

Pub. C. No. 1114

His Excellency the Right Honorable

The Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Madras.

13 FEB 1891
GOVERNMENT

The humble Memorial submitted
by M. Savari Raja Pillai, Jamilkhan
- Shee Megorana puram Timmelly St.
May it please your Excellency.

That the Memorialist is
a Native Christian and has the
only son, aged 17 years.

II That the Memorialist's son,
Ponnusamy by name was study-
ing in the American Mission -
College at Ponnampally and passed
the Middle School Examination
in May 1890.

III That the Memorialist's son,
a minor, has been induced
by one Arumuga Iyan of

Madura, residing near the Rail-
way Station at that place
to go with him to Penang with-
out the consent of his parent
and his Guardian.

IV. That the Memorialist's son
is now employed as a cooly
under one Kee Sze Watt Esqr
Shangai Barkah. P. IV. Penang
to whom he is bound by an
agreement to serve for 3 years
executed by a minor under
(vide Sections 215 and 216 of Indian
Succession Act and other Acts
regarding the point) which
Acts require 18 years for majority
while the agreement was signed
by the minor when only 16
years and 7 months notwith-
standing the statement of the
Superintendent Strait Settlement
Emigration Depot, Nagapatnam
that no minor under the age

of 16 years are allowed to emigrate
to the Agreement cannot bind him.

V. That the Memorialist's son has
written a letter to your Memoria-
list that he is suffering very much
under his employer (a translation
of which letter is herewith enclosed)

VI. That your Memorialist therefore
most humbly begs of your Excellency
to exercise the influence of the
benign English Government to
have the Memorialist's son released
as the Memorialist is to educate
his son and to make his prospects
brighter by giving him higher education

VII. That in the endorsement received
from Emigration Agent Penang
it is stated that the Memorialist's
son's liberty should be redeemed
by payment of a certain sum -
which amount neither the Memoria-
list's son nor the Memorialist
have received but it might have
been most probably received by
the said Arumuga Swami of Madura.
The Memorialist further begs to bring
under your notice.

to your Excellency that the age of
the memorialist's son will not
permit him either to receive
the sum or to execute the document.

VII That your Excellency memorialist
begs to enclose the copies of the follow-
ing correspondences for your Excellency's
perusal & the baptismal certificate
in original.

(1) Letter dated 5 November 1890 from a
missionary J. P. G. Penang to Miss Thomas
Vignanapuram on the request of the
Lord Bishop of Rangoon.

(2) Endorsement no 995 from the Protector
20-11-90 of Emigration Madras on the memorialist's
petition.

(3) Endorsement no 973 from the Supt Straits
5-11-90 Settlement Emigration Depot Negapatam.

(4) "do" — no 98 from the Straits
11-12-90 Settlement Dept Agent Penang.

(5) The Baptismal Certificate from
the Native Pastor of Palamcottah
on the order of the Rev. J. Kember.

For which act of charity and
benignity, your Excellency's
memorialist being in duty bound
shall ever pray.

9 Feb 1891

Sreedharpattan

M. Satharayan

Sreedharpattan
Tinnevely

Copy of the letter of his son

Most Respected & dear father.

I, your dear son Sreedharpattan, beg to bring
the following to your notice. I and all those who
are here with me are doing well. So I beg
you will kindly write me about you, dear
mother, dear grand father and grandmother at
Peevel, uncle at Srivilliputhur and his children,
brother-in-law, sister and her children at
Tinnevely. I suffer now here on account of my
disobedience and especially to God. The work I
discharge here is very difficult. I have no time
even to take my meals. I wrote this letter about
7 in the night. If I describe all my difficulties
in detail, the words which pass within me
will burn. I am not certain of seeing you
all again, but I do not know what is the
will of God. Young men who have learned
as much as I have, get not less than 20 or 30
monthly. If you send me Rs 50 or 50 in spite
of your difficulties borrowing at least, I can
repay it within 6 months if God wills it.

I write this letter with tears in my eyes. I do
not know how are your difficulties. God only
knows it. God will look after everything. I place
my entire confidence in Him only here. The
whipping I get here daily are not few. It
requires Rs 50 or 50 to get myself released from the
agreement. There are so many posts vacant here.
I feel miserable as I got no reply for

the last 2 months. I request to reply me
as soon as possible.

Does Muthoo study at Palameottah?
Has he applied for Matriculation?

Please send my Middle School
certificate.

May God be with us
your obedient son.

(Signed) S. Bannasamy.

No 995
26-11-90

From The Protector of Emigrants
Madras

To
M. Sivaraya Pillai
Munshee
c/o Miss Thomas
Mengnanapuram
Sinnavelly.

Vide his petition of 21-11-90.

Subject

Petitioner should address the
Superintendent of Emigration for the
Straits Settlements, Singapore, in
regard to his son.

(Signed) Wansley
Protector of Emigrants.

Straits Settlements Emigration Office
Singapore, 5th December 1890.

No 8/973.

Memorandum.

From

The Superintendent.

Straits Settlements Emigration Dept
Singapore.

To

M. Sivaraya Pillai

Trunkee
Maganapuram
Sinnerelly.

Sir,

A lad named Pannucawmy
aged 17 years is borne in our register as having
emigrated to the Straits Settlements on the
21st May 1890 for Messrs Lieverk & Co in the
province which is healthy and the Proprietors
of the estate are good men

2/ No minors under the age of 16 years
are allowed to emigrate through the Depot.

I have the honor to be
your ~~most~~ obedient servant
(Signed) J. Handart
Superintendent. S.S.

Per 5/11/91
C.M.

I. I. Department
Penang, 11th December 1890.

No 98

Mr. Savairaya Pillai is informed with reference to his letter of 21st November last that his son, Ponnusawmy, is a statute Immigrant, No 29, in Valdor Estate, Province Wellesley, Penang, under three years' agreement from 26th May 1890 and that he made no complaint before and when he signed his contract. He is now 17 years old and unless he is redeemed by payment of the sum required by his Manager, he cannot be released till his term is over.

(Signed) H. Evans
for I. I. Agent. S.S.

To
M. Savairaya Pillai
Munchee
C/o Miss Thomas
Mengknanaparam
Linnervelly.

Recd. H. 4449 1891

CURRENT No.

444

Public DEPARTMENT.

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From

Savari Raya Pillai

Srivilliputoor

Immevelly St.

27 Feb 1891

Referred to the Collector
of Tanjore for report.

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Chief Secretary

C.S.
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No.

Dated 9th } February 1891
Received 13th

Enclosures 6.

SUBJECT.

Praying for the
release of his son
now at Penang.

No. 214

Camp, Vallu, 19 March 1891.

FROM

J. Thomson
ESQUIRE,
as COLLECTOR,
TANJORE,

TO

The Honourable Mr. J. H. Price
chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

Public DEPARTMENT.

ENCLOSURE No. 1

In a letter,

From

The Collector

of TANJORE.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Public Department,
MADRAS.

Dated 19th March 1891.
Recd No. 214
(Subject.)

Memorial of M. Savanaya
Pillai with its enclosures
received with register No. 324.

L. Public No. 855/91.

SIR,

Adverting to Government reference
dated 21. February 1891 on current
* herewith returned. No. 444, I have
the honour to state
that Ponnusami Son of Savari-
raya Pillai, the petitioner, was
brought to the Emigration Depot
at Negapatam on the 20th May
1890 by a licensed Recruiter
Kadisa Rowtham. As the boy
represented himself to be
an agricultural labourer

and over 16 years of age and as there was nothing in his appearance to belie his words, he was passed and shipped to Penang as an indentured Cooly.

2. As the petitioner himself admits in his petition that his son was over 16 years of age when he emigrated, and as the provisions of Sec: 39 of Act XXI of 1883 and of Sec: 35 part V of Straits Settlement ordinance No V of 1884, allow persons 16 years old to emigrate and become indentured Coolies he has no cause of complaint against

the Emigration authorities here or at Penang. The only course open to him to get back his son is to redeem his contract under Sec: 50 of the Straits Settlement ordinance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant

The undersigned

as Collector

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C. No 855.
Public Department

From The Collector of
Tanjore
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Madras

Dated 19th March 1891
Recd

No. 214

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Reporting on the petition
of Sauriraja Pillai of Sri-
valliputtur praying for
the release of his son now
at Penang.

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C. No 444 and 855

H. M.

This

Order

9th April 91 10282

The letter from the Collector
of Tanjore read above will be
communicated to the Petitioner
with the intimation that
Government is unable to help
him, in this

Mr. Sauriraja Pillai

Copy to Mr. Tanjore

C.S.

3476

etc.

He has already been
informed that the contract can
be cancelled by referring to

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

855

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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IN ORIGINAL (not paged).

Return two copies
of Petitioner

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statement

ORDINARY, MS.

Public	DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED	9-4-91
No.	282

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declines to interfere in
the matter of the petition
from S. Aravindan Pillai
praying that his son
who was shipped to
Penang may be set
at liberty —