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No. 37. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., dated 2d July 1859, No. 2573.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for submission to Government their reply to the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 2d May last, No. 600, R. D., calling for a report on the Memorial of Shungara Menon, late Tahsildar of Shernad in Malabar District.

In Con. 3d May 1859, No. 1983.

2. On 14th December 1855, Mr. Clarke who had succeeded to the office of Collector of Malabar on the assassination of the late Mr. Conolly, reported to the Board that he had found it necessary to suspend Shungara Menon from the post of Tahsildar of Shernad and submitted copy of the correspondence which had passed on the subject between him and his Sub-Collector Mr. Collett, who was engaged in tracing out all concerned in the recent atrocity, together with the Tahsildar's own reply to the charges which were brought against him. These were principally want of energy in taking measures against the fanatic band, disingenuousness in concealing the fact of their having passed through his talook, and improper proceedings towards certain of the individuals examined by him in connection with the enquiry. Mr. Collett further made mention of a report which had reached him from many and independent quarters that the Tahsildar had turned the occasion to his personal advantage by extorting money from individuals through their dread of being otherwise subjected to harrassing enquiries and treatment, and he expressed his fear that whatever might be the truth of this charge the Tahsildar's notorious habits of intemperance had unfitted him for his post, to which Mr. Collett believed that his own recommendation had mainly tended to advance him.

In Con. 4th Jan. 1856, No. 3723.

3. Mr. Clarke stated that pending the completion of the enquiry which was being held into this charge of extortion and corruption he had suspended Shungara Menon, and he added that he considered the Tahsildar's explanation to be exceedingly unsatisfactory, and that his personal appearance bore strong evidence to the truth of the reports of his intemperance which were so rife.

4. On 14th February 1856, Mr. Clarke submitted to the Board a further report shewing the result of the investigation which Mr. Collett had made, and recommending that the Tahsildar should be removed from the public service as unfit to be retained in his former, or any other public employment.

In Con. 17th March 1856, No. 607.

5. Mr. Collett although he had as was to be expected failed to obtain such evidence against the Tahsildar as would admit of a criminal charge being prosecuted against him with a prospect of success, ascertained beyond a doubt that very general contributions from the inhabitants had been extorted for his avowed benefit, by his subordinates and intimate associates, and to so large an amount and so widely that it was impossible to doubt that the Tahsildar must have been aware of what was going on, and he avowed his belief that whether the money so raised reached the Tahsildar's hands or not, yet his depraved habits of life had so degraded him in the eyes of the people, and brought him into association with so disreputable a class of people, that he had utterly forfeited the respect of the community, and that his further employment in the public service would not be for the public advantage, in which opinion Mr. Clarke expressed his full concurrence, and the Board of Revenue after careful consideration of the case directed the Tahsildar's dismissal on the 17th March 1856.

6. His principal accomplice a Peishkar, one of his own subordinates, was sentenced by the Joint Magistrate to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and to pay a fine of Rupees 200, and this sentence was confirmed by the Sessions Court, and by the Sudder Court of Foujdaree Udalut on appeal.

From Malabar 23d March, in Con. 12th April 1156, No. 1053.

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7. Mr. Grant the present Collector reports that Natives and Europeans agree in stating that no doubts are entertained in the District as to the truth of the charges which were brought against the Tahsildar, and that his Special Assistant, who has resided for a long time in the part of the country where the occurrences took place, gives as the general opinion of the people, that the extortion which Mr. Collett apparently roughly estimated at somewhere about Rupees 3,000, really was carried to a much greater extent than was supposed at the time.

6th in Con. 13th June 1859, No. 2473.

8. The Board's convictions of the Memorialist's unworthiness are if possible strengthened by the review of his case which has now been held and by the line of conduct that he has adopted.

9. So far from the tone of Mr. Collett's letters shewing a bias against him, they appear to the Board to manifest great temperance of expression, and Mr. Clarke is not likely to have been misled into perpetrating so gross an act of injustice as the Memorialist would impute to him. His well known habits of close and careful enquiry and conscientious impartiality alike militate against such a supposition.

10. The unworthy motive which the Memorialist would impute to Mr. Collett would not deserve notice were it not to point out the time which Memorialist has selected for bringing forward his appeal, when none of the European officers then in that part of Malabar remain in the District, and when Mr. Collett himself has quitted India.

11. The Board see no reason whatever, on further consideration, to question the propriety of the decision at which they formerly arrived, or to doubt whether Memorialist fully deserved the punishment he met with.

12. The correspondence which was formerly held on the case is herewith submitted for perusal, if thought necessary.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1859, No. 1001.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the letter from Shengara Menon, late Tahsildar of Shernaad in the District of Malabar, dated—April last be forwarded to the Home Government, and that intimation of its despatch be made to the Memorialist.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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To

The Right Honorable Lord Stanley
Secretary of state for India
&c &c &c

The humble Memorial of Edakkalla
Shungara Menon late Tasildar of Shernad
in the District of Malabar.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialist feeling deeply aggrieved at his unmerited and arbitrary dismissal from the Public service after having served the Government with an unblemished character for a period of 22 years, begs respectfully to bring the lordship of his very peculiar case to the notice of your Lordship and to crave redress at your Lordships hands which was not to be obtained from the Government of Fort St. George owing merely to the peculiar system of transacting business in their Secretaries Office.

2. Your Memorialist humbly begs to be permitted to say that his case, no doubt would have had a favorable consideration from this Government, had not the Secretary quietly returned his petition without submitting it for the orders of the Members of Government. This fact being evident by their* order on his Petition your Memorialist has no other alternative than to appeal directly to your Lordship for obtaining the relief sought, but refused by this Government without consideration.

That your Memorialist is the victim of the ill will of Mr Collett late Joint Magistrate of Malabar and that his downfall was brought about solely by that Gentleman by means which no British authorities could even approve of, will appear clear to your Lordship from the following statement of facts.

3. That your Memorialist was entertained in the service in the year 1834 and after filling various offices of trust and responsibility to the entire satisfaction of all his superiors, Mr Collett being among the Members, was at length in-

* Returned under para 7 of the Rules.
Sd/ J. McNorman
9th Feby 1859.

* All or Dews of the Revenue Board or Trial in Cases of Removal by Collectors or Sub Collectors of officers under the rule of heads of Tahsildars

Mr Conolly

in 1850 in Reward for his zeal and Fidelity raised him to the Rank of Tasildar of Beleraud, the duties appertaining to which required the greatest energy and Vigelance on his Part, because no man unless he was active and interprising could have performed them more efficiently than did your Memorialist not only on ordinary occasions but also in the more frequent times of difficulty and danger in a District always notorious for turbulence.

5- That Mr Conolly, then principal Collr & Magistrate of Malabar, was always well pleased with the Conduct & Character of your Memorialist and being equally so with his Fidelity and intelligence, deputed him in 1853-54 for the special service of making a Survey of the Talooks of Coorumbranados. He was 8 months employed on this duty, which he performed in addition to his own with great approval.

6. That about a year prior to the death of that valuable Officer Mr Conolly, it was the misfortune of your Memorialist to incur the ill will of his Assistant Mr Collett in an affair strictly private, but which it is deemed necessary to detail here - elucidative of the motives which actuated that Gentleman in his proceedings against the Memorialist - When your Memorialist held the situation of Police Ameen at Calicut, a woman named Seabba of notoriously bad and loose Character was the object of daily complaints from the people, in consequence of her annoying and quarrelling with her more peaceable neighbours of the Town - The result of these Complaints was the dismissal of her Brother who, being Police Amen was aiding her in her mal-practices, and the removal of this woman from the place - These legal proceedings of the Memorialist naturally produced in a woman of depraved Character and habits strong & deadly feelings of secret revenge and she only waited for an opportunity to accomplish her mischievous purposes - This opportunity fortunately for her did arrive when Mr Collett took her as his mistress - When your Memorialist was made Tasildar of a Talook, which was placed under the charge of Mr Collett, he deemed it necessary to represent this matter to Mr Conolly and solicit his removal from such dangerous influence - This then this Concerned Gentleman who was thoroughly acquainted with the

the general Conduct and integrity of principle advised him to fear nothing with an assurance of his rendering Justice, if Mr Collett interfered with him - The death of Mr Conolly gave Mr Collett good opportunity for accomplishing his design Mr Clark having been a stranger to the District, weaked to believe the assertions of Mr Collett who was the Cause of his ruin.

7. These details however are scarcely necessary as the case herein brought to notice contains in itself many tangible proofs of the injustice done to him - Suffice it to say that having had for his object the Removal of your Memorialist out of his way, he was determined to effect it by every means in his power - No hard matter this when once a Superior has conceived a dislike to his Subordinate except when the latter has a Patron to protect him as was the case with your Memorialist for so long as Mr Conolly was alive, that Gentleman high sense of justice was an effectual bar to unfounded Complaints against the Memorialist especially as he was well aware of the secret of Mr Collett's hostility to him -

8- That unfortunately for your Memorialist the death of Mr Conolly opened the way at last for Mr Collett to carry out his long Concerned designs against him - Nor was he long about it, the Corpse of the deceased had scarcely assumed Office before Mr Collett preferred Charges against him Mr Clarke new in Office and scarcely a fortnight in the District was readily influenced by his Assistant Mr Collett who had his Charges ready prepared and founded only his Shewing upon mere rumours, but not having proofs to support them Volunteered to beat up for witnesses if Mr Clarke would only suspend him from his post as Assistant that being just then no one would come forward for the required purpose -

9. Then followed a series of Acts on the part of Mr Collett which would seem incredible to your Lordship were they not Capable of the most undoubted proof, having procured the suspension of your Memorialist, that Functionary next sent a Proclamation to the District, inviting people to bring Charges against him, following it up with an order under his hand to the Memorialist directing him to proceed to Calicut 20 Miles distant from his own Talook, evidently with the view that he may be out of the

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way of his accuser. Before he could leave his station, Mr Collett arrived and at once resorted to the unprecedented course of himself taking over charge of the Labuk Treasury during his departure to Calicut, and issued a second Proclamation to the same effect as the first. No better method could have been devised from the scene of his object and the subordinate Officers in attendance upon him with a subaccessory, usual on such occasions readily aided him in the furtherance of it by going about and cajoling and compelling people into a compliance with the Proclamation. Not only were threats used, but some were confined until they agreed to accuse your Memorialist and others instructed to bring charges.

10. That when means such as these had been employed there was wanting neither accusers nor witnesses to fabricate charges of Bribery against your Memorialist, but at the investigation of them so conflicting indeed, so contradictory was the testimony upon which they severally relied that the generous Magistrate could not help throwing them all over Board as not having a single leg to stand upon although it was by his own expeditely which got them up. One charge however remained in his estimation more trustworthy than the rest. But even this solitary one though a committable offence, he did not venture to commit, lest it should break down at the trial because of the two witnesses on whose shoulders it was made to rest, the second man was examined one month after the first as the dates in the appending Calender will shew and their evidence taken jointly or a part too vague or too untrustworthy to Justify a committal or a Cognizance of the Charge.

11. That failing therefore to establish the charge of Bribery against your Memorialist which the Court Magistrate was obliged to ignore for want of evidence and determined by any means to procure his conviction, he afterwards brought a separate charge of Intemperance against him and in preferring it before the Chief Magistrate he denounced the character of the Memorialist in the strongest terms and recommended his dismissal from the service.

Mr Clarke

Mr Clarke having concurred, Memorialist was just suspended on the 15th December 1855 and then dismissed on the 2d April 1856.

12. That, as your Lordship will perceive, the Original Charge of Bribery was founded upon bare rumours and the additional one upon mere appearance for Mr Collett's report to Mr Clarke indicates nothing more. If the charge indeed were true and the habit quite so notorious as was described, where was the necessity for so much trouble on the part of Mr Collett to establish Bribery & Intemperance by stuff, & Intemperance too was a sufficient Offence for the dismissal of the Memorialist, being cause of proof than bribery, and that without the aid of Proclamations. Drunk is committed in secret, but in the other the Drunkard owns acts bear sufficient evidence against himself.

13. But your Memorialist does not hesitate to declare the charge untrue, never was there a more unfounded one. If ever he was addicted to the vice he could not conceal it from public gaze. For the conspicuous position he held by the Palace brought him in constant contact with the people around & with the Subordinates of the establishment none of whom ever gave evidence against him in the matter. By his superiors too he was always seen. Not one of them ever suspected him guilty of so degrading a habit. It was impossible to escape their eyes when the discharge of his responsible duties required sobriety as well as activity. Nor did Mr Collett ever find him in a state other than sober and always present at his post. It was not until the charge of Bribery failed that he thought of preferring against the Memorialist that of intemperance himself being the accuser & witness but in his sweeping assertion he dare not bring one single instance of his intemperance. For bringing from intemperance nor state that he ever found him in liquor, when, if he had only had a fair investigation into the matter and the charge were true, the whole Country around

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as well as the whole establishment might have come
Johnson to Corroborate it. But by the bare manner of
Lodging of his intemperate behaviour merely by his Appearance,
Mr Collett has not only fixed a stain on his Character, but
has also been the cause of Ruining him for life.

14. That your Memorialist first sought Relief from
the Board of Revenue but that Hon^ble Board refused to Grant
any Relief on the Ground that the Gentlemen who had accused
him was an Officer who had previously spoken well of him
as if it is not in every day occurrance that many things may
make a Superior either by dislike of a Subordinate to whom
he was favorable before, on the other hand the Hon^ble Board
were not aware of Mr Collett's most hostility to Memorialist.

15. That hereunto are appended Papers marked A-B-C
D-E & F, as these Papers will speak for themselves Memorialist
will not Comment upon the proceedings which they expose and
beg respectfully to submit to your Lordship that Proclamations such
as these in question inviting Charges against Public Servants
of long service and tried fidelity is a proceeding not only
Repugnant to the principles and practice of a British Govt.
but one too that has been Strictly prohibited in the Dispatch
of the Hon^ble Court of Directors in the Case of Mr Yeronmal a Chetty
late Principal Sudr Ameen of Chingleput, and that
the Memorialist Dismissal from the Public service without
a trial or even a trial Behind his back without any
opportunity whatever having been afforded him for
defending himself is equally in violation of the letter and
Spirit of the Orders of the Madras Govt as embodied in the
Minutes of Consultation Dated 8th August 1856 G.O. No 840
which were issued expressly to prevent the arbitrary dismissal
of Public servants.

16. That in explanation of the delay as long of this
appeal to Govt, Memorialist begs leave to state that he had
last much time in waiting upon the Board of Revenue that
after his Petitions were rejected by them, frustrated all hopes

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I allowed which hitherto rendered him unfit both in body and
mind for business of any kind.

17. That under all the foregoing Circumstances your
Memorialist approaches your Lordship with every Submission
and respect and at the same time with every confidence that
the merits of his case may be taken into Consideration as
well as his long and meritorious services. He humbly entreats
your Lordship not to let him fall a sacrifice to private
animosity but to rescue him from his mental sufferings
brought about by the unjust and unmerited punishments
which has been inflicted on him: Degraded in name and
Character deprived of the advantage of his past services of
22 years, blasted in his future prospects, sent a drift in the
world in his advancing years, his respectability lost and
his family in anguish at his fall your Memorialist has no
earthly hope but in the justice of your Lordship, merely
guilty he could submit to such a hard fate as having
brought to upon himself. But conscious of his perfect
innocence he protests against his doom & humbly craves
your Lordship to direct him to be reinstated into office.
For which act of Justice & Grace your Memorialist as in
duty bound

shall ever pray.

15th April 1859

Shungara Mauroo

A Memorandum of the Services.

My services are briefly these; entertained in the year 1834 as Assistant to the Police Ameen of Tellicherry, I had in the performance of the various duties appertaining to the several Offices and to their respective grades of Gomastah, Moonshee, Ameen, Sheristadar, and Tahsildar in the different Talooks of Malabar, earned the good will of my successive superiors, viz. Messrs Clementson, Sparke, Smith, Goodwyn, Crozier, Chatfield, and Conolly, each of whom, in promoting me to a higher Office, did it from a personal knowledge of my merits, and some of them besides bearing high official testimony thereto favoured me with private testimonials also which are hereunto appended, and the late Mr. Conolly my lamented patron and benefactor was also so well satisfied of my conduct and merits that he made a special selection of me for the post of Tahsildar of Betutnaud when crimes were rife and difficult to be put down there and afterwards confirmed me as Head of the Police of the three Talooks of Betutnaud, Hoorroomburnaud and Shernaud, in making which appointments this Gentleman felt himself satisfied not only from what he knew of himself but also from what he had traced in Official records and other sources of my antecedents connected with which some are as follows; viz my successfully tracing out, on being specially deputed to the business by the Sub Collector Mr. Goodwyn as well concealed murder in the district of Cuvoy and detecting the murderers.

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my bringing to light several cases of robbery when Swad Police Ameen of Calicut my prov-
-ing useful on the occasion when a numerous
body of Moplas entered the Motha Kounoo
Pagoda at Munjerry in Ernaud and com-
-mitted desperate acts and were all put down
in the midst of their conflict with Govern-
-ment people a circumstance which was favor-
-ably noticed by Mr. Conolly, who rewarded
me with a promotion for it - and more im-
-portant than these, the fact will and widely
known of my having entirely discharged in
1852 by means of Talooks Bond under my
order a gang of desperate Moplas who en-
-tered on the boundaries of Calicut and
Coreombumand Talooks and got into a house
there preparatory to a combined attack on
the Tehsildar of Calicut who was on the
spot discharging himself unable to do any
thing without the aid of the Military. Immedi-
-diately concerted measures and as they sallied
out on their murderous intent, I had them put
down under the well directed fire of my small
band of Sepoys.

That to these prominent services I need
not add a detail of these which as Head of the
Police I was incessantly engaged in because your
honors cannot but know what they must have
been if the person holding that Office were duly
vigilant and active in a country notoriously
turbulent, sufficient it is to say that I had
discharged my arduous duties often at the risk
of my life to the entire satisfaction of my
superiors and of the country and especially
to that of Mr. Conolly.

Shungara Menon

B I have been much pleased with the manner in which you and the Havildar have exerted yourselves in the investigation of Aminah's murder in the Canye Talook, and you deserve great credit for the same, the evidence that has been brought forward through your and the Jailor's exertions has been sufficient to convict the murderers -

Tellicherry
18th June 1840

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Joint Magte

No 102.

Order issued by T. W. Goodwyn Esquire Sub. Collector of Malabar to Edathab Shungara Menon the Moonshee of the Cutcherry. The Tellicherry Police Ameen Chandoo having been ordered to act for the Head Gomastah of the Tookoody and as you appear to be active trustworthy and able to discharge the Police and revenue duties and as you are appointed to act for the Police Ameen Chandoo until his return you are hereby directed to go and assume charge of all the Government records &c that are in the Ameen's possession grant him a receipt and act for the Ameen with assiduity - Written at Calicut on the 5th Coombhoom 1016 or 15th February 1841.

(Signed) Ramoony
Moonshee

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Joint Magistrate

No 342. (L. S.)

Summad granted by T. W. Goodwyn Esqr Sub Collector of Malabar to Edathat Shungara Menon Cutcherry Moonshee -

As you have performed the Government duties truly & with assiduity, I, in order to encrease your salary, on the 15 July 1841, issued orders appointing Ellyan the Moonshee of my Office to the situation of Sheristadar of the Cottayam Talook Cutcherry & you to the situation of that Moonshee on a pay of Rs 24½ -

Subsequently to which, Ellayen having represented that he is unwilling to hold the situation of the Sheristadar, you are from the 15 July aforesaid appointed to the office of the Sheristadar, you are therefore directed to attend forthwith at the Cottayam Talook Cutcherry, assume charge of the accounts and other Records in the presence of the Tahsildar, perform the duties with zeal & assiduity and receive your pay at the rate of 30 Rs. per month.

In Koombhom 1016 or 23d July 1841.

(Signed) Ramoony
Moonshee
Sheristadar

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn.
Sub Collector

No 331.

(L. S.)

Order issued by T. W. Goodwyn Esqr. Sub Collector of Malabar to Edathat Coonhy Shungara Menon the 2d Moonshee of Tookkody.

Having been satisfied with the duties performed by you in my office you are appointed the Police Head Moonshee of my office on a monthly pay of Rs 24½. You are therefore directed to transact the business with more assiduity so that I may be more satisfied with you. From this day you will get your pay at the rate of 24½ Rs p month. Written at Tellicherry on the 2d Karkadagom 10 or 15 July 1841.

(Signed) Ramoony
Moonshee
Sheristadar

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn.
Sub Collector

Edathat Shungara Menon has been underme as Moonshee for three years and was promoted in consequence of his good conduct, he bears a good character and is a good Moonshee.

Tellicherry
6 January 1842.

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn.
Sub Collector

No 3.

Order of Mr Conolly Collector of Malabar to Shungara Menon Acting Police Ameen at Calicut.

I have received your Memorandum dated 30 December informing me of the improvement you are now making in the town of Calicut and am

satisfied with your doing so I trust that my view that you will make such improvements and behave yourself carefully and correctly in the discharge of the other public duties will be strengthened by your future conduct also.

(Signed) Mr Conolly
Collector

3d January 1849.

No 331.

Order of Mr Conolly Collector of Malabar to Shungara Menon Acting Police Ameen at Calicut.

At the introduction of new Rules additional authority with the Police and Revenue affairs of a few Amshoms (Subdivisions of Talook) was vested with the Police Ameen, but that authority was afterwards reduced & vested it with the Talook Authorities. I do however vest the same authority with you, and you are therefore directed to transact the business of the Revenue & Police affairs confined upon the Police Ameen at the introduction of the new Rules in the above mentioned Amshoms.

Tricherre
7th Novr 1848.

(Signed) H. Conolly
Collector

No 79.

Order of Mr Conolly Collector of Malabar to Edathat Shungara Menon Police Ameen at Calicut.

Leave of absence for one month having been granted from this date to Vellunaid Tahsildar on sickness. I have appointed you to act for him during the period. You are hereby directed to deliver over the charge of your office of Police Ameen to Shunkara Marad the 3d Koozoor Moonshee whom I appointed to act for you, and appearing yourself on the Vellunaid Talook, take charge of it & transact the business of the same attentively. As long as you act as Tahsildar there you may receive monthly 75 Rupees viz. Rs 25 out of the salary of Ameen Rs 25 that of Tahsildar & 25 on account of your fee in the sale of Tobacco. You must understand that my motive to appoint you to act for the Tahsildar is to prevent Robbery & other crimes which are now prevalent in the District. I therefore direct you will reach the Talook soon as possible and attend to your duties

very carefully.

Calicut
17th July 1850.

/Signed/ H. Conolly
Collector

№ 464.

Order issued by Mr Chatfield Sub Collector of Malabar to Shungara Menon, Sheristadar of Cadathanaud.

I have received an Arzee from the Police Ameen of Tellicherry informing me of the death of the Manager of the Custom House of Mundole. As there is much business at present in the said department on account of the arrival of Vessels, you must forthwith come down to the said Office taking over charge of all that belongs to the Custom House, transact the duties there of until further orders.

Tellicherry
11 Novr 1816.

/Signed/ Chatfield
Sub Collector

№ 238.

Order of Mr Chatfield Sub Collector of Malabar to Shungara Menon acting Police Ameen at Calicut.

You have requested me to grant you a Certificate testifying your services in the department under my control. I have the satisfaction to express that you have conducted yourself justly and carefully in the performance of the Circar duties in the Police Maramut and other departments, while holding the Sheristadarship of the Talook of Cadathnaud &c. You may therefore keep this order as a testimonial to your character.

Tellicherry
28 Octr. 1818.

/Signd/ Chatfield
Sub Collector.

From C. Collett Esqr
Assistant Magistrate

From

C. Collett Esqr
Assistant Magistrate

To

H. Conolly Esqr
Magistrate of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your favorable notice of the Calicut Police Ameen Shangara Menon who was detached to assist me in making enquiries about the gang robberies which was committed in the Chemmer Cherry Amshom of the Calavanaud Talook in the house of Parangattan Mammud Hutt. I received very material assistance from him in conducting this enquiry which will I trust result in the punishment of all the principals & most of the accomplices in that very serious outrage.

I was at the same time also making to a certain extent enquiries respecting the gang robbery in the house of Vassodaven Tola Mumby of the Amshom Calavanaud Talook & gang robberies in the house of Mangadamattil Rangmen Nair of the Irumbady Amshom and of Kalungut Avaran Cunna of the Kerinally Amshom Ernaud Talook. He exerted himself equally well in these cases also.

I have taken the liberty to make this somewhat unusual mention of a Police servants exertions, because as the Ameen was attached to my Cutcherry as a temporary measure only, there would not otherwise remain on record (which I think would be scarcely fair to him) any thing to know that he had exerted himself in the praiseworthy manner in which it seemed to me he did.

I have &c.
/Signd/ C. Collett.
Assistant Magistrate.

Manjery
31 Octr. 1849.

№ 64.

The Order issued by Mr Clementson the Principal Collector of Malabar to Edathat Shungara Menon the 3d Police Jemmadar in the Sub Collector.

As I do appoint you to the Office 2d Moonshee to the Sub Collector you must attend to duties of the Office carefully and shall receive the salary fixed to your Office from this date.

Calicut 24 Septr. 1838.

/Signd/ Clementson. Pl. Collector

Miscellaneous }
Order № 421 }

The Order issued by Mr Clemenson the Principal Collector of Malabar to Balappa Row, the Police Ameen, and Cottoosa the Cottawal of Tellicherry.

You have sent to me on the Menon the Gomastah of your office and as I have appointed him to the office of Police Gomastah in the Tommel pour Talook, I do thereby nominate Edathat Veetil Shungara Menon of Nettor Veneshoor to the vacant place in your Cutcherry and as he will arrive there immediately, you must cause him to transact his duties carefully, and address a report to me stating the time of his arrival there.

Calicut
30th May 1834.

/Signed/ Clemenson.

The order issued by Mr Crozier the Sub Collector of Malabar to Shangara Menon Shirastadar of Cartonad Talook.

As you have been appointed to act for the Police Ameen at Cannanore an order has already been issued to the Collector of your Talook directing him to send you down to Cannanore forthwith. You are therefore directed to deliver up all the Circar papers in your possession to the Tahsildar on the receipt this order & to go down to take charge of all the papers in the Ameen's Cutcherry from the Tahsildar of Chirakul Talook. You are further directed to transact the duties of the Police Ameen with expidenity.

Tellicherry
11 Dec. 1834.

/Signed/ Crozier
Sub Collector

P.S. I will be this evening at Vellacaray, when you can come & see me.

№ 228.

The Order issued by Mr Smith, the Sub Collector of Malabar to Edathat Shungara Menon, Gomastah in the Office of the Police Ameen of Tellicherry.

As I have appointed you from this date to the situation of the 3d Police Gomastah in my Cutcherry, and have issued an order to the Police Ameen to send you to me, you must deliver up all public accounts, proceedings &c. which are in your possession as belonging to your office and to the hands of the Police Ameen, and appear before me and attend to your duties carefully. You may receive the salary fixed to your office from this date.

Tellicherry
14th May 1835.

/Signed/ Smith
Sub Collector

Edathat Shungara Menon having requested me to give him a certificate of his services under me, I have written this to say, that he served under me as a Volunteer from September to December 1832, among the Servants of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry and gave me every reason to be satisfied with his conduct.

Tellicherry
14 Mar 1835

/Signed/ Geo. Sparks.

During the time I acted a second time as Sub Collector, the above appeared at right, the bearer having in the meantime been appointed to the situation of a peadar Gomastah in the Sub Collectors Cutcherry.

9th January 1836.

/Signed/ Geo. Sparks.

№ 376

Order of Mr Conolly Collector of Malabar to Shungara Menon acting Tahsildar of Veetiltnand.

Cuttayatte Kristna Menon the Tahsildar of that Talook having died on the 11th instant you may receive from the 12th date the full salary of the Tahsildarship with the fee in the sale of Tobacco and act for the Tahsildar until further order.

Calicut
29 August 1850.

/Signed/ W. Conolly
Collector

№ 21

Order of Mr Conolly Collector of Malabar to Shungara Menon Tahsildar of Chirnaud.

I have from this date confirmed you in the Tahsildar of Chirnaud and you are directed to tender to the Government a security of 1000 Rs. either personal or Real Security

Calicut, 29 March 1851.

/Signed/ W. Conolly. Collector

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Proclamation N° 1.

Issued by Mr Collett the Joint Magistrate of Malabar for the information of the parties concerned.

While holding an investigation into the case of the assassination of the late Mr Conolly the Collector information has come before me that Shungara Menon the Tasildar of Shernaud and the Peishkar Takeer Mohomed had received bribes to a large amount which has been confirmed by Certain persons who gave the bribes It is therefore my intention to hold an enquiry into the matter at Tirroor Angady on Thursday the 1st Instant of the present year all persons who are aggrieved by the acts of the above Named Officers are directed to appear before me and State there Complaints

18th December 1853.

Sgd C Collett
Joint Magistrate

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N° 2

Issued by Mr Collett the Joint Magistrate of Malabar for the information of all parties

While holding an investigation into the Case of the assassination of the late Mr Conolly the Collector information has come before me that Shungara Menon the Tasildar of Shernaud and the Peishkar Takeer Mohomed had received bribes to a large Amount which has been confirmed by Certain persons who gave the bribes I have therefore come to this place Tirroor Angady to hold an enquiry into the Matter all persons who are aggrieved by the acts of the above named Officers are directed to appear before me and state their Complaints

Written Kat. Tirroor Angady 20th December 1853.

(Sgd) C Collett - Joint Magistrate

Order issued by Mr Collett the Joint Magistrate of Malabar to Shungara Menon late Tasildar of Shernaud Tolook

Having been suspended from your Situation you were ordered to make over Charge of the Treasury Rs to Ryroo Numbeak the Head Gumastah and come to Calicut but you have not as yet done so because it appears that the head Gumastah has not come back to the Tolook If he has not yet arrived I will take Charge of the treasury Rs & you are therefore required to make over Charge of the Same to me immediately and proceed to Calicut early Tomorrow Morning

Sernvangady
20th Decr 1853

(Signed) C Collett
Joint Magistrate

Mr C. Collett at being Absent to grant the following Certificate

F^D Calendar

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N°	Names of Prisoners	Offences	Decisions
1	Koloby ale Versus Coungee Shungar Menon Tasildar of Shernaud Talook	Extortion In having on some date unknown in the Month of Decbr 1831 Extorted from the Nov & Dec 1877 Complainant the Sum of Rs 25 as a bribe by detaining him for Several days & frightening him by threats of his being treated as a prisoner on account of his having aided and abetted the Murderers of late Mr Conolly	I do not think there is a Sufficient evidence to allow of the Tasildars being Committed on this Charge the perso who was with Complainant did not See the money paid to the Tasildar and can only in fact Corroborate the Statement of the Complaint regarding his detained for some days his being detained for some days his being Suddenly allowed to return home after having privately been Seen in Consultation with Some of the Tasildars Dependents and to his being himself Sent by Complainant with 15 Rs which were paid to the Tasildars brother in law (at the Tasildars house) as agreed on the proof of the Tasildars having received the bribe is therefore defective Calicut 28 January 1856 (Sgd) C Collett Joint Magistrate
2.	Pothankuzhangee Koyama And others Versus Coungee Shungara Menon Tasildar of the Shernaud Talook	In having on a date unknown under pretence of the enquiry into the Movements of the Murderers of the late Mr Conolly which was then in progress Compelled the Complainants to pay a bribe of Rs 13 by detaining them at the Talook Cutcherry and Subjecting them thereby to inconvenience and loss	It is impracticable to Commit this Case as the proof of the payment of the money by the adegharry to the Tasildar is conducting (Sgd) C Collett Joint Magistrate
3	Edakandattil Kannen and Others Versus Coungee Shungara Menon Tasildar of Shernaud Talook	Extortion In having on a date unknown in the Month of Octr 1855 through the instrumentality of the adegarry of the Talook Kolum Thurumen Compelled the Complainants and other inhabitants of the Said amsom to pay various sums of money under a threat of otherwise putting them to much inconvenience by detaining them at the Talook Cutcherry under pretext of the enquiry into the movements of the murderers of the late Mr Conolly	Calicut January 28 - 1856 Of the truth of the fact of a general contribution having been raised on behalf of the Tasildar I have no doubt whatever besides the parties whose deposition are recorded I Enclosed many others verbally There is though no evidence to prove that the Tasildar Caused the money to be lined or that he Subsequently received it — adegharry denying of Course the truth of the present Complaint It is therefore impracticable to Commit these Case Calicut 28 January 1856 Signed, C Collett Joint Magistrate
4.	Kolanthodyil Alleyassa And Others Versus Coungee Shungara Menon Tasildar of Shernaud Talook	In having on a date unknown in the latter end of the month of Septr 1855 Compelled the complainant to pay him Rs 19 by detaining them at the Talook Cutcherry and putting them in fear of further inconvenience and loss under the pretext of an enquiry into the movements of the murderers of the late Mr Conolly	I do not think it desirable to commit this Case It would be the only one in which there would be a prospect of a Conviction but as the proof of the payment to the Tasildar of 12 Rs out of the 19 Rs is dependent upon the Statement of two of the Complainants a Solitary case of extortion to so Small an Amount would not probably be deemed Satisfactory when viewed by itself as it must be by the Criminal Court The Tasildars explanation in defence is very far from Satisfactory but as I purpose recommending his dismissal I think it will be desirable not to prosecute him before the Court on the Single Charge. (Sgd) C Collett Joint Magistrate

No. 2573.

From

W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Sub Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward for submission to Government their reply to the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 2d May last, No. 600, R. D., calling for a report on the Memorial of Shungara Menon, late Tahsildar of Shernad in Malabar District.

In Con. 3d May 1859, No. 1983.

2. On 14th December 1855, Mr. Clarke who had succeeded to the Office of Collector of Malabar on the assassination of the late Mr. Conolly, reported to the Board that he had found it necessary to suspend Shungara Menon from the post of Tahsildar of Shernad and submitted copy of the correspondence which had passed on the subject between him and his Sub Collector Mr. Collett, who was engaged in tracing out all concerned in the recent atrocity, together with the Tahsildar's own reply to the charges which were brought against him. These were principally want of energy in taking measures against the fanatic band, disingenuousness in concealing the fact of their having passed through his Talook, and improper proceedings towards certain of the individuals examined by him in connection with the enquiry. Mr. Collett further made mention of a report which had reached him from many and independent quarters that the Tahsildar had turned the occasion to his personal advantage by extorting money from individuals through their dread of being otherwise subjected to harrassing enquiries and treatment, and he expressed his fear that whatever might be the truth of this charge the Tahsildar's notorious habits of intemperance had unfitted him for his post, to which Mr. Collett believed that his own recommendation had mainly tended to advance him.

In Con. 4th Jan. 1856, No. 3723.

3. Mr. Clarke stated that pending the completion of the enquiry which was being held into this charge of extortion and corruption he had suspended Shungara Menon, and he added that he considered the Tahsildar's explanation to be exceedingly unsatisfactory, and that his personal appearance bore strong evidence to the truth of the reports of his intemperance which were so rife.

4. On 14th February 1856, Mr. Clarke submitted to the Board a further report shewing the result of the investigation which Mr. Collett had made, and recommending that the Tahsildar should be removed from the public service as unfit to be retained in his former, or any other public employment.

In Con. 17th March 1856, No. 607.

5. Mr. Collett although he had as was to be expected failed to obtain such evidence against the Tahsildar as would admit of a criminal charge being prosecuted against him with a prospect of success, ascertained beyond a doubt that very general contributions from the inhabitants had been extorted for his avowed benefit, by his subordinates and intimate associates, and to so large an amount and so widely that it was impossible to doubt that the Tahsildar must have been aware of what was going on, and he avowed his belief that whether the money so raised reached the Tahsildar's hands or not, yet his depraved habits of life had so degraded him in the eyes of the people, and brought him into association with so disreputable a class of people, that he had utterly forfeited the respect of the community, and that his further employment in the public service would not be for the public advantage, in which opinion Mr. Clarke expressed his full concurrence, and the Board of Revenue after careful consideration of the case directed the Tahsildar's dismissal on 17th March 1856.

From Malabar 23d March, in Con. 12th April 1856, No. 1053.

6. His principal accomplice a Peishkar, one of his own subordinates, was sentenced by the Joint Magistrate to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and to pay a fine of Rupees 200, and this sentence was confirmed by the Sessions Court, and by the Sudder Court of Fonjdaree Udalut on appeal.

Sjnd 13 June 59 No 2473

7. Mr. Grant the present Collector reports that Natives and Europeans agree in stating that no doubts are entertained in the District as to the truth of the charges which were brought against the Tahsildar, and that his Special Assistant, who has resided for a long time in the part of the country where the occurrences took place, gives as the general opinion of the people, that the extortion which

Mr. Collett apparently roughly estimated at somewhere about Rupees 3,000, really was carried to a much greater extent than was supposed at the time.

8. The Board's convictions of the Memorialist's unworthiness are if possible strengthened by the review of his case which has now been held and by the line of conduct that he has adopted.

9. So far from the tone of Mr. Collett's letters shewing a bias against him, they appear to the Board to manifest great temperance of expression, and Mr. Clarke is not likely to have been misled into perpetrating so gross an act of injustice as the Memorialist would impute to him. His well known habits of close and careful enquiry and conscientious impartiality alike militate against such a supposition.

10. The unworthy motive which the Memorialist would impute to Mr. Collett would not deserve notice were it not to point out the time which Memorialist has selected for bringing forward his appeal, when none of the European Officers then in that part of Malabar remain in the District, and when Mr. Collett himself has quitted India.

11. The Board see no reason whatever, on further consideration, to question the propriety of the decision at which they formerly arrived, or to doubt whether Memorialist fully deserved the punishment he met with.

12. The correspondence which was formerly held on the case is herewith submitted for perusal, if thought necessary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
2nd July 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sub Secretary.

No. 1001.

Ordered That the Memorial received with the letter from Shengara Menon late Tahsildar of Shernaad in the district of Malabar dated — April last be forwarded to the Home Govt, and that intimation of its despatch be made to the Memorialist.

Fort St. Geo.
26th July 1859

Revenue 1859 August
Received Sept 29th
No. 1250.

From The Sub Secretary
to the Board of Revenue
To
The Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George

Dated 2nd July 1859.
Recd 29th Sept 1859.

No. 2373.

Submitting correspondence from the Collector of Malabar and the Board's Proceedings thereon and requesting that Rs. 100 may be granted to Shengara Menon late Tahsildar of Shernaad on the latter's retirement.

William Oakes
No. 1001. 26th July 1859