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No 302.

Madras District
Sub Collector's Office
Chingleput 26th October
1869.

From, C. J. Crook Esq^r
H. Sub Collector of the Madras District
To, G. Thornhill Esq^r
H. Collector of the Madras District

Sir, In reply to your Memo No. 20 of the 28th June 1869 I have the honor to express my regret at the delay which has taken place, a delay entirely due to the unaccountable negligence of the Tahsildar of Conjeeveram, who now reports that the original petition has been lost. H. H. P. S. whose name it bore denies the authorship of it and that the original Pensioner therein referred to is still living.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) E. S. Crole

Sub. Collector

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As Collector

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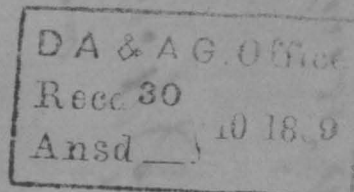
No. 44
 See Collier's letter
 to the Collector
 of Madras
 dated 22nd October 1869
 The Collector of Madras
 The Examiner of Claims
 Ft. St. George
 Madras Collectors Office
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With reference to your letter of the 7th June last No 595 & the several communications subsequently received on the subject, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter thus received from the Ag Sub Collector, which furnishes the required information & explains the cause of the delay in reporting on the case,

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most devoted &c
 Wm W. Webb
 As Collector

And I am the matter



No. 310.
By letter
d. 26th Oct 89

Madras District
Sub Collector's Office
Chingleput 29th October 89
C. T. Crook Esq.
Ap. Sub Collector
Madras District

To,

G. Thornhill Esq.
Ap. Collector
Madras District.

Sir,

In reply to your official memo
No. 385 of the 26th Instant on a letter from
the Examiner of claims to your address, I
have the honor to state that I addressed you
on the subject in a report dated the 26th Instant.

2. I have since seen various people
who know the circumstances, and am
convinced that the petition was the work
of some person with intent to annoy the
pensioner in question, and dupe the Exam-
-ner of claims into stopping payment in
both of which objects he seems to have completely
succeeded.

3. I may add that I have also
personally

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From
The H. Secretary
Madras
Dated 28th Oct 1889
No. 2144
(Enclos)
Forward copy of a letter
received from the Sub
Collector reporting on the
subject of Hon. Mr. A. J. P.
Petition.

personally examined Honari Pillai the only person bearing that name in those parts, and he denies all knowledge of the petition. There is no reason to doubt his innocence, as no one would dream of attaching his true name to a document so evidently preposterous as the petition in question has turned out to be.

4. For the inexcusable delay which has occurred in the Taluk as well as the loss of the petition, both pointing as they appear to do a scheme of malicious annoyance, I intend to hold the Tahsildar responsible.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) C. J. Crook
Ap. Sub Collector.

N. 401 (True Copy)

Forwarded to the Examiner of Claims for his information in continuation of the Ap. Collector's letter of the 28th ultimo N. 244.

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Collector's Office
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Ap. Collector

W. J. N.

No 29.

Fort Saint George
Account Genl. Office
26th November 1869

From The Accountant General
To The Chief Secretary to Government
Civil Pension Department.

Sir,

In March last a letter signed in Tamil "Honari Pillai" and which has been pronounced by a man of that name residing in the Madras District to be a forgery as far as he is concerned was received by the Examiner of Claims. The purport of the letter was that the pension of Rs. 14 a month granted to Ammanee Ammah, Widow of Narraim Pillay, Head Manager, General Post Office had since his death 20 years ago been received by her sister who assumed the name of Ammanee Ammah.

2. The Examiner of Claims who had mustered this woman along with all other pensioners when he first paid their allowances again mustered her and found as previously that she bore the marks of identity given in the certificate and had it not been that she did appear to be not so old by many years

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as she ought to be according to the certificate the Petition would have been disregarded as untrue.

3. According to the present Certificate dated 13 April 1856 the pension was first granted to Annamma Ammah in July 1815 and at date of present Certificate she is stated to have been 47 years and 9 months old, thus at the present time she should be upwards of 80 while her appearance is that of a hale woman of 60.

4. The case thus bearing a somewhat suspicious look though much stress can never be put upon the statement of a native regarding age a careful enquiry was set on foot.

5. The Post master of Malabar the Head of the office by whom the pension was disbursed up to August 1865 inclusive was applied to in the first place, but as he could not give any satisfactory information regarding the identity or not of the present recipient with the original Pensioner. The matter was then placed in the hands of the Commissioners of Police, but his enquiry was not productive of any thing that could undeniably establish the alleged deception.

6. In these circumstances I deemed it advisable to ask the collector of the Malabar District

District to investigate the case which he did through the acting Subcollector who on 26 ultimo stated that Honori Pillai denies the authenticity of the petition and that the original Pensioner therein referred to is still alive. On 29 idem that Officer supplies this report by adding that his conclusion is "that the Petition was the work of some person with intent to annoy the Pensioner and to depe the Examiner of Claims into stopping payment that he examined Honori Pillai the only person bearing that name in those parts and he denies all knowledge of the Petition. There is no reason to doubt his innocence as no one would dream of attaching his true name to a document so evidently fraudulent as the Petition in question has turned out to be."

7. Upon receipt of this report which seems to me satisfactory I instructed the Examiner of Claims to pay to Annamma Ammah the arrears of pension "from March 1864" that was due but I report the case to Government in order that they may issue such orders as they consider necessary in the circumstances since the correct age of the Pensioner has clearly not been inserted in the accompanying Certificate.

8. I beg to submit the letters received from the Acting collector of Madras as it seems proper that the Tahsildar's conduct in the case by which the Pensioner has been kept out of her Pension for some months should be prominently brought to the notice of Government. My reference to the collector was made in March and the Collector's answer for the reasons given by the Acting Sub collector were not submitted till 28 ultimo and 2^d instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours obedient servant
F. A. Cunningham
Accountant General.

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Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Accountant General dated
26th November 1869 N^o 1429.

Order thereon 15th December 1869 N^o 448.

The Government think
it would be well if, as
medical opinion as to the age
of the person alleging her-
self to be the Ammay
Ammal who was pensioned
in 1815 were obtained.

They would also be glad
to know the evidence (other
than the repudiation of
the

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Pension 1869 Defunct.

N^o 1076.

From

The Accountant

General

Dated 26th Nov 1869

N^o 230 Nov 27/69.

Brings to the notice of
Govt. the conduct of the
Jahidary Congress
by which a Pensioner
was kept out of her Pension
for some months.

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the petition by Haneri
Pillai) on which the Ag.
Sub Collector of Madras
has become convinced
that the petition is a ma-
licious forgery with the
object of annoying the
claimant to the pension,
and duping the Examiner
of Claims. Were frauds of
~~this~~ kind suspected, rare,
this opinion might be
^{accepted} plausible; but it appears
to Government that the
delay in the enquiry and
the loss of the petition
are at least as consistent
with the supposition of
connivance in a real
fraud, as with ^{the} conclusion
arrived at by the Ag. Sub
Collector.

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Accountant General } Des. 15/12.
Collector of Madras Dist.

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General
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Date: December 15th 1869, No 448
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Understanding that it was
 as well to obtain a medical
 Certificate as to the age of
 Communion and actual
 Transubstantiation.

C: 9th Derby
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