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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 5 ~~Press~~ Mis.

Dated 12 1 1863.

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Register of an Application for Superannuation Pension from the Establishment of the Madras Observatory prepared under the Rules passed by Government under date 15th May 1851.

Name of the Person by whom the Pension is applied for, with name of his Father.	No. on the Establishment.	Identification of Applicant's person.	Size. Feet.	Size. Inches.	Age of Applicant at the time of application. Years.	Months.	Days.	Religion, Caste, or Tribe.	Where residing. Province.	Pergannah.	Village.	Present Employment.	Total period of Service. Years.	Months.	Applicant's service continuous or not.	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	Date of Application to Government.	Average salary or authorized official allowance per mensem for the five years preceding the date of Application.	Salary or authorized official allowance per mensem at the time of Application.	Abstract of the grounds of Application.	Remarks by the Head of Office.	Proposed amount of Pension per mensem and date from which to commence.	Treasury at which the party if pensioned wishes to draw his pension.	Orders of Government.
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C. Verasawmy Pillay son of the Interpreter Pillay.	Native Assistant	Native, with black hair and eyes, and dark complexion. He is aged 57 years 10 months and 7 days, and has been employed in the Observatory 30 years 3 months.	5	3	57	10	7	Gentoo	Presidency			Native assistant in the Madras Observatory	30	3	Continuous	Not employed	1860 August 1st	70 " "	70 " "	Infirmity	C. Verasawmy Pillay is a very worthy steady man and faithful native assistant who has performed the duties of his office for many years until the last 2 or 3 years of his life when an accident of a slight nature has totally disabled him and weakened him so much as to render him totally incapable for observations of any kind and of little use as a computer by day. Indeed the acquirements of a thoroughly efficient native assistant require some years and even after that short of a third would not be sufficient to qualify a man for all the duties devolving on the present native assistant. He is now in his 58th year and although he is not only deserving the highest praise for his diligent and faithful services during a period of 30 years, but from his general character and abilities, the Director of the Observatory considers that he does not appear to have been officially recommended, a remark applying equally to all the native assistants in the establishment.	35 " "		

Madras Observatory
August 1st 1860

Signed R. S. Pogson
Government Astronomer

True Copy

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Genl Dept
No 521

Report of the Civil Paymast.

Service of Applicant as verified by Civil Paymaster.			Average of salary for the last 5 Years.		Remarks.
Y.	M.	D.	Rs	AP	
28	3	0	70	0	x From 1st May 1834 to 31st July 1862

The services of C Veerasawmy Pillay as Supernumerary Revisional Clerk in the Madras Observatory from the 1st May 1832 to 28th April 1834 (which is supported by an affidavit) cannot be certified from the records of the Civil Paymasters office, nor does it qualify for pension.

He is eligible to a pension equal to one third of his salary for the 28 years 3 months and 0 days service, as specified in the Medical Certificate.

Civil Paymasters office
Fort Saint George
22 September 1862

To the Secretary to Govt
Civil Servants Dept

Signed by J Raymond
Civil Paymaster.

Madras Observatory
1862 December 20

From

The Government Astronomer

To

D. D. Mutchimus Esqr
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government

Sir,

In reference to the Order of Government 9th December 1862 No 521 respecting the Superannuation Pension of C Veerasawmy Pillay First Assistant in the Madras Observatory I have the honor to request that his discharge may bear date, December 31st 1862, and that his monthly pension may commence with the new Year 1863.

In reply to Para 2 I most respectfully submit, that although the strict regulations of the Service might demand his immediate discharge after sending in a medical certificate of incapacity, it would have been inconvenient to the proceedings of the Observatory to have released him at once. A substitute or successor to any astronomical assistant is not readily procurable, and as in prospect of an entire change of Staff now under consideration of Government no appointments will be made of new assistants until the decision of Government is made known, it was not only an act of consideration towards an old assistant but equally to the interest of the Observatory that he should continue to work on to the last day permissible. — Though quite incapacitated from future night duty, i.e from taking telescopic observations his services as a computer are as efficient as they ever have been by day, and I need scarcely remark that at the closing cloudy months of the year, circumstances such as that for which he is not incapacitated constitutes

attract the sole duty of his position. Trusting
that this explanation will hold me excused for having
unwittingly transgressed the regulation of the Service to
which my attention is directed:—

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

D D Hatchins Esq.
Nts. Dep. Sec. to Gov.

Order thereon 12th January 1863 Q. 5.

Resolved in accordance with the joint paragraph of this date that the Superannuation Pension granted to Veerasawmy Pillay in G.O. 391 of the 9th Dec.r/62, take effect from the 1st instant.

The Council were afforded by the statement for the retention of Veerasawmy Pillay in active employment are quite satisfactory. But upon will however perceive that, under the rule to which his attention was directed, the previous sanction of Govt should not have been dispensed with.

M.C.T. Day.

London 1862 Despth

No. 630

From

The Government Secretary

To

The Actg Depy Secy to Govt

Observatory. — 1862 December 20

Rec.d 20 ——— "

Giving date of discharge upon pension of C Veerasawmy Pillay, 1st Assistant in the Madras Observatory

Also explaining why he was not relieved from duty immediately after obtaining a medical certificate of incapacity. ———

With an Order

W.S

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Pen: Order 9th Decr 1862 No 391

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