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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Pension **DEPARTMENT.**

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To

Colonel J. S. Barrow C. B.

Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines

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Respected Sir

With reference to your letter No 1666 dated 6th July 1874, informing me that my services "are dispensed with" in consequence of Surgeon Major Wm J. Vensamarun having stated that I am not qualified for further service, I most respectfully beg to state that my services cannot be dispensed with, on the mere opinion of a single Medical Officer in charge of a District, according to the rules governing the "*Superannuation Allowances and Pensions to Uncovenanted servants*" para four - it will be observed that Applicants for Superannuation Allowances *must* be examined by the Inspector General of the Medical Department or by a Military Invaliding Committee and that this rule in cases of servants drawing 50 Rupees per Mensem and upwards, is absolute and that such Military Medical Committee is deemed *indispensable*(a) in such stations in which two European Medical Officers may be present I therefore humbly beg that I may be either sent to the Inspector General of

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(a) Clause 5 of Para 4

the Medical Department or brought before a Military Invaliding Committee for examination as to whether I am physically qualified for the performance of the duties of Record Keeper beyond which you have on several occasions been pleased to decide that I should not be promoted and which therefore must be taken to be my position in the services during the period of two years from January 1872 for which I requested that I may be exempted from the operation of the 55 years Order.-

I humbly and respectfully beg to solicit your attention to clause 3 of Para 4 of the above mentioned rules in which it is stated that after a Medical Certificate has been granted as to the capacity or incapacity for further service of a Public Employe, "It will devolve upon the head of the Department in which the applicant is serving to state whether or not he is really so incapacitated as to necessitate his removal from Government Services" and to submit that I have ever performed the duties entrusted to me efficiently and to the satisfaction of the Head of my Department I have been attending at the Office during the last 13 Years almost every morning at 9 O'clock. I was the first to come and the last to go, my business was never in arrears as when I found work accumulating I gave up my alternate Saturdays inorder to overtake the same.-

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I therefore humbly beg that you will call upon the Uncovenanted Assistant the Manager of the Office and the Head of my Department to declare, whether from their personal knowledge and experience they found me incapacitated for the work of a Record Keeper.-

Trusting that the several requests herein made may be complied with.-

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obdt & humble servant.-
(Signed) C. Vencatarungum Naidoo

Madras
8th July 1871

(True Copy)
C. Vencatarungum Naidoo

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Copy of a letter addressed by L. Vencatarungum Naidu to the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines dated 8th July 1871.-

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Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines

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Trusting that the several requests herein made may be complied with.

I beg to remain
Respected Sir
Your most Obedient & humble Servant
(Signed) Vencatarungum Naidoo

Madras
8th July 1871

(A true Copy.)
Venca[illegible]gum Naidoo

A

True copy of a letter addressed by C. Vencatarungum Naick to the Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines on the 8th July 1871.-

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No. 1.-

This is to certify that during the period I officiated as Secretary to the Military Board C Vencatarungum the Record Keeper of the Department conducted himself to my entire satisfaction and I consider him a most intelligent upright and respectable public Servant and can with the greatest confidence recommend him to favourable consideration.

Fort St. George }
2d September 1835 }

(Sigd) B R Hitchins Major
Dy Adjutant General

Fort St. George }
5th October 1835 }

No. 2.-

I have known the Bearer C. Vencatarungum for a period of three years and Eight Months during which time he has been attached to the Record Department of the Military Board Office he is most assiduous to his duties I consider him a very intelligent upright and respectable public Servant.

(Sigd) Tudor Lavie Captain
Asst. Secy Military Board

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Madras 25th Septr. 1839

This is to certify that the Bearer Vencatarungum Naick Manager of the Record Department of the Military Board Office conducted himself to my entire satisfaction during the whole period that I held the situation of Acting Stipendiary Member.

I always found him attentive and zealous in the discharge of his duties and I can with confidence recommend him as an Excellent Public servant.

(Signed) J. J. Underwood Major Engrs.
late Ag. Member of Mily. Board

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On vacating the Appointment of Stipendiary Member of the Military Board, which I have held for upwards of three years, I have much pleasure in testifying to the extremely good conduct of Vencatarungum Naick the head of the Record Department during the time that I have been in the Military Board Office I have found him an attentive zealous and very intelligent Servant; always ready to give his best assistance, the first in Office and the last to leave it, and on whose correctness and punctuality I could always rely. His exemplary conduct and great attention to the discharge of his difficult duties have been frequently noticed with commendation by my Colleagues as well as by my self.

Military Board Office }
15th September 1842 }
(Signed) D. Sim Lt. Col. of Engineers
and Chief Engineer

No. 5

Madras 17th August 1843.

On the occasion of proceeding to the Cape of Good Hope on Medical Certificate I have much pleasure in testifying to the good conduct of C. Vencatarungum Naidoo the Head of the Record Department during the whole period that I have been connected with the Military Board I have ever found him an attentive, zealous and intelligent servant and I shall always be very happy to learn of his prosperity.

(Signed) B. R. Hitchins Lt. Col.
Stipendeary Member Mily Board

No. 6

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On the occasion of my having proceeded on sick leave for the period of 3 or 4 Months, his services were very useful even in the Current Department which was under my immediate superintendance.

(Signed) Daniel Gomes.

27th January 1845

Manager of the Military Board.

No. 7.-

Chief Engineer's Office 14th April 1845

I have much pleasure in testifying that C. Vencatarungum Naick Manager of the Record Department of the Military Board Office has during the whole time that I have known him which now extends over a period of six years, always conducted his duties to my entire satisfaction and that I have found him a willing intelligent and zealous Public Servant always ready at his post the first to be in the Office and the last to leave it and extremely anxious to give satisfaction to his superiors.-

(Signed) D. Sim Lieut Col.

Chief Engineer

No. 8.

At the request of Vencatarungum Records Keeper in the Military Board Office I have much pleasure in stating that during the six Months I acted for Captain Sim in the Office, I had frequent occasion to remark his intelligence and perfect acquaintance with the particular duties of his Department from the excellent character he bears in the Office where he is so well known I venture to express my opinion that he is highly deserving the patronage of his Superiors.-

(Signed) J. J. Stewart

1st January 1847

Asst Mily Audr Genl.

No. 9.-

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Dispensary Alemen I found him always attentive to his duty never absent and very intelligent and most anxious to give satisfaction I consider him to be a very deserving public servant.

Madras
27 August 1847 } Signed J. C. McNeill Lt. Col.

No 19.

From Chief Engineer D. P. W.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir

Since my application of the 28th of July supporting the request of the Head Record Keeper in the D. P. W. for a resignation of his former service in the Military Board, the circumstances of his health have become such, as to forbid the expectation of his being enabled to resume his duties in the Central Office.

Enclo:
1 Medical certificate
1 Pension Regr

2 The spectacle of so old & able a public servant being, at his advanced time of life deprived of all means of self support, is in itself so deplorable a one, that in a service preeminently marked by its liberality to all old and useful servants I cannot but venture to move forward for the indulgent consideration of His Lordship in Council the accompanying Medical Certificate together with the usual

usual application for pension, albeit I have been duly honored with the present views of Govt., as conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No 1549 of the 29th Ultimo.–

3 I am encouraged to renew my appeal, because except under circumstances of established culpability, a punishment so exceedingly severe, and as it would appear so much beyond what was, at the time deemed abundantly sufficient to meet the occasion, as an actual forfeiture of able and zealous service for the long period of more than 32 years, is so contrary to both the Spirit and practice of Indian administration towards its Native subjects, that I fully believe His Lordship in Council will not be unwilling to once more take the very unfortunate case of Vencatarungum into consideration, in view of giving him the benefit of whatever may be fairly urged in behalf of a man, whose future moderate comfort or destitution depends upon the final decision now respectfully solicited.–

4 In the 2d Para of the orders of Government of the 29th Ultimo a brief and accurate retrospect of the whole of Vencatarungum's case has been placed on record. But certain minor occurrences which appear to me to plead

pleads not a little in his favor, have been omitted, and as the fitness of recompensing previous services will probably be considered to depend very greatly upon the circumstances & duration at the time of the Record Keeper's exclusion from employment, I would respectfully beg leave to draw the attention of Government 1st to the date of his removal on the 29th of June 1852 & 2dly to the date of the Military Board's report to x Government that they considered the punishment awarded up to that time the 20th Septr 1852 (but drawn up at a Meeting of the full Board so shortly after the original occurrence as the 24th of August) as sufficient, and that he should no longer be excluded from public employment, 3d to the date of the order of Government 4th April 1853 permitting Vencatarungum's reemployment and 4th to the resolution of a full Board namely 14th June 1853 reappointing him to his former position as Record Keeper in the Office of the Military Board. I

x The composition of the Military Board appears to have been thus. On 29th June /52 a not unanimous Bd vote dismissal.-
Brigadier Whinyates.-
Lt. Coll. Moberly.-
Major Balfour dissented.-
On the 20th September 1852 the Board recommends the re-employment Composed of:-
Brigadier Whinyates.-
Lt. Colonel Cotton.-
Major Balfour.-

On the 14th June 1853 directing his reinstatement the Members of the Military Board were.-
Brigadier Conran.-
Lieutenant Colonel Cotton.-
Major Balfour.-
And on the 18th October 1853 supporting his reappointment they were.-
Brigadier Whinyates.-
Lieutenant Colonel Cotton.-
Major Balfour.-

5 I cannot help thinking that all these occurrences taking place within the year after Vencatarungum was discharged have the effect of a moral removal of his case from the proper application of the rule which causes a years suspension to invalidate all previous services. Thus if it be admitted that had the then Ex Record Keeper on receiving the Extract Minutes Consultation 38 of the 4th April 1853 been employed in my own or any other Office, his claims to the pension now solicited would have been undeniable and also if as commonly happens the authority that dismissed had had the power to re-appoint, then also Vencatarungum's Pension would not have been withheld, but surely antecedent service of almost a lifetime was never intended to depend on the accident of a vacancy happening in some separate Office or on a Secretary not being amenable to the directions of his Superiors, and therefore I would venture to hope that if, within the interval fixed by Regulation, it be found that the Ex Record Keeper was duly authorized by Government to requalify for Pension, and further that he only did *not* requalify, because he naturally

believed that the unanimous voice of all the Members of the Military Board would be sufficient to reinstate him in his former position, then I say, I would indeed venture to hope it may be conceded to him, that by no short coming or fault of his own was the year exceeded, and that the 14th of June 1853 be looked upon as the time of his readmission in the public service—

6 Unless fully satisfied that by undoubted delinquency an individual has justly forfeited the labours of a life time, that cannot but be the greatest reluctance in the Members of Government, to withhold the Pension Vencatarungum has or had earned by his service of 32 Years & 1 Month, & I trust that what may seem the ultra earnestness of my own advocacy may be overlooked when I repeat that to all appearance, the great diligence and laborious attendance of Vencatarungum at the Central Office as Record Keeper, on the three Departments being first combined into one, and for the following one year and nine months after appointment, have been the cause of his health and constitution utterly giving way—

7 In Para 6 of the Honorable Courts Despatch

Despatch No. 102 of the 29th November 1854, it is more than implied that a Pension would have been readily accorded to the prayer of the Memorialist, had that measure been recommended by His Lordship in Council, and perhaps I may be permitted to believe that the health and strength which Vencatarungum has sacrificed whilst giving the new D. P. W. the benefit of his ability and experience, will plead so far strongly in his behalf that the Madras Government will now be pleased to recommend that, under all the circumstances of the case, Vencatarungum's services previous to June 1852 be allowed to count for a Pension to date from 1st proximo.—

I have &c.

13th September 1856 — (Signed) C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. E. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
[illegible] Vencatarungum Naidoo
[illegible] for information.—

Government

No 11

Government House
Guindy Park 16th January 1862

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant, which was submitted to His Excellency The Governor in due course.

In reply I am desired to inform you, that while His Excellency appreciates the zeal and care with which apparently you have discharged your duties in the several appoints you have hitherto held, yet, from the numerous applications that have reached him from all grades, for appointments in the Deputy Collector's branch of the service, he cannot hold out to you any immediate prospect of Success.—

Your name however is down on the List, and your present application has been forwarded to Mr Sim the Revenue Secretary.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) J.W. Breeks
Private Secretary

To
C. Vencatarungum Naidoo
Madras

(True Copies)
Vencatarungum Naidu

Copies of Testimonials from
No 1 to 11 granted by different
Gentlemen to C. Vencatarungum
Naidoo.-

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The Honorable R. S. Ellis Esquire
&c &c &c
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
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Honored & Honorable Sir,

1 Though I am a perfect stranger to you, yet, knowing that you a lover of justice and fair dealing, I venture to take the liberty of addressing you the present communication, for which I beg to solicit your most favorable consideration and support.-

2 I was lately employed in the Office of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazine, and having been dismissed therefrom, under the circumstances more particularly set forth in the Memorial, which I have addressed to Government on the 18th Instant, which I am quite positive that your honor already had an access to it, and to crave that the Statements I have therein made which are fully supported by Official Records, will have your most commiserate Consideration.-

3 Honored and Honorable Sir, you will observe from the Memorial, that when I was previously unjustly dismissed from the Office of the late Military Board, and ordered to be restored by that Board, I have already served the State 32 Years, and that at that time I was fully entitled to the bounty of Govt., accorded to their old and faithful Servants. No Order was ever passed either by the late Military Board, or by the Local Government or by the late

Honorable Court of Directors, directing that, I should forfeit my previous service under Government and such being the case, when the Chief Engineer in whose Office I was afterwards employed that is after a service of 32 Years in the Military Boards Office submitted my case to Govt. recommending me for a Gratuity. I respectfully submit that, that was an error and that I should have received a pension proportion to the salary I then drew, but I only received the Gratuity for the services rendered by me in the late Chief Engineers Office D.P.W. I have since served 12 3/4 Years and am willing to refund the gratuity I received, by instalments. With reference to the Proceedings of Govt. Financial Department No. 361 dated 28th October 1869, published in the Proceedings of Govt. Military Department No. 3902 dated 10th November 1869, as also to the recent Orders of Government published in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 13th June 1871 Page 929, and I beg that you will be so good as to advise Govt. in order that I might now in my old age have something allowed me for my future maintenance & support.-

4 I humbly beg that in consideration of my faithful services extending over a period of more than half a Centuary, you will be kindly plead to obtain for me a pension not in proportion to a Salary I last drew, but in the proportion to the Salary I drew when I first became entitle to Pension.-

5 Of which I shall be extremely thankful and ever pray for your happiness and wellfare.-

I beg leave to remain,
Honored & Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient and
Very Humble Servant.-

Madras
28th August 1871

No. 1

This is to certify that during the period I officiated as Secretary to the Military Board C. Vencatarungum the Record Keeper of the Department conducted himself to my entire satisfaction and I consider him a most intelligent upright and respectable public servant and can with the greatest confidence recommend him to favorable consideration.-

Fort St. George
2d September 1835

(Signed) B R Hitchins Major
Dy Adjutant General

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Military Board Office 15th September 1842 } (Signed) D. Sim Lt Col. of Engineers
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(Signed) D. Sim Lieut. Col.
Chief Engineer
Chief Engineer's Office
14th April 1845

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At the request of Vencatarungum Record Keeper in the Military Board Office I have much pleasure in stating that during the Six months I acted for Captain Snow in the Office, I had frequent occasions to remark his intelligence and perfect acquaintance with the particular duties of his Department from the excellent character he bears in the Office when he is so well known I venture to express my opinion that he is highly deserving the patronage of his Superiors.-

(Signed) J. Stewart
4th January 1847
Asst. Mily. Audtr. General

No. 9

I have known the bearer of this Vencatarungum the Head Record Keeper of the Military Board while I was a Stipendiary Member I found him always attentive to his duty never absent and very intelligent and most anxious to give satisfaction. I consider him to be a very deserving Public Servant.-

Madras
27th August 1847
(Signed) M. McNeill Lt. Colonel

No. 10

From the Chief Engineer D. P. W.
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir

Since my application of the 28th of July

Enclo: 1 Medl certificate 1 Pension Register

July supporting the request of the Head Record Keeper in the D. P. W. for a recognition of his former service in the Military Board, the circumstances of his health have become such as to forbid the expectation of his being enabled to resume his duties in the Central Office.-

2 The Spectacle of so old and able a Public Servant being at his advanced time of life deprived of all means of self support, is in itself so deplorable a one, that in a Service, preeminently marked by its liberality to all old and useful Servants I cannot but venture to now forward for the indulgent consideration of His Lord Ship in Council the accompanying Medical Certificate together with the usual application for pension, albeit I have been duly honored with the present views of Government as conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1549 of the 29th Ultimo.-

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1st to the date of his removal on the 29th of June 1852 and

2dly to the date of the Military Board's report to Government* that they considered the punishment awarded up to that time the 20th September 1852 (but drawn up at a Meeting of the full Board so shortly after the original occurrences as to the 24th of August) as sufficient, and that he should no longer be excluded from public employment, 3rd - to the date of the Orders of Govt 4th April 1853 permitting Vencatarungums re-employment, and 4th to the resolution of a Full Board namely 14th June 1853, reappointing him to his former position as Record Keeper in the Office of the Mility Bd

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Lieutenant Colonel Moberly
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12 Feb 1854

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I have &c.

13th September 1856.

(Signed) C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. E. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
C Vencatarungum Naidoo
for information.—

No. 11

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant, which was submitted to His Excellency the Governor in due course.—

In reply I am desired to inform you, that while His Excellency appreciates the zeal & care with which apparently you have discharged your duties in several appoints you have hitherto held, yet, from the numerous applications that have reached him from all grades, for appointments in the Deputy Collector's branch of the Service, he cannot holdout to you any immediate prospect of success.—

Your name however is down on the List and your present application has been forwarded to Mr. Sim the Revenue Secretary.—

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Government House
Guindy Park 16th January 1862

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) J. W. Breeks
Private Secretary

To
C Vencatarungum Naidoo
Madras

(True Copies)
C Vencatarungum Naidu.—

Copies of Testimonials &
Permits granted by differ-
ent Gentlemen to C. Ven-
catarungum Naidoo.—

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To

The Honorable J. D. Sim Esq. C.M.

Member of Council

Honored & Honorable Sir,

Since I addressed a letter to your Honor on the 10th ultimo explaining the whole of my grievance, the Subject of Order [illegible] Letter of the [illegible] August 1871, with the Controller's Report [illegible] my present and former Origins [illegible] and the correspondence connected with my case [illegible] these instances [illegible] their bounty of Pension on a special case like [illegible] on the 31st day of August 1871 [illegible] the Chief Secy. to Govt. [illegible] Council [illegible] I beg your honor will be pleased not to forget to use your honor's powerful influence in the Govr. in Council, and obtain for me the former rate of

Pension for the Salary that I drew in the late
Military Boards Office viz Rs 115 pension to 1852
if there were any question in that case your honor
will kindly [illegible] to try your own board
exertions to allow me to continue in my former post
as one of the Record keeper, as long as I am willing
and able to perform that work.—

I am at present without employ
from the 1st July 1871, I am very hard up for the
maintenance of myself and family in my
present age, I am [illegible] in need of [illegible]
[illegible] any of my benefactors at Madras
your honor, being my chief benefactor and your
honor's late father General Duncan [illegible]
[illegible] I feel [illegible]
[illegible] your honor [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I and my family pray the Almighty for the
health and wealth of your honor and your
honors respected Family until I am alive in the
world and oblige.—

Madras
3d Septr /71

I beg leave to remain,
Honored & Hon'ble Sir,
Your Most Obedt & very
Humble Servant.—
Vencata [illegible] Naidoo

My dear [illegible]

[illegible] has been

[illegible]

My dear Ellis

Can anything be done for this man? I have known him for long.

yrs ever

J. D. Sim

5 Sept 71

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18 Aug. 71

My dear Stokes

I hear this man's late comes before you. Kindly read the enclosed. I have known him for an age!

yrs ever

J. D. Sim

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 1835 of 1871.

From Venkatarungum of

Occupation.

Village.

Talook.

District. Madras

Dated 28th August } 1871
Received 2d September }

Enclosures

Abstract.

Referring to his former petition of *18th August 1871 states that the period of his services in different offices extends to 50 years & that he is ready to refund the amount of gratuity which he received as recommended by the Chief Engineer.

Prays that with reference to the Proceedings of Govert. Financial Deptt. No. 361 of 28th October 1869 published in the Proceedings of Govert. Military Deptt. No. ~~[illegible]~~ 3902 of 10th November 1869 as also to the recent orders of Govert. published in the Fort St. George Gazette of 13th June 1871 Page 929 a pension may be granted to him.

* This petition has [illegible]

Proceedings of the Standing Board of Medical Officers assembled at the Presidency on the 15th July 1871.

President

Deputy Inspector General A. Blacklock, M.D. Presy

Members

Surgeon Major J. J. Paul M.D.
Surgeon C. Smith M.D.

The Standing Board of Medical Officers at the Presidency having examined C. Vencatarungum Naidoo, a Recordkeeper in the Office of the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, and having read the Documents submitted to it with Docket Memo: No: 3643, dated 12th July, 1871, from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, is of opinion that C. Vencatarungum Naidoo is unfit for further service.

A. Blacklock,
Deputy Insp. General Ind. Med. Dept. P.Dn } President.

J. J. Paul
Surgeon Major
Colvin Smith M.D.
Surgeon } Members

No. 3487/1871. Jmy

Dated 15th July
Recd 20th

Relative to Venkat=rungum [illegible], of the Ordnance Depott, unfit for further Service

No 3810

To the Inspr Genl Ordnance & Magns

[illegible]

Offg Inspr Genl O M D
Fort St George
20 Jul 71

Pens 671/71

Ordnance Establishment Department
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ORDNANCE OFFICE,
Fort Saint George
1st Augt ~~July~~ 1871

No. 9/116.

From,
Colonel J. L. Barrow C. B.
Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Pension Department.—

Sir,

With reference to Proceedings of Government No. 176 dated 6th April 1869, in the Financial Department, communicated to Military Departments, in Order of Government No. 1365 dated 12th April 1869, I have the honor to inform Government, that C. Vencataringum Second Class Clerk, and attached to the Record Department in this Office, solicited that an application should be made on his behalf for exemption from the operation of the rule requiring retirement of Men of his class after the age of 55 Years.—

2. Not feeling justified however in making such application on account of his advanced age (65 years) I directed him to appear before the Surgeon of his District, and subsequently before a Medical Committee,* and the result was that he has been pronounced by the latter to be unfit for further service.—

*Proceedings (herewith attached)

3. Vencataringum has served in this

Office 12 3/4 years, and during that period has borne a good character, and has been regular and attentive to his duties as shewn in the accompanying Register of his services &c., and as he is not entitled by the Regulations of the service to a Superannuated Pension, I beg that Government will be pleased to grant him a Gratuity equal to 12 Months pay for his past services, his salary being Rupees 50 per mensem at this date.-

4. Although, I have recommended the above individual for a gratuity equal to 12 Months pay, in accordance with regulations, I feel I would be failing in my duty if I did not bring to the notice of Government the past services of this old and deserving servant of the State. Vencatarungum was entertained in the late Military Board Office in 1820, and after a period of 32 years service was thrown out of employment, a charge having been preferred against his brother an Assistant in that Office, for having illicitly afforded information to Contractors, on which account Vencatarungum also came under suspicion, but he was reinstated in Government employment, - Vide Extract Minutes Consultation No. 738 dated 14th April 1853 - He was again entertained in the Chief Engineer's Office in 1855 on a Salary of Rupees 150 per mensem, but was thrown out of employment on the reduction of the Record Department of that Office, and was finally readmitted in this Office by

Colonel

Colonel G. Balfour C.B., and has served from that time up to the date his services were dispensed with, on 15th July 1871.-

(a) Para 7 No. 20 dated 23rd Septr. 1857

(b) No. 2214 dated 1st December 1857.

(c) Received a gratuity equal to 6 Months salary under the order above quoted.

5 I am fully aware that the late Honorable Court of Directors in their Despatch[(a)] recorded in Proceedings of Government[(b)] Public Works Department, declined to grant a pension[(c)] to C. Vencatarungum, but taking into consideration his service since that period which with his previous services embrace a period of nearly half a Century, his advanced age (65 years) and the fact that it is improbable he will be long a burden to the State, I beg to commend his case to the special and favorable consideration of Government for some pensionary Grant or compassionate allowance, to relieve him from the distress to which he will otherwise be exposed at his period of life -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

L. Barrow Colonel R.A.
Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines.

Pension 1871 Department

No. 671

From
The Inspector General
of Ordnance & Magazines
to
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Pension Department.

Dated 1st } Augt ~~July~~
Recd 29th } 1871.

No. 4/116.

Recommending Clerk
C. Vencatarungum
for the grant of a pension
or compassionate allowance
and forwarding a Roll for
gratuity for him.–

G. No 484.
3d October/71.

2/8/71

Memorandum on the case of C. Venkatarungum, to whom the accompanying papers relate.

E. M. C. 29th Augt 1856 No 1549, P.W.D. para 2. contains a brief summary of the circumstances under which C. Venkata rungum was dismissed, after 32 years service, from the post of Head Record keeper in the Office of the Military Board. This order coincided with the previous despatches of the Court of Directors noted in the margin, in refusing to Venkatarungum ~~the~~ any pensionary allowance. These despatches were in reply to memorials

29th Novr 1854 No 102.
7th Novr 1855. No 22.

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from Venkataramanum. In the first memorial he prayed for restoration or for pension, & the Court negativing his first request, refused, in the absence of recommendation from the Madras Govt., to entertain the second. He then (twice) petitioned this Govt. to recommend his case to the Court, & was informed that the Courts' orders were final. His second memorial to the Court was then submitted & forwarded, & the Court directed that the answer which ~~the~~ he had received from the Madras Govt. should be given to

full amount – as I have these doubts of the justice of his original dismissal – and consider his long service gives him a claim to consideration.

J. W. S.

I fear we cannot do more than grant the maximum gratuity for which the applicant is eligible. A. A.

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him on their part.

2. In Augt. 1855, Venkataramanum obtained employment in the Central Office of the new Public Works Department & served till 1856. It then became necessary to invalid him but before doing so the Chief Engineer made the application on which the order of the 26th Sept. was passed. On receipt of that order, he made a further representation & Govt. (G.O. 21st Oct 1856) determined, but not unanimously, to recommend him to the Court of Directors for

a moderate pension.

3. In their reply dated 23rd Sep. 1857 No. 20 the Court refused to allow a pension but sanctioned a gratuity of six months pay. This was paid to Venkatarungum who had left the service, being unable to perform his duty, on the 1st Oct 1856.

4. In Feb. 1858 he sent in another memorial praying for pension, which however Govt. refused to forward to the Court of Directors.

5. Notwithstanding his having been invalided as unfit for service in 1856

he again obtained employment on the 1st Augt. 1858 & has served for nearly 13 years since then, in the course of which time he has taken the benefit of the insolvent act. In 1855 he stated his age to be 60 years, but in the present application he represents himself to be only 65.

6. The propriety of his dismissal ~~was~~ in 1852 has been affirmed again & again; & his claim to pension has been three times rejected by the Court of Directors & oftener by this Govt. I submit that it

would be impossible to make a special case in his favour, & that to pension him now would be, as Sir H. Montgomery said in his minute of 1866, "more the consequence of the pertinacity with which the case has in all its phases been again and again advocated & placed before the Govt. than of any intrinsic merits which it possesses." The man's great age does not appear to have diminished his pertinacity in the least.

Send to Mr Arbuthnot.
PM

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7. The great age of the applicant at the commencement of the service on acct. of which claim is now made, & the fact of his having been insolvent, are legitimate reasons for reducing his gratuity; & I submit that if he is allowed ~~the~~ the maximum gratuity as proposed in the draft order, he will have been treated with leniency.

H.A.

I do not think he has
any lot to have been
discomfited - a clear
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O W. 484 of 1871
3d October/71.

c. 16-9.

REGISTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRATUITY UNDER PENSION RULES, PUBLISHED UNDER DATE 3RD MAY 1864, FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE *Inspector General* OF *Ordnance & Magazines Fort St. George.*

1	Full name of the Person by whom the Gratuity is applied for.	*Canacapullay Vencataramyum.*			
2	Present post	*Second Class Clerk*			
3	Date of commencement of service...	*1st August 1858*			
4	Date of retirement of service ...	*15th July 1871.*			
5*	Abstract of the grounds of application.	~~1. Injured while in the execution of public duty.~~ 2. Inability to serve longer. ~~3. Reduction of Establishment.~~			
			Years.	Months.	Days.
6*	How long unemployed, and under what circumstances.	1. ~~Resigned the service from~~ ~~to~~			
		2.† ~~Reduction of Establishment from~~ ~~to~~			
		3. Suspended from *22d May 1869* — to *8th Augt. 1869*	„	2	18
		4. ~~Dismissed for misconduct from~~ ~~to~~			
7	~~Total of service before 22 years of age~~		„	„	„
8	~~Total of service not in Pension grades~~		„	„	„
9	~~Total of leave other than privilege and preparatory leave~~		„	„	„
	Grand Total...		„	2	18
10	Total period counted as service...		12	11	15
11‡	Age of the applicant at the time of this Application		65	„	„
			Rs.	A.	P.
12	Salary per mensem at the time of application...		50	„	„
13	Proposed amount of Gratuity		Rs. 600	„	„

* *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 nd 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~~ ~~187~~ .

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

Age is not certified X

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.
	Clerk	40	"	"	1st August 1858	31st Jany. 1860	1	6	"	Verified from the records of this Office from 1st Septr. 1858; but he was suspended from 22d May to 8th Augt. 1869 in consequence of his having taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act.
Ordnance	3rd Class do	42	"	"	1st Feby. 1860	2d May 1862	2	3	2	
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	2d – do – do	50	"	"	1st Octr. "	15th July 1871	8	9	15	

Lt. Col.
Cond. g the duties of Controller of M. A.

		Years.	Months.	Days.
Total......		12	11	15
~~Deduct service before 22 years of age~~				
Deduct service not in Pension grades	Vide 1st page —	"	2	18
~~Deduct leave~~				
Net period of Service......		12	8	27

Explanation of Column 6 with quotations of orders of reinstatement.	*Explanation of any degradation,*
Was suspended from 22d May 1869 to 8th August 1869, in consequence of his having taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act; and reinstated by Order of Government – vide Proceedings of Government No. 2906 dated 9th August 1869.	None

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

From	To	Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.
—— None ——				
	Total of leave...			

Remarks by the Head of the Office on past character and conduct of the Applicant throughout the seraice.

C. Vencatarunguum has been employed throughout the whole of his Service in the Record Department, and has during that period, rendered good service.—
He is now considered unfit for further Service, vide Proceedings of Medical Committee, attached.—

The Ordnance Office, 1871.

Colonel R.A.
Inspector General of Ordnance & Magazines

E. ~~No.~~
REPORT OF THE Controller of Military Accounts—

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Service qualifying for pension is proved for a total period of	*12	7	27

Applicant is eligible to a gratuity of Rupees 600 equal to 12 months' salary under Clause 1 Section 6 of the Revised Pension Rules.

		Years	Months	Days
* The total period of his Service—	years	12	10	15
Deduct the period from 22 May to 8 August 1869, during which he was suspended in consequence of his having taken the benefit of the Insolvent Act	"	"	2	18
		12	7	27

The above applicant also appears from the records of this Office to have served in the late Military Board Office from 9 April 1823 to 29 June 1852, former the date before which the Office records were destroyed and latter the date on which he was discharged. 29–2–20

Memo. Letter of the Inspector Genl. of Ordnance & Magazine of 1 August 1871 No. 4/116 and 1 Medical Certificate are herewith forwarded.—

Lt. Col.
Conducting the duties of Controller of Mily. Accounts.—

Controller's Office,
28th August 1871.

To
The ~~Chief~~ Under Secretary to Government,
~~Civil~~ Pension Department.

PENSION 1871, DEPARTMENT.

No. 672.

From the Controller of Milty Accts —
Fort Saint George,

S. L: 7th March 1872 No. 205 Public Works

G. O: 10th May 1872 No. 372 Pension

To the Chief Secretary to Government,
Civil Pension Department.

Dated 28 } August 1871.
Received 29 }

Enclosures.

Verifies the service
of C. Vencatarungum —
late a Clerk —
borne on the establishment of the Inspr. Genl. of Ordnce. & Magnes.
With an order No. 481

Public Works Pro: 1st Dec

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To the Accountant-General or C
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Register of an application for Gratuity

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