completion of the work I was compelled to obtain a month's leave of absence to recruit my health which however improved but slowly not on account of my age which does not exceed 53 years; but because I was obliged to attend to my official duties in connection with the Jamabundi settlement as will be seeen from the 63d para of the Jamabundi Report* of Mr. Wittingham for Fasli 1267 dated 27th December 1858.

* No. 48 in the appendix No. 2.

10. At the time when I was engaged in the revision of Assessment and even after I rejoined the Collector's Kachhari after completing it, Mr. Wittingham on several occasions expressed his unqualified satisfaction* at my services in that most important work, and at the manner in which I discharged the general duties of my office. He at the same time expressed his readiness and willingness to recommend me for a full pension when the time for my retirement arrives.

* See copy of the remark taken from the Registrer of Uncovenanted servants in the district of North Arcot marked No. 51 in the Appendix No. 2.

11. Shortly after my appointment as Deputy Collector of Chingleput, Mr. Wittingham intimated to me that he had received a demi official letter from Mr. Sim the Secretary to the Board of Revenue enquiring after my state of health. I asked that Gentleman to form his own opinion of it, as he had opportunities of seeing me daily and observing the progressive state of my health. During my indisposition, I scarcely absented myself from Office except occasionally for a day when I was under surgical treatment. In one or two instances, severe operations were performed upon me during the time when I was on circuit for the Jamabundi settlement. These circumstances and a perusal of the 63d para *of the Jamabundi report in Fasli 1267 dated 27th December 1858 will convince you that I was not so indisposed as to impede the active and efficient discharge of the duties of my office. Mr. Whittingham told me that he would state in his answer to the demi official letter in question that my health was improving; but that it would grow worse if I was allowed to hold an office involving arduous and laborious duties, and that I would be pensioned upon my full pay. It will be seen by the Proceedings of the Madras Government dated 1st June* 1859 and the beginning of Mr. Wittingham's letter dated 18th June* 1859 that I am only incapacitated to undertake very arduous duties. It will also be seen from Mr. Wittingham's letter above referred to that he has fulfilled the promise he made to me as stated in para 10.

* No. 48 in the Appendix No. 2.

* No. 49 in Appendix No. 2.

* No. 50 in do. do.

12. Several Revenue servants in position similar to myself who had rendered important services in connection with the assessment like those performed by me have been pensioned for 3 lives; and I therefore trust that my prayer for the same indulgence may not be unfavorably received.

13. In consequence of some temporary illness under which I was laboring for a time by over exertion in the public business, my health was then indifferent; and the Government have been pleased to consider me to be physically incapacitated to enter upon the duties of Deputy Collector, which when compared to the onerous duties hitherto performed requiring constant attention and anxious thought cannot be considered very heavy. After the laborious services I have rendered to the state wherein my health has been partially sacrificed, I trust I may not hope in vain that a just and liberal Government will not forsake me in my declining years; and while I have cheerfully at their bidding surrendered my future prospects into their hands, I earnestly pray that that surrender may not entail on me pecuniary loss and poverty; but that the Government will confer on me the boon I have craved, and which has been extended to others under similar circumstances.

14. I trust that during the short time I have been under you I have had the good fortune of securing your regard and consideration: and I therefore entertain the strong hope that you will be pleased to take the subject into your favorable consideration, and submit this my application with such recommendation as you may deem fit for the indulgent consideration of Government.

I beg to remain,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

1st CHITTUR,
December, 1859.

S. Colasingha Chitty
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APPENDIX.

No. 1.

List of Services of S. Tolasinga Chetty, Head Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of North Arcot.

				Years.	Months.	Days.
Writer in the Government Office,……				4	0	0
Accountant in the Financial Department of the Accountant General's Office from July 1829 to April 1830,……				0	10	0
Deputy Accountant in the Collector's Cutcherry of Coimbatore from 1st July 1830 to 31st December 1833,……				3	6	0
Acting Head Accountant in the Collector's Cutcherry of South Arcot from 12th July to 1st December 1834,……	0	4	21			
Head Accountant in the do. of do. from 2nd December 1834 to 30th November 1838,……	3	11	30			
				4	4	21
Koomky or Assistant Sheristadar in the do. of do. from 1st December 1838 to 31st May 1816,……				7	6	0
Revenue Javabnevis in the do. of North Arcot from 29th October 1846 to 9th September 1847,……				0	10	12
Magistrate do. in the do. of do. from 10th September 1847 to 15th October 1848.				1	1	6
Acting Naib Sheristadar in the do. of do. from 16th October to 8th December 1848,……	0	1	24			
Naib Sheristadar in the do. of do. from 9th December 1848 to 25th January 1852,……	3	1	16			
				3	3	10
Acting Head Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of Rajahmundry from 26th January to 23d August 1852,……	0	6	29			
Head Sheristadar in the do. of do. from 24th August 1852 to 14th February 1855,……	2	5	22			
	3	0	21			
Do. do. in the do. of North Arcot from 15th March 1855 to 24th March 1859……	4	0	9	7	1	0
				32	6	19
Deputy Collector of Chingleput district but doing duty as Head Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of North Arcot from 25th March to 31st December 1859,……				0	9	6
Total…				33	3	25

APPENDIX.

No. 2.

Containing the Testimonials and Correspondence bearing upon the Character and Merit of S. Tolasinga Chetty, Head Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of North Arcot.

No. 1.

This is to Certify that the bearer hereof S. Toolasingam has served as a Writer in the Military Department for a period of about four years, and that he has conducted himself in that capacity in a satisfactory manner.

Fort St. George,
13th June, 1829.

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 2.

This is to Certify that S. Toolesinga Chetty was employed in the Office as one of the Additional Accountants on the salary of Rupees 24-8-0 from July 1829 to April 1830 for the purpose of preparing Monthly Abstracts of Estimates of the aggregate Territorial Revenue of the several Treasuries and Comparative Statement between the Estimated and the actual Territorial Revenue charges, in which duty he gave every satisfaction, and left the office for employment under the Principal Collector of Coimbatore as Deputy Accountant.

Fort St. George,
20th February, 1840.

(Signed) J. G. TURNBULL,
Accountant General.

No. 3.

The Bearer Toolesinga Chetty was Deputy Accountant, the short time I was at Coimbatore: he had been in the Office for two years and half previously, and from what I heard and saw, I believe him to be an efficient and respectable public servant.

Madras, *June*, 1834.

(Signed) J. F. THOMAS.

No. 4.

Coimbatore Principal Collector's Office, *13th September*, 1834.

This is to Certify that S. Toolesinga Chetty of Madras was employed as Deputy English Accountant in this Office from 1st July 1830 to 30th December 1833 which situation he resigned at his own request. He conducted his duties entirely to my satisfaction.

(Signed) G. D. DRURY,
Principal Collector.

No. 5.

To Tolesinga Chetty.

You are appointed to act as Head Accountant, and you will therefore receive charge of the above Office from the Record Keeper Mr. Devaz in charge of it, and transact the duties of the Office diligently.

Munjacoopum,
12th July, 1834.

(Signed) J. DENT,
Principal Collector.

No. 6.

Toolesinga Chitty,

Acting Head Accountant.

You are confirmed in this office of the Head Accountant in which you are now acting, and you will hereafter sign your name as Head Accountant in the English Accounts and transact your duties diligently.

Munjacoopum,
2nd December, 1834.

(Signed) J. DENT,
Principal Collector.

No. 7.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Dent to the Board of Revenue, 3rd February 1838.

In conclusion I would beg permission to add a few words in reference to the Public Servants of the Cutcherry of the Head Sheristadar Madava Row, the Naib Rungacharloo and the Assistant Degue Moodelly. I have had the honor to report separately of the remainder. I have to record my entire approbation during a period of seven years and I hope I may be permitted without detracting from the merits of others to notice particularly two who have been brought into more immediate communication with me. I allude of the Head Accountant Tolesinga Chetty and the Cash Keeper Nursimloo Naidoo. The former is *perfect* in his Department and the latter from his regularity and attention has gained the esteem of every one and the confidence of his superiors.

No. 8.

To Toolesinga Chitty,
Head Accountant.

Judging you to be competent for the situation of the Koomky Sheristadar which is now vacant, I have appointed you for the above office from the 1st Instant, but you are requested to be in charge of the English Account's Office until further orders.

Munjacoopum, }
4th December, 1838. }

(Signed) W. ASHTON,
Principal Collector.

No. 9.

Extract of a letter from E. B. Thomas, Esq., late Sub-Collector of Coimbatore and South Arcot, dated Calicut, 2nd March 1841.

I am obliged by your letter and information from Cuddalore. I am sorry I am unable to give you as you wish an introduction to Mr. Stonhouse as I dont know that gentleman, but as you are seeking an appointment from your fitness and on public grounds, any private introduction is unnecessary.

I am happy however to comply with your other request that I will favor you with whatever opinion I may have entertained of you when employed with me in Coimbatore and South Arcot, and can testify to your diligence and general good conduct having given full satisfaction wherever I know you employed—I shall be glad to hear of your success.

No. 10.

From the Collector of South Arcot, to His Excellency Monsieur DuCamper, Governor of the French Establishment in India, dated 6th March 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that my Assistant Sheristadar has returned and communicated to me the agreement entered into between him and the French Tahsildar on the 1st Instant for the settlement of the disputes referred to them. I most readily concur in this arrangement as it appears to have been drawn out after a most careful and patient investigation of all the circumstances connected with the case, and I trust that your Excellency will also give your approbation to the same.

(Signed) W. D. DAVIS,
Collector.

No. 11.

From the French Governor of Pondicherry, to the Collector of South Arcot.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th Instant I have the honor to inform you that I have carefully examined the convention concluded on the 1st between the French Tahsildar and your Assistant Sheristadar for settling the differences submitted to their decision. This arrangement appears to me very satisfactory and of such a nature as to prevent future misunderstanding between our ryots and those of Sornaoor, and I readily concur with you in giving it my entire approbation.

No. 12.

From the French Governor, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 12th May 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an arrangement entered into between the Agent appointed by you and the French Tahsildar which has been drawn on the spot where the dispute existed, and if you approve of it I shall thank you to give orders that the repairs therein alluded to should be undertaken as soon as possible.

No. 13.

From the Collector of South Arcot, to the French Governor of Pondicherry.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th Instant I have the honor to inform you that my Assistant

Sheristadar has also communicated to me the agreement entered into between him and the French Tahsildar on the 8th Instant, and as it appears to have been drawn out after a careful examination of the locality, I most willingly confirm the same.

No. 14.

From the Collector of South Arcot, to the French Governor of Pondicherry, dated 28th Nov. 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of an agreement entered into between our respective Agents determining the limits and the possessions belonging to each Government, and being confident that this Document has been drawn up with the utmost care after having made a full enquiry in all its bearings, measuring the lands, examining the Pymash accounts, &c., I had no hesitation whatever in confirming it, and as I have no doubt of your Excellency also taking the same view of the question I have only to request that it may be returned to me with your approval.

No. 15.

From the French Governor, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 8th Dec. 1845.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that I have given my approbation to the agreement entered into on the 19th of the same month between the British Agent appointed by you and the French Tahsildar regarding the dispute which existed between the English Village of Quillingacoopum and French Village Mooroogapacum. This arrangement being final settles every contention.

No. 16.

Cuddalore, *30th January*, 1846.

To S. Tolasinga Chitty, *Komiki Sheristadar*,

You are welcome to the leave applied for in your letter of the 9th Instant. The Board of Revenue have it in contemplation to abolish your appointment of Komiki Sheristadar and wish to know if you will take the situation of *Translator* to this Cutcherry on the pay of 70 Rupees per mensem. I will thank you therefore to inform me without delay of your intentions, to enable me to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours, &c.
(Signed) W. D. DAVIS.

No. 17.

To Tolasinga Chetty.

With full regards towards you I have appointed you to act for the situation of Revenue Jewabnavis on a salary of 31½ Rupees which is now vacant. You will discharge the duties of the Office with greatest diligence.

Palmanair,
23rd August, 1847.

(Signed) E. C. LOVELL,
Acting Collector.

No. 18.

To Tolasinga Chetty, *Acting Jewabnavis Hoozoor.*

With full regards towards you I have appointed you to the situation of the Hoozoor Magistrate Head Jewabnavis. You will discharge the duties of the Office with greatest diligence.

Palmanair,
10th September, 1847.

(Signed) E. C. LOVELL,
Acting Collector.

No. 19.

From E. C. Lovell, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to Captain J. H. Bell, Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works, dated 23rd August 1847, No. 77.

Sir,

Para. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 2nd Instant, requiring explanation with reference to the Bill for the repair of the Road from Chittoor to Moogly, why it is assiduity, and acquaintance with business; while his long tenure of a similar post in South Arcot is a sufficient evidence of his experience in the particular duties devolving on him in his new office.

No. 22.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for Fusly 1258 (A. D. 1848-49), dated 7th November 1849, No. 117.

49. Before closing this report I ought to acknowledge the ready support which I received from
my Head Serishtadar Soob Row in introducing those alterations in the mode of the settlement, of which
I have spoken above. I hope by help of the continuance of such co-operation to be able to make the
reform complete. This Officer's long employment in this District has given him an intimate acquaint-
ance with its affairs which I often find very useful. I must also mention my Deputy Serishtadar Tola-
singa Chetty, with whose efficiency in that capacity I have every reason to be satisfied. His intelligence
and knowledge of business make him a very useful auxiliary.

No. 23.

Extract from a decision of Mr. Bourdillon, dated 28th February, 1850.

The 1st and 2nd Defendants are the Monigars, and the 3rd Defendant is the Curnum of the Vil-
lage of Poondy in Cauverypauk Talook; and the 4th Defendant is the Goomastah of the Talook, who
made the usual Adungul Azmaish, or inspection of the cultivation preparations to the Jummabundy of
Current Fusly 1259. *On the examination of these Accounts in the Cutcherry of the Naib Serishtadar* sus-
picion arose that some land had been omitted; and a Hoozoor Goomastah (Appanah) was deputed to
make a regular inspection, in company with a number of the Curnums and Monigars of the neighbour-
ing villages.

No. 24.

Extract from a letter from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1850, No. 70.

Para. 1. When I was at Chendragnerry ~~in March last, engaged in the settlement~~ of the Pen-
murry Talook, I was induced by information which I received, to depute persons for the special inspec-
tion of the cultivation of certain villages; viz. Cotarlah and Vencatapoorum, both in the hands of one
individual, and of the Panapaukum Poyacut. And in the latter case the inspection was afterwards extend-
ed to the adjoining Poyacuts of Culrotpully and Gaudnuky, all three being under the same Curnum. The
inspection was made by specially selected Officers, with the aid of some of the most intelligent and re-
spectable Monigars and Curnums of the neighbourhood as assessors, and in company with the Monigars
and Curnums of the villages inspected; and I believe it was conducted with care and accuracy.

2. The result is shown in the subjoined Statement.

VILLAGE NAME.	Beriz of Fusly 1259 by the Curnum's Accounts.			Concealed Cultivation discovered in the Azmaish.			Percentage of the Fraud on the Jamabundy Beriz.
Cotarlah	895	10	3	645	10	3	72
Vencatapoorum	248	15	10	176	10	3	71
Panapaukum Poyacut	1646	15	6	601	15	1	36½
Culrotpully do.	795	11	3	272	2	1	34¼
Gaudnuky	1124	13	0	313	5	10	27¾
Total	4712	1	10	2009	11	6	...
Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	42⅝

Note. Poyacut is the term employed in Penmurry Talook to signify a collection of small villages or hamlets dependent on one principal village.

It will be seen that the amount of the Fraud varies from 27¾ to 72 per cent. in the beriz settled
according to the Curnum's Accounts; and averages 42⅝ per cent. on the whole five villages. Since
the Azmaish was completed I have had all the parties concerned before me, and having held regular
proceedings under Regulation IX of 1822, have passed such sentences as seemed proper. *I ought not*
to omit to bring to the Board's notice that it was principally through the means of my Deputy Serishtadar
Tolasinga Chetty that I was enabled to bring these frauds to light.

No. 25.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for Fusly 1259 (A. D. 1849-50), dated 14th October 1850, No. 127.

63. Having recently had occasion to make a special report on the conduct and character of my Head Serishtadar Sooba Row, it is not necessary that I should add any remarks here, and as respects my Deputy Serishtadar Tolasinga Chetty, I need only observe that I continue to have reason to acknowledge his intelligence and activity, and general knowledge of business.

July 30, 1850.

No. 26.

Extract from a letter from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th December 1850, No. 158.

2. As I had reason to expect, the parties one and all, failed to appear ; and I then proceeded to institute such inquiries as the circumstance admitted, with the view of acertaining as nearly as possible the probabilities for and against the life or death of each one. *These inquiries were made through the means of the Naib Serishtadar of my Office,* under the immediate supervision of the Acting Sub Collector at Arcot, and of the Head Assistant, and Acting Head Assistant for the pensioners of Vellore and Gooriattum ; and in the two latter cases the whole of the examinations were conducted in the actual presence of Mr. Sullivan or Mr. Blair. The Vakeels of the several pensioners, the parties who last certified their existence and their next heirs, or persons calling themselves such, were all examined except in a few instances in which they could not be found. The inquiries necessarily occupied much time, viz., from the middle of September to the beginning of December and the number of depositions recorded was very great, extending in all to 191, some of great length ; I now proceed to lay before the Board a brief statement of the result.

Note. As it was clear that the females would not appear, these inquiries in respect to Gooriattum were held at Vellore.

15. The Petition also contains some general charges against the Naib Serishtadar to the effect that he treated the parties examined with disrespect. This complaint seems scarcely to need much notice. The duty to be performed was necessarily disagreeable to those whose conduct was brought under inquisition ; I have the testimony of both Mr. Goldie and Mr. Sullivan that the Naib Serishtadar's part in it was performed with much activity and zeal, (which indeed the result proves) and it is no wonder that some parties should be dissatisfied. But the whole of the Proceedings respecting the Vellore Yeomiahdars (the complaining parties) were conducted, as already said, under the immediate supervision of Mr. Sullivan himself ; and I feel confident that he would not sanction any unbecoming measures, or any needless disrespect or severity to any party.

No. 27.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report from S. N. Ward, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for Fusly 1260 (A. D. 1850-51), dated 1st January 1852, No. 1.

47. Mr. W. Sullivan my Head Assistant, made the settlement of two Talooks Sautghur and Trivullum to my entire satisfaction. This gentleman's great attention to business and knowledge of his duties render him a most efficient Assistant, and I have great reason to acknowledge the help I have received from him, especially since I have been deprived of the assistance of Mr. W. T. Blair with whose attention and efficiency also I had every cause to be pleased. I would also acknowledge the very great assistance I have received from the Head Serishtadar Sooba Row. Having come so lately into the District (only 11 days) before starting on my Jummabundy Tour, I had of course to depend a great deal on this Officer and upon the Naib Serishtadar Tolasinga Chitty, and in no case had I reason to repent the confidence I placed on their judgment and experience. I need say no more on this head, Mr. Bourdillon who has had ample experience of judging of their character and conduct having already expressed his high opinion of the merits of these Officers.

No. 28.

To S. TOOLESINGA CHITTY, *Naib Sheristadar.*

Mr. Bourdillon informed me that Mr. Prendergast the Collector of Rajahmundry District is desirous of appointing you as Acting Head Sheristadar of that District which is now vacant, and desired me to permit you to proceed thither as soon as possible. You will as soon after the receipt of this order proceed to that District, meet that gentleman, and act according to his orders.

CHITTOOR, *23rd December,* 1851.

(Signed) S. N. WARD,
Acting Collector.

TOOLESINGA CHITTY.

No. 29.

I have much pleasure in stating that during the time I have been acting as Collector of North Arcot, I have been well satisfied with all the works that has passed through your hands, and that I have the highest opinion of your talents, behaviour and knowledge of your duties. I am glad to find that they have procured you promotion elsewhere, though I am sorry to lose the advantages of your services in this District.

CHITTOOR, *26th December*, 1851.

I am,
Your's faithfully,
(Signed) S. N. WARD.

TOOLESINGA CHITTY,

No. 30.

I have just received your Note requesting me to favor you with a testimonial expressing my opinion as regards your services in this District. It affords me great pleasure to be able to say that I have the highest opinion of these services which I have had many and important opportunities of observing, and though I am glad you have met with your reward by your present promotion, I regret both on public and private grounds that you are obliged thereby to quit this District.

VELLORE, *28th December*, 1851.

I am,
Your friend and well wisher,
(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,
Head Assistant Collector.

To S. TOOLESINGA CHITTY,

No. 31.

You are appointed this day to act as Head Sheristadar of this District which is now vacant. On the receipt of this order you will receive charge of the Office from Deganilly Tinmarauze who is now Acting in the Office and pass your receipt and discharge the duties of your Office properly.

RAJAHMUNDRY, *26th January*, 1852.

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

To S. TOOLESINGA CHITTY, *Acting Head Sheristadar.*

No. 32.

I had applied to the Commissioner to allow 105 Rupees per mensem in addition to the amount already sanctioned for the management Establisment of the Pittapoor Estate. That Gentleman approved the measure and passed his proceedings on the 18th Instant and sanctioned the disbursement of that sum from that date. You will therefore receive 70 Rupees monthly from that estate from the 18th Instant.

RAJAHMUNDRY DISTRICT,
SAMULCOTTA, *24th March*, 1852.

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

No. 33.

Extract of a letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bendamoorlunkah, 27th April 1852, No. 11.

In reply to your Circular letter of the 25th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that my Acting Head Sheristadar (whom I am desirous of confirming so soon as the Board's pleasure shall be made known to me regarding this letter) has never served as a Tahsildar, but as he is perfectly conversant with accounts and has already shewn himself to be very skilful in dealing with the ryots, having performed the settlement of 8 Talooks, I conceive that it is unnecessary to make him go through that probation now. His education has been of a higher order than that of any servant whom I have seen in this District, and his knowledge of the English language, which enables him to make himself master of all the views expressed by the Board and Government, simplifies the whole business of the Office, and renders much more ready than his predecessor was to offer his opinion on the many important questions now under consideration in this District; the high character conferred on him by Mr. Bourdillon, confirmed as it is by two months' observation on my own part, has quite satisfied me of his capacity to fill the Office with credit to himself and advantage to the State, and therefore I request that the Board will be pleased to dispense with the enforcement of their Order that he should first serve as a Tahsildar. It is difficult to find men competent to fill the high Office, and I consider myself *very fortunate* in having secured the services of Toolesinga Chitty.

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

No. 34.

No. 407.

Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars, dated Vizagapatam, 5th August 1852.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry, dated 2nd August, 1852.
(Here enter No. 70.)

The C. O. referred to related to future nomination of Deputy Sheristadars for which a previous service as Tahsildar is considered necessary, but Toolesinga Chitty having already served for some years as Naib Sheristadar of North Arcot and *there given proof of no ordinary efficiency and talent as a Revenue Officer* the Commissioner is of opinion that no objection exists to the course recommended by the Collector, and he therefore confirms Mr. Prendergast's nomination of Toolesinga Chitty to the Office of Head Sheristadar.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT, *Commissioner.*

To T. PRENDERGAST, ESQ., *Collector of Rajahmundry.*

No. 35.

To S. TOOLESINGA CHITTY, *Acting Head Sheristadar.*

In my letter of 27th April 1852 to the Board of Revenue I had brought your merits to their notice. With reference to their opinion contained in their proceedings of the 27th May of the same year I had reported to the Commissioner of the Northern Circars on the 2nd Instant, who passed his proceedings on the 5th Instant confirming you as Head Sheristadar approving my recommendation and transmitted an extract of it as your behaviour met with my approbation. You are therefore confirmed in the situation of Head Sheristadar of this District from the 24th Instant; you will therefore discharge the duties of your Office properly. A copy of the Extract of the Commissioner's proceedings is enclosed for your information.

(Signed.) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

COCANADA, *24th August,* 1852.

No. 36.

Extract from an extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars, in the capacity of Court of Wards, dated Vizagapatam, 6th November, 1852.

Para. 3. The Commissioner begs Mr. Prendergast to explain to the Head Sheristadar that the responsibility formerly resting mainly on the manager will by the present arrangement be shared in a much greater degree than before by him, and that the Commissioner will hold him strictly responsible for that vigilant observation, which if duly exercised, cannot fail to detect and to expose to his immediate superiors the malversations which have in so many instances interfered with successful administration of estates under temporary management in the Northern Circars.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST, *Collector.*

No. 37.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report from the Collector of Rajahmundry, to the Commissioner of Northern Circars, of Fusly 1261, dated 29th March, 1853.

I have every reason to be pleased with the able conduct and searching inquiries of my Head Sheristadar Toolesinga Chitty, who amidst many difficulties has carried on the duties of his office much to my satisfaction.

No. 38.

Extract from the Rajahmundry Collector's letter to the Commissioner Northern Circars, dated the 15th August, 1853.

The Managership I propose to rest in my Head Sheristadar Toolesinga Chitty, who has given abundant proofs of his ability to conduct the duties of both offices at once. At present he receives Rupees 70 a month for his charge of the Zemindary. Henceforth I propose that he shall receive Rupees 175.

No. 39.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars, in the capacity of Court of Wards, dated Vizagapatam, 22nd August, 1853.

Under the circumstances above reported and as a special case, the Commissioner, in the capacity of Court of Wards, approves of the course recommended in the foregoing letter and sanctions an increase to the monthly salary of the Head Sheristadar of Rupees 105 for the more direct Superintendence to be exercised by him over the Pittapoor estate in consequence of the cessation of the office of Manager.

No. 40.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report of the Government Estates of Rajahmundry District, to the Commissioner of Northern Circars, for Fusly 1262, dated 3d April, 1854.

My Head Sheristadar S. Toolesinga Chitty has brought his experience in the Account Department into most effectual service by controlling and regulating the work performed by his subordinates. The Accounts are now in a much better state than they ever have been before, and the supervision exercised is more complete.

No. 41.

From C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to B. Cunliffe, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3d January, 1855, No. 1,

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue the disqualification for further employment which 36 years and upwards of public service have brought upon the Head Sheristadar of this District Soobba Row, with a view to his being pensioned and his place filled by a more efficient person.

2. The present inefficiency of the Head Sheristadar engaged the serious attention of my predecessor, and it was I understand his wish that Soobba Row should retire on the pension to which the long period of his service entitles him. On mentioning the subject, however, to Subba Row, I have found that he entertains great objection to an immediate resignation and proposes to defer it to another year.

3. It is with great regret that I feel compelled to deny my assent to his proposed continuance in Office, but I am convinced that the interests of the District require his immediate resignation.

4. The extensive and important reforms that have been and are to be introduced in all matters of Accounts &c. require an active and zealous superintendence and support that is not to be expected from a public officer who has spent upwards of 36 years in the old routine.

5. To fill the place of the present Sheristadar there is a candidate possessing every necessary qualification. He has been Assistant Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of South Arcot for more than 7 years and Naib Sheristadar in this District for about 3 years, and is therefore thoroughly acquainted with the revenue system of the District. He is an active and able man, and possesses what must be considered as a valuable qualification, now that Sheristadars are required to be conversant with every department of public business in a Collector's Office, viz. a knowledge of English.

6. The person I refer to is Tolesinga Chitty at present Head Sheristadar of Rajahmundry. He has signified to me his readiness to accept the Office of Head Sheristadar of this District should it become vacant, and has stated that the Collector of Rajahmundry Mr. Purvis has given his consent to his leaving that District, the climate of which it appears does not agree with Tolesinga Chitty.

7. In conclusion I would earnestly solicit speedy sanction to these proposed measures with the importance and necessity of which the Board will be made acquainted through my predecessor Mr. Bourdillon.

No. 42.

From C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to B. Cunliffe, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th February 1855, No. 8.

SIR,

Having this day received from Government an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 6th Instant sanctioning the retirement of Soobba Row the present Head Sheristadar of this District, I have the honor, with reference to note 3 of the Circular Order of the Board of Revenue dated 27th March 1820, to nominate as his successor Tolasinga Chitty at present Head Sheristadar of Rajahmundry for the confirmation of the Board.

Circular Order Book, page 4.

2. I trust the Board will give an early reply to this recommendation as the near approach of the Jummabundy renders the immediate services of Tolesinga Chetty in this District extremely desirable.

No. 43.

Extract from a letter from C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1855, No. 27.

5. In the Sheristadar's and other Hoozoor departments Mahratta has now ceased to be the language of correspondence and accounts. When I first joined this District this was not I believe the case.

6. In conclusion I would beg to assure the Board that I am sufficiently impressed with the importance of this change of language. The conviction I entertained that Toelsinga Chittiar would give this among other reforms his cordial support constituted one of the reasons for my desiring to obtain his services as Head Sheristadar of this District.

No. 44.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation on the Revision of the Assessment of the Northern Division, dated 23rd April 1855, No. 460.

17. It is desirable that the Collector should commence operations in view to the general revision as soon, and proceed with them as rapidly as possible. The duty is one the accomplishment of which will call for the display of much judgment and much tact and temper; and though Mr. Whittingham is comparatively new to the District, yet aided as he will be by a Sheristadar of ability and of his own selection, and having a Special Assistant to relieve him from much of his ordinary work, the Government entertain the confident hope that he will be able to bring it to a satisfactory issue. The Collector should report to the Board periodically the progress he makes, and the Board should keep the Government acquainted with his Proceedings.

No. 45.

Extract from a letter from C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July, 1855, No. 88.

Para. 1. I have the honor, with reference to your letter of the 24th, Instant, to state that amidst my other duties I have already directed my attention to several matters connected with the contemplated revision of the assessment and that some of the preliminary information necessary has already been obtained and that my Head Sheristadar would in my absence be able to complete these enquiries.

2. I have had much communication with my Sheristadar on the subject as to the necessary information that must be collected previous to commencing the revision of the assessment, and I feel convinced that in my absence all that was required would be done to enable me at once to commence the work on my return.

No. 46.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation on the subject of revising the Assessment in the District of North Arcot, dated 20th February 1857, No. 189.

10. With their Proceedings of the 8th January recorded above, the Board submit a letter from the Collector dated 11th December 1856, stating reasons for the delay in the introduction of the new rates. And the Board recommend that the work of revision should be entrusted to one of the Sub-Collectors as his particular duty; and that in this work he should be aided by the Head Sheristadar, the ordinary duties of the Sherista Cutcherry being performed by the Naib. The Government have lately, on the recommendation of the Board, authorized the Collector of South Arcot to commit the re-assessment of the Munnargoody and Chellumbrum Talooks to one of his Sub-Collectors; and they quite agree with the Board, that a similar arrangement in North Arcot is necessary to the early introduction of the revised rates in that District. They are accordingly pleased to direct that the immediate charge of the revision operations shall be entrusted to the additional Sub-Collector Mr. Banbury. The Governor in Council also fully agrees with the Board that in this important duty, Mr. Banbury should have the assistance of the Head Sheristadar Tolasinga Chetty, who is well acquainted with the District and is familar with all that has hitherto been done towards carrying out the revision. To prevent delay, Tolasinga Chetty will be relieved from the general duties of his office, as recommended by the Board. The Governor in Council trusts that under this new arrangement the completion of the reforms sanctioned so long ago will be speedily and satisfactorily effected.

No. 47.

Extract from a letter of Mr. Banbury the Acting Additional Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated 26th October 1857, No, 47, on the completion of the Revision of Assessment submitted to the Board of Revenue with the Collector's report dated 28th October 1858.

12. In conclusion I must beg to bring to notice the great assistance I have received from the Head Sheristadar Tolasinga Chetty; his extensive experience and the happy facility with which he explains all Revenue matters, rendering any subject at once clear and comprehensible, have aided me most effectually in carrying on the necessary work.

No. 48.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report from C. Whittingham, Esq,, Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, for Fusly 1267, dated 27th December, 1858.

63. I would beg to bring to the special notice of the Board the valuable services rendered by the Head Sheristadar Tolasinga Chettiar during a settlement which on account of the introduction of the

new rates of Assessment was one of the greater difficulty and importance than usual. *These services were rendered by him under the great disadvantage of ill health which could not however abate his usual zeal and diligence.*

No. 49.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Revenue Department.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Chingleput, showing that S. Toolasinga Chitty has become possessed during the past 2 years of considerable landed property in that district and suggesting his nomination to another district. } (Here enter 13th April 1859, No. 1299.)

Order thereon, 1st June 1859, No. 736.

The Government have ascertained that Tolasinga Chitty's health is now so much broken that he is no longer equal *to undertaking the duties of a new office ;* and they resolve to direct therefore that as soon as the current settlement of the North Arcot District is completed, he shall be pensioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 2064.

Communicated to the Collectors of North Arcot and Chingleput.

The Collector of North Arcot will in due course submit an application for pension on Tolasinga Chitty's behalf.

By Order.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George, *4th June* 1859.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To C. Whittingham, Esq., *Collector of North Arcot.*

No. 50.

From C. Whittingham, Esq. Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th June 1859. No. 158, A.

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to the Order of the Board dated 4th Instant, No. 2064, on the order of Government dated 1st idem, No. 736, Revenue Department, on the subject of the disqualification from ill health of Tolasinga Chettyar *for undertaking the duties of a new office,* to submit for the consideration of the Board and of Government the following circumstances which have been brought to my notice by Tolasinga Chettyar with regard to his making the application for Pension referred to in the Board's order above quoted.

2. As I have been compelled to leave two Talooks unsettled, the Jummabundy will be concluded by my successor and it will devolve on him to submit the application for Pension for Tolasinga Chittyar.

3. As however I have long been witness to the valuable public services rendered by Tolasinga Chettyar, who was in fact selected by me with the sanction of the Board for the post of Head Sheristadar of this District, I trust I may be permitted in anticipation of the recommendation of my successor to whom he is necessarily unknown, to submit for the favourable consideration of the Board and of Government the request of Tolasinga Chettyar.

4. In consideration of the important services in this District he has been called upon to perform be pensioned on the full pay of his present rank.

5. The Character of Tolasinga Chettyar and the nature of the duties he has been called upon to perform will be known to the Government through their Secretary in the Revenue Department, and I shall therefore confine myself to soliciting that the indulgence craved may be granted to Tolasinga Chittyar.

No. 51.

Copy of the remark taken from the Extract of the Register of Uncovenanted Servants in the District of North Arcot.

The conduct of Tolasinga Chittyar has ever been such as to merit the approval of his Official Superiors. The records of the Collector's Office bear witness to his ability and the usefulness of his services during the important period he has held the office of Head Sheristadar of North Arcot.

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM, *Collector.*

I most cordially endorse Mr. Whittingham's opinion as regards Tolasinga Chitty whom I have known for the last twelve years.

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,
Sub Collector in Charge.

July 22nd 1859.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,
Sub Collector in Charge.

No. 52.

No. 2543.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1859.

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 18th June 1859, No. 158, A.

(In Con. 29th June 1859, No. 2894.)

As the application for pension will go direct to Government, it should be accompanied by a copy of this letter.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

To C. WHITTINGHAM, ESQ., *Collector of North Arcot.*

No. 53.

From J. D. Robinson, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th September 1859, No. 233.

Sir,

1. In paragraph 5 of the order of Government, dated 25th March 1859, No. 405, communicated with the Board's Proceedings of the 29th idem, No. 1081, it is ruled that in cases where the immediate removal of Head Seristadars to the districts to which they stand appointed as Deputy Collectors would be attended with inconvenience, their services might be retained for a period not exceeding six months from the date of the order. Under this authority, the Head and Naib Seristadars of this District were detained by my predecessor on business connected with the settlement of the district.

2. The Naib Seristadar, Soondram Pillay, having finished the work he was specially retained for, was, on the 30th Ultimo, permitted to proceed to Trichinopoly to take up his new appointment in that District.

3. Tolasinga Chettiar is still with me, and under the terms of the order already quoted, I should dispense with his services from the 24th instant. As, however, several circumstances have contributed greatly to retard the revenue settlement and preparation of accounts, and other important changes and arrangements are about to be made, I venture to hope that Government will consider his an exceptional case, and permit me to have the benefit of his *experience and advice* for a little time longer. Tolasinga Chittyar's own wish is to retire from public life, and Government may rest assured that I shall do all in my power to give effect to their instructions by releasing him at as early a date as circumstances admit from his present onerous post.

No. 54.

No. 4134.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1859.

Read the following letter.*

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Acting Collector of North Arcot may be permitted to retain the services of Tolasinga Chitty (who is about to take his pension) until 31st December next, in consideration of the delay in the completion of the settlement, and of the circumstances of Mr. Robinson having been lately posted to the district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

* See the above letter.

No. 55.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot and recommending that he may be permitted to retain the services of Tolasinga Setty (who is about to take his pension) until 31st December next, in consideration of the delay in the completion of the settlement and of the circumstances of Mr. Robinson being new to the district.	(Here enter 13th October 1859, No. 4134.)

Order thereon, 25th October, 1859, No. 1441.

Under the circumstances represented by the Acting Collector of North Arcot, the Government authorize that officer to retain the services of Tolasinga Setty, Deputy Collector, until the 31st of December next.

2. With reference however to the chief cause assigned for making this request, viz. delay of the Annual settlement, the Governor in Council must remark that such delay ought not to have occurred; and he hopes that Mr. Robinson will take effectual means to complete the settlement of the Current year at a much earlier date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 4433.

Communicated to the Acting Collector of North Arcot for information and guidance.

By Order.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *28th October* 1859.

TO J. D. ROBINSON, ESQ., *Acting Collector of North Arcot.*

No. 56.

Extract from the Jummabundy Report from J. D. Robinson, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, for Fusly 1268, (A. D. 1858-59,) dated 7th November 1859, No. 263.

66. Government were pleased to permit me to retain the services of Toolasinga Chetty until the close of this year. To his valuable experience and counsel I am much indebted and venture to express my earnest hope that when the question of his retiring on pension comes under discussion, his case may receive the most liberal consideration of Government.

4. The grounds on which I submit this claim need explanation to admit of my services as Head Accountant and Assistant Sheristadar being taken to account.

5. With regard to the Office of Assistant or Koomky Serishtadar it is I believe understood that the responsibility, importance, and trust attached to that office are equal to those attached to the office of Naib Serishtadar. The term Naib Serishtadars employed in the C. O. must therefore be presumed to include Koomky Serishtadars also as no separate allusion to that office was made in the above Circular* Order probably from there having been at the time of the passing of the order but very few offices of that description. This point being settled my right to reckon my service as Koomky Serishtadar cannot be doubted.

* 26th July 1847.

6. With reference to the Office of Head Accountant that office it must be acknowledged is not of less importance than that of a Thasildar. Of the individuals holding the latter appointment only those are selected to fill the Office of Serishtadars whose intelligence and Revenue experience entitle them to the succession. Many of the Thasildars have to my knowledge been superseded in this respect by the Head Accountants. I can therefore confidently assert that a Thasildarship is not the only post which will qualify a man to hold the office of a Serishtadar. It mainly depends upon the intelligence assiduity and activity of the individual whether he be a Head Accountant or a Thasildar for as all Head Accountants are not found eligible to hold the office of a Serishtadar so are all Thasildars not found qualified to transact the duties of a Serishtadar. If an individual holding the Office of Head Accountant possesses intelligence and experience in Revenue matters and is for that reason selected to fill the Office of Assistant or Naib Serishtadar his claim to such an election having been founded upon his experience of Revenue affairs derived during his incumbency as Head Accountant, the period of that incumbency should not in justice be passed over nor disregarded. The Office of Head Accountant is one to which is annexed an emolument of 100 Rupees per mensem which is higher than that of many Thasildars, I humbly but confidently trust that upon a liberal and impartial view of the subject the justice of my claim will be recognized.

7. Under these circumstances I humbly request you will be so kind as to submit my claims as above set forth with your recommendation* to the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue and Government; for which act of justice and kindness I shall feel exceedingly obliged.

*Note 4 page 4 of the Revenue Board Circular Order Book, Vol. I.

8. I beg to enclose copies of my Testimonials and to quote in the margin certain correspondence which has reference to me and to which I respectfully request you will be so good as to refer the Board of Revenue.

1. Concluding para of the letter of Mr. Dent the Collector of South Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 3rd February 1838.
2. Concluding para of the letter of Mr. Lovel the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue Department of Public Works dated 23rd August 1847.
3. First para of the letter of Mr. Bourdillon, Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 16th October 1848.
4. Letter of Mr. Bourdillon, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 9th December 1848.
5. Para 49 of the Jamahbundy Report of Mr. Bourdillon, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 7th March 1849.
6. Para 63 of the letter of Mr. Bourdillon, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 14th October 1850.
7. Para 2 of the letter of Mr. Bourdillon, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 10th June 1850.
8. Para 2 & 15 of the letter of Mr. Bourdillon, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 28th December 1850.
9. Para 47 of the Jamahbundy Report of Mr. Ward, Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 1st January 1852.
10. Letter of Mr. Whittingham, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 3rd January 1855.
11. Letter of Mr. Whittingham, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 7th February 1855.
12. Para 5 & 6 of the letter of Mr. Whittingham, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 24th March 1855.
13. Para 1 & 2 of the letter of Mr. Whittingham, the Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue dated 25th July 1855.
14. Para 17 of the Minutes of Consultation on the revision of the Assessment of the Northern Division of Arcot dated 23rd April 1855.

No. 2.

From C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1857, No. 1.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board of Revenue an application from S. Tolasinga Chettiar the Head Sheristadar of this District for an increased rate of Salary under the rules published in Circular Order Board of Revenue 27th March 1820.

2. The services rendered by Tolasinga Chettiar do not appear to have been such as would in a strict adherence to the letter of the rules, entitle him to the increase claimed and he has in the accompanying Statement shown in what part they are defective in establishing his claim, but as in two recent cases the Government have at the recommendation of the Board relaxed the stringency on another point of these rules, I beg to submit for the favorable consideration of the Board the petition of Tolasinga

Chettiar, that the rules may in his case be so far relaxed as to permit the period during which he served as Head Accountant in South Arcot and Coomkee Sheristadar to reckon as service entitling him to an increase of salary and I would ground my solicitation on high character borne by Tolasinga Chettiar, and the good service he has rendered, both of which would be doubtless brought to the favorable notice of Government by their Revenue Secretary, in the event of the Board considering it proper to forward and recommend the application.

No. 3.

No. 835.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March, 1857.

Read the following

Revenue Department.

No. 227.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th March, 1857.

Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of North Arcot relative to an increase of salary to his Head Seristadar Tolasinga Chetty, and stating that the claim of the latter to be allowed to reckon his previous Services in entitling him to the 3d rate of Salary is deserving of favorable consideration. } (Here enter 27th January, 1857. No. 312.)

1. Tolasinga Chetty, the Head Sheristadar of North Arcot, having on the 25th January last completed a term of five years, service in his present grade, and obtained the favorable testimony of the Collector to his Official conduct, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to allow him to draw the next higher rate of Salary, viz. Rupees (350) three hundred and fifty per mensem, from the above date, subject to the verification of his services by the Civil Auditor.

2. His Lordship in Council is unable to accede to the recommendation of the Collector and the Board that Tolasinga Chetty should be permitted to count as service, entitling him to an increase of salary, the period during which he was employed as Head Accountant in South Arcot; as such permission would open the door to like applications for service in other Offices of similar emolument, which have as little to do with revenue service as has the Office of Head Accountant. But as the rules laid down by Government, as quoted in para. 3 of the Board's letter, allow of service as a Tashildar being counted in certain proportions in fixing the pay of Head Sheristadars. His Lordship in Council is pleased to permit Tolasinga Chetty to reckon, in the same proportions, the time he served as Koomky or Assistant Sheristadar in South Arcot; provided that that appointment was a regularly sanctioned and permanent office, and that the salary of it was equal to that of a Tahsildar.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES.

Acting Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Collector of North Arcot for communication to Tolasinga Chetty.

The Collector of South Arcot will furnish the Board with the required information regarding the nature and salary of the Office of Koomky Sheristadar in his District.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

Acting Secretary.

To C. Whittingham, Esq., *Collector of North Arcot.*

No. 2464.

Revenue Department.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1857.

No. 4.

Read the following

Revenue Department.

No. 689.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th July 1859.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of South Arcot, furnishing the information called for by Government regarding the nature and Salary of the late appointment of Koomky Sheristadar of his District. } (Here enter 26th June 1857. No. 2194.)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board in their view, that Tolasinga

Chetty, Head Sheristadar of North Arcot, can, under the Orders of Government dated 4th March 1857 No. 227, be allowed to count as service entitling him to an increase of salary, the period of his employment as Koomky Sheristadar of South Arcot.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Communicated to the Collector of North Arcot for his information, and for communication to Tolasinga Chetty.

(True Extract and Copy.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

To C. WHITTINGHAM, ESQ., *Collector of North Arcot.*

No. 5.

From S. Tolasinga Chetty, Head Sheristadar, to G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Additional Sub-Collector of North Arcot, dated 20th January 1855.

SIR.

I beg leave respectfully to submit my claim for permission to count as service entitling me to an increase of salary the period during which I was employed as Head Accountant in South Arcot. I have already once before submitted the above claim to the Government through the Collector and the Board of Revenue. Though the two latter authorities strongly supported my claim and recommended my case to the favorable consideration of the Government they did not accede to the above recommendation but disallowed it.

I now revive the above claim, confidently trusting that it will be submitted to the Government through the regular channel with your strong support and recommendation that the indulgence therein solicited may be granted to me as a special case in consideration of the important duties performed by me in the revision of Assessment in the District. It would appear that the claims before urged by me were not deemed fit for favorable consideration in the absence of any special and important merits; now however the duties performed by me in connection with the revision of Assessment have met with approbation from my superiors and as it was acknowledged to be a task of considerable difficulty. I also trust that I may not be considered impudent in requesting that my case may be again brought under consideration. I also confidently trust that you will be so kind as to lay the matter before the higher authorities with your special recommendation with regard to my merits as well as your opinion of me in the discharge of the important and responsible duties connected with the revision of Assessment carried out under yonr honor's immediate Superintendence.

No. 6.

From G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Additional Sub Collector of North Arcot, to C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated 20th January 1858, No. 66.

SIR,

The enclosed has this day been presented to me by the Head Serishtadar, and should you think proper, I have the honor to request it may be submitted to the Board of Revenue for their consideration. Tolasinga Chetty begs that in consideration of his services rendered, and approved of in connection with the revision of the Assessment, his claims to be allowed to count as service as Thasildar, the period passed by him as Head Accountant, in South Arcot may be reconsidered by Government. It appears that the application previously made on this subject was forwarded by you to the Board, who submitted it to Government with a request that it might be favorably considered. Government thought proper to disallow the claims.

2. Since however Government have been pleased to express their approval of the task lately performed in the District, and as Tholasinga Chetty has certainly afforded most valuable and ready aid towards the completion of the same, the Government may perhaps be inclined to reconsider their previous determination. *I can certainly say that I have found the Head Seristadar's great revenue experience, and knowledge of all details most useful throughout the revision of assessment.*

3. The Office of Head Accountant must have required equal if not greater talents and industry than that of Tahsildar, and I should imagine that at the time Tholasinga Chetty held the Office it would have been an easier matter to find a fitting person for the latter than for the former post. Under the above circumstances I trust you will submit his claims for the Board's Orders.

No. 7.

From C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1858, No. 16.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Board of Revenue an application from the Head Serishtadar of this District, Tolasinga Chettyar, soliciting a reconsideration of the Orders of Government Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th March 1857, No. 227, regarding his claim to consider as service entitling him to an increase of salary the period during which he was employed as Head Accountant in South Arcot.

2. The Government in passing the order adverted to stated the grounds on which they were unable to accede to the request of the Seristadar, viz: that such a permission would open the door for like applications for service in other Offices of similar emolument which have as little to do with Revenue service as the Office of Head Accountant. As this objection is not removed I do not see how I can recommend the present application, but as it is strongly supported by the Acting Additional Sub Collector under whom the Head Sheristadar has been lately employed on a special duty fulfilled to the complete satisfaction of the Board and the Government, I beg to refer it to the consideration of the Board.

No. 8.

No. 914.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1858.

In. Con. 13*th March* 1858.

Read from the Collector of North Arcot dated 23rd January 1853.

Here enter No. 16.

The Board regret that they cannot re-submit this question for the consideration of Government. That authority has already passed orders on the subject. No new grounds have been shewn for altering the previous decision and no pressing necessity exists for bringing it under discussion again.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary.

To C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., *Collector of North Arcot.*

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In Nr. 102

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 1st to 10th June 1859.

No. 1. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Revenue Secretary to Government; dated 13th April 1859, No. 1270.

Dated 5th in Con. 6th April 1859.

I am directed to submit for the information of Government the accompanying letter from the Collector of Chingleput showing that S. Tolasingha Chetty has become possessed during the past 2 years of considerable landed property in that District registered partly in his own name and partly in those of relatives, that he rents a portion of a Shrotrium and holds a contract for the supply of gravel from one of his properties to the Railway.

2. The Board were not aware of these circumstances when they suggested Tolasinga Chetty's transfer from North Arcot to Chingleput, on being called upon to suggest arrangements, for transferring to new districts all the Head Sheristadars who were appointed Deputy Collectors.

C. O. No. 619 *18th September* 1843.
C. O. No. 644 *25th April* 1845.

3. In Bengal officers of this class are strictly prohibited from acquiring or holding lands in the Districts in which they are employed and the possession of such property is regarded as an absolute disqualification for such an office. In this Presidency the grade of Deputy Collector is of very recent origin but the Board cannot doubt that the Bengal rules would be held applicable to a case like the present. In regard to other Revenue servants, the rule of this Presidency is to permit the acquisition of land, the sanction of the Collector or Board being first obtained and such possessions being duly registered. It is also the duty of Collectors to arrange so that public servants shall not be employed in the Talook within which their lands may be situated or in such appointments as may enable them to interfere in their management.

C. O. 28th August 1849 *Vol* 1 *p.* 500.

4. Tolasinga Chetty not only holds lands but has shares in Indigo Factories, as well as a contract for gravel, and the Board understand that he is also engaged in several suits connected with his landed property. On the latter point fuller information will be obtained from the Collector, if Government consider it necessary; but the Board deem it right to suggest that Tolasinga Chetty should be immediately nominated to another district.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1859, No. 736.

The Government have ascertained that Tolasinga Chetty's health is now so much broken that he is no longer equal to undertaking the duties of a new office; and they resolve to direct therefore that as soon as the current settlement of the North Arcot District is completed, he shall be pensioned.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
13 April 1859.

No. 1299

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Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To
J. C. Bourdillon Esqr.
Revenue Secretary
to Government

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J D Sim
Secretary

Rev Board Office,
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13^th April 1859

To
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From
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Dept.

Tolasingah Chetty

Dated 13th } April 1859
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No 736 - 1st June 1859 -

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With an order

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 22d to 31st October 1859.

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1859, No. 4134.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Vellore, 27th September 1859, No. 233.

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3. Tolasinga Chettiar is still with me, and under the terms of the order already quoted, I should dispense with his services from the 24th instant. As, however, several circumstances have contributed greatly to retard the revenue settlement and preparation of accounts, and other important changes and arrangements are about to be made, I venture to hope that Government will consider his an exceptional case, and permit me to have the benefit of his experience and advice for a little time longer. Tolasinga Chettiar's own wish is to retire from public life, and Government may rest assured that I shall do all in my power to give effect to their instructions by releasing him at as early a date as circumstances admit from his present onerous post.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1859, No. 1441.

Under the circumstances represented by the Acting Collector of North Arcot, the Government authorize that officer to retain the services of Tolasinga Setty, Deputy Collector, until the 31st of December next.

2. With reference however to the chief cause assigned for making this request, viz. the delay of the annual settlement, the Governor in Council must remark that such delay ought no to have occurred; and he hopes that Mr. Robinson will take effectual means to complete the settlement of the current year at a much earlier date.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To

T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.
Copy to Acting Collector of North Arcot.

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With an Order

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of January 1860.

No. 6. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Magistrate of North Arkot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittúr, 15th December 1859, No. 67.

1. Some very unfavorable reports, reflecting on the honesty of the servants attached to the Yaumia department of my office, having recently reached my ears, I took the opportunity of Mr. Eliott's resumption of the Head Assistant's charge from Deputy Collector Narasingha Puntula, to request this latter officer to scrutinize the records and ascertain what foundation there was for these rumours.

2. The accompanying memorandum, drawn up from my deputy's report of a preliminary enquiry, will show Government that there is unfortunately only too much reason to believe that their indulgent recognition of the gosha privilege has been grossly abused, as well by their own employés, as by outside parties.

3. The Yaumia Sadr and his assistant Subbia have been suspended, and are under surveillance. The two vakéls Pundi Abdulkadir and Syed Homeed, and the Kaji of Arkot are likewise in custody. The Head Clerk is absent on sick leave at Madras, but a warrant has been sent for his apprehension.

4. Other parties both in and out of the Kachahri are likewise probably implicated, but at the present stage of the enquiry, I am not in possession of sufficient evidence to justify my taking active measures against them. My object in troubling Government with a reference on a matter which might be dealt with under the ordinary criminal regulations is to solicit their instructions as to how I am to proceed in the case of the gosha women, who are mixed up with the matter.

5. False personation having been already proved in two cases taken up, I may say at random, it is not unfair to assume that it has likewise been extensively practised in the cases of many others of these gosha females.

6. These women having by the mal-practices of some, become suspected as a body, and a full exposure depending on their public examination and identification, there is I submit no option in the matter, but that the gosha privilege be disallowed, and their attendance required, and examination conducted on the ordinary terms.

7. I am told that in the Military Department no female pensioners are exempted from personal appearance before the disbursing officer on the plea of gosha seclusion. With this fact before my eyes, and a recollection of the numberless frauds to which the Government recognition of the gosha privilege has subjected them, I cannot but think that the present system of paying by proxy such stipendiaries is dangerous and demoralizing in the extreme.

8. In this district, the sums* of money paid away in the Yaumia and Pension Department are enormous, and no amount of vigilance and care on the part of the disbursing officer would suffice to defeat the fraudulent machinations of interested parties in and out of the office.

* *Rupees* 1,19,606-11-3 *per annum.*

9. I venture, therefore, to express my earnest hope that Government will at once, and for ever, disallow gosha exemption from personal attendance, and will authorize me to proceed in the case of the Arkot female Yaumiadars in such manner as circumstances may render advisable, and in fact, just as I should act in ordinary judicial enquiries.

10. All the precautions prescribed in the Yaumia rules for such cases have been observed. The attestation by witnesses of the life certificates has been insisted on, and the vakéls themselves have stipends of half and upwards of the value of the allowances drawn by them for their female clients.

11. It will be plain, however, from the accompanying memorandum that all such checks avail little against possible collusion between the servants of the department and outside parties; and I have therefore, as disbursing officer, the honor most respectfully, but earnestly to solicit that

Government relieve me at once from a responsibility, which no amount of vigilance and precaution on my part can possibly make safe in mine, or any other hands. I have of course stopped all payments until this enquiry is terminated.

12. Most of the larger arrears were disbursed in Mr. Whittingham's time.

13. Enclosed is a statement showing the account as it now stands.

Memorandum drawn up on a report from Narasingha Puntula, Deputy Collector in temporary charge of the Yaumia department.

1. On being relieved of the charge of the Head Assistant's office, Deputy Collector Narasingha Puntula was directed by me to scrutinize the records of the Yaumia department and ascertain from them and outside enquiry what foundation there was for certain recent rumours of fraud in connection therewith.

2. On entering on this duty, Narasingha Puntula at once found it would be necessary to go to Arkot, where the majority of those female pensioners reside, to whom disbursements have been made under the sanction of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 30th September 1858. Narasingha Puntula started accordingly on the 6th instant, and on the evening of the very same day took possession of the daftars and papers connected with the department then in the custody of the Kaji of Arkot. On looking over these papers, Narasingha Puntula found some private letters in the hand-writing of Mahomed Habeebúlla Sadr Yaumia in the Collector's office to the Kaji, containing directions as to the mode and form in which he (Kaji) should conduct and forward to the Húzúr his proceedings in the case of female Yaumiadars.

3. Narasingha Puntula then and there took a statement from the Kaji, who admitted without hesitation that the letters above alluded to had been written to him (Kaji) by the Sadr Yaumia and were in his (Sadr Yaumia's) own hand-writing. This statement the Sadr Yaumia himself on the 12th December confirmed in Narasingha Puntula's presence.

4. A perusal of these letters satisfied Narasingha Puntula that their purpose was to direct the commission of a fraud. This conclusion received further support from an admission made in his presence by the Kaji, in which he said that all the female Yaumiadars except some seven or eight, were dead, that he (Kaji) himself had acted in the affair under the sole direction of Sadr Yaumia, whose influence in the Collector's office was all powerful, and rendered it unnecessary for him (Kaji) to use his own judgment.

5. On the morning of the 7th, Narasingha Puntula procured the attendance of one Pundi Abdul Kadir, who as vakél had drawn money from the treasury in the names of some ten or more of these female Yaumiadars. Narasingha Puntula asked him to point out the houses of all the women for whom he had appeared at the treasury, as he wished to ascertain whether their marks corresponded with the descriptive rolls in the Collector's office.

6. Having selected at random the name of one Moidinbi, (No. 416, to whom Rupees 793-14-1 were said to have been paid), Narasingha Puntula proceeded with Abdul Kadir to her (Moidinbi's) house at Arkot. On arrival at the house, Narasingha Puntula himself called out the name Moidinbi, and a woman from behind a parda answered to it. Having given her distinctly to understand that he had come there to find out the truth, Narasingha Puntula warned her that if she continued her false personation, he should be compelled to disallow her the privilege of gosha. Although thus warned, she still persisted in representing herself to be Moidinbi, when one Hyatbi,* who happened to be with her at the time, and is a neighbour, interrupted her and prayed her to be careful what statement she made, in case she brought disgrace on herself.

7. Hearing this, Narasingha Puntula at once took a statement on oath from Hyatbi, who very reluctantly, and with much trepidation allowed that the female behind the parda was not Moidinbi, who had died some twenty years previously, but Moidinbi's daughter-in-law.

8. On this, Narasingha Puntula sent for another neighbour, a Hindu female of the name of Kristnabai who likewise reluctantly deposed on oath to the same effect as first witness. Nara-

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* *1st witness.*

singha Puntula then caused both (Hyatbi and Kristnabai) to describe the female behind the screen. They both said she was *fair and without marks* on the face, whereas in the roll, Moidinbi is described as *dark* and *pock marked.* Narasingha Puntula directed them to measure her: they returned her height as 5 feet 1½ inch, Moidinbi's height being given in the roll as 4 feet 6 inches.

9. Having thus satisfied himself that Moidinbi was falsely personated, Narasingha Puntula next went to the house of Husainbi and Rajan Bibi, (No. 639, on account, of whom had been disbursed Rupees 661-9-2 and Rupees 595-6-8, respectively.) On his way thither, the vakél Pundi Abdul-Kadir, fearing probably that a domiciliary visit might lead to an unpleasant exposure, informed Narasingha Puntula that the two women in question were not then in Arkot, but had gone to Madras. Narasingha Puntula went to the house notwithstanding, and calling out the two names, two women from behind a curtain answered to them. Just as Narasingha Puntula was about to put a further question, the vakél interfered and in a loud voice said, "these are not the women you seek, they are at Madras." On Narasingha Puntula repeating his question, he found that the females had taken their cue, for they answered as the vakél desired. Being satisfied that the existence of Hussainbi, and Rajan Bibi was also most doubtful, Narasingha Puntula went thence to the house of Kyrúnnissa, (No. 4) whose age is entered in the roll as 96, whose death was reported some three or four months back and *after* the disbursement of arrears of Yaumia drawn on her account amounting to Rupees 2,183-2-9.

10. To Narasingha Puntula's verbal enquries respecting the date of this female's demise, the Kaji and other by-standers replied that Kyrúnnissa had long been dead, and that the report of her recent decease was a mere fabrication, got up for fraudulent purposes. The vakél himself, so far supported these admissions as to allow that he had heard likewise subsequently to the payment to the heir Alli Hússain Sahib of the arrears of pension drawn on her account, that Kyrúnnissa herself had been long dead. The vakél added that more than half of the money disbursed to him on account of these female Yaumiadars had been spent among the Kachahri servants, and that he had acted solely in the matter out of good faith towards two former vakéls* who had given him vakalatnamahs for the women for whom he acted, on the express condition that they all three should share equally in the arrears disbursed thereon, but that they two (Abdul Rahimjúnodin and Sied Mohamed Hússain) alone should be responsible if any thing went wrong. Narasingha Puntula then and there took a statement from him to this effect. In it he gives particulars as to how the money was finally disposed of and admits that he does not know whether the women for whom he received money are alive or dead. Narasingha Puntula then closed proceedings at Arkot and directed the vakéls and others to attend at Chittúr. He visited Vellúr en route on the morning of the 8th and seized the Daftars of the Kaji of that place. The parties having arrived at Chittúr on the night of the 9th, Narasingha Puntula proceeded with his enquiry.

*1 *Abdul Rahimjúnodin.*
2 *Sied Mohamed Hússain.*

11. In the case of Kyrúnnissa, (No. 4,) Súltan Sahiba and Hyatbi state on oath, that the female, on account of whom the Yaumia arrears for Kyrúnnissa were disbursed, is still alive, that nobody has died in that house for the last 8 months and that no death, as reported some 3 or 4 months back, ever took place.

12. Sied Hamed and Mohomed Alli Peish Imam, who attested the life certificate in the name of Kyrúnnissa, were next examined, they stated that although they had their suspicions at the time, they were persuaded by the vakéls to sign the paper on the assurance that the Sadr Yaumia had so directed it and that they would be paid for the service thus rendered. These witnesses distinctly state that they are unable to vouch for Kyrúnnissa being alive, and add that for the last three days, Sholi Hússain Kadri, a relative of Kyrúnnissa's has been trying to induce them to give evidence that she (Kyrúnnissa) is still alive.

13. Sied Hamed, moreover states that the woman who falsely personates Kyrúnnissa is the wife of the said Sholi Hússain Kadri's maternal uncle. Both witnesses add that they declined to act upon Sholi Hússain Kadri's corrupt instigations.

14. Sholi Hússain Kadri was next examined.

He states on oath that Kyrúnnissa is not dead, that his object in making a false report of her recent death was, that when the descriptive roll was first prepared, Kyrúnnissa's age was incorrectly entered as fifty, (Tamil Ǎnbathú) instead of nine, (Tamil Onbathú) and that as the accounts would show her to be very old when she really yet was young, he would come under suspicion, and be liable to punishment.

15. The quibble which this witness bases on the similarity of sound between the two tamil figures is ingenious certainly, but it will scarcely tide him over this scrape, as he appears not only to have sent in a duly attested report of Kyrúnnissa's death, but made a special application to the Collector by petition for a transfer of a portion of the Yaumia to his name in consequence of that very demise.

16. Finding now that his allegation of her recent death is not likely to have acceptance, Sholi Hússain Kadri tries to make out that she is still alive, instead of adopting the more facile expedient of a false personation as has, it is to be feared, been practised in the cases of many others of these suspected female Yaumiadars. His explanation admitted he had an easy remedy, and might by representing the truth, have had the age of Kyrunnissa corrected in the descriptive roll. There can, therefore, be but little doubt that the real Kyrúnnissa is long since defunct, and the falsehood of Hússain Kadri's allegation would unquestionably be fully exposed were the female now personating Kyrúnnissa, examined and her 'personal' compared with the description in the roll.

17. The female personating Kyrúnnissa has aided in defrauding Government by false pretences of the large sum of Rupees 2,183-2-9, and is therefore no longer entitled to claim the gosha privilege in bar of her open and public trial as an accomplice.

18. Narasingha Puntula is now prosecuting his enquiries into the case of each individual Yaumiadar, and will report results from time to time. Sufficient, however, has already been elicited in the cases of Moidinbi and Kyrúnnissa to establish to some extent the existence of systematic fraud in the department.

19. It becomes necessary to the success of this examination, and to the full exposure of a long and daring series of abuse in the department, that the privilege of gosha be in *each* case disallowed, and that *all* the parties on account of whom these large disbursements have been made be subjected to a close comparison with the descriptions in the rolls on which they have claimed those allowances. Without such open and public identification, the enquiry must of necessity stand still at its present stage.

20. There is further documentary evidence gravely criminating the Sadr Yaumia, Mushruff Subbia and Head Clerk of my office, but enough has been already stated to prove the necessity of prompt action in this mattter, and to enable the Government to decide in what manner it is advisable to deal with the other suspected female Yaumiadars.

North Arkot,
Magistrate's Office
Chittúr 15th Decr. 1859.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 3rd January 1860, No. 2.

The Collector requests orders on two points, in connection with investigations going on in his office respecting alleged frauds in the Yaumia department. First, he asks (paragraph 6) how he is to proceed in those enquiries, as respects women to whom the gosha privilege has been allowed; Second, he recommends that Government should at once and for ever disallow gosha exemptions.

2. With regard to the first enquiry, the Government resolve to inform the Collector that they are not of opinion that criminal proceedings ought to be taken against females personating Yaumiadars. Though the act is undoubtedly criminal, yet the offenders, it may be assumed, are in every case mere tools. The parties really culpable, and who should be prosecuted with rigour, are the official persons concerned, and the vakéls, attesting witnesses, and other male offenders.

3. The course pursued by the Deputy Collector in the cases of impersonation investigated by him is approved, and the same may properly be adopted in all similar cases. The Deputy Collector should remain outside the curtain and a confidential female within should des-

cribe the person then before her. This description the Deputy Collector will compare with the muster roll as it is stated in paragraph 8 of the memorandum he did in the case there referred to. The female examiner will know nothing of the contents of the muster roll and thus a most complete and satisfactory test will be applied.

4. With respect to the second recommendation, the subject of the gosha exemption of female Yaumiadars formed the subject of correspondence for several years from 1850; and the result was the order referred to in the preceding paragraph. The Governor in Council is not prepared to re-open the question. The provisions in rule 5, if strictly and properly acted on, afford considerable security against fraud.

5. The Government will be glad to learn at a future time the result of the investigations now proceeding. The acting Collector deserves great credit for the active measures which he has taken; and the Governor in Council observes with pleasure the zeal and intelligence displayed by the Deputy Collector Narasingha Puntala, in tracing out these frauds.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 2

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. 23rd Jany/60

Read the following letter from the Actg Magistrate of North Arcot.

Reports a case of fraud in the Yaumia Dept. of this office; solicits instructions as how to proceed in regard to Gosha women mixed up in the case & recommends the disallowing Gosha exemption from personal attendance

(Here enter 15 Decr. 1859 No. 67.

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I have read these papers with more than ordinary attention, and this Draft directs the course which in my opinion it will be both just and expedient for us to adopt 31 Dec 59

Though the act is undoubtedly criminal, yet the offenders, it may be assumed, are in every case mere tools. The parties really culpable & who should be prosecuted with rigour, are the official persons concerned, & the Vakils, attesting witnesses, & other male offenders.

4. ~~3~~ With respect to the second recommendation, the subject of the gosha exemption of female Pensioners formed the subject of correspondence for several years from 1850, & the result was the order referred to in the preceding paragraph. The G. in C is not prepared to reopen the question. The provision in Rule 5, if strictly & properly acted on, afford considerable security against fraud.

3 The course pursued by the Deputy Collector in the cases of impersonation investigated by him is approved and the same may properly be adopted in all similar cases. The Dep. Collector confidential

In the existing state of matters in North Arcot. It appears to me necessary that some more stringent instructions, than the rules referred to contain, should be issued to the Actg Colle.

I think Narasinha Vantula should be directed to have all the parties, on account of whom money has been paid examined by females selected by him. He should remain outside the curtain & ~~the~~ the female witness should describe the person there before her. This description the dep Collr will compare with the muster role as ~~is stated~~ it is stated in para 8 of the memorandum ~~[illegible]~~ there referred to in the case ~~be there~~ ~~there necessary~~.

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M.S.
Collr of N. Arcot Dist. 3
6 Copies to the
Bd of Revenue Dist. 6

As matters now stand in North Arcot more stringent measures than existing Rules prescribe for the examination of Gosha female Pensioners, are urgently required to prevent extensive frauds, and the course which Mr Moorhead suggests is best calculated to attain the desired end.

Complete this despatch today — [illegible] Chittam [illegible] sealed by 2 o'clock

Recirculated, with reference to Mr. Moorhead's remarks.

The mode of proceeding suggested by him goes to obtain additional proof; it is one which has been already adopted by the Dep. Collr. & might be again; but if thought necessary it may be prescribed by Govt. In that case a paragraph to the purport of the remarks may be added to the draft —

Decr 31.

I entirely concur

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My dear Pycroft
The Govr. desires me to
give these papers to you after reading
Robinson's letter - He wishes you to
bring them to Council for the dis-
-cussion of the matter.
May 3 — Yours

Revenue 1860 Departt.
Pro: of Govt. 10th January

No. 2.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dated 3d. January 1860.

No. 6 & 7.

Passing orders on certain points in connection with the investigations going on in the Office of the Magistrate of North Arcot & respecting alleged frauds in the [illegible] Departt.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittoor, 23rd February 1860, No. 11.

I have the honor to enclose for the consideration of Government, a printed memorial presented to me by Tolasinga Chitty who was nominated one of the Deputy Collectors of Chingleput, but specially directed to continue as Head Sarishtadár of this district until the close of the past year, on condition that he should then retire on the pension of his rank. With a letter to my own address urging his case as one deserving of special consideration, Tolasinga Chitty has embodied in this memorial numerous extracts from official records, and other testimonials bearing on his abilities and character as a public servant throughout a long and varied career.

2. A perusal of the memorial will enable Government to do ample justice to his case without any additional comments from my pen, and the only remark I would here make in regard to his merits as a public officer is that, during the five or six months he was with me, I derived much valuable assistance from him in connection with the revenue and general administration of this district. Rumour, however, I regret to add, has latterly coupled Tolasinga Chitty's name with several discreditable transactions which are alleged to have occurred before my arrival in the district, and I, therefore, thought it my duty to withhold for a time the submission of the memorial, in case these reports should receive such further confirmation as would render an enquiry into his official conduct necessary.

3. As the rumours to which I allude have not in the interim taken more definite shape, and as that especially which connects his name with the yaumia fraud case has received no confirmation from the enquiry held in that matter, I should not, I think, be justified in longer withholding the submission of the enclosed memorial.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1860, No. 337.

Referred to the Civil Auditor for verification of the services of Tolasinga Chitty specified in appendix No. 1, to his application.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Civil Auditor, with an original Enclosure.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

bearing on his abilities and character as a public
Servant

No. 11

North Arkot
Collector's Kacheri
Chittur 23rd February 1860

Read the following letter

of
From J. D. Robinson Esqre
Acting Collector of North Arkot

of
To T. Pycroft Esqre
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

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3. As the rumours to which I allude have not in the interim taken more definite shape, and as that especially which connects his name with the Yeomia fraud case has received no confirmation from the enquiry held in that matter, I should not I think be justified in longer withholding the submission of the enclosed memorial.

Yaumia

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant

Acting Collector

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No. 83 Genl. Dep.

Report of the Civil Auditor

The Civil Auditor has the honor to report that the authorized Official Allowance drawn by S. Tolasinga Chetty, late Deputy Collector of Chinglepút, for the last five years of his Service, averaged Rupees 372-2-0 per mensem; and that his Service under the Government extends over a period of 33 years 3 months and 25 days; Vizt: from 1st July 1825 to 30th April 1830 from 1st July 1830 to 31st Decr. 1833. from 12th July 1834 to 31st May 1846. from 29th October 1846 to 14th February 1855. & from 15th March 1855 to 31st December 1859.

2. The breaks that appear in his Service, though more than two, occurred on the occasions of his transfer from one District to another, & should not in my opinion prejudice his claim to a retiring pension, which may be allowed to the extent of one half of his average Salary as above reported.

Edw. Harris
Civil Auditor.

Fort Saint George,
Civil Audit Office,
9th March 1860.

E. F. H.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Civil Pension Department.

Revenue Separate
1860 Despatch
Pro: of Govt. 10th March
~~No. 102~~
No. 450
From J. D. Robinson Esqr.
Acting Collr. of Nellore
To
T. Pycroft Esqr.
Chief Secy. to Govt.
Fort St. George
Dated 23d February/60.
Recd. ~~27~~ 1st March
Any Letter 0
1. Enclo.
No. 337. 2d March
Forwards application from Tolasinga Chetty who was recommended as the Deputy Collector of Chinglepút.
With an Order

No. 337
Referred to the Civil Auditor for verification of the services of Tolasingha Chetty specified in Appendix No. 1 to his application.

Fort St. Geo.
2nd March 1860.

3 Copies to the Civil Audr. with an Origl. Enclo: Chief Ck.

No. 24 & 25.

C 19 March
R 23
C 5 April

C 19 March
d 23
C 5 April

Separate
Public 1860 Depart.t
No. 132
10-3-60

From
The Civil Auditor

Dated 7th March } 1860.
Recd. 10 " "
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Reporting on the
Service of S. Tooladingah
Chetty late Deputy Collector
of Chingleput

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North Arcot

No. 25. Collr's Circuit Kachiri
Bommasamudram
20th April 1860.

From
J. C. D. Robinson Esquire
Acting Collector of North Arcot.

To
T. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract from the Proceedings of Madras Government dated 12th April 1860 No. 117 — The rumours alluded to in my former letter which I am called on in these Proceedings to clear up are, 1st that Tolasinga Chetti did, when the assessment of this district was lowered in 1857, levy and appropriate to his own use,

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a certain per Centage on the reduc:
:tions then sanctioned; and 2ndly
that in the valuation of land taken
up and paid for by Government
for rail way purposes, a per-
centage was likewise paid to him
on all compensation disbursed.-

2. Neither of these grave imputations rest on any better evidence than general rumour, and some anonymous petitions to the address of the Board of Revenue and myself. Not considering myself called on to take notice of allegations thus anonymously thrust forward, and relating to transactions which had occurred before my connection with the district, I thought I fulfilled my duty in withholding for a time Tolasinga Chetty's application for pension on the contingency of further evidence being forthcoming when the pressure of his local influence

influence and connection was removed by his retirement from the public service. Three months and a half have now elapsed since that event, without giving to these imputations any more tangible, or substantial form than that under which they first presented themselves.-

3. The proceedings in the Jeamiah Fraud case have, I am informed, been forwarded to the Court of Foujdari Adalut. Tolasinga Chetty's complicity in those frauds is only inferable from the circum:stance that in one or two of the Sudr Jeamiah's letters to the Kazi of Arcot, one "Chettiar" is named, whose favor and good Offices the writer hints have been secured. The letter or letters in which the allusion occurs were intercepted during the preliminary Inquiry,

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but the point is not one which has any influence on the general bearing of the case, and has not therefore, so far as I can learn, been noticed in the Court's proceedings.

4. The charge of false personation was not pushed under the views conveyed in the order of Government dated the 3 Jany 60 against the Gosha females who have been made the means and instruments of these frauds; and their existence or non-existence remaining in all its original uncertainty, there can be nothing on the Court record which would help to a nearer estimate of the extent of these peculations. However it may fare with the case viewed judicially, there can be no moral doubt of the guilt of the parties who have been tried for the offence.

Sent to Court with record of Yeomia Case not returned —
put up

5. A mass of intercepted correspondence

correspondence, and other very damning evidence indicate the existence of a long standing and well-devised System of Spoliation on the part of all interested in and officially connected with the Yeomia department. The frauds may amount to Rupees 15,000 or Rupees 20,000, but the peculiarities of the case render it exceedingly improbable that the exact extent of these misappropriations will ever be ascertained.

6. Altho therefore I cannot, under the circumstances already explained, divest my mind of a suspicion amounting almost to moral conviction that Toladinga Chetty has not been faithful to his high trusts and responsibilities, Still I think that in the absence of any direct proof of Criminality and in consideration of his length of

Service

service, his undoubted talents, and usefulness as a public Officer, he might be allowed to enjoy the pension of his rank for the term of his natural life. The benefit of the doubt being allowed, and a pension granted for his own life time, Lolasinga Chetty's case is not one which, under my present suspicions and misgiving I should be justified in recommending for any exceptional mark of favor at the hands of Government.—

North Arcot
Collrs. Camp Kacheri
Bommasamudram
20th April 1860.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Ag Collector

To
T. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Separate

Public Department

No 197

From The Acting Collector of North Arcot

Dated 20th April 1860

For Orders

Separate
Public 1860 Department

No 197

From
The Ag Collector
of North Arcot

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 20th April 1860

Recd 25th " "

For orders

With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 12th April 1860 gives the particulars of the [illegible] alluded in the Acting Collectors letter of the 23 February last No 11 regarding the conduct of Polasinga Chetty.

and recommends that he might be allowed to enjoy the pension of his rank for the term of his life

C27th April

1st Sergt. Kelly
is to be pensioned
rate
on the pay
to which he

is entitled
under the
ordinary rule
of the service

The Candidate 1st Sergeant Kelly.

Read the following
Papers ;—

From the Colr. of N. Arcot
dated 23rd Feby 1860.

From the Civil Auditor
dated 9th March 1860.

Proceedings of Govt. dated
12th April 1860. No. 117.

From the Acting Colr.
of N. Arcot dated 20th April 1860

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1. With the first of these papers the Acting Colr. of North Arcot submits an application for superannuation Pension in

~~claim in~~ behalf of Dep^y Coll^r Tola-singha Chetti who retired pursuant to order of Gov^t dated 1st June 1859

2. ~~This individual~~ has served the Gov^t for upwards of 53 yrs and is eligible ~~therefore entitled~~ under the rules, to the higher rate of pension.

3. The Gov^t are of opinion that, suspicious as the circumstances brought to notice in the Act^g Coll^rs second letter doubtless are, the imputations against Tolasingha Chetti's character have not assumed a sufficiently definite shape, and rest upon grounds too slight, to be allowed to prejudice his claim to the retiring allowance to which his long service entitles him.

4. Resolved accordingly that a pension of Rs 186. p.m., being a moiety of his average official ~~allowance~~ salary during the last 5 years of his service, be granted, and that a certificate be issued making the same payable from the 31st Dec^r 1859 the date from which he ceased to be employed.

5. The Acting Coll^r is ~~registered~~ requested to submit a register of application in the usual form.

J. G.

To lie over
in L. G.
Carmichael's
note

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5 P.m. 17/5/60

My dear Rycroft.

Since Council day (when it was decided to give Tola Singha Chetty his pension) the most frightful disclosures have come to light — & the Governor requests that the pension papers may be kept back.

Yours
L Carmichael

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Tolasingha Chetty
died this mor-
ning. These
papers may
I fancy be
lodged.

Yrs ffy L. F.

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retary.

By Trooper

immediate

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Mr Forbes

T. PYCROFT, Esq.,

Hon W. [illegible]

or L. Forbes Esq

Chief Secretary.

[redacted]

Separate

Public Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following letters.

From the Acting Colr. of N. Arcot. d 23rd Feby. 1860.

From the Civil Auditor. d 9th March 1860 –

Order thereon dated March 1860 Wr.

1. With the first of the above papers the Acting Colr. submits an application for Superannuation pension in behalf of Tolasingha Chetti, one of the recently appointed Depy. Colrs., who retires in pursuance of order of Govt. dated 1st June 1857 –

2. Tolasingha Chetti has served the Govt.

Before the Government commits itself to the grant of a Pension to ~~this~~ the Native Officer, the ~~matters~~ imputations which form the subject of the latter half of the 2d Paragraph of Mr Robinson's letter must be cleared up. Mr Robinson should be desired to report what the rumours are to which he alludes

C E Trevelyan

Guindi 20 March 1860.

Yes – the amount of the Govt grant & the evidence given before the Police & Sessions Court should be made known

EBM

The Collr does not recommend higher rate. L.B.

for upwards of 33 years, and is entitled, under the rules, to a retiring allowance equal to half his average salary during the last 5 years—

3. The Govt. have considered the grounds he has urged in his application. They willingly acknowledge his zealous cooperation in the important work connected with the revision of assessment in North Arcot, but they cannot regard his case in the same light as those in which, for special or peculiar services, a higher rate of pension than is sanctioned by the rules has been occasionally awarded— ~~They must therefore decline to recommend compliance with his request~~ The pension rules have been framed with sufficient liberality, and no case, they think, has been made out for a departure from their provisions—

Ordered accordingly that a pension of Rs 186. p.m. be granted and a Certificate be issued making the same payable from the 21st Decr 1859. the date from which Tolasingha Chetti ceased to be employed.

The Collr is requested to forward the usual tabular Statement— Sd. L.B.

C 19 March
R 23 "
C 5 April
R 11 " "

Sep. D:

Pub: Septt.

Pro: of the Madras Government
Read the following

From the Acting Collr.
of N. Arcot - dated 23rd Feby 1860 -

From the Civil Auditor
dated 7th March 1860.

Order thereon - dated 12th April 1860 - No. 117.

Before committing itself to the grant of a pension to Tolasingha Chetti, the Govt. desires that the imputations which form the subject of para 2 of the first of these letters should be cleared up. Mr. Robinson is requested to state what the rumours are to which he alludes & what reasons induced him to couple Tolasingha Chetti's name with the ~~Yaumia~~ frauds recently brought to light in the Yaumia department -

~~Let~~

+ The extent of those frauds should be stated & Any parts of the evidence taken before the police or the Superior Court which ~~may~~ tend to criminate him or to indicate his privity, should be submitted for the consideration of the Govt. -

L. F.

+ I have not seen any report showing the extent of the frauds, but if there is one the words underlined need not be added

To
The Ag: Collr. of
North'n
Assist. Secy/ 13/4/60

The investigation is still going on - [illegible] under [illegible] this is over

J P

Separate
Public 1860 Depart.

No. 117

Proceedings of Government

Dated 12th April 1860.

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