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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 97 Press/Mis.

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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.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PENSION.

To
The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Tinnevelly,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 23rd.

Recd. Encl.

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.

We (A. Fergusson M.D., Surgeon 24th Regiment N.I. and Henry David Cook M.B. 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 M.D.
Surgeon
24th Regiment N.I.

H.D. Cook M.B.
Ac. Zillah Surgeon
Tinnevelly

P.M. 2926/73.

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						Age.			Exact Height.					
Name of Officer.	Caste or Race.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.	Date of birth.	Years	Ms.	Days.	Feet.	In.	Personal marks for identification.	Date of Entry.	Signature of Officer.	Signature and designation of the head of the Office.
S. Vyapoory Pillay	Vellala -	Palamcottah	Ramasawmy Pillay	Trevandrum	1st February 1824	49. years	8: months	21 days	5/ Five	4/ Four	Has marks of small pox on his face. and a scar below the left knee.	21st October 1873.	Vyapoory Pillay	Geo. Rundall District Engr

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Writer in the Assistant Civil Engineer's Office 8: Division	Temporary	None	30	"	15. November 1847		Vyapoory was with me from 15: November 1847 to 30: 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 Engineer's 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 Engineer's Office 8: Division. He can Estimate for earth and masonry works. South Arcot Dist. Chillumbrum Talook, Vullathoray 15: April/52. } Sd/ P. O'Connel 2d Lieutt 1st Assistant Civil Engr 6: Division		30: April 1850	Promotion	
Head Writer and Accountant in the Civil Engineer's Office 8: Division.	Permanent	"	50	"	1st May 1850	Vyapoory Pillay	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				

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							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. Madura 22d October/55. (Sd) W. H. Horsley Captn Civil Engineer 8 Dn		31st Augt 1856	Promotion	
Head Estimate maker and accountant	Permanent	"	55		1st Septr 1856	Vyjapoory Pillay	The bearer Vyjapoory 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. Casimajorpuram 28 August 1856 } (Sd) R. A. Roberts Lieutt. A. Civil Engineer 8 Dn During the short time (29 August to 8 November 1856) that I had the honor of being in charge of the Civil Engineers Office attached to the Tinnevelly District, I found Vyjapoory 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. (Sd) G. M. Payne Lieutt. Palamcottah 13: Novr. 1856 } 2d Class Civil Engineer 8. Dn 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. (Sd) R. F. Oakes Captn Engineers Palamcottah January 17 - 1859.				

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							Vyapoory Pillay Estimate maker and Head Accountant in the District Engrs. Office Tinnevelly entered the Depart. in the year 1847. He has served under the present Chief Engineer, Captain OConnel, 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 from his long service and talents he is well deserving of a higher salary than the one he now draws. Tuticorin 1st June /60 } (Sd) G. M. Payne Lieut. Ag. Dist. Engineer Vyapoory Pillay served in the Office of the District 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				

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Leave without pay for 3 days in January [illegible]								
							30 June/63	Promotion
Clerk & Examiner in the Supg. Engrs Office 8 Dn	Permanent		70	"	1st July/63		1st April/64 9th March 1864	Promotion
Acting Supervisor 2d Class Tinnevelly	Acting	Clerk & Examiner	"	150	9th March 1864		11 Augt/64	Reverted to his permanent appointment.
Clerk and Examiner in the Supg. Engineers Office.	Permanent	"	70		12 Augt 1864		24th 17 Octr 1864	Promoted.
Acting Supervisor 2d Class Tinnevelly	Acting	Clerk & Examiner	"	150	25th 18 Octr 1864		7 March/65	Reverts to his former appointment.
Accountant in the Supg. Engrs Office 8 Dn	Permanent	-	75		8 March 1865		22 May/65	Promoted.
Supervisor 2d Class Tinnevelly	Permanent	-	150		23 May 1865	Vyapory Pillay	21st Octr 1871	Suspended on the 21st October/71
Under Suspension from 22 Octr/71 to 10 Augt/72 Vide G.O. No 1355 and 740 of 31st May/72 & 7 March 1873								
Do 2d Class [illegible]	Permanent		150		10 Augt 1872		6 Octr 1872	
								Degraded.
On Sick leave from 7 October to 5 December 1872							6 Decr/72	Applied for Pension

8 — Character of Officer.

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which has sometimes surprised me, I sincerely trust that he may get on well & though his loss would be great here. I should be glad if he filled some higher Office which he fully merits.

Sattoor 20 May/62 - (Sd) G. V. Winscom Captn

Vyapory Pilley. 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.. (Sd) G. M. Payne

Sick leave from the 7 October 1872 to 5 December/72.

Suspension from 22 October/71 to 10 August 1872. -

W. Rundall District Engr

I cannot speak too highly of Vyapory and I consider him one of the best Range Officers in my Dn - (Sd) C. V. Wilkinson

Supervisor Vyapory Pillay suspended by me on the 21st October 1871. and recommended subsequently to be dismissed the service on account of fraudulent practices & his inebriate habits.

30 Jany/72. (Sd) R. A. Roberts Lt Col RE.
Superintg Engineer 8 Dn

Degraded to the bottom of the list of Supervisors and transferred to the 7 Division Vide G.O. No 1355. dated 31st May 1872. -

True copy.
(Sd) R. A. Roberts Lt Col RE.
Supg Engineer 8 Dn

9 — Signature & designation of immediate head of the Office.

12 — Signature and designation of immediate head of the Office.

W. Rundall District Engr

SERVICE BOOK
of
Name. P. Vyapoory Pillay
Caste or Race. Vellala
Residence. Palamcottah
FATHER'S, Name. Ramasamy Pillay
Residence. Trivandrum
Date of birth. 1st February 1824.

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No. 538. District Engrs Office Tinnevelly
Palamcottah 22d 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. 420 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 Obdt. Servt.
K. W. Rundall
District Engineer

Accountant General's Office
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From,

The District Engr.

Tinnevelly

To,

The Accountant Gl.

Madras.

Dated 22nd }
Recd. } October/73

No. 538.

Enclos: 3

Forwards an applica=tion for pension on behalf of late Supervisor Vyapoory Pillay.

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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.

No. 616

1st Question	It was a mistake to have included the temporary service
2d Question	It is not known why the applicant's name is not to be found in the Statement in Accountant Genl's 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 1855 to 1st May 1856.–
4 Question	The services have been verified from his service Register kept in the Office.–

Dist. Engrs. Office Tinnevelly
Palamcottah 5th Novr. 1873

(Signed) – Rundall.
District Engineer
Tinnevelly

(True Copy)

Asst. to the Accountt. Genl.

G.R.

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Audit DEPARTMENT. No. 7190

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 22d October last with its three enclosures is herewith forwarded for disposal.

W. Donald
Offg. Dy. Accountt. General

G.R.

To the Dt. Engr
Tinnevelly
18 Dec/1873 No 200

No 8191
From
The Acct General
Madras
No 7790
Dated 3 Decr 73
Recd 9 Decr 73
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Requesting to be [illegible]
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Vyapoory Pillay

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Office of the Controller of 23
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

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

N. 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.

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CAMP Palamcottah

No. No. 93-25

From
The District Engineer
Tinnevelly.

To
The Controller of
P. W. Accounts
Madras.

P.W. ACCTS. OFFICE JA 13

Dated 8th } January 1874.
Received. } 13/1/75

SUBJECT.

The undersigned has the honor in reply to Controller's Memo No. 200 dated 13th Ultimo, regarding Vyapury Pillay, to State that Vyapury Pillay's native place is Sreeandrum, and the initial R. before his name

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name, is the first letter of his father's name. Viz. Ramasamy Pillay.

His name therefore reads Treevandrum Ram-swamy Pillay Vyapuri Pillay.

F. W. Rundall

District Engineer.

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

1 Original letter.

* No. 293, dated 31st January 1872.

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.

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

1 Petition.
1 Service Register.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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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.

MAY.

Nos. 491-495

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

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.

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

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.

* from 1st Octr/72
vide Gazette
of the 22 Octr/72

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 Jany 1874

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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 Zivandrum Ramasawmy Pillay Vyapoory Pillay, late Supervisor of the 2nd Grade in the Public Works Department.

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

Enclos 9

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 Distt Engineer No 616 dated 5th Novr 1873.
1 Original Memo: No 7190 dated 17th Novr 1873 from Acctt 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 31st May 1872 in the Public Works Deptt
1 — Do — Do No 740 dated 7th March 1873
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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.

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

Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

Accountant General's Office
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From
The Offg Controller of P.W. Accounts

To
The Accountant General Madras

dated 21st }
recd } Jany 1874.

No 212

Forwards for transmission to Government papers connected with Vyapoory Pillay's application for pension.

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Pen: Sal No 63 of /74

APPLICATION FOR {PENSION GRATUITY.

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 2d 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.
	25	„	22
8. Length of service including breaks … … …	21	7	17
	~~24~~	~~1~~	~~2~~
of which superior … … …	3	5	15
	„	„	„
inferior … … …			22
non-qualifying and breaks … … …	„	11	~~20~~

9. Class of {pension ~~gratuity~~} applied for, and cause of application* … Invalid - unfit for further service.
10. [Average] emoluments or pay. 150 – „ – „
11. Proposed pension. one third of 150 Rs. 50 – „ – „
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.

J. W. Rundall
District Engr

SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF OFFICE.

* 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.

Recd. 26/3/74

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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.	Pay. A.	Pay. 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.~~ Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Asst. Civil Engineer's Office 8: Dn	Writer	30	"	"	"	15: Novr 1847	30: April 1850	~~2~~	~~5~~	~~15~~	2	5	15		By Accountant General & District Engineer Tinnevelly from 1st May 1850 to 30: April /56. See Account Genls memo No. 7190 of 17: November 1873. By Controller of P.W. Accounts and Distt. Engineer of Tinnevelly from 1st May 1856 to 6: December 1872 from Audit & Service Registers. Vide Distt. Engrs. letter No. 616 dated 5: November 1873.	Nil. J. ... Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts.
Civil Engineers Office 8: Dn	Head Writer & Accountant	50	"	"	"	1st May 1850	31st Augt /56	6	4	"	×					
Civil Engineer's Office	Head Estimator & Accountant	55	"	"	"	1st Septr /56	30: June /63	6	~~10~~ 9	~~"~~ 27			× 3			
Supg. Engineer's Office 8: Dn	Clerk and Examiner	70	"	"	"	1st July 1863	1st April /64	"	9	1						
8: Dn D.S.W.	Asst. Supervisor	"	"	-	150	2d April /64	11: Augt /64	"	4	10						
Supg. Engineer's Office 8 Dn	Clerk & Examiner	70	"	"	"	12: Augt /64	17 Octr /64	"	2	~~5~~ 13						
P.W.D. 8: Dn	Asst. Supervisor	"	"	"	150	18: Octr /64	7: March /65	"	4	~~21~~ 14						
Supg. Engrs. Office 8: D.	Accountant	75	"	"	"	8: March /65	22d May /65	"	2	~~16~~ 15						
P.W.D. 8 Dn	Supervisor	150	"	"	"	23d May /65	21st Octr /71	6	~~5~~ 4	~~"~~ 29						
Under suspension						22d Octr /71	10: August /72	-	-	-	-	9 +	20	†Subsistence allowance only passed for the days. Vide G.O. P.W.D. No. 740-7-3-73 adjudged as a penalty.		
Supervisor D.S.W.	2d Grade	150	"	"	"	11: Augt /72	6: Octr /72	"	1	~~26~~ 27						
on sick leave	- - -		-	-		7 Octr /72	6 Decr /72	-	-	-	-	2	"			
Total period of {superior} service...								21 24	7 1	17 2	3	5 ~~11~~	7 ~~20~~			

[illegible] Chief Clerk 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.

C. W. Rundall
District Engr.

SIGNATURE.

No. 3.

CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

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

21st January 1874

Countersigned
J. Cooke
Dy. Acctt. Genl.
27th Jany /74

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

Pension 1874 Depart.
No. 63

Application for {Pension ~~or~~ / ~~Gratuity~~

Date of application.
21st January

Name of Applicant.
V. R. Vyapoory Pillai

Last Appointment.
Supervisor 2nd Grade

Class of {pension ~~or~~ / ~~gratuity~~

Amount of pension sanctioned.

Amount of gratuity sanctioned.

Date of commencement.

Date of sanction.

O Dec 27/74

Memo for Orders

Application is made for an invalid pension on behalf of Vyapoory Pillai, late Supervisor, D.W. From 1850 to 1864, this man was at first employed as a Writer or Accountant, and his conduct and business capacity were then 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 27 specific

charges

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 Supervisors and to remove him.

3. This Order was dated the 31st of May 1872. In Feby 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: 1355.

sick leave. On the 7th March 1873, the Government (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 April certified as to his unfitness.

4 Orders are requested as to whether he should be granted the full pension allowable viz 150 Rs. or a reduced one on account of his misconduct.

Yes. &

He might get 45 Rs. & Yes — 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. [illegible] of opinion that there should be [illegible]

Sd.

P. Vyapoory Pillay's pension.

Examined with Col Walker

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Pension ~~Department~~

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following ~~letter~~ papers.

rom the District Engineer Tinnevelly	Dated 21st October 1873.
rom the Accountant General Madras	D. 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 21 yrs 7 months & 17 days.

2. The full pension allowable in this case under § 56b of the Civil Pension Code amounts to Rs 50 but His Excellency the Governor in Council observes

observes that Vyapoory 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.

Sd.

To
The District Engr Tinnevelly
" Collector of Tinnevelly
" Accountant General with registers

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Pension to P. Vyapoory
Pillay —

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,