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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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Dated

25-3-1870

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Translation of an order No 49 dated 31st July
1866 from Mr. H. G. Smith Collector of Cuddalore
to Kowkur Venkata Rao Native Record Keeper.

On the perusal of the attendance Roll
received from your office, it having come to my
notice, that you did not attend the office on the 10th
Instant on the score of your being attacked with fever
as remarked by you in it, while on the contrary it was
remarked, by your Deputy Ramayyanam Seshiah,
in the very same statement that you had
gone to Canlafor on the 10th Instant and
returned from thence on the 12th. An order No 41
under date the 10th Instant was issued to you with
a view to ascertain the reality of the matter, to which
you have replied in your order No 40 that you
did attend office on the 10th Instant notwithstanding
it was Sunday and being attacked with fever
the very day stopped at home on the 11th Instant.

It being further found desirable to ascer-
tain the truth of the matter Canlafor Sub
Magistrate was called upon in the order issued
to him on the 7th Instant to report on the matter.

From his arze N^o 45 it is learnt that you had come to Camlapore on the evening of 10th Instant stopped there the whole day of the 11th and left it for Cussapah on the morning of the 12th.

It appears from this that you have given a downright false report in the matter even after you ~~were~~ required to explain ~~and to~~ its truth, that you have spontaneously transgressed all the frequent warnings given you to attend office regularly and to avoid carelessness and negligence often remarked in the discharge of your public duties, and that you have willingly spoken another falsehood unheeding your situation even after you ~~were~~ warned by deductions and forfeitures from your pay, to put a stop to such irregularities.

It having also been ascertained from the Sub Magistrate's arze and the deposition referred to therein that you had been to Camlapore to have your will executed,

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that you (a servant of Government) have absented from the station and office without leave, and gone to outstations for the purpose of settling matters connected with your landed estates, and that you have reported a gross falsehood even after you were required to report the truth in the matter. You are consequently deemed unfit to hold a responsible post hereforward and accordingly informed that your services will be discontinued from the 1st of August.

You are further directed to give over of your charge to Linganamala Rama Row Clerk in the Hoogoor taking a receipt from him for all of them and report the matter.

Signed/ E. L.
Munisterdar

Signed/ A. G. Smith
Collector

(True Translation)

James Clement
Collector

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C. S. S. S.

No. 6.

Cuddapah Collector's Office
4th March 1870

From G. Vans Agnew Esquire
Collector of Cuddapah

To J. L. Minchin Esquire
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to draw the attention
of Government to the correspondence noted in
the margin, the result of which was that the
Government granted to one Howkur Venkata
Row, Vernacular Record Keeper in the Collector's
Office at Cuddapah, a half pension of Rs. 20-12-00
payable from the 1st August 1866.

Under the head "Remarks by the
Head of the Office on the past Character and
conduct of the applicant" in the Register of
application the Government will find the following
statement "The applicant has served the Govern-
ment for a period of 33 years 9 months and 12
days, during which time he behaved himself
faithfully, and he is therefore entitled to half

1. From the Collector of Cuddapah to the Government and General Register of an Application for a half Pension dated 7th Sept 1866.
1. From the Examiner of Claims to the Collector of Cuddapah dated 11th December 1866.
1. Letter to the Examiner of Claims from the Collector of Cuddapah dated 17th January 1867.
1. Offl. Memo from the Examiner of Claims to the Collector of Cuddapah dated 26th January 1867.
1. Letter to the Examiner of Claims from the Collector of Cuddapah dated 29th January 1867.
1. Memo from the Examiner of Claims to the Collector of Cuddapah dated 9th Feb 1867.
1. Letter to D^r from the Collector of Cuddapah dated 16th August 1867.
1. Order of Government of 12th September 1867.
1. Government Endorsement on Petition of Howkur Venkata Row dated 2nd October 1867.
1. Letter to the Chief Secy to Govt of 29th October 1867.
1. Govt Order of 18th February 1867.

Enclosure No. 1.

This letter from the Collector of Cuddapah under a File No. 1070 & 11. 6.

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pension, which the Government will be pleased to grant him from 1st August 1866, on which date he was removed from his office."

3. I received an anonymous petition the other day to the effect that this pensioner had been dismissed from office by the late Collector for misconduct on the 31st July 1866 - or on the very day from which his pension was made payable - and that by bribing C. Sumbhary Pantooloo, then and now the Collector's Sheristadar, all mention of his misconduct and dismissal was suppressed, and he was recommended with a good character for pension.

4. I have no evidence of the alleged bribery, but my records prove the fact that the Pensioner was dismissed from office for misconduct on the 31st July 1866. I submit translation of the office copy of the late Collector's Order of dismissal, and

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the Pensioner admits his receipt of the original on the 1st August 1866. It will be obvious to the Government that there was no intention when this order was issued of pensioning the delinquent. Had the Government been really aware of such dismissal they would probably have refused to grant any pension, and at all events they would not, as a matter of grace, have granted a half pension, when strictly speaking the applicant was only entitled to a one third pension.

5. The Sheristadar can of course shelter himself behind the late Collector's signature, but there can be no doubt that the act was virtually his and not the collector's.

6. I cannot produce regular evidence because, this Sheristadar having for so long been the paramount power in the district, and all the public servants at his mercy, no one dare come forward in

public and say anything against him for fear that he may again someday hold the same position, and then use his power to their ruin, but I have private information from many reliable sources, and I will tell the Government how I am satisfied this matter happened.

7. The pensioner and the Sheristadar had a quid of very long standing and the former was known to the latter to have written anonymous and other petitions ⁱⁿ in matters wherein he was concerned. The Sheristadar therefore, when he had the power, got the pensioner, when he was Talook Sheristadar of Sidhout, degraded from that office on Rs. 35 to that of Vernacular Record Keeper on Rupees 30.

8. The Assistant Record Keeper at the time was one Ramayanam Sheshya, who notoriously was a creature of the Sheristadar,

and acted as his go between in getting bribes.

9. The pensioner, having entered his presence at office on a particular day in the attendance book, when, in reality he was absent, his Assistant Ramayanam Sheshya, was made to write across the entry that he was absent and not present, and the matter was reported by the Sheristadar to the late Collector.

10. It would naturally be thought that there was nothing unusual in this, but considering that iniquities of every kind were being daily committed by the public servants all over the district, and that the Sheristadar knew all that was being done, and never brought anything to the Collector's notice except when it suited his particular purpose - if the Government believe this - and I can assure them

it is an unexaggerated fact - then the motive of the Sheristadar in bringing this particular fault of his old enemy, the pensioner, to the Collector's notice, and getting him dismissed is obvious.

11. Then comes the question why having succeeded in satiating his revenge did the Sheristadar soon afterwards get the Collector to stultify himself, and recommend for pension, as a person of good character, the man he had just dismissed as a bad character.

12. I cannot prove that the Sheristadar took a bribe from him. The man himself on examination does not say so - but to my mind the apparent inconsistency of the Sheristadar's conduct cannot be accounted for on any other supposition. And as it is well known to me, and

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is perfectly notorious, that the Sheristadar turned his power into money in every conceivable way my conviction is that he made the pensioner pay for his pension.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedt Servant
D. S. S. S. S.
Collector

E. S. S. S. S.

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Exhibit 12 - March 1890

Order thereon 25th March 1870 No. 136.

The Government request the Collector of Cuddapa
to call upon ~~this~~ ^{his} ~~Shen~~ ^{Shen} ~~tadar~~ ^{tadar} to furnish such
Explanation as he may ~~have~~ ^{wish} to offer regarding
the pension case referred to.

N.E.S.

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To the Collector of Cuddapah Dist^y 25/3.