Allagary Daeffdhar acting Cutwal has asked me to express my satisfaction of his behaviour, and I so far acquiesce in doing so as to say that he fills his office with apparent zeal and much to the satisfaction of those I have observed to employ him—always attentive to their demands and wishes.

(Signed) F. W. COTTON.

25th July 43.

I have great pleasure in testifying to the attention and alacrity with which my wishes and those of my family were attended to by Allagary Naig acting Cutwal at Courtallum during our residence there for three months in 1842 & 43.

(Signed) W. BISSET. Captain.
Adjutant 15th Regiment.

Palamcottah,
26th August 1843

The Bearer Daffedar Allagary Naig Acting Cutwal of Courtallum, has, on every occasion during the seasons of 1842 & 43, afforded me the greatest assistance whenever applied to, and I have invariably found him one of the most obliging Public Servants I have met with.

(Signed) W. CANTRIS, Captain.
15th Regiment.

Courtallum,
September 27th 1843.

The Tahsildar being much engaged with public business, it is requested he may not be called for, except on urgent occasions—to facilitate supplies and every other convenience to the Residents, an active Cutwall has been appointed for the purpose, "Alagary Naig;" who will attend to all requisitions. The Residents are respectfully reminded that the influx to Courtallum being sudden and temporary, and the Bazar not extensive, the rates for common supplies will necessarily rise a little beyond the Nerruck of Tinnevelly and other large Markets.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

June 1845.

This is to certify that the bearer "Allagary Naig" Cutwall at Courtallum was very attentive and useful during the stay of myself and family at this place for the last 4 Months.

(Signed) G. S. HOOPER,
Civil and Session Judge
Madura.

Courtallum,
October 19th
1845.

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Allagary Sawmy Naig.

Though I am not in the habit of giving certificates or recommendatory letters to those actually employed in confirmed Public situations: yet I am unwilling to leave Tinnevelly without writing to tell you how greatly I have been satisfied with the manner in which you have carried on the duties of Police ameen of the Cuspa Tinnevelly since Mr. Bird promoted you to that responsible and troublesome situation; and I hope that you will continue to exert yourself in the same manner with the same assiduity and uprightness as heretofore.

YOUR WELL WISHER
(Signed) F. S. CHILD.

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Alakri Naidu Tashildar of Nanguneri has begged me to give him a character, which from my slight acquaintance with him I am unable to do. I have been employed chiefly during two Seasons in the Rathapuram Subdivision of the Nanguneri Taluck, and whenever I have applied for assistance I have always obtained it promptly.

His arrangements for supplying the Gt. Trig. Survey Camp on the Cape Comorin base line have been efficient.

As he is on the point of retiring on his pension it is hoped that an honored old age amongst his friends and relatives will follow half a lifetime of honorable service ready money payment in each station & return to this place as soon as the Regt passes the limits of this District.

Dated
2d april 1836 } (signed) Alagerri Naik

No 2 Takeed to Alagerri Naik
Hoozoor Dalayet

The Tahsildar of Atwar Tirunagerri has been order to be present at the time of reaping the crops & at the tim of measurement of grains i the Amani villages of Kara colum, Keelpadagai, Aya narcolum & Piramicolum consequently you are hereb deputed to ~~on~~ watch over th Tahsildar's proceedings in this matter. you wil proceed to the said village forthwith & watch over th

done ~~as~~ &c in each Taluq
showing the date of your
arrival & departure from
~~each~~ one Taluq to another &
return to Hoozoor after
finishing the business
for which you are deputed
as soon as possible

Dated 24th Decr 1842 } (Signed) Collr.

No 6 Circular order to ~~all~~ the Tah
sildars of Punjamal Nanguniry
& other Taluqs & also to the Police
Ameens of several places

As certain convicts ~~[illegible]~~
escaped from the jail we have
sent Alagiri Naik Hoozoor
Harkara & others for ~~[illegible]~~
~~taking~~ the apprehension of
the said convicts - consequently
you are required to give the
assistance of as many peons
as he requires for the apprehen
sion of the convicts without
least delay.

Dated 16 Decr 1843 } (Signed) Collr.

to Regulations & rules in
all the matters connected
with Police & also act in
obedience to the Tahsildars
order in all revenue matters

Dated
25th March
1850

(Signed) Collr.

No 14 Takeed to Alagerri Naik
Police Ameen of Padukapatti

As Sivagurunada Pillay the
Police Ameen of Nelliyam
balum Taluq has been deputed
to collect the arrears of Pesh
kush due on some Zemindaries
you have been appointed
to act for the said Police Ameen
until further order. You
are therefore required to ~~proceed~~
deliver over charge of Police
Ameen of Padukapatti to
the Tahsildar on the receipt
of this order & proceed to
Nelliyambalum. Tahsildar

conducting & discharge the
duties of both offices of
Police Ameen & Peshkar
~~P~~ properly & carefully
~~Dated~~
Dated
26th Novr
1853 (Signed) Collr.

No. 17 From Mr. J Silver the Collr.
of Tinnevelly District
Takeed to Alagerri Naik the
Tahsildar of Tenkasi Talug/

We have appointed you
as 4th class Tahasildar to
the said Talug on a monthly
salary of Rs 175 according
to the new scale from the
15th Instant-consequently you
act carefully & diligently in
the discharge of circar duty.

Dated
12th April
1862 (Signed) Collr.

on hearing the same -

Dated 20 May 1865 (signed) Collr

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No. 1803

Tinnevelly Collector's Circuit Cutchery
Camp Kovilpatti 8 October 1869

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From C. J. Longley Esqre
Ag Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification published at page 2 of the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 4th July 1865, I have the honour to submit for the sanction of Government the accompanying Register of an application for superannuation pension to be granted to P. Alagiri Naidu Tahsildar of Nanguneri Taluq in this District, together with a Medical Certificate granted to the applicant by a Committee consisting of two Medical Officers as required in the Notification published at page 473 of the Fort Saint George Gazette of 6th October 1866.

2 The applicant entered the Government Service at about the age of 21. The total period of his service

amounts to 40 years, 11 months & 27 days, of which 20 years having been passed in ineligible grades, he is entitled under the pension rules to only $\frac{1^{d}}{3}$ of his average salary for the past 5 years, but in consideration of the very long and meritorious service rendered by him to Government, I beg strongly to recommend that one half of his average salary be granted to him as a reward, under Section 13 of the Pension Rules as a Special case.—

3. An original application from the applicant together with his testimonials as well as copy of a letter from the Ag. Sub Collector are also forwarded for the favourable consideration and orders of Government.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt.

C. J. Longley
Ag. Collector

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a large part of his services having been passed in grades which don't qualify for Pension, but I am sanguine that in consideration of his very long services and the thorough satisfaction he seems to have given, as well as the zeal he has shown in the public service, the Government will grant him the favour that he asks as a reward.

3. It is a proof of no small zeal and energy in the service that he should have risen from the rank of a peon to that of a 3d. Class Tahsildar, and shows that his merits were appreciated by many successive Officers, and marked by promotion step by step through a great number of Offices, each step being equivalent to a certificate of good conduct.

4. The account he gives in his petition of his services in the Police Department are not, from what I hear over drawn, and the following extract from Mr. Pennington's administration report upon the Officers of the Sub Division shows what was that Officer's opinion of the services of Alagiri Naik.

"Para 24. Nanguneri and the South of the Tenkarei Taluq bordering on Nanguneri have always been notorious as the stronghold of the most daring and unscrupulous ruffians in the District. Marukalkurichi one of their villages close to the Cusbah derives its name from them and was a nest of burglars and gang robbers."

"25. It would be unfair to the present Sub Magistrate who has had charge of the Taluq for 7 years not to give him a good deal of the credit due to every one concerned for their almost complete subjugation during his tenure of Office. His reputation as a terror to evil doers of this caste stands very high, and if he were younger and better qualified by education to cope with other evils and to manage his own subordinates, I should desire no better Tahsildar. It is unnecessary to say more of his conduct as he is just about to retire from the service."

5. It is I think beyond question that he has worked with his whole energy for a long life for the Government in a manner that few can have surpassed. I have the highest opinion of his character

who knows him will
manner about him. I have written to
some of the Officers under whom he has
served asking them to record their opinion
about him, and will send you their replies
when received, but send this application
on at once, so that it may be in time
to accompany your application to
Government for his pension.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. J. Stuart
Ag Sub Collector

(True Copy)

C. J. Longley
Ag Collector

Enclosure in letter from the Ag Collector of Tinnevelly dated 9th October 1869
No 1803

Copy of a letter from the Acting Sub Collector referred to in the above letter.

3rd May 1870

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TINNEVELLY COLLECTORS' OFFICE
Received 31st August 1869.

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From
Alakiri Naick
Tasildar of Nanguneri

To
A. J. Stuart Esq.
Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly Dist.

Most Respected Sir,

I beg to inform your honor some circumstances relating to my pension as follows:-

In July 1828 I was appointed as a peon on Rs 7 in the Collector's office by Mr. Drury the then Collector of Tinnevelly District and according to my diligence and good conduct he took me as far as Madras. Mr. [illegible] as far as Mangalore and Mr. Thomas as far as Tellicherry

TINNEVELLY COLLECTORS' OFFICE
Received 25th September 1869.

I Daniel Robert Thompson M.D. Ag. Zillah Surgeon of Tinnevelly do hereby certify that I have carefully examined Alagherry Naidu Tahsildar of Nanguneri, that his age is by his own statement 62 years and by appearance about the same; and that I find him to be unfit for further service from old age and infirmity not in my opinion attributable to intemperance or other irregular habits.

Palamcottah
23rd September
1869

D. R. Thompson M.D.
Ag. Zillah Surgeon
Tinnevelly

This is to certify that I have examined the individual named in the above certificate, and concur in Dr. Thompson's opinion regarding him

J. P. Morton M.D.
Surgeon 22nd Regt. M.N.I.

Palamcottah
23rd September 1869

Pension Rs. 96/12.
3rd May/70 G.O. No. 190

PENSION 1870 DEPARTMENT.

No. 96.

From the Examiner of Claims
Fort Saint George,

To the Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

No. 123

Dated 7 } February 1870
Received 8 }

Enclosures.

Verifies the service
of Alagherry Naik
late Tahsildar of Nangunery Taluq
borne on the establishment of the Collr. of Tinnevelly

O. No. 190.
3rd May /70

PENSION 186 DEPARTMENT.

From the Collector of
Tinnevelly

To the Accountant General or Controller
of Military Accounts.

Dated 8th }
Received } October 1869

Register of an application for Superannuation Pension in behalf
of Alagherry Naik.
late Tahsildar of Nanguneri
borne on the establishment of the
Collectorate of Tinnevelly

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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Pension Department

Memorandum for orders.

Pushpam Alagiri Nāyak, late Tahsildar of Nanguneri in the Tinnevelly district has served Government for 40 yrs 11 m. & 12 d but of this period, only 20 yrs. 7 m. 22 d. were passed in grade qualifying for pension. He began as a peon, on Rs 5.4.0, in 1828, and after serving as peon, hazūr dalāyat, hazūr harakāra, & acting peshkār, for 20 yrs. 1 m. 4 days, he was made a peshkār in September 1848. In May 1858 he became a Tahsildar & served in that grade till his retirement in Augt 1869 when he was drawing Rs 200 per mensem. (He was appointed to the grade in 1862)

2. Under the strict rules, Alagiri Nayak is entitled only to a one third pension, but the Collector & Sub Collector [illegible] & Stuart recom

that he be granted half pension as a special case. The recommendation is based on the applicant's "long & meritorious service". His petition to the Sub Col^{r}. recounting his services & in particular his exploit in capturing noted Maravar gangrobbers & others, for which he says he several times received rewards, has been forwarded for the perusal of Government.

M^{r}. Stuart, after remarking that the applicant's promotion through a number of offices from the rank of a peon, to that of a 3rd class Tahsildar, shows that his merits were appreciated by many successive officers, states that he believes the account of the applicant's special services given in the petition by [illegible] not overdrawn:

Para 24. "Nanguneri" (Alagiri Nayak's taluk)" and the south of the Tenkasi taluk bordering on Nanguneri, have always been notorious as the stronghold of the most daring and unscrupulous ruffians in the district.

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25. It would be unfair to the present Sub Magistrate (Alagiri Nayak) who has had charge of the taluk for 7 years not to give him a good deal of the credit due to every one concerned for their almost complete subjugation during his tenure of office. His reputation as a terror to evildoers of this caste (Maravars) stands very high and if he were younger and better qualified by education to cope with other evils and to manage his own subordinates, I should not desire a better Tahsildar."

He adds the extracts from M^{r}. Pennington's magisterial report for 1868 copied in the margin, and says that he has the highest opinion of the applicant's character.

3. Alagiri Nayak claims half pension under para 13 of the New Pension Rules, which is as follows:—

"13. The whole of the service in virtue of which pension is claimed must have been passed in an eligible grade and in a permanent establishment; but claims barred by this rule will be specially considered if the promotion from an ineligible grade was bestowed as a reward for meritorious services or for good conduct."

4. This rule is not strictly applicable to the applicant; [illegible] of his appointment to an eligible grade makes no mention of any such grounds for his promotion. His services such as they were, were chiefly rendered

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

PENSION.

To
The COLLECTOR of TINNEVELLY.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 3rd. Recd.
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G. O., 3rd May 1870, No. 190.

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Granting, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, a pension of Rupees 66-8-0 per mensem, to P. Alagiri Naik, late Tahsildar of Nangunari Taluq, Tinnevelly District.

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Pension Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters.

From the Collector of Tinnevelly here enter 8th Oct. 69 No.
From the Examr. of Claims — " — 7th Feby 70 No. 123.
Order thereon 3d. May 1870 No. 190.

Puchpane Alagiri Naik, late Tahsildar of Nangunari in the Tinnevelly District has served for 40 years 11 months and 12 days; but of this period only 20 years, 7 months and 22 days were passed in grades qualifying for pension. He began as a peon on Rupees 5-4-0 per mensem in 1828, and in 1848 was promoted to be Peshkar, an eligible grade. He became a police Amin in 1854 and a Tahsildar on 85 Rupees in 1858.

At his retirement in August 1869 he was a Tahsildar on Rs 200 having served in that grade from June 1862.

2. He was examined by a Committee of Medical Officers 45 days after he ceased to do duty; the delay having been caused by the difficulty of assembling the requisite number of Officers. The explanation is not satisfactory as it was not essential that the applicant should be examined by a Committee. The incapacitating causes are old age and infirmity. The applicant's age is 62 years.

3. His services in eligible grades entitle him under the ordinary rules

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rules only to a one third pension, or Rs 66 per mensem; but he claims special treatment under para 13 of the revised rules; and the Collector and Ag. Sub: Collector strongly recommend that he should be admitted to a half pension on the ground of his long and meritorious service, and his excellent character which has brought about his promotion from the low grade of peon to the responsible post of Tahsildar. He appears to have been most efficient as a police Amin and executive magistrate and to have rendered especial service in repressing the gangs of Maravar dacoits whose depredations formerly harassed the Tinnevelly district. He is ~~credited~~ reported to have captured several of their noted leaders; and in a recent Report, the Joint Magistrate states that "his reputation as a terror to evil doers of that Caste stands high," and that much of the credit due to all concerned for the almost complete subjugation of these marauders in the taluq of which the applicant was in charge is due to him.

4. The Govt. are of opinion that the case is one in which Section 13 may fairly be applied. His Excellency in Council accordingly resolves to grant to Alagia Naik, (subject to the confirmation of the Govt. of India, which is necessary in consequence of the delay in obtaining medical certificate) the pension of Rs. 66-8-0 to which he is entitled under the ordinary provisions of the rules with effect from the 10th August 1869, and directs that application be made to the Govt. of India for sanction for his admission as a special case under rule 13, to a half pension of Rupees 100 per mensem from the same date.

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To the Collector of Tinnevelly
" Examiner of Claims
" Accountant General
" Fin. Department

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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Pension

To

The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Dated May 3rd }
Recd. } 1870, No. 190

~~Nos~~ May.

Granting subject to the confirmation of the Govt. of India a Pension of Rs. 66-8 per mensem to P. Alagheri Naik late Tahsildar of Nanguneri Taluq Tinnevelly Distt.