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From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Ag Civil Judge of Tanjore

To

W. Donald Esquire
Examiner of claims
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your docket, No. 125, of the 7th Instant received 9th I have the honor to inform you that on referring to the Records of this Court I find that, out of the sum of Rs 2 due to Mr. J. Wilkins as Distr Munsiff of Reevalore, for the month of April 1854, a deduction of Rs 23-5-4, being the stoppage of a moiety of salary on account of his absence on leave from the 24th to the 31st of that month, was made; the remainder that was paid to him being Rs 176-10-8, and not Rs 170-10-8 as stated in your docket under reply. Again in the month of May 1854, Mr Wilkins is shewn to have been likewise absent on leave from the 1st to the 18th on a stoppage of a moiety of his pay, the difference received by him being Rs 141 – 15 – 0

Beyond this, no further information can be obtained from the Records of this Court.

An Extract from the Register of this Court containing the above Entries is appended for your information.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Of Civil Judge.

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The Honorable Company Dr

To the Establishment of the Civil and Session in the Zillah of Combaconum for the month of April 1854

No.	Description	Names	Amount of the time lined pay and stoppages of fines &c.	Amount of the pay due to each individual after deducting fines & stoppages	Total
			Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p

× × ×

Resvalars

1 Munsif —— Thomas Wilkins his salary . . . } 200 .. ..

Deduct stoppage of a moiety of salary on account of his absence on leave from 24th to 30th } 23 5 4 — Monthly for 7 days

Balance —— 176 10 8

× × ×

(Signed) J. Silver
Ag Civil & Session Judge

1st May 1854.

For the month of May 1854.

× × ×

Resvalars

1 Munsif —— Thomas Wilkins his salary } 200 .. ..

Deduct stoppage of a moiety of salary on account of his absence on leave from 1st to 18th } 58 . 1 . — 18 days

25 Total

Balance —— 141 . 15 . .

1st June 1854. × × ×

(True Extract) (Signed) J. Silver
Ag Civil & Session Judge

C. [illegible]

From
The Offg Civil Judge of Tanjore
To The Examiner of Claims
Madras

Dated 11th Feby 1870.
Recd 5 " "

1 Enclosure

Forwarding an Extract from the Register containing the Salary bill of Mr T. Wilkins the late Dist. Munsif of [illegible]

[illegible]
20th April [illegible]

HC No 677 dated [illegible] 1869

[illegible] the [illegible] Reg. to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court of [illegible] dated 22nd Nov 1867

Testimonials

IN FAVOR OF

MR THOMAS WILKINS.

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to a letter from the
Offg Civil Surgeon
Saugor dated 11
February 1871.

Extract of Dieting
book for April & May
1857 —

Recd. Lr. No. 188/70
20 April /70 O.N. 157.

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M^R. THOMAS WILKINS.

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No. I.

Medical Apprentice Thomas Willkins has been doing duty in the Hospital of H. M.'s 54th Regiment at Trichinopoly for nearly three years under my superintendence, and I have great satisfaction in stating, that during the whole of the above period his conduct has been excellent, his capacity very good, and by diligence and desire to improve, he has rendered himself fully competent to fill any subordinate medical situation; his hand-writing is excellent, his appearance and dress at all times respectable, and altogether one of the most correct young men I have had in my Hospital.

(Signed) C. Hamilton,
Surgeon, H. M.'s 54th Regt.

Madras, 3*d February* 1835.

No. II.

To
The Superintending Surgeon,
Centre Division, Saint Thomas' Mount.

Sir,—In forwarding Junior Medical Apprentice Thomas Wilkins' application for permission to resign the Honorable Company's Service, I have the honor to request you will be pleased to forward it to superior authority with your recommendation that his wish may be complied with. His conduct has been uniformly good, and no other than the cogent reasons stated in his letter, could, probably, have induced him to resign a service to which he has ever been a credit.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. KER HAY,
Surgeon, 3d Batn. Arty.

SAINT THOMAS' MOUNT, *13th October* 1835.

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No. III.

Mr. T. Wilkins was entertained in the office of the Court of Sudder Udalut in October 1835, on a salary of 10 Pagodas per mensem, and in consequence of his general good conduct and efficiency as a public servant, he was promoted in 1838 to the situation of Record-keeper on a salary of 70 Rupees per mensem. He has continued to give every satisfaction to the Court, and am happy to state that I entertain a very high opinion of him as a public servant.

(Signed) W. DOUGLAS,
Register.

5th January 1839.

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No. IV.

On quitting the office of Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut, I consider it but an act of justice to *Mr. T. Wilkins* to bear testimony to the meritorious services performed by him in his capacity of *English Record-keeper.*

An extensive acquaintance with the older Records of the Court of Sudder Udalut has been acquired by Mr. T. Wilkins since his appointment to that situation (by myself) in the year 1838; and considering the period of his employment in the Sudder Udalut, such knowledge could have been obtained only by much labor, and great diligence and assiduity.

His intelligence and apparent capabilities for the performance of the arduous duties required of a Record-keeper in the Sudder Udalut, was the *sole* reason for his selection for the office; a fact which I record more with reference to the qualifications of the individual himself, than any merit I desire to claim for having made the selection. All who are acquainted with the duties required in the Sudder Udalut will readily admit that success much depends on this department being *efficiently* filled.

For this reason therefore I should have considered it a duty I owed to the Court, had I been longer attached to the Sudder Udalut, to have brought to the notice of the Judges the valuable services of this individual, in view, that, when the proposed augmentation of the Court Establishment may take place, the pay of Mr. T. Wilkins might be raised in such proportion as to the Court might seem proper, with reference to the more arduous duties that he may be *then* called upon to perform.

It may be proper to add that the business in the Record Department of the Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut has of late years much increased, and that the salary of Mr. Wilkins' predecessor in office was raised by Government, at the recommendation of the Court, (in the first instance) to 30 Pagodas per mensem, and subsequently to 140 Rupees per mensem, on the ground that the former salary was inadequate to the value of the services of a servant of this class and description.

(Signed) W. DOUGLAS,
late Register Sudder Udalut.

26th September 1842.

No. V.

On a Subpœna from the Supreme Court.

Send Mr. Wilkins, with the papers, but though he may *produce* them, he must not *part* with them. They are records of the Court, which cannot be surrendered, and he must *bring them back*. I say Mr. Wilkins, because he is the only intelligent office servant, that can answer a question.

(Signed) A. D. CAMPBELL,
Judge.

31st March 1840.

No. VI.

MR. WILKINS.

I herewith return you the papers which you left with me, and I at the same time have much pleasure in forwarding you a certificate of the high opinion I entertain of you.

If I should ever have an opportunity for promoting your prospects in life, I shall feel pleasure in availing myself of it.

Your well-wisher,
(Signed) H. DICKINSON.

ADYAR, *2nd September* 1845.

No. VII.

I have much gratification in furnishing Mr. Thomas Wilkins, Manager of the Court of Sudder Udalut, with a testimonial of the favourable opinion I have formed of him as a public servant.

He is highly intelligent and assiduous. I have invariably had cause for being pleased with his work, and I have on no occasion heard him spoken of by gentlemen attached to the Court, but in terms of satisfaction and praise.

Mr. Wilkins would do justice to any appointment to which those of the Uncovenanted Branch of the Service are permitted to aspire; and I shall feel great satisfaction in bearing testimony to his merits, should an occasion offer in which my good opinion would be likely to be of service to him.

(Signed) H. DICKINSON,
Chief Judge of the Court of Sudder
and Foujdaree Udalut.

MADRAS, *2nd September* 1845.

No. VIII.

Remarks of the Court on the draft of Proceedings reviewing the Statement of contingent charges for Fusly 1254.

The Register begs to state that the draft of the Report beneath, and now circulated under the Register's initials, was prepared by Mr. Thomas Wilkins, whom at a recent consultation of the Judges regarding the proposed changes in the Sudder Establishment, the Register mentioned as in his opinion, a fit and available person for selection as an Uncovenanted Assistant in the Sudder.

29th July 1846.

I am of opinion that this statement renders it impossible that we should oppose the plan recommended—it is obviously as well drawn out as it could be by a Covenanted Servant of any degree. I was not aware that Uncovenanted persons were to be found in Madras (and thought the pay of the office against it) capable of performing what it is evident Mr. Wilkins has ability to perform.

(Signed) M. Lewin.

6th August.

I look upon this, as a most creditable specimen of what he *can do.*

(Signed) T. E. J. Boileau,
" G. J. Waters.

12th August.

No. IX.

Madras, *17th December* 1846.

Having been relieved from the office of Register to the Court of Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut, which I have held for the past four years, I perform, with the greatest pleasure, an act of justice to its present Manager, Mr. Thomas Wilkins, in bearing testimony to the unvarying assiduity and talent exhibited in the discharge of the duties devolving on him, and to the exemplary and forbearing manner in which he has always conducted himself towards the numerous ministerial subordinates placed under his immediate control.

Mr. T. Wilkins has made every branch of the judicial department his study during the many years he has been employed in the Sudder Court, and from the opportunities he has had, and the extent to which his great natural abilities have permitted him to avail himself of them, I am confident in the belief that he his thoroughly well qualified to enter on the discharge of higher and more responsible independent duties than those he now transacts, and

which I most earnestly hope he may soon be called upon to perform.

(Signed) H. D. Phillips,
Madras Civil Service, and late
Register Sudder Court.

No. X.

Being on the point of leaving the Sudder Court, I have much pleasure in recording my high sense of the official character and qualifications of Mr. Thomas Wilkins, the Manager.

Mr. Wilkins has been fourteen years in the Sudder Court, first as Record-keeper, and since the beginning of 1842 as Manager. During all that time I have known him officially, and most gladly bear testimony to the admirable manner in which he has uniformly discharged the onerous and various duties of his situation.

Mr. Wilkins is intimately acquainted with the Regulations and Acts of the Government, and the Circular Orders of the Court: and I believe there is no one so thoroughly cognizant of the Records of the Court even from the earliest date.

In addition to his unwearying industry—he possesses superior abilities, and I have no hesitation in stating that a more thoroughly efficient person could not be found for the office of Principal Sudr Ameen.

He has rendered me invaluable aid in the office, and I heartily wish him the highest success in the service to which he can attain.

(Signed) T. H. Davidson,
Madras Civil Service,
Late Register S.& F.U.

Madras, *15th November* 1849.

No. XI.

To

MADRAS, 21*st May* 1849.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
in the Judicial Department.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Judges of the Foujdaree Udalut to submit for the consideration of Government the accompanying collection of Rules for the management of Jails in the Presidency of Fort St. George drawn up from the Regulations, Acts and Circular Orders.

2. This compilation has been prepared entirely by Mr. Thomas Wilkins, the Manager of this office, and the Judges are happy to have this opportunity of bearing testimony to Mr. Wilkins' abilities and assiduity generally, and especially to the care and labour which he has expended upon this work.

3. It has been carefully scrutinized, and the Judges have no doubt of its accuracy and completeness.

4. Being of opinion that it will prove a very useful manual to the Judicial Officers in the Provinces, and to all Officers in charge of Jails, embodying as it does, in one compact form, all the Rules regarding Jails which have never hitherto been collected, and on that account are not unfrequently overlooked, the Judges beg leave to recommend that sanction be granted for printing the work at the Government Gazette Press, and that a copy be sent to every Officer in charge of convicts or a Jail in this Presidency.

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I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. H. DAVIDSON,
Register.

No. XII.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Extract from a General letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 17th April 1850, No. 5.

Letter dated 20th Aug., (No. 21) 1849.
Transmiting a printed compilation of the rules for the management of Jails.

We have no doubt this manual will prove very serviceable to officers in charge of Jails, and we consider the preparation of it very creditable to Mr. Wilkins.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 3rd July, 1850, No. 420.

4. A copy of this para. will be furnished to the Court of Foujdaree Udalut, for communication to Mr. Wilkins.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. T. BEAUCHAMP,
Register.

No. XIII.

I have great pleasure in certifying that Mr. Wilkins the Manager, has conducted the duties of his office to my entire satisfaction. His intimate and accurate knowledge of the records of the Court, and the steady and judicious manner in which he has superintended the establishment, and the order and method which he has maintained in the conduct of the business of his department has been of the greatest assistance to me. It will afford me great satisfaction to learn that he has gained promotion.

(Signed) G. T. BEAUCHAMP,
Register.

MADRAS, 13*th March* 1852.

No. XIV.

To MADRAS, 21st *October* 1851.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
in the Judicial Department.

SIR,—I am directed by the Judges of the Court of Sudder Udalut, with reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Government, under date 17th April 1851, to submit the enclosed revised lists of candidates for the office of Principal Sudder Ameen as specified below.

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I am further directed by the Judges to forward an additional Statement E of two* servants on this Establishment, whom, as well as the Head Translator of the Court, whose name appears in list D, the Judges consider quite as competent as any of those entered in the other lists to be employed as Principal Sudder Ameens.

* Mr. T. Wilkins, Manager.
P. Soobaroyaloo Naidoo, Sheristadar.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
(Signed) G. T. BEAUCHAMP,
Register.

No. XV.

Extract from a letter from the Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of certain servants on the Establishment of the Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st August 1852.

Para. 122. In conducting our duties, we had the permanent assistance of four persons, besides the occasional aid of copyists. These four persons were Mr. Thomas Wilkins as Manager, and to have charge of all our papers, and Lutchmiah Naidoo as Translator, both from the office of the Sudder Udalut; and Mahomed Yuseef, Interpreter, and Veerasamy Iyengar, Tamil and Telugu writer, both from the Police. We have pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficiency of all these persons in their several duties; and to their uniform good conduct while under our orders; it was the first two whom we deputed to the house of J. Veerasamy Chetty to receive his accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. DOUGLAS,
President of the Committee.

No. XVI.

Mr. Thomas Wilkins of the Sudder Udalut acted as Manager under the Committee for enquiring into certain transactions in the Accountant General's Office: a post of a confidential character, in consequence of the nature of the enquiry, and of the papers under the Manager's care. As the drawing up of the Report fell to me, I was more immediately in contact with Mr. Wilkins than the other members of the Committee; and all the intercourse that I had with him tended to impress me with a strong sense of his good knowledge of business, his exactness and method, his good judgment, and his thorough trustworthiness.

I have much pleasure in giving this testimonial from myself, in compliance with Mr. Wilkins' request, in addition to that which the Committee have recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

MADRAS, 3*d September* 1852.

No. XVII.

Madras, 2*nd August* 1852.

No. 97.

To

The Secretary to Government,
in the Judicial Department.

Sir,—With reference to your official memorandum of the 27th Ultimo, I am directed by the Judges of the Sudder Udalut to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the names of four individuals, each of whom the Judges consider to be well calculated to fill with credit the office of Principal Sudder Ameen.

Mr. T. Wilkins, Manager of the Court of Sudder and Foujdaree Udalut entered in Statement E. submitted to Government, under date the 21st October 1851.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) F. Lushington,
Register.

No. XVIII.

Kristnagherry, 4*th January* 1853.

To

Mr. Thomas Wilkins.

Sir,—I observe with very much pleasure, that you contemplate the transfer of your labors to a higher branch of the judicial department than that which, as Manager of the Sudder Udalut you now fill, and I can assure you that I shall be extremely gratified to see you appointed a Principal Sudder Ameen. With the selection of persons for offices of this class, I have as you know, no manner of concern; but were it otherwise, I should not hesitate at once to declare my opinion, an opinion founded on daily intercourse with you during a period of four years,—that I am acquainted with no member of our judicial establishments in this Presidency who is better qualified than yourself for the duties of a Principal Sudder Ameen, or who will more honorably and efficiently discharge them, should the Government think proper to confer that post on you.

Your extensive and accurate knowledge of judicial proceedings and precedents; your intimate acquaintance with our judicial system in its Civil and Criminal branches; your habits of untiring, well-regulated industry and application to business, and last, though not least, the straightforward manner and fairness with which you have always conducted yourself in your relations with the large, mixed establishment under your immediate control in the Sudder, furnish, to my mind, very sufficient and safe grounds for believing that your long service will properly be rewarded by your nomination to a Court in the Mofussil.

I do not forget that if you had years ago accepted the post of District Moonsiff, you might at the present time have been high up in the ranks of Uncovenanted Judges. Believe me with kind wishes for your success and prosperity,

Ever faithfully your's,
(Signed) H. D. Phillips,
M. C. S.

No. XIX.

Madras, 4*th June* 1853.

To

Mr. Wilkins,
Manager Sudder Court.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to your invariable diligence and ability during the period that I acted as Register of the Court, and I shall be very glad to hear of your promotion to a Principal Sudder Ameenship, an office which I consider you would honorably fulfil.

I am,
Your well-wisher and friend,
(Signed) G. Harris,
Late Acting Register
Sudder Udalut.

No. XX.

Extract of a letter from A. J. Arbuthnot, Esq., *Acting Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut, to* S. Scott, Esq., *Civil Judge of Combaconum, dated 15th July* 1853.

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Para. 3. Adverting to the vacancy occasioned in the first class District Moonsiffship of Keevaloor by the promotion of Alaghia Pillay to the Principal Sudder Ameenship of Chingleput, I am directed to request that you will nominate for that office Mr. Thomas Wilkins, the Manager in the office of the Register of this Court. It is the intention of the Judges when reporting to Government the arrangements made by them for the classification and distribution of the District Moonsiffs in this Presidency, to propose that the appointment of the 1st Class District Moonsiffs shall in future be vested in the Court of Sudder Udalut; but as this measure cannot be immediately carried out, and will probably require a legislative enactment, the Judges trust that on this occasion you will not object to comply with their wishes.

4. Mr. Wilkins is a person of high character and qualifications, and has been recommended by the Judges for the office of Principal Sudder Ameen, to which however the Government have declined to appoint him until he shall have acquired some practical judicial experience by serving in one of the lower grades. A nomination roll drawn up in the prescribed form, together with the testimonials granted to Mr. Wilkins by the Officers under whom he has served is herewith transmitted.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) A. J. Arbuthnot,
Acting Register.

No. XXI.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court in the Zillah of Combaconum, under date the 22nd November 1853.

Para. 4. The late District Moonsiff of Keevalore, Alagiah Pillay passed 1 decree upon Merits. The present Moonsiff Mr. Thomas Wilkins passed 20 decrees upon Merits, and 24 upon Razeenamahs after points had been recorded. 30 decrees were executed and 298 miscellaneous petitions were disposed of. The late Moonsiff Alagiah Pillay, held his Court up to 18th July, and his successor took charge of the Court on the 28th August. The amount of work performed by Mr. Wilkins shews that he lost no time in applying diligently to the duties of his office.

No. XXII.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudder Udalut, under date the 10th December 1853.

The Court of Sudder Udalut are gratified in observing

Para. 3. that the assiduity of Mr. Wilkins, the recently appointed District Moonsiff of Keevalore, has called forth the approbation of the Civil Judge.

No. XXIII.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court in the Zillah of Combaconum, under date the 18th May 1854.

Para. 5. The District Moonsiff of Keevalore has passed 62 decrees upon Merits, and 28 upon Razeenamahs, after points had been recorded.

1. 106 Decrees were executed, 748 miscellaneous petitions were disposed of by him. His labour is commendable.

No. XXIV.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court in the Zillah of Combaconum, under date the 22nd August 1854.

Para. 5. The District Moonsiff of Keevalore has passed 64 decrees upon Merits, and 33 upon Razeenamahs after points had been recorded.

102 Decrees were executed, and 529 miscellaneous petitions were disposed of by him. This work is highly satisfactory.

No. XXV.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court in the Zillah of Combaconum, under date the 27th October 1854.

Para. 5. The late District Moonsiff of Keevalore, Mr. T. Wilkins, who delivered over charge on the 5th August has passed 33 decrees upon Merits, and 22 upon Razeenamahs, after points had been recorded, for which he deserves great credit.

No. XXVI.

On quitting for a time my office of Register to the Court of Sudder Udalut, I have much satisfaction in adding my testimony to that of my predecessors in regard to the high character and qualifications of Mr. Thomas Wilkins the Manager.

Mr. Wilkins has invariably conducted the duties of his department in a most efficient manner, and by his knowledge of the records has constantly afforded valuable assistance to the Covenanted Officers of the Court. The success with which he has availed himself of his opportunities for acquiring a knowledge of the Law administered in the Courts of this Presidency and of the rules of Court practice, and procedure, is most creditable to him, and give him a strong claim to promotion in the judicial department.

(Signed) F. Lushington,
Register Sudder Udalut.

Madras, *December 18th*, 1852.

No. XXVII.

Mr. Thomas Wilkins has been employed for many years in the Sudder Court, and has held the responsible situation of Manager during the whole of the period, now nearly ~~two~~ ten years, that I have held office in the Court.

On quitting the Court, I have much satisfaction in adding my testimony to that which has been afforded by my predecessors in the Registership, to the high character, both for conduct and efficiency, which Mr. Wilkins has maintained throughout his official career.

His intimate knowledge of the records of the Court has enabled him to render most valuable assistance to the Judges and Registers, and the manner in which he has superintended the duties of the department under his charge has been very satisfactory.

I have a high opinion of Mr. Wilkins, and shall be glad to see him advanced in the Public Service.

(Signed) A. J. Arbuthnot,
Late Acting Register Sudder Court.
March 15th, 1855.

No. XXVIII.

Extract of a letter from the Register of the Sudder Court, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 4th June 1856.

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11. In the event of the above suggestion meeting with the approval of Government, I am directed by the Judges to recommend for the appointment of Uncovenanted Assistant, Mr. Thomas Wilkins, the present Manager.

12. Mr. Wilkins was in 1851 and 1852 recommended to Government by the Court of Sudder Udalut as a fit and proper person to fill the office of Principal Sudder Ameen, but not having *then* served as a District Moonsiff, he was not considered by Government eligible for the appointment.

13. Mr. Wilkins' acquaintance with the working of the office and the details of judicial business as transacted in the Register's office, the Court of Sudder Udalut are of opinion serves to qualify him in a peculiar manner to hold the appointment of Uncovenanted Assistant; and his ability, industry, and thorough knowledge of his duties, they conceive, have rendered him fully deserving of this advancement in the Public Service.

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No. XXIX.

Extract of a letter from the Register of the Sudder Court to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 17th January 1857.

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7. To place the matter in a more practical light, the Judges beg to state that, finding it impossible to keep pace with the business daily accomplished by the three Judges of the Court with only the help of one officer, the Register has, during the period that has elapsed since the abolition of the Head Assistantship, been necessitated to throw upon the Manager much work, which properly belonged to the Registrar's department; and that in consequence of obtaining no corresponding relief from his own regular duties, the Manager has been obliged to perform the additional work thus cast upon him, *out of office hours.* The Judges cannot but consider it objectionable, in principle, to allow any business to be transacted by the office establishment which should properly be performed only by the Registrar or his Assistants, nor do they think it just or prudent to overtax the strength of a public servant, whose experience is of such value as that of the present Manager of the Sudder Udalut. The Judges are of opinion that the state of things here described should, without delay, be brought to a termination, and the Registrar's department strengthened for the efficient discharge of its proper duties.

No. XXX.

On leaving for a time the office of Register of this Court to take charge of the Civil and Session Court of Cuddalore, I think it due to the different individuals forming the office establishment to record my satisfaction with the manner in which they have all, almost without exception, performed their duties.

To the able supervision exercised by the Manager Mr. Thomas Wilkins, may be attributed in a great measure the facility with which, with a constant increase of work, it has been possible to prevent a corresponding amount of arrears; my predecessors in office have all borne testimony to his aptitude for, and assiduity and efficiency in the discharge of his duties, and it gives me very great pleasure to express my entire concurrence in the very high opinion they have expressed of Mr. Wilkins.

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(Signed) GEORGE ELLIS,
Register.

MADRAS, *August* 1st, 1857.

No. XXXI.

It gives me pleasure to certify that Mr. Wilkins has ever borne a high character for integrity, zeal, and intelligence in the discharge of the onerous duties which have devolved upon him as Manager of the Sudder Court.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Acting Register.

SUDDER COURT, 25*th March* 1858.

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No. XXXII.

Extract from a letter from the Register of the Sudder Udalut to the Secretary to Government in the Judicial Department, dated 23rd December 1843, *No.* 179.

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Para. 18. As the most prominent and most urgently requiring attention, they would instance the situation of the English Record Keeper of the Court, whose salary is no more than 70 Rupees, or the amount of salary given to a Head English Writer in a Subordinate Mofussil Court.

19. It is observed that a similar appointment in the Sudr Dewany Udalut in Bengal is remunerated at the rate of 300 Rupees per mensem, and on a consideration of the important duties which the English Record Keeper is called upon to perform, the Judges do not deem 300 Rupees per month to be more than adequate emolument.

Sudr Dewany and Nizamut Udalut.

	RS.
Uncovenanted Deputy Register.	600
1st Assistant to the Register...	400
2nd do. do. ...	350
Record Keeper	300
Endorser of Letters	225
1st Examiner	175
2nd do	150
Diary Keeper...	150
Assistant to Record Keeper and body sheet drafter... ...	100
Accountant	80
Assistant	70
Do.	50

20. They do not consider that the office of English Record Keeper of the Sudr and Foujdaree Udalut Court should be classed with the appointment of Record Keeper in any other Department under the Government, and it is obviously of the greatest importance permanently to

retain in the Record Keepership of the Highest Civil and Criminal Court in this Presidency, an individual who may once have become possessed of a thorough knowledge of its records.

21. Such knowledge can be acquired, in the opinion of the Court, only by a person of good understanding and superior intellect, and who, in addition possesses great assiduity and powers of incessant application.

22. The retention on the Court's Establishment of such an individual is in the utmost degree necessary and desirable, and in order to remove all inducement to an English Record Keeper's seeking to better his prospects, the Court beg earnestly to recommend that the emolument of the office may be raised from the small and insufficient monthly rate of 70 Rupees to Rupees 300, the amount which it is observed is granted in Bengal to an officer designated Record Keeper in the Sudr Dewany Udalut Establishment, whose labors and duties cannot be presumed to be either more arduous or more extensive than those of the Record Keeper in this Court.

No. XXXIII.

Extract from the Register of Uncovenanted Servants on the Establishment of the Director of Public Instruction.

Left on the 29th May 1860, to take up the office of Acting Deputy Registrar to the Court of Sudr and Foujdarri Udalut. Mr. Wilkins is a very intelligent, industrious and useful Public Officer.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

No. XXXIV.

I beg to state that I entirely agree with Mr. Arbuthnot in his opinion of Mr. Wilkins. When acting as Director of Public Instruction in 1860, I noticed that Mr. Wilkins was most assiduous in the discharge of his duties.

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

MADRAS,
26th October 1869.

No. XXXV.

Extract from a letter from the Honorable the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, to the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated 27th November 1862.

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29. Referring first to the *Registrar's* Office, I think an alteration in the salary enjoyed by the present *Uncovenanted* Deputy Registrar ought to be made. On the Appellate Side of the Court, the whole of the business of whatever kind is conducted through the Registrar's Office, and the Registrar is responsible for the supervision and direction of every officer and servant in the Establishment. The duties thus occasioned are onerous and such as to require great accuracy and despatch, and constant personal attention. I find however, that since 1856, when a third office, the Assistant Registrarship, was abolished, the responsible duties of the Registrar's Office (heavier than before) have been entrusted to a Registrar and Deputy Registrar. A considerable portion of such

duties, the Deputy Registrar is required to perform, and he may at any time be called upon in the absence of the Registrar, to undertake the whole management and direction of the office. Considering these circumstances and the great importance of securing the services of an experienced person of character and education, I think the monthly salary at present attached to the office of Deputy Registrar, namely, Rupees 1,300, is no more than an adequate one. Until 1860, this officer was a Covenanted Civil Servant, and the present Deputy Registrar being an officer of character and experience, was then appointed to act in the office, the duties of which he has since efficiently discharged. His present salary of Rupees 560 a month I consider inadequate, and I propose therefore to appoint as the reasonable yearly salary of the present Deputy Registrar, Rupees 8,400. I have to add that the retention of the services of the Deputy Registrar on the present footing is a temporary measure rendered expedient by the particular qualification of the officer now holding the appointment, and that the salary attached to the office as it was constituted prior to the year 1860, is retained unaltered as shown in Table D. It will probably be necessary at a future time to re-establish the office on its former footing.

No. XXXVI.

I cannot better show the estimation in which I hold Mr. Wilkins, than by referring to the circumstance that when the Establishment of the High Court was fixed, I recommended to the Chief Justice that he should be appointed Deputy Registrar, an office never before held

by an Uncovenanted Officer. Mr. Wilkins' strict integrity of character, his long experience, and his business habits render him a very estimable and valuable public servant.

(Signed) C. F. CHAMIER,
Registrar, Appellate Side.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, *12th April* 1864.

No. XXXVII.

Extract from the Register of Servants of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

As the recent order of Government will oblige Mr. Wilkins to resign his active duties as Deputy Registrar, I think it right to state that during the five years that have elapsed since I came to the Court, he has been remarkable for the same zeal and regularity that led to his appointment to that office. In those respects at all events, it will be difficult to find a successor at all equal to him.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
23rd February 1869.
Registrar.

(True Copies)

Deputy, Registrar High Court.

Enc. No. 3

In a letter fro
the Ag. Regist
the High Court of
Judicature at Ma
dated 15th Decr 18
No. 2513 -

No. 2513.

From

H. Wigram, Esqre.,
Acting Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Madras.

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis, C.B.
Chief Secretary to
Government.

Honorable Sir,

1. I am directed to submit for the orders of Government the usual register of an application for superannuation pension under the Pension Rules of 31st May 1864 from Mr. Thomas Wilkins Deputy Registrar of the High Court, Appellate Side.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Wilkins has served the Government for 40 years continuou

and for nearly 34 years in grades which render him eligible for pension. For the last nine years and a half he has been carrying on the responsible duties of Deputy Registrar of the late Sudr Court and of the High Court, Appellate Side. Under the orders of the Government of India in the Home Department dated 25th January 1865 and the Proceedings of this Government dated 19th November 1869, No. 1835, Judicial Department, he retires from 1st January 1870.

3. In submitting this application for the favorable consideration of Government, I am directed to state that the Chief Justice and the Judges of the High Court entertain a very high opinion of Mr. Wilkins and they have no hesitation in giving their strongest recommendation to Mr. Wilkins' application for a grant of the highest pension to which he is entitled under the Rules, viz: Rupees 350 per mensem. —

Mr. Justice Holloway observes — "I gladly testify from personal "observation to Mr. Wilkins' "long and faithful services "and his very estimable character;" and the Chief Justice — "The good opinion I had been "led to entertain of Mr. Wilkins' "character and official qualities "when in 1863 I made a special "recommendation in his favor "to the Government has been "confirmed by personal observation since. He now holds in "my estimation the highest place "for integrity of character and

"faithfulness and zeal in the
"discharge of his official duties,
"and justly deserves I think
"the fullest recognition of his
"services as a most meritori-
"ous public servant."-

4. Personally I may be allowed to add that I have derived the greatest assistance on many occasions from Mr. Wilkins' long experience and that I am indebted to him for the courtesy and cordiality which he has always shown in our official relations.-

A printed book containing copies of the testimonials which Mr. Wilkins has received from the various officers under whom he has served accompanies this letter and

and testifies to a long career of uniform uprightness and utility.-

High Court of Judicature, Madras, 15th December, 1869.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.,

E Digram

Acting Registrar,
Appellate Side.-

Exd. S. J. Vandlamen.

Judicial 18~~69~~70 Deptt.
No. 188.

From
The Ag. Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Madras.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government.

Dated 15th
Recd. } December, 1869.

No. 2513.

With 4 Enclosures. –

Submitting the
usual register of an
application for super-
annuation pension
for Mr. T. Wilkins.
Deputy Registrar of the
High Court, Appellate
Side. – O. Jl. 151.
20th April /70.

Enc. No 1.
In a letter from
the Regr. Registrar
of the High Court
of Judicature at
Madras dated 15th
Decr 1869, No 2513

Enclosure in H.C.
No 6724 of 1869.

Recd L.A. 1881/70
20 April 1870 No 151

Certified that Mr. Thomas Wilkins was promoted to Junior Medical Apprentice on 1st November 1831, and was permitted to resign the service of his own accord from 28th October 1835.

By order
C. Memulay

Office of Inspr Genl I.M.D.
Fort St George,
2d Novr 1869

Offg Secy Inspector Genl I.M.D.

Certified from the records of this Office that Mr. Thomas Wilkins served as a Paid Medical Candidate from 1st January 1830 to 31st October 1831

By order
C. Memulay

Office of Inspr Genl I.M.D.
Fort St George, 2 Decr 69

Offg Secy Inspr Genl I.M.D.

Pension — H.C.
No 6724 of 1869

Enc. No 2
In a letter from the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, dated 15th Decr 1869, No 2513.—

Pens. Lr. No 188/70

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Register *of an application for Superannuation Pension under Pension Rules published under date 3rd May 1864, from the Establishment of the* High Court of Judicature, Madras, Appellate Side.

1	Full name of Pensioner...	Thomas Wilkins
2	Sect or caste...	East Indian
3	Residence	Madras.
4	Present post	Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras
5	Date of commencement of service...	1st January 1830.
6	Date of retirement from service	1st January 1870.
7*	Abstract of the grounds of application. 1. Good service	Good service.
	2. Inability to serve longer ...	
	~~3. Reduction of Establishment~~	

			Years.	Months.	Days.
8*	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances. 1. Resigned the service from	to			
	2.† Reduction of Establishment from	to			
	3. Suspended from	to			
	4. Dismissed for misconduct from	to			
			yrs	ms	Ds*
9	Total of service before 22 years of age...		5	11	16
10	Total of service not in Pension grades	ys. ms. ds. 5 ... 10 ... 28			
11	Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave		"	1	2
	Grand Total... ... Years		6	"	18
12	Total period in Pension grades counted as service		33	11	12
13‡	Age of the applicant at the time of this application		56	"	"

		Feet.	Inches.
14	Height	5	10½

15 Descriptive marks.— Has a small cicatrix of a cut on the inner part of the little finger of the right hand, and a large one on the inner part of the left thigh.

		Rs.	A.	P.
16	Average salary of past 5 years	700	"	"
17	Proposed amount of Pension...	350	"	"

18 Date from which to commence ... 1st January 1870.

19 Place of payment ... ... Madras.

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* *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
Amount of gratuity granted was Rs. A. P.
Refund of gratuity was credited to the account for the month of 186 .

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

age is not [illegible]

* The period of years 5—10—28 opposite No 10 is embraced in these years 5—11—16.

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.
Medical Department	Candidate	7	..	..	1st Jany 1830	31st Octr 1831	1	10	..	Cannot count for Pension or gratuity in the Civil Depart. Vide Govt. Notifn published at page 248 F.V. for 1857.
	Junior Medical Apprentice	17	8	..	1st Novr 1831	28th Octr 1835	3	11	28	
Sudder Court Registrar's Office	English Writer	31	8	..	29th Octr 1835	20th Feby 1838	2	3	23	
Do.	English Record Keeper	70	..	..	21st Feby 1838	13th Feby 1843	4	11	21	Verified from the records of this Office
Do.	Manager	140	..	..	14th Feby 1843	31st August 1847	4	6	17	
Do.	Do.	210	..	..	1st Septr 1847	24th Septr 1852	5	..	24	Pay drawn upto 31st Decr /69 only.
Do.	Do.	215	..	..	25th Septr 1852	28th August 1853	..	11	4	
Zillah Court of Coombaconum	1st Class Distt. Munsif of Nevalore	200	..	..	29th August 1853	15th August 1854	..	11	18	As the applicant appears from the accompanying certificate signed by the Asst. Surgn. Genl. I. M. D. dated 2nd Decr '69 to have been employed on the 1st Jany/30 his service from 1st Jany/1830 to 31st Octr/31 is 1 years 1-10 & not 10 months only as given by the Registrar of High Court.
Sudder Court Registrar's Office	Manager	215	..	..	16th August 1854	31st March 1859	4	7	15	
Director of Public Instruction	Uncovenanted Assistant	300	..	..	1st April 1859	28th May 1860	1	1	28	
Sudder and High Courts	Acting Deputy Registrar Salary and Deputation Allowance	560	..	..	29th May 1860	31st May 1863	3	..	2	
High Court	Deputy Registrar	700	..	..	1st June 1863	1st Jany 1870	6	7	..	The applicant's net service exclusive of Yrs 5-9-28 in the Medl. Depart. 2 months & 2 days before 22 years of his age, and 25 days the absence on leave as shewn in the letter of the Civil Judge of Tanjore dated 11th Feby/70 No. 164 is Yrs 33-11-5 and not Yrs 33-11-12 as given in the Register.
						Total	40	..	..	

McDonald
Examiner of Claims

	Years.	Months.	Days.			
Deduct service before 22 years of age ...	5	11	16			
Deduct service not in Pension grades* ...						
Deduct leave	..	1	2	6	..	18
Net period of Service Years				33	11	12

* Vide Note on preceding page.

Explanation of Column 8 with quotations of orders of reinstatement.	Explanation of any degradation.

Detail of leave on half pay and full stoppage of pay. From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	Remarks by the head of the Office on past character and conduct of the applicant throughout the service.
17th April 1864	19th May 1864	..	1	2	Vide printed book of Testimonials, and original letter which accompanies this application.
	Total of leave...	..	1	2	

High Court ~~Office~~,
The 15th December 1869.

Udigram
Acting Registrar,
Appellate Side.

No. 246.

REPORT OF THE Examiner of Claims

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of...	33-	11-	5
	Rs.	A.	P.
In the last 5 years of his service the ~~average~~ pay of the applicant's permanent post was	700	..	..

Applicant is eligible to a Good service pension of Rupees 333-5-4 per mensem, equal to ——— ~~of his average salary during the last 5 years~~, under Clause III Section 64 sections of the Revised Pension Rules. of 1864.

McDonald
Examiner of Claims

Accountt. Genl's Office,
5th March 1870.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

P.S. [illegible]

PENSION 1870 DEPARTMENT.

No. 189

From the Examiner of Claims
Fort Saint George.

To the Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

No. 246

Dated 5th } March 1870
Received 7th }

Enclosures.

Verifies the service
of Mr. T. Wilkins
late Dy Registrar
borne on the establishment of the High Court, Appellate Side

C. 15 March 70

Enc. No. 4 [illegible] Letter fr.
the Ag Regr. [illegible] dated 15
Decr 1869 No. 3

PENSION 186 DEPARTMENT.

From the Ag Registrar of the
High Court of Judicature
at Madras

To the Accountant General or Controller
of Military Accounts.

No. 188

Dated 15 } December 1869.
Received }

Register of an application for Superannuation Pension in behalf
of Mr T. Wilkins
late Dy Registrar
borne on the establishment of the High Court Appellate Side

With an order No. 151.

The Govt direct that a copy of the very flattering and well merited Eulogy of the High Court be furnished to Mr Wilkins

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT. 21st April 1870 No. 151.

H. E. the Governor in Council has much pleasure in granting to Mr. Thomas Wilkins late Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, a good service pension at the highest rate admissible under the rules, viz: Rs 4000 per annum or Rs 333.5.4 per mensem, under clause 3 section 6, & section 7 of the Revised Pension Rules, & with effect from 1st Jan 1870.

2. The Government direct that a copy of the High Courts very flattering and well merited Eulogy be furnished to Mr. Wilkins.

I would omit para 2 because in para 1 we have said that 333 is the maxm. & I would give Mr. W. a copy of the very flattering & ~~[illegible]~~ well merited eulogy of the High Court

To the Ag Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.
— — Accountant General.
With Register for entry

Decr 21/4/70