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Extract from the Proceedings of the Southern Provincial
Court of Appeal, under date the 27th November 1835.

Minute of the 1st Judge

The 1st Judge being temporarily
to quit the Southern Provincial Court feels cal-
-led upon to put on the record the expression of the
sense he entertains of the nature & Officers of the
Court, who have since he has presided in it,
conducted themselves quite to his satisfaction.
The character of the Sheristadar Narsing
Rao is well known to those gentlemen who
preceded the 1st Judge, and any thing that can
now be said would be superfluous. The
Deputy Sheristadar Mr. John Gordon, has
proved himself to be most useful, able and
industrious, and while he has been perform-
-ing all the duties of the Register has mate-
-rially lightened those of the Judges - it is with
regret that the 1st Judge leaves the Court with-
-out seeing him remunerated in the manner
his services and his ability entitle him to.

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(Signed) Geo. Garro.
1st Judge

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Southern Provin-
-cial Court of Appeal, under date the 7th February 1843.

Minute of the 1st Judge.

A Letter from the Court of
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Sud and Indary Usul of date the 17th
January 1843, directing the Provincial Court,
Southern Division to call on all Candidates
for the Office of Principal Sud Ameen under
the new judicial arrangements to come forward
and produce their testimonials and then, after
a careful examination of their various claims,
forward, with the Court's opinion the names of
the six Candidates who may appear most
eligible, having been brought to the notice of
the 1st Judge now on Circuit, and he being
desirous of adding to the testimonials pos-
sessed by Mr. John Gordon Sheristadar of
the Court, requests that a minute may be
entered on the records of the Court, expres-
sing of the high sense he entertains of that
Officer's merits after an experience of them
of ten years - He feels satisfied that for
talent, zeal, integrity and intimate acquaint-
ance with the regulations and Circular Orders
it will be difficult to find his Superior, &
he confidently gives him his recommendation
as a man eminently fitted for the office he
aims at.

Madura
3rd Feb 1843.

(Signed) Wm. Harrington
1st Judge

Minute of the 3rd Judge

I have great pleasure in

being able to add my testimony to that of
other Judges of the Provincial Court to the
able and efficient manner in which Mr.
Gordon has conducted the duties of his Office,
as well as those of the Register, which have
in a great measure devolved to him. My
own service in the Provincial Court has been
short, but I am of opinion that Mr. Gordon
is the fittest person I am acquainted with
among the Subordinates of the several
Courts in which I have served for the office
of Principal Sud Ameen, both as re-
gards ability, industry and integrity of
character.

February 3rd 1843.

(Signed) W. A. Pearce
3rd Judge.

(True Copies)

J. R. Pappert
2nd Judge for Reg.

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I have known the bearer
Mr. John Gordon since 1823, when
he served under me as English
Writer in the Zillah Court of Bellah.
I was so much pleased
with his conduct that I persuaded
him to accompany me to Trichi-
nopoly and afterwards to Calcutta,
in the butcherries of both of which
Collectorates he held the Office
of Deputy Accountant. In my
appointment to the Provincial
Court in the Southern Division
he returned with me to Trichin-
opoly, not finding the climate
of the Western Coast to agree
with his constitution.

From the beginning of 1831
he served as Deputy Sheristadar
of the Provincial Court and since
my retiring from the Court he

Enclosure No 4

See a letter from

the same charged

Trichinopoly dated

15th July 1841.

Copies of every Order
passed by the Judges
of the Late Provincial
Court Southern Division

has been promoted by the Judges
to the Office of Sheristadar..

I have had ample opportunity for becoming thoroughly acquainted with the character of Mr. John Gordon and know that his principles and integrity are of the first order. As a man of business he is very superior, being exceedingly intelligent, zealous and steady..

He is particularly excellent as an Accountant. It affords me the highest gratification to record the high opinion I entertain of this worthy Public Servant, confident as I feel that all of the Judges of the Court under whom he has served would concur in declaring that I have not in any way overrated his deserts. I feel confident

that he would shine in any appointment under the Government to which he might be nominated and it would be highly gratifying to me to find him hereafter obtaining promotion..

Signed / H. Dickinson
Late 1st Judge P. C. S. D.

Madras 2nd May 1840.

True Copy

H. Dickinson
Civil Judge

Yours

May 14

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Mr. J. P. Harris Esquire
Circuit Judge of
Michigan

Alm.

I have the honor under the
Government's Notification of the 21st July
1854, to submit my application for a
retiring pension after a service of 35 years,
and request you will be pleased, if you
see reason to consider me worthy of
the indulgence, to forward it with your
favorable recommendation to Government,
for their kind consideration and orders.

2. ----- The various official criticisms
thereon have been as follows.

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|--|--------|
| 1. Principal English writer in the Zillah Court of Bellora from 1 st January 1822 to 4 th October 1826 | 1-3-4 |
| 2. English writer in the Magistrate's Office at Trichinopoly from 1 st November 1826 to 30 th April 1827 | "-6-" |
| 3. Deputy Accountant in the Collectors Office at Trichinopoly from 1 st May 1827 to 16 th December 1828 | 1-7-16 |
| 4. Deputy Accountant in the Collectors Office at Mangalore from 13 th January 1829 to 2 nd April 1831 | 2-2-21 |
| 5. Extra English Writer in the Southern Provincial Court from 1 st June to 31 st Decr 1831 | "-7-" |
| | 9-5-14 |

9-5-14

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Bellevue No 3

See a letter from
the Civil War
of the month of
dated 15th July 1867.

Copy of a Certificate
granted to Mrs Gordon
by Mrs Stephenson

Y. M. S.
9-5-14

6. Assistant Translator in the Southern Provincial Court from 1st Jan'y 1832 to 21st June 1833 } 1-5-21.
 7. Deputy Sheristadar in do from 22nd June 1833 to 21st October 1839 } 6-5--"
 8. Head Sheristadar in do from 22nd October 1839 to 15th Sept 1843 } 3-9-23.
 9. Sheristadar in the Special Commissioner's Court from 16th Sept 1843 to 23rd April 1844 } --7-7.
 10. District Munsif of Coimbatore in Trichinopoly from 24th April 1844 to 3rd March 1845 } --10-9.
 11. Sadr Munsif of Coimbatore from 4th March 1845 to 17th July 1847 } 2-4-15.
 12. Principal Sadr Munsif of Trichinopoly from 18th July 1847 to 31st July 1861 } 14--12.
- 39--11.

Deduct.

- Period of Service in item 1, as not supported by the Records of the Zillah Court at Kallore } Y. M. S. 3-2-7.
- Period of Service in item 5, as not allowed by the Pension Rules to Cambridge } --6--
- 3-8-7.
- Total Period of Service 35-4-4.

3----- My period of actual Service as shown above, is 35 years and 4 months. But on the principle of allowing 15 years' Service of a Native Judge to count as 20 years, the last 17 years of my Service being that

that of a Native Judge, will be reckoned as 22 years, and the period of my Service will thus be raised to 40 years and 4 months.

4----- There are three interruptions in the period of my Service, which occur under circumstances, which will show that they ought not to be allowed to operate to my prejudice. The first interruption occurred when the Zillah Judge under whom I served in Kallore, the late Honorable Mr. Dickinson, desired that I would accompany him to Trichinopoly, whither he was going to take up his appointment as Collector, and the period occupied by me in travelling with him from Kallore to Trichinopoly is precisely the period for which I was without employ. The second interruption occurred when the same gentleman took me to Tanjore, when he was made Principal Collector of that District, and the period of my travelling was the period in which I was without employ. The third interruption was caused by my being obliged to leave the Western Coast, as the climate did not agree with my constitution, and the period I was then without employ was 9 months, but under the orders of Government of the 27th November 1855, Para. 3, this last gap in my Service, as it does not exceed 12 months, does not prevent my counting the previous period.

5----- In support of the foregoing explanation, I beg to submit the Original Certificate of the gentleman

Refused.

referred to.

Michiganopolis
Pimpla not Anna (ant)
12th July 1861.

Have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most obedt servt
J. Gordon
Pimpla not Anna

Enclosure No. 1

From
The Pimpla not Anna
Michiganopolis
To the Pimpla not Anna
Michiganopolis

Delivered 12th July 1861
Pimpla

No. 11
Enclosure
Pimpla

Substantially applied
-how far previous and
regarding to forward
it with the Pimpla not Anna
to General and for their
reference.

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John Gordon
his father's name
being the same.

J. Gordon
Pamph. Sa

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Enclosure No. 2.

In a letter from the
Civil Judge of Trichinopoly,
dated 15th July
1861

Register of an Application
for Pension

Trichinopoly Civil and Session Court ¹⁵ 15 July 1861
No 202

From

J. J. P. Harris Esquire

Civil and Session Judge of
Trichinopoly

To

J. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward
an Application from Mr Gordon the
Principal Sadr Amil of Trichinopoly
soliciting that he may be permitted to
retire on a Pension after a long and
faithful service by him extending over
a period of upwards of 35 Years.

2. It is superfluous for me
to dwell upon the merits of Mr Gordon
as an able, upright, and intelligent
Judicial Officer, the records of the Court
bear ample evidence to his qualifications,
since I have presided here as Civil &
Session Judge, now upwards of 8 Years,
Mr

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Mr Gordon has during all that time conducted
the duties of his Office in a manner
entirely to my satisfaction, and I have
little doubt his request will meet with
the favorable Consideration of Government.

3 Copy of Mr Dickinson's Certificate
alluded to by the Hon^{ble} Secy in the
last para of his Application is herewith
submitted, as also copies of Three
Diary Orders passed by the Judges of the
late Provincial Court Southern Division.

Trichinopoly
Civil & Session Judge
15 July 1861.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant.

A. Harris.

Civil & Session Judge

To
J. Percott Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Pension Department

Proceedings of the Land Commission

Read letter from the Civil Judge
of Pichincha

Here entered 15th July 1861

Order thereon
22 August 1861 No. 292

Resolved that this
letter with its enclosure
be forwarded to the
Judges of the Land Court
for their opinion and
Report. - The present
- cannot consider that
this application should

To
Pension

1861.

Department

From

Mr. [Signature]

To

The Civil Pay Master

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Dated

Received

12th August

1861.

No. 318

Enclosures

No.

Verifies the service of Mr. J. G. [Signature]

late Principal Clerk of the Court

and reports that he is entitled to a pension

of half his salary.

18th July 1861 No. 292

James C. [unclear]

have been transmitted
in the 1st instance
by the Civil Judge through
the Judge of the Court

W. L. W.

L. S.

To the Judges of the Court. Dec. 22/8
with letter & enclosures.

To the Civil Judge of [unclear] Dec. 22/8.

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James C. [unclear]
[unclear]

For 18th Dec 1842

1842

Receipt of Cash

Oct 22 Aug 5 1841.

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