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No. 43. Read the following Letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government; Fort Saint George; dated Cuddapah 6th November 1857, No. 34.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith an original address presented to me by the public servants of my office, bringing to notice the great inconvenience they will experience by the removal of Pondicherry Shashachellum Naidoo, the Dresser,* who has been attached

*No. 146. to this establishment for the last six years, and I would earnestly submit the prayer of the Petitioners to the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. For the last two years, fever, cholera and other diseases have been very severe, the number of cases treated during the last Fasly by the Dresser would, being a considerable increase above the previous years, and within the last two months, fever of a severe nature has raged to an unprecedented height, he has treated within this period 221 cases of fever and other diseases. This shows that the people begin to see the benefit of Medical treatment after the European method and have confidence in the treatment of the practitioner. The inhabitants having gained this confidence and feeling themselves benefited by his treatment, I would submit, only beg to suggest that it would be much more for the benefit of Government if a younger person were substituted in his room to proceed on the Coogie service, than P. Shashachellum Naidoo. The introduction of another in the room of Shashachellum Naidoo, will most probably, for sometime, deter the poor and others coming for Medical treatment

†No. 309. in consequence of his being unknown to them as the Government, in Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th May 1853,† have directed that the Dresser should afford Medical assistance to the poor.

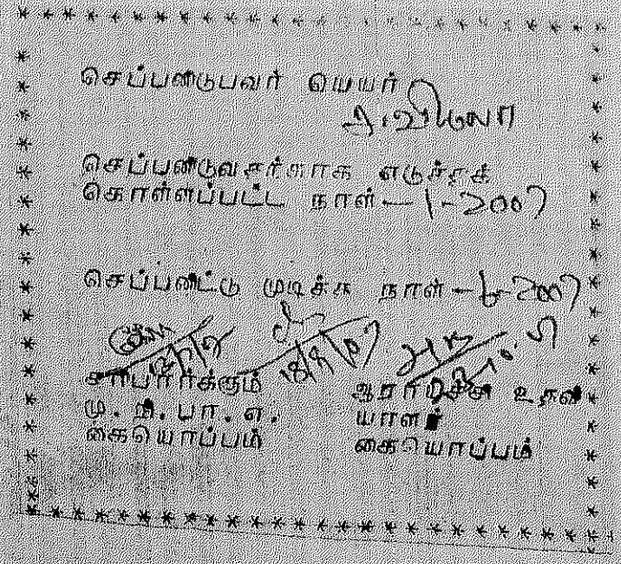
3. The salaries of the servants being small, they cannot afford to call in the assistance of the Medical officer in charge of the Zillah for their families, as the Medical officer is entitled to a fee which they cannot pay; it is therefore desirable that those who laboriously perform the public service should have a person in whom they have confidence to treat their families, others who, in cases of death or severe sickness, the hands of the family apply for leave to attend their relatives and thus obstacles are thrown in the way of carrying on public duties; this would be obviated by allowing the Dresser to remain in his present situation and a younger man be ordered to Bengal, probably to a European Regiment, where there are several Medical officers and where he, under the eye of the Medical men, could perform all the duties which the present Dresser could do if he was sent there, would improve by the advice of his seniors and make himself more competent to treat severe cases when placed in an independent charge.

4. I have known Seshachellum Naidoo for nearly 5 years. He is not a strong man, has served many years in Regiments, and now, according to the rules of Medical code, he his entitled to be attached as a Zillah, and in page 102, para. 26 of the code of Regulation for Medical Subordinates of 1855, it is stated that a "second Dresser having become known to the families of Native officers and men and in whom they have confidence renders it essential that no removal shall ever be recommended unless on most urgent and peculiar reasons;" this is the case in point, he is acquainted with the families of the public servants of this office and treats them, his removal therefore, will be very inconvenient to them, and it appears to me that what is applicable to the native army is equally applicable to those in the service of Government in the Civil Department. From what I have seen of him, I have great doubts whether he has sufficient physical strength for active field service, such as he is likely to see in Bengal, though he is perfectly able to perform his duties as a Zillah Dresser. I would therefore beg to recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners may be granted, and they will consider it as a great kindness conferred upon them by Government.

To M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Cuddapah.

Honored Sir,

We, the undersigned public servants and others, most respectfully and humbly beg leave to submit for your favorable consideration, that we came to understand by the Fort Saint George Gazette, that Pondicherry Shashachellum Naidoo, No. 146, the Second Dresser attached to your



Establishment, has been appointed for service in Bengal, and we therefore take the liberty of laying before you the principal difficulties and distress which we are about to be subjected to by his removal, humbly trusting that the same will be alleviated by your kind interference.

Not only you are well aware that since a few years, fever, principally, has been very prevalent in this Zillah, by which numerous families are suffering, but the same has been brought to the notice of the higher authorities by you, very often. Such being the case, in the present year, more than in the preceding ones, fever not only prevails to a great extent, cholera has also commenced to rage, which has caused great panic among us; at this time of general fear, the departure of the Dresser, who for the last 6 years, had treated almost all the people and their families of fever and many other diseases which came under his notice, among the public servants, as well as long standing ulcers, &c., among the ryots, while on circuit, by his proper treatment and knowledge of each person's constitution and thus several confidence, will be a source of great distress to us, and the appointment of a new Medical Subordinate to this unhealthy Zillah is likely to retard the recovery of the servants and ryots even delay in Civil business in consequence of his being a stranger to the place and people.

However this may be, we most humbly solicit you will be graciously pleased to bring our particular and earnest request to the notice of the higher authorities and recommend the detention of the said Dresser in this District, with a view to the comfort of so many people who dared in the benefit of his advice and treatment.

We are &c.,

(Signed) STREENEWAS ROW, *Head Sheristadar.*
(„) KRISTNA ROW, *Naib Sheristadar.*
And 67 others.

6th November 1857.

(A true Copy.)
(Signed) M. MURRAY, *Collector.*

No. 19. Order thereon, No. 1171, dated 16th November 1857.
Ordered to be referred to the Military Department for consideration.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.