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Dated 2^d Oct 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

PETITION.

Informing Moidin Sheriff and others of Tindivaham that the Government sees no reason to interfere in the matter of their complaint against Mr. D'Sylva, the Civil Apothecary of the place.

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

ENCLOSURES.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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The ² severe thrashing the
sack of rice to the Katarama
the two upper garments &
the jacket were soaked with
the - red in blood. These
clothes were packed up, sealed
and handed over into the pos-
sion of the police by Venkatarama
Rajar who was beaten.
(7) - Through the intervention
of the (1) Joint Magistrate, the (2)
Shaildar, (3) Desikachari, Ma-
nager, (4) Subramanya Rajar
and other respectable persons of
Tondivanam having (been present)
prevented one Venkatarama
Rajar from proceeding with
the Apothecary's case and
brought about a compromise
between the apothecary and
Venkatarama Rajar who was
satisfied by making the former
Rajar the latter with his charge.
This took place just at the time
when the District Magistrate
was about to take up this case
on the complaint made by
Venkatarama Rajar, who
denied his sworn statement
and paid the process fees.
If any native had
been the culprit in a case
of this kind, all these
Magistrates would have com-
mitted the

7 Petitioners protesting against
 the apothecary's holding ^{when} two
 posts, & he was told that
 he can't do so, he resigned
 them forthwith.)
 (15) How can he now hold
 the appointments, is not
 clear.
 (16) There are very many
 respectable men in the Kasta
 Tundiyanam, who are eli-
 gible for the chairman's
 post.
 (17) People are afraid to
 go to the hospital from the
 date when the Katarama
 Linga was burnt. There
 are others who have received
 a similar ^{harsh} treatment
 at the hands of the apothecary.
 These cases will
 be cited at the time of
 enquiry.
 (18) In direct opposition
 to government order, the
 apothecary holds the posts
 of the vice-president of the
 taluk board and of the chair-
 man of the union, and has
 bought lands from a union
 contractor. Several other
 irregularities will be brought to
 notice at the time of enquiry.
 Petitioners pray that
 justice may be done to them.

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(12) While such is his duty,
the apothecary never
attends to his patients
personally, but makes
his compounder do so & give
medicines.

(13) (As an illustration)
This day - book is con-
sulted, the truth will be
apparent. The writing
in the book from the
date when ~~Hakutaniwa~~
Rigor who was beaten,
was injured, appears to be
in the handwriting of the
apothecary.

(14) It is against law
for the apothecary
to hold the tuluk board
presidency and the
Chairman's place of the
Union, while he alleges
that he has no time
to attend to his legitimate
duties. In respect to this

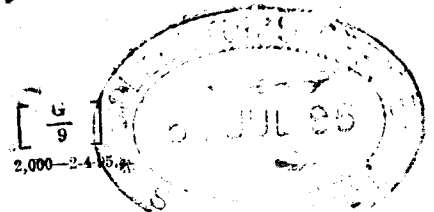
the resolution was

session. Because the
Apothecary styles himself
a British born subject, the
Penal Code does not
apply to him.

(9) - About 8 or 9 years
ago the apothecary came
(to Indivaram (Kasba)).
The collectors who preceded
the present one, if consul-
ted, will give their opi-
nion regarding this apo-
thecary's conduct.

(10) & the five caresses
and odd of England admi-
-ing the apothecary's horse
on the ~~other~~ ^{about} side were
bought for Rs. (300) three
hundred from Parthasarathi
Nayyar, Union contractor.
With the aid of the Union
labourers, the apothecary plan-
-ted mango plants, reared
them & appropriated them
to his own use.

(11) Is it not the duty of
the apothecary to attend
to the patients who come
to the hospital himself
and direct the compound-
ing & administration of medicine.



Current No. Judicial
DEPARTMENT.

Memorial to
Tindivanam
Sahib and 27 other
divan and wit
(1) The conduct of the apothecary of the Tindivanam hospital are hereunder set forth in detail.

From
Tindivanam Indian Chief
Sahib and 27 others of Tindis
Tindivanam Kasba (headquarters)
Tatak, South Arcot district.

(2) The government are bound to provide food to the people.
(3) At about 5.30 P.M. on the 24th May 1895, the apothecary without any reason attempted to beat one Mr. Ven. Katarana Aiyar local Tindivanam by beating him on his head once & pinching him three times on the back.

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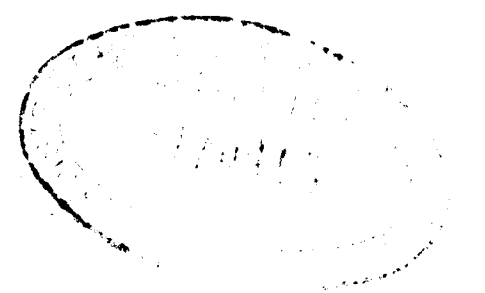
Complaining against the conduct of the apothecary of the Tindivanam Hospital.

(4) The joint and Tatak Sahib of Tindivanam Kasba (headquarters) sent for the apothecary & asked him to treat the said Ven. Katarana Aiyar who was beaten.
(5) Ven. Katarana Aiyar was beaten, at first declining to put himself under the treatment of the apothecary. But as the Magistrate, he was obliged to go.

Ends No. 1146.
Referred to the Collector of South Arcot for report.
Headquarters
Chief Secretary

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Sahib & P. Sahib
Tatak 3rd Tindivanam



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26/7/95

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FROM *Mahomed Raza Khan*
Esquire
Collector of

SOUTH ARCOT,

To *The Collector of*
South Arcot
Buddalore.

Dated *20* } *August* 189 5
Received

2530
No. 2530
ENCLOSURE -/.

Sir,

In compliance with
your endorsement of the
1st instant in the accompanying
rif Mahakar to General
ment ~~containing~~ *containing* of
the Conduct of Mr D. Sylva
Civil Apothecary, I have
the honor to report as
follows:

2. Mr D Sylva is also late

Chairman of the Pandichan Union.
It would appear that one Venkatram
Dyer, a petty Contractor & brother of
my office 2nd clerk Subramania
Dyer, purchased in auction some
time in May last a decayed tree
belonging to the Union but failed
to pay the sale amount, although the
Union bill collector had waited on him
daily for several times for payment.
Mr D. Sylva subsequently met Venkat-
ram Dyer in a public street & quietly
reminded him of the amount that was
outstanding. Venkatram Dyer, who is
reported to possess a ruffian-like
temper would seem to have thereupon
without any cause abused & insulted
Mr D. Sylva in vile & offensive language,
and the latter smarting under this
indignity struck him 2 or 3 strokes with
an ordinary rattan walking cane;
inflicting a small scalp wound & few
bruises

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crises on the back. Mr Dyer is
held in such high estimation
by the people for his professional
skill, kindly disposition & affable
manner that the incident caused
a little surprise, & many expressed
their belief that he must have
received very grave provocation
indeed to have lost his temper
thus. Venkatram Dyer's own brother
told me that he was quite certain
that his brother ~~must~~ have used
much provoking language to
Mr D. Sylva, whereby he should have
lost his temper; when he simply
reminded him of the payment of
that sum.
One morning while I was riding
about in the streets of the town, my
above 2nd clerk met & told me that
his brother Venkatramiah said that

he had been "seriously" injured by
the Apothecary. I went at once with
the Stationary Sub Magistrate to the
said Dispensary & after examining
the alleged injuries I was satisfied
~~that~~ they were trivial & that there
~~had been~~ gross exaggeration. Finding
that a mischievous quack was attending
on him to dress the scalp wound
by rubbing some Carriage polish
over it, my clerk Subramanian Iyer
decided that Mr D. Sylvia might be
asked to treat his brother. I therefore
sent for the Apothecary who most
willingly came & attended for a week
when he healed up the wound completely.

Mr Venkatarao Iyer subsequently
lodged a complaint against the
Apothecary before the District Magistrate
that the case was compromised by
the parties without proceeding to trial.

The Signatories to the Mahazir
would appear to insinuate that if the
Collector who preceded you were

referred to, they would report and
favorably on Mr D. Sylvia. As a member
of the Salary Board, I have perused
the remarks made in the visitors' book
of the Hospital by various
Collectors & other gentlemen. I find
that they reflect very creditably
on the Apothecary. Mr Percheron who, by
reason of his prolonged residence
has as Sub Collector & from the vigilance
with which he is said to have watched
his subordinates, was in a position
to speak authoritatively. I find
recorded that Mr D. Sylvia takes
great interest in his work & is un-
usually popular. And Mr J. M. Samudra
Iyer has also recorded that Mr
Sylvia is very much liked by the
people. These sentiments are fully
endorsed by me as the result of my
personal observations of his work & conduct
and of the frequent local enquiries
that I have made of the people, & of

the inpatients, in the Hospital during
his unexpected visits to that Institution
without the apothecary's knowledge -
and I am convinced that the people
would be very sorry to lose at any
time the services of this popular
Medical Subordinate.

Regarding the purchase of land
by the apothecary, there is a piece
of dry land about one acre in
extent adjacent to the Hospital, situated
quite in front of the Hospital & close
proximity to the public quarters occupied
by the apothecary. It belonged to certain
ryots, it was being used by public
as latrine in which were produced
stinking smells & was a source of
great nuisance. Mr. D. Sylva came
one morning to my "langalen" & took
me to the Hospital & pointed out
the highly insanitary condition of that
piece of land which was in such proximity
to the Hospital & his quarters & suggested
its

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its acquisition for any public purpose.
But then I told him that there was no
public purpose so far as I could reckon
for which the land could possibly
be taken up & that I would not recommend
any money of the Board to be expended
upon it. The apothecary afterwards
decided to reclaim
that portion of the said land again
ing his house by purchasing it at
himself & it seems that through
the intervention of some respectable
Hindoo Contractors (as the interested
Brahmin Vakil became entangled)
Mr. D. Sylva paid Rs. 300 but longed
which 10 years ago was a small
realised perhaps Rs. 2000 per year
assessment, he tells me that he
is only Rs. 30. He says that he
purchased it as a habitation where
he will after his retirement erect a
small habitation for himself & his
family.

family & that tell them it will
be a bank for purposes of recreation
& good air. I have again inspected
it; he has really converted a
public latrine into a little recreation
ground with few trees & a well,
which is freely used by
the hospital people & the public
living round about. I understand
that a scarcity of good drinking
water is much felt in that part of
the town, the well in the Compound
of the Hospital contains little or
no water, hence the new well sunk
therein by the apothecary is very
useful. His public duties have in no
way been neglected thereby
as disclosed by my local enquiries;
I see some 10 paid coolies engaged
in removing shrubs & other useless
plants & in constructing well.

7. The allegation that the apothecary
entrusts the treatment of patients

to the Compounder is unfounded when
paying my surprise & indebtedness
to the Hospital with no notice to
any concerned. I have always found
the apothecary busily engaged
in attending personally to the
requirements of the patients irrespective
of their caste or social status.
The further allegation that people
are afraid to go to the Hospital
is a gross mendacity backed
upon investigation. I hear of the
late Chaudhary Smarting at the
idea of resigning his post for not
attending to his duties as
Chairman. I saw a sudden visit
I have found a number of people
flocking to the Hospital & thus
testifying to its increasing popularity
and I am fully conversant of his every
kind disposition & personal regard to

all his patients. Soon after the last
Tirumalai Kartikai festival, cholera
of a very virulent type broke in the
Tudivanam Kuchak, & attacked
certain people so badly that they
were deserted by their friends; but
it was only Mr D. Sylvia that attended
on those patients in their houses. So,
there daily for hours together, rendered
them every relief & saved them.

& Exception is taken to Mr D. Sylvia
holding the position of Vice President
of the Tahsy Board & Chairman of
the Union Parishad. This discrepancy
shows, is the key note to the pain and
anxiety under which the ex chairman
has been smarting on account of
his having been made to resign the
chairmanship in favor of Mr D. Sylvia.
That the ex chairman instigated
the assaulted Brahman (Venkateswara)
to work through the Mussulman
Budmas of this town, Mahomed Sheriff

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to get the Mahazarinama under
reply.
9. In March last, during the
Mitam festival, the Tahsy Board
decided to levy fees on booths & stalls
erected on the road side, and the
collection of fees on behalf of the
Tahsy Board was entrusted to the
village officers under the immediate
supervision of the Tudivanam Stationary
Sub Magistrate. While so the said
Venkateswara who has the Contract
of this road on the system and
according to a report submitted
by the said Magistrate made a
daring attempt to demand fees
from the stall holders on an alleged
order from the District Board President,
wherein he was unable to produce when
directed to do so by the said Magistrate.
The papers were submitted to the President
of the District Board with an endorsement

from Mr D. Sylva, Vice President of the
Taluk Board, to the effect that the
District Board President would
doubtless demand an explanation from
the Contractor for attempting to levy un-
authorized fees. This endorsement of
the Vice President, somehow leaked out
of the Taluk Board office and reached
the Contractor whose action in subsequently
abusing & insulting Mr D. Sylva is ~~very~~
easily explained.

10. You will readily conceive that a Vice
President who keeps a very vigilant
eye on those with whom he has to deal
cannot be acceptable, and cases
have come before me which disclosed
that Mr D. Sylva unlike his predecessor
had that moral courage to put down
wily Brahmin chaps by going thoroughly
into papers regarding the disposal of
appointments of teachers submitted by the
Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, & I
feel it my duty to submit that Mr
D. Sylva as the Vice President of this Taluk

Board does full justice to the
appointments. It is clear from G. O. No
1044 that Collectors have been invested
23.1.91
with discretionary power in submitting
the names of Medical Subordinates for
seats on Local Boards, & it was
doubtless in the exercise of your discretion
coupled with your personal knowledge
of Mr D. Sylva's fitness to do justice
to the appointments that you submitted
his name to Government in March last
for reappointment as Vice President
in lieu of the Sub Registrar who did
not devote much time & attention to
Local Fund matters.

11. Concerning the Chairman Ship of
the Union, there is not the least doubt
that as the local Medical & Sanitary
officer Mr D. Sylva is best adapted
to hold that position. The previous
chairman was a Brahmin local
2nd grade Vakil; my enquiry shows
that he smarting as he is under the

1. I am of having vacated the post has
combined with the Contractor Venkatramiah
in being the wire puller of that Mussulman
loafter Mahomed Sheriff in getting
up Mahazar & petitions & against Mr
D. Sylva. Venkatramiah was utterly
useless as chairman of the Union, & it
was therefore a great relief to me
when he resigned & was succeeded
by Mr D. Sylva whose appointment
both as Union chairman & Vice President
has a very wholesome effect on local
Fund matters.

12. In Conclusion, I submit that
this Mahazar is an outcome of a
mean plot & that the late chairman
& the assailed Brahman are utilizing
the services of the Chief Signatory to
work their own ends. They are witty enough
not to attract their signatures to the
Mahazar. Indirapuram contains a
population of 9000 souls and the fact
that no more than 28 signatures were
obtained to the Mahazar speaks for
itself. From my Confidential enquiries,

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I learn that the private clerk of the
ex chairman & the assailed Brahman
through the chief Signatory Mahomed
Sheriff got some few scrums of the
plac to affix their signatures to the
Mahazar on payment of some few annas.
The chief Signatory Mohideen Sheriff
is a notorious local Badmash, was
dismissed from the Police force & was
under remand in the Sub Jail a while ago.
He is an individual on whom the Police
have an eye; he is devoid of honorable
means of livelihood; I called him the
other day & questioned him on the
Subject; he told me plainly that certain
Brahmans remaining behind employed
him in getting up petitions & against
persons; thereupon he warned him
severely. The antecedents of Venkatramiah
& the Contractor are by no means
honorable; he is a notorious cheat
and intriguer, ^{as found by Mr. J. L. J.} has no status of his
own to stand upon. The Mahazar is
I submit, the outcome of intrigues

to asperse the character of a very
useful & steady servant of Government
I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt servant
By Sub Collector

SOUTH ARCOT.

NO. 19 of 95
Camp

Collector's
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Camp Tiruvannamalai
7th September 1895

FROM

A. S. Castle Stuart Stuart Esq.

Ag. Collector & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Public DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

In returning the papers received with your
endorsement no 1746 d/26.7.95 I have the honour
to submit in original the report of the Sub Collector
& President Tahes Board Tindivanam which deals
exhaustively with the subject.

2. The Civil apothecary of Tindivanam - Mr. D'Sylva -
undoubtedly caused hurt to the Contractor Venkata
ramana Iyer under circumstances of extreme pro-
vocation. The case brought against him under
Sec. 323 I. P. C. was, however, compounded neces-
itating the acquittal of the accused under Sec. 345 C. P. C.
3. Mr. D'Sylva bears the highest reputation among
the subordinate medical officers of the District. His
conduct subsequent to the occurrence was in keeping
with his character. He personally attended the Com-
plainant, paid the expenses to which the latter
had been put and expressed his sincere regret
that he should have been provoked into committing
the offence.
4. Mr. D'Sylva, besides being a popular and skilled

M. D. S.

medical officer, is an energetic and highly efficient
chairman of the Hindivannam Union and Vice-
President of the Hindivannam Taluk Board - a marked
contrast to his predecessor - a Brahmin Vakil
whom the Sub-Collector strongly suspects to be the
instigator of the petition under reference. The chief
offensive petitioner is a dismissed Police Constable,
one Moidin Sheriff who can personally
have no possible ^{interest} in the matter. He has, how-
ever, figured prominently in this case, having
sent to me, as District Magistrate, a sensational
telegram in which he did not hesitate to allege
that the Civil Apothecary had attempted to commit
murder and had fractured the Contractor's skull -
allegations which were false and evidently
made at the instigation of wire-pullers behind
the scenes who, disappointed at the Contractor's
action in compounding the offence, apparently
seek to injure the Civil Apothecary indirectly.

5. I respectfully submit that it would be con-
trary to public policy to allow their machinations
to succeed and that the regrettable incident
having been satisfactorily settled by the persons
concerned, the petition should be dismissed. It
somewhat similar reference has been made by
the Surgeon-General to the District Medical and
Sanitary officer and that officer is also strong-
ly of opinion that the Civil Apothecary should
not be sacrificed to the malice of a few indi-
viduals

individuals who are striving to bring about Mr. D'Byle's
transfer for their own ends.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.


ag. Collector.

1895.

Public Department.

From *Collector and*
The District Magistrate of
South Arcot.
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 7 th
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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ENCLOSURES 2

Subject.

Returning the papers received
with his endorsement No 1746
and submitting in original
the report of the Sub-Collector
and President Taluk Board
Tindivanam about the Civil
Apothecary of Tindivanam
— Mr. D'Sylva.

Public DEPARTMENT.

Cs No. 2296 and 2994

FOR ORDERS.

Current 2296 is a petition
from certain ^{persons} of Tindivanam
complaining of the conduct of the
Civil Apothecary, Mr. D'Sylva.

They charge him with—

- (1) having attempted to murder
one Venkatarama Aiyar "by
beating him on the head and
giving him three cuts on the back"
- (2) having treated others with
similar harshness.
- (3) not doing his duty.
- (4) of holding the offices of
Vice President of the Taluk Board
& Chairman of the Union - where
it is not lawful for him to do.
- (5) having purchased "five
cawnies + odd" of dry land
adjoining his house, and reared
thereon mangoe plants (see
for this table.

* please see G.O. No 104 M. d/23/Jan/91
+ para 11 of the Sub. Collr's letter.

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b) of having added insult to injury by attending on Venkatarama after wounding him.

FOR ORDERS.

In C. 2994 the Sub Collector Explains that the first charge is a grossly exaggerated one, and that finding a quack rubbing carriage varnish on the wounded scalp, he handed over Venkatarama to the tender mercies of M. D. Sylva.

Both the Collector and the Sub Collector speak very highly of the Civil Apothecary. They give the lie to all the charges except (5), and state that they are evidently "made at the instigation of wire-pullers behind the scenes."

As the "murder" was compromised, it is submitted that there is no necessity for reopening that matter.

The only charge that is looking into perhaps

FOR ORDERS.

perhaps is (5). The "five caunies odd" dwindle to one caunie assessed at Rs. 3½ yearly in the Sub. Collr's letter. It adjoins M. D. Sylva's ^{ground} ~~land~~ has been converted from a ^{place used as a} public latrine into a species of garden. He intends to erect thereon, when he retires, "a small habitation for himself." Orders are requested as to whether he may under the circumstances be left undisturbed in the possession of this neglected spot.

It is sub^d that he may be permitted to hold the land provided he makes no profit out of it. The Sub Collr's English is at times somewhat curious.

J. D. B. M. D. Sylva appears
20.9.5.

* vide Rule 6 in G. O. 426 Pub. d/12th June 90

to have acted boldly and to have
committed something more than
a mere petty assault. He seems
however to have received considerable
provocation the matter having
come before a magistrate indirectly
and having been compounded there
seems to be no reason for moving
further ~~in the matter~~. Mr. De S
must have on the whole paid
half smartly for what he
did.

As regards the bank the matter
appears to have been much in-
fluenced. Still Mr. De S seems
in purchasing it to have been
under influence and
it seems questionable whether
he should be allowed to take
land close alongside the dispensary
in view of when he sent the
deed creating a house upon

24/9/95

Charges against Mr. De S.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Mr. H. W. Bliss C.P.E.

I don't see any harm in this. It
is not against any rule that
I know of - I don't see any
sign of any undue influence.
The petition should be dismissed

26/9/95

Public Currents 2296 & 2994

Order of 2-10-95 No 216.

The petitioners will
be informed that the
Govt. sees no reason
to interfere in regard to
the matters brought to notice
from Orders

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