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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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Nellore Collector's Office
20th November 1871

From

G. Harris Agnew Esquire,
Collector of Nellore.

To

The Honble R. S. Ellis Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Pension Department.
Fort St George.

Sir,

In returning Saïyed Abdul
Khader's petitions, received with
G. O. Pension Department, dated
10th Instant, N^o 531, I have the honor
to state that no specific instance
of his having intercepted com-
munications addressed to the collector
had come to my notice, or I should
have mentioned it.

2. The grounds of my belief
to that effect are as follows:-

I was struck on coming to this
district with the frequent alle-
gations in petitions that petitions
had already been addressed to
the collector on the same subjects
without

without result; and it was not
unfrequently alleged that petitions
were buried in this office. As
it is well known to me and to
many others that the burying
of petitions, especially if they
reflect upon the conduct of
officials, is by no means an un-
common practice in the district
under certain circumstances; and
as, making every allowance for
the propensity of petitioners to
draw on their imaginations for
their facts, my experience has
taught me that there is almost
sure to be some fire to cause so
much smoke. I made inquiries
in various trustworthy quarters,
the result of which was to leave
no doubt on my mind that the
practice of burying petitions

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in this office had existed, and that
Sayed Abdul Khader, the register-
ing clerk, was historically the
culprit.

3. As to the Applicant's testi-
monials, their existence was not
brought to my notice before I
sent up the application, or I would
have included them; but as he
immediately applied for copies
of them, I knew he would have
me the trouble of sending them
up. I am so accustomed to see
the most favorable testimonials
given by officers to subordinates,
who, I know, do not deserve them,
that the perusal of these testi-
monials would not have affected
the conclusion that had been
forced on me.

4. Moreover, the conduct of
most of our subordinates is very
apt

apt to vary with their master for
the same thing. No one has a
greater respect for Mr Dykes as
a district officer than I have,
and I can well believe that
of under him the applicants con-
duct might have been unexcep-
tionable, and that no communica-
tions were intercepted in those days.
But it is not every Collector,
who inspires his subordinates
with a wholesome awe of mis-
conducting themselves; and nothing
can be more locally notorious than
the fact that, in the frequent
changes that followed Mr Dykes's
first departure to England,
members of the subordinates,
who had, under him, conducted
themselves properly, lapsed into
the every sort of irregularity.

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

Rev. O. B. Smith 9/10/1871

Received 1871 29/10/1871
from the County of
St. Lawrence

To the Chief Secretary
of Government.
London E.C. 4.

My dear Sir.

Dated 20 Nov 1871.

Ref. 21/11/71
No. 21/11/71

Enc. 3 letters.

Regarding the above-mentioned
petition, received 20/11/71
dated 20/11/71, and regarding
that no specific instance
of this having interested
communication or
advice to the County
had come to the notice,
but that the Government
on which is entertained
such belief.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. Smith
1871

The fact and opinion that there is no evidence
against the applicant - said about the matter, variation
for ground for reducing his pension below the proper
27/5/71. The applicant's pension is, however,
of 15 per annum but his service of 33 years is
entitled him to a pension of 33 years.
To the Collector of Taxes,
St. Lawrence County, 20/11/71.
- of account 20/11/71.

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