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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	148	~~Press~~ Mis.
Dated	4 - 5 -	1860

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To

M. R. McDonell Esqre

Acting Collector of South Arcot

August 26th 59
Recd No 80

Sir,

Agreeably to the orders of Government dated the 30th April 1859 No. 596, I beg most respectfully to submit my application for permission to resign the Public Service on a Pension suitable to my past services from the 1st July 1859-

2. As I am about to urge my claims for a Special Pension, I hope that I shall stand excused if I enter in some detail as to the grounds upon which I venture to solicit a recompense above = that to which, under the rules of a beneficent Government, I am entitled-

3 I am now 63 years of age and 10 more in constitution, the effects of the laborious nature of my duties; having been engaged in the public service for a term

of 42 years as shewn below—

	Years.M.D.
From March 1816 to middle of April 1824 I served as Assistant Manager and Accountant in the General Department of the Accountant General's Office on salaries varying from 14 Rupees to 85 per Mensem	8.1.15.
From 15th June 1824 to 15th January 1833 as Head English Accountant in the Collector's Cutcherry and in the General Treasury at Masulipatam on a salary of 140 Rupees per Mensem after deducting a period of during which I was out of employ there remains	7.9.4.
South Arcot	
From 17th February 1833 to 12th October 1834 as Head Goomastah, Jawobnavis and Goomekee Sheristadar on a salary of 63 Rupees per Mensem	1.7.24.
From 13th October 1834 to 14th February 1838 as Naib Sheristadar on a salary of 175 Rupees per Mensem	3.4.2.
From 15th February 1838 to 30th June 1859 as Head Sheristadar on a gradual increase of salary varying from 280 to 700 Rupees per Mensem as prescribed in the established Rule	21.4.15.
	26.4.11.
Total.	42.3..

4 The first period of 8-1-15 was passed in the Accountant General's Office in which I was promoted to various grades attaining finally a salary of 85 Rupees monthly, and, as their testimonials will shew procuring the approbation of the heads of the Office until ill health compelled me to resign my situation under them.—

5 My second period of service 7-9-4 was in the Collector's Cutcherry and General Treasury at Masulipatam as Head English Accountant, on a salary of 140 Rupees and a commission of 1 p. Cent on the sale of stamps- From my having been occasionally employed by my superiors in the preparation of the accounts connected with the several ancient[⊕] Zemindaries[#] then under the Collector's management, I obtained much insight into revenue matters- In this District I served Messrs Roberts, Dent and Hooper and to their testimony of my conduct I would beg to refer.

6 Mr Dent having been appointed Principal Collector of South

[⊕] styled ancient in contradistinction to those Estates acquired at later periods.

[#]
1 Nouzeed
2 Davericotta
3 Charmahal
4 Bezwarah
5 Mundeegam
6 Nadedsole

South Arcot, offered me service in that District, which I accepted as bringing me nearer to my own birth place, and as affording me a larger field for the exercise of the Revenue Knowledge I had acquired in Masulipatam -

7 In South Arcot I have passed my last 26 years, five as Head Goomastah and Naib Sheristadar, and 21 as the Head Native Officer of the District, to which situation I was appointed by Mr. Dent in February 1838. And it is as a recognition of my services in this capacity that I respectfully solicit a more than ordinary mark of the approbation of Government.

8 The testimonials which I append and which I have received from the several Officers administering in chief the affairs of this District during the period I have held the post of Head Sheristadar, sufficiently set forth their estimation

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of my conduct; and show that I had acquired their entire confidence: in addition to which I may refer to the good opinion of the Board and of the Government expressed on several occasions in my favor -

9 I may mention that it was an enquiry instituted by me which discovered the over payment of about 46000 Rupees to the Members of the family of the late Jagheerdar of Suncarapoorum; on which subject the Government passed orders in Extract Minutes of Consultation 31st July 1838 -

10 I brought to notice also the fact of the Cavelly Enams in land and money having been continued in the Manargoody and Chellumbarum Talooks (transferred from Trichinopoly to South Arcot in the year 1805) though they had been formally resumed in the rest of the District in 1806 - These Enams were

resumed by Government under the orders of the 31st January and 11th April 1842, and the Annual saving was 40,000 Rupees—

11 Again, on an examination of the Talook Accounts and by a local enquiry, I found that certain Manavary Nunjah lands were receiving a regular supply of water from the Lower Anicut, and a water rate was therefore imposed, bringing in a Revenue of 16,000 Rupees Annually—

See Board's Proceedings 18th October 1838.

12 And here I must advert to the serious disturbance which occurred at Chaitput in May 1841 during the incumbency of Mr. Ashton; because it was then (however erroneously) supposed by some that it was caused by the too stringent execution of Revenue rules and practice, and as a consequence, that I, as the Head Native revenue servant, was involved in the carrying out, perhaps in the

recommendation

recommendation, of this alleged policy—

13 I will by a reference only to Mr. Halletts letter to the Board of Revenue dated 17th January 1842, in which he entirely exonerates me from blame; and this be it remembered is from the Officer who succeeded Mr. Ashton, and who has thus recorded his opinion after a calm consideration of all the circumstances of the case

14 An acquittal from all censure at the hands of Mr. Ashton I could readily have obtained for I ever possessed his good opinion and confidence; and as an old and grateful servant of that most valuable Officer I may be allowed to state that his suggestions for the improvement and well being of the District though not immediately acted on, have since been carried out, and that his proposed reforms are the main spring and foundation

foundation of the prosperity which the District now happily enjoys-

15 Sheristadars, whether justly or otherwise, have usually been considered to exhibit a great reluctance to forego Revenue, and to maintain high rates of Assessment- I hope to show that I have invariably pursued an opposite policy, and have laboured from the first to bring about the levy of a more moderate land tax-

16- Shortly after my appointment to the post of Naib Sheristadar, I felt a desire to know the effect of the survey assessment upon the extent of land cultivated, and with this view I caused to be prepared a Tarumwar statement of all lands, Dry, wet and garden in the 10 Hooloos Talooks, showing the Ayacut, Cultivation, and waste under each Tarum-

17 On my learning from it that extensive tracts of fertile land

land were lying waste solely from being too heavily assessed, this Statement was at my request submitted to the Board by Mr. Dent with his settlement Report for Fusly 1244 dated 31st October 1835- The Sheristadar not concurring with me as to the expediency of reducing the land tax no recommendation to that end was made- The Board declared the transmission of such a Statement unnecessary- Nevertheless I have annually prepared it for my own satisfaction for 17 successive years and have kept it on record for future reference, and it has proved of the greatest assistance in carrying out the late reductions-

18 Being fully satisfied in my own mind as to the evils arising from the prevailing land tax, I brought the subject to the notice of Mr. Ashton, who earnestly supporting my views, wrote in these terms to the Board

under date 11th September 1839 in answer to a reference from the Supreme Government.

"No attempt having been made to revise and lower the assessment to what may appear a moderate permanent standard, it is very certain from the great extent+ of land of all descriptions lying waste, that such a revision is very necessary."

+ 77 per Cent in Poonjah
53 in Nunjah
" in Garden

19 This Gentleman had previously in his report of the 17th August of that year, after personally inspecting various quarters of the District recommended the remission of the second crop tax on Nunjah land, in the absence of water for such cultivation, but unfortunately his suggestion was not attended to.

20 He again advised the reduction of the assessment on Garden lands, where the wells on which they were dependent had failed to afford a sufficient supply; and though this project was supported by the Board the Government withheld

their

8th June 1841.

their Sanction from it.

21. During Mr Commissioner Cotton's enquiry into the causes of the progressive decrease of the land revenues of this Presidency Mr Ashton did not fail to bring the subject of the land tax in South Arcot to his notice+; and his recommendations having met the approval of the subsequent Commissioner Mr Sullivan the Government directed (G. M. C. 31st January 1842) that the Board should report upon the relative proportion of the tax in South Arcot, when compared with that on similar lands in the adjacent Districts, and should state their opinion upon the excessive assessment alleged.

+ 30th December 1839

22 Upon this a special report was called for by the Board, and Mr Hallett the successor of Mr Ashton, who had been transferred to Cuddapah, took the subject into mature consideration; but before he was enabled to record his sentiments, the state of his

health compelled him to proceed to the Cape of Good hope, where he soon afterwards died-

23 His death was a greater misfortune to the District, as it in some measure delayed the introduction of these reforms-

24 His two letters to me which are given in the appendix not only show the absorbing interest which he took, though sick unto death, in the affairs of his charge, but also evince his kindly feelings to me personally-

25 It fell to Mr Davis his successor to reply to the Board's call of the 16th February 1843 which he did under dates 10th March 1846 and 3rd August 1847, in which he re-iterated the opinion of his predecessors, and urged a reduction of the Assessment-

26 Mr Maltby was appointed to the Collectorate in 1851 and it is more immediately to this Gentleman that the District owes its emancipation from the burdens which checked its prosperity- His able report of

of the 17th December 1853 and 8th February 1854 obtained the Sanction of the Board and the Government to the often sought for relief; and this was promptly and zealously carried out by Mr Hall who supplied the vacancy caused by Mr Maltby's promotion to a seat in the Board of Revenue-

26th June and 4th August 1854-

27 The proposals of Mr Maltby entailed a remission of Rupees 93,700; but in addition Mr Hall recommended, and obtained, sanction for temporary reductions in the talooks of Cuddalore, Manargoody and Chellumbarum, pending the general revision of the Assessment by the Department established for that purpose; and some 72,000 Rupees were surrendered under this head-

28 Mr Hall also with my humble assistance (I say it without presumption) imposed a moderate assessment on the 44 villages composing the resumed Jaghir of

Polimcottah

Poliemcottah and his proceedings received the +sanction of Government.—

+26th October 1857.

29 Not to unduly extend the limits of this representation, I will briefly state Mr. Hall's further efforts to remove the still remaining oppreſsive character of the land tax, in which exertions I took, as you are aware, a befitting part. 1 The abolition of various items of taxation in the Sancarapoorum Jaghire. 2 The imposition of the average of the former Dry and wet aſseſsment on untaxed Parumboke land when cultivated, as explained in Mr. Hall's report to the Board dated 9th May 1857: the reduction amounted to 6,000 Rupees and the preparation of the neceſsary accounts caused me much attention and labor. 3 The reduction of Teervah jasty amounting to 25,000 Rupees. Though this water rate was very considerably reduced its total receipts have gradually increased.—

30 Other improvements also emanated from me which cannot find mention here, but are known to yourself and other Gentlemen formerly connected with this District, to the letters of some of whom I would call attention.—

From W. H. Bayley Esqr.
Sir H. C. Montgomery Bt.
J. F. Thomas Esqre.

31 You have yourself been attached to this District for many years and can declare from your own knowledge and from the credible reports of others, whether or not I have been from the first the consistent advocate of the changes which have now so happily been brought about in this District.—

32 It is unfortunate for me that Mr. Hall is absent from India at this juncture though I am confident that he will expreſs an opinion in my favor to the higher authorities, if the subject of my Pension should still be under consideration on his return, now soon expected.—

33 He and Mr. Maltby

will, I am sure, readily acknowledge that I ever placed at their disposal, in furtherance of their views, my own knowledge and experience of this District; and as this my application will be perused by those conversant with the revenue affairs of this country I would ask them to consider how far the benevolent intentions of the Government were assisted in their progress to consummation by the ready cooperation of the Head Native Officer of the District—

34 Now that those cessions the chief aim of my efforts for 19 years, have been granted, and now that I have the gratification of seeing an excessive give way to a moderate assessment, with the increasing prosperity of both the people and the resources of the Government, for the land revenue of the last year exceeded 27 lacs of rupees, it is my wish to retire, feeling indeed that my strength

for useful service has passed away but conscious that that strength has not been expended in vain—

35 The class to which I belonged has been swept away by reforms, the wisdom of which I must not question— this appeal is from the last of those who for any length of time exercised such unbounded influence whether for good or evil, in their respective Districts and I must ask you to state how in your opinion I have exercised that influence leaving to those acquainted with me and before whom this application may come officially to pass their judgment on the same point—

36 I am entitled under the Pension Rules to an allowance of Rupees 301 monthly— My only son was removed from me by an early death and my heir is my grand Nephew, the grandson of my undivided brother— I would humbly request, that following the procedure

in similar Cases, noticed hereafter, the Government will be pleased in appreciation of my Services, to increase my Pension for my own life and to extend a portion of it as an annuity to my next heir.

37. Worn out, as I am, by past labors, it is improbable that I shall long enjoy the bounty of Government and any mark of their consideration can only for any time exist, by being extended to the life of my relative above named.

38 Not to mention the case of Khandi Narasinga Row who had the good fortune to serve in the Office controlling all Revenue affairs, and as it were under the eye of the Government, I will allude to the rewards given to some whose career has been passed in Mofussil districts – to my immediate predecessor Mad†ava Row – to the Trichinopoly Sheristadar Sheshagherry Row – to the Head Sheristadar of Bellary Neel†kunta Row; to whom were granted special &

† Ex. M. of C. 26th December 1839.

† Ex. M. of C. 8th August 1857.

annuities

annuities with remainder in part to their next heirs for 2 or 3 generations.

39 Believing that my services will bear favorable comparison with those of the individuals thus favored, I have solicited a like remuneration, and it now rests with you to support my application if you think that I am deserving of it.

40 As so often happens in these cases, my old Masters are gone, and I can only appeal to their testimony delivered in former times and I must ask you therefore to take the first step in the advocacy of my claims, as you have known me officially for so many years you having been employed in South Arcot for a period of 12 years and upwards.

Cuddalore
25th August 1859

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
M Rungiah Charloo
Late Hd. Shr.

Copy in a Lr. to E.
D/ 10th Novr. 1859 No. 65

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Enclo. No 1

In a letter from the
Ag Collector of South Arcot
dated 5th September 185
No. 200 —

From
Mr Rumjah Charles
Late Hd Sheristadar
South Arcot
To the Ag Collector of
South Arcot

Dated 25th August 1859.

R 1828/59

Applying for
permission to retire
from the Public
Service from 1st
July 1859.

In No 4488 of 1859

Septe Pub. 4th May
No. 18, 8

Register of an Application for a Superannuation Pension from the Establishment of the Collectorate

Name of the Person by whom the Pension is applied for with the name of his father	Number on the Establishment	Identification of Applicant's person	Size		Age of Applicant at the time of Application			Religion, Caste or Title	Where residing			Present employment	Total Period of service		Applicant's service continuous or not	How Long unemployed and under what circumstances	Date of application to Government	Average Salary or authorized official allowance for the five years preceding the date of application	Salary or authorized official allowance per mensem at the time of application	Abstract of the grounds of application
			Feet	Inches	Years	Months	Days		Province	Pergunnah	Village		Years	Months						
M. Rungah Charloo Son of M. Ragavah Charloo	1	A Scar above the right side Nipple Bamboo. Colour	5	5	62	11	7	Bramin Vaistnoo Sect	South arcot	Cuddalore Talook	Trepapoor	Head Sheristadar of South arcot District	42	3	Con:tinuous	From 8th November 1831 to 6th September 1832 in Consequence of an Order of the acting Collector of Masulipatam which was however Cancelled by the Board of Revenue and the applicant was restored to his situation-	1859 5 Septr.	602.4-8	700—"—"	

Particulars of Service

Assistant Manager and Accountant in the Accountant General's Office from 1st March 1816 to 15th April 1824	8-1-15
Head Accountant in the Collectors Cutchery and General Treasury at Masulipatam from 13th June 1824 to 15th January 1833	8.7.3
Deduct period of unemployment 9.29	7-9-4
Hoozoor Head Goomastah and Magistrate Jevabnevis in South Arcot from 17th February 1833 to 12 October 1834	1-7-24
Naib Sheristadar in Do from 13th October 1834 to 13 February 1838	3-4.2
Head Sheristadar in Do from 14th February 1838 to 30th June 1859 during the last 5 years of which he drew his Salary at the following rates Vizt: From 1st July 1854 to 15th April 1857 at 525 Rs " From 16th April 1857 to 30th June 1859 at 700 Rs	21-4.15
	42.3.4

Note

The applicant held substantive appointments directly under Government and did not draw any gratuity in Consequence of the abolition of situation -

We do hereby Certify that the present age of 62-11-7 entered in this Register for M Rungah Charloo, is Correct

H Latchi
Head Clerk

of South Arcot prepared under the Rules passed by Government under date the 15th May 1851.

Remarks by the Head of Office	Proposed amount of Pension for Invasion and the date from which it is to Commence	Treasury at which the Party if Pensioned wishes to draw his Pension	Order of Government
This application is submitted under the full information afforded in the Acting Collector's letter of this date, for the favorable Consideration of the Board of Revenue. South Arcot Cuddalore 5th September 1859. A. R. McDonell Acting Collector	301 — " — " From 1st July 1859. and a further mark of Consideration	South Arcot	

Copy in a Lr to E.
d/10th Novr 1859 No. 65

577-72-24

Encl. - 2

In a Letter from the Acting Collector of South Arcot dated 5th September 1859. No. 200

R 1828/59.

Register of an Application for a Superannuation from the Establishment of the Collectorate of South Arcot preferred under the Rules passed by Government under date the 15th May 1851.

Lr No 4488 of 1859

Despte Rec-d 11 May /60
No 18

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Resolved accordingly that a certificate be issued making the Pension of Rs (700) seven hundred payable to M. Runga Charlu by the Collector of Madras from the 1st July 1859 with a reversion of one hundred Rupees per mensem, to his grand-nephew & heir for his life.

1859) { Civil Surgeon

Septr Bdl to May/60
No 148

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Memo

Forwarded with reference to Para 9 of the Ag. Collector's letter dated 5th Instant No. 200-

Cuddalore
27th September
1859

Ag. Collector

To
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Septr Bdl to May/60
No 148

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Sept. 1. 59.
Read

I hereby Certify that I have examined Rungacharloo Head Sheristadar, & that I find him old & worn out. I am of opinion that he is disqualified by such infirmities from the further performance of the duties of his Office.

His disqualification is not the result of imprudence.–

Cuddalore
1st September 1859

J. J. Ross
Civil Surgeon

Copy in a Lr. to C.
of 10th Novr. 1859 No. 6

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Encl. No. 3
In a Letter from the
Acting Collector of South
Arcot Dated 5th September
1859. No. 200

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Lr. No. 4488 of 1859

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APPENDIX.

Enc. 1.

permission to retire from the public service from 1st July 1859.

Enc. 2.

application for a superannuation pension from the establishment of the
ferred under the rules passed by Government, under date the 15th May

Enc. 3.

Abstract.—Medical Certificate.

TESTIMONIALS.

This is to certify that M. Rungiah Braminee has served in the General Department as an Assistant to the Office Manager from March 1816 to this date, during which time, he has conducted himself with fidelity and attention, and discharged his duty to my entire satisfaction. He is a very useful person, and I feel no hesitation to recommend him to my successors as an active servant.

(Signed) George Garrow,
Accountant General.

Fort Saint George:
Acct. General's Office,
10*th August* 1822.

This is to certify that the bearer, M. Rungiah, Braminee, has served in the Accountant General's Office from March 1816 to the present date, has conducted himself with much satisfaction to his superiors, and has proved himself to be an excellent Accountant and well qualified in all branches of Public business entrusted to his charge. He leaves the Office from ill health and entirely at his own request.

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

Fort Saint George,
Acct. General's Office,
8*th April* 1824.

Runga Charloo served under me as Head English Accountant, to which situation I appointed him on the recommendation of the Accountant General in whose Office he had previously served, from June 1824 to March 1827, when I quitted the Collectorate of Masulipatam. I ever found him a most skilful and talented Accountant, clever, and willing to superintend the Writers and all the Department, together with the superintendence of the Stamps; and in consequence recommended him strongly to my successor. It is only requisite to state further that he continues to be employed by that Gentleman and in a superior situation.

Madras, 1*st February* 1837. (Signed) C. Roberts.

Runga Charloo,

I have the pleasure to send you a Certificate you requested. I shall bear in mind the wishes you expressed this morning regarding future promotion, and wish you a good journey and health and happiness, wherever you go.

I remain, your sincere Friend,

Bunder, 26*th December*. (Signed) G. S. Hooper.

M. Runga Charloo having resigned his situation as Head Accountant on this Establishment in consequence of the promise of promotion in another District, I have much pleasure in giving him this Testimonial of his good conduct, zeal, and abilities during the period he has served under me, viz. since the month of July last, when I first arrived in this District. He has always discharged his duties entirely to my satisfaction, and I part with his services with regret.

(Signed) G. S. Hooper,
Acting Collector.

Masulipatam, 26*th December* 1832.

Extract of a letter from John Dent, Esq., *Principal Collector of Southern Division of Arcot, to the Board of Revenue, under date 4th February* 1838, *para.* 1.

On the 3d Instant I had the honor to forward an application from my Head Sheristadar, Chintamany Pattah Madoova Row, requesting permission to resign his situation, and praying that a shrotriem may be granted to him.

In consequence of Madoova Row's resignation the situation of Head Sheristadar has become vacant; and it has devolved upon me to nominate a person to succeed him. The person whom I beg very respectfully to propose for his successor, and whom I have appointed, subject to your Board's confirmation, is the present Deputy Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, a person who has filled the office of Accountant and Deputy Sheristadar in the Cutcherry for the last 4 years, and who from his intelligence, thorough knowledge of every detail connected with the duties, his unremitting application to business, and strict integrity I consider above any other person fitted for the situation. His appointment will be agreeable to the people of the District generally, and I am sure for the advantage of Government; and I therefore very respectfully and earnestly solicit your Board's sanction for his nomination.

	Yrs.
Service at other Stations.	18
In South Arcot....	5
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It is very possible, though not probable, that the present Division Sheristadar attached to the Sub Collector may apply for the succession to Madoova Row, and I can only say in reference thereto that without disparaging his acquirements, I consider him so inferior to Runga Charloo in natural talents, in knowledge of the District generally and his habits of business, that I have not a moment's hesitation in recommending the one in preference to the other.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th February 1838.

The Board under the explanation of the services and qualifications of the Deputy Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, as set forth in the foregoing letter, resolve to confirm his nomination as Head Sheristadar in the Southern Division of Arcot, in succession to Chintamany Pattah Madoova Row, permitted to resign.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. Ashton,
Principal Collector.

To M. Runga Charloo,
Deputy Sheristadar.

I have much pleasure in communicating to you the confirmation by the Board of Revenue of your appointment to be Head Sheristadar, as recommended by the late Principal Collector; and I take the opportunity of expressing my entire concurrence in the good opinion of you entertained by Mr. Dent, and in the Public Testimonial conveyed in his letter to the Board of Revenue dated the 4th February 1838.

(Signed) W. Ashton,
Collector.

Cuddalore:
Collector's Cutcherry,
15*th February* 1838.

In addition to the numerous Testimonials on record respecting the high qualifications and good conduct of Runga Charloo the Head Sheristadar, I have much pleasure in repeating my very high opinion of his talents, industry and zeal for the Public Service.

(Signed) W. Ashton,
Late Principal Collector.

Cuddalore, 4*th June* 1841.

Madras, *20th June.*

Runga Charloo.

I think there is a disposition at the Board to review the whole assessment in South Arcot, but they will do nothing till I return, and I therefore fear there is little use in pressing the Totacal Kusser and other questions.

I wish you would have copied for me, in French paper, Mr. Sullivan's Report with the Board's remarks, also Mr. Ashton's Report alluded to, as well as all papers connected with the subject. You can also send me copies of any other letters or Reports which you consider are of value as bearing on the subject and the general state of the District; also of any Memoranda or Statements which you may have drawn out and kept for your own satisfaction.

Mr. White will frank this to me, and if they reach me here by the 10th of July it will do very well. Rungasawmy can work hard to copy them.

I will write to you again shortly in reference to your own interests.

Your's faithfully,
(Signed) C. **Hughes Hallett.**

Madras, *22d July* 1843.

Runga Charloo.

Though very sick and unable to write with ease, I will not leave India without sending you a few lines. If I ever return with health, equal to the performance of the duties in South Arcot, it will be my wish to endeavour to the utmost of my power to relieve the District from its heavy assessment of many kinds; and to assist me in such a work, I should be too glad to have the benefit of your services; but this is to me of the smallest consideration in comparison with the pleasure I should have in hearing of your advancement. I earnestly beg of you more to think of me when you have an opportunity of promotion. Nothing could give me greater joy than to hear that you were appointed to Mysore.

In simple justice to your talents, ability and industry, I candidly assure you that I believe you are fully qualified for the very highest situations attainable by your countrymen.

Continue to read, study and learn all you can. I hope you will write to me to the Cape now and then.

Believe me to be your sincere Friend,
(Signed) C. H. **Hallett.**

Cuddalore, *28th March.*

Previous to relinquishing the Acting Appointment, I have much pleasure in leaving on record my favorable opinion of Head Sheristadar, Runga Charry. From the accounts which I have seen, he would seem to have been a most profitable servant to Government; for during the 13 years of his management, 30 lacs of Rupees are borne on the accounts in excess of the previous Collection for the same period. His knowledge of the District is very great; in fact I consider him very far in advance of the times and present condition of the District. He, like many others, begins to feel old age and infirmity, consequent on sedentary habits and long continued exertion in the Cutcherry. I have to thank him for his valuable aid during my brief stay here, which he has on all occasions so freely rendered.

(Signed) J. C. **Wroughton.**

Cuddalore, *5th June* 1854.

Runga Charloo.

Before leaving the District, I feel it due to you to acknowledge the great assistance which I have derived in its management from your extensive local experience and knowledge of business. I hope that the revision of the assessment will be completed before you retire from the Head Sheristadarship, and I shall always be glad to hear of your welfare.

Your well-wisher,
(Signed) E. **Maltby.**

Madras, *22d July* 1854.

Runga Charloo.

I send by this Daloyet, Hoossain Khan, the Watch which I wish you to accept from me as a farewell present on my leaving South Arcot. You will find your name engraved inside its case; and in sending it, I take the opportunity to say that I will be always glad to hear of your welfare.

Your friend and well-wisher,
(Signed) E. **Maltby.**

Madras, *18th July* 1854.

I am sending to you by a Daloyet named, I think, Shaik Hoossain, who is returning to Munjacoopum, a Gold Watch which I wish you to accept from me as a parting gift on my leaving the District. It will shew you that I appreciate your character as a high servant of Government, and that I value the aid which you afforded me when Collector of the District. Your knowledge of Revenue business and perfect acquaintance with South Arcot, made your assistance always useful to me; but it was more especially so when considering measures for revising the assessment; and I hope we shall both soon have the satisfaction of seeing the District increase in prosperity under the lighter Land Tax * * * * You will derive happiness from seeing the District flourish, under measures of improvement to which you have given important aid.

Mr. Hall, who seems to have just assumed charge, will soon receive the sanction of Government for proceeding to modify the assessment in the Hooloos Talooks; and he will find your aid valuable in arranging the details, and in extending a similar reduction for the 2 southern Talooks and Cuddalore. I will not however write on that subject to-day, but conclude with expressing my best wishes for your happiness.

Your well-wisher,
(Signed) E. MALTBY.

RUNGA CHARLOO.

You have asked me for a testimonial. I have much pleasure in stating that during the period I held the appointment of Sub-Collector in this District, (from 1843 to 1849) I found, on all occasions when I consulted you, that your assistance and opinions were most useful and valuable. You have always evinced the greatest readiness to afford me advice in matters connected with the Revenue of the District, and I have never, I think had reason to regret having followed that advice. I need scarcely add that I consider you a most valuable public servant.

I remain,
Your well-wisher and friend,
Cuddalore, 17*th Sept.* 1849. (Signed) D. WHITE.
To the Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo.

RUNGA CHARLOO.

In leaving South Arcot, it will be a satisfaction to me to tell you, in writing, that on all occasions when I have had your assistance in public business, I have found it most useful, and that all I

have seen of you leads me to consider your ability and experience as very valuable.

I am, your's truly,
(Signed) G. S. FORBES.
7th July.
To the Head Sheristadar.

To RUNGA CHARLOO,
Head Sheristadar, Cuddalore.

I am much obliged by your note, and it is with pleasure that I acknowledge it, and trust that you will live yet to see South Arcot flourishing and lightly assessed, and that your talents and extensive knowledge of the District may be applied to secure a just and fair settlement. Wishing you many years yet of honorable and useful employment.

I am, your's with sincere regard,
6th March 1855. (Signed) J. F. THOMAS,
I expect to quit India this day week.

Madras, 22*d April* 1857.

To M. Ry.
RUNGA CHARLOO,
Head Sheristadar of Cuddalore.

I am obliged by your note of the 20th, expressing your good wishes on my approaching return to England. I hear you purpose retiring shortly from the career of public life after your long and creditable service; and I trust you may have health long to enjoy the Pension which you have so well earned.

Your's faithfully.
(Signed) H. C. MONTGOMERRY.

Madras, 5*th March* 1855.

To R. Ry.
RUNGA CHARLOO.

I received your letter this day and thank you for your congratulations. I do not forget that I commenced my public service in South Arcot 21 years ago when you were Naib Sheristadar, and my first instruction in Revenue matters were chiefly from you. It has always therefore been a pleasure to me to hear your conduct so often alluded to in terms of praise by various succeeding Collectors, and it will add to your name when the present revision of assessment and the introduction of a better system are completed.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY.

Madras, 14*th April* 1859.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I am leaving India to-day after 26 years service, and do not expect to return, and I cannot embark without writing to you as the oldest and most respected of my Native friends, to acknowledge all the assistance I have, on several occasions, received from you; and to express my hope that your retirement from the service will be with the recognition you deserve. It is now 24 years since I joined my first station, Cuddalore, as Assistant to that excellent man Mr. John Dent. You were then Naib Sheristadar, and Mr. Dent consigned me to you to teach me my business, which you did very effectually and this training in all the practicable details of Revenue duty, has been of very great advantage to me ever since. I learned more in that 4 years in South Arcot than I ever did afterwards, in the same time. It was chiefly owing to this early knowledge and experience that I have got on in the service, and I have always felt grateful to you for it.

Subsequently in 1842 when engaged in the survey and assessment in Kurnool, I received much valuable information and advice from you; and on every point on which I have since consulted. you, have found your opinions most useful.

Now that you have just retired after an honorable career, I hope Government will mark their sense of your services in some special manner.

Believe me your's very sincerely,
(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY.

Extract from a Speech delivered by Hon'ble Mr. DANIEL ELLIOT, *Member of the Legislative Council.*

The Sheristadars in the Madras Presidency were no more mere Accountants than the Collector was a mere tax gatherer. He would mention that he had only been a very short time ago in a Madras District in which one of the most important operations possible was going on, a reduction of the Revenue; and he had heard from the Collector how little assistance he had derived from his Assistants; indeed the Collector had remarked that he could not have gone on without the assistance of the Sheristadar. The actual position of the Sheristadar had always been seen and approved of by the Madras Government, and it was in this way that the high allowances of these officers were fixed. He would state that that

was approved of not only by Sir Thomas Munro, but by a Gentleman, one of the ablest and wisest men whom India had ever seen.

NOTE.—Mr. Hall mentioned to me, that these remarks had reference to the South Arcot District, as he had frequent discussions with him on various matters while he met him at Tindivanum.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort Saint George.

22d March 1816.

—I have much pleasure in bringing to the Board's notice,
ead Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, completed 5 years ser-
present grade on the 14th Instant, and in recommending
creased rate of salary, agreeably to the standing Rules,
to him from the 15th February 1843.

4th February 1838.

ncipal Collector Dent's letter to your Board, proposing
Runga Charloo to the office of Head Sheristadar, are
stated his merits, and he still continues to preserve that
acter; and I deem it quite needless to add more than
sider him most deserving of the favor solicited.

I have &c.,
(Signed) C. H. HALLETT,
Collector.

C uddalore, 22*d February* 1843.

Revenue Department

No 385.

Extra om Minutes of Consultation under date the 11*th April* 1843.

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

Submitting a letter from the Collector of South Arcot, stating that his Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, completed 5 years service in his present grade on the 14th February last and supporting the Collector's recommendation that the increased rate of salary may be awarded to the Sheristadar from that date.

Here enter 16th March 1843,
No. 123.

The Most Honorable the Governor in Council grants sanction for the payment to Runga Charloo, Head Sheristadar of South Arcot, of the increased rate of salary to which he has become entitled from the 15th February 1843. The Civil Auditor in this and in similar cases verifying the period of service upon which the increase is allowed.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) J. F. THOMAS,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort Saint George.

20th April 1843.

Sir,—In reference to the Orders of Government which accompanied the Board's Proceedings, sanctioning the increased rate of salary for my Head Sheristadar Runga Charloo, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board and Government, that having completed his service as Head Sheristadar in my Hoozoor Cutcherry for a period of 10 years as she margin, he has becor to a higher salary 125 or Rupees 437 the 16th Instant, ac the Orders of Gove

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From 15th February 1838 to 15th April 1847 as Head Sheristadar.	9	2
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22d March 1816.

I take this opportunity of expressing the high opini tain of the qualification of my Head Sheristadar, Rung who has always displayed the greatest activity and zeal charge of all his public duties. I beg to add my testimo at of my predecessors, relative to the high and unexception acter he continues to maintain. I have therefore much in recommending for the sanction of Government his claim to the higher rate of salary now solicited from the 16th Instant.

Messrs. Dent, Ashton and Hallett.

I have &c.,
(Signed) W. D. D

Circuit Cutcherry:
Tindivanum,
24th April 1847.

Revenue Board Office,
No. 226. Fort St. George,
10th May 1847.

Sir,—I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration and orders of the Most Noble the Governor in Council the accompanying letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 24th Ultimo, reporting that his Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, has completed the period of service which entitle him to the salary of 125 Pagodas per mensem from the 16th Ultimo, and recommending that the same may be disbursed to him from that date.

It will be observed that Runga Charloo has served 4 years and 2 months since Government sanctioned the last increase to his 11th April 1843.

pay, which being added to the period (10 months) he is allowed to calculate as Naib Sheristadar, under the orders of Government dated 12th October 1827, entitles him to the 3d rate of salary or 125 Pagodas per mensem from the 16th Ultimo.

The Board are glad to observe the further testimony borne by the present Collector to the character and qualifications of M. Runga Charloo, and I have much pleasure in recommending that Mr. Davis' application, on his behalf, may be complied with.

(Signed) D. White,
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 587.

Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th May 1847.

Resolved that the Collector of South Arcot be authorized to pay to his Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, from the 16th April last the superior rate of Rs. 437-8-0 per mensem, sanctioned by the Rule; the period of service on which this increase was allowed being verified by the Audit Office.

(Signed) H. C. Montgomerry,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,—I have the honor to state that on the 16th Ultimo, Runga Charloo, the Head Sheristadar of this District, completed the period of service by which he becomes qualified under the Government Rules, to receive the superior salary of 150 Pagodas per mensem. In bringing this circumstance to the Board's notice, I have much gratification in alluding to the able services and high character of Runga Charloo, and requesting sanction for disbursing to him the increased rate of salary from the date above-mentioned.

A detail of Runga Charloo's services is given in the letter of my predecessor dated 24th April 1847.

I have &c.,
(Signed) E. Maltby,
Collector.

Cuddalore, 1st *May* 1852.

Extract from the Proceedings from the Board of Revenue dated 14th June 1852.

Read the following.

No. 491.

Under the favourable opinion expressed by the Collector of South Arcot, of the services and character of his Head Sheristadar M. Runga Charloo, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the payment, to that Officer, of the next increased rate of salary, viz. Rs. (525) five hundred and twenty-five per mensem from the 16th April 1852, the date on which he completed the prescribed term of service under the established Rules.

(Signed) T. Pycroft,
Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George. *29th May* 1852.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot with reference to his letter dated 1st May 1852.

(A true Extract and Copy.)
(Signed) B. Cunliffe,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,—I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue, that on the 16th of last April, M. Runga Charloo completed a period of 20 years as Head Sheristadar of this District; and I beg to solicit the favourable recommendation of the Board for his being allowed to draw from that date the increased allowance amounting to 700 Rupees per month, agreeably to the scale sanctioned by Government of the 27th March 1820.

In submitting this proposal I beg to add that M. Runga Charloo has shewn himself to be a highly efficient and valuable public servant since I became acquainted with him in 1854, and that I consider him fully entitled to the highest rate of salary allowed to the Head Sheristadars.

Paras. 84 and 62. My Settlement Reports for Fuslies 1264-65 contain the expression of the high estimation in which I regard the services and character of M. Runga Charloo, I beg to refer the Board to my predecessor's letter of the 1st May 1852, as an evidence of his good opinion of this Officer.

I have &c.,
(Signed) A. Hall,
Collector.

Cuddalore, 2*d July* 1857.

Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 29th July 1857.

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

Submitting a letter from the Collector of South Arcot, and recommending that his Head Sheristadar M. Runga Charloo, may be permitted to draw the maximum salary, viz. 700 Rupees per mensem, from the date of his completing 20 years service in that grade.

Under the favourable opinion expressed by the Collector of South Arcot, of the services and character of his Head Sheristadar M. Runga Charloo, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the payment to that Officer of the maximum salary of Rs. (700) seven hundred per mensem from the 16th April 1857, the date on which he completed the prescribed term of his service under the established rule.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) H. Forbes,
Actg. Secretary to Govt.

Extract from the report of Mr. W. Ashton, *Principal Collector of South Arcot, to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November* 1839, *on the Settlement of Fusly* 1248.

The Head Sheristadar M. Runga Charloo has in every respect proved himself worthy of the full confidence I place in him, and has continued uniformly to maintain the high character attributed to him by my predecessor, in his letter of the 4th February 1838. Para. 23.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3d December 1840.

It is also satisfactory to observe the estimation in which Mr. Ashton holds his Native Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo. Para. 15.

Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th Jany. 1841.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has observed with pleasure the terms of approbation in which that Officer has mentioned the services of his European subordinates, as well as those of his Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo. Para. 4.

(Signed) H. Chamier,
Chief Secretary.

Extract from a report of Principal Collector Mr. Ashton, *to the Board of Revenue, dated the 20th November 1840, on the Settlement of Fusly* 1249.

Para. 39. The Head Sheristadar continues to afford the greatest assistance in every respect to merit my highest approbation.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th April 1841.

Para. 18. The Board also are well pleased to notice with much satisfaction the continued favorable mention of Head Sheristadar M. Runga Charriar.

Extract from a report of Collector Mr. Davis, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March* 1845, *on the Settlement of Fusly* 1253.

Para. 24. I cannot conclude without adding my testimony to that already so frequently expressed in favor of my Head Sheristadar Runga Charry, from whose experience and high attainments I have derived the greatest assistance ever since I joined this Collectorate.

Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 4th June 1845.

Para. 17. The high terms of approbation in which the Collector speaks of the services of Mr. D. White, Sub-Collector, and Mr. Daniell, Acting Head Assistant, is gratifying to His Lordship in Council, and no less so the favorable mention of Runga Charry and Diague Moodeliar, the Head and Naib Sheristadars respectively.

Extract from a report of Collector Mr. Davis, *to the Board of Revenue, on the Settlement of Fusly* 1257.

Para. 33. The zeal, energy and ability of my Head Sheristadar, Runga Charry, have frequently been brought to the notice of the Board, and are too well known to some of its Members. I have only to bear testimony to his continuing to display these good qualities. His affability of manners coupled with a sense of doing justice, has earned for him the confidence and support of his superiors, and the good will and esteem of the people generally.

Extract from a report of Collector Mr. Davis, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February* 1850, *on the Settlement of Fusly* 1258.

Para. 28. I cannot refrain from adding the following observation on behalf of my Head Sheristadar. This old and valuable servant has frequently been brought to public notice, and I feel that I would not do him justice were I to pass him over in silence. His readiness to coöperate and aid me in the performance of the general routine of duties of the District, has gained my unqualified approbation. Runga Charry is clever, zealous, and exemplary in his conduct.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1850.

Para. 16. The Board are glad to observe that the Head Sheristadar Runga Charloo, continues to give satisfaction in the performance of his responsible duties.

Extract from a report from the Acting Collector Mr. Wroughton, *to the Board of Revenue, on the Settlement of Fusly* 1259.

Para. 2. The statements seem concise, explanatory and so self-evident-
ly correct, that I prefer placing them on their own merits before
the Board, to hazarding any lengthened remarks of my own, which
can only at this late period be obtained from the Marattah Cutch-
erry. The high character of the Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo,
s a sufficient guarantee of their integrity, and I have reason to
think that this Officer during the period, and in a season of adver-
sity has not spared himself; but on the contrary, has bestowed
unusual care not only in the settlement but also in the preparation
of the vouchers which support it.

Extract from a report of Collector Mr. E. Maltby, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 3d December* 1851, *on the Settlement of Fusly* 1260.

Para. 39. From the Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo, I have always received that aid which I was led to anticipate from the high character which he has borne, in the estimation of the Board and my predecessors in the District.

Extract of a letter from Collector Mr. Maltby, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November* 1852, *on the Settlement of Fusly* 1261.

Para. 34. I have already brought to the notice of the Board, the ability and zeal of the Head Sheristadar, Runga Charloo.

Extract of a letter from Collector Mr. **Maltby**, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th November 1853, on the Settlement of Fusly 1262.*

Para. 35. The Report of the Sub and Additional Collectors are forwarded for the information of the Board; and I have pleasure in recording the valuable assistance which has been afforded to me in the management of the District by the Gentlemen of the Department and the Head Sheristadar.

Extract of a letter from Collector Mr. **Hall**, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 18 5, on the Settlement of Fusly 1257.* 1264

Para. 83. In conclusion it affords me much pleasure to be able to speak in favourable terms of M. Runga Charloo, the Head Sheristadar, who has assisted me in a most unwearied and assiduous manner possessing as he does a thorough knowledge of the past and present state of the District, with great intelligence and excellent ability; he has been of the utmost service to me, especially in carrying out the revision of assessment as far as it has been sanctioned.

Extract of a report from Collector Mr. **Hall**, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1856, on the Settlement of Fusly 1265.*

Para. 102. In regard to M. Runga Charloo, Head Sheristadar of the District, I can but repeat what I said of him in para. 83 of my Report for Fusly 1264. He has given me no reason to think that I then overstated his value as a public servant, or over-estimated his abilities or zeal, but on the contrary has afforded me continued grounds to believe the terms of praise in which I then spoke of him were no stronger than he deserved.

Extract of a letter from Collector Mr. **Hall**, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1857, on the Settlement of Fusly 1266.*

Para. 109. M. Runga Charloo, the Head Sheristadar, has continued to afford me great satisfaction. He is as the Board are aware a highly valuable public servant, possessing as he does an intimate acquaintance with the Revenue History of the District, great abilities and strict uprightness of character.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1858.

Para. 17. The Board have pleasure in expressing their gratification of Mr. Hall's management of the District during the year under review, and in observing the high terms in which he notices the exertions of his European subordinates and the Head Sheristadar.

To M. **Runga Charloo.**

Extract from a letter of Acting Collector Mr. G. N. **Taylor**, *to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st October 1858, on the Settlement of Fusly* 1267.

To the great local knowledge and invaluable experience of M. Runga Charloo, the Head Sheristadar, I am much indebted; his indefatigable zeal and industry have, notwithstanding his advancing years, been as conspicuous as ever. Para. 61.

Copy of the sentiments recorded by Mr. G. N. **Taylor**, *Acting Collector, in the Uncovenanted Service Register Book.*

During the time I have had charge of South Arcot District, viz. from 1st October 1857 to 18th November 1858, I have found M. Runga Charloo all that he is described to be in numerous Testimonials which he possesses from former Collectors. I have much pleasure in recording my entire satisfaction at the manner in which his duties have been conducted and my appreciation of the assistance he has afforded me in the administration of the District.

(Signed) G. N. **Taylor**,
Acting Collector.

18th November 1858.

Nellore, 15th *June* 1859.

You ask me, Runga Charloo, to add my opinion of you to those recorded by previous Officers under whom you have served. Your character stands too high and your services have been too well appreciated to render such expression either necessary or at all likely to enhance what has been already recorded by others on the subject. As you wish it, albeit, I have real pleasure in recording the invaluable and unequivocal satisfaction afforded by you during the time I held the office of Collector of South Arcot. Had I remained there it was my *full intention* to have recommended you, on retirement, for some special mark of the approval of Government, an honor which I believe to have been merited by you and which it will afford me sincere gratification to learn your having received.

Heartily wishing you many years enjoyment of your honorably earned Pension and position.

Believing me to be sincerely your friend,

(Signed) J. **Ratliff.**

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IN CON. 9TH SEPTEMBER 1859, NO. 4488.

From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Acting Collector of SOUTH ARCOT,
dated Cuddalore, 5th September 1859, No. 200.

I have the honor to forward an original address to me from M. Runga Charloo, late Head Sheristadar in this district, praying for pension, who under the orders of Government, dated the 30th of April 1859, was permitted to resign his situation on the 30th of June last.

2. Urgent private affairs called Runga Charloo to Madras as explained in my letter to you of the 1st July 1859—this with other circumstances delayed the preparation of his application for pension.

3. Runga Charloo's character and qualifications as a public servant is so well known to the members of the Board, that I feel it would be superfluous on my part to dilate on his past services; however, in the 35th paragraph of his letter, he has asked me to state my opinion as to whether he has exercised his influence in this district for good or evil. I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that already officially recorded by previous Collectors that Runga Charloo's influence has been exercised for good. I believe him to have had the interests of Government and the welfare of the ryots always at heart.

4. His present application is not for the pension he is entitled to under the pension rules, but he prays for some further mark of consideration from Government on account of his long, faithful and distinguished service; and cites previous instances in which parties* (with whose services his would bear favorable comparison), have been rewarded in the manner he desires.

5. In my present position I feel that I am merely the channel of communication to the Board, and I regret much that Mr. Hall is now absent from India, otherwise I feel sure, he would (holding so high an opinion of Runga Charloo's services), have ably seconded his application.

6. Although only recently promoted to officiate as head officer in this district, I have during 12 years had constant official intercourse with Runga Charloo and can therefore testify to his zeal and efficiency as a public officer.

7. In conclusion, I beg to submit Runga Charloo's exceptional case for the favorable consideration of the Board.

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9. The usual tabular statement and the necessary medical certificate are enclosed. Runga Charloo's testimonials are now being struck off at the press and will be forwarded without delay.

ENC. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Applying for permission to retire from the public service from 1st July 1859.

ENC. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Register of an application for a superannuation pension from the establishment of the Collectorate of South Arcot, preferred under the rules passed by Government, under date the 15th May 1851.

ENC. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Medical Certificate.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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* Madava Row.
Seshagherry Row.
Neelkenta Row.

No. 200

From
A. R. McDonell Esqre
Acting Collector of South Arcot

To
J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to the Bd. of Rev.
Fort St. George

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A. R. McDonell
Acting Collector

South Arcot
Collrs Cutchery
Cuddalore
5th September 1859.

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Official Memo

The Collector has the honor to inform the Deputy Secretary to Government in reply to his Memo of the 23d Instant that the usual Register of applications on behalf of Mr. Ringal Charloo late Head Sheristedar of this District has been forwarded on the 5th September last, to the Board of Revenue for transmission to Government

South Arcot
Colle. Cutchery
Punrootty
28 April 1860

H. Wood
Collector

To
The Deputy Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Copy in a Lr to G.
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No. 4488.

From
The Acting Collector of
South Arcot

To
The Secretary to the
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Forwards, an address from Mr. Ringul Charloo praying for pension & recommends his case to the favorable consideration of the Board.

Original to Govt. &
Extract to Collector
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From The Collector of
South Arcot
To The Dy Secretary to the
Government
Fort St George
No 210
Dated 28 } April 1860
Received 30 }
No. 12

Informs that the
usual Register of ap-
plication on behalf of
Mr Rungah Charloo
has been forwarded to
the Board for transmission
to Government.

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4 May /60

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS *of the* MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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

Submitting a letter from the Collector of South Arcot, enclosing the resignation of his Head Sheristadar, and requesting permission to retain his services until the close of the Fusly; with the Board's recommendation that the desired permission be accorded. } (Here enter 20th April 1859, No. 1415.)

ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1859, No. 596.

The Governor in Council fully approves the recommendation of the Board that Rungacharloo, Head Sheristadar of South Arcot, should be retained in that Post till the accounts of the annual Settlement are completed, provided that this shall be within the Current Fusly. He will be prepared to assent to a similar arrangement in any other of the Districts where under the order of the 22nd March the Head Sheristadar is to be pensioned, if considered by the Board to be expedient.

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Malabar.

2. The Board will report to Government without delay what amount of monthly salary it will be necessary to reserve for the present purpose out of the sum sanctioned for the Deputy Collectors.

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Civil Auditor.

Exd. H. M. Elliot.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers.

From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for the fovorable consideration of Government, the claims of Rangácharulu late Head Sarishtadár of South Arcot, for a superannuation pension, and strongly supporting his request for a more than ordinary mark of the approbation of Government of his services.	(Here enter 30th Sept. 1859, No. 3929.)
Minute by the Honorable the President.	(Here enter 22d October 1859.)
Minute by the Honorable Mr. Morehead.	(Here enter 22d October 1859.)

ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1859, No. 1527.

Resolved that the application submitted with these Proceedings for a special pension to M. Rangácharulu late Head Sarishtadár of the District of South Arcot be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India by the next Mail, with the strong recommendation of this Government that in consideration of the faithful and able services rendered by the applicant during so many years, a full pension of seven hundred Rupees a month may be granted to him for his life, with a reversion of one hundred Rupees per mensem, to his grand-nephew and heir for his life.

2. In the event of their recommendation being complied with, the Government will confer a suitable title on Rangácharulu.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. H. M. Elliot.

Pub/d Gazt.
in No. 649.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 20th January 1860, No. 4.

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the recommendation of your Excellency in Council for the grant of an extraordinary reward to M. Ranga Chárlu, on account of the distinguished services rendered by him during his long official career.

2. I have read with much satisfaction the unanimous testimony borne by Ranga Chárlu's official superiors to the good influence which his excellent conduct has exercised in the District of South Arcot, especially as exhibited in the cordial and valuable assistance which he has invariably afforded to the Collectors in carrying out the revision of the excessive assessment of the District which has already been attended with such beneficial results to the Government Revenue, as well as to the welfare of the people.

3. Her Majesty's Government have, therefore, no hesitation in confirming the grant of the rewards proposed by you; and entirely approve of your taking measures for a suitable title being conferred in addition upon M. Ranga Chárlu.

ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1860, No. 417.

Ordered that this Despatch be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Public Department for information and guidance. A copy will also be furnished to the Accountant General and Civil Auditor.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Department.
,, Accountant General.
,, Civil Auditor.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from M. RUNGAH CHARLOO, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Mylapore, 30th March 1860:—

In acknowledging the receipt from the Collector of South Arcot, of a copy of the Proceedings of Government, on the Despatch from the Secretary of State for India in Council, sanctioning the grant of the rewards which the Government proposed on my behalf, I humbly beg leave to express my most grateful and respectful thanks to the Government for the kindness and liberality with which I have been treated.

Having permanently removed to Madras for the purpose of educating my grand-children, I have to request that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for my drawing my pension at the Treasury of the Madras Collector with arrears from the 1st July 1859, which was the date of my retirement from the service.

ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1860, No. 572.

Ordered to be referred to the Public Department where the necessary orders will be passed. The Proceedings of the 9th November 1859, No. 1,527, will also be communicated to the Department.

(True Extract.)

J. D. Bourdillon

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department, with Proceedings No. 1,527.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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Proceedings of Govt. in the Revenue Dept.

No. 572.

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Referring to the Public Dept. for orders, a letter from M. Rungah Charloo, Head Sheristadar of the District of South Arcot, requesting, for reasons stated, sanction of Govt. for drawing his pension at the Treasury of the Madras Collector from 1st July 1859.

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of 19 Feby 1862.

With an Order

No. 148

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No. 2363

Resolved accordingly that a Certificate be issued making the Pension of Rupees (700) Seven hundred payable to M. Runga Chárlu by the Collector of Madras from the 1st July 1859 with a reversion of One hundred Rupees per mensem, to his grand nephew and heir for his life. —

Fort St. George
4th May 1860 }

T. F.

Dy. Secy to Govt.

To

M. Runga Charlu with original Certificate
The Collr. of Madras ~~[illegible]~~ 4/5/60 with Copy
The Civil Auditor Secy 4/5/60 with Copy Certificate
The Collr. of South Arcot - Secy 4/5/60. En [illegible] 8/5/60.