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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 31—10 1859

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 22d to 31st October 1859.

No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department; dated 24th October 1859, No. 1610.

Observing that the Petitioner Mootoo Pillay, Magistrate's Peon doing the duty of a writer in the Collector's office at Madura, can be promoted only after passing the prescribed examination.

(Vide Public Proceedings from 22d to 31st October 1859, Nos. 17 to 19.)

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1859, No. 1477.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for communication to the Petitioner through the Collector and for circulation.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Actg. Dy. Secretary to Government.

Read the following papers :—

To the Honorable Government of India.

The respectable petition of M
aged 34 years, Magistrate P
now doing duty as Hoozoo

Sheweth,

That the Treasury Royasum duties in this and all other Districts had been performed by persons on a salary of 5 and 4 Pagodas. On 11th December 1852, Petitioner was appointed to such duty by R. D. Parker, Esq., late Collector of this Zillah, on a salary of an Ausamy, Rupees 5, on which Petitioner still continues. In 1858, the Government issued orders that from the year 1859, all offices above the grade of Peon should be conferred on persons who have passed the Uncovenanted Service Examination. The intention of the Government in doing so is that none but passed Candidates should be appointed to situations above the rank of a Peon. How could it be made applicable to the case of Petitioner who according to the Collector's arrangement performed such duties on the pay of a Peon Ausamy and whose name bears entry in the Pay List of the regular public establishment and being included in the pay Bills or Abstract since these many months, obtained the sanction of the Government.

2. On 2nd May 1859, Petitioner and Soondrum Iyen and others addressed the Government as to a certain doubt regarding the Uncovenanted Service Examination, whereon the Government made the following endorsement: "The Government observe that occasional employment as Writer or Goomastah gives no claim to exemption from examination; until, therefore, Petitioners have qualified according to one or other of the standards prescribed, they cannot be promoted from the subordinate grade in which they now serve." Petitioner was not occasionally employed as an Ungamy Goomastah or Writer—but performed the respectable duty of writing the official communication which concerned the Treasury Department.

3. That Petitioner 7 years continued service in Treasury Department as Royasum, which is by no means an Ungamy duty, which duty as before adverted to had been performed by person on salary of 5 Pagodas will be clearly certified by the Collector if required by Honorable Government. Since the Uncovenanted Service Examination rules could not apply to Talook Ausamys on a pay of 4 Rupees and market Curnums on a salary of 3½ Rupees, how could it apply to Petitioner who is on a pay of Rupees 5¼ and whose service as a Royasum amounts to no less than 7 years, which circumstances may afford good ground for dispensing with the examination in the case of Petitioner.

4. Petitioner submits herein the list of 13 duties assigned to him, as well as other Goomastahs, by the present Cash-keeper Streenevasa Iyengar in his own hand writing, together with translate thereof in English, a reference to which will convince the Government that Petitioner is more than a Royasum in the performance of the duty.

5. Peon Ausamy duty is generally the first step from which Candidate have been promoted to higher appointments by a long practice of 20 years prevailing in this District and the facts is also supported by the records in this office.

6. Petitioner is appointed by the Collector to the present duty five years previous to the examination rules of 1858 and continues still in the public duty. Petitioner prays that in consideration of these and other grounds the Honorable Government will be pleased to issue orders that Petitioner being an unpassed Candidate may be no bar to his future promotion.

7. Petitioner prays, therefore, that the Honorable Government will be pleased to take consideration in connection with the foregoing circumstances also the fact that under the Government Orders published in Official Gazette of June last, upon a communication made to the Government by the Postmaster General, dated 20th May 1859, Letter Carriers who are always

ing letters, and scarcely d[o] the business of a Writer can be employed as writers
the examination rules. Moreover the Proceedings of your Honorable Go-
May 1859, declare that if the service of a party on the regular establishment
rs, such person can be recommended to the notice of the Government
tioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honorable Government will take
into your kind and impartial consideration and issue orders to the Collector
he may be promoted to higher appointment without reference to the exami-
Uncovenanted Civil Service.

(Signed) முத்துபிள்ளை,

2nd July J,

No. 2773 of 1859.

The Collector is requested to report what appointment Petitioner really holds, what the nature of its duties is, and whether persons of this class are entered by name in the monthly abstract. If the post be a permanent one, it should further be stated how long Petitioner has held it.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd August 1859.

By order,

(Signed) L. FORBES,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

From T. CLARKE, Esq., Collector of Madura; to L. FORBES, Esq., Deputy Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th September 1859, No. 1010.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition* forwarded by one Moottoo Pillay, Magistrate Peon Assamy, to the Government of India; appended to this Petition is an Order from the Government of Madras dated 23rd August 1859.

* *No. 2773 of* 1859.

By this Order the Collector is requested to report, 1st, what appointment Petitioner holds? He is a Peon on the Magistrate Establishment, on the receipt of a salary of Rupees 5, Annas 4 per mensem.

2nd. What is the nature of his duty? He is employed as a Tamil Writer under the Cashkeeper; writes for him any ordinary Tamil communication he may have to make on the subject of his duties to the Collector, his Assistants or the Sheristadars or other public officers.

Keeps a Register of Bills received from the Accountant General for the information of the Cashkeeper, and of payments made on refund certificates.

Also an abstract of orders received from the Collector, and a list of letters that may be sent by the Cashkeeper.

Checks the lists of attendance of Pensioners, and, in fact, assists the Cashkeeper in his Tamil correspondence and in keeping his Tamil Records.

His duties are quite of a subordinate character.

3rd. Whether persons of this class are entered by name in the monthly abstract? No, he is included among the Peons.

4th. Whether the post is a permanent one? It has long been customary in this District to employ Peons and persons in their stead in affording assistance to the Writers in the Hoozoor and Talooks, each man draws the pay of one Peon and is entered in the Establishment as a Peon.

Each Talook establishment is assisted by Assamies and contains also a man versed in native medicines, who, in addition to mounting guard or serving processes in villages near the Talook, affords medical aid when required.

5th. How long petitioner has held the office? He was appointed in December 1852, by the late Collector Mr. Parker.

ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1859, No. 1610.

1. The Petitioner requests that, as he was in Government employ on th
and as, moreover, he has hitherto been employed *as a Writer* though ente
Peon, he may be declared eligible for promotion in the regular line of the
ing Examination.

2. The Government see no reason for considering Petitioner's cas
and decline to relax the rules in the manner solicited. Petitioner can b
passing.

3. With respect to the first ground, the Government think it right to give
decision for general application, as there is reason to think that the line which sep
who are exempted from those who are not, is imperfectly understood.

4. The rule laid down by Government exempting persons in public employ from
mination test was intended to apply to those only who on the 1st January of the prese
were in a grade affected by the rules, *i.e.*, above the rank of Peon.

5. It is only by a strict adherence to the intentions which they proposed to themselves a
outset that the Government can hope to see the system work successfully. They framed
rules after very careful consideration and they wish to enforce them strictly unless experie
should show the necessity or desirableness of amending them in any particular.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Military Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Revenue 1859 Dept.
Pro: of Govt 31st October.

No. 1992

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
Public Department.

Dated 24th October 1859
Recd 29th

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Fort St. Geo.
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