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Pension DEPARTMENT.

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No. 146.

FROM

C. G. MASTER, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for transmission to the Secretary of State, the accompanying memorial from Conjeveram Govinda Row, late Tahsildar of Trinomalay Taluq, in the South Arcot District, complaining that he has been granted a smaller pension than that to which he was entitled under the rules.

2. The circumstances connected with this man's case are fully set forth in the enclosed Proceedings of this Government granting him his pension. Though placed in posts of responsibility and considerable emolument his work was at no time what it should have been, and the disordered state of his Treasury, when Tahsildar of Villapuram, showed that he had been culpably negligent, if not actually dishonest.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

11th March 1874.

*Acting Secretary to Government.**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department, 22nd February 1872.*

Read the following papers :—

From the Collector of South Arcot, dated 2nd October 1871, No. 149.

From the Officiating Assistant to the Accountant-General, dated 2nd December 1871, No. 423.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1872, No. 62.

Conjeveram Govinda Row, on whose behalf the foregoing application is submitted, entered the service in 1834 and up to the 22nd August 1871 had served for thirty-six years, three months, and seven days, of which period twenty-five years, eight months, and twenty-seven days qualify for pension. He is now declared to be unfit for further service.

2. In 1848 he was suspended on suspicion of having furnished question papers to candidates for examination as Vakeels.

3. In 1859, when Tahsildar of Munnargudy, he was degraded to a lower Tahsil for having refused payment of a Department of Public Works cheque accompanied by what he considered a disrespectful communication and on account of suspicion attaching to him in connexion with some complaints investigated by the Collector.

4. In 1864 he was again degraded from the taluq of Chedumbram on Rupees 250 to that of Cuddalore on Rupees 200 for gross and obstinate neglect of duty and disobedience of orders. On perusal of the copy of the Sub-Collector's letter on this subject the Government are surprised that he escaped dismissal.

5. In 1865, a case of extreme delay in reporting the death of a Yeomiahdar having come to notice, the Government directed that Govinda Row, who was in fault, should be displaced from his office as Tahsildar and made to retire on pension. On its appearing that he was not entitled to it without a medical certificate the Government permitted his re-employment as a Goomastah and subsequently authorized his promotion to a Tahsildarship on the occurrence of a vacancy. The second break in his service is the period during which he was out of employ on this occasion. The Government are of opinion that this break ought not to be considered as caused by dismissal and entailing forfeiture of previous service. He was displaced in order that he might retire on pension.

6. In September 1868 it was ascertained that the Treasury of Govinda Row's taluq, Villapuram, was in great disorder; that sums of money were not credited when paid in; and that there was an actual deficiency of cash. The Tahsildar was tried magisterially on a charge preferred by the Shroff of having extorted from him three bonds for Rupees 900 to cover a deficiency in the Treasury. The charge was dismissed there being no evidence of compulsion, but it appeared beyond doubt that the bonds had been obtained for the purpose specified. In view of the great neglect and incompetence shown by the Tahsildar, though no dishonesty was proved against him, the Revenue Board authorized his degradation to a lower taluq. On this occasion he was under suspension for two months, and ten days.

7. What has been said above shows that the applicant was never efficient and that several times his conduct was open to grave suspicion. It is impossible that he should be granted the maximum pension. He is eligible to Rupees 66-2-7 per mensem, and the Collector recommends Rupees 60. The Government cannot grant more than Rupees (55) fifty-five per mensem, which sum is sanctioned with effect from the 23rd August 1871.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,

Under Secretary to Government.

1874.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Acting Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 11th March 1874.

Recd.

No. 146.

Enclosure.

Forwarding a memorial for transmission to the Secretary of State from C. Govinda Row, late Tahsildar of Trinomalay, in the district of South Arcot, praying for the grant of an increased pension.

To

The Right Honourable the
Secretary of State

for India. —

The humble Memorial of
C. Govinda Row Pensioned
Tahsildar of Trinomalay in the
District of South Arcot.

Most Respectfully Sheweth

That Petitioner had served the State in various
grades for a period embracing more than 32 years.

2. That in 1864 Petitioner held the post
of Tahsildar of Chellamburam in the District of South-
Arcot, yielding him a salary of Rs 250 per mensem.

3. That having reached this high and res-
ponsible appointment through many years of arduous and
honorable labor, during the whole course of which he obtained
the approbation of all his superiors, it unpropitiously occur-
red, at this time July 1865 that a complaint was pre-
ferred against him by the Sub-collector of the District, to
the effect that a long delay, for which Petitioner was alleged
to be responsible, had taken place in reporting a yeomiah
lapse

cause, of so great an injury to a family so highly respected in the District, I may be pardoned for again, urging Govinda Row's case on the attention of the Board, in view if possible to their further advocacy on his behalf with the Government."

15. That the Board of Revenue were pleased to follow up this advocacy in language which unmistakably spoke at once to their recognition of the integrity of Petitioner's whole official career, and the hardship with which he had been treated. "It is evident," said the Board, "that Mr. Row expressed himself more strongly regarding Govinda Row in the first instance than he is now prepared to justify; and it would seem from the Government order of 14th July 1865 No. 1614, Revenue Department, that Govinda Row was displaced from office under the impression that he was then entitled to Pension without the condition of a Medical Certificate of physical incapacity. For the sake of the Public service, the Board would greatly regret that a Thasildar who has obtained so marked a reputation for integrity and purity of conduct, should be dismissed in disgrace, after 31 years service without any Pension, in consequence of delay in disposing of one of a class of cases, which it has been too generally the custom to subordinate to other business of a more essentially public character."

Character. Under the circumstances the Board respectfully submit that the punishment is excessive, however objectionable the practice referred to."

16. That the Government deferred to these recommendations from such high authorities, and so far yielded as to permit Petitioner's employment as a Goomasta.

17. That it will appear to your Grace from the foregoing resume of the circumstances of his case, that by the concurrent testimony of the Collector and the Board of Revenue than whom none could be better judges of the single act of neglect imputed to him, his punishment was out of all proportion to his offence, regard especially being had to the confessedly heavy charge which the Thasil of Chellumbrum constituted, too great indeed for one man, and which fact is sufficiently evidenced by the appointment, immediately after Petitioner had been removed from the charge, and at the instance of the Sub-Collector who complained against Petitioner, of an additional Sub-Magistrate to assist in the disposal of Magisterial cases. Notwithstanding, with one fell sweep, after years of accredited public service, Petitioner was reduced 1st from 250. to 200 Rs, and again to a pittance of 30 Rs a month which last involved at the same time a terrible official degradation.

18. That Petitioner had faithfully performed

performed his duties as Tahsildar with the largest of all the charges in the South Arcot District will be abundantly clear to your Grace from the following few facts. The amount of annual assessment realised in the Taluq of Chellumbrum was Rs. 5,80,022 and the total number of Revenue and Magisterial cases disposed of by Petitioner during the time he was in charge was 3,958, being 854 cases more than those disposed of by the Tahsildar of Villoopooram, which Taluq is next in importance to that of Chellumbrum. Further the following statement will make the business done by Petitioner in the Taluq of Teroonamalai, as compared with that which devolved on his competitors still more apparent, and in respect of which no remarks were made by the Pension Court, as regards a single case committed by Petitioner during the period embraced.

Statement of the business done by the Tahsildars of the undermentioned Taluqs.

Names of the Taluqs in South Arcot District	Amount of Annual Assessment	Revenue cases Disposed of				Magisterial cases Disposed of				Total of Revenue and Mag. cases disposed of
		Revenue cases Disposed of		Magisterial cases Disposed of		Revenue cases Disposed of		Magisterial cases Disposed of		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Cuddalore...	Rs 3,67,262	1127	133	12	285	117	1216	2890		
Velloppooram...	4,24,707	911	561	462	240	42	918	3134		
Chellumbrum	5,80,022	1414	294	649	234	124	1243	3958		
Vindachellum	2,57,403	525	344	327	371	288	915	2870		
Tindivanam	3,82,266	1055	229	206	180	39	331	2040		
Teroovanamalai	1,67,598	781	210	771	124	9	431	2326		
Elevanascor	2,67,661	479	196	458	90	39	537	1799		
Kullacoorchy	2,54,768	654	52	658	210	33	933	2540		

C. Govindarajan

Statement showing the business done by the Tahsildars during 2 years at Teroovanamalai

Names of the Tahsildars	Years	Revenue business done				Magisterial business done				Dharakhat	Assessment			
		Arrears to Procyor	Arrears to Tahsildars	Arrears and Tahsildars	Arrears to Procyor	Arrears to Tahsildars	Arrears and Tahsildars	Arrears to Procyor	Arrears to Tahsildars		Rs	P	Rs	P
Venkataranganijah Thunivasaiyengar	1867	557	581						2155	1277	2165	87	9	
Thunivasaiyengar	1868	507	602						998					
Govinda Row	1869	659	727			148	121	377	2804					
Govinda Row	1870	1133	1305	1552	154	151	513	6519						

19. That Petitioner however succeeded again in obtaining a Tahsildarship first on Rs 250 and then reduced to 150 per mensem; and after lapse of 3 years applied for his Pension.

20. That the Madras Government in disposing of Memorialist's application for Pension, have still further brought him under punishment for the self same offence by reducing the amount of his pension from Rs 66 to Rs 55.

21. That your Memorialist humbly begs to appeal to your Grace against this action on the part of the Madras Government. In view of the expressed conviction of the Board of Revenue that Petitioner's punishment in being deprived of office, was excessive, and the implied concurrence of the Government in sharing that conviction as evidenced by their reemployment of Petitioner, it is to a degree inconsistent that his punishment should be enhanced at a time and in a way he cannot but most keenly feel. For, the loss for

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suffer still further pecuniarily is, he respectfully submits,
not in accord with the dignity of Government.

22. Petitioner therefore humbly prays
that your Grace will be pleased, under the grounds and
circumstances above set forth to reverse the decision
of the Madras Government, and to grant to him the
full amount of Pension to which he is eligible, and
for which act of benevolence, Petitioner will as in duty
ever pray.

Madras
10th January 1872

G. Govinda Row

Copy of the Testimonial or order.

Govinda Row is informed, in reference to his application
of date the 28th May 1870 N^o 128, that the Board did
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application. The Collector has reason, on the whole to be
satisfied with Govinda Row, in his management of the
Talug now under his charge.

Cuddalore }
9th July 1870

(Signed) C. W. Reade,
Collector.

True Copy.

G. Govinda Row

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To

D. F. Carmichael Esq^r

Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir

I beg most respectfully to submit
herewith a Memorial in triplicate, to the address
of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for
India in the matter of my pension, and to request
that the same may be forwarded to its destination
with such recommendation and support as the
Government may be pleased to bestow on my
prayer for which I shall ever feel grateful

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your most obedient
and humble servant

C. Gounda Rao

Late Tahsildar of
Tirumalay Talook

South Arcot District

Now a pensioner

Madras }
10th January 1874

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Returned to the Memorialist with
reference to Rule No. IX, below.

*Extract from Rules for Memorials ad-
dressed to Her Majesty's Government.*

RULE IX. Memorials may be transmit-
ted either in manuscript or in print, but must,
with all accompanying documents, be properly
authenticated by the signature of the Memo-
rialist on each sheet.

London

My Under Secy. to Govt.

*Lt Atty Genl
17 Feb 1873*

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India praying for
the grant of the full
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to which he is eligible

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No 58 A.
Government of Madras.
Pension DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 223 of 1874.

From C. Govinda Row

Occupation. Pensioned
Tahsildar
of

Village.

Talook.

District.

Dated 10th

Received 17th

January 1874

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that a long delay, for which Petitioner was alleged to be responsible, had taken place in
reporting a yeomiah lapse, accompanied by a recommendation that Petitioner should be
placed on the Pension List.

4. That on this representation, the Collector removed Petitioner from his
appointment as Tahsildar at Chellumbrum which was a 1st. Class Thasil, to the 3rd. Class
charge at Cuddalore on the reduced pay of 200 Rs. per mensem.

5. That the matter having attracted the attention of the Government, they
observed that it appeared from the Revenue establishment list that Petitioner had completed
a service of 31 years on the 1st January 1865, and called upon the Board of Revenue to
take steps for obtaining for him such pension as he might be entitled to under the rules.

6. That it will appear to your Grace that the action taken by the Madras
Government was under the impression that, not so much for the fault laid to his charge
as that Petitioner had apparently entitled himself to pension by reason of service, that they
decided on placing him on the Pension list.

7. That on the reception of this decision by the Board of Revenue, they,
in pursuance of the behest of Government, called upon the Collector to carry the same
into execution.

8. That thereupon Petitioner was displaced from the reduced appointment
of Thasildar of Cuddalore, and, not being entitled to Pension without the production of a
Medical Certificate, was placed under the treatment of the Zillah Surgeon, in view to his
obtaining such Certificate.

9. That at this stage, the Collector of the District, Mr. C. W. READE, wrote
to Government, representing the hardship entailed on Petitioner by his being forced to
pension, Mr. READE said,—"Although Govinda Row's service extends over 30 years, his age
is under 50, and in appearance he is in the prime of life, and his term of service quali-
fying him to pension amounts to only 15 years, so that a Medical probation is necessary
before he can be entitled to Pension". In placing the matter before the Government, the
Board of Revenue supported the Collector and recommended that Petitioner should be
allowed to retain his reduced appointment of Thasildar of Cuddalore, until he passed through
the required period of Medical probation and obtained the Medical Certificate without
which he could not obtain Pension. That the Government acceded to this recommendation.

10. That Petitioner, after expiry of the probationary period, obtained the
necessary Medical Certificate, from the Zillah Surgeon, at Cuddalore, but that as the
Certificate, under the rules, had to be confirmed, that he was ordered to proceed to

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To
 The Secretary to the
 Government of Canada
 Finance Department.

Dated 11th October 1874.

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