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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 4—7—1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th July 1865.

No. 45. Read the following petitions from M. Singaurum Moodelliar, late Head Stamper of the Stamping Department in the General Stamp Office, Madras :—

Complains of his unjust dismissal from his employment after a long and faithful service of 29 years, and of his being thereby deprived of the pension in his old age.
Prays that his case may be well considered, and that a pension be granted.
} (Here enter 23rd December 1864.)

No. 46.

Enclosing an Endorsement granted to him by Government on his petition praying the grant of a pension to him, and requesting that it may be re-considered and his prayer complied with, or the grounds of his sudden dismissal from his Office may be made known to him.
} (Here enter 28th February 1865.)

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1865, No. 1,521.

Miscellaneous.

The Government have carefully re-considered the papers connected with this Petitioner's removal from the Government service, and resolve to authorize the Board of Revenue to deal with his application for pension under the Rules as though he had not been dismissed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Civil Paymaster.
,, the Public Department.
,, the Superintendent of Stamps.
,, the Petition Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR W. T. DENISON, K C. B.,

Governor in Council,
&c. &c. &c.
Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of M. SINGARUM MOODELLIAR, *late Head Stamper of the Stamping Dept. in the General Stamp Office, Madras.*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

1. That your Petitioner, a faithful public servant of nearly 29 years standing, being well assured that the Government could not possibly have been aware of the real circumstances of his case when the order dismissing him from their employ was passed, begs with all deference to submit a brief statement of incontrovertible facts for the consideration of your Excellency in Council: merely premising that he has been hitherto prevented so doing by severe and protracted illness.

2. That one Valoo Moodelly, who had been many years employed under the late Messrs. Griffith's and Co. and engaged even after their bankruptcy in winding up the affairs of the Concern, was brought on the Stamp Office Establishment in August 1863 by the late Mr. Norfor, the then Superintendent of Stamps, but formerly a partner in the above-named Firm; other dependants connected, including V. Moodelly's brother, having likewise been fortunate enough to obtain employment in the Department as opportunities offered.

3. That a few months subsequently to his entertainment in the Public Service —(and almost immediately after the trial of a case in the High Court in which Teruvengada Charry, an employé of the Stamp Office, had charged one Pooliah Chetty—falsely as it turned out—with offering him a bribe to furnish a false Certificate), V. Moodelly represented to Mr. Norfor that your Petitioner had made certain confessions to him as to bribery being extensively practised in the Office, for the purpose of securing appointments and promotion therein. On being questioned upon the subject by that gentleman, your Petitioner, who was quite astounded at learning what had been imputed to him, emphatically protested his innocence of the alleged confessions, as a reference to his depositions taken down first by the late Supperintendent of Stamps and afterwards by the Commissioner of Police will shew.

4. That amongst other items of information stated by V. Moodelly to have been imparted to him by your Petitioner, was one on which Mr. Norfor seems to have laid much stress, and which was to the effect that Petitioner had told him, Valoo, that he intended waiting on Mr. Norfor last Christmas with presents, and would also present him with a ring "*when he (Petitioner) got his son into the Office.*" The utter falsity of this statement is so patent as to render it needless for your Petitioner to offer any other remark than that *he has not and never had a son*; and whilst he freely admits that he *did* wait last Christmas on the late Superintendent with a few annas' worth of fruits according to a custom commonly observed by the generality of Native subordinates towards their official superiors on the festive occasion referred to, he would respectfully submit that so trivial a circumstance as this surely cannot by the utmost ingenuity be twisted into an attempt to offer a bribe.

5. That in consequence of V. Moodelly's inventions and gross misrepresentations, albeit completely refuted, Mr. Norfor addressed the Board of Revenue on 4th April 1864, requesting permission to send your Petitioner up for Pension and, on the immediate receipt of their reply dated 8th idem, called and directed Petitioner to send in an application to be pensioned, which, to meet his superior's strongly expressed desire, he accordingly* did on the 13th of the same month, when Valoo was at once appointed to act for him; and so eager was the late Superintendent to promote his protegé that he at the same time recommended him for exemption from the Uncovenanted Service Examination—a recommendation, however, to which the Government declined* to accede.

* Enclosure A.

* Vide Pro: of Govt. 20th April 1864, No. 674—Appendix E.

6. That on the morning of 15th April last your Petitioner went to Surgeon Major H. W. Porteous with an official letter, as well as a private note from Mr. Norfor, which had been given to Petitioner for delivery on the evening of the day previous, for the purpose of obtaining a Medical Certificate to support his application for transfer to the Pension Establishment, which Certificate on a personal examination of him was immediately granted* and subsequently confirmed by Dr. J. Shaw, Inspector General of Hospitals, on the 21st of the same month.

* Enclosure B.

7. That on the 28th April Mr. Norfor wrote to the Civil Paymaster, forwarding the usual Tabular Statement, and recommending Petitioner for Pension; but that functionary having on the 30th idem called for further information concerning Petitioner's services, Mr. Norfor applied on 6th May last to Colonel Marshall for a detailed list of them during the period (about 15 years) that Petitioner was employed in the Government Office, and this Return was sent by that Officer on the 12th idem. Two days after, *i. e.* on the 14th, Mr. Norfor unfortunately died, and not knowing the result of the correspondence which had passed between him and the abovementioned Authorities relative to pensioning your Petitioner, he applied* in writing on 1st June last to the present Superintendent of Stamps on the subject, but to his extreme surprise and sorrow was informed by Colonel Temple's Endorsement, No. 1705, of Fusly 1273, that he "has been dismissed under the orders of Government dated 18th May 1864, No. 856."

* Enclosure C.

8. That being anxious to know the grounds of his dismissal, your Petitioner again addressed* Colonel Temple, soliciting the favor of being furnished with copies of the papers having reference to his case, but, as will be seen, was refused them.

* Enclosure No. D.

9. That although the late Superintendent of Stamps would appear from his letter to the Board of Revenue of 4th April last to have been biased by Valoo Moodelly against your Petitioner, yet the recommending him for Pension is, it is respectfully submitted, irreconcileable with the supposition that Mr. Norfor did really consider your Petitioner in any respect culpable.

10. That your Petitioner is prepared fully to establish the truth of the whole of the above Statements, and in respect of those falsely attributed to him by V. Moodelly, *who has since been permitted to resign his appointment*, he begs deferentially to leave it to your Excellency to determine whether any credit whatever could be fairly attached to that individual's assertions, totally unsupported too as they are by any the least proof—whether it be credible that your Petitioner, fully cognizant as he was of V. Moodelly being a dependant of Mr. Norfor's, would have communicated to him information such as that alleged, and thereby imperilled his own character and prospects; whilst in order to show further how great was the influence the protegé had over his protector, your Petitioner would crave permission to advert to one other significant fact, viz., that though the former was admitted into the Stamp Office on a Government pay of only 25 Rs. per mensem, the latter regularly added a like sum thereto from his own resources to make it equivalent to the salary which had been allowed by the late Messrs. Griffiths & Co.

11. That although well aware that, as a general principle, the faults and failings of those departed should not, for obvious reasons, be raked up, but should rather be buried in oblivion, your Petitioner has felt compelled in justice to himself to bring under your Excellency's notice the connexion which had existed between the late Superintendent of Stamps and Valoo Moodelly, who cannot but be supposed to have had a deep interest in Petitioner's downfal, and if your Petitioner has erred in making allusion to the proceedings of the late Mr. Norfor, he trusts he may under all the circumstances be pardoned.

12. Your Petitioner humbly begs, in conclusion, to submit to your Excellency the extreme hardship of his dismissal, after having devoted the best years of his life to the service of Government, to the satisfaction of all those gentlemen under whom he was successively employed, as testified by them in the accompanying Certificates,* the entire absence of any proof of his ever having been implicated in any mal-practices during his long official career, the eminently suspicious conduct of one whose allegations he has, he trusts, abundantly shewn to be wholly unworthy of belief, and the great danger to the safety and well-being of every member of every class of the community, of accepting such evidence as that of Valoo Moodelly; and your Petitioner earnestly entreats your Excellency in Council to take his deplorable case into consideration, to call for all the records connected therewith, to compare his present representations with what those records contain, and to grant him, as recommended by the late Supt. of Stamps, a pension commensurate with his length of servitude—a pension which, even if sanctioned, he cannot in all human probability expect long to enjoy, as the Medical Certificate now forwarded by him shows.

* Nos. 1 to 4 enclosed.

And your Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray.

M. Singarum

MADRAS,
30th *November* 1864.

APPENDIX.

A.

To

R. W. NORFOR, Esq.,

Superintendent of Stamps.

HONORED SIR,

With due respect and submission I beg to submit the following for your kind consideration.

That having served the Government for a period of 28 years and six months to the best of my ability and rendered satisfaction to my various employers as will be seen from the enclosed Testimonials, but unfortunately at this period of my life I am ailing from debility both Asthma and Hyernee, and my right hand also of late being affected very much disables me of going through my work in the office as hitherto.

Under these circumstances I am desirous in my old age to retire from the Public Service on a Pension for which I humbly beg your honor will be pleased to submit this my application and support, for which kindness I shall ever feel grateful.

The usual Medical Certificate from the District Surgeon will be submitted.

I beg to remain, Honored Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servant.

(Signed) M. SINGARUM.

MADRAS, 13*th April* 1864.

B.

No. 59.

M. Singara Moodelliar, Clerk of the General Stamp Office, having applied to me for a Certificate on which to ground an application for transfer to the Pension Establishment.—

I do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the individual and found that he is suffering from Impaired Vision and extreme shortness of breath, which wholly incapacitates him for further effective service, and I do declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief these disqualifications have not been occasioned by intemperance or any other irregular habits.

MADRAS, 15*th April*, 1864. (Signed) H. W. PORTEOUS,
Surgeon Major, 4th District.

No. 1360.
Confirmed.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 21*st April*, 1864. (Signed) J. SHAW,
Inspector General of Hospitals, for Inspector General, Medical Department.

C.

TO COLONEL J. TEMPLE,
Superintendent of Stamps, &c. &c. &c.

HONORED SIR,

With due respect and submission I beg most respectfully to bring to your kind consideration the following few lines (viz)

That on the 12th April last the late Superintendent, Mr. Norfor, while I was engaged in my duties in the Stamp Office, sent for and asked me the period of my service under Government, upon my informing him that I had 29 years he told me that as he considers me rather old and feeble that he would recommend me for my pension, having been desired by the Honorable Board to do so. I then consented and sent my application for pension the following day, and further Mr. Norfor was so kind as to give me two letters—one for Dr. Porteous and the other for Dr. Shaw recommending me to them in order that I may obtain Medical Certificate, and on my obtaining the required Medical Certificate I forwarded the same to Mr. Norfor, who with the usual Register of application for pension forwarded on the same to the Civil Paymaster with his recommendation, and the Civil Paymaster after looking into my service called the Superintendent of Stamps for certain information, and which was delayed from furnishing the same, in consequence of the severe illness of Mr. Norfor, the then Superintendent of Stamps, and as I was anxious to know the result of my application I beg respectfully to trouble you on the subject. I would have waited on you personally but not able to do so from illness

I beg to remain, Honored Sir,
Your most obedient and humble Servant.

SAINT THOME, 1*st June* 1864. (Signed) M. SINGARUM.

(Endorsement on the above.)

No. 1705 of Fy. 1273.

M. Singarum Moodeliy is informed that he has been dismissed under the orders of Government, dated 18th May 1864, No. 856.

MADRAS, G.S.O., 3*d June*, 1864. (Signed) J. TEMPLE,
Superintendent of Stamps.

D.

TO COLONEL J TEMPLE.
Superintendent of Stamps.

SIR.

With due respect and submission I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Endorsement on my letter, No. 1705 dated 3d Instant, communicating to me my dismissal from the service, and as the cause of dismissal is not therein stated, and with the view to my making an appeal to Government, I most respectfully beg that your honor will be pleased to furnish me with copies of the following documents connected with me in order that the Government may see that I was recommended for my pension, and while on the eve of getting it I was thus dealt.

I. Late Superintendent Mr. Norfor's letters to Doctors Porteous and Shaw recommending me for Medical Certificate.
II. Letter to the Civil Paymaster forwarding my application for pension.
III. Copy of the Register of the application.
IV. Civil Paymaster's reply calling for certain information.
V. Mr. Norfor's letter to Colonel Marshall regarding my service in the Military Department of Government.

All the above papers are connected with my case. I humbly trust that your honor will not deny me copies of them.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Your most obedient and humble Servant,

SAINT THOME, 15*th June* 1864. (Signed) M. SINGARUM.

(Endorsement on the above.)

No. 1730 of Fusly 1273,
15*th June* 1864.

No Public Documents can be copied for the use of private individuals except by order of Government.

(Signed) J. TEMPLE,
Superintendent of Stamps.

(True copies.)

M. Singarum

E.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

No. 320. Read the following letter from R. W. Norfor, Superintendent of Stamps, to the Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George dated Madras, 12th April 1864, No. 1,457 of Fusly 1273:

SIR,—I have the honor to submit to you a case in which I would respectfully solicit the indulgence of Government for the exemption from the Uncovenanted Service Examination Rules of a Native Clerk in my Office named V. Valoo Modelly, who has been employed in the Stamp Office since 15th August 1863. He has proved himself since his employment to be a most useful man, and I can myself certify to his intelligence, honesty and integrity for a consecutive period of upwards of twenty years; he has been extremely useful in an enquiry I had found it necessary to institute in regard to certain malpractices in my Office, which has unfortunately failed of its object in consequence of a premature disclosure in the High Court; he is now serving upon a salary of 25 Rupees, which is very far below his qualifications, and I am anxious, with the sanction of Government, to have it in my power to advance him in such manner as he deserves for any zealous services he may render to Government beyond the earnest services he has already put forth. I trust that Government may be induced to consider favorably this application, as changes in the Office and Store-rooms are now in progress, and it is most necessary in carrying out these that I should be enabled to make selections for posts under me of those whom I can thoroughly trust; the man Valoo Modelly is one of those, and in my future arrangements I should consider it a serious loss should I not succeed in securing his permanent services.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1864, No. 674.

No. 321.—The Government are unable to comply with this request. There can be no difficulty in procuring qualified persons in Madras.

(True Extract.)

TESTIMONIALS.

No. 1.

This is to certify that M. Singarum has served as a Clerk in the Military Department from 22nd October 1835 up to this date, and that he has conducted himself in that capacity in a satisfactory manner. He is now permitted to quit the office at his own request.

He was employed for some years as Assistant in the Estate Department—a situation of responsibility, and performed the duties satisfactorily.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Lieut. Colonel,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 9*th August* 1850, *Secretary to Government.*

No. 2.

M. Singarum Moodelly has served as Record Keeper and Indexer in the General Stamp Office from 10th August 1850. He is an intelligent and hard-working man, and has conducted himself in a very satisfactory manner, and I have had every reason to be satisfied with him.

(Signed) A. F. BRUCE,
Superintendent of Stamps.
FORT ST. GEORGE, GENL. STAMP OFFICE, 30*th April*, 1852.

No. 3.

This is to certify that M. Singarum Moodelly has been employed in the General Stamp Office as Record Keeper and Indexer during the last seven years. I have found him attentive and diligent in the performance of his duties which have of late considerably increased, and I have in consequence recommended him for an increase of salary, which, however, the Government have not granted on account of the present Financial pressure. This certificate is granted him at his request with the view of his bettering his prospects.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
6th March, 1858. *Superintendent of Stamps.*

No. 4.

M. Singarum has been Record Keeper of the Stamp Office since I received charge in November 1860, and has always performed his duties in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

(Signed) W. BALMAIN,
20th November, 1861. *Superintendent of Stamps.*

(True copies.)

M Singarum

No. 14 of 1865.

Petitioner's request cannot be complied with.

Fort St. George 24th Jany. 1865.

By Order

C. Lushington

Under Secy: to Govt.

case may be well considered. & that a pension be granted.

Rec'd 1865. Dec 15th
Pmd 5 Jany 1866

No 15

Sugaram Moodeliar late Head Stamper of the Stamping Department with the General Stamp Office Madras

To

His Excellency Sir W. T. Denison K.C.B.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

The humble Petition of the Sugaram Moodeliar late Head Stamper of the Stamping Department with the General Stamp Office Madras

Respectfully Sheweth

That on the 22nd November last, he presented a Petition to Government stating fully & clearly the circumstances of his case and praying that justice may be done to him by granting him the Pension to which he was entitled by the Regulations of the Service. It was confidently hoped by him from the nature of the facts mentioned in that Petition, that favorable Orders would be passed, but your Petitioner was sadly disappointed when he found that an Endorsement contrary to his expectations had been passed on his Petition.

2. The Petition with the Endorsement passed on it is enclosed by your

Petitioner

Petitioner, with a humble prayer for the re consideration of it by His Excellency in Council, when it will, he trusts, not fail to be perceived on a fuller and more deliberate review of all the circumstances of this hard case, that the Order passed on Petitioner's appeal, was very severe and contrary to its real merits and to the principles thereof.

3. Your Petitioner further ventures to submit to Your Excellency, as a strange circumstance that he has never yet been informed of the cause of his dismissal, although he has earnestly sought to obtain the information, and he begs respectfully to point out that such an arbitrary proceeding is inconsistent with the character of a Government justly famed for its liberality towards its servants and more especially so in the case of one who has faithfully and continuously served Government for 29 years, and enfeebled in his old age to him has justly one the bounty of Government, to which, he was encouraged to look forwards by the Rules of his Service.

4. Your Petitioner humbly begs that in consideration of all the circumstances

circumstances of his case, and of his long and faithful service, the Pension to which he is entitled may be granted to him, or that in the event of this request not being acceded to, he may be informed of the grounds of his abrupt dismissal, at the moment it was to be had, as he believes, faithfully and honorably obtained the privilege of retirement as a Pensioner.

For which act of Justice Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

A. Sinjaurom

Madras
28th February
1865

Rec'd: Feb'y 25th 1865.

From Singaram Modeliar.

Applies for employment in the Public Department in consideration of his having served in the Indian Navy for 30 years.

Referred to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue for his remarks.

Stamp Office, Fort St. George, 27th February 1865.

Respectfully returned to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

The applicant was employed in this Office as a Sorter, on Rupees 29 per mensem, on the 20th January 1862, and was discharged on the 31st December 1864, on account of reduction.

He is reported to be a steady, industrious man, and his character and conduct while employed in this Office have been satisfactory.

Stamp Office, 27th February 1865.

Rec'd: Feb'y 25th 1865.

From Singaram Modeliar late Head Stamper of the Stamping Dept. in the Govt. Stamp Office.

Dated 28th Feby.

Received 16th March 1865.

Enclosing an endorsement granted to him by Govt on his petition praying the grant of a pension to him, and requesting that it may be reconsidered and his prayer complied with, or the grounds of his sudden dismissal from his office may be made known to him.

With all orders

Petitioner is informed that he was dismissed for complicity in various malpractices in the Superintendent's office and that his application for a pension cannot be acceded to.

It is unpardonable to withhold this case. This is the second time it has been recommended by the Board of Revenue in May 64. Mr Thurston wanted to see it.

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No. 46.

Rec'd 15th March 1865 22nd

a post in the Stamp Office, was not successful; but it will be seen that the vacant situation which Mr. Norton had in contemplation to confer on Baboo Moody, was the vacancy created by the Suspension of Petitioner.

It has been alleged that Petr. must be supposed to have had complicity in a system of bribery &c. the R. Board assume to have been prevalent in the Stamp and other departts (and &c. I dare say did and does prevail there & elsewhere). But, as affecting the Petr. I observe that such assumption is based on Baboo Moody's assertion to Mr. Norton of which Petr. denies the truth. I can find no trace of any Evidence of a fair kind, to support the assumption that Petr. was a principal or a minor in the bribery system supposed.

True it is, two men are stated by two other men to have paid bribes to the Petr. But the alleged bribe payers have not been examined, and no cause or reason appears why they could not be produced to acknowledge or deny their respective statement and tell their own story. I abhor and detest that testimony of this worthless character - based not to be accepted to the detriment of a public servant of 29 years standing.

Further, Baboo Moody's own statement of what he professes to have heard from Petr., but &c. Petr. declares he never stated, - is simply the word of one man against the word of another. Apart from this however, it seems rather unlikely that ejected as he was for Baboo Moody's respit, Petr. should deliberately and causelessly have unfolded to his intended successor, the details of a system of successful bribery then prevailing in the office not coming under management of the Gentleman of whom Baboo Moody must have been known to be the personal dependent. He might have come, if Baboo Moody had come to Petr's volunteering suspicion; for, there

the retiring officer would perhaps have shown
where encrease or decrease money was to be
made. As things stood, assuming that the
supposed bribery system did exist, there
seems to me bad reason to believe that
Pelt would have kept his own counsel, and
have left the new comer - forced into office
out of the range of his former inferior trade)
to make his own way & discover where the
perquisites of the system were to be found -

A dollar bribe spoken of as having
been intended for Mr Norton himself:
Mr Norton writes that Pelt brought him
some presents at Oman. He was not at
the pains to specify what those presents
were. He is unable to say that "the ring"
was among them. The Pelt on his side
says that the presents were [illegible]
fruits of trivial value, offered, as is usual,
on the occasion of Xmas, & nothing but
fruits. This practice is rather general
and runs so in the mercantile
community. Man in the other classes

of society. Mr Norton had but recently
been withdrawn from the former class,
& elevation to a Govt office, and it was
natural enough, I think, that he
were on his dignity should want on his
part to find or flower a bribe. Taking
this, (and there is nothing to show it was false)
the Pelt's assertion to the contrary,
probable that a ring would have been in
among the fruits, for there is usually
handed over to the servants a present
in addition to the master - any how, Mr
Norton knew nothing of the ring, the
story rests on Pelt's word only
an uncorroborated assertion. Against this
with a case of this weak kind, I think
uncorroborated & contradicted by himself
I cannot help feeling that the Pelt
will [illegible] be deserved of his
reward if he can show that by buying
Pelt's silence he is enabled to

20. 3. 65.

Before I dispatch this Petitioner ought not to be denied the Privilege of applying for a fair Trial.

The case of complicity in a supposed bribery, as made out against him & three keepers, including his additional ones now circulated, is to my mind, simply worthless.

Had he been considered guilty by the extent of ordinary human tribunals, the charge could not have stood for one moment. There is against him nothing more than two assertions by two men on separate points: both of which the Petitioner denies the truth of: and I [illegible] these must be matters for a consideration of the facts set forth.

The Govt may, of course, order the dismissal of a man whose misconduct they strongly suspect, though it cannot be judicially established. But cutting off his pension under such circumstances is a very serious step: for, taking this case as a precedent it seems to me that there is not an officer in Govt employ who, if dismissed under such supposed circumstances as this case supplies, he could not add on

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I have perused the additional papers now circulated and am convinced on the whole of the opinion which

may not in a few hours be ejected from his post, defrauded and ruined.

I am not aware what respect between the late Mr. Norton & the Hon. of Rev with whom that Gentleman seems to have been in ~~procession~~ communion of an unofficial character, but all that have happen added to the discredit & debasement of the Rebellion was taken behind his back abhorrently, & entirely without his knowledge had an obstinent of assuring the two subordinate in the Church of Ceylon who are put forward as accusers

10 April 1865

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Memo on evidence in support of the charges against Singaram Mandeli

Hon. Singaram denies upon oath the whole of the statements contained in the two affidavits against him

1. Karamasamy says Singaram asked him first for R 70 after ward for R 60; but did not get any thing.

2. Kuppusamy says that when his brother was prosecuted Singaram offered to get him the place for R 200

Note. There is no evidence recorded in support of these assertions. Valvo Mandeli may perhaps have confirmed them but his examination is not on the record.

3. Kathiren says Rámpany told him that he had given Singaram

R. Jothal Rathnam Pb him he had given Singaram R 60 for promotion.

heavy & valuable

Komarasamy also says he heard Rathnam say he had given Singaram R60 for Mr Lucas.

Murugam & Rathnam deny every thing. The 2 of the 3 witnesses called by Rathnam who were examined also deny the truth of his assertions.

Thus, charges (1 & 2 are the only ones made out against Singaram so to speak legally. They rest moreover on the evidence of single witnesses, & the reasons for disbelieving them urged in Paras 14, 15 of Mr Lucas's report are worthy of attention

J.S.

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Revenue Department.

No 1521

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 7th July 1865.

Read the following
Petition from M. Singaram
Moodr, late Head Stamper of
the Stamping Department in
the General Stamp Office, Madras.

(Here enter 23d December 1864.)

1. Complains of his unjust dismissal from his employment after a long and faithful service of 29 years, and of his having thereby been deprived of the pension in his old age.

2. Prays that his case may be well considered, and that a pension be granted.

The Government have carefully reconsidered the papers connected with this Petitioner's removal from the Government Service, and resolves to authorise the Board of Revenue to deal with his application for pension under the rules

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No
14 Board of Revenue. Dec 5th July
3 Civil Paymasters
5 Public Departments
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1 Schools Dept.

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Revenue 1865 (Wight)
Pro: of Govt: for July

Fo: 1521.

Pro: of the Madras Govt:
of 4th July 65;

Board of Revenue
to deal with the appli-
cation of Mr. Sriganam
Moodeliar late Head
Attender for pension un-
der the Rules al-
though he has not
been dismissed.

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