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To,

N. R. Pogson Esquire. F.R.A.S.
Government Astronomer

1862

Honored Sir,

With every sentiment of high respect and submission, I beg leave to address the following few lines for your favourable consideration yet not without hope of being pardoned for the liberty of my intruding on your precious moments and of the prayer herein conveyed being kindly complied with.-

2. Including my service of 2 years as Supernumarary Assistant I have served in the Madras Observatory (in the Superior Scientific Department) in India for upwards of 30 years during which period I have continued to discharge the onerous and responsible duties entrusted to me with due care and diligence to the entire satisfaction of my honorable employers. I have been doing the duties of the Head Assistant

for

for the last 16 years on the receipt of the reduced salary of Rupees 70 per month whereas the monthly payment of my predecessors was Rupees 122-8-- and Rs 87-8-- As you are fully aware of the details of the work and the difficulties that attend it, it is here unnecessary for me to enter into them.-

3. I would however most respectfully request you to bring to the favorable notice of the Government all the hardships and fatigue I have endured in doing the work which has broken down my constitution and tended much to injure my health.-

4. Allow me Honored Sir, to bring to your benign notice that Government Astronomers Professors of the Presidency College and those employed in the Judicial Medical and Electric Telegraphic Departments are allowed the indulgence of retiring on Pension after 15 and 20 years services and Mr. Taylor the former Astronomer had been so generous as to express his promise

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to make use of his best influence with the Government in obtaining for us the benefit of the same privilege that is to retire after a period of 15 and 20 years' service on a pension 1/3d & 1/2 respectively I am sorry to say that this gentleman was obliged to leave India unexpectedly on account of his bad health before accomplishing his object.-

5 Being no longer capable of undertaking nocturnal duties with required efficiency in consequence of my present ill health caused by an accident some time ago, I most respectfully request your goodness will be pleased to have compassion on me in bringing my case to the favorable notice of Government recommending it as a special one deserving of their favorable consideration and to obtain for me the benefit of full pension as was granted in the case of M. Sreenivassa Charry formerly the Head Assistant of this Observatory, In the case of Sreenivassa Charrier the Government had been generous to grant him not only the full pension

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in 1830, with a reward of 700 Rs. worth of Palankeen and a monthly allowance of Rs 70 to keep it up but also a liberal boon in the shape of a dwelling house built in 1819 at considerable expense in a desirable locality. This singular privilege had been bestowed upon him when Astronomical Observations were not carried on to such an extended scale as has been since the time of late Mr. Taylor I am sure that you are fully aware of the fact that the published results of our Observations have been highly appreciated by the Royal Astronomical Society and eminent Astronomers in England = a written approval was also published in Scientific Prints to the effect, I humbly believe, that the Madras 6th Volume of general Catalogue of Stars and the 7th Volume of Sun, Moon, Planets &ca. reflect highest credit on the part of Native observers of whom I am one of 30 years' services.-

Under these circumstances I wish to retire from the service provided a full pension solicited as above is conferred on me.

I herewith submit Copies of the Certificates I now possess for your kind inspection-

I beg to remain,
Honored Sir,
Your most Obedt. & humble Servant-
C. Veerasawmy Pillay
Head Assistant

Madras
16th July
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Madras 8th October 1853.

This is to Certify that during the time I was in charge of the Madras Observatory from the 13th April to the 28th September last C. Veerasamy Pillay the manager and 1st Assistant conducted his duties in such a manner as to merit my unqualified approbation

(Signed) J. J. Franklin
late Ag. Hon: Compy's Astronomer

C. Veerasamy Pillay has been in the Madras Observatory about 20 years during the whole time I have held the appointment of Astronomer he has been Head Assistant, and has performed his duties to my entire satisfaction with much care and attention.

(Signed) W. S. Jacob.
Hon: Compy's Astronomer-

Madras
19th April
1854

L. No. 277

From

The Government Astronomer

To

W. J. Raynor Esqr.
Offg. Civil Paymaster

Dated. 1862 July 16.
Forwarded 1862 August 12.

Being an application for pension, addressed by C Veerasawmy Pillay, to N R Pogson, Government Astronomer; the applicant having served as Astronomical Assistant in the Observatory for above thirty years and being unequal to further useful exertion.

From
Observatory . Madras

The Government Astronomer

To

The Ag. Dy. Secretary to Government
Fort St George.

Sir,

In compliance with your official Memorandum of the 6th instant, requesting a Medical Certificate in regard to the claim for pension of C Veerasawmy Pillay, First Assistant in this Establishment, I have the honor to forward one, supplied this day by Dr. Mudge; the conclusive nature of which will I trust prove satisfactorily that the application under consideration has not been made without due and urgent cause.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
N R Pogson
Government Astronomer

Observatory. Sep 10, 1862

Madras Observatory
1862 September 1st.

From

The Government Astronomer

To

W. J. Raynor Esqr.
Offg. Civil Paymaster

Sir,

In reply to your enquiry respecting the present employment of P. Bashiacarloo Naidoo, late an assistant in this Observatory, I have the honor to inform you that his fresh engagement at Kurnool is not in a Government Office.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
N R Pogson
Government Astronomer

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From
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Forwarding Medical Certificate in behalf of Verdasawmy Pillay.

To

N. R. Pogson Esqre F. R. A. S.
Government Astronomer Madras.

Sir.

I beg to state for your information that as the climate of this place agrees with my constitution, and as there is every chance of my being promoted by my present Employer. I beg to tender my resignation from your Service from this day, and [illegible] you will be pleased to send me a testimonial for the period which I have served in the Government Observatory.

I am
Your most Obedient and
humble Servant.

Kurnool
15th July 1862

(Signed) P. Basheacarloo Naidoo

(True Copy)

N R Pogson
Government Astronomer.

From
The Government Astronomer
To
Thos. Pycroft Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

Dated Kurnool 1862 July 15.—

Copy of a letter from P.— Bashiacarloo Naidoo, while absent from Madras on Leave, granted under Sec VIII; tendering his resignation of the post of seventh assistant in the Madras Observatory, having held the same for a period of eighteen years and a half.—

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CIVIL PAYMASTERS OFFICE
28 AUG 1862

Madras Observatory
1862 August 12.—

From
The Government Astronomer
To
Thos. Pycroft Esqr.—
Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter lately received from P Bashiacarloo Naidoo, the seventh assistant or second writer in the Madras Observatory, wherein he formally tenders his resignation while absent on six months leave, under Section VIII of the Absentee Rules, and only a few days before the expiration of the said leave.—

His pay having been small, viz. Thirty Rupees per month, and his conduct, as recorded in the books, uniformly good, through a period of eighteen years and a half, passed in the Government service, I respectfully suggest that the six months' half pay to which he would have been entitled had he returned to his post, be granted him, as a mark of the approbation of Government of the faithful discharge of his past duties on his quitting the Public Service.

I have also the honor to enclose, in an open cover, addressed to the Acting Civil Auditor, but intended for your previous consideration, an application for pension on behalf of the present first assistant C. Veerasawmy Pillay, who is incapacitated by an accident from further efficient duty, and after an actual continuous service of more than thirty years wishes to retire, to the mutual welfare of himself and the Observatory.— The first assistant alluded to in his letter enclosed,— after thirty-eight years service, though of a very ordinary

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native, was allowed to retire upon full pay, then one hundred and twenty two rupees per month; with an additional allowance of seventy rupees per month for palankeen expenses, and with bona fide presents of a suitable residence and of a palankeen, value seven hundred rupees. — I suppose half pay will be the limit of consideration which the present regulations will permit C. Veerasawmy Pillay to enjoy; though should any exceptional rule applying specially to those who have served under the old regulations with expectation of a higher retiring pension be in force, I beg that Government will grant him the full benefit thereof, in consideration of his long services and general good conduct. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
N R Pogson
Government Astronomer

Thos. Pycroft Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government

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The Government Astronomer

To

Thos. Pycroft Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Madras.

Observatory. 1862 Dd/ August 12.
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Communicating the resignation of the seventh assistant in the Observatory, and recommending him to the consideration of Government for a special mark of favor, in return for eighteen years good conduct & service.

Enclosing also a Pension application made by the first assistant in the Observatory, with remarks thereupon.

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CIVIL PAYMASTERS OFFICE
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I Caujeevarum Veerasawmy Pillay Head Assistant of the Madras Observatory, do hereby solemnly declare upon my honor that I was actually in employ at the Madras Observatory as a Supernumerary assistant without cessation receiving salary from 1st May 1832 to 30th April 1834 at Rupees 17-8-„ and 28-„-„ per mensem, and I further solemnly declare that the astronomical Observations made by myself in those years are those entered in the Registers at the Observatory and are those to which I now point in the Book I produce of the Mural Circle Observation taken from the Records of the Madras Observatory from 25th February 1832 to 28th February 1834.—

C. Veerasawmy Pillay

Solemnly declared before me
at the Vepery Police Court this
27th day of August 1862.—

H. C. Campbell
Magistrate of Police
&
Justice of the Peace.—

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C. Veerasawmy Pillay, Head Assistant of the Madras Observatory having applied to me for a Certificate on which to ground an application to Government for Pension.

I do hereby certify that C. Veerasawmy Pillay, Head Assistant of the Madras Observatory, appears to me to be permanently disqualified for the further performance of his duties, and that no relaxation from duty or judicious treatment, is likely to improve his incapacity. It being the result of his advanced age, 52, general debility and incipient defective vision.

So far as I have been able to ascertain his incapacity has not been occasioned by intemperance or other irregular habits.

Madras }
10th September 1862 }

(Sig^d) J. M. Mudge M. D.
Surgeon Major 2^d District.

(True Copy)

R. Ellis
Ag (D.) Secy to Govt.

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General Department.

No. 422.

Report of the Civil Paymaster.

With reference to paras: 1 and 2 of Mr. Pogson's letter to Government dated 12th Ultimo, the officiating Civil Paymaster has the honor to report that P. Bashia Carloo Naidoo, seventh Assistant, or 2nd writer in the Madras Observatory is not entitled to any salary for the period of his absence on leave under Section VIII of the rules, as he has not returned to his duties, having resigned his situation under Government to take up private employ. Vide Clause 46 of Chapter III of the Civil Auditor's Manual.

Fort St. George
Civil Paymaster's Office,
2nd September 1862.

Offg. Civil Paymaster.

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Civil Pension Department.

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Memorandum

The Pension of Veerasawmy Pillay 1st Assistant in the Madras Observatory is desired by the Government Astronomer to commence from the date on which the Sanction of Government thereto is communicated to his Department. — If the specification of a day is required, his duties might end with the last day of 1862, and his Pension commence on the 1st January 1863. —

N R Pogson
Government Astronomer.

Madras Observatory
1862 December 5.

To

The Acting Deputy Secretary to Government. —

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From
The Civil Paymaster

Dated 2 } of September 1862
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Reporting that
Bashi Naidoo is not entitled
for any salary for the period
of his absence under Rule VIII
of the Rules.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read report from the Civil Pay Master d/ 2 Sept. 1862.

Read letter from the Govt Astronomer d/ 12. Aug. 1862

Order thereon 4 October 1862 No. 326

The Civil paymaster in reporting on the application for pension presented by Veerasawmy ~~asst~~ head assistant Pillay - ~~assistant in the~~ ~~observatory reports~~ and 7th Bashkur Naidoo assistants in the Govt Observatory reports as regards the 1st of these applicants that ~~in~~ the period from the 1st May 1832 to 30th April 1834. during wh. Veerasawmy Pillay ~~the applicant~~ was employed as a Supernumerary Assistant - ~~no~~ cannot be traced in the Civil Paymasters office. - The fact of such service however is supported by an affidavit and by the astronomers report & is not questioned by the by the Civil Paymaster. but that officer does not consider that this period should be counted as qualifying for service as the applicant was employed as a super-numerary.-

This reduces the period ~~claimed~~ of service qualifying for service ~~by the applicant~~ to 28. 3 mos instead of 30 years. as set forth in the application forwarded by the as Govt astronomer —

Mr. Pogson brings to the notice of the Govt that Veerasawmy Pillay has been incapacitated by an accident for further efficient duty — and that he is therefore forced to retire That on the retirement of a late first assistant whose work was of a more ordinary nature than that performed by the present applicant, he was allowed to retire upon full pay - with also a palanquin allowance - Under these circumstances Mr. Pogson suggests that Veerasawmy Pillay should be allowed a pension of Rs. 35 per mensem being one half of his present salary.-

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As regards the application of Baskhar Naidoo who from the Astronomer's letter would appear to have resigned his appt. in the Observatory & accepted other service while on leave, the Civil Auditor remarks that he is not entitled, to the gratuity of six months half pay recommended by Mr. Pogson, - as he has resigned his situation.

The Civil Auditor further points that he has forfeited salary for the period of his absence under Sec VIII of the Uncovd. Absentee Rules not having returned to his duties, before

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The Govt observe that the service of the 1st applicant Veerasawmy Pillay has been continuous for ~~upwards~~ of thirty years - & that the only objection raised to his obtaining, under the Pension Rules, a pension equal to one half of his present salary is that the applicant was a supernumerary (on 17½ Rs. per mensem

resigning his office.

during the first two years of his service. —

In consideration of the long period during wh. the applicant has served the Govt and that he has been incapacitated by an accident from further ~~service~~ duty, the Govt resolve as a special case to recommend ~~[illegible]~~ to the Govt of India, that he may be permitted to count the first two years of service as qualifying for ~~pension~~ superannuation and ~~[illegible]~~ ~~a pension or a superannuation~~ that a pension of Rs. 35 per mensem being equal to one half of his average salary during the last five years — be granted to him.

The Govt concur in the view taken by the Civil Auditor of the case of the 2nd applicant Baskhar Naidoo

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To the Govt Astronomer

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