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COPIES
OF
TESTIMONIALS.

VEERASAWMY PILLAY, *District Munsif of Carunguly.*

THIS person has a good knowledge of English and has held the office of Translator. His testimonials all speak of his superior abilities. I have on more occasions than one conversed with Veerasawmy Pillay and can safely say I have never met with any native who appeared to have studied such a variety of reports and public papers on all subjects, Revenue and Judicial, when making enquiries into the land tenure of the Jaghire.

The usages and customs of the people of the south, I found he had in his younger days studied these and many other subjects most carefully, and was in the possession of a great number of notes compiled from papers and reports extending back to 1773. His memory for dates and his quotations from reports I have since ascertained were singularly accurate. He has a thorough knowledge of the Regulations and Circular Orders, and the manner in which he has performed his duties proved his efficiency. I consider him one of the best informed natives I have ever conversed with on all subjects connected with the Revenue and Judicial administration of the Presidency. Of his temper I can say but little, but he has had many impediments, I know, thrown in his way by influential parties who used undue influence over his inefficient predecessor, and whatever faults he may have in that respect have doubtless been exaggerated.

His integrity and respectability are acknowledged by all classes even by those who may be dissatisfied of his decisions.

(Signed) M. DOWDESWELL,
Civil Judge.

CHINGLEPUT CIVIL COURT,
12th December 1859.

Extract from the Register of Uncovenanted Servants on the Establishment of the Civil and Session Court Chingleput.

The District Munsif of Carangooly, Veerasamy Pillay, is a most intelligent well informed man. I have seldom conversed with any native who could afford me so much information not only on judicial matters, but on most subjects connected with his country. His ability to perform his duties and his integrity are beyond all doubt.

(Signed) W. DOWDESWELL,
May 21st, 1860. *Civil and Session Judge.*

MADRAS COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
SYDAPET, *31st May* 1861.

From

B. CUNLIFFE, ESQ.,
Collector of Madras.

To

E. B. FOORD, ESQ.,
Acting Civil Judge of Chingleput.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th Instant, No. 138, I have to state my inability to assist you in the selection in question. The only individual among the Sadr Amins and District Munsifs of this District, with whom I am acquainted is the District Munsif of Karanguly, whom I have always heard spoken of as an honest and independent man, but who is now under the displeasure of the Judicial authorities and has been suspended.

I have, &c.
(Signed) B. CUNLIFFE,
Collector.

No. 133.

CHINGLEPUT CIVIL COURT,
19th March 1863.

FROM

A. W. PHILLIPS, ESQ.,
Civil Judge of Chingleput.

To

C. F. CHAMIER, ESQ.,
Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 12th March 1863, calling upon me to specify for the information of the Chief Justice and Judges, the names of any District Munsifs of the 2nd or 3rd grade whom I may consider to possess superior Judicial qualification, a good knowledge of English and unexceptionable character, such as to render them fitted for the Office of District Munsif of the first grade, I have the honor and with much pleasure to bring to the notice of the Judges, Veerasamy Pillay, the District Munsif of Conjeeveram.

He was, as the Judges are aware, suspended by them two years ago for allowing his temper to get the better of him and for using strong language on the bench, but he was at the time peculiarly situated, and I have no doubt the most was made of what he did. He his well acquainted with English, his decisions appear to give general satisfaction, and I believe his integrity from all I have seen and heard even from his enemies, is unimpeachable. I have every reason to think he will never forget the lesson that he got or what led to it, and I sincerely trust his conduct on that occasion will not stand in the way of his advancement.

I have the honor to forward with this the opinion entertained of Veerasawmy Pillay by the Collector.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) A. W. PHILLIPS,
Civil Judge.

No. 24.

MADRAS DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, SYDAPET,
17th March 1863.

FROM

C. A. ROBERTS, ESQ.,
Acting Collector of Madras.

TO

A. W. PHILLIPS, ESQ.,
Civil & Session Judge of Chingleput.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 123 of 14th Instant, I have the honor to state that not being personally acquainted with Veerasawmy Pillay, District Munsif of Conjeveram, I referred your question to my predecessor, Mr. Cunliffe, who assures me that Veerasawmy Pillay bears a very high character.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. A. ROBERTS,
Acting Collector.

CHINGLEPUT CIVIL COURT,
13th May 1864.

FROM

A. W. PHILLIPS, ESQ.,
Civil Judge of Chingleput.

TO

C. F. CHAMIER, ESQ.,
Registrar of the High Court, Madras.

SIR,

Veerasawmy Pillay as will be seen is 60 years of age, but he is vigorous, in full possession of his faculties and conducts his duties to the entire satisfaction of myself and apparently of those whose business takes them to his Court, for there has been few appeals, and all speak well of him. I have already recommended this officer for a first class Moonsiffship.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) A. W. PHILLIPS,
Civil Judge.

20th April, 1866.

TO

THE REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of 22nd March 1866, I have the honor to submit for the information of the High Court the names of C. Veerasawmy Pillay, the 3rd Class District Moonsif of Conjeeveram and S. Narasimooloo Naidoo, the 3rd Class District Moonsiff of Carangooly as fit for promotion to the 1st grade. Both these officers are able to write their decrees in English, and the high opinion I entertained of the former having already been expressed in my letter to the Registrar of the High Court, 19th March 1863, it remains only for me to say of him that a further acquaintance with him has in no way led me to alter that opinion.

(Signed) A. W. PHILLIPS,
Civil Judge.

Mr. H. S. Thomas, the late Acting Civil Judge of Chingleput in his reply to a query of the High Court expressed, "I would be sorry to lose Veerásawmy's services, and he is highly esteemed by the Public."

Examiner of Claims 13 AP 1868

To

The Examiner of Claims
Fort St. George

Sir

Adverting to your Docket No. 359, dated 11th Instant calling upon me to explaining the break of my service between the 8th March to 29th August 1851, being 5 months & 19 days, I have the honor to state, that the break alluded to is a period intervened between the date of my having resigned my appointment as Sheristadar of the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Chingleput, and my return to the same.

And at the same time I respectfully beg to send herewith copies of Testimonials of my character, being extracts from proceedings held by my former superiors, recommending me to the High Court for promotions on several occasions.

I remain
Sir
Your most Obt. Servt.

Madras
13th April 1868

Veerasawmy
Late [illegible] of Conjeveram

Pillay as a Judicial officer, to guide them in deciding his present application for pension.—

No 12 d/1 May/68

The Under Secy d

to report that the Civil Judge of Chingleput will forward to him for the consideration of Govt a copy of the proceedings of the High Court (of the 2d March 1868) directing the acceptance of the resignation of Veeraswami Pillay late Dt Munsiff of Conjeveram to which, without forwarding it, he makes allusion in his application for pension on the 2d

This is to certify that I have Examined C. Veerasawmy Pillay 2nd Class District Moonsiff Conjeveram, and I am of Opinion That in consequence of the infirmaties of Old age, he is permanently disqualified for further Active employ. - (he has also Cataract) And that so far as I can judge, this has not been brought about by intemperance or other irregular habits -

Madras.
24th Decr 67

Colvin Smith M.D.
Surgeon 2nd District

No. 37.

Confirmed

Fort St George
3rd Jany /68

W. G. MacKenzie M.D.
Inspector General
Indian Med Dept

Enclosure 1

In a Register of an
Application for Superannu
Pension for the late Distri
Munsiff of Conjeveram dat
1st April 1868.

Medical Certificat

Pens/68 Dept
I No 355

No. 102.

Chingleput Civil Court
19th February, 1868.

From
W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Acting Civil Judge of
Chingleput

To
H. Wigram Esquire
Ag. Registrar of the High Court of
Judicature at
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the perusal & orders of their Honors the Judges, Copies of an Enquiry which has lately been conducted by the Ag. Sub Collector Mr. Burnell under the provisions of Section VI. Regulation II 1821 into a complaint of abuse of authority, preferred by one Somasoondrum Chetty, against Veerasami Pillai the District Munsiff of Conjeveram in this Zilla and also Copy of the appeal Decree of this Court in A.S. 50/1867, which Appeal was taken up & disposed of by me out of order as it was the appeal against the order of the District Munsiff which was the cause of the Complaint being addressed to the Sub Collector, & as it would have been difficult to appreciate fully the facts of the Case had the record of the Enquiry conducted by Mr. Burnell been merely submitted without any Decree having been passed by this Court on the Appeal in question.—

2. The facts of the Case as shewn in these Documents, briefly, are as follows. On the 14th Septr. 1866 one Soobaroya Mudali a Gumasta, and Ponnambalam Mudali a Vakeel in the Conjeveram District Munsiff's Court were Charged before Somasoondrum Chetty, then acting as Sub Magistrate of the Town of Conjeveram, with a petty assault, and they were defended by K. Varada Pillai another Vakeel in the Conjeveram District Munsiff's Court. In the Course of the Enquiry this Vakeel Varada Pillai conducted himself in a very impertinent & disrespectful manner toward the Sub Magistrate, who then rebuked him for such Contempt of Court — and Varada Pillai professing to be greatly aggrieved

& insulted by this rebuke, at once threw up his Vakalat & left the Kacheri — He that day purchased some Stamped paper, & on the next day some more, on which a Plaint was drafted, (it is positively declared under the instructions of the District Munsiff himself) claiming heavy damages from the Sub Magte. Somasoondrum Chetty on the ground that the Vakeel's feelings & reputation had been sorely injured, & his income lowered, by Parties withdrawing & refusing to give him Vakalats in cases, & which he would have obtained, had it not been for the rebuke administered to him by the Sub Magistrate.

3. This Plaint was written out on the 15th September (on which date the Sub Magte. issued at about 11 A.M. a Summons to Varada Pillai under Section 228 of the Penal Code with reference to the Contempt of Court he had committed.) and at once was presented to & filed by the District Munsiff, who

immediately issued a Summons to the Sub Magistrate. The 15th was Saturday, & on Monday the 17th the Plaintiff Varada Pillai put in his list of witnesses which was at once received, & Summonses issued to the witnesses, and the 1st October fixed by the District Munsiff for the final hearing of the suit, although no copy of the Plaint had been supplied to the Defendant Somasoondrum Chetty, & though he had, of course, had no opportunity of putting in any Reply to the Plaint.

4. The Defendant experienced much difficulty in obtaining the services of any of the Pleaders in the District Munsiff's Court to conduct his Defence - One Vakeel did at first accept the Vakalat offered him by the Defendant, but the District Munsiff refused to allow him to hold it on the ground that he was himself to be one of the witnesses for the Plaintiff - An English attorney was then employed by the Defendant but the District

Munsiff refused to allow him to appear on the ground that the Vakalat had been executed & accepted in Madras & not in the District Munsiff's presence. The Defendant then applied to several other native Vakeels of the Conjeveram Court who refused to act for him, finally Srinivasa Rau Consented to conduct the Defence, but as the result will shew, his services were rendered in such a manner as to be perfectly useless to his Client.—

5. The Defendant then put in his reply to the Plaint, wherein he admitted the administration of the rebuke to the Plaintiff pleaded justification - non liability to Civil action - and also that the Plaintiff's claim to damages was extravagant in amount.

The case was thus before the District Munsiff in an extremely simple form & he had only to frame Issues and proceed in the usual manner - But instead of acting thus Veeraswami Pillai issued a Summons to the Defendant desiring him to appear in person before him to be orally examined on points respecting which the Vakeel he had retained was unable to furnish information. It does not appear what was the information that the District Munsiff professed to require before he went on with the case, and in my opinion the summoning of the Defendant was wholly unnecessary; the District Munsiff had then before him the Defendant's reply to the Plaint whereon Issues could have been framed with the utmost ease - and in view of all the prior circumstances of the case there can be no doubt that the compulsory personal attendance of the Defendant was designed simply to annoy him, & as a retaliation for his having rebuked & subsequently fined the Plaintiff for Contempt of Court. -

6. The Defendant excused himself from attendance filing a Medical Certificate that he was suffering from Ophthalmia & unfit to travel, & requested that Issues might be framed in his absence; the District Munsiff allowed one month's adjournment of the suit,

& recorded a Diary order, (which was not communicated to the Defendant,) to the effect that if he did not appear in person on the adjourned date the case would be finally disposed of under Section 127 of the Civil Code. - The Defendant did not appear on that date, & his Vakeel then was made by the District Munsiff to give a deposition to the effect that he had not been informed by his client how he was to conduct the case, & the District Munsiff forthwith, without making any examination in the case, and without there being any evidence before him to shew that the Deft's absence was fraudulent or avoidable, decreed under Section 127 that Defendant should pay to Plaintiff the sum of Rs. 335 with interest from date of decree, viz. Rs. 200 damages for the injury Plaintiff had received by the rebuke administered by the Defendant, & Rs. 135 value of Fees asserted (but not proved) to have been lost to the Plaintiff in consequence of that rebuke.

7. Comment from me on the conduct of the District Munsiff in his mode of disposing of this case is hardly necessary. The facts I have now set forth shew I conceive very clearly that the District Munsiff has throughout the whole affair acted with the grossest partiality, & that by the manifest desire he evinced to assist the Plaintiff, a subordinate of his Court, in the vindicative suit he had instituted before him against the Sub Magistrate, he has abused his authority so gravely as to require very severe notice being taken of his behaviour. If additional evidence is necessary to shew the surprising disregard of what is proper and just on the part of the District Munsiff I may draw the attention of their Honors to the assertion of the witness Munisami Naidu in his deposition

before the Sub Collector, and the accuracy of which the District Munsiff does not deny in his defence, (which was conducted for him by an English Attorney and which, in my opinion, by no means rebuts the accusation against him. One of this witnesses statements is that while standing outside the District Munsiff Court, the District Munsiff, noticing him there ordered him to go to a distance & on his not immediately complying with the order at once fined him Rs. 3.

8. In conclusion I beg to offer a few remarks in explanation of the delay which has attended the enquiry into this charge against the District Munsiff, & which otherwise might be considered reprehensible. The original Complaint of Somasoondrum Chetty to the Ag. Sub. Collector Mr. Burnell was received by that Officer on the 23rd March 1867, & he forwarded it on the 25th April to my predecessor Mr. H. S. Thomas, who on

the 27th idem forwarded it to the District Munsiff for explanation and this I found undisposed of when I re opened this Court after the Recess in July last - I considered that the Charge against the District Munsiff, though a serious one, was not of such a nature as to require his immediate removal from office inasmuch as the offence of which he was accused had been committed so far back as September 1866. and knowing what a focus of intrigue and chicanery is the Town of Conjeveram I was of opinion that the truth of the matter would be far more likely to come out when all the parties most interested had been removed from that locality. I therefore purposely abstained from causing further Enquiry to be made until after the Conjeveram District Munsiff's Court had moved to Trivellore, which it did on the 16th September, &, on the 18th, I wrote to the Sub. Collector requesting him to make the Enquiry required by Section VI Regulation II of 1821. That Officer on the 19th December forwarded to me the record of his Enquiry when this Court was about to close for the Christmas holidays and as I had ordered the appeal of Somasoondrum Chetty to be posted for hearing in January it seemed to me more fair to the District Munsiff to hear and dispose of that appeal before I went into the evidence recorded by Mr Burnell, as I was aware the result of that Enquiry was unfavorable to the District Munsiff - The appeal was disposed of on the 27th January, but the unusually heavy work thrown on the writers of this Court in preparing the copies of documents required in appeals that have been preferred in cases tried at this Months Session & also one referred case, has prevented my preparing & submitting the copies of this case sooner.

I have &c
(Signed) W. J. Whiteside
Ag. Civil Judge

Copied
C. N. Sabapathy
Etr.

Exd
J. Mottadem

(True Copy)
W. J. Whiteside
Acting Civil Judge

Enclosure 2

In a Register of an application for Superannuation Pension for the Late District Moonsiff of Conjeveram dated 1st April 1868.

Copy of the Ag. Civil Judge letter to the Ag. Registrar of the High Court dated 19th February 1868 reporting on the Official Conduct &c. of the late District Moonsiff of Conjeveram. –

Pens/68 Deptt.

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No. 103. Chingleput Civil Court
20th February 1868.

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire

Acting Civil Judge of

Chingleput

To

H. Wigram Esquire

Acting Registrar of the

High Court of Judicature

at

Madras

Sir,

In Continuation of my letter No. 102 of the 19th Instant I have the honor to state for the information of their Honors the Judges that Veerasami Pillai the District Moonsiff of Conjeveram forwarded to me his application for Pension immediately after this Court reopened at the close of the Christmas Holidays. as however this was manifestly an attempt on his part to avoid the consequences of the High Courts possibly taking an unfavorable view of the charge preferred against him by Somasoondarachetty then pending and respecting which

which I have just addressed the Judges. I did not feel justified in forwarding his application for Pension before the whole facts of that case had been stated by me for final orders.

2 The Secretary of State in his dispatch dated 16th December 1867 No 130 has ruled that the maximum amount of Pension shall not be awarded to members of the uncovenanted Service unless their services have been such as to shew them clearly deserving of it and I regret that I am obliged to state that in my opinion Veerasawmy Pillai's services are not of such a nature as to render him worthy of favorable consideration being bestowed on his application for Pension—

3 The Records of this Court abound with instances in which this man has been warned, rebuked, fined, & even suspended from office for misconduct of various kinds— and, unless I am very much mistaken, this

is also the case in the Civil Court of Madura where Veerasami Pillai was employed many years ago— While in that District, he was, in the year 1834, dismissed from the Public Service for getting up charges against the Judge Mr G. S. Hooper, & he then considered it advisable to quit this Presidency and reside for some time in Calcutta; in 1847 he was again employed in the Public Service, but was suspended for 6 months in 1850— and in 1861 he was again suspended for 6 months for using violent and abusive language in Court, and to unjust treatment of the Suitors and Witnesses in his Court—

Vide letter of
Mr Fullerton
Ag Civil Judge
No 94 of 16th March 1861,
& the Proceedings of the
late Sudr Court thereon
dated 23d idem.—

4 During the time I have been in charge of this Court I have, on numerous occasions, been compelled to notice with dissatisfaction the extremely irregular, hasty, and harsh manner in which Veerasami Pillai has performed his duties, and which I will briefly explain the more clearly to shew the nature of

of his Public services —

I He never frames Issues in any of his suits, no matter how important the case may be — Since July last I have disposed of 29 Appeals against Decrees of his, and in only 3 of those Appeals were Points recorded and Issues framed; and in 2 out of those 3 cases the Issues had been framed by another District Munsiff, who commenced the Cases —

II As a rule he receives no written reply to the Plaint from Defendants, but instead thereof takes a deposition from the Defendants himself or the Defendants Vakeel, and upon that deposition which very frequently contains statements most prejudicial to the Defendants interests, (and it is alleged in several cases directly opposed to the instructions given the Vakeels by their clients) the District Munsiff disposes of the case in many instances without hearing any evidence —

III Another practice, to which he is much addicted, is to post cases for hearing but instead of taking them up when the Parties and their Witnesses appear for examination on the specified day the District Munsiff records a Diary order desiring them to "wait"; instances have come to my notice on appeal in which Parties have thus produced their witnesses on as many as 8 & 10 different occasions spreading over a period of more than as many months, the Parties being continually required to pay for fresh summonses or warrants to procure the attendance of their witnesses — at last the District Munsiff suddenly calls up one of these cases for hearing, the parties not expecting that their case is likely to be heard are not in attendance or their witnesses wearied by months of idleattendance at the Court have run away to their villages, the District Munsiff at once dismisses the Suit under Section 148 of the Civil Code, and the Parties are put to trouble & expense & fresh delay in appealing to this Court. I have lately had no less than 7 cases of this kind on appeal before me against this District Munsiff's Orders.

5 I could add very many instances in which well founded complaints of other kinds have been made to this Court by parties compelled to attend before him on business, but it would needlessly swell this letter. I will only add one case which is too grave to be passed over without notice & which has only come to my knowledge within the last few days.

6. The District Munsiff Veerasami Pillai

had

attached all the property of a Debtor in execution of a decree of his own, and the Decree holder through his Vakil represented that he suspected that the judgment debtor had instigated a 3d party to sue for some of the attached property as belonging to him, whereupon Veerasami Pillay at once issued a warrant for the Defendant's arrest and kept him in custody, without sending him to Gaol, and without disposing of the case, for 10 months, the man being compelled out of his own funds to pay regularly the Peon who had him custody, at the rate of Rs. 7 1/2 per mensem. When this fact at last came to my notice by a Mis. Petition, I called upon the District Munsiff for a full Report of the circumstances of the case; his report was contained in 8 lines of manuscript wherein he curtly referred me to the Diary of his Court for

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the information I had called for & imperti:nently expressed surprise that I had received such Petition from a man who was then in custody of one of his Court Peons – I then administered a severe rebuke to the Dist. Moonsiff and suspended the Vakil who had caused the Defendant to be kept in custody so long and called for a state:ment from the District Munsiff shewing the various instances during the past 6 Months* in which he has acted in a similar manner this Report though called for more than once has not been yet submitted and when pressed for it the District Munsiff has informed me that he feels too unwell to go to Court –

7. I have now brought to notice a few of the many irregularities I have noticed in Veerasami Pillais discharge of his duties, and in view of the eminently unsatisfactory manner in which he has conducted himself through out his Service I consider it my duty to suggest that he be recommended to Government for a Pension not exceeding half that× to which he may eventually be found entitled by length of Service

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant
(Signed) W. S. Whiteside
Ag Civil Judge

(True Copy)
W. S. Whiteside
Ag Civil Judge

Note *
On a subsequent examination of the Court Diary & records it has been found that 31 individuals were arrested & kept in the custody of Batta Peons for different periods varying from one week to 3½ Months during the 6 Months immediately preceding this reference.
W. S. W.

× Rule No 8 of the uncovenanted Service Rules with reference to allowances on retirement –

Exd
T. McHee

No. 373.

Proceedings of the High Court of Judicature at Madras 2nd March 1868.

Read letter dated 19th February 1868 from the Ag. Civil Judge of Chingleput, submitting for the consideration and orders of the High Court the record of an enquiry held by the Ag. Sub. Collector of Madras District into the conduct of the District Munsiff of Conjeveram under the provisions of Section 6 Regulation II of 1821.

Read also letter from the same officer dated 20th February 1868, bringing to notice certain irregularities connected with the Proceedings of the District Munsiff of Conjeveram and suggesting that his application for pension be forwarded to Govt. with a recommendation that he receive an amount not exceeding a moiety of that to which he is entitled.

The High Court do not see upon these papers any thing which should prevent them from accepting the resignation of the District Munsiff. It will be for the Government to say to what pension the applicant is entitled with all the circumstances of the case before them.—

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. Wigram
Ag. Registrar,
Appellate Side

To
The Ag. Civil Judge of
Chingleput.

(True Copy)

W. J. Whitmill
Acting Civil Judge

Comp^d.
C. Sabapathy
Esq.

Enclosure 3

In a Register of an application for Superannuation Pension for the late District Munsiff of Conjeveram dated 1st April 1868.

Copy of the Ag. Civil Judge letter to the Ag. Registrar of the High Court dated 20th February 1868 reporting on the official conduct &c. of the late District Munsiff of Conjeveram.—

Revs/68 Dept.
In No 355

Enclosure
In a letter from the C. & S. Civil Judge of Chingleput
dated 4th May 1868. No 278.

Copy of the High Court
Proceedings dated 2nd
March 68. No 373.

Recd 6th Deptt
No 2309.

REGISTER *of an application for Superannuation Pension under Pension Rules published under date 3rd May 1864, from the Establishment of the* Civil & Session Court *of* Chingleput.

			Years.	Months.	Days.
1	Full name of Pensioner… … …	Chéthupattu Veerasawmy Pillai			
2	Sect or caste… … … … …	Yadava, Vishnu Sect.			
3	Residence … … … … …	Trivalloor.			
4	Present post … … … … …	2nd Class District Munsiff of Conjeveram			
5	Date of commencement of service… …	24th June 1828.			
6	Date of retirement from service … … …	2nd March 1868.			
7*	Abstract of the grounds of application.	1. ~~Good service~~ … … …			
		2. Inability to serve longer …			
		3. ~~Reduction of Establishment~~			
8*	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	1. Resigned the service from 8th March to 29th August 1850	.	5	21
		2.† ~~Reduction of Establishment from~~ ~~to~~			
		3. Suspended for misconduct from 23rd March to 22nd Sepr 1861	.	6	0
		4. Dismissed for misconduct from 1st Sepr 1834 to 14th Sepr 1847	13	0	14
9	Total of service before 22 years of age… … … … … … … … … … …		-	-	-
10	Total of service not in Pension grades … … … … … … … … … …		-	-	-
11	Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave … … … …		-	2	14
		Grand Total… … …	14	2	19
12	Total period in Pension grades counted as service … … … … …		25	5	21
13‡	Age of the applicant at the time of this application … … … … …		64	0	0
			Feet.	Inches.	
14	Height … … … … … … … … … … … … …		5	1	
15	Descriptive marks.—	⊕ 3 Small black warts by the side of the left nostril.			
			Rs.	A.	P.
16	Average salary of past 5 years … … … … … … … … …		215	13	0
17	Proposed amount of Pension… … … … … … … … …		53	15	0
18	Date from which to commence …	3rd March 1868			
19	Place of payment … … … …	Madras.			

* *N. B.*—The reason of the applicant's retirement and of his being unemployed for the periods given being left, the other grounds of retirement and reasons of break in employment should be erased with red ink.

†It is hereby certified that no gratuity was drawn by the applicant on reduction of Establishment in the year.
It is certified that gratuity having been granted was refunded to the amount of Rs. A. P.
Order sanctioning payment of gratuity was 186 .
Amount of gratuity granted was Rs. A. P.
Refund of gratuity was credited to the account for the month of

⊕ The descriptive roll was prep[illegible] & sent by the Collector of the Madras District as the applicant did not appear before this Court under plea of sickness.

‡ I do hereby certify, that to the best of my belief the applicant's age above stated is correct.

P. Seevaramban
Serishtadar

DA & AG. Office
Recd 2
Ansd __ 4 1868

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Statement of total period of Service.

Establishment.	Post.	Pay. Rs.	A.	P.	Period. From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	Accountant General or Controller of Military Accounts Remarks.
Zillah Court of Madura	Writer	31	8	0	24th June 1828	12th January 1831	2	6	19	Verified
do	do	28	0	0	13th January 1831	25th September 1831	"	8	14	
do	Translator	70	0	0	26th September 1831	31st August 1834	2	11	5	
					Break 1st September 1834	14th September 1847				Vide G. O. dated 31st January 1863 No 147 [illegible]
Principal Sudr Ameen's Court Chingleput	Sheristadar	90	0	0	15th September 1847	7th March 1850	2	5	23	Verified.
					8th March 1850	29th August 1860				Caused by resigna
do	do	90	0	0	30th August 1850	18th September 1855	5	0	20	Verified
Civil & Session Court Chingleput	3rd Class District Munsiff of Karanguli	100	0	0	19th September 1855	22nd March 1861	5	6	4	
					23rd March 1861	22nd September 1861				Suspended for misconduct.
do	do	100	0	0	23rd September 1861	30th June 1862	"	9	8	Verified.
do	do of Conjeveram	200	0	0	1st July 1862	31st July 1866	4	1	0	
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H. Donald
Examr of Claims

Note
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	Years.	Months.	Days.			
Deduct service before 22 years of age ...	"	"	"			
Deduct service not in Pension grades ...	"	"	"			
Deduct leave ...	"	2	14	"	2	14
Net period of Service......				25	5	21

Explanation of Column 8 with quotations of orders of reinstatement.

The records of the late Zillah Court of Madura
where the applicant was formerly employed
have been reported as not forthcoming by the
Civil Judge of that District to whom a reference
was made on the subject. The records of the late
Principal Sudr Ameen's Court at Chingleput which
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for this Court to give here any explanation &
regarding the applicant's services &c. beyond
stating that the applicant was suspended by the
late Sudr Court for 6 months from 23rd March 1861
for being in the habit of brow beating and
insulting both parties & witnesses who
appeared in his Court.

Explanation of any degradation.

Vide remarks under the Head "Explanation of Column 8."

Detail of leave on half pay and full stoppage of pay.

From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.
6th September 1858	24th September 1858	"	"	19
3rd November 1865	17th November 1865	"	"	15
17th February 1866	7th March 1866	"	"	19
11th do 1868	2nd do 1868	"	.	21
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Remarks by the head of the Office on past character and conduct of the applicant throughout the service.

Character not good - The applicant has been re-
peatedly punished for misconduct of various kinds
He has been on various occasions fined. suspended &
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employ for many years he was permitted by the late Court
of Directors to be reemployed. Latterly his behaviour in
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The Ag. Civil Judge on the 19th & 20th February 1868 brought the
applicant's official conduct to the notice of the Judges of the
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him when transmitting the application for Pension to request
the consideration by Govt. of the advisability of granting to
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with the application for Pension.

Chingleput Civil & Session Judges Office,
The 1st April 1868.
End P. D. F.

Ag. Civil and Session Judge

No. 365

REPORT OF THE Examiner of Claims.

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of...	25	5	21
	Rs.	**A.**	**P.**
In the last 5 years of his service the average pay of the applicant's permanent post was	215	14	2

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Applicant is eligible to a pension of Rupees 107 - 8 - " per mensem, equal to a moiety of his average salary during

Statement of total period of Service.

Establishment.	Post.	Pay.			Period.					Accountant General or Controller of Military Accounts Remarks.
		Rs.	A.	P.	From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	
Zillah Court of Madura	Writer	31	8	0	24th June 1828	12th January 1831	2	6	19	Verified
do	do	28	0	0	13th January 1831	25th September 1831	"	8	14	
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H. Donald
Examr. of Claim

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Chingleput Civil & Session Judges Office,
The 1st April 1868.

End P. A. F.

Ag. Civil and Session Judge

No. 365

REPORT OF THE Examiner of Claims.

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of...	25	5	21
	Rs.	A.	P.
In the last 5 years of his service the average pay of the applicant's permanent post was	215	14	2

Applicant is eligible to a pension of Rupees 107-8-" per mensem, equal to a moiety of his average salary during the last 5 years, under Clause III Section 6, of the Revised Pension Rules. He has not forfeited his service prior to March 1850 as the break in his service from that month does not amount to more than twelve months.

The Acting Civil Judge recommends a pension of Rs. 53-15-" or one fourth of the average salary (Vide his remarks) but a copy of the letter of the Judges of the High Court dated 2nd Ultimo to which he refers does not form an accompaniment to this Register.

Veerasawmy Pillay's Medical Certificate is dated 27th December 1867 and was confirmed on 3rd January last by the Inspector General Medical Department; but he was retained in the Service up to 2nd Ultimo.

H. Donald
Examiner of Claims.

Secun: 13th April 1868

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Civil Pension Department.

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No. 278.

Chingleput Civil Court
4th May 1868

From
W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Ag. Civil Judge of
Chingleput

To
C. G. Walker Esquire
Under Secretary to Government
Pension Department

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memorandum No. 12 of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith Copy of the Proceedings of the High Court of Judicature, dated 2nd March 1868, in the matter of the resignation of the late District Munsiff of Conjeeveram.

And to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
W. S. Whiteside
Ag. Civil Judge

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PENSION 1868 DEPARTMENT.

No. 356

From the Examiner of Claims
Fort Saint George,

To the Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

No. 365

Dated 13th
Received 15th April 1868.

Enclosures.

Verifies the service
of C. Veerasawmy Pillai
late 2d Dist. Munsiff of Conjeeve
borne on the establishment of the Civil
Court of Chingleput.

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PENSION 1868 DEPARTMENT.

No. 355

From the Ag Civil and Session
Judge of Chingleput

To the Accountant General, ~~or Controller of Military Accounts.~~

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Dated 1st
Received 15th April 1868.

(3 Enclosures.)
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Register of an application for Superannuation Pension in behalf
of C. Veerasawmy Pillai
late 2d Class Distt. Mff of Conjeeve
borne on the establishment of the Chingle
Civil and Session Court.

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O. No. 331

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, 1st Oct. 68 No. 331
[illegible] No. 331

Pension Department

Memorandum

For orders

This man C. Verasami Pillai late District Munsiff of Conjeveram, was in 1836, dismissed by order of Govt. and declared to be disqualified for further service for concocting and getting signed a petition, said to be false, and calumnious, of the Judge of Madura, Mr. Hooper.

The Honorable Board, directed his restoration to an equivalent office on the ground that the enquiry had been held by Mr. Hooper, the Officer complained against, and the accused had had no opportunity of defence, and at last he was, in 1847, reemployed, after long correspondence (most tedious and uninforming). He has since been suspended in 1861 for 6 months for violent conduct in Court (when a Munsiff) and now Mr. Whiteside

Sent.

I think a pension of Rs 80 monthly enough for this man.

I think the same above proposed will be a liberal pension, considering the very reprehensible antecedents of C. Veerasamy Pilly who I believe has for years past misused his judicial position in various ways & been the terror of the district.

Pension 1868 Department

From
the Ag. Civil Judge of Chingleput
No. 389.
To
The Under Secretary to Pension Depart.

Dated 4th }
Recd. 5th } May 1868.

One Enclosure

Forwards copy of the High Court Proceedings dated 2nd March 1868 in the matter of the resignation of the late District Munsiff of Conjeveram.

O. No. 331

sent him up to the High Court, evidently wishing him to be dismissed, charging him with irregular and oppressive use of his position as District Moonsiff, and recommending that he should be granted only one-half of the moiety of salary to which his service renders him eligible.

2. The first complaint is this. The Sub Magistrate of Conjeeveram Somasoondrum Chetty in his (the Sub Magte) Court rebuked a Vakeel Varada Pillai for improper behaviour in a case. The Vakeel threw up his Vakalat and left the Court, and instituted a suit for damage to his character before the District Moonsiff. No Vakeel would defend the Sub Magistrate but at last one consented and did him. The Sub Magistrate was summoned, but put in a sick certificate. At the end of the month of adjournment the District Moonsiff suddenly called up the case, the Vakeel said he had no instructions! and the Moonsiff decreed Rs. 336 to the plaintiff.

The several charges are that he has

always

always been troublesome. I. He never framed issues, be the suits never so important. II. He takes no reply to the written plaint from the Defendant, but takes a deposition from his Vakil (which of course exalts the Vakil class). III. He postpones cases sometimes 8 or 10 times and then suddenly calls them on and decides Ex parte. IV. He has kept many people in very long custody (one for 10 months) with the cases undisposed of, not in Jail, but under a batta Peon.

His service, excluding breaks, is 25 y. 5 m. 21 d. and his average salary being Rupees 215-13-0 he is eligible to a pension of Rs. 107-12-0. Orders are requested as to the pension. The High Court make no remark, but leave it all to Government.

A.W.

The district Mff Verasawmy Pillay has long been notorious for an ill temper that has ~~long~~ unfitted him for a judicial office. and it is a relief to the District that he has at last retired. I never heard in the Madras District that Verasawmy was dishonest indeed it was always allowed that he was not corrupt. The High Ct. give no opinion & have accepted his resignation. His former dismissal was revoked & cannot therefore count agt. him. He has been since suspended twice. It may be enough to take away a small part of his pension & give him 100 instead of 107-8. He has been during 40 years in the service is 64 years old & going blind. R.W.

Pension Department.

List

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ Papers.

From the Ag. Civil Judge of Chingleput (Here enter 1st April 1868 —
Report of the Examiner of G. Claims (— " — 13th — " — No. 365.

Order thereon 1st October 1868 No. 331.

C. Veerasawmy Pillai late District Moonsiff of Conjeveram, entered the Government service in June 1828 and retired March 2d 1868. He was dismissed the service in 1834, but ordered to be reinstated by the late Hon'ble Court of Directors, and in 1847 he was again employed. In 1855 he became a Moonsiff, and in 1861, he was suspended by the Sudr Court for 6 months for violent conduct in Court. The account given of his proceedings since that time is not to his credit, and the violence of his temper

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appears ~~greatly to have detracted from the propriety of conduct appropriate to a Judicial Officer.~~ seriously to have interfered with the performance of his duties as a Judicial officer — His service for pension is 25 y. 5 m. 21 d. he is certified unfit for service; and his average salary has been Rs. 215-14-2.

The Government cannot with proper regard to the unfavorable accounts received of the applicant's character and behaviour, allow him a larger pension than Rupees (80-..-..) Eighty per mensem. This will be passed to him from the 3rd March 1868. payable by the Examiner of Claims.

C.N.W.

Civil Judge of Chingleput
Accountant General with Register for entry

D.s: 1/10/68

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 1st October 1868.