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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	97	Press / Mis.
Dated	23-2-1874.	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Pension Department,
23rd February 1874.

Read the following papers :—

From the District Engineer, Tinnevelly, dated 21st October 1873.
From the Accountant-General, Madras, dated 21st January 1874, No. 3.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1874, No. 97.

Application is made for an invalid pension on behalf of Vyapoory Pillai, late Supervisor, Public Works Department, whose superior service amounts to twenty-one years, seven months, and seventeen days.

2. The full pension allowable in this case, under Section 56*b* of the Civil Pension Code, amounts to Rupees (50) fifty, but His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that Vyapoory Pillai's service has not been thoroughly satisfactory, and resolves, therefore, to grant him a reduced pension of Rupees (45) forty-five per mensem, payable from 7th December 1872.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the District Engineer, Tinnevelly.
,, Collector of Tinnevelly.
,, Accountant-General, with Register.

Exd. J. Wright.

We (A. Fergusson Mwd. Surgeon 24th Regiment N.I. and Henry David Cood B.M.S. Acting Zillah Surgeon Tinnevelly) do hereby certify, that we have carefully examined Vyapoory Pillay Supervisor D.P.W. Malabar District, that his age is, by his own Statement 50, and by appearance about the same; and that we find him to be unfit for further Service, from General Debility, the result of premature decay and old age, not in our Opinion, attributable to intemperance, or other irregular habits.

Palamcottah
12th April 1873

A. Fergusson Mwd.
Surgeon
24th Regiment N.I.

H. D. Cood B.M.S.
Acting Zillah Surgeon
Tinnevelly

Govt. of Madras.

PENSION.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Tinnevelly,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 23rd.
Read.

G.O., 23rd February 1874, No. 97.

FEBRUARY.

Granting a pension of Rupees 45 per mensem to Vyapoory Pillai, late Supervisor, second grade, Public Works Department.

Name of Officer.	E. Tyaboy Pillay
Caste or Race.	Telala -
Residence.	Pondicottah
Father's Name.	Ramasamy Pillay
Residence.	Pondicherry
Date of birth.	1st February 1824
Age. Years	49 years
Age. Mos.	8 months
Age. Days.	21 days
Exact Height. Feet.	5 Five
Exact Height. In.	11 Four

Has marks of small pox on his face. and a scar below the left knee.

THE ENTRIES IN THESE COLUMNS ARE TO BE ATTESTED EVERY FIVE YEARS; EACH ATTESTATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY RULED OFF THE DATE MAY BE CLEARLY SHOWN.

Personal marks for identification.	Date of Entry.	Signature of Officer.	Signature and designation of the head of the Office.
	21st October 1893.		

P.W. 2926/93.

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Writer in the Assistant Civil Engineers Office 8ᵉ Division	Temporary	None	30	"	15. November 1847		Vyapoory was with me from 15ᵗʰ November 1847 to 30ᵗʰ April 1850 during which period he marched about the districts of Madura and Tinnevelly and did the duty of a Writer in the Assistant Civil Engineers Office, he can write a neat hand, understands the Office routine, he can take down measurements of work executed both of earth and masonry, he could draw plans tolerably well when he left me and would I think have improved with further practice, he had then just commenced learning to lay down a Survey from the Survey book, but had not studied the use of any instrument. He worked willingly and diligently while with me since which time he has been employed as 1ˢᵗ Writer in the Civil Engineers Office 8ᵉ Division. He can Estimate for earth and masonry works. South Arcot dist. Chillumbrum Sulvoy, Vullatho-ray 15ᵗʰ April/52.	/ Sd/ P. D. Connel 2ᵈ Lieutᵗ 1ˢᵗ Assistant Civil Engr 6ᵗʰ Division	30ᵗʰ April 1850	Promotion	
Head Writer and Accountant in the Civil Engineers Office 8ᵉ Division.	Permanent	"	50	"	1ˢᵗ May 1850		The holder of this paper Vyapoory Pillay served under me as Head Writer and accountant from the 1ˢᵗ May 1850 to 22ᵈ October 1855 having previously acted as Office Maistry to the 2ᵈ Assistant Civil Engineer, and				

Examd & Recd 13th Nov 1855

Wᵐ Lloyd Lieut. R.E.

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Head Peñnsula maker and accomtant	Permanent	"	55		1st Septr 1856	Thos Goodfellow	I have great pleasure in testifying to his deligence in the performance of his duties as well as to his general good conduct. I consider him a good public servant and well worthy of promotion in the New Department of Public Works. per W. H. Horsley Captn Madura 22d October/55. Civil Engineer 8. Dn		31st Augt 1856	Promotion	
							The bearer Vyapoory Pillay Head Writer in the Civil Engineers Office 8. Dn has by his shrewdness diligence and activity been of the greatest assistance to me while employed as acting Civil Engineer 8. Divn from the 23d October 1855 to this date. Knowing intimately all the duties connected with the Office, and the various correspondence that has taken place on all kinds of subject, he does his duty as Head of the Office, in a very satisfactory manner. I could be very glad to hear of his being able to obtain a greater increase of salary and a better appointment than that just opened to him in the newly sanctioned Establishment. Casmajor pursuing (Sd) R. A. Roberts Lieut. 28th August 1856 A. Civil Engineer 8. Dn				
							During the short time (29th August to 8th November 1856) that I had the honor of being in charge of the Civil Engineers Office attached to the Division, I found Vyapoory Pillay the Head Writer a particularly smart and attentive man.				

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							He has held his present appointment for many years; and is well worthy of filling a higher post which I hope he will be fortunate enough to obtain when the contemplated changes in the Maramut Department are sanctioned. Balamoottah 13th Novr 1856 (sd) G. M. Payne Capt & 2d Class Civil Engineer & D.C.				
							The Bearer Vyapoory Pillay has been the Head Accountant in my Office for more than 2 years, and his services in that capacity have been invaluable to me. He is thoroughly acquainted with the duties of his post and active and zealous in their discharge. He is a first rate Accountant and Estimate maker and is so thoroughly acquainted with the Districts and all that has been done in it for many years that his loss could not be repaired for many a year, but as his talents and zeal render him for a far higher and more responsible post, I have been endeavouring to procure one for him but unfortunately without success. Balamoottah January 17th 1859. (sd) R. F. Oakes Capt & Engineer				

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Vyapoory Pillay Estimate maker and Head Accountant in the Distant Engrs Office Tinnevelly entered the Depart. in the year 1847. He has served under the present Chief Engineer, Captain Connel, Roberts and Oakes from all of whom he has received high testimonials. He is well acquainted with the Tinnevelly and Madura Districts. Vyapoory is an excellent Accountant a good Estimate maker & conducts the work of the Office in a very satisfactory manner. He is anxious to obtain a higher post than the one he now holds and I consider him well qualified for the position of a Supervisor which I hope he may some day obtain as I think for his long service and talents he is well deserving of a higher Salary than the one he now draws. Tuticorin 1st June 1860.				
Vyapoory Pillay served in the Office of the Distant Engineer Tinnevelly during the 20 months that I was present with it as Head Accountant and Estimate Maker. I was thoroughly satisfied with him in all respects His zeal and diligence were very great whilst his qualifications for the post he held were perfect. I do not think that I had occasion in one single instance to find fault with him. He thoroughly knows the District and is very ready to give information with an accuracy				

Sd/ G. M. Payne Lieut
Asst Dis Engineer

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Leave without pay for 3 days from 7th December 1863.											
Clerk & Examiner in the Insp.d Engrs Office 8. Div.n	Permanent	"	70	"	1st July 62						
Acting Supervisor 2d Class Limerick	Acting	Clerk & Examiner	"	150	18th April 64						
Clerk and Examiner in the Insp.d Engrs Office.	Permanent	"	70		12 August 1864						
Acting Supervisor 2d Class Limerick	Acting	Clerk & Examiner	"	150	18. Oct.r 1864						
Accountant in the Insp.d Engrs office 8. Div.n	Permanent	-	75		8. March 1865						
Supervisor 2d Class Limerick	Permanent.	-	150		23. May 1865						
Clerk Suspension from 20th Oct.r to 31st Dec.r 72 and 7 & 8 Jan.y & 1st March 73											
Do 2d Class Mullingar			150		6. March 1873						
On Sick leave from 7th Oct.r to 31st Dec.r 72											

which has sometimes surprised me, I sincerely trust that he may get on well & things his loss would be great here. I should be glad if he filled some higher office which he fully merits.
Sattow 20 may/62 - Lt/ G.V. Wilkinson Capt.n

Vyapory Pillay. a hard working valuable Office man - Remarkably clear headed and very accurate in rendering accounts. Deserves promotion and recognition of past service.
17-11.62. Lt/ G.W. Payne

Insp.d Engr 7th October 1872 - Leave
December 1872 - Suspension
October 1872 - Leave
1872 - Lt/ Randolph Bird Engr

I cannot speak too highly of Vyapory and I consider him one of the best Range Officers in my Div.n - Lt/ C.V. Wilkinson

Supervisor Vyapory Pillay suspended by me on the 21st October 1871. and recommended Subsequently his dismissed the Service on account of fraudulent practices & his inebriate habits.
30. Jan/72. Lt/ R.A. Roberts R.E. Insp.d Engr 8. Div.n

Degraded to the bottom of the list of Supervisors and transfered to the 7. Division Vice J.D. No 1355. dated 31st May 1872.-
True copy.
Lt/ R.A. Roberts R.E.
Insp.d Engrs 8. Div.n

Lt. Randolph
District Engr

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									30. June/63	Promotion	
									10th April/64	Promotion	
									8th March 1864		
									11. Aug.t/64	Reverted to his permanent appointment	
									17. Oct.r 1864	Promoted.	
									7. June/65	Reverts to his former appointment	
									22. May/65	Promoted.	
									20th Oct.r 1871	Suspended on the 21st October/71	
									6. Dec.r 1872	Degraded.	
									6. Dec.r/72	Applied for Pension	

SERVICE BOOK

Name. P. Vyapoory Pillay

or

Caste or Race. Vellala

Residence. Palamcottah

FATHER'S. Name. Ramasamy Pillay

Residence. Tirunelveli

Date of birth. 1st February 1824.

No. 538. District Engr's Office Tinnevelly
Palamcottah 22nd October 1873.

From. The District Engineer
Tinnevelly

To. The Accountant General
Madras.

Encls. 3.
1. Service Register
1. Application for Pension.
1. Medical Certificate

Sir, With reference to G.O. in the Pension Department No. 1120 of the 12th August 1873. I have the honor to forward the Service Register, and application for Pension on behalf of late Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay of the D.P.W. together with the Medical Certificate received with the G.O. under reference.

2. I beg to bring to your notice that the cause of delay in submitting the application — is chiefly owing to Vyapoory Pillay's not promptly furnishing information regarding his age &c.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Ob'dt Servt.

L.W. Rundall
District Engineer

Accountant General's Office
Recd 27 10 1873
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To be returned with reply on reverse. 19

Audit Department.

No.

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
31st October 1873.

From The DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

To The District Engineer
Tinnevelly

Vide your Office application for Pension on behalf of
R. Vyapoory Pillay

The undersigned has the honor to request explanation on the following points:—

Why was the applicant's service from 15th November 1847 to 30th April 1850 entered in the column "Period reckoned as service" while the same appears to have been temporary?

Why is the applicants name not traceable in the annual return of 1st May 1856 on record in this Office.

Was he employed continuously in Government service between 1st May 1855 and 1st May 1856.

Have his services been verified from Official records.

(Signed) W. Donald
Offg. Dy. Accountt. Genl.

Dy. Accountant Genl.
Madras.
Dated 20th October 1873
No. 2
Ref. 538.
Enclos: 3
Requests an explanation on behalf of Vyapoory Pillay Lascar Overseer of late Superintendent Pays Office.

Dy. Accountant Genl.
Madras.

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No. 616

1st Question — It was a mistake to have included the temporary service.

2d Question — It is not known why the applicants name is not to be found in the Statement in Accountant Genl. Office, there is no doubt he was in a permanent post at the time named.

3rd Question — The service Register shows he was continuously in employment from 1st May 1853 to 1st May 1856.—

4th Question — The services have been verified from his service Register kept in the Office.—

Dist. Engr. Office Tinnevelly
Palamcottah 5th June 1873

(Signed) — Rundall.
District Engineer
Tinnevelly

(True Copies)

Palamcottah
Asst. to the Accountt. Genl.

Recd. the 6th Office 1874

G.R.

Audit Department. No. 7190

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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
17th November 1873.

From The Dy. Accountant General, Madras,
To The Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Vide ~~your~~ this ~~Proceedings Office Letter Memo.~~ ~~No.~~ ~~dated~~ ~~187~~.

The undersigned has the honor to state, in enclosing Copy of a memo: dated 31st October last to the District Engineer Tinnevelly together with his reply on reverse, that the Services of P. Vyapury Pillay as Head Writer and Accountant in the late Civil Engineer's department 8th Division, on Rupees 50 a month, can be verified from the annual Returns of 30th April 51 to 55 on record in this Office and that they count for pension.

The Return of 30th April 56 does not show the name of the incumbent but only of the post.

The District Engineer's letter No. 53 dated 22nd October last with its three enclosures is herewith forwarded for disposal.

J. Wood
Offg. Dy. Accountt. General

G.R.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Madras 13th December 1873

No. 200 Memorandum

From The Offg. Controller of
P.W. Accounts

To The District Engineer
Tinnevelly

Application for invalid pension of
R. Vyapoory Pillay.

The undersigned has the honor to request that the District Engineer Tinnevelly will be good enough to inform him of the country or House names of R. Vyapoory Pillay of which R.V. are given is the initials.

/ Signed / T. Moss
Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

/ True Copy /

Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

No 616

To the D.E. Cuddapah
Tinnevelly & Tanjore
18 Dec 1873

No. 8101

Memo from Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts Madras

Camp Palamcottah

No 93-25

From The District Engineer

Tinnevelly.

To The Controller of P.W. Accounts Madras.

Dated 8th January 1874.

Received. JAN 13 CONTROLLER OF P.W. ACCOUNTS

Subject.

The undersigned has the honor to reply to Controller's Memo No 200 dated 13th Ultimo, requesting Pillay's Signature to a Note that Vyapoory Pillay's native place is Seeundrum and the initial P. before his name.

Rec. Jan 16 1874

Enclosure in a letter from the Offg Contr. of P.W. Accounts to the Accountant Genl. Madras 7/21 Jany/74

No 212

From

The Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

To The District Engineer Tinnevelly

Dated 13th } December 1873
Recd. }

No 200

Requesting to be informed of the Country or House name of R. Vyapoory Pillay.

Rec. Jan 16 1874

name, is the first letter of his father's name. Viz.
Ramasamy Pillay.
His name therefore reads Sreevandrum Ram-
-Swamy Pillay Vijayapuri Pillay.

Wm Rundall

District Engineer.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st May 1872.

Read the following letters :—

No. 491. From the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 30th January 1872, No. 4,195.

In obedience to the instructions contained in paragraph 3 of G. O. dated 20th September 1871, No. 2,401, directing me to report specially on the alleged misconduct of Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay, I have now the honour to submit the result of the inquiry made by Mr. Sub-Engineer McNair under the orders of Executive Engineer Mr. G. S. Sage, together with the further investigations made by me into the same subject.

2. Attached to this letter is a list of all the papers now forwarded, and while regretting their great number, I have no alternative but to forward them in view to the proper understanding by the Government of this most unsatisfactory and tortuous case.

3. In paragraph 5 of my letter printed with the G. O. quoted, I have given the opinion I have formed in regard to the Supervisor, and I feel satisfied that a perusal of the accompanying papers will convince the Government that Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay has proved himself not only unfit for the position of Range Officer, but utterly untrustworthy in every way, and that on this account he is no longer deserving of being retained in the service of Government.

4. As I have, in the investigation made by me, given at sufficient length my opinion (see my report, enclosure No. 81) in regard to each of the charges produced against Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay, there remains but little for me to add here.

5. I have already, in my letter quoted in paragraph 3, reported that the money of Government was being diverted from its allotted channels, and that the roads and tanks and irrigation works generally in the late 4th Range, already much deteriorated, were falling into rapid decay. Mr. Sage has, in frequent instances, since assuming charge of the range, corroborated this statement; and I need only allude here to the state of the cotton road and the high road from Madura to Tinnevelly as being marked instances of the reprehensible neglect and mismanagement—to call his conduct by its least unpleasant names—evinced in this respect by the Supervisor; while the work that has been executed and paid for by him to the Vellaticolum Cutcherry and Jail, and for the buttresses of the Sattoor bridge, clearly, to my mind, indicates fraud on the Supervisor's part.

6. The cotton road on which a maintenance allowance of Rupees 400 per mile, for the first five miles from Tuticorin, has for many years been allotted, was in excellent order when Vyapoory Pillay assumed charge of the range. Although the same allotment has been continued during his charge of the range, the road over these miles has deteriorated to such an extent as to call for the public censure, on a recent occasion, of the Local Fund Board, and has necessitated the preparation of a supplemental and emergent estimate of Rupees 4,000 to put this portion of the road into its former state of repair.

7. In like manner, with regard to the Trunk Road No. 2, a supplemental estimate of Rupees 2,000 has just been received from the Range Officer for

sanction for the repairs urgently required thereto, which if the maintenance allotment of Rupees 200 per mile had been *bona fide* expended on the road, as charged for, it most assuredly would not have needed.

8. It would appear moreover that the conduct of the Supervisor has been so notorious in the range that through fear, and in order to keep things quiet, he has been compelled to submit, as Range Officer, to considerable irregularities and even indignities from his office subordinates.

9. To this circumstance may be attributed the conduct of the Head Accountant, Nullasivum Pillay, and the 3rd Accountant, Lalah Meah, who have behaved in an unbecoming manner towards their immediate superior, have neglected their duties, and have attended the office when they pleased, and performed only as much work as they pleased. Highly improper as was such conduct on their parts, the Supervisor has never reported it, and appears to have been afraid to do so.

10. The Head Accountant has aided and abetted the Supervisor in altering and twice re-binding the cash book, and he (as well as the Supervisor) has concealed the fact from the Superintending Engineer and the Controller's Manager. The 3rd Accountant has, with the help of his brother Sundoo Meah, forwarded anonymous or pseudonymous petitions against his immediate superior, and has also instigated others to do so. I may mention here that the Head Accountant has now been transferred by me to the Southern Range, Tinnevelly.

11. It is now with extreme reluctance that I touch upon a matter which I consider it my duty to bring to the prominent notice of Government. I refer to the highly unsatisfactory report submitted by Mr. Sage, as the result of the investigations conducted under his orders in this case.

12. Far be it from me to attribute motives, or to rely on reports (Nos. 76 to 78); but judging entirely from the facts of the case, I submit that it is simply impossible for me to understand how Mr. Sage can have arrived at the favourable opinion in regard to the Supervisor, as reported in his letters, Nos. 165 and 216, dated 30th November and 27th December 1871, respectively, (Nos. 50 and 69 on the list).

13. The manner in which the preliminary inquiry into the charges against the Supervisor was conducted by Mr. Sage, namely, his not attempting to obtain the evidence of the witnesses in a calm, dignified, and dispassionate manner, has resulted in a palpable failure in regard to the whole truth being elicited. That this is clearly proved, I would refer you to the statements of Head Accountant Nullasivum Pillay (H. and No. 71), of Taluq Overseer's Writer Venkatachellum Iyengar (G. and No. 72), the Superintending Engineer's letters to Mr. Sage (Nos. 73 and 80), Mr. Sage's reply (No. 74), regarding these statements and my marginal remarks thereon.

14. When I delegated Mr. McNair to the conduct of the investigation under Mr. Sage's orders, I did so not only because it appeared to me that it would be unbecoming to ignore, in the investigation in question, a Range Officer of Mr. Sage's length of service and experience, but also because I thought, and I had a right to expect, that Mr. Sage would have given me, and through me the Government, the benefit of his calm and unprejudiced assistance in such an investigation. The

result has indeed been truly unfortunate, and I feel confident, judging from Mr. McNair's patient and thorough manner of taking evidence, that had he been left to conduct the inquiry independent of Mr. Sage's arrangements* and supervision, the facts that would have been elicited—but which it is now too late to elicit—would have been of a still more disparaging nature to the Supervisor than what has been actually the case, and indeed would probably have been such as would have ensured beyond all doubt a Magisterial conviction being obtained against the Supervisor, at least for the frauds which, as I have already said, are to my mind clearly proved in the cases of the buttresses to Sattoor bridge and the buildings at Vellaticolum.

* NOTE.—Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay's deposition (Enclosure No. 36) was dictated by Mr. Sage.

15. As it is, I myself feel quite satisfied that a conviction can be obtained in the two instances named against the Supervisor; but with the papers before them, the Government will be able to form their own opinion on this point.

16. It will be understood therefore that I am far from sharing Mr. Sage's expressed opinion in regard to Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay, and after the severe punishment that has recently been meted out by the Government to members of the late 3rd Range, Tinnevelly, for similar frauds, mismanagement, and irregularities, it would be, as it appears to me, inconsistent and indeed monstrously unfair were no notice, as Mr. Sage suggests, to be taken of the Supervisor's grave misconduct—to call it by its least harsh name—in allowing the late No. 4 Range, Tinnevelly, to sink into such a deplorable state of neglect as to be the scandal of the Public Works Department. And I feel confident therefore that the Government will assert their authority in this case, and make such an example as will prove their determination to put an end to the exhibition in future of such departmental laches as those under notice.

No. 492. From the same officer, dated Madura, 5th February 1872, No. 4,332.

IN reference to my letter No. 4,195, dated 30th ultimo, forwarding my report on Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay's case, I have the honour to state that I have this day received the accompanying original letter* from Executive Engineer Mr. Sage, in charge Northern Range, Tinnevelly, and I forward it with a view to its being appended to the enclosures of my letter above quoted.

1 Original letter.

* No. 293, dated 31st January 1872.

No. 493. From the same officer, dated on Circuit Virdooputty, 19th February 1872, No. 4,534.

AT the request contained in the accompanying petition from Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay, dated the 13th instant, I have the honour herewith to submit a copy of his service register as found recorded in the books in the office.

1 Petition.
1 Service Register.

2. Having already fully reported upon Vyapoory Pillay's case in my letter to Government, No. 4,195, dated 30th January 1872, I have nothing further to add thereto, and it remains for the Government to dispose of the same according to its merits.

3. I cannot however refrain from remarking on the present occasion that Vyapoory Pillay proved himself indeed an excellent public servant, as testified by the several officers under whom he served, so long as his services were confined to office duties; but that when promoted to the executive branch, and placed in a position (as Supervisor in charge of a range) where it was within his competency to help himself to Government funds, he has not scrupled to take advantage of that position to do so, and to benefit himself in such a manner and with such unscrupulousness as I believe few Supervisors have ever attempted before.

4. It is quite possible, that as stated in paragraph 7 of his letter, nearly every one who has given evidence against him has applied for 'hush money;' but it is still more probable that many of those who have not given evidence against him have been bought off by him. This indeed is currently reported. And although he may affect to rail at the "dishonest customs and corrupt practices of the generality of the natives in this division," I think it would be difficult to find even among a money-loaning race, such as the Hindoo proverbially are, a man in whom the curse of greed—the *rem quocunque modo rem* is more thoroughly ingrained—Vyapoory Pillay presents to me the attributes peculiar to all misers. The yearning to clutch money at all hazards, money which he has not the heart to spend, and which he is afraid to show, so that while wearing to outward appearance the air of a poor man, he can revel in secret over his ill-gained hoards, such men, however interesting to the students of human nature, are clearly unsuited for situations of trust under a Government who expect, and have a right to claim, common honesty and integrity of purpose from those individuals whom they may be pleased to select for positions such as that in which the Pillay was placed.

No. 494. From the same officer, dated Madura, 15th April 1872, No. 182.

Letter from the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, Tinnevelly, with one Enclosure.

In reference to G. O. of the 22nd March 1872, No. 200, I have the honour to forward herewith a letter No. 26, dated the 8th instant, from the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate of the Tinnevelly District, furnishing the accompanying copy of register of preliminary inquiry held before him in regard to the alleged misconduct of Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay.

No. 495. Order thereon, 31st May 1872, No. 1,355.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 51.

In paragraph 5 of his letter No. 1,688, dated 15th August 1871, the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division brought to notice the utterly untrustworthy character and unfitness for the

management of his range of Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay, and reported that the roads, tanks, and irrigation works generally in the 4th Range of the Tinnevelly District, of which the Supervisor held charge, had much deteriorated, and were falling into rapid decay, and that Government money was being diverted from its allotted channels. Orders were accordingly issued for the submission of a special report in support of these allegations.

Paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 2,401, dated 20th September 1871.

2. In compliance with these instructions, the Superintending Engineer has instituted a lengthy and laborious inquiry into the misconduct of the Supervisor, and with the first of his letters* above recorded he forwards the result for the consideration and orders of Government.

* No. 4,195, dated 30th January 1872.

3. The specific charges—twenty-seven in number—which have been preferred against the Supervisor, are succinctly stated in enclosure No. 40 to the Superintending Engineer's letter, and comprise the levying of a percentage from contractors on the amounts of contracts, mis-appropriation of Government property and funds, falsification of accounts, neglect of duty, mismanagement of the affairs of the range, and general dishonesty. Vyapoory Pillay's depositions* are also submitted, together with the report† of Mr. Sub-Engineer McNair who conducted the inquiry, under the orders of the Executive Engineer Mr. Sage, and the review‡ of the Superintending Engineer containing seriatim remarks on the several accusations.

* Enclosure No. 36.
† Enclosure No. 51.
‡ Enclosure No. 81.

4. Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts points out* that owing to the irregular manner in which the depositions of witnesses were taken down by Mr. Sage, much information of a damaging character to the Supervisor, which would otherwise have been elicited, has been suppressed, and he states that had Mr. McNair been left to conduct the investigation independently of Mr. Sage's arrangements and supervision the result would have been more satisfactory, and would probably have been such as would ensure a Magisterial conviction being obtained for the frauds in connection with the buttresses† to the Sattoor bridge and the buildings‡ at Vellaticolum. Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts expresses his entire dissent from the favourable view of the Supervisor's case entertained by Mr. Sage, and he forwards three petitions§ suggestive of the motives which actuated Mr. Sage in forming his opinion.

* Letter No. 4,195, dated 30th January 1872.

† Charge No. 2.
‡ ,, ,, 8.

§ Enclosures Nos. 76, 77, and 78.

5. Although the evidence elicited on the charges brought forward by the Superintending Engineer against Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay is not so conclusive as it might apparently have been made, and the judicial inquiry into charges Nos. 1 and 13 did not result in his committal for trial for want of sufficient evidence, the Government cannot but take severe notice of his undoubted irregularities and neglect, and resolve that he shall be degraded to the bottom of the list

of Supervisors, below Mr. Supervisor Crowe, and transferred to do duty in the 7th Division in charge of the Cundapore Range of South Canara, which he will proceed to join without delay.

6. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Sub-Engineer McNair was not left to conduct the investigations entirely unfettered, or that the Executive Engineer Mr. Sage did not require all evidence taken down to be recorded in the form that is usual, which would have prevented any after denial on the part of witnesses.

7. The petitions against Mr. Sage are unauthenticated, and it was therefore injudicious to bring them on the records of the Superintending Engineer's Office or to attach to them the significance which the Superintending Engineer has done by laying them before the Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed.) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 7th and 8th Divisions.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

7TH & 8TH DIVISIONS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 31st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 31st May 1872, No. 1,355.

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Nos. 491-495

Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay degraded to the bottom of the list of Supervisors, and transferred to do duty in the 7th Division.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th March 1873.

No. 173. Read the following letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 13th February 1873, No. 17:—

1. Letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, No. 2,685 of 13th September 1872.
2. Copy of Controller's letter, No. 2,806 of 21st September 1872.
3. Controller's letter, dated 26th September 1872, No. 848, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with one enclosure.
4. Copy of Superintending Engineer's endorsement on G. O., No. 2,305 of 1st October 1872, to Palghaut Range Officer.
5. Palghaut Range Officer's letter, No. 785 of 23rd November 1872, to Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
6. Copy of District Engineer's letter, No. 435 of 6th December 1872, to Palghaut Range Officer.
7. Copy of Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay's letter, dated 7th December 1872, to Palghaut Range Officer, with medical certificate.
8. Palghaut Range Officer's letter, No. 72 of 27th January, with Supervisor's letter, forwarding medical certificate.
9. Copy of District Engineer's letter, No. 7 of 1st February 1873, to Controller.
10. Supervisor Vyapoory's Pillay's explanation, dated 30th January 1873.
11. Controller's letter, No. 233 of 8th February 1873, to the District Engineer.

I HAVE the honour to submit the correspondence as per margin for the orders of Government.

2. Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay, attached to the 8th Division, Department Public Works, after the circumstances recorded in Proceedings of Government, G. O., No. 1,355, dated 31st May 1872, appears to have been directed, on 8th June 1872, to join 7th Division, Department Public Works, and to have delayed fifty-five days in Tinnevelly before obeying this order.

3. He has been repeatedly called upon for an explanation but did not furnish one.

4. On 7th October he proceeded on privilege leave, and has ever since been absent on further extensions of medical certificate.

5. He has now submitted an explanation, and declares "he experiences no difficulty whatever in explaining the matter, as bare simple facts will support his statements."

6. If this be so it is to be regretted the Supervisor should have delayed seven months in affording an explanation, often and urgently required by his superiors.

7. The validity of the explanation hinges on the date on which the order to join the 7th Division, Department Public Works, was communicated to the Supervisor.

8. The Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, says that date was the 8th June, while the Supervisor says it was the 20th June, and to support this states he possesses the cover conveying the order which bears the post mark "Palamcottah, June 16th; Nagercoil, June 20th."

9. I infer from this that the Supervisor implies the order reached him on the latter day, June 20th, though he does not distinctly say so.

10 This statement, however, does not prove that the cover specified actually did convey the order. It might probably have covered some other letter, and that he did receive another official about that date is evident from the fact that he applied for an advance of pay and was refused it. It is just possible, therefore, that the cover bearing date "Palamcottah, June 16th, Nagercoil, June 20th, conveyed this or perhaps some other official. If this suspicion is a groundless one, the Supervisor has no one to thank but himself for not having submitted his explanation some seven months ago."

11. The enclosed correspondence will show that being in a difficulty as to the Supervisor's pay, I applied to the Controller for instructions on the subject.

The Supervisor's explanations have meanwhile been received, and as they seem to me to be of a most questionable character, I deem it proper to lay the subject before you for orders. I would submit it is most undesirable, for the credit of the department, that a man of Vyapoory Pillay's antecedents should have a chance of (in his words) displaying "a spirit of daring and insubordination" without suffering heavily for it.

No. 174. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1873, No. 740.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 22.

SUPERVISOR Vyapoory Pillay having contumaciously delayed for a prolonged and unreasonable period to afford his superior officer a satisfactory explanation of his neglect to join the district to which he was appointed in G. O., No. 1,355, of 31st May, till the 10th August, can only be allowed to draw subsistence allowance up to that date. The usual rate of half pay must be passed to him for the two months during which he was on sick leave duly obtained and gazetted.

2. The circumstances of the case will be communicated by the District Engineer of Tinnevelly to the Zillah Surgeon of that district, with the view of obtaining a full report on the medical case, and opinion as to the probability of Vyapoory Pillay's ever doing useful work in the department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
" " Tinnevelly.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, MALABAR.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 7th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 7th March 1873, No. 740.

MARCH.

Nos. 173-174

Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay.—Passing orders on letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, submitting correspondence relating to Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay's absence and pay.

Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts
Fort Saint George 21st January 1874

No 212

From
The Offg Controller of Public Works Accounts

To
The Accountant General
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for transmission to Government the enclosed application for the grant of an Invalid Pension to Tiruvan=dium Ramasawmy Pillay Vyapoory Pillay, late Supervisor of the 2nd Grade in the Public Works Depart=ment.

2. The papers were received with your No 7190 of the 17th No=vember last, and the delay in retransmitting them with the report of this office is owing partly to the time taken up in the verification

Enclosures

1 Application for Pension
1 Medical Certificate
1 Service Register
1 Original Copy of Memo: of 31st October 1873 from Accountant General Madras with reply from the Dist. Engineer No 616 dated 5th Novbr 1873.
1 Original Memo: No 7190 dated 17th Novr 1873 from Acct. General Madras
1 Copy of Memo. No 200 dated 13th December 1873 from this office to the address of the District Engineer
1 Original Docket No 93 dated 8th January 1874 from the District Engineer

1 Spare Copy of G.O. No 1355 dated 30th May 1872 in the Public Works Dept.

1 — Do — Do No 740 dated 7th March 1873
Do — Do

verification of the applicants Services from the Audit Registers, and partly to a reference having been found necessary to the District Engineer.-

The Medical Certificate of Vyapoory Pillay's unfitness for further Service is dated 12th April 1873, but it is recommended by the District Engineer that his pension should commence from the 7th December 1872 up to which date leave on Medical Certificate was granted and pay passed to him - Vide Notification published at page 1732 of the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 29th October 1872 and G.O. No. 740 of the 7th March 1873..

Accountant General's Office
Recd 22 1 1874
Ansd

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Offg. Comptroller of P.W. Accounts

APPLICATION FOR { PENSION / GRATUITY.

Trivandrum Cantonment

1. Name of Applicant. R. Vyapoory Pillay
2. Father's name. Ramasawmy Pillay
3. Sect or Caste. Shiva Sect. Vellala Caste
4. Residence. Palamcottah
5. Present or last employment. Supervisor 2nd Grade - D. P.W.
6. Date of beginning of service 15th November 1847
7. Date of end of service 6th December 1872.

	Y.	M.	D.
8. Length of service including breaks	25	4	22
of which superior	21	7	17
inferior	3	5	15
non-qualifying and breaks	0	0	0
	0	11	22 / 20

9. Class of {pension / gratuity} applied for, and cause of application* ... Invalid - unfit for further service.
10. [Average] emoluments or pay. 150 — — 50 — —
11. Proposed pension. one third of 150 Rs.
12. Proposed gratuity. None
13. Date from which to commence. 7th December 1872.
14. Place of payment. Palamcottah
15. Age of Applicant on this date. 49 years 8 months & 21 days.
16. Height. 5 feet 4 inches
17. Marks. Has marks of small pox on his face and a scar below the left knee. —
18. Date. 21st October 1873.

W. Randall
District Supt

* If the application is for a compensation pension or gratuity, the nature of the change of establishment which has given rise to the claim should be fully stated.

SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE.

From
The Offg Collector of Tinnevelly
To
The Accountant General
Madras

Date 21st Jan 1874.
Rec'd

No 212

Forwards for transmission to Government Petition of Vyapoory Pillay, a pensioner for Pension.

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HISTORY OF THE SERVICE (SHOWING BREAKS) OF R. Vyapoory Pillay. Supervisor 2d Grade P. W. D.
Age is stated to be 22 years when first entertained.

Establishment. P.W.D.	Appointment.	Pay. Rs.	A.	P.	Acting allowance. Rs.	Date of beginning.	Date of end.	Period reckoned as service. Y.	M.	D.	Period not reckoned as service. Y.	M.	D.	Remarks.	How verified.	Remarks by Accountant-General.
Asst. Civil Engineers Office S. Dn.	Writer	30	"	"	"	15th Novr 1847	30th April 1850	2	5	15	2	5	15		By Accountant General & Distant Engineering- nally from 1st May 1850 to 30th April 55. See Accountants Rules Memo No. 7190 of 17th November 1873.	
Civil Engineers Office S. Dn.	Head Writer & Accountant	50	"	"	"	1st May 1850	31st Augt 1856	6	4	"						
Civil Engineers Office	Head Estimator & Accountant	55	"	"	"	1st Septr 1856	30th June 1863	6	10	"			3		By Controller of P.W. Accounts and Distt Engineer of Timworthy from 1st May 1856 to 8th December 1872 from Audit & Service Registers vide Distt Engrs letter No. 618 dated 5th November 1873.	
Supt Engineers Office S. Dn.	Clerk and Examiner	70	"	"	"	1st July 1863	1st April 64	"	9	1						
S. Dn. D.P.W.	Asst Supervisor	"	"	"	150	2nd April 64	11th Augt 64	"	4	10						
Supt Engineers Office S. Dn.	Clerk & Head Examiner	70	"	"	"	12th Augt 64	17th Octr 64	"	2	6						
P.W.D. S. Dn.	Asst Supervisor	"	"	"	150	18th Octr 64	7th March 65	"	4	21						
Supt Engrs Office S. Dn.	Accountant	75	"	"	"	8th March 65	22nd May 65	"	2	16						
P.W.D. S. Dn.	Supervisor	150	"	"	"	23rd May 65	21st Octr 71	6	5	"				Sattisfactory allowance only passed for the days vide G.O. P.W.D. No. 740 of 3.3.73 adjudged as a penalty.		
Under Suspension						22nd Octr 71	10th August 72	-	-	-	-	9	20			
Supervisor S. Dn.	2d Grade	150	"	"	"	11th Augt 72	6th Octr 72	"	1	26						
On Sick leave						7 Octr 72	6th Decr 72	-	-	-	-	2	"			
Total period of {superior} service								21 24	7 1	13 2	3	11	3			

Dated 21st January 1874

REMARS BY HEAD OF OFFICE.

1. As to character and past conduct of Applicant. Seems to have been good in the early part of his career, latterly his conduct has adjudged unsatisfactory - Vide G.O. quoted below -

2. Explanation of any suspension or degradation. Suspended for utterly untrustworthy character and unfit for the management of a Range. Degraded to the bottom of the list of Supervisors of 2d Grade. Vide G.O. P.W.D. - 1355 - 31st May 1872 -

3. Regarding any gratuity or pension already received by Applicant. See Chapter XX. None -

4. Explanation under Section 47, Rule 1, so far as the Head of the Office can give it. Does not refer to Vyapoory Pillay whose office has not been abolished -

5. Any other remarks. None -

L W Rundall
District Engr

SIGNATURE.

No. 3.

CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

CERTIFIED that (subject to the remarks below recorded) qualifying service in {superior} grades has been duly proved for twenty one years seven months of seventeen days; and that an Invalid {pension / gratuity} not exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem, is admissible under Section 56 b of the Civil Pension Code. The calculations have been duly verified.

21st January 1874

Countersigned
H Cooke
Dy Accl Genl
27th Jany 74

Offg. Controller of ~~Accountant-General.~~ Public Works Accounts

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Memo for Orders

Application is made for an invalid pension on behalf of Vyapoory Pillai, late supervisor, D.P.W. From 1850 to 1864, this man was at first employed as a writer or Accountant, and his conduct and business capacity were highly spoken of.

In 1864 he acted as a supervisor, and in 1865 became one permanently.

2. In 1871 he was suspended and recommended for dismissal by the Superintending Engineer on account of mismanagement, irregularities and suspected frauds. There were 32 specific charges

Bullock's 8th August 1874
No 63

APPLICATION FOR {PENSION or GRATUITY}

Date of application.
21st January 75

Name of Applicant.
V. Vyapoory Pillai

Last Appointment.
Supervisor D.P.W. Guntur.

Class of {pension or gratuity}

Amount of pension sanctioned.

Amount of gratuity sanctioned.

Date of commencement.

Date of sanction.

O.B. 29th Aug 1874

charges against him, but the departmental inquiry had been mismanaged and as a result, the Government remarked that the evidence was "not so conclusive as it apparently might have been," but in consequence of "his undoubted irregularities and neglect" they resolved to degrade him to the bottom of the list of Superviseors and to remove him.

3. This Order was dated the 31st of May 1872. In July 1873, the Engineer of his new District reported that Vyapoory Pillai had delayed for 55 days in his old District without leave, and had subsequently taken privilege leave which he was always extending on sick

O No: 1325.

sick leave. On the 7th March 1873, the Government by G. O. No. 740 directed that Vyapoory Pillai should only draw subsistence allowance for the period he had delayed, "for having contumaciously delayed for a prolonged and unreasonable period to afford his superior Officer a satisfactory explanation" and also directed his examination by the Medical Officers, who in the Medical Officers, who in first certified as to his fitness.

4 Orders are requested as to whether he should be granted the full pension allowable Rs 1503 or a reduced one in account of his misconduct

Yes.

Hemingway 45 Rs
Rs - but ask
Col Walker

I have consulted Col. Walker who says the person did good service for a number of years & he thinks the proposed reduction sufficient. Special sanction of Govt. should be obtained.

Col.

P. Vyapoory Pillay's
pension.
Restored
with Arrears
Pd
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Pen. Dept. 1874

Pension Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ papers.

From the District Engineer, Tinnevelly } Dated 21st October 1873.

From the Accountant General Madras } D. 21st January 1874 No 23.

Order thereon, 23rd February 1874 No 97

Application is made for an invalid pension on behalf of Vyapoory Pillai, late Supervisor, Public Works Department, whose superior service amounts to 21 yrs 7 months & 17 days.

2. The full pension allowable in this case under S 566 of the Civil Service Code amounts to Rs 50 but

His Excellency the Governor in Council observes

observes that Gyaspersy Pillai's service has not been thoroughly satisfactory and resolves therefore to grant him a reduced pension of Rs (45) forty five per mensem payable from 7th December 1872.

To
The District Engr. Tanjore
" Collector & Financial
" Accountant & Treasurer
with Register

3/3/74

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Pension

To The District Engineer
Tinnevelly

Dated 23rd February
Recd. } 1874, No. 97

Nos.

Granting a pension of Rupees 45 per mensem to Vyapoory Pillay late Supervisor 2nd Grade Public Works Department.