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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1868.*

Read the following :—

No. 55. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1867,
No. 5,669.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 28th August
1867, No. 2,020, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning the employment of Arnachellain as Acting Sub-
Magistrate of Vellore in North Arcot, on condition of his passing the Revenue and
Precis-Writing Tests at the next Special Test Examination.

Communicated to the Collector.

No. 56. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th October 1867,
No. 6,504.

Read again letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 8th August 1867,
No. 208, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd idem, No. 5,413.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 31st August 1867, No. 244.

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 22nd
instant, No. 5,413, to inform you that I do not know of any one competent to hold
the post either in my own district or elsewhere. The charge is situated in the
most remote and feverish part of the Palmanair high lands, and is so unpopular that
it is always a matter of extreme difficulty to get any one to accept the post. Nothing
but his anxiety to get on the Magisterial staff, and the hope that the post would
lead, as it had in the case of the two last incumbents, to promotion elsewhere,
would have induced my nominee to accept the offer. I therefore hope that, under
these exceptional circumstances, the Board will support my nomination, and pass
intermediately the pay of the appointment, until the results of the examination now
going on, to which Ratna Pillay has gone up with, I presume, good chances of
passing in his two remaining subjects, are notified.

Under the circumstances reported in the second letter above recorded, the
Board sanction the Collector's nomination as a temporary arrangement.

No. 57. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1868,
No. 2,765.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to
the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1868, No. 99.

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, noted in
the margin, to report, for their informa-
tion, that A. Arnachellain and O. Ratna
Pillay, who were nominated Sub-Magis-

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trates on condition of passing the Revenue and Precis-Writing Tests at the Exami-
nation last held, have failed, the former in the Precis-Writing and the latter in the
Revenue Test. As both these Sub-Magistrates have, however, been successful in
one or other of the several tests on condition of passing which they were suffered to

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hold their posts, and as they have hitherto conducted their duties satisfactorily, I beg to request that application may be made to Government to give them a further time of grace to qualify in the only remaining test, on passing which their eventual confirmation depends.

The Collector will report whether there are no men in the district otherwise eligible for the post of Sub-Magistrate, who have passed all the Special Tests prescribed for that office.

No. 58. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1868, No. 4,571.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 15th April 1868, No. 2,765.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 11th May 1868, No. 156.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 15th ultimo, No. 2,765, I have the honor to submit, for their favorable consideration, copy of a letter from my Acting Sub-Collector, earnestly requesting that A. Arnachellain, the Officiating Sub-Magistrate of Vellore, may be given another chance of passing.

2. The arguments employed by Mr. Comyn tell with equal force and justice in favor of the extension of similar indulgence to O. Ratna Pillay, Officiating Sub-Magistrate of Calastri; indeed, his case would be attended with extraordinary hardship were a further chance denied him, seeing that the Superintending Engineer has peremptorily ordered his permanent appointment in the Department of Public Works to be filled up from the 1st instant, and indulgence having been shewn to so many other Officiating Sub-Magistrates similarly situated, O. Ratna Pillay can scarcely be blamed for holding on to his officiating appointment in expectation of meeting with the same treatment.

3. I am not prepared to say that there "are no men in the district otherwise eligible for the post of Sub-Magistrate who have passed all the Special Tests prescribed for that office;" but I have had but little opportunity of satisfying myself upon the all-important points included in the words "otherwise eligible," and I would infinitely prefer Mr. Robinson's arrangements being allowed to stand. O. Ratna Pillay was specially selected by him, and I have reason to believe that his character as a Sub-Magistrate stands *exceptionally* high.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated Camp at Wandawash, 5th May 1868, No. 192.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 414, dated the 28th April 1868, forwarding, with reference to Board's Order of the 15th idem, No. 2,765, a list of the men in the district who are eligible for the post of Sub-Magistrate, and requesting to be informed whether I am prepared to nominate any one of them to the post of Sub-Magistrate of Vellore Town now held temporarily by A. Arnachellain, I have the honor, before replying definitely to your question, to request that you will be good enough to make a further reference to the Board in favor of Arnachellain, in view to one more chance being given to him.

2. I do so on the following grounds:—

(1.) That the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 6th April, No. 2,570, have been pleased to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the cases of three Subordinate Magistrates

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in this district, who are similarly circumstanced with Arnachellain, that is, all of whom have failed to pass the Precis Test, in common with him.

(2.) That, in their Proceedings of the 7th April, No. 2,608, a similar indulgence has been shewn by the Board to Ghulam Dustagheer, Sub-Magistrate of Venkatagerrykotta, who has failed to pass the Revenue test.

(3.) That the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 2nd April 1868, No. 2,425, were pleased to sanction the nomination of B. Streenivassa Charri, as Sub-Magistrate of Tirtani, on condition of his passing the *Criminal* Test at the next examination.

The case last cited is not an exact parallel to that of A. Arnachellain; but I mention it, as the Precis-Writing Test does not seem to me to be so important a one for the post of Sub-Magistrate as the Criminal Law Test, which Arnachellain has passed.

(4.) That Arnachellain has done his work as Sub-Magistrate very well since I came to the district, up to which time I believe he conducted himself to the satisfaction of my predecessors.

(5.) That his return to his permanent post of first Vernacular Clerk in my office would materially disturb existing arrangements, which I find satisfactory, and would be the cause of great hardship to no less than six subordinate officials, who have been acting in their several posts since August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, (when Arnachellain was made Acting Sub-Magistrate,) in hopes of being severally confirmed, on his becoming entitled to the permanent post of Sub-Magistrate by passing the required tests, and who have learnt their work, and do it well.

3. On the above grounds, I would request the favor of your making Arnachellain's case the subject of a special reference to the Board, in view to the indulgence, which has been shewn to men similarly circumstanced in the district, being extended to him.

The Collector's proposal that A. Arnachellain and O. Ratna Pillay shall be allowed to remain in their present posts until the results of the next Special Test Examination are known, will be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1868, No. 1,856.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned as proposed by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examinations.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

Copy to the Acting Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting for favorable consideration, the proposal of Collector of North Arcot, to retain A. Arunachellaier and O. Ratnapillai in their present posts until the results of the next special Test examination are known.

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