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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd September 1864.

No. 338. Read the following letter from Colonel T. THOMPSON, Agent for Remounts, Oossoor; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd September 1864:—

SIR,

1. Having inspected the Agricultural Implements recently arrived from England, I have the honor to request I may be furnished with the following allotment viz :—

1 Large Reaping Machine.
1 Small Reaping and Mowing do.
1 Farm Cart, complete.
1 Horse Rake.
1 Largest Iron Plough.
1 Wooden Short Beam do.
1 Wooden Bullock do.
1 Horse Hoe, complete.
1 Chain Harrow do.
1 Spike Harrow do.
2 Hand Hay-rakes.

2. These Implements are all ready for despatch, and I would beg to suggest that they might be sent off at once, in charge of Mr. Barwell, to the Department, in order that I may be enabled to make use of them at the earliest opportunity.

3. Mr. Barwell can return to the Presidency at any time his services may be required to set up the other Implements expected from England.

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1864, No. 1,750.

Miscellaneous.

The Board of Revenue will instruct Mr. Barwell to proceed at once to Oossoor with the Implements selected by Colonel Thompson, and will arrange for his travelling expenses and the safe custody of the remaining Implements.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Colonel T. Thompson, Agent for Remounts, Oossoor.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

Enclo A.

(Copy)

Memorandum

The undersigned must decline to comply with Mr. Dimonte's request in advancing his pay, and under existing circumstances must also refuse to have any communication whatever with Mr. Dimonte, except officially and in Writing.

(Signed) W. Dn. Cadell
Collector

Tanjore
2d Feby 1864

Encl. B.

Tanjore 6th Feby 1864.

To.

M. M. Cadell Esqre
Collector of
Tanjore

Sir

I have just heard that a petition of mine in favor of one Nattoutyan Allagapah Chetty on plain paper for negociating the loan of 410 Rs. on promise to repay the same in 2 months is in your Possession and that it was delivered by some party, which I will thank you to return me forthwith.

This document was lost or mislaid or stolen from a Servant named Moonisamy, who has left Vellum to proceed to Negapatam at 10 or 11 Am. on 26th or 27th ultimo.

This circumstance has been duly reported to the Police here and at Negapatam who were all I dare say on the Qui vive, and I have this day again reported to the Police of its recovery.

I have &c

Wm Addiscott
Lt.

Lr No 152/64

Encls No. 6

(Copy)

Memorandum

In reply to his letter of this days date Mr. D'monte is informed that the documents referred to cannot be returned to him, and that the circumstances under which it has been produced before the undersigned must form the subject of a judicial investigation.

(Signed) Ch. M. Cadell
Collector & Magistrate

Tanjore Collrs Office
Vellum 6th Feby 1864

To

Mr. A. D'monte
Acting Collector

Read 12th Feby

Encls: D ½.

Memorandum

Jamaica 10th Feby/65.

Mr. Bourke is requested to attend at the Collectors Exchequer in the little Fort at 5 O'Clock.

for W. Lascelles
Collector

To Mr. A. Bourke
Dy Collector.

Encl. B E

Vellum 25th Janz 1864.

To.

Collector. Tanjore

Sir.

Para 2.— Dust should Govt Officials be found not only to have invited, encouraged, and dictated to but have held private interviews and private meetings with the above parties their Ulistoughes &c. and have instigated & appointed Cuedwars and Ex Salt Sewants with promises of protection and betterment in life to join in conspiracies against the Executive or Ministerial Officer what steps should be taken by the Victims to avert and to have put a stop to such proceedings and what the Parties aimed at may represent grievances — as I hear they intend to do all connected with the Salt Department and lastly whether I can procure at present dispose of such Complaints.—

3. Another Ex Salt Sewant has just reported that besides the above further plots are in contemplation by certain Parties against some individuals or other in the Department for maturing which a young Brown and some Ex Peons has yesterday been deputed to certain Villages to collect Plaints & Evidences &c

4. It is also rumoured that the ground work of those plots are to prejudice and thus to increase your anger on the Departmental Officials. &c.

I am &c

(Sd) A Brown

(Copy)

No 77.

Official Memo

In reply to his letter of this days date Mr Din is informed that parties now or lately employed in the Salt Department must for the present state their grievances to the undersigned.

With regard to the remainder of his communication under acknowledgment, the undersigned declines to offer any opinion

Tanjore 2 / Signed W. Caldwell
Illegible 25 Jany 1864 / Collector

To The Deputy Collector
Salt Department

(True Copy)
A Dorrett

(Copy) Tanjore 2nd Feby 1864.

Encls. 4 F

My dear Scrishtedar.

2. Oh by the bye a late Salt Servant for the past week is publicly stating that Jno has sent for and instigated him on Wednesday 27th to invent or get up cases of some kind prejudicial to my public and private Character and that you have promised to give him a Stamp Vendorship at Combaconum or somewhere, otherwise he was to have considered himself disqualified from Age to be re-employed this I hear has so exasperated him that he at first made brutal attempts to get up a hue and cry against me but that now he has represented his case to some Court at Madras for Redress.

This is not the only Person who has thus given expression to an attempt on your Character one that of one of your Clerks named Nullia Pa Modelly to augment my troubles — I write this simply to ascertain if this be a fact or not, but I am reluctant to credit the truth of these statements

Jno Inl 3
(Sd) A Dorrett

To
Jno P Ry
T. Venkatasami Row Inl 3
Scristedar Collr Office
Tanjore Vellum

on said accn at the time, ---- ----

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Encl'e A. (No 27)

Tanjore Coll'r Office
Nagapatam 12th Feby 1804

To
Mr A. D'Monte
Deputy Collector

Sir
I have the honor to request your replies to the following questions.

Who is Alagiapathetty and are you personally acquainted with him? If not what reason was there for your drawing out a receipt in his Name? and why, when you proposed to borrow Money from your agent (Sama Pillay) should the Receipt be drawn up in the name of a third party.

I have &c
(Sd) W. Dn. Cadell Coll'r
& Magistrate

To Collector

Sir, With reference to your Letter of this day I beg to state that I am not acquainted with Alagiapathetty, but I remember Sama Pillay my Agent having mentioned that he would obtain the assistance I wanted from a party of some such name with whom Sama Pillay has I believe pecuniary transactions, at whose instance I sent up the Receipt

2. After my Agent shall have approved and negociated with Allagiapathetty or any other party for the necessary funds, a proper deed in due course would be executed.—

3. On the 1st or 2d Instant I do (you will

will remember / applied to give, and some time previous drew to the Treasury by Collector for my Salary. for January, to live for my family.

I have &c

(Sd) A Dimmock

D.C.

Encl[o]r H.

Nagapatam 13th Feby/64.

To.

W. M. Cavell Esqre
Collector

Sir.

After answering the queries in your Letter of Yesterday I think it necessary to caution you against Selvaraja Mody (now Sheriff of Nagapatam) the person whom you told me gives himself out to be the Party for whom I drew a receipt in favor of Allagappa Chetty.-

How much his statements are worth you will learn from the fact that he gave it to me in writing on the 25th Ultimo in presence of Witnesses that you and the Servants Car have been inducing him by promises of promotion in office and other means as well as threats to make statements prejudicial to me, in fact that he was being tutored to get up evidence in support of your Suspicions

I have &c
A Dimmock
13/2/64. D.C.

(True Copy)
A Dimmock

Replies to Queries contained in Mr De Monte's letter to Shanna Pillay

Queries	Replies
Will you please inform me how long in and by my family have I had pecuniary transactions with you	Upwards of a year
Will your Books show it	My Books will show it.
The name of your Partner or Agent to whom you gave the Note when in December last somewhere about Christmas time as it is not I asked you for a loan to send with my pay for my family from Tanjore and what was the amount I asked you for	Ahmad Sonaka Allagapah Chetty. - About December last you asked for Rs 250 I think
On what date and what hour did the Deloyets take you to the Collectors at Negapatam and what were the questions put to you and were they noted down, by whom	In February. - I have no note of the date but it was the day after the Cutchery came here. - I was taken to the Collector late in the evening and my deposition was taken by Candle light.
	The following are some of the questions Recorded being just to me I cannot recollect the whole
	Did you go to Tanjore to see

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after Mr Cadell's

Jaffna

What business had you

He over Dear Sir in
consequence of rumours
De Saram going to be
from the District Court

How much money does
De Saram owe you

About Rs 350

Did he ask you for more
yes 250 Rupees more
for this formerly from Cadell

Did you give him the money

No Sir never to Cadell

Did you ever hear Cadell
Eyand Che Thamby Saravanamuttu
more

Yes

Upon what occasion

No

you were acquainted about it
Mr Cadell formerly, therefore
not a fond friend except Mr
Cadell and his family

5 Were you asked any thing about your Agent or partner Nallathamby Nallatamby Allagapatchetty

I was not asked any thing about my Agent Allagapatchetty Nallatamby Allagapatchetty & Vanniyasingham who I said Assisted me

6 Where does this Agent of yours reside

My Agent Nallathamby Allagapatchetty resides at Sickle

7 Are your transactions with Nallathamby Allagapatchetty entered in your Books and will they be found in his Books also

Yes my transactions with my Agent are in his and my Books and may be seen

8 Since when are you acquainted with the Nallathamby your Agent

Since September last

9 Has the Collector after the 11th February sent for you and made any further enquiries about your friend the Nallathamby. I wish you to give me Correct answers and if you could have your reply written in English I will feel thankful. You can charge me for its Cost

No. nothing further - Never saw the Collector a second time

10 What is the balance I owe you now

Between ~~About~~ Rs 150 to 160 Rupees

D. C. J. P. D. 1862

Witness No. 23. Coopeandy.

Deposition on oath given before T. Clarke Esqre. on the 23d July 1864, by Coopeandy, Cumvoodian Caste, Sirvai sect, age about 55, residing at Vellipolliem, Masalchee in the Salt Deputy Collector's Office.

Questioned by Mr. Clarke.

My son came from Vellam to Tanjore at the end of last January sick of fever. He died a week after on a Thursday evening. While he lay ill I wanted some money to pay the native Doctor, and could get it from none of my friends. I went to Mr. D'Monte, he gave me a Rupee. At the same time he told me that my son had with him a paper belonging to him (Mr. D'Monte,) which he desired might be brought to him. On my return home I asked my son about it. He was too ill to reply and only made signs with his head. I then asked the females of the house and searched his clothes and also looked through the house. I could find no papers. I then went and reported the result to Mr. D'Monte. He told me to make further inquiries. I did so and was told that two Salt servants with jackets and turbans on had been at the house, but I never saw

saw or could find the papers. My sister-in-law told me the strangers came in and spoke with my son.

Questioned by the Prosecutor

My son when I spoke to him about Mr. d'Monte's paper, was in the article of death and did not understand me. His motions were those of a dying man, gasping and moving about his hands. My son died at Sun-set. I had returned from Negapatam at 2 P.M. that day. I left Tanjore for Negapatam on the preceding Tuesday. For the months preceding the Tuesday on which I went to Negapatam, I was going backward and forward between Vellam and Tanjore. After presenting my petition to the Collector I remained 5 days at Vellam and then returned to Tanjore, and 5 days after my return my son came to Tanjore. After my son's arrival I did not go to Vellam. My son came with my son. He said nothing to me about the paper. He brought with him no bundle, but only a jacket and a handkerchief. I did not search his clothes but Mr. d'Monte told me to search for the paper. He kept on his jacket during his illness, and his handkerchief was by him. He was in his senses for 3 days only after

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after his arrival from Vellam. During these 3 days he said nothing to me about the paper. I saw Mr. d'Monte on the Thursday and not before that. It was about 4 o'clock P.M. when I saw him. He was in the travellers' bungalow at Tanjore. It was before my son died at 3 o'clock that I saw Mr. d'Monte. I do not know where my son was in the habit of putting up at Tanjore. I used to sleep at the Cutchery. My sister-in-law's husband's name is Narasu who is Masalchee in the Collector's treasury. He lives near the treasury close to the gateway. I saw none of the salt Peons at Tanjore. I saw one come to visit my son while I was with him. The travellers' bungalow is only about a mile and a half from where Narasu was staying. My son came to Tanjore on Friday (29th January). He never left the house after coming there. When I saw Mr. d'Monte no one was with him. When he asked me to bring the paper he sent no one with me, nor did he

he come to my house. I did not say two Cali servants came to the house, but that they looked like public servants. I was told that they came but once. I heard they came the day after I had gone to Negapatam. I do not know whether my son was dismissed or not from his office by Mr. D'Monte. My son told me he had obtained two months' leave of absence from Mr. D'Monte. I never told Mr. D'Monte that my son was possessed of the devil. I do not know where my son put up at Vellam.

Questioned by Mr. D'Monte

When I say a week I mean 8 days. I can recollect it was on a Friday my son came to Tanjore, because he died on Thursday and we buried him the next day, Friday.

(Signed) Gopeandy.

Solemnly affirmed on oath before me this day the 23d July 1864.

Clerk
Chamber of Pleas.

Witness No. 35. Mr. G. Chinnery.

Deposition on oath taken before J. Clarke Esqre on the 25th July 1864 by Mr. G. Chinnery, Government Second Office Inspector of Police at Tanjore, residing at Tanjore, Protestant, age 40.

Questioned by Mr. Clarke.

2. Did Mr. D'Monte make any complaint to you in January or February last, regarding a missing letter of his?

A. About the latter end of January, the date I cannot recollect, Mr. D'Monte wrote me a note stating that he had sent one of his servants to Negapatam to bring him some money from one Alagapa Chetty, and that the servant had not yet returned. He requested me to make some inquiries into the matter. I happened to see Mr. D'Monte the next day at the Travellers Bungalow. I told him that Native Chetties do not readily advance money on promissory notes; that one or two days delay is of no consequence. After this I heard nothing regarding the matter. Again, at the commencement of February I received another note from Mr. D'Monte, informing me that the promissory note alluded to in his former note had been found and

that

that it was in the possession of the Collector.
This is all that I know.

The first note was destroyed; the latter I gave to the Superintendent of Police at Tanjore. I know nothing of any mediation through Samoo Pillay.

Questioned by the Prosecutor

The note marked P is the second note I have mentioned. I know Mr D'Monte's hand-writing and can speak to this note being in his hand-writing. The first note was like this second one — an unofficial one. I have known Mr D'Monte since his coming to the Tanjore District. The name of the servant who had charge of the promissory note was not mentioned in the first note. Store up the first note because I did not attach any importance to it. I store it up under the impression that it was a private note. I was Acting Head Quarters Inspector at the time Mr D'Monte wrote it. I am not the party who should have been applied to by Mr D'Monte. The Superintendent or the local Inspector should have been applied to by Mr D'Monte. I took no steps in receiving the note as I thought none were necessary, because the contents of that note did not amount to a Police case. I did not reply in writing to the first note, but next day told Mr D'Monte verbally that

Rattinottai

Rattinottai Chetties do not in a hurry negotiate promissory notes. I was at my house when the first letter arrived. I do not know who were present, perhaps my wife and children. It was brought me by a servant of Mr D'Monte. I do not know his name. I did not see the servant. The second note was accidentally presented. It was thrown into my desk after being read, and was only found on searching for it at the request of the Superintendent of Police. The greater part of my private notes I usually destroy. I do not recollect having mentioned to any one between the 29th January and 5th February that Mr D'Monte had lost a promissory note. I did not ask for the name of the servant who had charge of the Promissory Note when I saw Mr D'Monte the next day, nor did he mention it to me. I did not take any further steps in the matter after speaking to Mr D'Monte nor am I aware of his having taken any. I believe the Superintendent of Police was absent from Tanjore at that time. The local Inspector Mr Green was living in the fort. When the Superintendent is absent all local departmental letters are opened and

disposed

disposed of by the Head Quarters Inspector, but letters from the Collector from Madras, or complaints to the Superintendent are sent to him unopened. Mr D'Monte expressed nothing more than I have stated. He expressed no suspicion that the servant would not return. I never mentioned to Mr Green that I had received a note from Mr D'Monte, because I did not think it amounted to a police case. I mean I had given Mr D'Monte a solution of the delay sufficient in my opinion to account for it and to set his mind at ease, in saying that the Nattucottai Chettiers do not readily negotiate such Promissory Notes, but that generally they consider 2 or 3 days about it. I wrote a letter of explanations to the Head Quarters Inspector on the subject of Mr D'Monte's letter. The letter now produced (marked D.) is the one. I did not in that letter mention what I told Mr D'Monte of the practice of Nattucottai Chettiers. I was at the time of writing a little ill and did not consider myself called on to state all I had said to Mr D'Monte, because the order I received did

did not require that I should state all the particulars connected with the matter, but only that I should explain where the letters were. I had no other letters from Mr D'Monte on the subject of the Promissory Note, than the two I have already mentioned. I often saw Mr D'Monte between the interval of the receipt of the two notes, but had no opportunity of speaking with him on the subject of his loss. I cannot possibly say where Mr D'Monte was all the time between these intervals. My house is about ½ of a mile from the Public Bungalow. Mr D'Monte often mentions the hour of writing when he writes to me. I do not know why Mr D'Monte wrote to me his second note after I had told him the proper course for him to adopt was to apply to the Town Inspector. Perhaps he wrote it in the same friendly spirit as he did the first. Mr D'Monte is an intimate friend of mine. Mr D'Monte did not mention to me either verbally or by writing, between the 29th January and 5th February, that he had obtained any information regarding

regarding the note. I did not see Mr D'Monte in the interval. He did not tell me anything regarding his Masalchee or that his father had mentioned that the note was not forthcoming or that some servants had been seen speaking with his son. I do not know Sriniwasa Pindali, but Chedumbara Pillay is an old friend of mine. As long as Chedumbara Pillay was at Tanjore he usually came almost every day to see me. He owed his recovery from a severe fit of illness to my efforts on his behalf.

Questioned by Mr D'Monte.

I did write to Mr D'Monte to Madras in regard to the loss of the Promissory Note. The letter now shewn me (marked R.) is the letter I wrote to Mr D'Monte. It is dated 23d June 1864, Tanjore. It was in answer to a letter received from Mr D'Monte in which he asked me to state whether he had written to me about the loss and recovery of his note. I do not know whether I have preserved Mr D'Monte's letter to me. The Chedumbara Pillay (2d witness) who gave evidence yesterday is the Chedumbara Pillay I have alluded to above. Chedumbara Pillay did not at any time speak to me about any Promissory Note or any money transactions of Mr D'Monte's.

Further

Further deposition on the 26th July

Questioned by the Prosecutor.

I am a native of Negapatam. I have lived there upwards of 21 years. I know Alagapa Chetty. I know several of that name. I do not know whether any of them is called Negapatam Alagappa Chetty. I know these Chetties as they came to the treasury to draw money; but I do not know their place of residence. Of the bills they presented none was termed Negapatam Alagappa Chetty. I speak from recollection of what occurred up to 1865 when I was a writer in the Collector's office. I do not know Samoo Pillay nor have I ever met him to my knowledge. In Mr D'Monte's first note to me he said that the drawee's name was Negapatam Alagappa Chetty. I cannot recollect whether any one was present when I spoke with Mr D'Monte about the first note he wrote me. Mr Warehouse was in the bungalow, I went to call on him. I do not recollect whether this was the date on which I met Mr Warehouse.

(Signed) G. Chinnery.

Solemnly affirmed on oath before me this day the 25th July 1865.

Clerk.
Member, Bd of Rev.

Witness No. 36. J. Keyes.

Deposition on oath given before T. Clarke Esqre. on the 20th July 1864 by J. Keyes, Head Constable at Negapatam, residing at Negapatam, age 42, Roman Catholic.

Questioned by Mr. Clarke.

2. Was any report made to you or to your office by Mr. D'Monte in January or February last regarding the miscarriage or loss of a Promissory Note belonging to him?

A. I was acting Inspector in the beginning of the year and was at that time in charge of the Negapatam range. About the 30th January last a written paper was left with me by a native boy. It was addressed outside to the Acting Inspector of Police, Negapatam. The letter stated that a servant of Mr. D'Monte's had been sent with a Promissory Note of 400 and odd Rs from Tanjore to an Agent at Negapatam and had not returned, and begged that I would be on the look out for him. The note gave no description of the servant. I took no further notice of the affair and destroyed it. The boy gave the note in my hand. I did not ask from him the

the name of the servant entrusted with the Promissory Note, nor any description of him, nor did I at the time write to Mr D'Monte for a description of him. I did so 4 or 5 months after. I did not keep the note those 4 or 5 months, but receiving a letter from Mr D'Monte 4 or 5 months after which reminded me of the matter I then wrote to him for a description. A week after receiving the first note from Mr D'Monte I received a second, telling me that he had found the Promissory Note which was with the Collector. I have not got the second note. I destroyed it also. About the 24th or 25th of June I got a further letter from Mr D'Monte from Madras, asking me to state whether I had received any communications from him regarding the loss and recovery of a Promissory Note. I replied to Mr D'Monte. The paper now shewn me (marked D) is the reply I sent Mr D'Monte. I did not mean to say that I asked Mr D'Monte for a description of the missing person 4 or 5 months after receiving his first note, but that I had written a letter to him. It was my duty perhaps to have asked Mr D'Monte for a description of his servant, but as he had entrusted

entrusted him with the note I did not think it was a case of theft and therefore coming under the cognizance of the Police, and so I took no further notice of the matter. I should have put this note on the file, but having so many letters at the time I did not know what to do with it. I believe there were other complaints of this kind which I did not file. I saw Mr D'Monte at Negapatam 2 or 3 days after receiving his first note. I then spoke to him about his letter. He gave me a description of the man and told me his name was Poneandy or Swoneandy. I then spoke to some of the constables asking them if they knew the name. They said they did not, and wanted a particular description which I could not give. I forget who the constables are with whom I spoke. About 3 or 4 days after seeing Mr D'Monte at Negapatam on the 5th or 6th February I got Mr D'Monte's second note. Mr D'Monte in his first note mentioned his agent but I forget the name he gave. I do not know the name of the boy that put Mr D'Monte's first note into my hand, nor did I ask. He did not tell me he was Mr D'Monte's servant.

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I do not think the note came by post. I do not recollect that it bore any post mark. I did mention to Mr Sears the present Inspector of the Negapatam range that I received this letter by post. I really cannot say whether it was by post or by private hands. I thought at the time I spoke of the matter with Mr Sears, that it came by post. I saw Mr D'Monte at the Chapel on Sunday morning the 30th January, and it was there that I spoke to him about the note I had received from him. I did not ask Mr D'Monte to give me the aid of any of his servants to point out the man with the missing Promissory Note. Mr D'Monte did not do any thing beyond writing the note to urge me to discover the man. I have seen the man shewn me (Samoo Pillay,) very often, but who he is or what he is I do not know. The name of Ponneandy or Moneandy was given in the first note received from Mr D'Monte. Mr D'Monte's first note gave me the name but not the description

description of the bearer of the Promissory note; it also gave his residence at Vellapollium. I enquired at Vellapollium, but could learn nothing of him. I said at first I took no steps in the matter of Mr D'Monte's letter on receiving it, and now that I enquired at Vellapollium. It was two or three days after when I was on my beat, I asked the people as I went along the streets about Moneandy. I enquired in 2 or 3 streets at Vellapollium. I do not know the name of one street from another there. I have been stationed at Negapatam about a twelvemonth.

No questions put to witness by Mr D'Monte.

(Signed) J. Keyes.

Solemnly affirmed to & before me this day the 26th July 1864.

Clerk
Member, B. of Rev.

Witness No. 27. Camachee.

Deposition on oath given before J. Clarke Esqre on the 26th July 1864 by Camachee, daughter of Epulappen of Tanjore, Angabaraky caste, Siva sect, age 30, given before J. Clarke Esqre on 26th July 1864.

Questioned by Mr. Clarke.

I knew Mooneandy. He is my sister's son. In the months of Tai January / at the end of it, he came from Villam to Tanjore very sick with fever. He came on a Friday. He said he had been suffering from fever 2 or 3 days. I did not see any public servants come to visit him, but on my return after having gone to the treasury, he told me that 2 ser-vants had been to see him. This was on the 2d or 3d day after he came to Tanjore. I did not see any paper in his hand, nor did I know of his bringing any. He was not delirious till after the 4th day. He did not speak of any paper before his death.

Questioned by the Prosecutor.

He said two public servants came to see him.

Deposition on the 27th July 1864.

Questioned by Mr. Clarke.

Mooneandy only told me that some servants had come to see him. He did not say that they had spoken with him; nor did he tell me who they were or de-scribe them to me.

I did not mention to any one what Questioned by
Mooneandy told me. It was when I re- the Prosecutor
turned from the Treasury at 10 A.M. that he
told me.

(signed)

mark of Canaeuce.

Solemnly affirmed on oath before me this
day the 27th July 1864.

Clerk
Mauritius Bn of Rep.

Memorandum

Having intended to permit about 600 Rupees for my family to join me from the N. W. P. on the 26th January last I gave to a Servant named Mooniandy necessity of my Office at Vellum on Jan. gave a note on plain paper for 410 Rs. in a Tamil Letter for delivery to my Agent Saina Pillay a Banker at Negapatam and a Rupee for his proceeding by Train thither that Evening.

Loan — 400
Interest for 2 Mos. @ 12 P. Cent. — 8
Train charges for the Agent to & fro — 2
410

2. I had negociated with Shana Pillay a month previous for the above Loan, at whose request the Note was drawn out in favor of his Partner one Nattokotian alag pat Chetty (Vide Shana Pillay's replies to my queries submitted herewith in original) promising to repay the same 2 months after date and which after approval would have been of course executed on Stamp.

3. Ere the Letter was delivered into the Servants hands I remember Chaving given the Note and Letter to one of my Servants named Ramasamy who was then present to close and seal the Letter, to inspect in the Mussalchy the important of the document, so that he may not wilfully cause any delay. I also applied to the Collector and the Treasury Officer to advance my Salary for January which was not refused. Vide A.

4. The Servant left Vellum about 11 or 12

o'Clock for Tanjore and promised to be back on the 27th or 28th Instant. He not having returned I telegraphed to my Agent and after obtaining his reply on the morning of the 29th I reported the circumstance to the Police at Tanjore and on the 30th I proceeded to Nagapatam where no clue was obtained as to the whereabouts of Mooniandy was — I sent for Coopiandy his Father whose family informed me that he was gone to some Station in the interior and then I reported it to the Police at Nagapatam also —

5. On 1st February I returned to Tanjore when the Father came to see me at about 12 A.M. to the Travellers Bungalow in a distressed state of mind and said that his Son was dangerously ill of some kind of spirits and fever, praying for some pecuniary assistance. It was then I knew that Mooniandy did not leave Tanjore. I told him in presence of several individuals of the Letter and Note and the Paper I gave his Son, he said he would Enquire. On the 3rd the old Man came back crying and said that his Son by name the night previous had left him and he sought for my Papers, he said that he had Enquiries of some Females of the House where his Son resided they it would appear told him that his Son was in Possession of some Papers, but that 2 or 3 Cart Servants frequented the deceased during his illness, and that the Letter might have been given to one of them to be returned to me —

and that he joined his Son on Saturday the 30th Ultimo —

6. Coopiandy and the 4th identified the Men who were said to have frequented his Son during his illness and they were stated to be the disunpsee Monaigars Sedumbara Pillay and Chinnavasa — I sent people instantly to the Town to search and bring them but they were not found. Had I the least clue of them having any Note and subsequently learnt I should have taken them over to the Police to be dealt with by the Magistrate —

7. On the 6th Morning I was told by the Collectors Peon that a long Consultation on the night of the 4th at Vellum between the Serishtedar and these 2 Men in the House of the former the Note in question was taken by Veerasamy Pillay and delivered to the Collector at Tanjore on the 5th February, when I wrote a Note addressed that officer Vide Encl B and informed the Police of his recovery and therefore of the Collectors desire for or ascertaining from me the particulars of the Note in question as mentioned subsequently done which in reply that the circumstances under which the document has been produced before him, it cannot be returned Encl C

8. Six days after the presentation of the Note, the Collector ordered me to see him in the Treasury office for

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of 3 P.M. Vide Encls. D. and it was then I was shewn my lost note, and was informed that Sennavasa the dismissed Peon had gave it to the Collector under very suspicious representations. On this subject I would simply refer the Honble Board to my Letter to the Collector on 25 January under E. Encl to his Serishtedar on 2nd February Encls. F. I immediately narrated the whole of the aforementioned circumstance and also gave it as my opinion that the deceased chiefly for purpose of finding himself at the close of January, getting above his Malady might have given this Letter to the Ex Dalavoy, telling the importance of the Letter for the purpose of obtaining returned to me, as he knew the Ex Servants more or less die attends and Salaam'd me almost every Morning and Evening. Sennavasa like all the natives given alone to mischief was to obtain favor of the Serishtedar was tempted to pry into the Letter from the Ex Dr. to a native Banker and thus he secured the Note which document he took good care to keep close until the Serk knew who gave it him was no more; however all these statements of mine made no kind of impression in my Collector as he said that he was doing his duty and appeared determined to dispose the case, and then I expressed my regret that Mr Casell should entertain the subornes Statement of such a notorious character as Sennavasa than an officer of any position—

Sennavasa dis

9. After my addressing the Collector on the 6th to return me the Note, I think that officer should have handed over the document to the Police in view that Sennavasa should first acquit himself as to how he came in possession of a paper reported to them to have been lost by me, but instead of this being done, every latitude was, and is daily being given him and his aiders & abettors, to procure evidences to support his version of the case and what that is I am ignorant of— I hardly know Sennavasa beyond that he was the Dubashy of Adjunct at Negapatam and was doing duty at Vedaranium as acting Modiagar—

10. On the 11th the Collector proceeded to Negapatam, sent 2 Peons for my Banker Shama Pillay who resides in my neighbourhood and took his Statement regarding my having pecuniary transactions with him and whether I had negociated any loan of his &c. which he acknowledged and of which he acknowledged and of which he wrote Encl C. with my reply. He wrote another letter and cautioned that Officer in writing with whom he was dealing in the person of Sennavasa Encl H and how much his statement was worth, as he was a Native who addressed me an anxious date

article 10th Dec. regarding the Examination
of the Salt Springs at Vedaraiem by Mr
Dr. Lowe Ramachundra Row, and who also
gave a Statement in writing in my presence
at Vellum on 25 January immediately
after the Coll. Examined him respecting
the additional pans I had sanctioned
in Adrampatam of the manner the
Collector had his Servishe Car had
endeavoured to intimidate him to
say something or other against me
these Arzi's have been already for-
warded in Original to the Board
on the 18th and 29th January respectively.

vi. This is the subject of Enquiry that
was being vigorously conducted by em
Collr. at Tanjore and Nagapatam
for the past Month and a half,
and which that Officer has promised
to submit a further report to the Board
ere long — In view that the
Honble Board may obtain an insight
into the case now under investigation
by my Collector I have taken the liberty
to lay before them for their information
a brief narrative of his Proceedings
during my stay in the District

Arbuthnot

N.B. I trust the Honble Board will
favour me with a Copy of my Collectors
Perwunna Report. Arby

G.G.G.

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Elected by Colonel Thompson, and will arrange for his travelling Expences, and the safe custody of the Commissions & muster Rolls.

Fort St George
22d. Septr. 1764

1st Bd of Rev. Sept 26 Gd & Mr Scty
2d Col J. Thompson
Agent for Recruits

Rec'd 1864 Oct 5th
Rec'd of Gov Gorsuch
No 2513.

From the Agent
for remount Depot
Hoover

Dated 22d Sept 1864
Received 22d " 1864

From Lt W. Agt Secy to the
Board of Rec'g & Appeals &c
Cat 972

Requests that
the implements selected
by him may be sent off
at once to Hoover under
the care of Lt L Barnell

No 1585 & 89.

ad 1750. 22d Sept

Lt Col Taubridge &c