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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PENSION DEPARTMENT.

7th March 1877, No. 117.

Pension.

Read again :—

Proceedings of Government, Pension Department, dated 29th January 1877, No. 32.

Read also the following paper :—

Docket from the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated 21st February 1877, No. 117.

Proceedings of the Standing Board of Medical Officers at the Presidency assembled under G.O., Pension Department, No. 32, of the 29th January 1877, to examine and report upon N. Mooneappah Pillay, Sub-Engineer, Public Works Department, "as to his physical fitness for the active and efficient discharge of his duties in the department in which he is employed."

MADRAS, 10th February 1877.

President.

Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.

Members.

Surgeon-Major W. H. HARRIS, M.D.

Surgeon J. G. COLLIS, M.D.

The Board having assembled and carefully examined Sub-Engineer N. Mooneappah Pillay, are of opinion that he is physically fit for further service.

(Signed)	W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D., <i>Deputy Surgeon-Genl., I.M.S., Presy. and Northern Districts.</i>	} President.
(")	W. H. HARRIS, M.D., <i>Surgeon-Major,</i>	
(")	J. G. COLLIS, M.D., <i>Surgeon,</i>	} Members.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Pension Department.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Dept.

No. 241.

ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1877, No. 117.

The Medical Committee having certified that N. Mooneappah Pillay, Sub-Engineer, 3rd Grade, Tanjore District, is physically fit for further service, the Government resolve to direct that Mooneappah Pillay be reinstated in the post from which he was removed. The application for pension is cancelled accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

„ District Engineer, Tanjore.

„ Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Public Works Department.

To N. Mooneappah Pillay.

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Memo.

Orders are requested
as to whether this L. C.
should be sent to other
Members or not.

J. H. G.

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The Honorable S. T. Firmickull
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Most Honorable Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated
24th January last to the Pension Department
I humbly beg to state that in obedience
to the above I duly appeared before the
Medical Board of the Preceding Division
on Saturday the 10th instant for examination
of my physical fitness for further active
and efficient service in the Department
in which I am employed. I trust that
the report of the Board would have
already been sent to Government
through the Surgeon General Indian
Medical Department.

I earnestly therefore solicit
that your honor will be pleased to
lay

by my case before the Grace the
Governor in person in consideration
of my faithful service and obtain
the favorable orders for which I
shall feel highly thankful for.

I humbly beg to remain
Most Honored Sir
Your Most Obedient
and very humble
Servant

17th February 1877-

A. Mooneyah Pillay
De Engineer &c

TESTIMONIALS

OF

A. Mooneyah Pillay.

TESTIMONIALS.

No. 125.

FROM

CAPTAIN W. H. HORSLEY,

Civil Engineer, 8th Division.

TO

C. J. BIRD, Esq.,

Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 455, dated 15th April, 1850, requesting to recommend a proper person to fill the situation of Maramut Superintendent during the employment of the present Superintendent on other duty and to inform you that in my opinion the person most fit for the situation is Mooneapah Pillay, the present Head Writer of my Office, and I would recommend him accordingly for the Acting appointment.

He has been in my Office for a period of nearly 9 years 1st, as 2nd Writer, and lately as Head Writer, and is well acquainted with every thing connected with the Maramut Department. His knowledge of the District and active habits form an additional qualification for the Office of the Maramut Superintendent and I have every reason to believe that he will afford satisfaction if appointed.

CIVIL ENG.'S OFFICE
8TH DIN. TINNEVELLY DISTRICT
COKRACOLAM,
16th April, 1850.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant
W. H. HORSLEY, CAPTAIN,
Civil Engineer 8th Division.

This is to certify that Mooneapah Pillay joined this Office as 2nd Writer on the 1st September 1841 and continued in the same appointment till 19th April 1848, having in the mean time acted as Head Writer for 5 months in 1843. On Mr. Menair's appointment to the Survey Department on the 20th April 1848, Mooneapah Pillay became Head Writer and remained such till 16th April 1850, when he was nominated to act as Maramut Superintendent of Tinnevely.

During the whole period that Mooneapah Pillay was connected with this Office I had every reason to be satisfied with his conduct and diligence in the performance of his duties.

His knowledge of the District and experience in the Department of Public Works fully qualify him in my opinion for the situation of Maramut Superintendent.

CIVIL ENG.'S OFFICE
Sth DIV. CASMAJORPOORUM
4th September, 1850.

W. H. HORSLEY, CAPTAIN,
Civil Engineer 8th Division.

SAWYERPOORUM, 5th January, 1856.

MY DEAR FABER,

Mooneapah Pillay, who has been Maramut Superintendent of Tinnevely the greater part of the time that I was Collector, wishes me to mention him to you, now that new arrangements are being made in the Department. I know that Mr. Horsley has written and spoken strongly in his favor to you and I have only to say that I am confident he would ably and honestly fill the best situation that can be given to him and that it would be a particular pleasure to me to hear of his being well provided for.

I give him this note to send to you.

Believe me

Your affectionate Brother,

(Signed) C. J. BIRD,

(True Copy.)

I have much pleasure in testifying hereby to the zeal and ability displayed by Mooneapah Pillay the Maramut Superintendent of Tinnevely, during the time I have been acting Civil Engineer of the 8th Division.

I have received much assistance from Mooneapah Pillay during that time, and had I remained in the District I had every hope of seeing him in the advanced position which I had recommended him on the proposed transfer of the Executive to the Engineer Department.

COURTALLUM,
28th August, 1856.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, Lt.
Acting Civil Engineer 8th Divn.

Extract of a letter from Capt. Oakes, to the Chief Engineer.

Major Horsley in his letter regarding the transfer proposes that the Pay of the Maramut Superintendent should be Rupees 120 while Lt. Roberts proposes Rs. 85 in Para 18 of his letter No. 116 of 21st July 1856, and as the Maramut Superintendent is thoroughly acquainted with the District and therefore well qualified on the Transfer to fill the important Post he now holds when his duties will become still more arduous and onerous and as I do not know of any other person in the District who is capable of fulfilling those duties with same advantage to the District, I propose to leave him in his present position and not to make him an Executive Agent or Overseer as was suggested by you, particularly as I imagine the Government would not sanction so large a sum as 85 Rs. as his Civil salary were he merely an Executive Agent in charge of one or even Two Talooks.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES,
Acting District Engineer.

9th December, 1856.

To

The Acting District Engineer.

Sir;

As I find that the various works in this Talook are with a few exceptions completed or very nearly so, and that those which remain to be done can be easily finished by the Sub-Overseer, I have in accordance with instructions contained in your letter No. 374, 22nd July, directed Overseer

Mooneapah to proceed and report himself to you for instructions without delay. As Overseer Mooneapah is quitting my Range I take the opportunity of recording the very satisfactory manner in which he has performed his duty whilst under me and to mention that the very forward state of works in this Talook is entirely due to his great activity.

I have

(Signed) L. PAXTON, Lt.
Executive Engineer.

30th July, 1857.

Overseer Mooneapah Pillay being about to leave my Executive Range, I have much pleasure in testifying to his great activity and perseverance in carrying out the works under his charge which together with his knowledge of the District and the people with whom he has to deal, has enabled him to make the great progress he has done during the short time he has remained in this Talook.

STREEVILLIPUTTOOR, } (Signed) L. PAXTON LIEUTENANT,
July 12th 1857. } *Executive Engineer.*

*Extract from Diary, General Observations
for the month of October, 1858.*

PUNJANAL TALOOK, AHTOOR HEAD SLUICE.

Great credit is due to Overseer Mooneapah Pillay for the rapid and efficient manner in which the sluice was built and it is due to his careful supervision that there is still a balance of Rs. 305-10, on the estimate notwithstanding that 6 feet of Sluice have been reconstructed in excess of the Estimate and sundry repairs executed for which no allowance was made. Overseer Mooneapah Pillay also rendered material assistance to Mr. McNair in completing the channel clearing by procuring coolies from Streevigooontum Talook and excavating the channel from the Head to meet Mr. McNair who had commenced his repairs from the Athoor Tank.

Had we a few more Overseers with the zeal, skill and last, though not least, the command of labor which Overseer Mooneapah Pillay possesses, there would be cause for but little anxiety with regard to the quantity and

quality of works executed, and the obstacles with which we now meet would soon be swept away.

When vacancies in the higher grades occur, I would beg to recommend Overseer Mooneapah Pillay's qualifications and claims to the favourable consideration of the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, CAPTAIN,
Acting District Engineer, Tinnevely.

PEARL FISHERY KOTOO, 5th March 1861.

This is to certify that Mooneapah Pillay 1st Class Overseer has completed the pearl Fishery Buildings in a very short space of time and quite to my satisfaction both in cost Materials and Workmanship and I find him very active and diligent.

(Signed) G. PHIPPS,
Superintendent.

TINNEVELLY DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

SIERNMADEVY, 4th March 1861.

MEMO. No. 479.

The District Engineer is well satisfied with the celerity with which Overseer Mooneapah Pillay has executed the work of the Pearl Fishery Buildings and will have pleasure in mentioning this good service to the Chief Engineer.

Captain Winscom now trusts that Mooneapah Pillay will accelerate as much as possible the work on Cotton Road, and not fail to have it finished before 30th April next.

Also that the Custom House Cutchery at Vypar will proceed quickly and well.

(Signed) G. V. WINSCOM, CAPTAIN,
District Engineer, Tinnevely.

To
The Chief Engineer,

Sir,
Referring to the extract of Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 9190 dated 21st January 1861, I have the honor to inform you, that having previous to the receipt of the same, been requested by the Collector to prepare Materials for the Pearl Fishery Buildings at Tuticorin, I despatched Overseer Mooneapah Pillay for the purpose. He arrived at Tuticorin on the 20th January and on the 27th February reported to me that the whole of the buildings were erected, together with quarters for the Zadi Talaven, the Head Assistant Collector, a Hospital, several huts and a Collector's Cutchery all which were not allowed for in the estimate at a cost of Rs. 3749-15-0; with the balance of the estimate, he had been requested to erect a shed for 60 Dillayets and 20 Counters, also a house for the Medical Officer, engaged for the Fishery.

I visited Tuticorin last month and saw the work executed by Mooneapah Pillay. It was rough, and I did not compare it with the estimate, but it was quite good, for all practical purposes and the celerity with which he has executed it demands from my hands more especial notice having lately reported unfavorably about him. To procure the vast amount of Palmirah leaves, bamboos palmirahs, &c. which have been called for at such a short notice in a place like Tuticorin, shows no ordinary ability and intelligence and certainly marks him as a man who can do his work remarkably quickly and fitted for emergent work.

PAVOOR,
13th March, 1861. }

I have &c.
(Signed) G. V. WINSKOM,
District Engineer Tinnevelly.

No. 11693.

Extract from the proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, under date the 6th April 1861.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer of Tinnevelly.

(Here enter dated 13th March 1861, No. 212.)

Resolved to inform the District Engineer of Tinnevelly that the Chief Engineer is much gratified to learn from the foregoing letter that Overseer

Mooneapah Pillay has shewn such zeal and energy in the preparation of the temporary Buildings required in connection with the Pearl Fishery at Tuticorin and hopes he will continue by his exertions and general good conduct and diligence to sustain the high character which has hitherto borne in the Department.

2. Captain Winscom will be so good as to communicate the above to Mooneapah Pillay.

(True Extract)

To CAPTAIN G. V. WINSKOM, } (Signed) W. J. BIRDWOOD,
DISTRICT ENGR., TINNEVELLY. } Dy. Chief Engr., Southern Circle.

Tinnevelly District Engineer's Office,
PALAMCOTTAH, 11th May 1861.

MEMO. No. 58.

The District Engineer has received with much satisfaction the Report of the completion of the repairs of Branch Cotton Roads by Overseer Mooneapah Pillay during April 1861.

(Signed) G. V. WINSKOM, CAPTAIN,
District Engineer, Tinnevelly.

Statement shewing the strength and distribution of Officers and Subordinates employed in the 8th Division for the quarter ending 31st October 1866 Vide G. O. No. 1724, dated 30th June 1863.

Name.	Rank.	On what duty employed.	If recommended grounds of recommendation for promotion.
N. Mooneapah Pillay	Supervisor 2nd Class.	In charge of 5th Range Tinnevelly Head Quarter Nangumery.	Long and good Service deserves promotion to 1st Class Supervisor.

PALAMCOTTAH, 2nd November 1866.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, CAPTAIN,
Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

No. 209, *Superintending Engineer's Office, 8th Division.*

KODAIKANAL, 1st May 1867.

The Superintending Engineer was glad to find from the final Accounts of the past Official Year that the Imperial funds were nearly expended in full. In the 5th Range there was no cash balance at the close of the Year, a very satisfactory result.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, CAPTAIN, R. E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Division.

ENCLOSURE, No. 1.

From the Sub-Collector of Tinnevely to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Sharmadity 14th January 1869, No. 13.

During his late tour in the South of the District, His Excellency the Governor expressed so much interest in the schemes for irrigating a part of that desert like country that I am inclined to hope that a scheme for improving the water supply from the Numbyar (or Throokoorangoody River) might possibly now receive the consideration it deserves.

I agree with the Officer now in charge of the Range in thinking that all the existing Anicuts should be heightened and the channels widened and deepened in the 1st place. The subsidiary reservoirs should also be put in thorough repair at the same time; first for increasing the water supply, and secondly for increasing the area to be irrigated.—As to the first, I entirely approve of the Range Officer's proposal to divert a portion of the water of the streams which flow down the Western slope of the Ghauts, and are not urgently required in Travancore.

The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Pennington and the Range Officer for their intelligent exertions in bringing forward a project which promises to be of material advantage to the country concerned.

(True Extract)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To

MOONEAPAH PILLAY THE RANGE OFFICER,
FROM H. L. PRENDERGAST,
Superintending Engineer.

Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay served under me for 4 years in Tinnevely as a Range Officer. After visiting some of his works in 1866, I recommended him for promotion, and he became a 1st Grade Supervisor in December of that Year. Mooneapah Pillay always kept his Books and Accounts in excellent order; his Returns both to the Comptroller, and to my office, being punctually despatched and correct. There was no work of much importance under Mooneapah Pillay, but when a push was wanted, to utilize available Funds in March 1869 and got the Courtallum Road in order; the work was well done, and rapidly by the end of the official year, so that the money was saved.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, CAPTAIN.
Madras, 15th June 1870.

MOONEAPAH PILLAY,

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent in to the District Engineer and I only hope it will meet with the success I anticipate on your account. You have rendered me most valuable assistance during the time you have been under my orders. I shall be most happy to see you promoted to a Sub-Engineer with best wishes.

I remain

Yours faithfully

G. R. LEGGATT,

Assistant Engineer,

D. P. W. Madura Range.

MADURA RANGE OFFICE.

From
THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER,
In charge of Madura Range.

To
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Madura.

SIR,

As I have been informed by you that it is in contemplation shortly to form the Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagunga at present attached to this Range, I consider it my duty to bring prominently to your notice the services rendered by supervisor Mooneapah Pillay during the year he has been in charge of them as Sub-Divisional Officer.

The deplorable state in which Mr. Martin left the late 3rd Range, you have already made aware of it, has been entirely to the untiring exertions of Mooneapah Pillay that most of the heavy arrears have been cleared off. All estimates framed by Mr. Martin has been revised by the Pillay and the savings effected in the reduction of the original rates have been remarkable. In every case the requirements to the Roads omitted by Mr. Martin in the way of earth-work, gravelling, Tunnels, &c. have been supplied and yet the estimates have been in many cases considerably reduced their original amounts.

I have had many opportunities of judging of Mooneapah Pillay's work and I can confidently assert (and it gives me much pleasure in doing so) that he is a most valuable and energetic individual and a thoroughly honest Public Servant.

When I first took charge of the late 3rd Range the complaints from Mile coolies that they had not been paid for this and that month and from contractors that they had not been paid for work done was something beyond description, now there is not a murmur although I have made it a point to make enquiries whenever I visited the Sub-Division.

Though it was the month of December 1871 when Mooneapah Pillay took charge of the Sub-Division and there was so large a balance as Rs. 37,941 unexpended yet by the close of that official year, by his great exertions he managed to utilize nearly the whole amount in a most satisfactory manner.

I beg to submit with this, a statement showing the estimates revised by Mooneapah Pillay, the saving effected on each, the number of miles of Road he has had under his charge and the various works he has been engaged upon and I trust you will bring the valuable services he has rendered, to the notice of the Government with a view of his obtaining promotion.

Printed copies of the various Testimonials Mooneapah Pillay has received from the numerous officers he has served under, accompanies this, which speak for themselves.

I have &c.
(Signed) G. R. LEGGATT,
Assistant Engineer, D. P. W.
Madura Range.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th October 1873.*

No. 509. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., District Engineer, Madura, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 2714.

ABSTRACT.—Forwards for the favorable consideration of Government, a Statement from Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay explaining the remissness alleged against him and soliciting a reconsideration of G. O. No. 2105, dated 23rd August 1873.

Order thereon, 30th October 1873, No. 2653.

(ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.) Ordered to be recorded and the Enclosures returned.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council receives with pleasure Colonel ROBERTS' reiterated assurance that Mooneapah Pillay is performing his duty in an exceptionably prompt manner. But he does not understand that Officer on the whole to reiterate his recommendation for the immediate promotion of the Supervisor.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, COLONEL R. E.
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura, with Enclosure, No. 3488.
Communicated to the Supervisor Zemindary Sub-Division.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, LIEUT.-COL., R. E.
District Engineer Madura.

MADURA, }
3rd November, 1873. }

*Extract from the Memorandum to accompany the Administration
Report D. P. W. Madura District, for 1873-74.*

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9. I have much pleasure in bringing to notice that since the departure from this District of Assistant Engineer Mr. Leggatt and the assumption of the Charge of the Madura Range by Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay in December last; the increase of work turned out in the Range has been remarkable. I find that up to December 1873 the outlay in the whole Range was Rs. 136,923 or for the 9 months an average of Rs. 15,000 per month, but the expenditure during January, February, and March 1874 *i. e.*, since the present Range Officer assumed charge of the Range amounts to Rs. 98,266 making an average of upwards of Rs. 32,000 per mensem. There can be no doubt but that a very heavy amount of work has fallen upon the present Range Officer not only in clearing off the arrears of the Range Office, but in the execution, in addition of the duties of his Sub Division to which has been recently added the scrutiny and check of the whole of the estimates for Irrigation and other works of the Ramnad Zemindary now under the Court of Wards. Indeed it is only by steady application that Mooneapah Pillay has been able to get matters straight and he fully deserves therefore to be noticed here.

(True Extract.)

No. 437.—Communicated to Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay in charge of the Madura Range for information.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, LIEUT.-COL., R. E.
District Engineer Madura.

MADURA, }
6th May, 1874. }

It is now nearly 20 years since I first became acquainted with Mooneapah Pillay of Tinnevely and now, after a long interval, he has been again for the last 3½ years under my orders and almost immediate superintendence and I find no reason for changing the high opinion which I was then led to entertain in regard to his activity and zeal in the public service.

On the contrary I am happy to be able to say that on my special recommendation, the Government in recognition of his services have recently been pleased to promote him to the grade of Sub-Engineer.

He has been in charge of Madura Range for the last five months and during that period, he has done good service to Government in putting an end to the confusion and intrigues that prevailed during the incumbency of the Officer previously in charge of the Range.

I can only say in conclusion that it is a source of personal regret to me that in consequence of my quitting the Madura District, his services will no longer be at my disposal.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, LIEUT.-COL., R. E.
District Engineer Madura.

MADURA, }
15th June, 1874. }

EXTRACT from Quarterly Report January 1876.
An active intelligent and hard working man who has done
good service to Government and has not been promoted with
his contemporaries as he deserved to be.

R. F. OAKES, Lt. Col.

Remarks in service Register.

The applicant has borne a uniformly good character
throughout the whole period of his service and has rendered
excellent service to Government as shewn by the numerous
high testimonials he has obtained from the Officers under
whom he served.

R. F. OAKES, Lt. Col.

Rec'd No. 55 of 1877

TO
HIS GRACE THE MOST NOBLE THE DUKE OF
BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS G. C. S. I.
GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL OF FORT SAINT GEORGE,
Madras.

*The humble Memorial of N. Mooneappa Pillay
Sub-Engineer in Charge of No. 4, or Manner-
Goody Range D. P. W. Tanjore District.*

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH.

1. That your memorialist most respectfully begs to approach your Most Noble Grace in Council with a brief representation of the circumstances in connection with his compulsory retirement, and humbly requests that your Grace will be kindly pleased to accord to the same your best consideration and grant him redress.

2. That the following is a brief history of his official career. He was first entertained in the Public service as 2nd writer in the Civil Engineer's Office 3th Division under Captain Horsely on the 1st December 1841, and by his activity and perseverance as well as by his zeal and skill in the discharge of the duties entrusted to him, he rose gradually to his present high position of Sub-Engineer in charge of the 4th Range in the Tanjore District.

3. That he begs to enclose copy of a printed statement containing a detailed account of his services, and a Pamphlet containing copies of testimonials granted to him by different gentlemen under whom he had the honor to serve for the kind inspection of your Most Noble Grace.

4. That from the above statement of services it would appear that your memorialist has had a continuous, and an uninterrupted service of 35 years in the D. P. W. and the Pamphlet will clearly shew in what high estimation he was held by the numerous Officers under whom he had served. It is a remarkable fact to be brought prominently to notice that your memorialist during his long period of service has not taken leave either on account of sickness or without pay, but that he has only taken privilege leave for 6 months on two occasions during his long career of official life. The statement will further show that he has all along maintained an unblemished and irreproachable character, and that he has invariably conducted himself so as to merit the approbation of his superiors.

5. That he has been generally selected as a competent person on fitting and extraordinary occasions to execute works of public utility requiring speedy and immediate execution, and that he has never been wanting in any of the requisite essentials on all such critical and trying occasions, and that his superior Officers had the pleasure of testifying to his extraordinary ability, and intelligence, and the celerity with which he executed those works in localities where even materials could not be easily procured, as for instance the buildings in connection with the Pearl fishery and the trunk cotton Road. The rigid punctuality with which works were completed coupled with neatness in execution, attracted the attention of his superior officers to his untiring exertions, and they had the pleasure to record an opinion that he is *a valuable and energetic officer and a thoroughly honest public servant*. He has exposed errors wherever he found them, detected frauds, and introduced regularity and system out of disorder, chaos and confusion. His great exertions to utilize large unexpended amounts within the official year secured to him the warm eulogy of his superiors who have recorded their high opinion in regard to his *steady application* to business. The works in the Rannad Zemindary and Curttallum road are instances.

6. That he has further received the thanks of Government for his intelligent exertions in bringing forward the project regarding the water supply from Terucun-goody river which promises to be of material advantage to the country concerned.

Captain Hoesely, Civil Engineer 3, Division.
Colonel Oakes, District Engineer.
Lieut. L. Paxton, Executive Engineer.
Captain G. V. Wincom, District Engineer.
Mr. W. J. Birdwood, Dy. Chief Engineer
Southern Circle.
Captain H. L. Prenderghast, Supg. Engr.
Colonel Orr, Secretary to Governr, D. P. W.
Mr. G. R. Laggett, Assist. Engineer.
Col. R. A. Roberts, R. E. District Engineer.
C. J. Bird Esq. Collector of Tinnevely.
Mr. G. Phipps, Superint. Pearl Fishery.

7. The Pamphlet of Testimonials will clearly and indisputably establish that more than 10 gentlemen as per margin have testified to his zeal, energy, intelligence, honesty and straightforwardness in the efficient and correct discharge of the works under his control and the punctual transmission of returns to higher offices and the exemplary manner in which he had kept up his books and accounts.

8. That such are a few of the works which have received recognition from superior officers; and his prudence and diligence earned for him the good will and favor of his superiors. Although there are still many more requiring similar remarks, he considers it superfluous to expatiate on them as he thinks that what he has already stated above are quite sufficient to shew the highly satisfactory manner in which he has all along discharged his duties.

9. That in 1874, Colonel Fisher succeeded Colonel Roberts as District Engineer of Madura, and unfortunately a misunderstanding having arisen amongst them both in regard to the estimated cost of a Racket Court at Madura, the former

proposing that Rs 7,140 would be required against the original estimate of Rs 4,700, while the latter maintained that this revised estimate for Rs 5,080 was quite sufficient to complete the work according to Colonel Fisher's improvement, Colonel Roberts owing to very high opinion he entertained of your Memorialist (as it was through his recommendation that he was promoted to be a Sub-Engineer) consulted with him in regard to the matter, and your Memorialist out of a sense of duty informed him conscientiously from his local knowledge what he thought proper on the subject and advantageous to Government; but this being unfavorable to Colonel Fisher certain of the officials who were enimically disposed towards your Memorialist from his honesty of conduct took advantage of this opportunity to misrepresent matters to him so as to influence him to write to Government on the subject of trial pits affecting his ability. Your memorialist begs to refer your Grace to the copy of the explanation submitted by him to Colonel Oakes who forwarded the same to Government with his own remarks on the subject. It would appear from that officer's report that the levels taken by Mr. Fox, and Sub-Overseer Soobroyooloo Naidoo relate entirely to two different channels which have been jumbled together.

10. That the District Engineer has very strongly recorded his opinion in his letter to Government so recently as on the 9th March 1876 that your Memorialist is physically far more capable than many others in the Department who are by 10 or more years his juniors, and as he was personally concerned he was quite willing to keep him in charge of the 4th Range where he has done much to bring to light frauds of which the Government will hear be-times and bring into something like order the chaos which he found in the Range owing to Messrs. Hamnett and Littlewood's incompetency and carelessness. Colonel Oakes has further recorded in his quarterly report for January 1876 that your Memorialist is *an active, intelligent and hard working man who had done good service to Government* and that he has not been promoted with his contemporaries as he deserved to be, and that he has further remarked in his service register that your Memorialist *has borne a uniformly good character throughout the whole period of his service and has rendered excellent service to Government* as shewn by the numerous high testimonials he has obtained from the officers under whom he served.

11. That your Memorialist would further beg to state that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India observes in his Despatch No. 87 dated 8th August 1872 that compulsory retirement not only deprives Government of the services of efficient men but also imposes needless and additional charge upon the State. He is therefore of opinion that the mere attainment of the age of 55 years is not a sufficient ground for the officer to retire. He must produce medical evidence of future unfitness, and be recommended by his immediate official superior for pension and the application must of course emanate from the officer himself.

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12. In the case of your memorialist he is strong, robust and healthy and the opinion of the medical officer will also be produced if required. His official superior Colonel Oakes as has already been observed has clearly expressed his opinion that he is unwilling to part with his services, and lastly your memorialist is quite willing and ready to render his services for some years more so that none of the conditions enjoined in the Secretary of State's despatch have been fulfilled. That several persons such as Bujunga Row the Tasildar of Sydapett and others have been permitted to remain in the public service after attaining the age of 55 years.

13. That when all officers under whom he had served had treated him with the greatest kindness, and were well pleased with the manner in which he discharged his duties, Colonel Fisher who happened to be his official superior for a time took a dislike to him as was naturally expected and exerted his utmost to get rid of him from the Department because he thought that your memorialist was an obstacle to him although he himself has been since removed from the Department, and the opinion of this one officer should not have any weight over that of many who have recorded a highly favorable opinion of him. Your memorialist would gladly and willingly retire with an amount of pension due to his present position and to which he is legally entitled, but he is grieved in heart to retire under circumstances of an unjust imputation which would cast a stigma upon his character and which is likely to prove a source of annoyance and misery in the last moments of his life.

14. That he therefore most earnestly entreats that your Most Noble Grace will be pleased under the circumstances detailed above to accord to the memorialist's hard and unfortunate case a kind and gracious consideration at a time when the whole of the Empire of India from the Maharajahs down to the humblest ryot is rejoicing at the assumption of a Title by Her Most Gracious Majesty with the confident hope that the children of India would in future drink more of the milk of kindness from their Imperial mother and when wicked subjects are being set free from jails in spite of their criminality as an act of grace; and that your grace will most benevolently extend the indulgence granted to persons like Bujunga Row and others by ordering his retention in the service as his fitness and efficiency are unquestionable so that the humble memorialist may be enabled to retire honorably of his own accord at a future time and pass the rest of his life in the enjoyment of his merited pension and of that tranquility, and peace of mind to which he had looked up as the fitting reward of his long and active career. For which act of favor the memorialist and the numerous members of his family as in duty bound,

WILL EVER PRAY.

Mooneappah Pillay
Sub-Engineer
Mooneappah Pillay

Extract from G. O. No. 1001 dated 21st April 1876.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
21st April 1876.*

No. 288. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. OAKES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 9th March 1876, No. 393 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that on the receipt of G. O., No. 363, of 10th ultimo, I forwarded it to Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay and requested him to furnish me with his Service Register to admit of his pension papers being prepared. In reply, the Sub-Engineer has sent me the accompanying letter and two enclosures, which he has asked me to forward to you.

No.—, dated 7th March.

2. I am of course altogether ignorant of the circumstances connected with the channel-trail pits, &c., relative to which the Sub-Engineer appears to have incurred the displeasure of Government; but from the enclosed letter, it would appear that the circumstances connected with two entirely different channels have been jumbled together.

3. With reference to the quotation in paragraph 3 of Lieutenant-Colonel Fisher's letter, No. 3,599, from Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' letter, printed in 'G. O., No. 1,490, of 1st June 1871, I have only to observe that the opinion there expressed is so very much at variance with that expressed in the accompanying extract from Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' Administration Report of 1873-74, that it is clear Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' hastily formed opinion in 1871 was not a correct one.

4. The enclosed pamphlet of testimonials shows in what high esteem Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay has been held by the various officers under whom he has served and testify to his qualifications and ability, and I would beg to call special attention to the very last testimonial which is from Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts.

5. I have no hesitation in saying that, though not possessed of much theoretical knowledge, the Sub-Engineer has acquired a great deal of practical knowledge, and, under an officer who is able and willing to assist him in any little difficulties induced by his ignorance of theory, he makes a most efficient Range Officer and prevents work in his Range from falling into arrears, and he has the good sense to ask for instructions in any little difficulties when he knows they are willingly and cheerfully accorded.

6. The Sub-Engineer is physically far more capable than many men in the department who are ten or more years his junior, and, as far as I am personally concerned, I am quite willing to keep him in charge of No. 4 Range where he has done much to bring to light frauds of which Government will hear betimes, and to bring into something like order the chaos which he found in the Range owing to Messrs. Hamnett's and Littlewood's incompetency and carelessness.

7. If Government still determine that the Sub-Engineer shall be compelled to take his pension, I beg that a European Officer or Upper Subordinate of some experience may be appointed to relieve him, for the Range is by no means an easy one to manage, and the numerous changes in its charge of late years, as indicated by the enclosed memorandum, has left a great deal to be done and undone.

8. The Sub-Engineer has so far carried on the duties of the Range creditably, notwithstanding the fact of his being unaided by a Sub-divisional Officer, as one of the vacancies brought to the notice of Government in letter, No. 1,978, dated 14th October 1875, is still unfilled, Mr. Supervisor Lyons, appointed in the Gazette of the 22nd February, not having yet joined.

18 January 1877-

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Name. N. MOONTEPAH PILLAY.

Leave and Service Register

Civil or Military Rank.	Departmental Grade.	Authority for appointment, promotion, leave, transfer &c. with Number and Date.	Province or Division to which appointed.	Character of Appointment.	Date of joining appointment from which appointment, leave, transfer &c. takes place.	Date of Relief Cause of Relief.	Particulars of leave.	Date of availing of leave.	Date of return to duty.	Remarks and Notes of letters and orders referring to personal matters.
			18th Division Tinnevely	Permanent	1st Sept. 1841	...	...	...	...	...
	2nd Writer	...	Do.	do	20th April 1845	...	...	...	...	...
	Head or 1st Writer	Order No. 88 dated 17th April 1850 from the Collectors Office	Tinnevely District	do	17th April 1850	...	...	...	...	...
	Marant Superintendent	Fort St. George Gazette dated 1st January 1857	Do.	do	27th Jan. 1857	...	...	...	...	...
	Overseer 1st Grade	Chief Engineer's Memo. No. 2179 dated 21st July 1862	Do.	do	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Assistant Supervisor	G. O. No. 873 of 25th March 1871	Tinnevely	do	15th Nov. 1866	...	...	...	...	...
	Supervisor 1st Grade	Fort St. George Gazette dated 27th June 1871	Do.	do	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	Do.	Genl. No. 7943 and 7944 of 30th December 1871	Sub-Division Sivagangay	do	23rd Dec. 1871	...	...	...	...	...
	Do.	Genl. No. 9866 of 19th January 1874	Madura	do	10th Jan. 1874	...	...	...	...	...
	Sub-Engineer 3d Grade	Fort St. George Gazette dated 5th May 1874	Do.	do	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	Do.	Fort St. George Gazette dated 15th June 1875	Do.	do	...	...	...	...	...	...
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18th Division
Superintendent

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(By order)

Philip J. H. H. H.

Private Secy

Govt House,
Madras
18th Jan'y 1877

Proceedings of the Standing Board of
Medical Officers at the Presidency assembled under P.O.,
Pension Department, No 32, of the 29th January 1877, to
examine and report upon N. Moomappah Pillay, Sub-
Engineer, P. W. Department, as to his physical fitness for the
active and efficient discharge of his duties in the department
in which he is employed.

Madras, 10th February 1877

President

Copy Surgeon Genl. W. J. Vandenberg Esq.

Members

Surgeon Major W. H. Morris M.D.

Surgeon J. E. Collins M.D.

The Board having assembled and carefully
examined Sub Engineer N. Moomappah Pillay are of opinion
that he is physically fit for further service.

W. J. Vandenberg Esq.
Deputy Surgeon Genl.
Pres. P. W. D.

President

W. H. Morris M.D.
Surgeon Major

Members

J. E. Collins M.D.
Surgeon

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To the Most worthy
 friends of the colony, he
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 from Governor Johnson that
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 the Governor would receive the
 President of the General Court
 on the 10th instant at 10 o'clock
 and he accordingly went at that
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Pension (1876) DEPARTMENT.

From
The Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept.
No. 117.

Dated 21st
Received 23rd February 1877.

No. 125

Forwards the Proceedings
of the Medical Board,
certifying that Sub.
Engineer Mooneappa
Pillay is fit for further
service.

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Pension Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following report against the Pro. of

Govt Pension Department dated 29th January 1877.

Read also the following Report
from the Surgeon General Indian Medical
Department dated 21st February 1877 No. 117.

Order thereon 7th March 1877 No. 117.

The Medical Committee

having certified that N.
Mooneappa Pillay Sub
Engineer 3rd Grade Temp.
District is physically fit
for further service the
Government have directed
that Mooneappa Pillay
be re-instated in the post
from which he was removed.
The application for Pension
is cancelled accordingly.

W. S. P. 13/3/77

To the Accountant General
-a- Examiner of Public Works Accounts
-a- District Engineer, Temp.
-a- Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department
To N. Mooneappa Pillay
desp 8/3/77

