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Government House
Madras.

14
February 13 1866.

Sir. Colonel Denison leaves Madras today, & takes with him a "Gold Signet Ring" which he will present to you as a gift from His Excellency Sir William Denison in token of the high sense entertained by His Excellency of your services as Tahildar of Oota during the four occasions that His Excellency visited the Hills. I am happy to be able to add that during the time that I was Private Secretary, I had every reason to be satisfied with the way you performed your duties & on the many occasions that I had to call in your assistance to procure coolies, and to make arrangements for the various trips undertaken by His Excellency I always found you most ready and willing to assist; and orders were carried out most satisfactorily.

Signed/ Arthur Henley
Private Secretary
to H.E. Sir William Denison

To
M. Sundaram
Moodeliar.

To
M. Somdruu Moodelliar
Pensimed Tahsildar
of Ottacamund.

Chit Bungalow
Ottacamund
Saturday February 17. 1866.

Somdruu Moodelliar,

I have been requested by His
Excellency Sir William Denison, on
my return to the Hills, to present you
with the accompanying "Gold Signet
Ring," in appreciation of your Services
as Tahsildar of Ottacamund during
his Government of the Madras Presidency,
and for the zeal, energy, and activity
displayed by you on the occasion of
his visits to the Hills in 1861, 1862, 1864,
and 1865. It affords me much pleasure
to be the channel of communicating
His Excellency's good wishes for your future
welfare, on the occasion of your taking
a pension after 30 years service under
Government, and of which for the last
12 years you have held the Office of
Tahsildar in Ottacamund, and as I
have known you since 1855, and have
on several occasions testified to the zeal
and diligence with which you have
performed your responsible, and, on many

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occasions, very difficult duties. I have
additimal pleasure in presenting you
with so very handsome and valuable
a token of His Excellency's favor; and as
I understand your Birthday is tomorrow
when you will have attained the age
of 61, in presenting you with this Ring
as I do now, I wish your health and
happiness, and that you may live long
to show that a faithful servant of the
Sirkar as you have proved yourself is
sure to receive a reward.

I shall probably be a resident on these
Hills for some years, and shall always
be glad if I can be of any assistance
to you at any time.

Your Friend
Signed / Charles Denison.

/ True Copy /

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Financial Department 15th February 1866.

No 21. Recd the following letter from the Secretary
to the Government of India, to the Chief Secretary to
Government Fort St George dated Fort William
27th January 1866 No. 357.

Order thereon, 15th February 1866, R. J. S.

(True Abstract.)

To The Civil Bureau Department.

Wm. H. Crant
Collector

Dec 28/81.

Financial Department

No 553

From A. J. A. Mitchell Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Fort George
To The Secretary to the Government of India
Financial Department

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward to you, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the accompanying letter and Enclosures from the Collector of Pambatoor, relative to the grant of an increased pension to Mr. Soondara Mooschar, Tahsildar of Ootacamund.

2 This Officer has applied to be permitted to retire, after 30 Years Service, from the 1st Feb'y next, on a good Service pension, and he asks as a special boon, that he may be granted a pension of Rupees 112-8, being half the pay of his rank, in place of Rupees 103-2 - the average of his Salary for the past five years.

3 I am to state that Mr. Soondara Mooschar has, for upwards of 11 Years held the responsible post of Tahsildar of the Ootacamund Taluk, comprising the whole of the plateau of the Nilgerry Hills. His duties in this position have been no less arduous than responsible.

4 In a climate very unfavorable to a Native of the plains, this Officer has had to travel in all weather to any part of the Hills, while the inspection and demarcation of Lands, which have of late years been so largely purchased for coffee and

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other plantations, have detained him for days together on the slopes of the Hills, exposed to the deadly fever which prevails there. His duties have brought him constantly into contact with Europeans, Planters and others, in circumstances where tact and discretion were eminently required. In none of the qualities necessary for the due performance of these duties has he failed.

5. In addition to these ordinary duties of his position, he has had the no less difficult task of ministering to the wants of the many visitors to the Hills, and in this he has been most successful. He met with the approval and notice of the late Lord Dalhousie and of Lady Bannington on her visit to the Hills, and the testimony which he submits shew how universal has been the satisfaction he has given.

6. Mr Saunders Moschier has been personally known to His Excellency the Governor and the Members of Council for several years, and they are able to bear testimony to his high qualifications for the post he holds and to the worthy manner in which he has performed its duties.

7. The boon which he asks is small, being an increase of only Rs 9-6-0 to the pension he has earned, and it is asked rather as a mark of distinction and approbation, than as a pecuniary emolument, and I am to state that the Governor and Council cordially support the recommendation of the Collector that it may be granted.

Fort St George
6th December 1865

Yours &c
Chief Secy

From the Collector of Fambastoor, to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George, dated Fambastoor 25th November 1865 No. 137

I beg to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter to my address from Mr Saunders Moschier, Tahsildar of the Deulgarh Taluk, applying for permission to retire from the Public Service from the 1st February 1866, the date he is reaching that on which he will complete 30 Years Service.

2. I am aware that under existing orders, applications for pension should be forwarded through the Accountant General, and this rule will be adhered to in the present instance when the time for the submission of his application through that authority arrives, but my object in addressing the Government beforehand is to request that such special notice may be taken of Saunders Moschier's past meritorious Services as they deserve, and that such favorable orders may be passed as will ultimately ensure the grant of an increased rate of pension, as desired by him. Saunders Moschier is well known to Government, that I need hardly say anything as to his merits and past good Service. His testimonials, herewith submitted, speak for themselves. I can only add that, during the past 3 1/2 Years, I have always found him an active, painstaking, hardworking and respectable officer, and that, in a climate like that of the Deulgarh, most trying to nature, he has never shewn himself wanting in meeting those difficulties which his out-door work entailed on him. He is now old and his health has been much impaired by frequent exposure and continued hard work, extending over a period of no less than 12 Years on the Hills. The pension to which he will be entitled, with reference to the average

Salary drawn by him during the past 5 years, will be
Rupees 103-2, but he requests that, in consideration of
his past services, and the hardships he has undergone
in the discharge of his duties, he may be allowed to draw
Rupees 112-8 - being half of his present pay or Rupees 9-6 -
more than can be sanctioned under the existing Rules -
This request, I beg strongly to recommend to the favorable
notice of Government, as a special favor in Soudera
Modchar's case.

To P. Grant Esquire
Collector of Coimbatore
Most Honored Sir

I beg most respectfully to submit this my
humble application for permission for your Honor
most favorable consideration.

2 I entered the service of the Honorable Govern-
ment on the 19th January 1836, and have continuously
served as set forth in the accompanying statement.

3 My period of service will therefore be 30 years
on the 11th January 1866 and on the 1st February following
I hope to retire on the merciful bounty of Government.

4 When I took charge of this Taluk, the Beriz was
only Rupees 8419-5-8 per annum. By my exertions,
it has gone on increasing as follows, from Rupees 1267.

Rupees	1267	9547	12-7
"	1268	10,196	13-0
"	1269	10,796	3
"	1270	12,794	2-6
"	1271	13,399	1-9
"	1272	18,005	8-2
"	1273	19,898	6-10
"	1274	22,027	10-6

5 Had it pleased my late Superior to employ me
in a low country Taluk, I should have been able to show
a larger amount of Beriz, but he decided thus: - "I should
"really, in justice to Soudera Modchar's hard work,
"long service, and character, have promoted him to
"a larger Taluk below which would be of course his
"preference" had I any one else who counts equally
"supply his place, his knowledge, activity, and
"character, with his knowledge of English, make
"him most valuable where he is."

6 The holdings of the Budgers has no distinctive
marks. They cultivated at their pleasure, and it was
very difficult to identify their lands. I often represented
the same to the Hoarpor, and on obtaining orders,
measured out every land, and set boundary marks
to each holding as well as to Government lands.

7 For more than 20 years, there was a boundary
dispute between Masana & Parangama villages,
Party spirit ran high, and the parties resorted to
the District Munsiff's Court, where the dispute
was long pending under the orders of the Collector.
I visited the disputed spots and arranged the
boundaries to the satisfaction of all parties.

8 In 1863 when applications from European
Gentlemen viewing the hills were so numerous
and frequent - and the ill will and blame of the Budgers
were so great, I went to the hills, went over these hills
and dale, and inspected almost every land in person.
The labor entailed upon me was immense & harassing,
and I thereby contracted fever and disease in the
chest and lungs, from which I suffered so severely
that my life was despaired of - Under the kind treatment
of Dr. Rogers, I recovered, but ever since, whenever

I am obliged to work hard, I feel the symptoms of the
severe diseases.
9. I am now 60 years old, and feel weak in body & mind,
should I continue to serve I am afraid that I shall not be
able to do full justice to the high character my Superiors
have been pleased to give me, and which I value as
dear as my life.

10. I beg to submit a copy of my Testimonials. You
best know, Honored Sir, with what care, industry
and faithfulness I continue to discharge my humble
duties. During the earlier years of my service here
as Tahsildar. I have had to face dangers and
privations peculiar to the nature of the service, and
notwithstanding the severities of this climate,
as well as to my own ill health, I have never once left
the hills for the low country since my appointment
as Tahsildar of Ootacamund in 1856. My
former Superior Mr. C. B. Thomas, was so good as
to affirm of me as follows.

"Soururn Modchar, has been now four years
Tahsildar of Nilgerry and many years in public employe.
I am not in the habit of giving high characters, but of
Soururn Modchar it is only justice to say that I believe
him to be one of the most hard working, honest, and
pauertaking of 15 Tahsildars in the District. He has
raised himself by his own merits, and I have never
yet had occasion to find fault with him."

11. When these hills were honored by the August
presence of the Governor General of India & the Governors
of Madras, I have worked so hard and carefully as not to
incur the displeasure of any with whom I came in contact.
Mr. G. L. Morris, now Collector of Tanjore, has favorably
spoken of my services on one of these occasions.

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in the following terms. During the six months that I have
been Special Assistant at Ootacamund, Soururn Modchar
"has been Tahsildar under me. I have on every occasion
"found him every thing that I could desire, he never once
"having refused or even said that he could not do what I
"directed, & this is saying a great deal, when it is recalled
"that the camp of the Governor General consisted of more
"than 500 Bengalees, who expected that every thing was
"to be got at a moment's notice. Soururn Modchar
"has given the highest satisfaction to all the Suite of
"the Governor General, and I fully trust that it may
"one day be in my power to serve him in the way that
"he most highly deserves."

12. My labors were graciously viewed, that the most
noble the late Marquis of Dalhousie, then Governor
General of India, honored me with his personal
notice, and presented me with a pair of Shawls. Lord
Karnar presented me with a pair of Shawls, and a
Gold Ring with the following inscription

"Presented to Mr. Soururn Modchar by Lord
Karnar for good service rendered to His Lordship on the
Nilgerry Hills in 1856 and 1858."

Lady Carnar with a diamond ring & Mrs. E. B. Thomas
also with a diamond ring.

13. During my tenure of office as Tahsildar
of Ootacamund for 12 years, I have always endeavored
and I am thankful to say successfully, to maintain
public order and peace by conciliatory measures,
and in the selection and allotment of lands for public
and private purposes, I have arranged matters to
the satisfaction of all parties concerned, and have
prevented any discontent in the minds of the Europeans
and other native land owners on the hills.

14 By the rules of the Service, my pension will be Rupees 103-2-0 on the average Salary of five years ending with the 31st January 1866. But as I am weak and unable to discharge my duties as usual, I most humbly beg that your honor will be pleased to obtain me half pension on my present rate of salary which will be Rs. 112-8-0.

15 I humbly solicit this favor not because the pension of Rs. 103-2-0 is insufficient, and my family will always be grateful to Government for that amount, but because the small pittance of Rs. 9-6-0 will add a value to the high character my Superiors have been pleased to bestow on me, and will be a great honor to me among my countrymen.

16 The Government, which I have the honor to serve have often been pleased to reward their servants with personal allowances, life pensions, titles and honors for hard and faithful services. I most respectfully beseech your honor to obtain me the favor I solicit and thereby enable me to retire from the Service with honor.

I beg to remain &c
 Ootacamund 14th October 1865.
 By M. Soondrum

Statement of Service of M. Soondrum Darscher Tahildar of Kailgherry

Situation held	Period of Service	Amount of pay
Post Office Head Writer Pimbatan	From 12 th Jan 1856 to 10 th Oct 1857	30
Putwall at Maty Pimbatan	" 11 th October 1857 to 5 th March 1858	40
Stationary Kailgherry Tahildar	" 6 th March 1858 to 10 th April 1858	50
Putwall at Maty Pimbatan	" 11 th April 1858 to 23 rd Jan 1859	40
Stationary Town Pimbatan	" 24 th January 1859 to 24 th May 1859	40
Putwall at Maty Pimbatan	" 25 th May 1859 to 9 th May 1860	40

Tahildar Kailgherry Salary	From 10 th May 1854 to 30 th April 1856	50
"	1 st May 1856 to 31 st Dec 1860	100
"	1 st Jan 1861 to 30 th April 1862	150
"	1 st May 1862 to date	225

Ootacamund
 14th October 1865

By M. Soondrum
 Tahildar

(True copies)

Witnessed
 Pordind Pahlota

To the Honorable,

A. J. Robertson
Chief Secretary to Gov
For reference

Potacumund
June 2nd 1885

Sir, I have the honor to submit for
the favorable consideration of the Hon. Secy
the form in Council and for transmission
to the Supreme Government, which is to be
considered fitting the accompanying Memo
of Mr. Leonard Spedding late Secretary
of Potacumund, for I have reason for
believing as will be seen by perusal of
the accompanying letter from the Hon. Secy
G. H. Dwyer, that Mr. Spedding will submit
the question, should it be forwarded

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again with the favorable recommendation
of the Master Government.
It is not necessary for me to enter into the
merits of the late Sheridan claim
to the very small increase of pension
asked for, as you are as well aware
of them as myself, but I think of
justice and honest service, and hold
a claim, the Petitioner deserves a
reconsideration of his case. And I
trust therefore his application in
Council may see fit to recommend
it.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Charles Depue

19th June 19th
15 May 1866.
My dear Sir,
I have just
been pointing out to Whipple
pension with his view to
to Sheridan - but there is
no objection to his application
being forwarded for consideration
if I think fit to do so.
The first member was
that but your poor anxious
speaker - he has doubtless
to perform his duties long
enough - I suppose I will
do my best with some part
to heart of business for the



Colonel Denison
Kotacani



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Relatives are of the
highest - about with the
entirement of the Government &
Fashion of the Government.

Our meeting is
delightful - but the elements
not so good. I think, as

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23A
Ootacamund 1st June 1866.

To
The Honorable A. J. Arbutnot Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

The Humble Memorial of M.
Sondrum Moodelias, Late Tah.
sildar of Ootacamund.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,
That your Memorialist begs
respectfully to wait on the Gov.
of Madras with this Memorial
on the subject of the increased
rate of pension which he sought
for, and which he is grieved to
observe has not been sanctioned
by His Excellency the Governor
General in Council, for reasons
stated in the letter from the
Secretary to the Government of
India, to the Chief Secretary to
Government, Fort St. George, dated
27 January 1866, No 357.

Your Memorialist would hum-
bly beg leave to submit copies of
the Correspondence relative to the
subject, as well as testimonials
and letters he has received, and
humbly prays that the matter
may be again referred for the

Kind re-Consideration of the Govt
of India.

Your Memorialist humbly
trusts that the Correspondence
and testimonials herewith sub-
mitted will induce the Govt
of India to give his case their
distinguished favor and support.

Your Memorialist does
not, with due respect, think it
necessary to enter into his past
services. They are such, he is
proud to say, as have won him
the approbation of his Superiors.
His Testimonials, and the very
handsome gifts he has received
from distinguished personages
will abundantly testify to this.
During a period of 30 years Ser-
vice, Your Memorialist has
served for about 12 years in a
climate most unfavorable to
Natives, and has undergone
great risks and privations.

Your Memorialist would
most humbly and respectfully
observe that he does not seek
the increased rate of Pension
from any pecuniary motive, as
the Pension which he now
receives (Rs 103), through the
bounty of your kind and liberal
Government, will maintain

himself and family in Comfort;
but as a mark of distinction and
honor among his people.

Your Memorialist would there-
fore pray that your Honorable
Government would be pleased
to submit this his Memorial
with due recommendation and
support. And your Memorialist
shall as in duty bound ever pray.

Shankar
Resident Peshwar

nos. 20th of April 1866 p. 125

Pension 1866 Departs

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From

Colonel Charles Davidson

To the Chief Secretary to Govt

Dated 2^d June 1866
Rec^d 8th - "

Submitting a
Memorial from Mr.
Sondrum Woodellias
late Tahildar of
Ootacamund requesting
that his case may be
submitted for the favorable
consideration of the Supreme
Govt for the small amount
of Pension asked for.

With an order. W. 234

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Order the 23rd June 1866 p. 125

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the claims of Mr. Davidson

are very fully described

by this fact and in

the latter 5th Feb

of order of 6 Decr. last

and the fact is that

is asked to be done

the fact.

W. 234

To Colonel C. Davidson with a copy of this order

for Comm^{rs} to Mr. Sondra a Woodelling

Tahildar of the Mulgherry Taluk

June 66