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Madras 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1871

To His Excellency The Right  
Honorable Lord Francis Napier, K.C.S.

Governor of Madras

The Humble Petition of Andrew  
Cooper, late Deputy Superintendent  
of the Madras Penitentiary, and now  
a Bailiff of the High Court sitting  
in the Black Town of Madras -

Sheweth,

1. That Your Petitioner was originally a Soldier  
in H.M. the Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot wherein after an approved  
Service of 13 Years and 6 months he obtained a free  
discharge in 1854 being then a Sergeant.
2. That Your Petitioner while in the Army secured  
the good opinion of all his officers as is evidenced by  
the annexed Copies of Testimonials that Petitioner has  
earned all through the Crimean War for which he has  
received the Crimean and Turkish Medals and his  
only object in leaving the Army was to enter the  
Police Force which he did on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1859 and  
from which after a short Probation he was promoted  
to the post of Deputy Superintendent of H.M. Penitentiary  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1860, Colonel J. C. Boulderson  
being then the Commissioner.
3. That Your Petitioner held this post for 8 Years

and 5 months that during this period he discharged  
the duties entrusted to him to the entire satisfaction of  
all his Superiors and maintained an Unimpaired  
character for honesty sobriety attention and zeal  
never having been found fault with during that period

4 That Your humble Petitioner was dismissed  
from the post of Deputy Superintendent of the Madras  
Penitentiary by Major Dwyer the <sup>cause of his</sup> Commissioning  
of Police in February 1868, dismissal was his  
having employed a Prisoner to make up a small  
table -

5 That Your Petitioner on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1868  
submitted to your Excellency his Petition wherein he  
endeavored to shew that his fault was an error of  
Judgment only and not an act of dishonesty and  
that your Petitioner did not deserve so severe a  
punishment as absolute dismissal from the service  
and your Petitioner therein prayed that under the  
Circumstances he might be reinstated in the  
post from which he had been dismissed - That by  
an endorsement made on the said Petition <sup>N<sup>o</sup> 1099</sup> dated  
9<sup>th</sup> June 1868 -

" The Government do not consider that the Petitioner  
has shown himself qualified for holding a post of  
trust such as that of Deputy Superintendent of the  
Penitentiary, but they will not object to his employ-  
ment elsewhere Fort Saint George 9<sup>th</sup> June 1868 -

By Order  
[Signature] C. J. Walker  
Under Secy to Govt

Referred to the Chief Secretary  
( By Order )  
[Signature] J. A. Garstin  
Pr. Secy "

Madras  
18/5/68

6 That Since Your Petitioner's dismissal he  
was employed on the Madras Railway for 6 months  
up to 9<sup>th</sup> March 1869, and that from that date to the  
present he has been employed as a Bailiff in the High  
Court, to which post he was appointed by the present  
Sheriff, A. D. E. Dalrymple Esq. who will be  
able to testify as to the manner in which Your  
Petitioner has discharged the duties of his Office -

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that  
his Petition may receive favorable consideration  
and that your Excellency under the Circumstances of  
the Case will be pleased to allow your Petitioner's  
former services from the date he entered the Police  
Force viz. the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1859, to the date of his  
dismissal from the post of Deputy Superintendent  
of the Penitentiary viz. in February 1868 to be  
reckoned to wards pension -

And Your Petitioner will ever pray &c  
A Cooper

## Character

Conduct Very Good

*[The following text is extremely faint and appears to be bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. It is largely illegible.]*

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No. 2495 Lance Sargeant Andrew Cooper 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
get a free discharge from the Service having 13 years  
Conduct badges and upwards of Thirteen years Service  
I have known him throughout his Service in Corps and  
he has always born a most excellent character. He is very  
steady intelligent and trustworthy. He served the  
entire of the Crimean Campaign and always showed  
himself a Military good Soldier. He well deserves to  
obtain a good situation and I shall be glad to hear  
of his success

(Signed) P. W. McMahon  
Lt. Col. 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Fort St. George Madras  
30<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1859

I have known Sargeant Cooper for several years he  
has always born a good character and I believe him  
to be most honest and sober

Fort St. George (Sd) J. Robinson. 10<sup>th</sup> Major  
29<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1859

Sargeant Cooper has been upwards of 13 years in the  
44<sup>th</sup> Regiment and was for some time a Sargeant  
He bears an excellent character and his steady,  
sober, and trustworthy man

(Sd) J. Ballis Hamilton  
Capt. 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
Fort Saint George  
September 30<sup>th</sup> 1859

Madras  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 1859

I have known the bearer Sargeant Andrew  
Cooper for some years and have always found  
him to be a steady ~~Man~~ Commissioned Officer  
and a sober, honest and good soldier

(Sd) J. W. Pigott  
Lt. Col. 44<sup>th</sup> Regt

from the bearer. hence - I have Sargeant Andrew Cooper  
being a 13 years that he has served in the 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
during which time he at all times conducted himself  
as a good and obedient Soldier. Steadily honest, and  
sober and an intelligent Man. Com. missioned Officer  
He leaves the Regiment at his own request having obtained  
his discharge for length of Service at the time of his  
leaving the Regiment he was in possession of two badges  
for good conduct. It will afford me much pleasure to  
hear of his future welfare. I had every opportunity  
knowing the bearer being his Adjutant for some years

(Sd) Francis O'Neill Esq.  
44<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Madras Railway

10<sup>th</sup>

Loco Superintendent Office  
Perrinboro North  
8<sup>th</sup> March 1864

This is to certify that the bearer Andrew Cooper  
has been employed as a Watchman in this Depart-  
ment from the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1863 to the present date  
during which time his conduct has been satis-  
factory

(Sd) H. J. Collinson  
Actg. Loco Superintendent

Ans 968/71

Stations

No. 1099 of 1868, 1st Nov '68

Per. u. 1868

Andrew Cooper  
to Deputy Superintendent  
of the Penitentiary.

No. 1099

The Government do not  
consider that the petition  
er has shewn himself quali-  
fied for holding a post of  
trust such as that of Deputy  
Superintendent of the Peni-  
tentiary, but they will not  
object to his employment  
elsewhere.

States that he was  
merely a soldier in the 1st  
regiment, that after a service  
of 1/2 years he took his  
charge being at the time  
sergeant with excellent  
imonials from the offi-  
cers under whom he had  
served. States that he ser-  
ved through the Crimean  
war that he left the army  
and entered the Police and  
so he was appointed D.

Wm. J. H. E. W.

Stations

Super. at the District, that the present Commissioner of Police dismissed him for having had a table made by one of the prisoners although the materials and tools were provided by himself, that the prisoner worked for him only during his leisure hours. Points out that his dismissal cuts him off from the benefit of 22 Years' service, besides depriving him and his family of a home in a strange land.

States that he was dismissed on information given by the prisoner Mone a notorious character and that an ill-feeling was always shown

showed towards me by the District Officer Owen and his wife. Says that his case should be reconsidered and that he be reinstated in his former post.

S. 1127 of 1861 of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1861  
P. 20<sup>th</sup> 1861

From P. Durushottama  
District Resident in Periyath  
Magavaram Taluk, Tanjore.

States that he is a great mercantile, and at the request of Chief Dowry and G. V. Vastu, in the District Munsiff's Court of Tanjore, (N. P. S.) stood surety for him, that the District Officer sent for him (S. S.) and

This is probably a very gross exaggeration. I do not think any notice should be taken of it or that the P. S. should be required to produce a copy of any order passed by the District Officer.

asked him whether he stood  
security for the head Gunas  
that on his replying "yes," Judge  
he (Judge) ordered him to leave

his Village and go away; that  
after living in Pondicherry &  
other places for the last 7 months  
he is now come to his Village  
on being informed that a  
Commissioner has been ap-  
pointed to enquire into the  
conduct of the said Judge;  
and that owing to his ab-  
sence from the Village, he  
suffered great loss in his  
trade.

Prays that as he has  
been put to loss and disgrace  
by the order of the Judge, merely  
because he stood security for  
the

Judge he is a  
he has assigned  
Mr.  
Prayerated nodoubt:  
but we have a part of  
work apt. Mr. of COT. Judge  
& must not put aside  
any thing for we there  
may become the color of  
truth - I wish to send  
the Petition with the  
letter as the hand writing  
of the under Secretary  
requesting the A. G. to  
locate whether any  
thing took place to  
give action to this  
Petition complaint of  
supposed abuse from  
his village - WOK

has not been able to  
give any way or direction to  
be made into his case and  
render him justice.

~~Not sent to the  
Governor 1868~~

29 June 1868

Ans June 8 1845

The Petitioner appears to have been in  
Her Majesty's 4th<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot for  
upwards of 13 years having served throughout  
the Burmah Campaign. His testimonials  
which I have seen, and copies of which are  
forwarded with his Petition, are excellent. His  
character and conduct appear to have been  
always remarkably good. He was discharged  
from the Army at his own request in September  
1859, entered the Police Force on 14<sup>th</sup> October  
1859, and served as a Deputy Superintendent  
of the Madras Prisoners from 1<sup>st</sup> January

1860 to February 1868 when he was dismissed.  
As I knew him when he was Deputy Super-  
intendent in the Penitentiary, I considered his  
case a very hard one and I took the first  
opportunity (on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1869) of  
appointing him to the post of Bailiff  
of the High Court which he has held from  
that date to the present. I have much  
pleasure in bearing testimony to his good  
character and conduct during the time  
he has served under me. I have always  
found him to be diligent and active in the  
discharge of his duties, and thoroughly  
honest and sober.

As I gather from the endorsement  
N<sup>o</sup> 1099 dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 1868 made on his  
Petition to His Excellency the Governor, dated  
the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1868 that he was dismissed  
merely for an error of judgment on  
his part, and taking into consideration the  
excellent character the Petitioner has always  
borne, and his faithful and tried services  
as a Soldier, for which he receives no  
pension whatever, I respectfully  
solicit that the Government will be  
pleased to grant the prayer of his Petition

and allow his former services in Civil  
employ to be reckoned towards pension.

Sheriff's Office,  
Adams  
29<sup>th</sup> November 1871

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

W. D. M. M. M.  
Sheriff of Adams.

Received 1871 Sept 11th

Income

N<sup>o</sup> 968

The Sheriff of Madison

To the Chief Clerk

to Government

Noted 29<sup>th</sup> November

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> — a — 1871

Transmitting a  
letter from Mr. A. Cooper  
a British subject, praying that  
his services from 1<sup>st</sup> October  
1859 to February 1860 might  
be allowed towards  
pensions.

Will be ordered 41

Order the same 22 January 1872 p. 41.  
The Sir having confirmed his  
disposal on the ground that he was not  
in a position to pay (the Sir) and  
to return the present application.

To the Sheriff of Madison Dec 22/1872.

H. H.

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 72  
H. H.