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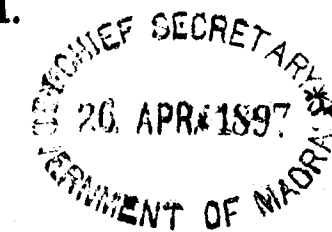
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To

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

MADRAS.

*The humble Memorial of MOONOSAWMY NAICKER
Discharged Private 19th Regiment M. I.,
General No. 3471.*

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Excellency's humble Memorialist has gone to some expense and trouble to lay his distressing and grieving case before your Excellency with the full detail of it and also an explanation of the charge of "Disgraceful Conduct" and "Producing Infirmary" as alleged by the Doctor of Memorialist's Regiment, and prays that your Excellency will be kind enough to peruse the same and to take into consideration Memorialist's long Service and re-instate him in his Regiment or to grant him a pension.

Memorialist has no intention of leaving the service for some years and therefore there are no reasons to malingering.

Memorialist's father and uncle ended their days of soldiering in the 19th Regiment M. I., and he wishes the same thing. Has a Medal and Clasp for his Service In Burma.

Prays for your Excellency's Merciful consideration to lay his case before the Council for a Special Inquiry at Madras. For which act of kindness, the Memorialist and his family will ever pray for your Excellency's long life and prosperity.

MADRAS,

1897.

Memorialist.

P. T. O.

The Statement of Discharged Private Moonosawmy, General No. 3471
G. Company 19th Regiment, Madras Infantry.

1. As my right eye was sore, I was obliged to report sick on the 19th September 1896, and was admitted into the Hospital after a detention of two days and kept in a separate room, and on the 6th October the Doctor finding that my eye was not better, asked me whether I would like to go on sick leave to my native country. I said "I have got a large family and have not the means to do so; therefore please cure me sir."

2. Lotion was used twice a day. This rendered me a great deal of ease and my eye became almost clear and well, and on the evening of the 22nd October, Hospital Ward Orderly Private Innasimoothoo came to me and said that the Hospital Assistant wanted Rs. 6 from me and that he would hand it over to him. I had no money at the time, and therefore said that I was unable to comply with the request. He left me and went back to the Hospital Assistant and after a short while say about an hour, he returned back to me and said that the Doctor had ordered medicine to be put in my eye and to follow him to the Surgery. I was in consequence obliged to submit and the Ward Orderly Innasimoothoo took medicine out of two or three bottles and after mixing it put the same into my eye and my eye commenced smarting very much and unbearable, so much so, that I felt quite confused in my brain which Hospital Havildar Ramasawmy who was present on the spot witnessed it as well as all the patients in the Hospital.

3. Second Ward Orderly Private Krishnaje Row came about 6 p.m. and witnessed my sufferings with the pain on that occasion. I and the Hospital Havildar asked him to inform the matter to the Hospital Assistant, who accordingly went and did so. To which, the Hospital Assistant said that the burning sensation was owing to the medicine and would be so, for a little while only. This fact is known to all the Patients in the Hospital. I had had no rest all night and my eye became quite red and slightly ulcerated by the next morning. Under these circumstances, I was induced to think that in consequence of my non-compliance to the Hospital Assistant's request, this injury was wilfully sought against me.

4. On the morning of the 23rd October 1896 about 8 A.M., the Doctor, Hospital Assistant and Hospital Havildar came to me, when I reported all that happened to me on the previous evening in Hindustani, which I am confident he did not understand and the Hospital Assistant translated what I said and in doing so, he must have misrepresented the facts of the case, to suit his own convenience, so that he might have put the Doctor against me and treated me with some contempt, which I am convinced is true for the following reasons:—

The Doctor who was so extremely good and kind to me, commenced talking angrily to me and feeling sorry in one way, that I could not get the Doctor to understand me, or get out, so that I may have my statement written in English. I refrained from further attempting to say anything.

5. The Doctor saw the state of my eye, and the Hospital Assistant told the Doctor something in English which I did not understand, where upon the Doctor spoke to me in a very angry way.

6. On the 29th October and on the 4th November 1896, the Doctor made me to sit on a chair in the Office of the Hospital and introduced the stomach syringe into my throat up to the pit of my stomach, which was beyond what I could bear up. (This having caused my throat, tongue and bowels to be quite sore with pain) and when I was again sent for on the 9th November to undergo the same process I begged very humbly and respectfully to be excused from undergoing the operation, as I could not bear up the pain and asked to be returned to my duty to which the Doctor willingly ordered me to go. While I was rolling up my bed and getting out, I was stopped by the Hospital Havildar and ordered to remain in the Hospital as a Prisoner. From this I imagined that the Hospital Assistant owing to my not having given the money he required, he must have told the Doctor other than what he should and caused this mischief, inasmuch as I was prevented from going to my duty and alleging that I had poked my eye with a needle and cut it with a bottle piece. This is the allegation brought against me as "Disgraceful Conduct"—which is entirely false.

7. I was at about 10 o'clock on the same day to the Orderly Room and asked by the Commandant of the Regiment Major R. C. Andrews sent for about what took place in the Hospital, and why I was made a Prisoner. I then mentioned about the Hospital Assistant wanting money from me and the Doctor introducing the Stomach Reed into my stomach. When the Commandant said to me, that he would send for a Doctor from another Regiment and have my eye examined and should that Doctor say that the disease was brought on by me, that he would give a Summary Court Martial and discharge me from the Service. Accordingly the Brigadier was asked to send a Doctor, and the same evening about 5 o'clock the Cavalry Doctor by name of Armstrong came to the Infantry Hospital and examined my eye and went away.

8. On the 10th November 1896, I was asked by the Doctor of the Infantry whether I would undergo the process of the Stomach Pump—I told "no sir," "I have pain in my eye and none in the stomach should you be pleased to permit me to go to my duty, I will do so." The Doctor allowed me to go. I was taken to the Quarter Guard at 9 A.M. and kept in it until 1 P.M. when the Adjutant sent for the Quarter Guard Havildar and ordered my release from prison and to take me to the Hospital. And about 5 days after this I was made a prisoner again and ordered to be brought before a District Court Martial on a charge of "Disgraceful Conduct." "Producing Infirmary" and to be present on the 24th November 1896 at the Court Martial Room.

9. I told the Day Officer that I wished to engage a Pleader to plead for me and wanted the Commandant's permission. This was granted. I accordingly engaged one. The Commandant and Adjutant both asked me if I was prepared with a Pleader. This was on the morning of the 23rd November 1896, and on the evening of the same day, the Commandant ordered the Havildar Major of the Regiment to tell me not to keep a Pleader.

10. I went to the Court Martial Room on the 24th November 1896 and the President of the Court asked me, "Where is your Pleader?" I told him "In consequence of the Commandant ordering me not to keep a Pleader, I did not bring one" "Should your honour be pleased to postpone the sitting of the Court Martial next day, I shall bring my Pleader." The President said nothing to me; but he went into the Court Martial Room with the Adjutant of my Regiment. After a conversation of 10 minutes the President came out and told me that I was not allowed to keep a Pleader, and were I to have one, he would not be allowed to speak. I was now called into the Court Martial Room to state what I had to say in my defence. I then said from the beginning of my case and how my complaint became aggravated and the cause of being brought to Court Martial owing to my non-compliance to the Hospital Assistant's request for money. I do not know whether all my statements have been written by the President or not. But I was told by that Gentleman that my Adjutant had spoken well of me about my good characters in the Regiment, of my receiving a Medal in Burma Service, and of my three good Conduct Badges. Then I was re-admitted into the Hospital by the Adjutant. There I remained for 5 days when the Zemadar Adjutant came with my Company Officer, Subadar Shaik Abdula, the Hospital Assistant and the Hospital Havildar, and informed me that I was dismissed from the Service on account of my "Disgraceful Conduct."

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APPENDIX.

Questions referring to the several paragraphs of statements accompanying :—

Reference to para. 2.—(a) Can the Ward Orderly open the medicine room and give medicine to the sick during the absence of the Doctor and the Hospital Assistant?

(b) What medicine did Doctor order to pour into my eye or write in the Medical Journal or Prescription Book.

Reference to para. 3.—Is not the duty of Hospital Assistant to go and see a patient when he requires him?

Reference to para. 4.—When I first entered into the Hospital the Doctor use to come and speak with me very gently and when I reported my complaint to the Doctor in Hindustani which he did not understand. The Hospital Assistant translated the same into English. Did he properly represent matters to the Doctor? If the Hospital Assistant did not misrepresent matters to the Doctor, I am confident he would not be angry with me. I therefore conclude from this that it is owing to my non-compliance of money.

Reference to para. 6.—Why did the Doctor permit me to go to my duty on the 9th November 1896 about 9-30 A. M. and why did he cancel it and make me prisoner within 10 minutes on a false charge?

Reference to para. 8.—(a) Why did the Adjutant leave me from the Quarter Guard and send me to the Hospital?

(b) Why was I released from the prison and after 5 days made a prisoner again and ordered me to appear before a District Court Martial?

Reference to para. 9.—(a) Why was I prevented from engaging a pleader to plead on my behalf at the Court?

(b) First I was permitted to keep a pleader and afterwards disallowed to do so.

Reference to para. 10.—(a) Why did the President ask me whether my pleader was present? After being answered no, he went into the Court Martial Room with the Adjutant and after a conversation of few minutes he came out again and said to me that I was not to keep a pleader and if I did he would not be allowed to speak in the Court. When a soldier is allowed by the Regulation to keep an Attorney or other who may plead on behalf of a prisoner. What made the President to reject a pleader in this case?

(b) If the President had written what I said in the Court properly he must receive a signature from me. Did he receive my signature?

(c) What made the Adjutant to dismiss me from the service, when the President informed me that the Adjutant had spoken well of me?

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