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17th March 1864.*

No: 201. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Trikalore, 4th March 1864, No. 15:—

SIR,

1. The Civil Paymaster has declined to pass the pay of K. Parthasarddy Naidoo, appointed by me as Sayer Ameen of the Land Customs Station of Madalaput, on the ground that he has not passed the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination, and in consequence I am compelled to request that Parthasarddy Naidoo may be exempted from undergoing the said examination.

2. Parthasarddy Naidoo was first entertained in the public service in 1854, as a Writer in the Collector's Office at Salem, on a salary of Rupees 15, and he continued in that post up to 1855 when he resigned it. He was re-employed in 1856 as a Draughtsman and Estimate-maker on a salary respectively of Rupees 40 and 35 under the District Engineer at Chingleput, and finally he was appointed Sub-Overseer on the permanent Establishment of the Public Works in the same District on a salary of Rupees 45; but shortly after he was again thrown out of employ on the general reduction of the Public Works Department under Orders of the Government of India.

3. From the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 2nd May 1859, No. 680, and published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette," page 909 of the 6th idem, there would seem no specific ruling about persons who thus have lost their employment, owing to the reduction of Establishment; but it is directed that such cases may be referred for special orders as occasion arises, where the previous service of the individual on any regular Establishment has amounted at least to five years and his conduct has been unexceptionable.

4. Although in the case of Parthasarddy Naidoo his previous service does not reach five years, yet from my knowledge of him I consider him to possess a peculiar aptitude for the very difficult and delicate office under notice; and on the recent revision of the land Customs, I was consequently induced to select him in the absence of any Native of my acquaintance possessing the like qualifications. Parthasarddy is not only intelligent and energetic with a thorough knowledge of English, but he has those additional traits of character which pointed him out as the very person adapted for the post. His father was, I believe, for nearly forty years Head Draughtsman in the late Chief Engineer's Office, and his family is of the highest respectability, and it was most desirable to place some one at the important station of Madalaput, who was well acquainted with the manners and habits of Europeans, and in whom I could feel the greatest confidence. Gentlemen, French and English, frequently pass this frontier Customs House which lies midway between Pondicherry and Cuddalore, and it is a very troublesome place to manage. Hitherto there has been no proper surveillance or vigilance in regard to the transit of dutiable goods between the two towns, and the opportunity appeared to me favorable to nominate, as the Head Ameen of Madalaput, a man whom I knew to combine the needed qualifications for a strict and impartial conduct of the delicate and responsible duties attaching to the post, and I can only express the hope that Parthasarddy's appointment to a position for which, in my belief, few Natives are really suited, may be ratified by Government.

5. Since his appointment I have already had occasion to appreciate Parthasarddy's good services, and but for his firmness and judicious management as shown in one instance in particular, there might have resulted much unpleasantness between the French authorities and myself.

6. The Government will doubtless understand the very difficult as well as delicate position of a Native Officer at a Land Customs House, where he has to deal with Europeans of all classes and grades, and it is here where Parthasarddy Naidoo's capacity exceeds that of any other Native of my acquaintance. He is always courteous and conciliatory, and at the same time firm, truthful and self-reliant, and my short experience has fully borne out my expectations of him; and if he were now removed, I really know of no one else competent for the post or in whose proceedings I

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could feel the same certainty and trust. Natives are usually cowed by the defiant demeanour of a European, or where able, they will often exercise their petty authority in an insolent and overbearing manner; and it is only very recently that Parthasarddy Naidoo's conduct met with my commendation in a case where there had been an attempt on the part of two French gentlemen to brow-beat both himself and the Police at the Station; but the result of my personal enquiry reflected the greatest credit on the judgment and firmness displayed by Parthasarddy, and the matter ended in an apology from the elder of the two Frenchmen for his hasty and unjust aspersions, which I compelled him to withdraw in writing in the most full and ample manner in justification of the Sayer Officers whose character, under momentary irritation, he had so unjustly and falsely libelled.

7. There is a third case still pending enquiry, and I have little doubt that in this Parthasarddy has acted in furtherance of his duty and with the same forbearance and discretion, as marked his conduct in the previous instances, so that his removal from this important office when he is becoming reconciled to its difficulties would prove very embarrassing to me, and I should feel no security that the interests of the Customs Revenue were properly looked after especially in the case of foreigners, or indeed of any other Europeans passing the frontier, and in any complaint I could not feel the same confidence that the parties had been dealt with in a courteous but firm manner.

8. It is for these considerations that I now solicit of Government to authorize the Civil Paymaster to recognize the appointment of Parthasarddy and to audit the bill's for his past and future salary.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1861, No. 463.

Under the circumstances stated the appointment of Parthasarddy Naidoo is confirmed as a special case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Board of Revenue.

E. J. S. T. Augustin.

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be
Yours most obedt Servt*

*With much
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*Charles Leake
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From the Secretary
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15. 3. 1864