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Extract of a letter from Colonel Blackburne Resident to His Highness the Rajah Dated Tanjore 30th January 1823.—

To your Son my affection is unabated, warm, and Sincere; For his sake I shall continue to support the interest of your House in England as I have supported it in India; but on one condition expressly that no injury is done or attempted by your Highness against any of my friends after my departure. If this condition be disregarded I hold myself to be absolved from my promise from that moment.—

/ Signed / W. Blackburne

Extract of a letter from His Highness the Rajah to Colonel Blackburne Resident Dated 31st January 1823.—

With

With regard to your Friends you ask a Condition in your letter, but as I am not properly acquainted with them, I request you will let me know that who are they and what are they?—

/ Signed / Sirfojee Rajah

Memorandum

The Friends alluded to by Lieutenant Colonel W. Blackburne in his note to His Highness the Rajah of yesterday are the present and the former Public Servants of the Resident's Office and their Families residing in the Fort.—

Tanjore
31st January 1823 } / Signed / W. Blackburne

/ True Copies /

In a letter No 278

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No 574

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Vincent Row

Residency Sherestadar

Tanjore

Vincent Row

In delivering over charge of the Re
sidency on my departure to Europe it is due to
you to leave in your hands some testimonials
of my high sense of your character and of your
valuable assistance during the twelve months
that you have held the situations of Special
Sherestadar and Residency Sherestadar under
me; and I feel that I can not do so in a more
satisfactory way to you and to myself than
by enclosing attested Copies and Extracts of
letters addressed to, and orders received from,
Government, which have reference to yourself
and simply adding that at the last hour I am
prepared to repeat every word which I have pen
ned in your favor.—

Your duties have become of much greater
importance and responsibility, now that the
office

office of the Resident is united to that of Principal Collector, which officer can neither devote the time and attention, or give the personal attendance at Tanjore, which is necessary to the due conduct of the affairs of the Durbar, &c.

I trust that in consideration of these circumstances, the Government will not hesitate to put you on the same footing with regard to salary, as the Deputy or Division Shrastiahs on the Revenue Department.—

Trusting that Government may long have the benifit of your useful services,—

I have &c.

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28th January 1823

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Your's faithfully

Signed J. K. H. Flinderday

Conducting duty of Resident

To R. Clerke Esquire

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter

&c.

of the 18th and of the 21 Instant; and with reference
to the special duty which the Right Honourable the
Governor in Council has been pleased to commit
to me, the successful conduct of which must very
much depend chiefly upon obtaining correct
information regarding a variety of persons, cir-
cumstances, and transactions not matters of record
and not likely to be brought forward by the par-
ties acquainted with them, unless called upon
to do so; I trust His Lordship in Council
will permit me to entertain a persons
special or confidential Peons as far as for this
purpose.—

2 There are probably some points which
the Rajah is willing and even desirous should
be investigated, but which he may be unwill-
ing to be the means of bringing to my notice; other
which although their full investigation may be
highly desirable on his own account, he may, i
from personal feeling, wish to conceal and
which therefore, neither the Vakeel nor any
other of His Highness's servants might choose to

to bring forward, altho were those particular
points put categorically to them, they would
refuse to declair all they know. —

3 Even if any individual on the Esta-
blishment of the late Residency were capable
of supplying such information, which I have
ascertained not to be the case, it is for obvious
reasons not likely to be very freely given, and
on the Establishment of the principal Collector
and Magistrate, I am happy to say that there
is no one competent to afford it. —

4 The only individual who occurs
to me as at all likely to answer the purpose
is Vincent Row the late Sherastadar of the
Resident whose long experience in the Presi-
dents office from 1809 to 1832 when he was
induced to resign, during 10 years of which
period he held the office of Sherastadar,
has given him an intimate knowledge of
every circumstance, and powerful influence
over every person, directly or indirectly con-
nected with the Palace; and since his
involuntary

involuntary retirement from office, he has been a
keen observer of all that has been going on. —

5 Vincent Row's character stood very high
with all the successive Residents from General
Blackburne from whom officially he is possess-
ed of the highest testimonials for zeal, integrity
and intelligence, who were Captain Douglas'
predecessors; and Mr Baly informs me that he
is indebted to him for correct information and
intelligent assistance, for which he looked in
vain from every other quarter. There is nothing
I believe on record against him except his
having in common with all the Residency
Servants, and with the entire cognizance of the
Residents, received a fixed allowance from
the Palace. —

6 Vincent Row has expressed his readi-
ness to afford me his assistance but observ-
ing that unless he does so as an acknowledged
& salaried servant of the Government, he
can only be considered a spy and informer
by

by the public, and I may add that he cannot be held responsible to myself; To remove the present Sheristadar or indeed any of the Servants on the Residencies Establishment in order to afford the means of remunerating him, would obviously be expedient just now. I have therefore the honor to request that I may be permitted to entertain Veneat Row on a salary of 100 Rupees per mensem, so long as his services may be required, or upon the understanding that his services will be hereafter requested by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, upon a due consideration of my report upon their nature and extent.—

Vellum
2g Dec 1841

I have the honor to be &c &c
Sig d J. W. Hindersley
Political Department

No 13

Extract from the Minutes of consultation
Dated 4th January 1842.

Read the following letter from

N. W. Hindersley Esquire employed on special duty at Tanjore.—

Here enter 29th December 1841 &c

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize subject to the confirmation of the Government of India the temporary employment of Veneat Row the late Sheristadar of the Residency on a salary of 100 one hundred Rupees per mensem.—

A true Extract
Sig d R. Clerk
Secretary to Government

To N. W. Hindersley Esquire.

Extract of a letter to Government dated 16th March 1842 from Paras 89 to 91.

Para 89. There is no doubt that Veneat Row and Subbaram Naig were the chief sources from which Mr Baly derived his information, and that they are both as they have good reason to be, hostile to Captain Douglas, but it will be seen that the proof of the "rumours"

rests upon evidence quite independent of the
parties three whom they first reached. Mr Bayly
and I therefore deemed it unnecessary to put
questions to him for the purpose of testing the
purity of their motives.—

Captain Douglas states that both
these persons were "dismissed" by him. Enough
has been said of the nature of Sackaram
Nairy's dismissal: and of Vincent Pour's the
only records are in the List of public ser-
vants for October 1832 in Captain Douglas'
own handwriting, and is as follows—

"Vincent Pour Thevedadas obtained
"his discharge from the 12th September in Com-
"pliance with his own request when Lieut.
"man Daig was appointed—

(Sd) J. F. Douglas President"

If this record be true how can it be
said that Vincent Pour was dismissed?
Vincent Pour states that he was called into
the relignation to make room for Captain
Dougal'

Douglas' "confidential" servant Lekshmiah
Saidoo, and his statement is corroborated by the letter
of which the following is copy:—

"To His Highness Maharajah
"Serajee Rajah of Tanjore"

"My Dear Sir

"I beg to forward to your
Highness a letter from captain Turnbull and
"take this opportunity of requesting your High-
"ness to notice favourably the bearer of this my
"confidential servant named P. Lekshmiah
"Saidoo.

"I remain
"Your Highness's most faithful
"Presidency
"Tanjore
"friend &c &c P. Douglas
"9th September 1832"

The drift of this letter is in curious
contrast with that of the following:—

Translation of a letter from Tennent Poo-
Shreestadar to the address of the Serbeh:—

"I am directed by Capt: archin-
"bald Douglas acting President to inform
you

"you with his compliments, that all letters from
"the Serkele on the subject of Circar affairs,
"Memorandums not excepted, should hence-
"forth be directed to the Resident himself, but
"not to any one of his servants.—

"Tanjore Residency office } /Sig.d/ Vincent Rous
"4th September 1832 } /countersigned/ J.A.
4th & 17th Sept.r 1832] Douglas Resident
15th Do.

are their Sales are worthy of
comparison with that of the record of Vincent
Rous's resignation.—

4th With a view to obtain further
information on the dismissal of these two
individuals, I requested Captain Douglas
to inform me who the persons were, whom he
alluded to as having been dismissed "for the
most unparalleled treachery and baseness" and
to state the acts of treachery and baseness for
which they were dismissed and to inform

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To Capt Douglas.
17th February
1842

From do.
7th February 42

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me where the records of his investigation of them
was to be found? but my communication
elicited no answer. Vincent Rous and Sukha
ram Naig are doubtless the parties inclu-
ded, against the former I have not a correspon-
ding allegation or suspicion of treachery or
baseness; and if Sukharam Naig, the cherish-
ed servant of the late Tondaman has been
guilty of bo the towards his Masters widow
as undoubtedly he has, who tempted him
to his fall?—

Tanjore } /Sig.d/ J. W. Rivers Esq.
10th March 1842 }

Extract of a letter to the Secretary to Government
No 10 dated 9th November 1842 —

To The Secretary to Government.

Sir The objects alluded to in my letter
of the 17th Ultimo having been attained; and
my special duties brought to a close, I have
honor to acquaint you, for the information

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of the most noble the Governor in Council, that I am
prepared to resume the office of Principal Collector
in addition to my present duties as Resident
though not without considerable apprehension
of consequent retrogression in the affairs of
both of Tanjore and Durbarjeans the suicidal
perverseity of the Rajah's views bordering on
insanity, accompanied by a cunning in their
pursuit, not less characteristic of the same
malady requiring the most vigilant control.
and the imbecility of the Native Servan
ding a no less careful protection from the
machinations of others, whilst the ministers
of the one and the manager of the other need
a more constant, active and energetic superv
than I or any one as Principal Collector
and Magistrate can afford them, except
at the expence of the more important duties
which enable them to fill their respective

posts: I would therefore most respectfully
but strongly urge that unless the orders of the
Court of Directors for the union of the two offi
are absolutely peremptory, some efficient
person should be appointed temporarily
at least for the conduct of the duties of
Resident; a measure which seems the less
objectionable, as all extra expence has been
declared chargable to the Rajah.

In reporting the completion of the
special duty committed to me, it is in-
cumbent upon me to record my deep sense
of the valuable assistance I have received
throughout it from my Special Sherestadar
Vencat Row, which has fully equalled
the high estimate of his qualifications for
that office, on which was grounded my
application for his appointment, and with
out which I feel, that I could not success
fully have struggled through the difficul
ties I have had to contend with; difficulti
only greater from their being negative an
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services would not be the less necessary in con=
ducting the ordinary duties of President as soon
as the reasons alluded to in the letter above
quoted, as rendering any immediate changes
in the Residency Office inexpedient, had
ceased to exist, reductions were made in the
Establishment with a view in the first
place to cover to a certain extent the extra
expense entailed by his temporary employ=
ment; and ultimately to his entertain=
ment as Chesestadar: Moorcoga Jah Monthly
the person who has hitherto held that office
for which in addition to his general emolu=
ments his share in the proceedings of the late
President utterly disqualifies him / falling
back to the appointment he formerly held
of Head accountant, and Cash keeper.
This arrangement which takes effect from
this Date will I trust be approved by Their
Lordships in Council.

Tanjore
9th November 1824

I have the honor to be &c
Sd/ J. H. Wm Rendersley

Political Department.

No. 241.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 12th June 1843.

Read the following Letter

From A. W. Hendersley Esquire

To J. F. Thomas Esquire
Acting Chief Secretary to the
Government of Fort Saint George

Sir,

I feel it incumbent upon me before leaving the country, to bring to the notice of the most noble the Governor in Council, the valuable assistance which has been afforded by Vencat Row, the present Sheristadar of the Residency of Tanjore, not only to myself in procuring the attendance of the numerous witnesses of all ranks required from the Durbars of Tanjore and Poodoocottah, but to the Honorable Company's Solicitor, not only as an Interpretor, but in giving him such an insight into the details of the case of Captain Douglas, in itself complicated, and involving accounts obscure from the confusion which reigned

accompanying original letter from
him to my address which, with its
enclosures, I take the liberty of sub-
mitting, will show that he has been
a salaried servant of Government
since 1809, giving the greatest satisfac-
tion to all the European officers unde
whom he has been employed and from
whom he holds the highest testimonial
both as to character and abilities,
with one exception - Captain Douglas -
an exception which may now be fearless
ly pronounced to be as highly honorab
a testimonial as the eulogies of the
others. - For further particulars of the
treatment he received from that Office
who was the cause of this valuable
public servant being thrown out of
employ and the Government to forfeit
of his services for some ten years, I
beg to refer to Paras 88 and 91 of the let
noted in the margin and to my letter of
the 29th December 1841 requesting per
mission

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prepared to resume the office of Principal Collector
in addition to my present duties as Resident
though not without considerable apprehension
of consequent retrogression in the affairs of
both of Tanjore and Trichinopoly the suicidal
perversity of the Rajah's views bordering on
insanity, accompanied by a cunning in their
pursuit, not less characteristic of the same
malady requiring the most vigilant control
and the imbecility of the Princes demanding
a no less careful protection from the
machinations of others, whilst the ministers
of the one and the managers of the other need
no more constant, active and energetic support
than I or any one as Principal Collector
and Magistrate can afford them, except
at the expence of the more important duties
which enable them to fulfil their respective

for

intangible, not opposition, but elusion, not
refusal but evasion. In a contest with myst-
fication, procrastination, pretended misconcep-
tion and all the other resources of weakness
and cunning combined, the only cordial
assistance I have received has been from the
Sirkele and Vencat Row all, others connected
either with Durbar or the Residency from
the highest to the lowest being either
hostile to investigations and reforms
directed against their own interests
or those of their favorites and connection
neutral from timidity and natural defi-
dence for the authority under which they
had for the most part been and lived or at
best lending a cold and reluctant aid from
motives of self interest to measures which
they saw were inevitable.—

3. Foreseeing that although Vencat
Rao's employment as a Special Interpreter
must cease with my special duty, his
services

In a letter No 278

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Political Department.

No 20

Extract from an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 7th January 1843

Para. 3. Under the circumstances represented, the Most Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the arrangement reported in the 3d para of the foregoing letter, by which Lieut Row has been appointed Thirsildar in the room of Moorcogapah Doodelly who resumes to his former situation of Head Accountant and Cash Keeper.

/ A true Extract /

/ Sgd / R. Clerk

Acting Chief Secretary

/ True Copies & Extracts /

/ Signed / T. H. Hindersley

Conducting the duties of President

/ True Copies /

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Political Department.

No 24.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 22nd June 1843.

Read the following letter

From T. H. Hindersley Esquire

To J. F. Thomas Esquire

Acting Chief Secretary to the

Government of Fort Saint George

Sir, I feel it incumbent upon me before leaving the country, to bring to the notice of the most noble the Governor in Council, the valuable assistance which has been afforded by Lieut Row, the present Thirsildar of the Residency of Tanjore, not only to myself in procuring the attendance of the numerous witnesses of all ranks required from the Durbars of Tanjore and Poodoocottah, but to the Honorable Company's Solicitor, not only as an Interpreter but in giving him such an insight into the details of the case of Captain Dougl... in itself complicated, and involving ... counts obscure from the confusion ... resign...

designed in every department of the Tanjore
Durbar and absolutely "terra incognita"
to that Gentleman, who from his recent
arrival in India, was necessarily unacquain-
ted with native habits and customs, and
especially with the proceedings of the
native Courts - as to enable him to put it
into a proper shape for the advocate
General to conduct the prosecution, or
for an English bench or Jury at all
to comprehend the evidence. - I feel satis-
fied that, when opportunity offers, the
Law Officers of Government will be forw-
ard to acknowledge the obligations of
themselves and of the Government to
Venkatrow in this respect. -

2 But the services of Venkatrow
are neither new nor limited to the present
occasion; I have more than once been
impelled to record my deep sense of his
valuable services, during the various int-
ricate and invidious investigations, conn-
ected with the Tanjore Durbar, which
involved upon me whilst employed
there on special duty; and the accounts
pamying

accompanying original letter from
him to my address which, with it's
enclosures, I take the liberty of sub-
mitting, will show that he has been
a salaried servant of Government
since 1809, giving the greatest satisfac
tion to all the European officers under
whom he has been employed and from
whom he holds the highest testimonials,
both as to character and abilities,
with one exception - Captain Douglas -
an exception which may now be fearless-
ly pronounced to be as highly honorable
a testimonial as the eulogies of the
others. - For further particulars of the
treatment he received from that Officer
who was the cause of this valuable
public servant being thrown out of
employ and the Government deprived
of his services for some ten years, I
beg to refer to Paras 88 and 91 of the letter
Note in the margin and to my letter of
the 29th December 1841 requesting per-
mission

permission to employ him as my spe-
cial Sherestadar.-

3 After the lapse of about 34
years, during 24 of which he was em-
ployed in situations of peculiar difficul-
ty and temptation, Tennent Row is
now in receipt of only 100 Rupees per
mensem, the lowest pay of a Tahsildar
in the Province - and though more
than any Residency Sherestadar has
hitherto received from the Government,
an utterly inadequate remuneration
for the office at any time - especially,
since the abolition of the Residency
and the transfer of its duties to the
Collector; an arrangement which
practically converts the Sherestadar
himself into the Resident or Collector
of the British Government at the
Durbar, thereby of course, immensely
increasing the responsibilities, difficul-
ties and temptations of the office -

4 Under these circumstances I

do not hesitate to recommend, not
so much with reference to the merits
of Tennent Row, who I trust will ere long
find himself in a situation more wor-
thy of his character and abilities, as
a measure of just and prudent policy,
that the salary of the Residency Sher-
estadar should in future be at least e-
qual to that of the Deputy Sherestadars
of Collectors and Sherestadars of
Sub: Collectors; viz^z 175 Rupees per
mensem.

5 I may add that the Officer con-
ducting the duties of President will proba-
bly be able to grant the increase propo-
sed to the pay of the Sherestadar, by
modifying the present establishment,
without adding to its aggregate cost.

I have &c^a

Madras — 9 (signed) S. H. Hindersley.
21^st April 45. Late on Special duty.

To
S^r H. Hindersley Esq^re
Conducting duties of President
at Tanjore

Honored Sir,

I beg leave to submit
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permission to employ him as my spe=
cial Sherestadar.-

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ployed in situations of peculiar difficul=
ty and temptation, I event Row is
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himself into the Resident or Vakeel
of the British Government at the
Durbar, thereby of course, immensely
increasing the responsibilities, diffi=
culties and temptations of the office.-

4 Under these circumstances,

the following brief account of my services, requesting your kind attention to the same.

The late General Blackburne who after 25 years service as Mahratah translator and Interpreter was in 1800 appointed as the Resident at Tanjore, employed Vasoodava Chitty my uncle at the Residency office as a person fully experienced in the affairs of the Country and the Durbar of Tanjore, and a descendant of a respectable family possessing a high character for integrity.— When the Resident was ordered to proceed to Travancore on Political affairs in the year 1809, he took Vasoodava Chitty along with him, appointing me to act for him under Captain Batten, then acting for the Resident.— Since that time, I have been employed at the Residency in different situations of respectability and trust.—

I found that a sum of 6

thousand

thousand Pagodas which had been many years ago advanced to the late Rajah's Agent at Madras, had not been charged to His Highness, and pointed out the mistake to President in 1817, who, on communicating with Mr. Garrow the Accountant General, found my information to be correct; but at the instance of Mr. Garrow allowed him to bring it forward himself and the Rajah having acknowledged the receipt of the Amount, it was charged to him in 1817/18, as would be seen from the records.

The enclosed copy № 1 of a letter from General Blackburne to a Gentleman who was expected to succeed him will show what a high opinion he had of my character, which defied all manner of seduction and threats by the Rajah, who, in consequence of the affair mentioned in the foregoing Para and my steady adherance to my duty, intended to procure my ruin by his

Successor.

Succession.

My Services in the Secret Department in 1822 in regard to the Proceedings of Mr. Surgeon B. Macleod, have also received a remuneration of (Rs. 2,000) from the Government of Sir Thomas Munro, whom I gave all the information he wished to have from me.

I was appointed as Head Sheristadar in 1822; and from the time of my employment at the Residency up to the arrival of Captain Douglas in 1832, I most zealously discharged my duties fully to the satisfaction of the several Residents and the Government; as a testimonial of which I beg to enclose a correspondence No. 2. It will be observed that I have so carefully managed the intercourse of Government with the Rajah, that no complaint of a serious nature was brought to Government during the whole of that period.—

Besides other important services, I used my best endeavours to prevent the Ladies of the late Rajah from burning themselves at his funeral pile, which the Government were extremely anxious to stop.

Notwithstanding the length of my service upwards of 23 years, Captain Douglas from motives of self interest, dismissed me without any reason at all in 1832. He hoped to harass me by prohibiting all intercourse with my friends, and causing the services that properly belonged to my Office to be performed by my inferiors, and forbidding the Rajah and the Serkle to have any correspondence with me; but my perseverence in maintaining my post with a honest independence, tired out his patience, and he ordered me to go out of the Office, never to return to it on pain of disgrace, while he reported to Government that I had resigned my situation to which he had appointed one of his own friends.— This will be proved by the enclosure No. 3.—

But

But Captain Douglas was
not without his fears that my continuance
at Tanjore would enable me to disconcert
his misdeeds, and prosecuted his enmity
so far as to subject me to so many troubles
by the influence of his friends, that I
was obliged to leave my native place, my
family, my house, and property, to present
myself from being entangled in their snares;
while the discontinuance of my pay for
nearly ten years actually reduced me
to the extreme state of necessity. But,
however fruitless my appeals to Govern.t
were rendered by the misrepresentations
of the local officers at Tanjore, I felt
not entirely dispair of an opportunity when
the Government would have the true state
of my wrongs set before it by an officer
who like you loved justice and was anxious
to sustain the claims of an old, faithful,
injured servant of the Company. My anc
ticipations were at last realized by the

arrival

arrival of Mr. Bayley as President in
1841. He sent for and told me that he
was in need of a correct information of the
actual state of the Rajas affairs for the
arrangement of which he was appointed
by Government, and that my furnishing
it to him would be highly income.- I
accordingly attended on him, and did all
the service that was in my power, until
your own appointment to the Residency.-
That my assiduous attention to his
wishes in every thing that tended to the
happiness of the Rajah and his subjects,
has gained his entire approbation, will be
manifested by No. 4 being an extract
from a letter from Mr. Bayley at Kurnool.

It is unnecessary to speak of
my services to yourself who are well
acquainted with the nature of the duties re-
quired of me since you was pleased to
appoint me as a special Sherestadar
under the sanction of Government, and
of the satisfaction you have so kindly

expressed

expressed of my conduct.

I feel extremely thankful
to you for having so kindly done me
the justice to restore me to my former
situation as Shirestadar in the Presidency
on a salary of 100 Rupees per month, and
to the Government for having given them
sanction to it; thus relieving me from
the distress, shame, and humiliation
to which Captain Douglas's proceedings
had so long exposed me, and gaining a
reputation for the Government by showing
to the world that it would not forsake
a servant who served it with a zealous
attention to its own interests as well as
those of a Rajah that depended upon
its protection. - But I trust that, through
your instrumentality Government may
be induced, I will not say in compensa-
tion for the loss I have sustained
from being out of employ for about 10
years, to make my pay equal to that of
the Shirestadar of a Sub: Collector;
but

consideration my request of a suitable
increase of my pay.

I beg in conclusion
to enclose two testimonials A & B.
one of which is copy of a letter from
the late General Blackburne whose
fifty years service in India entitled
his opinion to the highest degree of
respect to the late Sir Thomas Munro,
who possessed no less experience in
India; and the other the transcript of
Captain Tyfe's letter to Government
and their reply to it; both conveying too
plain a testimony of my character
and my ability to serve the Company
in any line of the service, to need
a further statement of the same from
myself.

I remain
with the greatest respect
Honored Sir
Your most Obedient and
humble Servant
/Signed/ Vincent Rose

Tanjore
23rd January 1843

Copy

made it necessary for me to prolong my
stay, and I have merely made up my
mind for a two years longer probation.
It would be unjust to withhold from
you this information, for although I
have never fixed upon a time for
resigning, both my letters and conver-
sations may have led you to expect
my resignation to take place much
earlier than the period now indicated.
I would not have it go any further
when you shall be inclined to a
quiet party for a few days, I hope
we shall have the pleasure of seeing
you.-

/Signed/ W. Blackburne
/A. True Copy/
/J.-/

No. 2

Copy of a letter from General Black-
burne to Vincent Rose Esqr. Chetoboro
5th June 1821.-

I send to you an extract
of

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/Signed/ W. Blackburne.-

Copy of a letter from General Blackburne to Vencat Row Dated Chittoobaiah 1st July 1822.

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Succession.

My services in the Secret Department in 1822 in regard to the Proceedings of Mr. Surgeon B. Macleod, have also received a remuneration of (Rs. 12,000) from the Government of Sir Thomas Munro, whom I gave all the information he wished to have from me.

I was appointed as Head Sheristadar in 1822; and from the time of my employment at the Residency up to the arrival of Captain Douglas in 1832, I most zealously discharged my duties fully to the satisfaction of the several Residents and the Government; as a testimonial of which I beg to enclose a correspondence No. 2. It will be observed that I have so carefully managed the intercourse of Government with the Rajah, that no complaint of a serious nature was brought to Government during the whole of that period.—

Besides

Besides other important services, I used my best endeavours to prevent the Ladies of the late Rajah from burning themselves at his funeral pile, which the Government were extremely anxious to stop.

Notwithstanding the length of my service upwards of 23 years, Captain Douglas from motives of self interest, dismissed me without any reason at all in 1832. He hoped to harass me by prohibiting all intercourse with my friends, and causing the services that properly belonged to my office to be performed by my inferiors, and forbidding the Rajah and the Serkele to have any correspondence with me; but my perseverence in maintaining my post with a honest independence, tired out his patience, and he ordered me to go out of the Office, never to return to it on pain of disgrace, while he reported to Government that I had resigned my situation to which he had appointed one of his own friends.— This will be proved by the enclosure No. 3. —

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But Captain Douglas was
not without his fears that my continuance
at Tanjore would enable me to discover
his misdeeds, and prosecuted his enmity
so far as to subject me to so many troubles
by the influence of his friends, that I
was obliged to leave my native place, my
family, my house, and property, to prevent
myself from being entangled in their snares;
while the discontinuance of my pay for
nearly ten years actually reduced me
to the extreme state of necessity. But,
however fruitless my appeals to Govern.t
were rendered by the misrepresentations
of the local officers at Tanjore, I did
not entirely dispair of an opportunity when
the Government would have the true state
of my wrongs set before it by an officer
who like you loved justice and was anxious
to sustain the claims of an old, faithful,
injured servant of the Company. My anc
ticipations were at least realized by the
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arrival of Mr. Bayley as President in
1841. He sent for and told me that he
was in need of a correct information of the
actual state of the Rajas affairs for the
arrangement of which he was appointed
by Government, and that my furnishing
it to him would be highly income.- I
accordingly attended on him, and did all
the service that was in my power, until
your own appointment to the Presidency.-
That my assiduous attention to his
wishes in every thing that tended to the
happiness of the Rajah and his subjects,
has gained his entire approbation, will be
manifested by No. 4 being an extract
from a letter from Mr. Bayley at Kurnool.-
It is unnecessary to speak of
my services to yourself who are well
acquainted with the nature of the duties re
quired of me since you was pleased to
appoint me as a special Sherestadar
under the sanction of Government, and
of the satisfaction you have so kindly
expressed

expressed of my conduct.

I feel extremely thankful to you for having so kindly done me the justice to restore me to my former situation as Sirestadar in the Residency on a salary of 100 Rupees per month, and to the Government for having given their sanction to it; thus relieving me from the distress, shame, and humiliation to which Captain Douglas's proceedings had so long exposed me, and gaining a reputation for the Government by showing to the world that it would not forsake a servant who served it with a zealous attention to its own interests as well as those of a Rajah that depended upon its protection.- But I trust that, through your instrumentality, Government may be induced, I will not say in compensation for the loss I have sustained from being out of employ for about 10 years, to make my pay equal to that of the Sirestadar of a Sub: Collector;

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but in consideration of the increased trust and responsibility of the difficult situation I have the honor to hold, of conducting the intercourse between the Raja and the Govt: consequent on its representative being now from his twofold duties of Collector and Resident, no longer able to give his undivided time, attention, and presence to the latter. As for the former Sirestadars of the Residency, it was his conviction of the extreme inadequacy of the pay that induced the President under the sanction of the Government to allow them to draw a certain allowance from the Rajah, as I myself did, but which the Government has subsequently ordered to be discontinued.

As I shall allow myself to gain nothing beyond the pay given me by my employers, or the income sanctioned by their orders, I hope you will be pleased to excuse, and take into your kind

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consideration my request of a suitable increase of my pay.

I beg in conclusion to enclose two testimonials Nos. 5 & 6. one of which is copy of a letter from the late General Blacklume whose fifty years service in India entitled his opinion to the highest degree of respect to the late Sir Thomas Munro, who possessed no less experience in India; and the other the transcripts of Captain Tyfe's letter to Government and their reply to it; both conveying too plain a testimony of my character and my ability to serve the Company in any line of the service, to need a further statement of the same from myself.

I remain
with the greatest respect
Honored Sir
Your most Obedient and
humble Servant
/Signed/ Vernet Rose

Tanjore
3d. January 1843

Copy

Copy of a letter from Colonel Blacklume
J Wm. P. Dated Tanjore 27th July 1818.-

I wrote to you in perfect confidence my motive for your own interest, arising from an apprehension that in reliance on my speedy departure you may abstain from making use of Mr. Elliots most friendly intentions and lose no opportunity which possibly may not return.-

Some very particular circumstances have recently occurred in Tanjore which I am not now at liberty to disclose but you shall be informed of them ere long.-

These circumstances and a conviction that the Rajah waits for my departure only to degrade, and if possible destroy all those whose adherence to the interests of the Company and fidelity in the discharge of their duty to and engagement with me have resisted most honorably all seductions and threats of His Highness, have made

made it necessary for me to prolong my stay, and I have merely made up my mind for a two years longer probation. It would be unjust to withhold from you this information, for although I have never fixed upon a time for resigning, both my letters and conversations may have led you to expect my resignation to take place much earlier than the period now indicated. I would not have it go any further when you shall be inclined to a quiet party for a few days; I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you.-

/Signed/ W. Blacktourne

/A. True Copy/

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No 2

Copy of a letter from General Blacktourne to Verent Vos Dated Chetoobava 5th June 1821.-

I send to you an extract of

of a letter from Mr. Cotton, by which you will find that he offers the Devastan Mudhist and 30 Pagodas a month, immediately with probability another 10 Pagodas, and regrets that the Deputy Sheresta darship is not vacant.

I recommend to you to go off as soon as possible.- Let me know the day, and I will send by you a letter to Mr. Cotton.-

/Signed/ W. Blacktourne-

Extract of a letter to Mr. Cotton Dated Chetoobavah 21st May 1821.-

I have some times regretted that when you were in want of servants, I did not offer to you one of mine whom I wish to leave permanently provided for, and who may, I fear, be considered as a supernumerary in the office by my successor. He is a Maharatta Bramin, son in Law of my old servant Wasoodava Naig, a good Linguist, understanding English,

Gentoo

Gentoo and Moors, as well as his own language and the Tamil. He is very able and his integrity and steady adherence to the line of duty have been proved to me on several occasions of great delicacy and difficulty. — He has acted in my office as Coadjutor to the Sherestadar, and has always merited and possessed my entire confidence. —

I am sure he would answer your purpose admirably in the Cutcherry, if you should have proper vacancy and be inclined to take him. He gets 30 Pagodas a month with me, as Deputy Sherestadar, Treasurer, or Dewestan Mudliet. I can recommend him. his name is Venkut Row. —

/Signed/ W. Blackburne.

Extract of a letter from Mr. J. Cotton
Dated Negapatam 2nd June 1821. —

The situation of Devastannum Mudliet is now vacant at my Cutcherry; and if your man Venkut Row will for the present accept it on the same pay he

he receives from you, I shall be very glad to take him on your recommendation, and will provide for him in a more fixed situation in the Cutcherry when an opportunity offers. —

The pay of Dewastannum Madhastem was in Stephens time 40 Pagodas; and I have lately given the same to a man who came up from Cochrane for the purpose of succeeding to the Sherestadan under Mr. Roberts, which he has now done, but I say 30 Pagodas now; because I am yet doubtful whether I shall not be obliged to divide the Devastannum Department; but if that is not necessary the pay will of course continue the same. I am only sorry you did not mention Venkut Row to me before. I got my new Deputy Sherestadar; for by your discription of him, I think I should have preferred him for that situation to the man I now have. Let Venkut Row come as soon as you can spare him

him as I may find him a useful man
at the time of settlement.

/Signed/ J. Cotton.

Extract of a letter from General Blackburne
to Vincent Row Dated Chetoobavah 11th June 1821.

I enclose a letter from Mr. Cotton. I have said all that appears to be necessary. If you should not like your situation, I shall be ready to receive you again at my office. I would on no account consent to part with you, if I were likely to remain at Tanjore much longer, or if I would secure your continuance with my Successor, and I give you up to an officer of the very highest respectability and one of my oldest and most intimate friends. I would have you join Mr. Cotton as soon as possible. I have desired Captain J. Michael to present a Shawl to you at the Office as a Testimoney of my good will and approbation of your conduct. -

Health and Success be with you

/Signed/ W. Blackburne.

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Extract of a letter to Mr. Cotton Dated
Chettoobavah 11th June 1821.-

When I received your letter, Vincentrow was at Poodoocottah from which place he is now returned and writes that he will proceed in two days to join you and avail himself of your handsome offer. For his integrity, I am entirely persuaded that I can answer. But in justice to you as well as to him, I must write a few words on a subject to which I never allude even without reluctance. It is quite certain that your principal servants, or I should rather say Hepburn's, will view the reception of Vincent Row into your service with the highest displeasure. This is enough to put you on your guard, & more I need not say.-

Even most truly yours,

/Signed/ W. Blackburne-

Copy of a letter from General Blackburne to Vincent Row Dated Chetoobavah 29th June 1822.

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It is my opinion that you ought to resign the Revenue Service and return to any Office where you shall be welcome. I was fully aware of the difficulties you would meet with in the Cutcherry, and put Mr. Cotton on his guard against them; but although I am sorry for the turn which the matter has taken, I can not be surpriyed at it. I can not write to Mr. Cotton again regarding you for reasons sufficient, but there can not, I imagine, be any abstacle to your resignation. If any should be thrown in the way, let me know, and in the mean time be careful that your conduct give no just or plausible ground for complaint against you. I am entirely convinced of your integrity, and adhering to that, you need not fear that I shall abandon you.-

/Signed/ W. Blacksburne.-

Copy of a letter from General Blacksburne to Vencat Row Dated Chittoobavah 7th July 1822.

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The object twofold for which I recommended you to ill Mr. Cotton is now hopeless.- Mr. Cotton will not be benifitted by your service in the Cutcherry, and you will not be advanced; I have therefore advised your immediate resignation; but if you are engaged in any particular business, and Mr. Cotton desires you to go through it, it is your duty to do so. But I must inform you that if in consequence of any unnecessary lingering in the Cutcherry, you shall suffer any disgrace or discredit, I will not receive you again into my Office. I desire therefore that you will decide peremptorily and quit the Cutcherry; if so, you decide without any delay, except in the case, I have mentioned viz. that Mr. Cotton desires you to remain a limitted period for any particular business.-

Do not fear that I will leave India without securing a proper provision for you, if you return to

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me uncharged.—

/Signed/ W. Blacklurne
/True Copies and Extracts/
Sd./

No. 3.

Extract of a Diary of the Residency Establishment at Tanjore 1st October 1832.

Venkut Row Shirestadar obtained his discharge from the 15th September in compliance with his own request; when Letchmyah Naik was appointed.—

/Signed/ A. Douglas
Resident
/A True Extract/
/Signed/ W. H. Bayley

No. 4

Extract of a letter from W. H. Bayley Esqre to Venkut Row Dated Kurnool 8th June 1842.

I have been expecting to hear from you any news about Tanjore in which I yet take a great interest; I am in hopes that by the next mail,

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we shall have the final decision of the Court of Directors upon the subject of the Residency, whatever may be the future arrangements, no doubt you will have some thing to do with it, and if you make any claim upon Government through Mr. Lindersley you are quite at liberty to appeal to me as certainly now an unprejudiced and impartial person, who knows every detail of your case. If I can be of any service to you, I shall be glad, for I am ready to testify that most of the good that I effected at Tanjore was through your means, and that without any hope or hint of a reward as I often told you.

Mr. Stokes wishes to get as his Sherestadar to Guntoor but I do not think he can manage it. If he does, it would be a great assistance to have you here in his place, but it is far away from your own country and the pay is only 210 Rupees a month.—

Sd./ W. H. Bayley
/A True Extract/
/Signed/

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My Dear Sir Thomas,

Having heard that you are forming a Cutcherry, I take the liberty of recommending to you my Deputy Shanbogan a Mahratta Brahmin of Tanjore named Timoul Row. He understands the Mahratta, Gentoo, Malabar, Moor and English languages. He is very able intelligent ultimately acquainted with all Tanjore affairs, Political, judicial and Revenue. But I recommend him particularly for his firmness, independence of character and unimpeached integrity: all which qualities he has exhibited in a remarkable degree in my service. I plaid him with Mr. Cotton sometime ago in full confidence that he would be eminently useful to the Collector and to the public service; but the combination against him was too strong. His situation became disagreable, and he resigned, and returned to me. In the contemplation of retiring also, and in the uncertainty of the future regarding my

Office

Office servants, I am anxious to provide
for this meritorious young man before I
leave the country.

You will not I am persuaded be
offended at the liberty I take in offering this
recommendation of a native public servant
of your Government, for whose integrity, I
should not hesitate to become personally res-
ponsible.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W. Blackburne.

Chettoobava
12th July 1822 -

(A true Copy)
(Signed)

No 6.

Extract of a letter from the President at
Tanjore to the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George - Madras 14th October 1830.

I hope that on such an
occasion, I shall be pardoned for recom-
mending to the favorable consideration of
Government the servants of the Residency
Office at Tanjore. I found them
in the situation they now hold on my ap-
pointment to my present office. Some
of them are old and faithful servants of

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the Company; and I have been so well pleased with the conduct of the whole of them that I have not had occasion to make any change in the office Establishment during the whole of the time I have been at Tanjore. The Head Serestadar in particular is a person of great abilities and well qualified for a much higher situation than the one he now holds.

/A. True Extract/
/Signed/

Extract of a letter from the Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George to the President at Tanjore Dated 21st October 1830.-

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has noticed with pleasure the favorable testimony, which you have borne to the conduct of the Servants of the Residency at Tanjore, particularly that of the Head Shirestadar.-

/True Extract/
/Signed/ J. Fyfe
President
/Signed/

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Resolved that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to the Acting Collector at Tanjore in reference to a resolution of Government under this date No. 240 with a request that he will report, if under the contemplated alterations and reductions in the Establishments of the late Residency at Tanjore, Vencut Row the Residency Shirestadar may not be provided with a salary of 150 Rupees.-

/True Extract & Copies/
/Signed/ G. D. Drury-
Chief Secretary-

To The Acting Collector of Tanjore

Extract of a letter from J. F. Bishop Esquire conducting the duties of President at Tanjore to G. D. Drury Esqre. Chief Secretary to Government Dated 14th July 1843.

Para 3. Mr. Lindersley has borne such high testimony to the character and valuable services rendered by Vencut Row the Shirestadar, that a further repitition on my part would be

be superfluous, the advisability of a higher remuneration being made him is recognized by Government, and I would strongly urge that his allowance should not be less than 175 Rupees in consideration of the increased responsibility of the situation in which he is placed during the protracted and frequent absence of the Collector from Tanjore.—

Extract from an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated 5th August 1843 No. 313.—

Para. 3.

His Lordship in Council sanctions the pay of Shirestadar Vencut Row being increased to Rupees 175 one hundred and seventy five per mensem from the date on which the reductions in the Establishment may take effect.—

/True Extracts and Copies/

/Signed/ J. P. Bishop
Conducting duties of President

/True Copies/

J.R.

In a letter No 278

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Extract from an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 31st March 1857.—

It remains only to notice the mention made by Mr Forbes of the Residency Sheristadar Vencut Row; "whenever he writes "there has been a difficulty at Tanjore, Vencut Row has stood by the Government most firmly and never more firmly than of late. The Government know how much Calumny has been written and published against him during the last few months his life has been so openly threatned that I have heard surprize expressed at the fearless manner in which he went about his duty; distinct overtures has been made to him by Mr Norton with the view of attaching him to the opposite faction; but through good report and evil report despite of threats and proof Against Corruption, he has never for a moment ceased with head and hand in Support of the Policy of Government, and it

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must be remembered that his family has served the Rajah for a Century, that he in Common with all others at Tanjore does not view its extinction without regret. This feeling however has never influenced his Conduct. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council fully concurs with the late Commissioner, that some token should now be given to Vincent Row of the good approbation that may in some sort compensate him for the ill will he has acquired and the many enemies he has made. The Government therefore resolve that an Honorary Palanquin should be built at Madras and sent to Tanjore to be presented to Vincent Row on their part in recognition of his great and lengthened Services; a Palanquin allowance of Rupees 25. per mensem will also be passed to him from the 1st Instant.—

[Signed] T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary.

Extract of a Memorandum from Mr. Forbes to Government on the Dowlut Tamboke Establishment of His late Highness the Rajah of Tanjore dated 28th March 1857.—

On a final settlement of the Rajah's affairs, I think that some notice should be taken of the Conduct and services of Vincent Row the Resident Sheristadar. I do not hold him up as a purist according to the European idea of purity, but it is perhaps hardly fair to judge the natives of India by our Standard of morality. Whenever there has been a difficulty at Tanjore, Vincent Row has stood by the Government most firmly, and never more firmly than of late. The Government know how much Calumny has been written and published against him during last few Months; his life has been so openly threatned, that I have had Surprize expressed at the fearless manner in which he went about his duty. distinct overtures have been made to

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him by Mr. Norton with the view of attaching him to the opposite faction, but through good report, and evil report despite of threats and proof against Corruption, he has never for a moment ceased to labor with head and hand in Support of the Policy of Government, and it must be remembered that his family has served the Rajah for a Century, that he in Common with all others at Tanjore does not view its extinction without regret; this feeling however has never influenced his Conduct and I believe that I did not myself serve the Government in my late Commission with more fidelity than he did. The affairs of Tanjore have been almost always administrated by Gentlemen Selected from the Service, and it is certainly no light Compliment to Lieut Row that a Succession of Officers which includes the names

of

of Mr. Kindersley, and Mrs. Bayley,
Sir H. Henry Montgomery, and Mrs. Bishop
Should one, and all have publicly testified
to the value of his services. —

I do think that there should be now
some token of the good approbation that may
in some sort Compensate for the ill will
he has acquired and the many enemies he
has made; he does not want money and I do
not recommend any great increase of Salary
but if 25 Rupees as Palanqueen allowance
could be added to the 175 he already draws
and if an honorary palanquin could be
presented to him by Government, it is
my opinion that the Compliment
will have been very fully earned. —

[Signed] H. Forbes

Extract of a letter from the Honorable Sir H. C. Montgomerry Bart to M R R Vencent Row Residency Sheroladar dated 31st. March 1857.

I am obliged to you for your letter and good wishes and for the expression of your desire to visit Madras before I leave it. I believe you could not be conveniently spared from your Office at present, and tho' I should have liked to see you again, I do not see that your quitting Tanjore is feasible.- I was much pleased with your Son who has intelligence and ability, which if properly applied, will render him a very valuable public Servants.—

I am fully Cognizant of your own claims to the consideration of Government and have placed my views of them on the Records, and I am glad to inform you that you will shortly receive a gratifying recognition of your loyalty and fidelity towards the Government you have served for

for half a Century.—

Your Services during the late troubles in Tanjore have been very valuable as they always have been in times past in Cases of immergency. During my own incumbency of the Office of Resident at Tanjore I deserved great assistance from you and found much advantage in your Complete Knowledge of past events and the history of the Tanjore family and its connection with the British Government.—

I beg you will accept my good wishes for the Continual prosperity of yourself and all your family.—

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Your's faithfully

(Signed) H. C. Montgomerry

Copy of a letter from W. H. Bayley Esqr. to R R. Vencent Row B.

Your letter received to day was.

was welcome. I had heard before of your steady adherence to the Government in Spite of intrigues and threats— It was what I expected of you, and it does you great Credit. I am glad to See that Government have made a formal acknowledgement of it.— There was difficulty enough when I was in Tanjore, and I have often thought and said, Since that, without your assistance I could never have got to the bottom of all that roguery and intrigue.—

I shall be happy to See you at Madras.— Remember me kindly to Dawajee Row.

Your Sincerely
[Signed] W. H. Bayley.

Extract of a letter from E. Forbes Esquire to R. Vincent Row dated Madras 29th April 1858.—

I do not wish to leave Madras without taking leave of you and thanking you

for all the assistance you gave me when I was Resident and when I was Commissioner at Tanjore.—

It is needless for me to offer you any advice. you know perfectly well all I should say, and remember that throughout my official intercourse with you, I never recommended any thing but a straight forward manly performance of duty without any fear or thought of Consequences.—

Be so good as to Convey my Compliments and best wishes to the Princess to Sacaram Sahib, and to every other member of the family to whom they would be agreeable.—

Remember me also to Dawajee Row, and accept my best wishes yourself.—

Faithfully yours
[Signed] E. Forbes

Copy of a letter from the Commissioner at Tanjore dated 8th February 1858.—

To R. R. Vincent Row
Residency Sherestadar Tanjore

Sir, I beg to enclose, for your information,

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a Copy of an Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 14th Instant, No. 30, and have pleasure in making over to you an honorary Palanquin which I have been instructed by the Government to present to you in recognition of your great and lengthened Services to the British Government.—

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) H. D. Phillips

Tanjore
Commissioner's Office
8th February 1858

Political Department

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th January 1858.—

The Government having been informed by Messrs. Simpson and Co. that the honorary Palanquin ordered for Vincent Row, Residency Sherestadar of Tanjore, has been completed, resolved that it be forwarded to the Commissioner for presentation to Vincent Row - Mr. Phillips in presenting it to Vincent Row, will explain to him distinctly the object for which it is given viz in recognition of his great and lengthened

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Services to the British Government.—

/True Extract/

/Signed/ T. Pycroft

Chief Secretary

/True Copy/

/Signed/ H. D. Phillips

Commissioner

To, H. D. Phillips Esquire

Commissioner at Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant, & the Extract Minutes of Consultations dated the 14th Ultimo, thereon enclosed.—

In accepting with the greatest Satisfaction the present of a honorary Palanquin which the Government have been pleased to bestow upon me in Recognition of my humble Services, I request that you will be pleased to Convey to them most respectfull acknowledgements for the Same, together with the Expression of my Resolution to devote the whole remnant of my life to the Same course of loyalty to my honorable

called on me this morning to express your
regret at my approaching departure from
India desire me before I go. —

I am much obliged for your good
wishes, and regret that I cannot expect to
see you again as I shall embark in ten
days to return home. —

You have now reached what
appears to be natural termination of your
long Career of public life, and must
shortly expect to retire and pass the re-
mainder of your days in quiet. — It has
always been a Subject of Satisfaction to me
to hear the highest testimony borne to your
faithful Services by the Successive
Residents of Tanjore, and to have witnessed
your able efforts to promote the public
Service, since I have been a Member
of the Government —

Such a Career of your
uniform good Conduct cannot
fail to meet with its reward, and
I feel assured when you do resolve
to

to close your Official life, your
claims will be fully acknowledged.—
I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
/Signed/ Walter Elliot—
/True Copies and extracts/

honorable Employers, that I have followed during the last 50 years of my Service, and which has obtained for me one of the most distinguished marks of their approbation of my Official Conduct.—

I further beg you to represent my humble request to Government that my Children may likewise be considered as their hereditary Servants entitled to their Continued patronage.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

and humble Servant

Signed Vincent Row—

Tanjore
11th February
1858.

Copy of a letter from Honorable Walter Elliot Esquire to M R R. Vincent Row Residency Sheristadar dated Madras 18 December 1857.

Dear Sir,

Your Son Ramchunder called

In a letter No 278

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No 574

Memorandum of the Services rendered to Government by Vencat Row the Residency Sheristadar from the year 1809 to 1860.—

Beg to submit a brief sketch of the nature and extent of the Services rendered to the Government by myself and my — Ancestors, and the troubles endured by myself and my two Ancestors for a period of 60 years, renouncing the protection of the Rajah whose dependants we had been for many generations, and the public records will amply bear out what I state on this subject.—

The late General Blackburne, when he first came to Tanjore as a Lieutenant in 1775, wished to learn the Marattah Language as the language of the Native Durbar, and employed for that purpose my eldest Uncle Vasudava Naig, from whom besides learning the language, he obtained a knowledge of the Political relations of the State, by which he was enabled to act for some time, as Marattah Interpreter, and Translator to the Resident, and other Gentlemen, on a salary first 175 Rupees, and

afterwards

afterwards of 350 Rupees. General Blackburne was appointed Resident in 1800. In consideration of the Services done to him by my Uncle, without expecting a reward, that Gentleman offered him a situation in his Office as a person not only fully experienced in the affairs of the Country and the Durbar of Tanjore, but as descended from a respectable family and professed of high character and integrity; and my Uncle hesitated to accept it, because he had already incurred the then Rajah's displeasure by his attachment to the Resident, and apprehended that his permanent employment in his Office, would exasperate the Rajah, and did not accept the offer until he had been very strongly assured by the Resident, that he need not entertain such apprehension, and that he and his successors would always protect him and continue his situation to his generations, and secure him the continuance of his pension in the Rajah's Palace, provided he acted with fidelity to the Government as may be perceived by the accompanying letter No. 1 dated 27th July 1818 from the Resident to the then Judge.

My Uncle was employed subsequently in 1803 with three other Native Officers for nearly 5 months in the very troublesome duty of detecting the frauds,

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and embarrassments committed by the Revenue Officers and Land holders of the District. — Though he was not less active, able, and disinterested in the persuit of the discovery than the three others, yet he incidentally received no reward for his meritorious and faithful Services from the Government like the rest; notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee in favor of all them. — In 1810, he was obliged to engage in a similar enquiry into the conduct of the Judicial Servants of the Province. All this will be seen from the letter of the then Resident to the Government †

† 9th Feby 1809

When in 1809 the Resident was ordered to go to Travancore on emergent business, he took my Uncle with him appointing me, till then a Volunteer in the Office to act for him under Captain Butler then Acting Resident, and from that time forward, I became the Deputy of my Uncle, and actually did every thing that belonged to his Office.

It will not be contained in the limits of a letter to enter at full length upon the variety of delicate duties which devolved upon me as the Head Native Officer of the Resident. — There were then frequent occasions of misunderstanding between

between the Rajah and the (Government) Resident. Messages being sent through me from the Resident to the Rajah, I became the only object of the Rajah's hatred. Seductions were used at the time to gain me over, and I withstood them with equal firmness, and reported them to my immediate Employer, who adopted measures to protect me from the snares laid against me. The whole in short, was a serious of plots and counterplots for my safety, which will be fully observed on a reference to the records of the Residency.×

In March 1816 when His Highness the late Rajah Sirfoji went on a pilgrimage to Ramaswaram, Madura, and other holy places with the whole of the Members of his family and retinue accompanied by General Blackburne, the Resident, who took me with him. Notwithstanding the troubles and hardships I had undergone in performing my duties satisfactorily on such an occasion, I have rendered meritorious Service as detailed under.—

During the Pilgrimage of the Rajah, the Son of the Zamindar of Sevagunga wished to have

× From 1816 to 22

have an interview with the Rajah, and to this end requested the permission of the Resident, who refused his request under the standing orders of Government; whereupon the Zamindar's Son sent his Agents to the Rajah privately to obtain his permission. The Rajah in reply stated that he had no objections to receive him if the Resident permits the same. This secret intercourse between the Rajah, and the Son of the Zamindar detected, and brought the particulars thereof to the notice of the Resident, and pointed out the irregularity on the part of the Rajah in having received a Mission from the said Zamindars Son in opposition to the orders of Government, prohibiting the practice. On this the Resident asked the Rajah this me, if such a proceeding had taken place. The Rajah denied the fact, whereupon I went immediately to the said Zamindar's Son, and got from him in writing his declaration of the fact with full particulars that had passed between them, and produced the same to the Resident, who not only reprimanded the Rajah, but also brought the same to the notice of Government by a reference to the Records of the Residency will attest verify the fact of this statement.—

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Beg to submit that I have rendered another meritorious Service in the same year in the undermentioned occasion. Until the year 1816 the Criminal jurisdiction of the Rajah extended as far as Gillumnak. Appas Choultry south of Vunnar, where a native from Simenolly resided in a place called Chokapoor Mandapum in Carulatanguddi; where he was robbed of his property, and finding no justice from the Rajahs Cutwal, he complained to the Resident, who desired the Rajah to restore him his property in pursuance of the provisions of an agreement entered into by the Rajah with the Cutwal. The Rajah denied of his having entered into such an agreement with the Cutwal. On this I adopted measures, and got a Copy of the Document on the subject, and produced the same to the Resident, who reproved the Rajahs authorities, and got back the injured party his property. On this the Rajah feared and relinquished his Police jurisdiction beyond Vadavar, whereupon the Criminal Jurisdiction lapsed into the hands of Government Officers. A reference to the Records of the time will prove the fact of this statement also. —

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In 1817, I found that a Sum of Rupees 21000 which had been many years ago advanced to the late Rajah's Agent at Madras had not been charged to His Highness, and pointed out the mistake to the Resident, who on communicating with the then Accountant General Mr. Garrow, found my information to be correct, but at the instance of the latter Gentleman allowed him to bring it forward himself, and the Rajah having acknowledged the receipt of the amount, it was charged in 1817/18 as will be seen from the Residency Records of that year. —

In the same year when Sir Thomas Munro was deputed as Commissioner to enquire into the conduct of the revenue Officers, and the financial state of southern India, I afforded him every information which he required in connection with the District of Tanjore during his stay at the Residency for about 20 days, and sent for the Rajah's principal Officers, and the principal Merasidars of this District, with whom he desired to speak on the subject of his Commission.

In 1818, the mother of General Blackburne having

taken by an Officer of his highest Court from two
persons resident in the house of the Banker, which was
just the reverse of what they had deposed and meant
to establish, that the substitutions for valuables as
stated above was effected by the Banker himself,
some time before he had left Tanjore. The Banker
however having lodged his complaints to the Resident
against this abuse of authority, I was appointed for the
duty of investigating into the matter, and to come to the
bottom of the truth. When I was performing this duty,
it appeared to the Rajah that through the impartial
and correct way of my proceeding in the matter, truth
was likely to come out, and that the conviction of this
highest Judicial Officer, would be inevitable, he offered
me a sound handsome Sum for my hushing up the
matter, such as would have made me an independant
Citizen throughout my life. I did not allow myself
to be corrupted, but pursued a straight forward
career throughout the whole enquiry on which I was
employed inspite of every seduction and threats of the
then Rajah, thus maintaining my fidelity to the
President and the British Government against such
a forcible temptation. The result of it having

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having been ill in England, the Gentleman intended
to leave India, and it was arranged between him
and Mr. Powney, that the latter should succeed him
as the Resident. But the discovery of a plot on the
part of the then Rajah for my destruction induced
the General to revoke his intention to retire from the
Service for a longer time, 5 years. I beg to state the
train of circumstances which led to the above plot
as follows. A native Banker and a British sub-
ject named Aununtyah who had his property at
Tanjore had a complaint against the Rajah.—
During Aununtiah's absence from Tanjore, the Rajah
from his ill will to him caused the seizure of
his property in an Extra Judicial manner in a
execution of a Civil Decision passed against
him, but it having been found during the seizure
that the purses seized contained in lieu of the
valuables set forth in the invoice, some solid things
not valuable but like mock articles, and there
being reason for the apprehension that the Ban-
ker would lay the circumstance to the Rajah's
charge, the Rajah caused a declaration to be

taken

been the conviction of the guilty parties. The Rajah's resentment against me consequent on these events was so great, that he opened a Certain negotiation with Mr. Downey who was to succeed the General in the Residency with a view to my being removed and injured in every other way immediately after the General's Departure. Intelligence of the above negotiation however having been received by the General, he determined for the safety of myself and my family and for protecting me against the Rajah's intrigues and malice to post-pone his retirement for 5 years, and he placed for a period of a few Months or until the Rajah's resentment which gave itself vent in threats against my life & privates of the Company's Regiments as a body guard over me. - All this will appear from the Records of the Residency and the letter marginally noted. -

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I beg to state that at the recommendation × of General Blackburne, I was appointed in 1821 by Mr. Cotton the then Collector of Tanjore as the Dewastanum Sheristadar or Madhist in his Cutcherry, but continued during the whole time that I was employed under him to discharge not only the duties of the

× No 2 in D. 5th June 1821 with its enclosure in D.

Office above mentioned, but also the duties relating to the offices of Naib Sheristadar and the Huzoor Cash Keeper. I was during the above period also employed in investigating into Petitions or Complaints against revenue Servants charging them with practices of Malversation. But the combinations against me in the Collectors' Cutcherry soon became so strong that my situation became disagreeable to me; and I resigned my Office at the Collectorate; and rejoined the Resident with credit to myself as will be seen from the correspondence marginally given, and from

× No 3 in D. 24th June 1822 & 4th July 1822

⊗ No 5 in D. 12th July 1822

a Copy of a letter from General Blackburne to the then Governor Sir Thomas Munro in which the former Officer bears full testimoney to my character for integrity. -

I was appointed in 1822 to superintend the affairs of the late Pretaupsinggee at Madhar as June which the then Resident wished to place on a better footing. - In the discharge of this important duty, I gave him good satisfaction by checking every tendency to excess expenditure, and by guarding

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against every deviation from the arrangements he had made as will be seen from the Presidents report to Government dated the 5th December 1822 Paras 13 and 14, though I derived no remuneration whatever either from the Government or Pretanpsingjee to cover the heavy expenses to which my removal with my family to so distant a place as Madhiarjun for about 5 Months subjected me.- I would observe I was then on the receipt of a small salary and exposed to several temptations, which I however resisted from my attachment to my employers.-

I next rendered my Services in the Secret Department at the end of 1822 in the enquiry against Surgeon B. Macclod, the importance of which was acknowledged by Government granting me a reward of Rupees 2000 for the great troubles I took and the expense I incurred in their performance. The result of the above enquiry which ended in 1823, gave the Governor to understand that Surgeon B. Macclod who had been directed to attend on the Rajah on his return from Bamares had been giving evil councils to His Highness with

with a view to his being made the President, sent him back to Lucknow, but that Gentleman still persisted in carrying on a clandestine correspondence with the Rajah through some of the Company's Officers who were there upon sent up to distant Provinces. In accordance to the orders of Sir Thomas Munro who wished to know all the particulars transactions in relation to this matter, I accompanied the President in March 1823 to Madras, where I waited upon the Governor at Guindi Park and gave a satisfactory account of the transaction he wished to be made acquainted with.-

In 1826 when the Governor Sir Thomas Munro visited Tanjore, I was required by Colonel Carefree his private Secretary to attend on the Governor with Captain Tyffe the then President at Shcally, where I was questioned on several points connected with the conduct of the Revenue Servants and the state of the District, and gave him all the information to the best of my knowledge which satisfied him, I was on this occasion offered the vacant Head Sheristadar Ship of Tanjore on

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a salary of only 80 Pagodas which was vacated at Tri-
valungad, but I refused to accept it unless I had
the salary of 200 Pagodas which was at the time drawn
by Head Sheristadar. I however attended the Gover-
nor at Tanjore, Poodoocottah, and Trichinopoly and
did all the Services that were required of me
until he left for the Hills.

Since the appointment of General
Blackburne as the Resident in 1800, it was
his object to discontinue the long standing practice
of the exchange of Complimentary presents between
the Rajah and the Government Officers on public
occasions, but all his attempts in the matter met
with no success. On the arrival at the Station of
the Government Gazettee under date the 25th Sep-
tember 1817 containing an Extract of the act of
Parliament prohibiting the receipts of presents
from the Native Princes of India, he embraced
the opportunity of renewing the attempts which he
had frequently made to induce the Rajah to acquiese
in the discontinuance of the practice, to which the
Rajah did not consent as a degradation to his
exalted rank and dignity.

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When the Governor paid a visit to the
Rajah in August 1826, he was presented by him with
an Elephant, a Silver Howdah, and a Horse
with golden embroidered Saddle &c., besides breast
plates Khillats and Shawls to the value of a large
amount; and the Governor also made in return pre-
sents of the same value to the Rajah and his Son.

The Government at the time considering
this practice to be of much inconvenience and
vain expense to both parties directed me to try my
best to induce the Rajah, and his Minister to
acquiese in his opinion on the subject, without
hurting the Rajah's feelings. I prevailed upon
them, who were then favorable to me by the recom-
mendation of General Blackburne to prohibit
the practice of the distribution of reciprocal presents
on all other occasions except on the last day of
Dasara and the public visits of the Governor as
a mark of honor due to a sovereign of the Country
at the sacrifice of my income of 1000 Rupees a year,
which I was receiving on account of the presents
with a view merely to procure the favor of

Government

× In Enclosure C.
From the Rajah to the Resident 30th January/23
C. 31st
From the Resident to the Rajah 31st

Government by my faithful and meritorious
Service in the matter. All this may be seen in
detail from the Records of the Residency and the
Marginal letter.—

In 1827, when Commissioners were
appointed to enquire into the debts of the former
Rajah Amersing, and pay them off; it was appre-
hended that there were many Bonds that were not
genuine or such as had the greator part of their
amount discharged by the Rajah himself, and in
order to obtain correct information on these points
and prevent fraud being practiced by the holders
of the Bonds which would have occasioned
much unnecessary expense to Government, the
Records of the Rajah's Dufter were ordered to be
examined and correct statement of the debts in
question to be furnished; I took all possible
means to obtain it from the Rajah's Dufter,
and was also required to accompany to Madras
with some of the Rajah's Accounts, which the
Commissioner wished personally to examine.—
The Commissioners having admitted certain claims

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the Bonds on which they were founded were under
orders of Government referred to the Residency here,
for verification. But on a due investigation of the
Accounts connected with the same, it was found that
nothing was due on some of the Bonds and that very
small portion of the amount claimed was due on
others.— Shedules were accordingly prepared, and
forwarded with necessary explanation. The Com-
missioner being thus disappointed took offence with
the Resident and complained against him to
Government. On the departure of Captain Tyfe the
the Resident to England, Mr. Paquier who was
subsequently involved in certain difficulties came
to Tanjore in 1832, with a view to rescue himself
by the assistance of Captain Douglas. He was
then absent, and I was out of employ. He sent for
me and required my assistance in view to the
admission of certain fictitious claims in opposition
to the interest of Government assuring me that
I shall be well rewarded for my services, and that
he will also get me reemployed in my former
Post through the influence he had with some
officers

Officers of high rank in the Presidency. I pro-
tively refused him being conscious that I was a
Servant of Government and had eaten their salt for
more than 24 years.—

In 1830, when the Right Honorable
Lushington paid a visit to Tanjore, I attended and
served him to his satisfaction until he proceeded
from Trichinopoly to the Hills.—

In March 1832, when the Rajah Serfoji
was very ill, he wished that his wife the present
Annasahib and his Concubines with the exception
of a few ladies who were pregnant at the time
should commit Suttee with his corpse, and requested
me and the Sirkale to keep it very privately,
lest if it should be known to Government they
would prevent it; but as I have never as yet
acted clandestinely towards Government,
I immediately informed the Rajah's wishes to
Mr. Blackburne the then Resident, who brought
the same to the notice of Government privately,
and received instructions that the contemplated
Suttee should be prevented by all possible means
in peril of succession to the Raja and the

Resident accordingly on the death of the Rajah
his widow and some of the ladies of his Seraglio
were resolved to immolate themselves with his body as it had been
arranged by him before his death, when I was
directed by the Resident and the Rajah to prevail
upon the ladies to desist from such an unnatural
proceeding, and I must acknowledge that Annu-
Sahib gave in without much trouble in order to
secure succession for her Son, but the other ladies
were so obstinately determined to carry out the
Rajah's wishes, that I was obliged to enter the
room forcibly, where no access is allowed to other
people, where the body was laid with 30 women,
and secure and remove the ladies to a seperate
room until the funeral rites were performed, and
be a guard over them personally for a fort night
until their perturbed spirits were assuaged, the
details of which will be known on a reference
to the 6th Para of a letter from the Resident to
Government under date the 9th March 1832 and
the 12th Para of the Order of the Court of Direc-
tors on the subject dated 11th October 1833.—

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Though I did not receive any salary as a paid Servant from 1833 to 41 — yet I was engaged during the interval without being employed any where else in enquiring into the affairs of the Palace, which were at the time conducted in a very improper and unjust manner, and gave all the necessary information to the Residents and the Magistrates as often as they were required of me, and also rendered assistance to them as far as it was in my powers.

This my statement will be seen more particularly from Mr. Flinders ley's report to Government and a letter to my address from Sir H. C. Montgomery Bart dated 31st March 1857 which is one of the enclosures of the correspondence marked B. Mr. Bayley, who was appointed as Acting Resident in April 1841, finding himself unable to learn the true state of Durbar affairs to bring them into order either from the Servants of his Office or those of the Palace, required my assistance; which I have thoroughly given

29th June 1841

given to his satisfaction from May to the end of the year, without any hopes or hints of future reward and remuneration; and this will be perceived from Mr. Flinders leys report above alluded to, in which he has stated that Mr. Bayley informed him that he was indebted to me for all the correct information and intelligent assistance and from the two letters from Mr Bayley to my address, which are the enclosures of B and

25th June 1857
8th June 1842

C. — On the 5th January 1842, I was appointed as Special Sheristadar and in November of the year, was confirmed in the Residents Office as Sheristadar. The various Services and assistance I have done at the time will be perceived from the enclosed correspondence marked B. C. and D, the Copies of reports to and orders from Government. —

A similar reference to Mr. — Bishop's Report as well as to some others of subsequent dates will show his opinion — about

about my character and Service from 1843
to 1844.—

During the period from 1844 to 47 I have rendered many important and useful Services to Government. Though the Rajah acknowledged the expenses of the erection of bridges across the Cavary and Codamoorty Rivers, yet he was quite unwilling to allow a way to be cut to the bridges thro' his gardens; but I prevailed upon him in accordance to the desire of the President to give his sanction for the same with the assistance of my friends. The Rajah was not less unwilling about the erection of the Hospital for which also, I obtained his consent with much difficulty. When the family debts were discharged, I used my best to furnish correct Accounts and information in the matter. Considering my present and past faithful and meritorious Services, and my own claims to the consideration of Government, Sir. H. C. Montgomery Bt. has

has not only communicated to me his opinion
of my conduct and Services, but also placed his views
of them on the Records of Government, which will
be perceived from the letters of the most respecta-
ble Gentlemen of the Government. Marked B.-

From 1848 the reports of Mr. Forbes and
Cherry to Government and their orders thereon
are too obvious to require any information about
the nature of my Services which I have done at
the risk of my life and fortune on account of
the Raj, previous and after the demise of
the late Rajah.-

I have not given a more particular state-
ment in the matter as it will be tedious for
inspection and as all particulars may be
known from the enclosed correspondence appre-
ciating my loyality and fedelity towards Go-
vernment for the period of more than half
a Century.- /Singned/ Vencat Row-

Tanjore -
12th May 1858 } /True Copy/ V.R.

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To

W. M. Cadell Esquire

Government Agent at

Tanjore

Sir,

I beg most respectfully to submit that
I and my Ancestors have served the Government for a
period of 61 years, of which I have served upwards of
51 years, having entered into the Service in 1809. Of this
I have been about 15 Months in the Revenue and about —
50 years in the Political Departments. During this long
period I had the honor to serve about 30 Officers, all of
whom did me the honor to treat me kindly and favored
me with testimonials of their opinion of me except two.—
Wile on my part; I have discharged my duties faithfully
and punctually and behaved to the entire satisfaction
of my superiors, as the accompanying Copies of Testimoni-
als marked. A. B. C. and D. will, I trust support
the fact of this statement.—

You are well aware that the appointment
I held was one open to much temptation, but as I was
too sensible of my position and wishing to maintain
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my honest earned character, I am happy to say that I withstood all, and during the long period of my Service I have in no single instance given cause of complaint — the circumstance of my life and property having been at stake at different intervals in the course of rendering my Services faithfully and zealously to my employers, is so well known to Government, that I need not trouble you to peruse, unless for your own information, the above mentioned Copies of Testimonials, all of which more or less upheld me for my meritorious Services to Government.—

My Ancestors have served the late Rajah of Tanjore for upwards of a Century with honor and distinction and I would have also remained in the same Service, but when General Blackburne was appointed in 1800 as Resident, My Uncle, was compelled to take appointment under him, which successively devolved on me.— In holding this Service I was often offered high appointments and emoluments to betray the trust reposed in me by Government; but notwithstanding every attempt on the part of factious parties I withstood firmly and gratefully to my Office. The Copies of Testimonials above —

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referred to will bear testimony also to this statement.

After such a long tedious and faithful Service, it has been my anxiety to spend the remaining portion of my life in the Service of Government in peace and tranquility as long as my faculties permitted me, but as I was informed that the time had now come when the duties of my Office must cease, and that my Services were no longer required by Government I was compelled to resign my appointment forthwith in order to meet the wishes of my Superiors.—

As I have served the Government for such a long period and rendered them important Services during this tenure of my Office, I beg respectfully to solicit that you will be pleased in consideration of my long and faithful services to obtain the Sanction of Government to grant me full pension together with the Palanquin allowance during my life, and to my family half pension after my decease, as Government has so liberally granted to Shashagiery Rao late Head Sheristadar of Trichinopoly, Rungacharoolu Head Sheristadar of

[illegible] Head [illegible]
[illegible] Superintendent [illegible] Public Officials who
[illegible] Government [illegible] Services to the

Tanjore
9th May 1860

[illegible] the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient and
Humble Servant
(Signed) Venkat Row

True Copy
H.R.

In a letter No 278
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List of Services of R. Venkat Row Serestadar the Government Agents Office at Tanjore.

Employment	Date	Monthly Pay Rs.	a	p	Period of service Rs Years	a m	p d
Maratah writer in the Residency office at Tanjore	From June 1814 to June 1821.	42	..	..	7	1	..
Devestanam Madhist in the Tanjore Collectors office	" July 1821 to June 1822	105	..	..	1	..	..
Maratah writer in the Residency office at Tanjore	" July to December 1822	42	..	..	..	6	..
Head Serestadar in do office	" July 1823 to March 1831.	42	..	..	8	3	..
Dº ——— Dº ———	" April 1831 to 15th Sept 1832	59	8	..	1	5	15
Special Serestadar under Mr N.W. Kindersley appointed on Special duty at Tanjore	" January to Sept 1842.	100	..	..	..	9	..
Serestadar of the Residency & latterly of the Government Agency at Tanjore	" October 1842 to February 1860	175	..	..	17	5	..
					36	5	15

N.B. Venkat Row resigned his appointment as Head Serestadar of the Residency Office on the 15th September 1832 and was under the sanction of Government dated 4th January 1842 No 13 Political Department re-appointed as Special Serestadar under Mr N.W. Kindersley employed on Special duty. Thus he remained without employ for a period of 9 years 3½ Months. On 11th March 1859. Venkat Row obtained leave of absence on private affairs for 2 Months under See VII of the uncovenanted Service Absentee rules but returned to duty on 23d April. Beyond this however there is nothing on the records to shew how long he was absent from duty in the course of his public service.

(Signed) W. M. Cadell
Govt Agent

9th June 1860
Vellore

True copy
W. M. Cadell
Govt Agent

In a Letter No 278

Coll. Bo-D
N°-574

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

1 Name of the Pensioner by whom Pension is applied for, with the name of his father	2 Pay On the Establishment	3 Identification of Application	Size: 4 Feet	Size: 5 Inches	Age of applicant at the time of application: 6 Years	7 Months	8 Days	Where residing: 9 Religion Caste or Tribe	10 Province	11 Taluq	12 Village	Total period of Service: 13 Present employment	14 years	15 Months
P Venkat Row son of Appaji	1	Dark Color middle size Slender	5	4	66	"	"	Siva - Maharatta Brahmin	Tanjore	Trimbi	Tott	Caretaker	36	5

16 Application and Service considered or not	17 How long employed under what Circumstances	18 Date of application to Government	19 Average salary or emoluments allowances for the 3 years preceding the date of application.	20 Salary or emoluments at the time of application.	21 Nature of the grounds of application	22 Remarks by the Head of Office.	23 Proposed amount of Pension per mensem and date from which to commence.	24 Security at which the party of pension is worked to draw his pension.	25 Orders of Government
Post Conductor	9 years 8 Months and 15 days. Vide Rule 10 Para 2 of the Rules for admission as Head Constables of the Police dated the 15th September 1832 and was under the Dept of Government dated 4th January 1842 No 13 Para 2 re-appointed Special Constable under Mr Steinbach on Special duty. The circumstances connected with his resignation are explained in Gentleman's letters of the 24th December 1842 and 3rd March 1843.	1st March 1860	1/5 Rupees 25 Rupees.	1/5 Rupees 25 Rupees.	Old age and unnecessary infirmities	Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.	Rupees 200 to commence from 1st March 1860.	Tanjore Government Agents Office	Tanjore Government Agents Office

9th June 1860.
Vallam

* This is to certify that the age of this applicant as set forth, appears to be correct.
/Signed/ W. M. Cadell
Govt Agent

/Signed/ W. M. Cadell
Govt Agent

/True copy/

W. M. Cadell
Govt Agent

In a letter No 278.

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In a letter

Pols Bx D
No 574

Political Dept.

No. 203.

Tanjore Government Agent's Office
Vallam 9th June 1860

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From

W. H. Caldell Esquire
Government Agent, Tanjore

To

J. Lyeroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

1 I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, an application from Venkat Rau, the late Sheristadar of the Government Agency's Office, together with the accompanying copies of Papers as noted at foot.

2 Venkat Rau's character and services are so well known, that I feel it is unnecessary for me to add any thing to what has already been placed on record by my predecessors and which services have already been specially recognised by Government. In submitting, therefore, his application for Pension,

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Referred to the Civil Auditor for the usual verification. and Early return.

Fort Saint George, 17 June 1860. } A. Nathan Depy. Secy. to Government.

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To

The Civil Auditor. Recd 17/6/60 -

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No. 166. Genl. Dept.

Report of the Civil Auditor

The Civil Auditor has the honor to report, that the Services of Venkut Rao, the late Head Sheristadar of the Govt. Agency Office at Tanjore, extend over a period of 36 years 5 months & 15 days; viz: from 1st June 1814, to 15th September 1850 & from 1st January 1842 to 29th February 1860, and that his Salary for the last five years of his service was Rupees 175 - - per Mensem. He is entitled to a Gratuity under the new rules.

The applicant was out of employ for 9 years 3 months & 15 days; viz: from 16th September 1832 to 31st December 1841 having resigned his appointment.

Civil Auditor.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Civil Pension Depart.

Fort Saint George
Civil Auditor's Office
19th June 1860.

Public Department.

Memorandum

The undersigned has the honor to request the Government Agent at Tanjore will be good enough to forward copies of another set of the 8 Enclosures of his letter dated 9th June 1860 No. 203 on the subject of Venkat Row's pension - the set received having been dispatched to the Right Honble the Secretary of State for India -

Fort St. George,
23rd July 1860 -

K. D.
Dy. Secry to Govt.

To
The Government Agent
Tanjore

Dy. Secretariat
Public 1860.
No. 290

From
The Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government

Dated 19th
Rec'd 28th June 1860

Ans. 1861
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Requesting the Secretary
Venkat Row's pension
from the
Enclosures to
Government under the Rev. Regn.

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Tanjore Govt Agents Offce
Vallam 7th August 1860

No 278.

From

W. M. Cadell Esquire
Government Agent Tanjore

To

F. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

As requested in the official Memo of the Deputy Secretary to Government dated the 23rd ultimo No 276. I have the honor herewith to forward a set of Copies of the 8 enclosures which accompanied my letter of the 9th June last No 203.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

W. M. Cadell
Government Agent

a period of 36 years

Public Dept.

Separate

Pres: of the Madras Govt
Read the following

Read letter dated 9th June
1860. from the Govt Agent
at Tanjore -

Read report of the Civil
Auditor dated 19th June 1860.

Order thereon dated 9th July 1860 - No 208.

1. With his letter
above recorded the
Govt Agent at Tan-
-jore submits for
favorable consider-
-tion an application
for superannuation pension
from Venkata Rán the
Residency Sarishtadár.

2. The valuable
services rendered by
Venkata Rán during
a period of 36 years

Public Dept
No 208
1860

From
The Government Agent
Tanjore

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St David

Dated 9th July 1860
Received 16th August 1860
No 278

Ans: 8

No 574.

Submits copies of certain
letters called for in the Memo
of the Dt Secretary to Govt
dated 23rd July 1860 No 276.

have been repeatedly brought to notice by the Resident Commissioner at Tanjore. His uprightness, his ~~admirable~~ judgment and his ~~inflexible~~ constant zeal in the interest of the Govt have ever been conspicuous. The enclosures sent up with his application contain Extracts from public records & from private letters addressed to him at various times by the Members of Govt and other Officers of high standing, all of which afford satisfying evidence of the estimation in

which he has ever been held -

3. Sprung from a family whose Members were high in the service, & in the confidence of the old Rajahs of Tanjore, and viewing, as he must have done, the extinction of the Raj with sorrow & regret, he never permitted his feelings & his recollections to detain him from devoting his energies to carrying out the policy of the Govt. In 1857, in recognition of his long tried service and more particularly of

the valuable aid he afforded in the difficult & delicate matter which required attention after the Rájah's death, the Sadr presented him with an honorary palankin, & a palankin allowance of Rs 25 p. m.

4. Considering, as they do, that some special mark of approbation should be conferred upon this old servant whose failing health compels to retire from active life, the Sadr resolve to forward his application together with its enclosures to the Same Sadr and to recommend that his full salary and the palankin allowance of Rs 25 p. m. be specially granted to him & continued to him for the rest of his life-time to Venkata Rám his son & family after his death. orders requested.

To Collr & Agent of Tanjore 9/7/60
Civil Auditor 9/7/60 JP. L. T.
Fin. dept — 9/7/60.
Audd. Treld. 11th 7/60.

I do not think that Govt would be angry at asking for it — and there seems no pension system always seemed to me bad in principle. They make retirement an idle and worthless JP

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No. 208

Rec'd by the Madras Govt

Dated 9 July 1860.

Under the circumstances represented, resolving to forward the application together with its enclosures submitted by Venkata Row late Residency Sheristadar at Tanjore to the Home Government.

P.W. 11/61

Under Secretary

Fin. Dept. Ltr. to Engd. 20th July 2d. 18 of 1860.