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To
The Right Honorable
Chief Secretary to the
Supreme Government of
Fort William at Calcutta

Most Honored Sir

I A. Ponnusawmy Pillay the
late 2^d grade District Moonsiff of
Chenjee in the Zillah of Cuddalore
under the Madras Government, most
respectfully take the liberty to enclose
my humble petition to the address of his
Ex^{ty} the Right Honorable the Governor
General in Supreme Council and
humbly beg your honor will be pleased
to bring it to the gracious consideration
of his Ex^{ty} the Right Honorable the
Governor General in Supreme Council

I humbly beg to remain

Most Honored Sir
your most obedient and humble
servant

A Ponnusawmy
the late D^o Moonsiff
of Chenjee

Pondicherry
21st November
1864

To His Excellency the Right
Honorable Lord Henry
Lawrence Viceroy and
Governor General of India
in Supreme Council of Fort
William at Calcutta

The humble Petition of
A. Ponnuswamy Pillay the
late District Munsiff of
Chenjee in the Zillah of
Cuddalore under Madras
Government.

Most humbly sheweth

With profound respect and submission
humbly beg leave to bring to your Excy. gracious
consideration the following circumstances of my case
with humble hopes that your Excy. will kindly
excuse the liberty taken.

As I feel convinced that your Excy. is merciful
patron and the means of promoting the happiness
of people whose welfare your Excy. has greatly at
heart and will continue to extend to them the patronage
of that protection, I humbly take the liberty to intrude
on your Excy. with the following statement of my
services, humbly hoping that your Excy. will give to
them kind consideration.

Besides 6 years I attended some
gentlemen

gentlemen of the College of Madras as additional and private Tamil Moonshie, I have been in the public Judicial service for the last 28 years, 16 of which were spent in filling the office of District Moonshieff.

The copies of testimonials which I humbly take the liberty to enclose will convince your Excy. of my public and private services of 34 years and of the opinion recorded therein by several Judges and gentlemen regarding my qualification and character.

On the 22nd April of 1863 I was thrown out of my employment by the abolition of the Chenzee Moonshieff's Court in which I was employed as 2nd grade Muff on the salary of Rs. 250 according to the new arrangement and on the 18th May I have been favored by the Acting Deputy Secretary to Government of Madras with an order on my petition to Government, directing me to apply to the Civil Judge of Suddalore for reemployment elsewhere, the Government having sanctioned the abolition of the Chenzee Muff's Court. Accordingly I was waiting for reemployment under George Ellis Esq. the Civil Judge of Suddalore.

In the meanwhile, the new pension rules having been published in the Fort St George Gazette of the 26th June 1863. The Civil Judge of Suddalore recommended me in the month of August for a monthly pension of Rs. 99 being the moiety of my average salary, trusting that the moiety pension will be conferred on me under the new pension rules and by reason of the abolition of my office and the Civil Judge has also stated in his letter to the Civil Paymaster his opinion

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opinion that my past conduct and character in the discharge of my duties have not been such as to call for disapprobation. But unfortunately to me the Government have been pleased to pass an order in the month of October 1863 for a monthly pension of only Rs. 52-8-0 equal to one third of my average salary, observing that the new pension rules dated 26th June are applicable only to claims preferred after that date.

Thereupon I prepared my humble petition to the Govt. of Madras, representing that though the date of the abolition of my office is prior to that of the publication of the new pension rules, yet the date of recommendation for my pension and the grant thereof are quite subsequent. That since the abolition of my office I was waiting under the Civil Judge merely for reemployment, and after the publication of the new rules I was recommended for a full pension with reference to the new rules in the hope that the same pension will be granted by the Govt. That ~~therefore~~ the date of recommendation for my pension and of the grant thereof being after the date of the new rules and at the time of recommendation for pension, I having already completed my Judicial service of more than 25 years as prescribed in the new pension rules for the grant of full pension, I sincerely trust that my claims to a full pension would be considered by the Govt. to have been preferred after the date of the new pension rules. That I greatly regret to find myself that the new pension rules issued for the promotion of the happiness and welfare of all public officers and servants

servants who served the British Government are become
unprofitable only to my claims preferred after the date
of the new pension rules.

That moreover had I been reemployed by
reason of the abolition of my office, I would have
extricated myself from the present difficulty and
become entitled to a full pension equal to the moiety
of my late salary of Rs. 250. and that it is the chief
object of the Govt that the officers of the abolished office
should first be provided with suitable means or reemploy-
ment in many instances. And Praying that the
Govt will be pleased either to grant me a full
pension as recommended by the Civil Judge according
to the new pension rules or to provide me by reason of
the abolition of my office with reemployment in the
room of any of the newly appointed mooniffs in the
Zillah of Cuddalore.

But to my great misfortune, the Government
of Madras declined to grant my prayers passing
an order dated 3^d December 1863 that the Govt are
unable to grant any higher pension than that to
which I was entitled by the rules in force at the
time of the abolition of my office, nor can they issue any
special orders directing my reemployment.

Subsequently I humbly took the liberty to
forward my two petitions dated 12th January and
10th April 1864 to Sir Charles French the Right
Honorable financial Commissioner for India
British Government humbly representing all my
circumstances

Circumstances, services and claims And Praying for
favorable orders for my full pension.

Not having been as yet favored with any
order by the Right Honorable financial Commis-
sioner, I humbly take the liberty to lay all my circum-
stances, services and claims before your Ex^{ty} kind
patronage, sincerely persuaded that your Ex^{ty} will
be so good as to take them into gracious consideration
and will form a favorable opinion in my behalf
and thereby protect me and my large family that
are now reduced to difficulty from want of suitable
means, having been accustomed to live first upon
the salary of Rs. 140 and afterwards upon that of
Rs. 250.

Therefore I humbly pray that your Ex^{ty} will
be graciously pleased to provide me with a full
pension as recommended by the Civil Judge of Cuddalore
under the spirit of the new pension rules or reemployment
as above solicited in consideration of my long service
and claims and by reason of the abolition of my office.

In doing which act of Benevolence, I shall
ever pray for your Ex^{ty} long life and prosperity.

I humbly beg to remain,
Most Honored Lord
your Ex^{ty} most obedient
shumble servant
A promise away
the late D^r Mooniff
of Chennai.

Pondichery
21st November
1864

Copied Testimonial of Character

This is to certify that the bearer here of Ramdasany
has attended me as Tamil Moonshiee for the space
of one year, during which period I found him to
be well grounded in the grammatical part of the
Malabar Language and to have more than fair knowledge
of English. I can therefore recommend him to any
gentleman in want of such a person.
Oct 2. 1826 signed R. Gardner.

Ramdasany has attended me as Tamil Moonshiee
since 1824. He is well acquainted with his own
language and appears to have studied its grammar
with attention and success. His knowledge of English
seems quite extensive as required in a Moonshiee.
For he can generally give a correct explanation of
even difficult Tamil and his interpretation of
particular words may in almost all cases be
relied upon.

He has also a considerable acquaintance with
French, more so than with English. I have
been very much pleased with his disposition and
conduct and the promptitude of his attendance has
been remarkable.
30th Dec 1824 signed J. Storer.

This is to certify that from limited acquaintance with
the capabilities of Ramdasany the Godmaster
who has lately been entertained, considers him
an attentive

attentive and anxious to give satisfaction he knows
English and French and was for some months employed
as a temporary translator in this Court.

13th Apr 1834, signed, J. H. Neave A. J. Judge
Pomusawmy the name of the Court who has lately
been promoted to the situation has during my Circuit
shown himself well qualified to perform the
arduous and responsible duties now entrusted to
him. he is active and attentive and well deserving the
protection of the head of the Court.

14th Dec 1835, signed, J. H. Neave A. J. Judge
I have much pleasure in having it in my power
to give the following testimonial to Pomusawmy the
native Registrar of the Court. I consider him well acquainted
with the duties of his situation and intelligent and a
very fair translator. I have always found him very
attentive and regular in his attendance.

14th Dec 1836, signed, W. Brown A. J. Judge
Pomusawmy Pillay has served in the Auxiliary Court
since 1833. In the year 1834 he was promoted by me
to the office of Sheristadar on account of his exemplary
conduct. Since that time he has continued to discharge
the duties of that situation to my entire satisfaction and
in such a manner as to deserve my confidence and to
enable me to recommend him very strongly for further
promotion in the service which has been my fixed
intention to bestow on him whenever opportunity presented
itself by the vacancy of a Moonsiffship.

31st Dec 1840, signed, C. R. Bagnel A. J. Judge.

During the period that I was in charge of the Auxiliary Court
nearly 2 years, Pomusawmy Sheristadar was invariably
attended to the business of his Department which was conduc-
ted with great regularity. I have much pleasure in
expressing my opinion of his strict integrity and general
goodness of his character and propriety of conduct. After
a year further acquaintance with Pomusawmy I am
happy in being able to confirm the good opinion which
I formerly entertained of him.

31st Dec 1841, signed, R. F. Ruge A. J. Judge.
Pomusawmy the Sheristadar of the Auxiliary Court having
particularly exerted himself for the discharge of his public
duties. I have had reason to be well satisfied with his
faithful conduct and good character and I have much
pleasure in saying that I consider him a useful and valua-
ble public servant. I regret that it had not been in
my power to promote him to the office of District Mof-
fiss and therefore beg to recommend him to the protection of the
Chief and Sessions Judge.

14th September 1843, signed, J. H. Bell A. J. Judge.
This is to certify that Pomusawmy Pillay Sheristadar
was for several years employed in Civil Courts and laterly
held the situation of Sheristadar for about 9 years and he has
served under me as Sheristadar for 2 years with diligence and
faithfulness. So that his knowledge in Civil matters is
quite sufficient to enable him to perform the duties of
Moff properly, his good character and disposition induce
me to believe that he will be a good Moff nay a better
one than many already on the list.

26th January 1846, signed, Sambisawmy
Principal Sudr Ameen.

The hereby certify that Ponnuswami was examined at the
yearly examination held at Chittoor and that he is consider-
ably qualified, from his knowledge of native languages
and of the laws and the Rules of practice for the guidance
of the Courts of Justice to hold the office of District Sheriff
and Chittoor 29th Sept 1848.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of September 1848.
J. L. Lovell
J. D. Boardman
R. H. Penning

The Private Secretary to the Right Honorable
the Governor has been directed to acknowledge the receipt
of J. Ponnuswami's letter of the 22^d Instant and to
inform him in reply, that his application to be appointed
District Sheriff of Chittoor has been recorded.

Geo. Home
26th July 1855
R. H. Penning
Private Secretary

The Private Secretary to the Right Honorable
the Governor has been directed to acknowledge the receipt
of J. Ponnuswami's letter of the 22^d Instant and to
inform him in reply, that his application to be appointed
District Sheriff of Chittoor has been recorded.



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A. Ponnusawmy Pillay, late
 District Munsiff
 Cheyja - T. C. D. Valm
 Madras

6/21/65
 17/1/65

Transfer to
 Madras 9/12

Appealing against the
 order of the Madras for granting him a
 pension equal to one-third of his salary
 only, and under the circumstances
 explained praying for the grant of a
 full pension.

O. Dec 19.

Transferred to the Government of Madras for his pension.

To William

Home Department
 No 13th Dec 1864

By order

A. C. C. C.
 Secretary, Home Dept. Madras

Pres: 15: October 1863 No: 313

To A. Ponnusawmy Pillay
 To the Civil Judge of Chikhalod 20/1/65

Having declined to interfere on behalf of
 my friend, the Governor in Council affirms the former
 order in his case.

Order the same 17th January 1865 No. 19.

The Governor General in Council

Pension 1865 Department

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From
 The Actg. Under Secretary
 to the Govt. of India

No. 6535.

Dated 15 Dec 1864.
 Recd 4th Jan 1865.

Transferring a petition
 from A. Ponnusawmy Pillay
 late Dist. Munsiff of Cheyja

With an order No. 19.

27 Jan 1865