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To,

The Right Honorable Lord Napier & Clerk
Governor of Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of Y. CHEDAMBARA ROW, late
1st Class Deputy Collector of Godavari District.

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I most humbly and respectfully beg leave to lay before your Lordship the following case with sanguine hopes that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to take it into your Lordship's benign consideration and do me justice, by conferring on me the full reward of my past service, which, considering the many similar cases in which more liberality was shown by Government towards their old and faithful servants, I grieve to be obliged to represent has not met that support and consideration which I trust it deserved. I am induced my Lord, by your Lordship's most liberal and benevolent views towards your Lordship's faithful subjects, to take this step of appealing to your Lordship for reconsideration of my case, and to entertain strong hopes that your Lordship will, on mature consideration of all the circumstances set forth in this humble Memorial, feel convinced of the reasonableness of my prayer, and consider that I, an old and faithful public servant of 46 years' standing, and who have discharged the onerous and responsible duties of Tahsildar, Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar, Head Sheristadar, and Deputy Collector and Magistrate for so long a period for 30 years and obtained the entire approbation of every superior officer under whom I served, as may be testified by the numerous documents in my possession; am a proper subject for your Lordship's support in a matter of grave importance, in which the fruitfulness or otherwise of such an unusually long, faithful and appreciated Government Service is involved. Having been desired by the Government in their Proceedings of the 22nd March 1865, to retire from my appointment of 1st Class Deputy Collector of Godavari District, merely on account of length of my service and age (about 60 years) without reference to the actual state of my physical strength, &c., I cheerfully obeyed the order and submitted my application for a liberal special Pension which was forwarded to Government by the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the District, with his recommendation that I should be allowed a special Pension of Rupees 300 per month. But I regret to say that the Government in their Proceedings of the 25th July 1865, No. 281, Pension Department, while recording their *high approbation* of my faithful service extending over an unusually long period, sanctioned a Pension of Rupees 267½ equal to a moiety of the 5 years average of my salary, remarking that the amount of 300 recommended was the highest ever granted, and only allowed as the reward of approved service.

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"I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his good character for honesty and ability. I have been personally acquainted with Chedambara Row for the last 13 or 4 years, and during that period he has fully borne out the high character he has received from every Officer under whom he has served. A sound judgment coupled with great knowledge of his business and zeal, and the discharge of it, make him a valuable public servant."

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"My acquaintance with him dates back about 24 years. From my personal knowledge of him during this period, I am able to speak most favourably of his zeal, ability and fidelity in the discharge of all the public duties he has been entrusted with."

The Honorable Mr. Pelly when Collector of Bellary, in his letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 1st July 1856, (copy of which I beg to enclose) recommending me for the Office of Head Sheristadar of that District, prominently brought my services to the notice of the Board, who, in their Proceedings dated 4th October 1856, (copy of which is also enclosed) fully recognized my merits, and requested Mr. Pelly to inform me of their appreciation of my merits and their regret, that under some special circumstances they were obliged to appoint the Deputy Sheristadar in their own office for the vacant place. The Government also in their Order No. 2531 of 1856, dated 21st November 1856 on my Petition to the late Governor Lord Harris, noticed "with approbation the high testimonials" in my possession, and the Board in their Proceedings of the 29th October 1857, brought my services to the notice of the Collector of Nellore and suggested my appointment as Head Sheristadar of that District, which situation was accordingly conferred on me by Mr. Elton, who expressed himself satisfied with the integrity with which I discharged the duties of the said office.

Mr. Dykes the late Collector of Guntoor, when I held the office of Deputy Collector brought to the notice of the Board in his Jamabandi Report for Fasli 1268, that I acquitted myself so far to his entire satisfaction, and that he felt sure that the high character which had brought me to my present position, would secure to the Ryots the full advantages of a Resident Magistrate and Deputy Collector, and Mr. C. G. Master, when Head Assistant Collector in charge of Guntoor, in his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, under date the 12th December 1859, reported that he had every reason to be pleased with the zealous manner in which I performed my work.

Mr. A. Purvis the late Collector of Godaveri District, (who made favourable mentions of me in his Jamabandi Reports for several years, viz., Faslies 1269-70 and 71) in his letter to the Government, dated 1st November 1860, recommending me for promotion to a higher grade of Deputy Collector, made the following favorable mention. "Y. Chedambara Row has been in the public service for upwards of 40 years, and the testimonials possessed by him show the high estimation in which he has been held by the Officers under whom he has been employed. I will only beg permission to add, that since the Deputy Collector has been employed in this District, he has rendered me every efficient aid."

In addition to my having thus continued to obtain the high character and approbation from so many Officers of high position throughout the unusually long period of my service extending to nearly half a century, I have rendered the undermentioned special services from which the Government have derived great benefit, when a great number of irrigation works had been constructed and repaired in the Taluq of Codiconda in the Bellary District, and it was found that there was not sufficient return for the large outlay, the late Principal Collector Mr. Robertson promoted me as Tahsildar of that Taluq in 1835, from among many of my seniors with a view of placing it under a better management, and I exerted myself considerably to raise the Beriz as noted in

Rupees 83,000 Beriz of Fasli 1244, before my appointment to the Taluk.

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the margin, without giving room for a single complaint. So that the said Gentleman promoted me as Tahsildar of Roydroog in 1837, when the Taluk had been gradually declining in Revenue and prosperity, for some years many of its Villages were going to ruin and the Beriz of the Taluk had greatly decreased as will be seen from the marginal entries. Mr. Robertson considered that the worst condition of the Taluk could not be ameliorated by any ordinary measures, and proposed in his letter to the Board of Revenue, under date 23rd October 1837, to place the Taluk under the immediate management of the able and experienced Native Assistant Collector P. Ramiah, but having been highly satisfied with the manner in which I managed the Taluk of Codiconda, he gave me the Roydroog Taluk to my management as its Tahsildar.

During the period of 4 years, I managed the Taluk by every fair means, such as inviting Ryots who had gone to other countries to return to their Villages in the promise of due protection rendering the Ryots in general every proper assistance, protecting them from any oppression or other troubles, assisting in completing the shares for joint cultivation of lands of large extent wherever owing to the want of sufficient shares the lands were left waste and doing every thing in my power for the amelioration of the condition the Ryots were in, and inquiring immediately into their complaints

Rupees 83,000 average for the last 5 years up to Fasli 1246.

Rupees 107,000 Fasli 1247. Do. 95,000 Fasli 1248, bad years.

Rupees 119,000 Fasli 1249. Do. 125,000 do. 1250. Do. 135,000 do. 1251.

and giving them proper and timely relief, I increased the Beriz of the Taluk to the surprise of my superior and without giving cause for any complaint, from Rupees 83,000 to Rupees 135,000 as detailed in the margin, and I was then promoted to the office of the Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar. I beg to submit to your Lordship's consideration the following passage in the Jamabandi Report of the late Sub-collector, the Honorable D. Arbuthnott for Fasli 1264.

"Chedambara Row entered the Government Service as a Kamgari Gumasta in Fasli 1228, and has risen gradually through various grades of Taluk Gumasta, Huzur Gumasta, Huzur Head Gumasta, till he was appointed Tahsildar of Codiconda in Fasli 1245. He was then promoted by the late Collector of Mr. Robertson to Roydroog which Taluk he managed with great ability."

When boundary disputes between some villages of Dhurmavaram and Penugonda Taluks and the Bellary District and those of Panghur and Nidigal Taluks of the Chittledroog Division and the Mysore Territories, remained unsettled for many years, I, as Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar, accompanied the Honorable C. Pelly, the then Sub-Collector of Bellary, and Colonel Dobbs, the Superintendent of Chittledroog Division, to the various spots in dispute, and exerted myself to an unusual extent, in having all the disputes finally settled. Mr. Pelly can, I trust, speak in support of this fact.

When a great number of tanks and other works of irrigation in the Sub-Division were seriously injured by the great storm in 1851, and it was extremely difficult to restore them at the same time, to prevent the very serious loss of Revenue to Government, which would have otherwise resulted, I, at the desire of the then Sub-Collector Mr. Daniell took a very active and prominent part in devising measures for the simul-

taneous restoration of so many irrigation works, in procuring a very large body of workmen and inspecting now and then the progress of works, &c., apart from the legitimate duties attached to the Office of Huzur Sheristadar took so much interest, indeed, more than the Tahsildars in immediate charge of the Taluks would take in the matter, and exerted myself to so great an extent in preserving the Government Revenue that Mr. Daniell deemed it right to bring my services prominently to the notice of the Board in his Jamabandi Reports for Faslies 1251-62, from which I beg to quote the following passages.

"Owing to the disastrous effects of the storm, his (Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar's) duties have not only been more responsible but also more arduous. The Amildar's Establishments in some of my Taluks have not been adequate to the preparation of the additional accounts, the performance of their other duties and at the same time to bestow that degree of superintendence generally so requisite, when large bodies of work people have to be collected, and many works carried on at the same time, but the zeal exhibited by my Sheristadar and his great experience and judgment in regard to works of irrigation, have been the means of expediting the despatch of business, and I may also add, of forwarding the progress of the repairs to public works and of the construction of some temporary works under which cultivation has been carried on."

Under all the above circumstances and with the support of so many documents, containing commendations of my services, made by so many Gentlemen, who have had long experience of my merits, I feel confident that your Lordship will have no hesitation in considering my service to be an approved one. Entitled to the indulgence of a special Pension, I beg to be allowed to submit that a number of old Head Sheristadars, were, in former years, granted Shrotriems and special Pensions for 8 lives, as reward of their services; for instance, Batchi Row, Appa Row and Krista Row, the late Head Sheristadars of Cuddapah, Coimbatore and Canara Districts respectively; Neelkanta Row, the late Head Sheristadar of Bellary in whose service there was nothing of an extraordinary nature except the high character given him by several Gentlemen, save the single instance in which his exertions in quelling an insurrection in the Bombay Presidency were at the same time fully rewarded with a Jaghire, &c., and also Rangacharri, the late Head Sheristadar of South Arcot were, so lately as about 10 years ago, granted full Pensions during their lives and reduced Pensions to 2 more lives. I also hear that Appa Row and Goondappa, late Head Sheristadars of Guntoor and Tanjore respectively, who were in the first instance granted only Pensions equal to a moiety of the 5 years' average of their salaries, were, on their cases being subsequently represented to Government in a fuller manner, some 10 years ago, were allowed an increase to their Pensions making them amount to Rupees 350 per month.

I beg permission to state, that the position of a 1st Class Deputy Collector and Magistrate held by me is in no way inferior to that of an old Head Sheristadar who was only a Ministerial Officer, and I leave it to your Lordship's deep and calm consideration and judgment whether I, who have faithfully and honestly served the British Government for nearly half a century, and held the high and responsible offices of Tahsildar, Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar, Head Sheristadar and Deputy Collector and Magistrate for so long a period as 30 years, and obtained the fullest approbation of every officer under whom I was placed, as may be testified by the numerous documents herewith submitted, which I most earnestly beseech your Lordship to take into favourable consideration, am not entitled to some more consideration than that bestow-

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I beg with all respect remain,

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Your Lordship's most obedient, humble and faithful servant.

(Signed) Y. CHEDAMBARA ROW,

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List of Service of Y. Chedumbararow, Deputy Collector and Magistrate of the Godavery District, from A. D. 1819, June 23rd to 30th June 1865.

	EMPLOYMENT.	Pay. Rs.	Period of Service.		
			Y.	M.	D.
1	Maramut Mutasaddi of Anuntapur Taluk, Fasli 1228, A. D. 1818-19. ...	7	...	2	...
2	Nagadi Goomasta, do. ... from 23rd June 1819 to 30th November 1827...	13	8	5	8
3	Goomasta in the Collector of Hoozoor, from 1st December 1827 to November 1829. ...	20 & 25	1	11	4
4	Head Goomasta, do. under Naib Serishtadar, from 5th November 1829 to September 1835. ...	30	5	10	6
5	Tahasildar of Kadikonda Taluk, from 11th September 1835 to 8th September 1837. ...	85	1	11	28
6	Do. of Roydroog Taluk, from 9th September 1837 to 30th June 1841. ...	120	3	9	22
7	Serishtadar in the Sub-Collector's Office, from 1st July 1841 to 31st December 1857...	175	16	6	...
Total Bellary District.....			38	6	8
Nellore District.					
8	Head Serishtadar, from 1st January 1858 to 26th March 1859.	280	1	2	6
Guntur District					
9	Deputy Collector and Magistrate, from 27th March 1859 to 15th December 1859. ...	350	...	8	9
Godavery District.					
10	Do. do. from 16th December 1859 to 29th April 1861.	350	1	4	14
11	Do. do. from 30th April 1861 to 23rd June 1862. ...	500	1	1	24
12	Do. do. from 24th June 1862 to 30th June 1865. ...	600	3	...	7
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Period Total... ..			46	...	8

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"Since I have been in charge of the Sub-division, I have received the greatest assistance from my Sheristadar Chedambara Row, whose high character for zeal and ability has been well known to me for the last 12 years."

"I have much pleasure in acknowledging the great assistance I have received from any Sheristadar Chedambara Row, whose great experience coupled with great abilities and application to business renders him a most valuable public servant."

Do. do. do. by the same Officer for Fasli 1264.

Do. do. do. by C. Pelly, Esq., Collector of Bellary, for Fasli 1264.

"It will be seen that Mr. Arbuthnot in high terms deservedly of his Sheristadar Chedambara Row."

Do. do. do. by the Honorable D. Arbuthnot, Sub-Collector for Fasli 1265.

"In my last year's Report, I gave a short statement of the services of my Sheristadar Chedambara Row embracing a period of above 37 years, during which he has borne the highest character for ability and integrity from every gentlemen under whom he has served."

Do. do. do. by C. Pelly, Esquire, Collector of Bellary for Fasli 1265.

"The Sub-Collector's Sheristadar Chedambara Row is a very deserving and able public Officer of 38 years' standing."

Do. do. do. by the same Officer for Fasli 1266.

"In all that Mr. Arbuthnot has said respecting the Sub-Collector's Sheristadar Chedambara Row, I entirely concur."

Testimonial granted by the Honorable D. Arbuthnot in 1857.

"I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his good character for honesty and ability. I have been personally acquainted with Chedambara Row for the last 13 or 4 years, and during that period he has fully borne out the high character he has received from every Officer under whom he has served. A sound judgment coupled with great knowledge of his business and zeal, and the discharge of it, make him a valuable public servant."

Testimonial given by C. Pelly, Esquire, Collector of Bellary in 1857.

"My acquaintance with him dates back about 24 years. From my personal knowledge of him during this period, I am able to speak most favourably of his zeal, ability and fidelity in the discharge of all the public duties he has been entrusted with."

The Honorable Mr. Pelly when Collector of Bellary, in his letter to the Board of Revenue under date the 1st July 1856, (copy of which I beg to enclose) recommending me for the Office of Head Sheristadar of that District, prominently brought my services to the notice of the Board, who, in their Proceedings dated 4th October 1856, (copy of which is also enclosed) fully recognized my merits, and requested Mr. Pelly to inform me of their appreciation of my merits and their regret, that under some special circumstances they were obliged to appoint the Deputy Sheristadar in their own office for the vacant place. The Government also in their Order No. 2531 of 1856, dated 21st November 1856 on my Petition to the late Governor Lord Harris, noticed "with approbation the high testimonials" in my possession, and the Board in their Proceedings of the 29th October 1857, brought my services to the notice of the Collector of Nellore and suggested my appointment as Head Sheristadar of that District, which situation was accordingly conferred on me by Mr. Elton, who expressed himself satisfied with the integrity with which I discharged the duties of the said office.

Mr. Dykes the late Collector of Guntur, when I held the office of Deputy Collector brought to the notice of the Board in his Jamabandi Report for Fasli 1268, that I acquitted myself so far to his entire satisfaction, and that he felt sure that the high character which had brought me to my present position, would secure to the Ryots the full advantages of a Resident Magistrate and Deputy Collector, and Mr. C. G. Master, when Head Assistant Collector in charge of Guntur, in his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, under date the 12th December 1859, reported that he had every reason to be pleased with the zealous manner in which I performed my work.

Mr. A. Purvis the late Collector of Godavari District, (who made favourable mentions of me in his Jamabandi Reports for several years, viz., Faslies 1269-70 and 71) in his letter to the Government, dated 1st November 1860, recommending me for promotion to a higher grade of Deputy Collector, made the following favorable mention. "Y. Chedambara Row has been in the public service for upwards of 40 years, and the testimonials possessed by him show the high estimation in which he has been held by the Officers under whom he has been employed. I will only beg permission to add, that since the Deputy Collector has been employed in this District, he has rendered me every efficient aid."

In addition to my having thus continued to obtain the high character and approbation from so many Officers of high position throughout the unusually long period of my service extending to nearly half a century, I have rendered the undermentioned special services from which the Government have derived great benefit, when a great number of irrigation works had been constructed and repaired in the Taluq of Codiconda in the Bellary District, and it was found that there was not sufficient return for the large outlay, the late Principal Collector Mr. Robertson promoted me as Tahsildar of that Taluq in 1835, from among many of my seniors with a view of placing it under a better management, and I exerted myself considerably to raise the Beriz as noted in

Rupees 83,000 Beriz of Fasli 1244, before my appointment to the Taluk.

Rupees 92,000 do. do. 1245, in which I managed the Taluk.

Rupees 130,000 Beriz of Fasli 1236, when the Taluk was in a good condition.

Rupees 83,000 average Beriz of 5 years previous to my appointment to the Taluk.

the margin, without giving room for a single complaint. So that the said Gentleman promoted me as Tahsildar of Roydroog in 1837, when the Taluk had been gradually declining in Revenue and prosperity, for some years many of its Villages were going to ruin and the Beriz of the Taluk had greatly decreased as will be seen from the marginal entries. Mr. Robertson considered that the worst condition of the Taluk could not be ameliorated by any ordinary measures, and proposed in his letter to the Board of Revenue, under date 23rd October 1837, to place the Taluk under the immediate management of the able and experienced Native Assistant Collector P. Ramiah, but having been highly satisfied with the manner in which I managed the Taluk of Codiconda, he gave me the Roydroog Taluk to my management as its Tahsildar.

During the period of 4 years, I managed the Taluk by every fair means, such as inviting Ryots who had gone to other countries to return to their Villages in the promise of due protection rendering the Ryots in general every proper assistance, protecting them from any oppression or other troubles, assisting in completing the shares for joint cultivation of lands of large extent wherever owing to the want of sufficient shares the lands were left waste and doing every thing in my power for the amelioration of the condition the Ryots were in, and inquiring immediately into their complaints

Rupees 83,000 average for the last 5 years up to Fasli 1246.

Rupees 107,000 Fasli 1247. Do. 95,000 Fasli 1248, bad years.

Rupees 119,000 Fasli 1249. Do. 125,000 do. 1250. Do. 135,000 do. 1251.

and giving them proper and timely relief, I increased the Beriz of the Taluk to the surprise of my superior and without giving cause for any complaint, from Rupees 83,000 to Rupees 135,000 as detailed in the margin, and I was then promoted to the office of the Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar. I beg to submit to your Lordship's consideration the following passage in the Jamabandi Report of the late Sub-collector, the Honorable D. Arbuthnott for Fasli 1264.

"Chedambara Row entered the Government Service as a Kamgari Gumasta in Fasli 1228, and has risen gradually through various grades of Taluk Gumasta, Huzur Gumasta, Huzur Head Gumasta, till he was appointed Tahsildar of Codiconda in Fasli 1245. He was then promoted by the late Collector of Mr. Robertson to Roydroog which Taluk he managed with great ability."

When boundary disputes between some villages of Dhurmavaram and Penugonda Taluks and the Bellary District and those of Panghur and Nidigal Taluks of the Chittledroog Division and the Mysore Territories, remained unsettled for many years, I, as Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar, accompanied the Honorable C. Pelly, the then Sub-Collector of Bellary, and Colonel Dobbs, the Superintendent of Chittledroog Division, to the various spots in dispute, and exerted myself to an unusual extent, in having all the disputes finally settled. Mr. Pelly can, I trust, speak in support of this fact.

When a great number of tanks and other works of irrigation in the Sub-Division were seriously injured by the great storm in 1851, and it was extremely difficult to restore them at the same time, to prevent the very serious loss of Revenue to Government, which would have otherwise resulted, I, at the desire of the then Sub-Collector Mr. Daniell took a very active and prominent part in devising measures for the simul-

taneous restoration of so many irrigation works, in procuring a very large body of workmen and inspecting now and then the progress of works, &c., apart from the legitimate duties attached to the Office of Huzur Sheristadar took so much interest, indeed, more than the Tahsildars in immediate charge of the Taluks would take in the matter, and exerted myself to so great an extent in preserving the Government Revenue that Mr. Daniell deemed it right to bring my services prominently to the notice of the Board in his Jamabandi Reports for Faslies 1261-62, from which I beg to quote the following passages.

"Owing to the disastrous effects of the storm, his (Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar's) duties have not only been more responsible but also more arduous. The Amildar's Establishments in some of my Taluks have not been adequate to the preparation of the additional accounts, the performance of their other duties and at the same time to bestow that degree of superintendence generally so requisite, when large bodies of work people have to be collected, and many works carried on at the same time, but the zeal exhibited by my Sheristadar and his great experience and judgment in regard to works of irrigation, have been the means of expediting the despatch of business, and I may also add, of forwarding the progress of the repairs to public works and of the construction of some temporary works under which cultivation has been carried on."

Under all the above circumstances and with the support of so many documents, containing commendations of my services, made by so many Gentlemen, who have had long experience of my merits, I feel confident that your Lordship will have no hesitation in considering my service to be an approved one. Entitled to the indulgence of a special Pension, I beg to be allowed to submit that a number of old Head Sheristadars, were, in former years, granted Shrotriems and special Pensions for 3 lives, as reward of their services; for instance, Batchi Row, Appa Row and Krista Row, the late Head Sheristadars of Cuddapah, Coimbatore and Canara Districts respectively; Neelkanta Row, the late Head Sheristadar of Bellary in whose service there was nothing of an extraordinary nature except the high character given him by several Gentlemen, save the single instance in which his exertions in quelling an insurrection in the Bombay Presidency were at the same time fully rewarded with a Jaghire, &c., and also Rangacharri, the late Head Sheristadar of South Arcot were, so lately as about 10 years ago, granted full Pensions during their lives and reduced Pensions to 2 more lives. I also hear that Appa Row and Goondappa, late Head Sheristadars of Guntur and Tanjore respectively, who were in the first instance granted only Pensions equal to a moiety of the 5 years' average of their salaries, were, on their cases being subsequently represented to Government in a fuller manner, some 10 years ago, were allowed an increase to their Pensions making them amount to Rupees 350 per month.

I beg permission to state, that the position of a 1st Class Deputy Collector and Magistrate held by me is in no way inferior to that of an old Head Sheristadar who was only a Ministerial Officer, and I leave it to your Lordship's deep and calm consideration and judgment whether I, who have faithfully and honestly served the British Government for nearly half a century, and held the high and responsible offices of Tahsildar, Sub-Division Huzur Sheristadar, Head Sheristadar and Deputy Collector and Magistrate for so long a period as 30 years, and obtained the fullest approbation of every officer under whom I was placed, as may be testified by the numerous documents herewith submitted, which I most earnestly beseech your Lordship to take into favourable consideration, am not entitled to some more consideration than that bestow-

ed upon common clerks, who, one and all, unless there is any flaw in their character, are allowed, to the present day, Pensions equal to a moiety of 5 years' average of their salaries. I bitterly grieve that the Government were led to take so slight a view of my services, as they pronounced it not to be an approved one entitled at least to a Pension of 300 Rupees, which would not have been the case had my case been reported on fully by those officers, such as the Honorable C. Pelly and the Honorable D. Arbuthnot, who have personally known my merits and services for not less than 30 and 20 years respectively. I beg to solicit the favour of your Lordship's obtaining the opinion of the said gentlemen in this matter, if that measure be found requisite. Under all the above circumstances, I most respectfully and earnestly beseech your Lordship to take my case into your most benign consideration, weighing the strength of the numerous public documents in my favour in comparison with those of others who have been rewarded with much more liberal Pensions, and to confer on me a special Pension equal to the full pay drawn by me, viz., 600, in consideration of the fact that the old Pension Rules were in full force throughout my service except only a year at its concluding part, or in the event of this being utterly impracticable to grant that indulgence, a Pension equal to the maximum amount allowed by the new Pension Rules, viz., Rupees 4,000 per annum during my life together with the arrears of the difference from the date, of the grant of my present Pension, and that of 200 Rupees for 2 more lives, an indulgence conceded to many old servants of my class and standing, submitting, if necessary, my case for the favourable consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with your Lordship's strong recommendation in my favour, for which act of justice and benevolence I shall feel grateful to your Lordship for ever.

I beg with all respect remain,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble and faithful servant.

(Signed) Y. CHEDAMBARA ROW,

Late 1st Class Deputy Collector of Godavari District.

List of Service of Y. Chedumbararow, Deputy Collector and Magistrate of the Godavery District, from A. D. 1819, June 23rd to 30th June 1865.

	EMPLOYMENT.	Pay. Rs.	Period of Service.		
			Y.	M.	D.
1	Maramut Mutasaddi of Anuntapur Taluk, Fasli 1228, A. D. 1818-19. ...	...	...	...	...
2	Nagadi Goomasta, do. ... from 23rd June 1819 to 30th November 1827...	7	...	2	...
3	Goomasta in the Collector of Hoozoor, from 1st December 1827 to November 1829. ...	13	8	5	8
4	Head Goomasta, do. ... under Naib Serishtadar, from 5th November 1829 to September 1835. ...	20 & 25	1	11	4
5	Tahasildar of Kadikonda Taluk, from 11th September 1835 to 8th September 1837. ...	30	5	10	6
6	Do. of Roydroog Taluk, from 9th September 1837 to 30th June 1841. ...	85	1	11	28
7	Serishtadar in the Sub-Collector's Office, from 1st July 1841 to 31st December 1857...	120	3	9	22
		175	16	6	...
	Total Bellary District.....		38	6	8
	Nellore District.				
8	Head Serishtadar, from 1st January 1858 to 26th March 1859.	280	1	2	6
	Guntur District.				
9	Deputy Collector and Magistrate, from 27th March 1859 to 15th December 1859. ...	350	...	8	9
	Godavery District.				
10	Do. do. from 16th December 1859 to 29th April 1861.	350	1	4	14
11	Do. do. from 30th April 1861 to 23rd June 1862. ...	500	1	1	24
12	Do. do. from 24th June 1862 to 30th June 1865. ...	600	3	...	7
			5	6	15
	Period Total... ..	...	46	...	8

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again Pres. of Govt Pension

Depart^{ts} dated 25th July 1865 No. 281.

Read also the following:

Memorial of Y. Chedambara Row
late 1st Class Dy Collector of
Godavery District & now a
Pensioner } (Here entered 12th January 1867)

Order thereon 26th February 1867 No. 82.

The Gov^{ts} were pleased
to grant to Chedambara Row
the full amount of Pension
to which under the Rules
he is entitled.

2 When passing
orders on his case the Gov^{ts}
while fully recognizing the
merits of Chedambara Row's
service and ability which
had entitled him to a
"Good Service" Pension remarked
that

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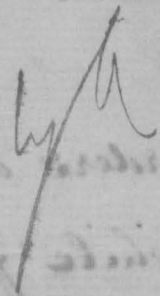
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that they could not grant
a Pension of 300 Rupees as
recommended by the Collector,
since one half of the average
Salary during the last 5 years
Service was the highest
rate which could, under
any circumstances, be
granted.

3 The Govt are
therefore unable to comply
with the request made in
the last paragraph of
the letter under considera-
tion.

F.B.



To Y. Chikambara Row
To the Collector of Godavery Distt }
To the Pension Department }

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Dated 26th February 1867.

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