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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th August 1869.*

No. 310. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th
June 1869.

THE Board regret to have to report to Government the death of the Head-Sheristadar of their office, Jeyaram Chettyar. In doing so, they desire to record their testimony to the valued services of this very distinguished public officer. His unblemished character, extraordinary ability, and untiring devotion to duty, are well known to Government; and his early death in the midst of his labours, while a source of deep regret to all who knew him, cannot but be regarded as a serious loss to this Presidency, the Land Revenue Accounts System of which he may be said to have created.

2. The deceased had, at the time of his death, completed a period of twenty-six years' service, and was therefore entitled, if invalided, to a pension of 500 Rupees a-month. Had he served four years longer, he would have been entitled to that pension without medical certificate.

3. The Board cannot refrain from bringing to the notice of Government their opinion that it was, in a great measure, to his zeal for the public service that Jeyaram Chettyar's health was sacrificed. Writing to him in 1857, Mr. Bourdillon, late Secretary to Government, said: "You have been working for a number of years with scarcely any relaxation whatever. I hope you will remember how valuable health is, and that if you should find yours at all failing, you will endeavour to give yourself relief."

4. From that date till the commencement of his present illness in February, Jeyaram Chettyar was only for three months absent from his post; and during the first three months of his illness, he continued to discharge the onerous duties of his office, after which he availed himself of three months' privilege leave, and quitted the office finally only on the 1st of May. Even up to within a few days of his death, he continued to advise his *locum tenens* on important matters, and he may be said literally to have died in harness.

5. The Board will refer to a few of the numerous letters and public documents in which his services have been acknowledged.

6. Mr. Pycroft, when Chief Secretary in 1858, acknowledged the very great assistance he had obtained from Jeyaram Chetty, owing to the full information he possessed in all points connected with the Revenue and Public Works Departments, and bore testimony to his value as a public servant.

7. Major Balfour said he could express the strongest opinion of his ability and intelligence, found him thoroughly versed in the system of accounts, and testified to his uniform honourable and truthful behaviour.

8. Mr. H. Forbes, when Secretary to Government, recorded his entire satisfaction with the manner in which the late Sheristadar had devoted himself to business, adding: "He has prepared and managed the Annual Budget of Public Works in a manner to have attracted the marked commendation of the Government of India, and whatever praise an able, active, zealous, and pains-taking public servant can deserve, that praise I am able to bestow on Jeyaram Chetty;" and in the formal office Register Mr. Forbes recorded: "He has been conspicuously useful."

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9. In their order of 28th February 1859, No. 256, Government alluded to him as the able Accountant by whom the new system was devised.

10. Among other important services are to be classed those rendered to the Public Works Commission in 1853, and to Mr. Pelly in the revision of the establishments throughout the Presidency.

11. Speaking of the former, the Commission say: "We are bound to bear the strongest testimony and to the value of the services rendered to us by Jeyaram Chettyar throughout our long and laborious inquiry. In every part of his duty we have found in him the same high degree of diligence, knowledge of business, and ready intelligence."

12. Mr. Pelly stated that, "in the recent revision of revenue establishment, I have received much valuable aid from the Board's Sheristadar, and it is to him that I am so much indebted for bringing these revisions to a satisfactory conclusion." It may be observed that Jeyaram Chetty assisted Mr. Pelly in the revision without prejudice to his duties as Sheristadar.

13. The Board would submit that these services are of exceptional merit, and call for something more than mere commendation.

14. As Government are aware a special personal allowance of 200 Rupees a-month was made to the deceased in 1867, and when it is remembered that the brief period during which this has been enjoyed is, in a great measure, attributable to the unwillingness of the deceased to avail himself of the ordinary periods allowed for relaxation, and to leave even for a time to the hands of others the task of supervising that system with which he had so completely identified himself, the Board feel that they cannot do less than earnestly recommend that a pension of not less than 200 Rupees may be granted for the benefit of the family in the name of the eldest son.

15. The Board fear that the liberal hospitalities of the deceased which they have reason to know were extended in a marked manner to public servants visiting Madras from the interior (with whom his duties had brought him into official intercourse) have left his family but ill-provided to maintain unaided the position to which his merit had raised them. An application made by the widow and sons of the deceased is enclosed.

No. 311. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1869, No. 2,384.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honorable the Governor
in Council though fully sensible of the
meritorious public services rendered by

the late Jeyaram Chettyar, regrets that, under existing rules, he is precluded from complying with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, that a pension of Rupees 200 per mensem should be granted for the support of the family of the late Head-Sheristadar, in the name of his eldest son.

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2. His Lordship in Council has ascertained that a provision of about Rupees 150 per mensem is available for the support of the family in addition to the salary drawn by the second son.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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TESTIMONIALS

OBTAINED BY

S. JEYARAM CHETTY.

1869

REVENUE.

BOARD OF REVENUE

ABSTRACT

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DIGEST OF
TESTIMONIALS
OBTAINED BY
S. JEYARAM CHETTY.

"You have good abilities, which it must be your constant endeavour, to apply for the benefit of the public service."
No. 1. J. W. CHERRY, Esq., 1st Jan'y. 1843.

"He possessed a good knowledge of the system of keeping the accounts, and made himself acquainted with the routine of the office."
No. 2. W. D. DAVIS, Esq., Collr. of South Arcot, 20th Sept. 1819.

"I am very well satisfied with your conduct, and" "you have done and are doing much to bring the Department into a more efficient state."
No. 3. J. D. BORDILLON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, 13th May 1830.

"Much has been done also through the intelligence and zeal of the present head of the English Department Jeyaram Chetty, to improve the form of the current records."
No. 4. From J. D. BORDILLON, Esq., Collr. of North Arcot, TO THE SECT. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE, 30th December 1850.

"The services of Jeyaram Chetty, Head Accountant of the Huzoor Cutcherry of Chittoor have been placed by me at the temporary disposal of the Committee appointed for enquiring into and reporting upon the Department of Accounts of this Presidency."
No. 5. S. N. WARD, Esq., Actg. Collector of North Arcot, 30th Oct. 1851.

"We are able and are bound to bear the strongest testimony to the value of the services rendered to us by Jeyaram Chetty throughout our long and laborious enquiries. In every part of his duty" we have ever found in him the same high degree of diligence, knowledge of business and ready intelligence."

"I sent" to Mr. Bourdillon "a note" from Colonel Browne speaking greatly in favor of the plan (introduction of printing into the Government Office) "and of the author of it; this had reference to you."

"I append the Memo." (on the introduction of printing in the Collector's Offices) "by Jeyaram, which will be found well worthy of perusal;" I was peculiarly fortunate at Chittoor, in having at hand a man both highly intelligent, acquainted with the management of a press, and fully alive to its great advantages and anxious to promote its use."

"New forms of the Village Accounts have been prepared, and an able Memo. has also been drawn up by Jeyaram Chetty, detailing the system of Village Accounts now existing, and explaining the proposed reforms."

"I have never ceased to lament your leaving this office."

"The completeness and accuracy of the statements (Budget of Public Works for 1856-57), are in very great measure due to the intelligent and laborious care of the able Registrar of the Department, Jeyaram Chettiar."

No. 6. From the Public Works Commissioners to the Chief Secy. to Govt., 3rd May 1853.

No. 8. Minute of J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, 17th January 1855.

No. 9. J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secy. to Govt. in the Revenue Department, 15th June 1855.

No. 10. C. Whittingham, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, 12th May 1856.

No. 11. J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secy. to Govt., 1st August 1856.

"You have been working for a number of years with scarcely any relaxation whatever. I hope you will remember how valuable health is, and that if you should find yours at all failing, you will endeavour to give yourself relief."

"I derived the greatest assistance from Jeyaram Chetty, and I found him full of information on all points connected with those Departments (Revenue and Public Works) very intelligent, industrious and an excellent man of business. I consider him a most valuable public servant."

"I am able to express the strongest opinion of his (Jeyaram Chetty's) ability and intelligence." "I consider Jeyaram Chetty to be an excellent Accountant, thoroughly versed in the system of accounts of this Presidency, and well qualified to performing important duties connected with the accounts. I have always found Jeyaram Chetty behaving in a honorable and truthful manner."

"He has great ability, particularly as an Accountant, and has devoted himself to his duties in a manner that has given me entire satisfaction." "He has prepared and managed the Annual Budget of Public Works, in a manner to have attracted the marked commendation of the Government of India, and whatever praise an able, active, zealous, and pains-taking public servant can deserve, that praise I am able to bestow on Jeyaram Chetty."

"I shall be very sorry to lose your services in the Secretary's Office, but your salary is quite inadequate to your deserts. I should be best pleased indeed to see

No. 12. J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., 24th August 1857, Tunbridge-wells.

No. 13. T. Prescott, Esq., Chief Secretary to Govt., 24th March 1858.

No. 14. Major G. Balgova, Insp. General of Ordnance and Magazines, 25th Mar. 1858.

No. 15. H. Forbes, Esq., Acting Secy. to Govt., 12th April 1859.

No. 16. J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., 25th April 1859, Wellington Crescent Ramsgate.

you in the post of Board's Sheristadar, as I am sure you would be able to do a great deal of good there."

"I consider it (promotion to the post of Principal Under-Sheristadar, covenanted Assistant, Accountant No. 17. J. D. BOURDILLON, General's Office) the more gratifying by reason of the strong testimony borne by all who have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with you to your capacity and talents."

"You are indebted for the offer (of the Board's Head Sheristadarship) solely to the character for ability, industry and good conduct which you have earned for yourself."

"The Board's choice (for the Head Sheristadarship), has fallen on Jeyaram Chettiar, whose familiarity with the present form of accounts and general ability peculiarly qualify him for the office."

No. 20. From the Register of Unconvenanted Servants on the Establishment of the Revenue Department of the Govt. Office. II. FORDER, Esq., Ag. Secy. to Govt., 30th April 1858.

"I have found him fully deserving of the high character that I received of him from Mr. Bourdillon."

"He has been conspicuously useful."

"I was for a time very much dependent on his experience and caution, and my confidence in him was fully justified."

No. 21. W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Ag. Secy. to Govt., 17th January 1859.

"The Board have now in their Sheristadar the aid of the able Accountant by whom the new system was devised."

"The whole of the details of the new scheme of accounts were devised by the able Accountant and valuable public servant, who now holds the position of the Sheristadar to the Board of Revenue."

"I should esteem it an obligation if you could give me the opportunity of taking your opinion on them (matters connected with the administration of justice.)"

"He has given them (the Board) the fullest satisfaction by his unwearied diligence, and the great ability he has evinced in the performance of his duties. He has fully justified the Board's selection of him and proved a most valuable and willing officer."

No. 24. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT, R. D., dated 13th March 1861, No. 682.

Government sanction the increase from 700 Rs. to 800 Rs. as recommended by the Board.

"Jeyaram Chetty is an excellent man of business, and is thoroughly acquainted with both the principles and the practice of Accountancy."

"He proved himself to be an excellent Accountant and man of business—managed his Department extremely well and was always most industrious, intelligent and persevering."

"I can bear testimony to the assiduity, the care and ability, which he bestowed on this difficult work, (revision of the Revenue Establishments) and highly appreciate the valuable assistance he has afforded me in arranging the different establishments."

No. 27. C. PELLY, Esq., First Member of the Bd. of Revenue, 14th Jan. 1863.

"I was much pleased by your intelligence, attention to business, knowledge of Revenue subjects, especially accounts."

No. 28. E. MALTBY, Esq.,
Member of Council, 19th
December 1864.

"The accompanying elaborate Memo. by the Board's Head Sheristadar Jeyaram Chetty is entitled to much consideration as embodying the views of a most competent witness, who has for many years past had his attention constantly directed to the improvement of our Account Department in all the branches connected with the Revenue and who has been foremost in inaugurating most beneficial reforms."

No. 29. From the SECT.
TO THE Bd. OF REV. TO
GOVT., 11th January
1865, No. 131.

"The Board of Revenue have an officer whose competency in all matters of account is unquestionable."

No. 30. ORDER OF GO-
VERNMENT, 21st March
1865, No. 616.

"The Head Sheristadar Jeyaram Chettyar and Dhurmaroya Moodelliar attended me in Court, and it affords me great pleasure to state that they were of great service to me, and showed they had intelligently made themselves acquainted with the accounts filed in Court, (in the Vasareddy Suit,) and their contents."

No. 31. From C. DALE,
Esq., Govt. Pleader to
the ACTING SECRETARY
to the BOARD OF REVE-
NUE, 2nd November
1865.

"The Board are glad to receive so favourable a testimony from Mr. Dale to the services rendered by their Head Sheristadar."

No. 32. PROCEEDINGS OF
THE BOARD OF REVE-
NUE, 28th Novr. 1865,
No. 7585.

"Our present Sheristadar fully deserves the praise given him by Mr. Pelly. He has rendered hitherto excellent service."

No. 33. H. A. BARTT, Esq.,
24th October 1865.

"I am very sensible of the value of your services and of the great industry and zeal with which you have always afforded them while working under me," and would not hesitate to bring forward all your claims to consideration on the ground of personal ability and zeal."

No. 34. W. HEDDERLEY,
Esq., Ag. Secy. to Govt.
6th November 1865.

"Under the immediate care of the present Sheristadar Jeyaram Chetty, great improvements requiring the greatest care and attention to effect have been introduced in all the Revenue Accounts and Revenue details connected with them." "The Head Sheristadar" "has also improved with the concurrence of the Accountant General, the Financial accounts which have to be submitted to that officer by the Revenue Officers." "In the recent revision of Revenue Establishments," "I have received the most valuable assistance from the Board's Sheristadar," "and it is to Jeyaram" "I am so much indebted for bringing these revisions to a satisfactory conclusion." "In the person of the present Head Sheristadar, we have a fit representative of the sort of officer required for the situation, and whose services and abilities entitle him personally to the consideration I would show to the office."

"The Government" "note with satisfaction, the terms in which for himself (Mr. Pelly) and his colleagues of the Board of Revenue, he speaks of Jeyaram Chetty."

No. 36. ORDER OF GO-
VERNMENT, 22nd Decr.
1866, No. 3465.

"The Government might see fit as a mark of their special approbation of the valuable services rendered by him during this period," (8 years) "to allow him to draw the increased rate (of pay) in arrears from the 1st November 1863."

No. 37. From C. PELLY,
Esq., Member of the
Board of Revenue, TO
GOVERNMENT, 4th Jan.
1867.

"To whose (Jeyaram Chetty's) assistance in the work No. 39. From C. PELLEY, of revision of all the Establishments, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue to I am very greatly indebted. His Government, 6th Jan. aid has been invaluable." 1867.

"The Honorable Mr. Pelley's testimony to the services of Jeyaram Chettyar, the Board's No. 39. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT, R. D. 14th Sheristadar, is highly creditable to Jan. 1867, No. 121. that officer."

"He is no doubt a very efficient public servant, and during the five years I have had a No. 40. H. A. PRETT, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, 28th May 1868. seat at the Board, I have always considered that he deserved great praise for the way in which he performed the ordinary duties of his office, and also for the constant exertions he made to improve the working of every Department in subordination to the Board."

"Accept" "my assurance of the great pleasure, our close official intercourse gave me. I hope No. 41. W. ROBINSON, Esq., 8th May 1869. it may be renewed, for I value it much."

TESTIMONIALS

OBTAINED BY

S. JEYARAM CHETTY.

(1.) Letter from J. W. CHERRY, Esq., dated Madras, 1st January 1845.

S. JEYARAM.—It was with much pleasure I received this morning from you, a note of congratulation on the occasion of this happy season of the year; the very clear manner in which that note was expressed and written, proved to me that you have advanced considerably in the study of the English language. You have good abilities, which it must be your constant endeavour to apply for the benefit of the public service. I will only add, that you will always find a sincere friend and well-wisher in.

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY.

(2.) Copy of a Testimonial from the Collector of South Arcot, dated 20th September 1849.

This is to certify that S. Jeyaram Chetty served in this Office from 11th August 1843 to 31st August 1849, first as writer and afterwards as an Assistant Accountant on 20 Rupees pay. He possessed a good knowledge of the system of keeping the accounts, and made himself acquaint-

ed with the routine of the Office; he left the Cutcherry in consequence of being better provided for in the District of North Arcot.

(Signed) W. D. DAVIS,
Collector.

(3.) Extract from a letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated Palmanair, 18th May 1850.

JAYARAM CHETTY.—I have received all the papers and you have done very well to get them all done so speedily.

I am very well satisfied with your conduct, and well aware that you have done and are doing much to bring the Department into a more efficient state.

Your friend,
(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(4.) Extract from the letter from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to W. H. Bayley, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th December 1850, reporting on the condition of the records in the District.

Para. 3. . . Much has been done also through the intelligence and zeal of the present head of the English Department Jeyaram Chetty, to improve the form of the current records; useless and constantly recurring letters and papers of mere form are recorded in a detailed register instead of being copied at length, an improved arrangement of the periodical and other statements sent has been adopted and forms of books and statements both much

more convenient for reference and less perishable have been introduced.

(5.) Copy of a Certificate from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated 30th October 1851.

This is to certify that the services of Jeyaram Chetty, Head Accountant of the Huzoor Cutcherry of Chittoor have been placed by me at the temporary disposal of the Committee appointed for enquiring into and reporting upon the Department of Accounts of this Presidency; and that arrangements have been made for the discharge of his duties during his absence. Leave has been given to Jeyaram Chetty to be absent from his duties during the pleasure of the Committee, who will provide him with such salary as they may deem proper; and on his return he will be re-instated in his former situation.

(Signed) S. N. WARD,
Acting Collector of North Arcot

(6.) Extract from a letter from the Public Works Commissioners, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd May 1853.

If personal merits should be thought to add any force to this application, we are able and are bound to bear the strongest testimony to the value of the services rendered to us by Jeyaram Chetty throughout our long and laborious enquiries. In every part of his duty, whether in his own personal assiduity and industry, or in directing the labours of others, whether in the examination of intricate accounts,

or the preparation of new statements, whether in supplying original suggestions, or in working out in detail ideas given him; we have ever found in him the same high degree of diligence, knowledge of business and ready intelligence.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

" G. BALFOUR,

Commissioners.

(True Extract)

(Signed) G. BALFOUR

(7.) Extract from a letter from Major G. BALFOUR, dated Madras, 21st February 1854.

JEYARAM.—I am very glad to receive your several letters, and I shall be still more so to have the satisfaction of hearing from you. I am sorry you have not received the remarks about printing as I sent it up to Mr. Bourdillon about six weeks since, with a note enclosed from Colonel Browne speaking greatly in favor of the plan and of the author of it; this had reference to you as I mentioned to Colonel Browne that you had drawn it up.

Your's sincerely,

(Signed) G. BALFOUR.

(8.) Extract from a Minute of J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1855, printed at page 27 of the volume of Board's Circular Orders for 1855.

While Collector of North Arcot, I had long thought it very desirable to abridge the mechanical work in my office

by the use of a printing press; but I had no means up the country of getting the necessary information as to the cost and the management. When at Madras, on the Public Works Commission, I made enquiries on the subject; and having satisfied myself that a press could be used with economy, and the Head Accountant of my office having made himself acquainted with the details of management and superintendence, I procured the necessary apparatus and workmen, and established a press in my office at Chittoor, when I resumed charge of it in December 1852.

2. It was my intention to work the press for a year, and then report upon it to Government, hoping that the results, which I should be able to show, would be such as to prove the value of a press as an auxiliary, and to induce the Government to admit the workmen on the Establishment and perhaps also to induce them to introduce presses in other Collectors' offices also. This plan was interrupted by my removal from the District when the press had been in operation only ten months; and having then no time to write a report of its results, I desired my Head Accountant, Jeyaram Chetty, who had been in immediate charge of the press and who had taken much interest in it, to draw up a Memo. on the subject which in due time reached me. I had intended to lay that Memo. before Government in pursuance of my original design; but the Government having already taken up the question of establishing presses in Collectors' offices, and called on this Board for their

Enc. No. 2 and its
3 accompaniments,
vide C. O. 13th Dec.
1863.

opinion upon it, I consider it better to record my views as to the utility of the Chittoor press, and on the general question in the present form. I append the

Memo. by Jeyaram, which will be found well worthy of perusal; and in the following remarks I shall for the most part avoid repeating what is there said.

32. I will only remark in conclusion that it is quite necessary to the success of a press on its first establishment, that able and willing means of superintending it should be available. I was peculiarly fortunate at Chittoor, in having at hand a man both highly intelligent, acquainted with the management of a press, and fully alive to its great advantages and anxious to promote its use.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(9.) Extract from the Memorandum by the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department on the revision of Village Accounts, dated 15th June 1855.

On the 7th November 1854, when expressing their wish for the disuse of Mahratta as the language of the Revenue accounts, the Government also called the attention of the Board of Revenue, (para. 6) to the general system of

Revenue accounts, followed in the Mo-fusail, both in the Talooks and in the District offices, in view to its revision and simplification. The Board cordially took up the subject; and in order to an effectual revision, recommended that Jeyaram Chetty, Head Accountant in the North Arcot Collector's Cutcherry, who had already been engaged in investigations of the same nature, might be nominated a special Unconvenanted Assistant in their office to superintend it.

This proposition was approved and was immediately carried into effect. The proceedings in view to the revision of the accounts were begun forthwith in the Board's office; but Jeyaram Chetty having, at the beginning of March 1855, been

Ex. Mins. of Cons.
Rev. Dept. Nov. 7th
1854, No. 1,447.

To Govt. Nov. 13th,
1854, para. 5.

appointed to a post in the Revenue Department of the Government office, the inquiry was transferred thither and has since proceeded under the general control of the Revenue Secretary to Government.

The plan comprehended the revision and improvement of the whole system of accounts, and the enquiry naturally commenced with those of the villages, which are the foundation of all the rest. This part of the proceedings has now been completed, and new forms of the village accounts have been prepared, and an able Memo. has also been drawn up by Jeyaram Chetty, detailing the system of village accounts now existing, and explaining the proposed reforms.

For the guidance of the Curnums and others in the use of the new forms, a manual has been drawn up by Jeyaram Chetty; arrangements have been made for printing this, both in Tamil and Telooogo, with a view to placing a copy in the hands of every Curnum.

When the adoption of the new system of accounts shall be finally decided on, it seems desirable to circulate to the local officers for their clearer information, as to the cause and object of the change, copy of the Memorandum prepared, as above noticed, by the officer especially appointed for the revision of the accounts detailing the present system and explaining the proposed improvements, and also the original English version of the manual drawn up by the same officer, as a guide in using the forms. These documents will clearly explain to Collectors, and to their subordinates, both the necessity for the present change, and

the great gain which it is calculated to ensure for all the objects of a system of accounts.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(10.) Extract from a letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 12th May 1856.

JEYARAM CHETTYAR—I have always intended answering your letters to me, but I have been so occupied that it is seldom I find time to write letters. I have never ceased to lament your leaving this office.

Your's very truly,
(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM.

(11.) Extract from a Memorandum submitted to Government by the Secretary, Mr. Bourdillon, dated August 1st, 1856.

I am bound to acknowledge the great assistance which I receive from others whose services do not usually come prominently before Government

the completeness and accuracy of the statements (Budget of Public Works for 1856-57), are in very great measure due to the intelligent and laborious care of the able Registrar of the Department, Jeyaram Chettiar, whose assistance is of great value to me in all matters connected with the

accounts and statements of both the Revenue and the Public Works Departments.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(True Extract)

(Signed) H. FORBES, *Acting Secretary.*

(12.) Extract of a letter from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., dated Tunbridge-wells, August 24, 1857.

I hope you are quite well, and that the hard work which you have to encounter so continually has not affected your health. I would however give you a word of advice against overtasking your strength. You have been working for a number of years with scarcely any relaxation whatever. I hope you will remember how valuable health is, and that if you should find yours at all failing, you will endeavor to give yourself relief by getting others to work for you in such things as they can do.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(13.) Copy of a Testimonial from the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 24th March 1858.

Jeyaram Chetty, Registrar in the Revenue and Public Works Departments in the Government Office, has been in the Government Office for more than three years, during which time I have had many opportunities of observing him, but I was brought more closely into contact with him in the year 1856, when Mr. Bourdillon was on a tour with the Right Honorable the Governor, and the departments

of Revenue and Public Works were for nearly three months under my charge.

On that occasion I derived the greatest assistance from Jeyaram Chetty, and I found him full of information on all points connected with those Departments—very intelligent, industrious and an excellent man of business. I consider him a most valuable public servant.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT, *Chief Secretary.*

(14.) Copy of a Testimonial from the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines, dated Madras, 25th March 1858.

Jeyaram Chetty at present Registrar in the Office of the Secretary to Government in the Departments of Revenue and Public Works, was brought from the office of the Collector of North Arcot to be Manager of the office of the Commissioners of enquiring into the Public Works of this Presidency, and was so employed during the years 1851, 1852 and 1853. The Commissioners being also entrusted with an enquiry into the public accounts of this Presidency, availed themselves of the services of Jeyaram Chetty, during the period the enquiry was carried on.

As one of the Commissioners having daily intercourse with Jeyaram Chetty, and taking part in his laborious duties, I am able to express the strongest opinion of his ability and intelligence, and I am well aware of the highly favorable opinion entertained of Jeyaram Chetty, by Mr. Bourdillon and Colonel F. Cotton, the other two Commissioners.

Besides a thorough acquaintance with the duties of the various branches of the Government service, I consider Jeyaram Chetty to be an excellent Accountant, thoroughly

versed in the system of accounts of this Presidency, and well qualified to perform important duties connected with the accounts. I have always found Jeyaram Chetty behaving in a honorable and truthful manner, and I consider him a valuable public servant.

(Signed) G. BALFOUR, *Lieut.-Col.,
Inspector Genl. of Ordnance.*

(15.) Copy of a Testimonial from the Acting Secretary to Government in the Revenue and Public Works Departments, dated 12th April 1858.

Jeyaram Chetty has been Registrar and Manager of the Revenue and Public Works Departments of the Government Office, during the fifteen months that I have acted as Secretary.

He has great ability, particularly as an Accountant; and has devoted himself to his duties in a manner that has given me entire satisfaction.

He has prepared and managed the annual Budget of Public Works, in a manner to have attracted the marked commendation of the Government of India, and whatever praise an able, active, zealous, and pains-taking public servant can deserve, that praise I am able to bestow on Jeyaram Chetty.

(Signed) H. FORBES.

MADRAS, 12th April, 1858.

(16.) Extract of a letter from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., dated Wellington Crescent Ramsgate, April 25, 1858.

I am glad to find that the Government of India noticed favorably the way in which the Budget of 1857-58 was

prepared. I know that it received a great deal of your care and attention and you deserve much credit for it.

I should be very glad to hear that you have obtained one of the two situations in the Accountant General's Office of which you spoke; probably Mr. Prendergast will recommend Moorogasa Moodelly for the post of 2nd Assistant, and properly so, and in that case I hope you may get his present post. I shall be very sorry to lose your services in the Secretary's Office, but your salary is quite inadequate to your deserts. I should be best pleased indeed to see you in the post of Board's Sheristadar, as I am sure you would be able to do a great deal of good there; but it seems doubtful when that will be vacant, and I think it not unlikely that Mr. Goldingham may then wish to have an old Sheristadar from the provinces. On this account I should be glad to learn that you have succeeded Moorogasa Moodelly; but I am not on such a footing of intimacy with Mr. Prendergast as would justify me in writing to him on the subject. He already knows you, however, and I do not doubt he has got a good opinion of you. As regards the increases to the salaries of the Uncovenanted Officers in the Secretariat which have now been recommended to the Honorable Court by the Government, I will mention the subject at the India House if I have an opportunity; but I fear that all such propositions will be staved off at present on the ground that Mr. Ricket's Reports will bring the whole subject under review, and also on the score of financial pressure.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(17.) Extract of a letter from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., dated Tunbridge-wells, July 7, 1858.

Your letter of the 26th May reached me on the 1st instant, and I will not let a mail go without assuring you

how much pleased I am to hear of the step in promotion which you have obtained. I consider it the more gratifying by reason of the strong testimony borne by all who have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with you to your capacity and talents. I had strongly felt that your present or rather your late emoluments were quite inadequate to your services; and I was most anxious to see them increased, even though I did not see how that was likely to take place without my losing your assistance. In your new post you will find ample scope for the exercise of your talents; and in your immediate superior Moorogasa Moodelly, you have one with whom you can cordially co-operate. I cannot but think however that your proper place will be the Board's Office, and I am very much gratified to learn that Mr. Bayley has expressed the same opinion. Your loss will certainly be felt in the Secretariat; but Vejeyaragavoolu Chetty has had the advantage of working under you, and I do not doubt that he will succeed in giving Mr. Bayley satisfaction.

I am glad to find that in most Districts the new village accounts is to be virtually in force, but your presence in the Board will be of great value in enforcing their strict use as well as also probably in introducing improvements and simplifications.

I have only to repeat my congratulations on your well deserved advancement, and to subscribe myself with my best wishes for your welfare and happiness.

Your sincere friend,
(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(18.) Copy of a letter from J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1858.

JEYARAM.—The Board authorize me to offer you the post of Head Sheristadar in this office, the salary of which they propose fixing at 700 Rs. per month. Let me know in the course of a few days whether it will suit you to accept the appointment. You are indebted for the offer *solely* to the character for ability, industry and good conduct which you have earned for yourself, and I feel confident you will fill it with credit to yourself and satisfaction to the Board. You can assume charge on and after the first November whenever Mr. Bayley can spare you.

29th October, 1858.

Your's faithfully,
(Signed) J. D. SIM.

(19.) Extract from a letter from J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to W. H. Bayley, Acting Secretary to Government, R. D., dated 4th November 1858.

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 19th October 1858, R. D., No. 1419, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to report that K. Narasinga Row has been permitted to resign his appointment as their Head Sheristadar from the 1st instant, and to request that his pension may be made payable by me from that date.

2. As Narasinga Row's successor the Board have, subject to the approval of Government, nominated S. Jeyaram Chettiar now acting as Principal Uncovenanted Assistant to the Accountant General. In making this selection the Board have duly considered the claims and qualifications of the different persons now holding the office of Head Sheristadar in the Provinces, and without intending any

disparagement of these officers, the Board may briefly state that none of them possess the combination of qualifications required for the Head of their Cutcherry, those of their number who have sufficient experience for such a post being deficient in a knowledge of English which is now essentially requisite in consequence of the accounts being all rendered in English alone.

3. Under these circumstances the Board's choice has fallen on Jeyaram Chettiar, whose familiarity with the present form of accounts and general ability peculiarly qualify him for the office.

4. With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 14th July 1856, R. D. No. 724, the Board have given their consideration to the subject of the future salary of their Head Sheristadar, and they are disposed to admit that 700 Rupees monthly would now form an adequate allowance.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th November 1858.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

(20.) Extract from the Register of Uncovenanted Servants on the Estab-

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.
South Arcot Collec- tor's Cutcherry ...	11th August 1843	Writer...
do.	20th July 1844	Assistant Accountant...
do.	22nd June 1846	do.
North Arcot Collec- tor's Cutcherry ...	1st Sept. 1845	Record Keeper ...
do.	16th Oct. 1850	Head Accountant...
Public Works Com- mission.....	1st Novr. 1851	do. Doing duty as Manager...
North Arcot Collec- tor's Cutcherry ...	12th Dec. 1853	Head Accountant..
Revenue Board Office	1st Dec. 1854	do. Doing duty as Special Uncovenanted Assistant
Revenue Depart- ment, Government Office.....	1st March 1855	Registrar..
do.	27th May 1858	Acting Principal Uncove- nanted Assistant...
Revenue Board Office.	1st Novr. 1858	Head Sberistadar to the Board of Revenue...
do.	13th March 1861	do.
do.	{ 1st Jan. 1868 to 31st March 1869 }	do.

Note.—According to my Horoscope, I was born in Madras Town on
15th May 1822

Listment of the Revenue Department of the Government Office.

Salary.	Period of ser- vice in each appointment.			Remarks regarding punishments severe and formal reprimands, and all special com- mendation or marks of approbation.
	Years.	Months.	Days.	
Rs. A.				
28 0	..	11	8	S. Jeyarain Chetty has held Registrar's Of- fice, with the general management of the De- partments of Revenue and Public Works dur- ing the time that I have acted as Secretary, and I have found him fully deserving of the high character that I received of him from Mr. Bourdillon. He has a thorough knowledge of the Rules of the Public Works Departments and an intimate acquaintance with accounts and in the preparation of the annual Budget, which have each year attracted the particu- lar praise of the Government of India; he has been conspicuously useful.
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100 0	...	11	20	(Signed) H. FORCES. 30th April 1855. Acting Secretary to Government
250 0	...	3	...	Extract from a Memo. recorded by W. H. Bayley, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th January 1859. On first taking charge of the office, S. Jeya- ram Chetty was Registrar; being new to the Department of Public Works, I was for a time very much dependent on his experience and caution, and my confidence in him was fully justified.
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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

Secretary to Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

Secretary to Government.

(21.) Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 28th February 1859, No. 256, on the Board's Report regarding the revision of Village Accounts.

The Board have now in their Sheristadar the aid of the able Accountant by whom the new system was devised; Government do not doubt that for any real difficulties experienced by Collectors, Jeyaram Chetty will be able to suggest suitable remedies, in harmony with the general system; and no Collector should be permitted to vary from any of the Forms without previous orders.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secy. to Government.

(22.) Taken from the INDIAN STATESMAN, dated 16th July 1859, page 312.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A handsome Correction.

To THE EDITOR OF THE INDIAN STATESMAN.

Sir, Your last issue contains a letter headed "Administrative Reform." It is not my intention to discuss the various subjects treated of in that letter, but simply to correct a mistake by which undue credit is given to me at the expense of another.

In speaking of the reform of Village Accounts, the writer ascribes the whole to me. This is a great error; the whole of the details of the new scheme of Accounts were devised by the able Accountant and valuable Public Servant, who now holds the position of the Sheristadar to the Board of Revenue.

I am, Sir,

Your's obediently,

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

July 13th, 1859.

(23.) Letter from W. Strange, Esq., dated 26th December 1859.

I have been engaged for sometime past in the consideration of important matters connected with the administration of justice here and in the interior provinces of the Presidency. I should esteem it an obligation if you could call upon me and give me the opportunity of explaining my views to you and taking your opinion on them. In contemplating changes affecting the welfare of the nations of India, I feel the importance of ascertaining from influential and well informed members of the community, how far the measures I have in view may be acceptable to the people and calculated to be advantageous to them. This is my excuse for troubling you with my present request.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Your's truly,

(Signed) W. STRANGE

(24.) Extract from a letter from J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., dated 16th February, 1861.

Para G. The marginal abstract shows the strength of the old Maharatta Cutcherry, and that of the present Account Department and the arrangements now proposed. The first of the last is the restoration of the 100 Rupees monthly stopped from November 1858; from the pay of the Head Sheristadar. The Board have given this subject their best consideration, and have come to the conclusion that the original salary of this office, viz., 800 Rupees is not more than adequate remuneration for the qualifications essentially requisite and certainly not more than the heavy responsibility and onerous

duties of the Department justify. In making this recommendation, the Board are not influenced by the personal claims and qualifications of their present Head Sheristadar, Jeyaram Chetty, of whom it is sufficient to say that he has given them the fullest satisfaction by his unwearied diligence, and the great ability he has evinced in the performance of his duties. He has fully justified the Board's selection of him and proved a most valuable and willing officer.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th February 1861.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary.

(24½.) Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 13th March 1861, No. 582.

4. The Board further propose to restore to their Head Sheristadar the sum of Rupees 100 per mensem taken from him in 1858. * * * These propositions also are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

(25.) Copy of a Testimonial from J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., late Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3th May 1861.

I have known S. Jeyaram Chetty since 1849, when he was taken into the Collector's Cutchery of North Arcot, as English Record Keeper, with the charge of the English Correspondence. In the following year he was made Head Accountant of the same office. In both posts his services

were very valuable in clearing away old fashioned methods of doing business, and instituting simpler and more efficient process.

From November 1851 to December 1853, he was Manager of the office of the Public Works Commission; where his services were much valued; and where also he had the opportunity of enlarging his acquaintance with accounts, and with business generally.

In December 1853, he returned to Chittoor on the closing of the Public Works Commission, and resumed his post of Head Accountant. During the following year he was usefully employed in collecting information respecting the Village and Taluq Revenue Accounts, in view to their reform, and in December 1854, he was brought down to Madras, as a special Assistant in the office of the Board of Revenue for the purpose of aiding in that reform in all the Districts.

In March 1855 he became Registrar in the office of the Revenue Secretary to Government; and it was while he held this appointment, that that very beneficial practical reform was completed, new system of account for Villages, Taluqs, and Districts, constructed, and the Manuals written. In 1858, he was selected by the Board of Revenue for the post of Sheristadar in their office, which he now holds.

(Jeyaram Chetty is an excellent man of business, and is thoroughly acquainted with both the principles and the practice of accountancy). He is not at all a mere man of routine; but is a ready in suggesting means of improving modes of working, as well as to adopt and work out the suggestions of others—and any system will, under his superintendence, be worked up to its highest powers.

These valuable qualities have raised him, at a comparatively early period in his service, to the important and responsible and confidential post which he now occupies;

and I trust he has before him many years of useful and honorable service.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Late Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.
MADRAS, May 13, 1861.

(26.) Copy of a Testimonial from J. D. Sim, Esq.,
Secretary to Government, dated 12th January
1863.

S. Jeyaram Chetty was Head Sheristadar of the Board of Revenue for two years, of the period during which I was their Secretary. He proved himself to be an excellent Accountant and man of business—managed his Department extremely well—and was always most industrious, intelligent and persevering.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
12th January 1863.

(27.) Copy of a Testimonial from C. Pelly, Esq.,
First Member of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th
January 1863.

Jeyaram Chetty possesses many valuable testimonials from gentlemen of high standing under whom he has served. He has for the last three years been engaged with me in the revision of the Revenue Establishment, and (I can bear testimony to the assiduity, the care and ability, which he bestowed on this difficult work, and highly appreciate the valuable assistance he has afforded me in arranging the different establishments,) Huzur, Taluk, Salt, Sea and Land Customs, and Village Establishments.

MADRAS,
14th January 1863. } (Signed) C. PELLY.

(28.) Copy of a letter from the Honorable E. Maltby, Member of Council, dated 19th December 1864.

S. JEYARAM CHETTY.—In the high position which you have gained in the Government Service, a testimonial from me is hardly necessary, but in accordance with your request (I write to mention that while I was in the Revenue Board, I was much pleased by your intelligence, attention to business, knowledge of Revenue subjects, especially accounts.) I hope that these qualities will be long useful to the Public Service, and that health and distinction will be continued to you.

Your well wisher,
(Signed) E. MALTBY.

(29.) Extract of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government, dated 11th January 1865, No. 131.

2. The accompanying elaborate Memo. by the Board's Head Sheristadar Jeyaram Chetty, goes fully into the details of the subject, and is entitled to much consideration as embodying the views of a most competent witness, who has for many years past had his attention constantly directed to the improvement of our Account Department in all the branches connected with the Revenue, and who has been foremost in inaugurating most beneficial reforms.

(30.) Extract from the order of Government, dated 20th March 1865, No. 616.

1. In the letter above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit their views on the Report of the Commissioners of

Inquiry into Indian Accounts, on the constitution and procedure of the Financial Department, and forward a Memo. on the subject by their Head Sheristadar, who has been engaged for several years in managing and improving the Account system of the Presidency.

17. The Board keep and control the Revenue Accounts in their own office, and have done so for years past. The Accountant General here occupies the position implied by the name of his office, and though often asked for advice in matters of Finance and Account, does not administer the Revenue.

18. (The Board of Revenue have an officer) already for this purpose, (whose competency in all matters of account is unquestionable.)

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

(True copies)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(31.) Extract of a letter from C. DALE, Esq., Government Pleader, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 2nd November 1865, No. 154.

2. The Memo. prepared by the Head Sheristadar of the Board and handed to me was very carefully prepared and proved of very great assistance to me. If corresponding care and ability had been evinced in the Office of the Collector and by the Government Vakil at Guntoor, I have little doubt I should have been enabled to have presented the case before the Court in a much more advantageous manner than the record as now prepared enabled me to do.

(The Head Sheristadar Jeyaram Chettyar and Dhurmaroya Moodeliar attended me in Court, and it affords me great pleasure to state that they were of great service to me, and showed they had intelligently made themselves acquainted with the account filed in Court and their contents.)

(Signed) C. DALE,
Government Pleader.

(32.) Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1865, No. 7585.

2. The Board are glad to receive so favorable a testimony from Mr. Dale to the services rendered by their Head Sheristadar, and by Deputy Collector Dhurmaroya Moodely, who was doing duty in the Board's Office when the case referred to came on for hearing.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

(33.) Minute of H. A. Brett, Esq., dated 24th October 1865.

I agree with Mr. Pelly in thinking that a thousand Rupees would not be too high a salary for the Office. The duties are of a very responsible character, they will be unceasingly onerous, and it is right this appointment should be so paid as to make it an object of ambition with the higher paid officers in the Revenue Department to succeed to it. The present time is most suitable for submitting our proposals to Government as the raising of the Sheristadar's salary may fairly form a part of the general revision now on hand.

I believe that our present Sheristadar fully deserves the praise given him by Mr. Pelly. He has rendered hitherto

excellent service, and it would be long, I hope, before his most valuable aid is lost to the Board's Office.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT.

(34.) Extract of a letter from W. Hudleston, Esq., dated Madras, 6th November 1865.

In answer to your note just received I wish to assure you that I am very sensible of the value of your services and of the great industry and zeal with which you have always afforded them while working under me, and I would certainly not oppose any proposal for your advantage that I considered reasonable and would not hesitate to bring forward all your claims to consideration on the ground of personal ability and zeal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON.

(35.) Extract from a letter from the Honorable C. Pelly, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd October 1866, No. 1,989.

16. Before concluding I wish to bring forward the position and salary of the Head Sheristadar of the Board's Office. It was my intention to have prominently noticed in my final report on the revision of Establishments the services of Jeyaram Chetty. My report was already drafted when I received the instructions of Government to include in my general scheme of revision, the Establishment of the Board's Office, and it seems that this is the more proper occasion for submitting any recommendation I may have to make in respect to this officer.

17. In revising the Establishment of the Board of Revenue, the position and salary of the Board Sheristadar should, I think, be taken into consideration. His position is perhaps as important and responsible as any held by the Uncovenanted Service. The office as once remarked by the Honorable Mr. Daniel Elliot, Member of Council and President of the Board of Revenue, (in his Minute dated 9th May 1854) "was the highest to which a Native could rise under this Government." The Head Sheristadar of the Board is entrusted with the supervision of all the Revenue Accounts of the Presidency, he is responsible for their accuracy, and to him the Board look for information derivable from the Revenue Accounts. During late years and under the immediate care of the present Sheristadar Jeyaram Chetty, great improvements requiring the greatest care and attention to effect have been introduced in all the Revenue Accounts and Revenue details connected with them. The Village accounts, the Taluq and Huzur accounts of the several Districts have been completely revised, simplified and made uniform by Jeyaram Chetty. Manuals have been prepared and are under preparation for the guidance of the several officers of account by the same individual, which if duly attended to, will immensely facilitate the work which they have to perform.

18. The Head Sheristadar of the Board's Office has also improved with the concurrence of the Accountant General, the Financial accounts which have to be submitted to that officer by the Revenue Officers. New duties in auditing Contingent Bills, Local Funds and other expenditure now also devolve on the Head Sheristadar of the Board's Office, and by the changes lately introduced in the Revenue Settlement Department, the work which was done in the Office of the Director of Revenue Settlement will now be thrown on the Account Department of

the Revenue Board and be under the supervision of the Board's Sheristadar.

19. In the recent revision of Revenue Establishments made by myself under the orders of Government, I have received the most valuable assistance from the Board's Sheristadar. All the accounts and statements required for carrying out this measure were prepared by him. I employed no separate establishment beyond two or three subordinate clerks to assist me; and it is to Jeyaram (whose intimate acquaintance with the duties that have to be performed in the Revenue Offices, enabled him to give me most effectual aid) I am so much indebted for bringing these revisions to a satisfactory conclusion.

20. These and other various duties are properly the duties of a Head Sheristadar of the Board of Revenue, and high qualifications are necessary for the competent fulfilment of them. As once before observed (see Proceedings, dated 5th May 1856, No. 1330, para. 10.) "In the opinion of the Board they ought to find in the Head of their Native Department, a colleague competent to advise them on all subjects connected with the financial interests of the country. They consider that he ought to hold very much the position of a Native Member of the Board. The office should be rendered an object of ambition to the Native Revenue Service, and the emoluments should be such as to command the services of its most highly qualified members. . . . They adopt the words of Sir Thomas Munro used when the Board's Cutcherry was originally established, in stating, that they required not only aid in the preparation of Accounts, but advice in all matters connected with taxation, and the improvement of the Revenue, especially with reference to the effects of proposed measures on native habits and feelings, and this assistance they ought to receive from their native colleague."

21. The salary of the Head Sheristadar was in former years fixed at 800 Rupees per month; but since then great changes have taken place to which it is unnecessary to allude particularly. The salaries of all the higher subordinate officers of Revenue have been considerably increased two-fold and three-fold, but though more onerous and larger duties have been thrown on the Board's Sheristadar, and he has had no small part in devising and carrying out the improvements of late years, his salary has not been raised above the rate at which it stood some 44 years ago. In the offices under Government open to the Uncovenanted Service, any of which may be filled by Natives, there are some which are better paid than that of the Board's Sheristadar, though the labor and responsibilities of those offices are not equal to those of the Board's Sheristadar. I think that the Board's Sheristadar should be placed in respect of emolument, on the highest grade of the Uncovenanted Service. His work is arduous, his responsibilities not small; the requisitions necessary for the office are of no ordinary kind, his position should in the service be, among the highest, and the most qualified officer in the Service should be selected for filling this post, which should be still as it has hitherto been, an object of the highest ambition to all our best educated and faithful and able servants in the Provinces, or at the Presidency. The office is one of great importance, and the emolument attached to it should in some measure denote the importance in which it is held. The salary of 800 Rupees in past years might be considered adequate and handsome. For the present time, I am disposed to think that not less than 1,000 Rupees per month would be a suitable scale of emolument.

22. I am advocating an increase to the salary of the office, not of the man, but I may add that in the person of

the present Head Sheristadar, we have a fit representative of the sort of officer required for the situation, and whose services and abilities entitle him personally to the consideration I would show to the office. Jeyaram Chetty holds highly satisfactory testimonials of his past services, and I myself have every reason to add my testimony to those he already holds, and the Board also hold him in high estimation.

23. I would therefore beg to recommend, that the salary of this very important officer be raised to 1,000 Rupees a month, or should the Government not feel disposed to adopt this recommendation in full, I would suggest, which would perhaps be a better plan, that the salary should be drawn by the present incumbent Jeyaram Chetty and by future incumbents after five years' approved service as the Head Sheristadar in the Board's Office. I will only add that Messrs. Brett, Fane and Hudleston, Members and Secretary of the Board, concur with me in the foregoing remarks and recommendation.

(True Extract)

CHARLES PELLY,
Member of the Board of Revenue.

(36.) Extract from the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd December 1866, No. 3485.

3. The Government concur with Mr. PELLY, in his remarks on the importance of the duties of the Board's Sheristadar, and they note with satisfaction, the terms in which for himself and his colleagues of the Board of Revenue, he speaks of Jeyaram Chetty. The increased stipend of Rupees 1,000 is not larger than is required in order that the post of Sheristadar to the Board of Revenue may continue to be an

object of ambition to the ablest native officials, and to command the highest qualification, but the Government consider that the higher rate should be given only after five years *approved* service, and on the special recommendation of the Board.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

(37.) Letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th January 1867, No. 2004.

SIR,

"In sanctioning the increased stipend to the Head Sheristadar to the Board of Revenue (See Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd December 1866, No. 3485,) the Government considered that the new rate should be given only after five years *approved* service. Jeyaram Chetty, to whom the increased rate has now been sanctioned has completed eight years of approved service in the Board's Office. The Government might see fit as a mark of their special approbation of the valuable services rendered by him during this period, 8 years to allow him to draw the increased rate of pay in arrears from the 1st November 1863, the date on which he completed his five years Sheristadarship in the Board's Office. I have the honor therefore to place the question before Government for their favorable consideration.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. PELLY,
Member.

* Not sanctioned by Government.

(38.) Extract from a letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 5th January 1867, No. 2006.

23. I cannot conclude this Report without acknowledging the services of Jeyaram Chetty, the Head Sheristadar of the Board of Revenue to whose assistance in the work of revision of all the Establishments I am very greatly indebted. His aid has been invaluable. In addition to all his other very arduous duties in the Board's Office, he has devoted much time and attention in aiding me in this important work, and I am much gratified at seeing his services duly acknowledged and rewarded by Government as recommended by me in my Report on the Board's Establishment (See Proceedings of Government, dated 22nd December 1866, No. 3185.) With the exception of 2 or 3 additional clerks I have not incurred any extra expense for Office Establishment in the preparation of the accounts and carrying on the correspondence connected with the revision.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES PELLY,
Member.

(39.) Extract from the Proceedings of Government, dated 14th January 1867, No. 121, Revenue Department.

12. The Honorable Mr. Pelly's testimony to the services of Jeyaram Chettyar, the Board's Sheristadar is highly creditable to that officer.

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

(True extract and copy.)

(Signed) CHARLES PELLY, Member.

(40.) Minute of H. A. BRETT, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue.

My views as to the eminent service rendered by Jeyaram Chetty as Head Sheristadar in the Board's Office were put on record very recently when his claim to a higher salary was under consideration. He is no doubt a very efficient Public Servant, and during the five years I have had a seat at the Board, I have always considered that he deserved great praise for the way in which he performed the ordinary duties of his office, and also for the constant exertions he made to improve the working of every Department in subordination to the Board.

I am glad to think that the Government are sensible of his merits, and if they should think fit to meet his wishes by allowing him to receive in arrears from 1863 when he completed 5 years' service in the Board, the additional salary he is now enjoying, I consider they will show him no greater favor than he deserves.

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,

Member of the Board of Revenue.

MADRAS, }
29th May 1868. }

(41.) Extract of a letter from W. Robinson, Esq., dated 8th May 1868.

I thank you for your most kind wishes. Accept the same for yourself and my assurance of the great pleasure our close official intercourse gave me. I hope it may be renewed, for I value it much.

Your's very sincerely,

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]

The Original
of C. on this
paper with
of the numbers of for
were given to the Reg^y
for the Hon. A. B. C.

To

The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue

The humble Petition of Sundar
Arumal, widow, S. Narasimha
eldest son, and S. Narasimha Chetty
second son, of the late S. Jayaram
Chetty, Head Sheristadar of the
Board of Revenue

Respectfully sheweth.

That your Petitioners have
to report with great regret the death of
Jayarama Chettyar on the 24th of June 1844,
leaving behind him a family consisting
of three daughters and a son
infant son and by no means adequate
provision for their respectable maintenance.

2. That the 1st and 2nd sons
of your Petitioners have attained their
age, but only one of them S. Narasimha
Chetty is employed in the Board's Office
on the salary of Rs 50 per mensem. His
daughters have been married, and one
daughter and one son are children
between 5 and 4 years of age.

3. That Jayarama Chettyar
distinguished himself remarkably
well in the service of Government in

are well known both to Government and its Officers and the accompanying pamphlet of testimonials will show the high estimation in which he was held by all those gentlemen with whom he had worked. During late years Jayarama Chettyar has under the orders of the Board carried out great improvements in the system of Revenue Accounts and he worked so hard that the general belief is that he brought about his untimely end by overtaxing his mind and brain.

4. That as the deceased was not allowed to receive the high salary of Rs 1000 which the Government have authorized for more than 1 1/2 years and as during this time he lived expensively he was not able to make any proper provision for the maintenance of the large family in a moderate degree of respectability.

5. That it is unnecessary for your Honors to dwell at any length on the arduous and responsible character of his services as they are well known to the Board and Government. But it is evident that he has done more for the improvement of the system of Accounts than any of his predecessors and that was peculiarly fitted to do so by the English education he has received.

6. That Jayarama Chettyar had at the time of his death completed a service of nearly 26 years which would have given him under the rules an ordinary pension of Rs 500 if he retired today making of the special Government indulgence a full pension for himself and pensions for the two next lines as allowed to his predecessors and which the deceased would have received by a further short service of about 4 or 5 years. These opportunities were lost by his untimely end and he had not the fortune of enjoying even the pension for his life.

7. Being thus left without adequate means for the maintenance of his family on the bounty of Government and to regulate the Board will recommend to Government for provision being made for the family by granting a Pensionary allowance for two lines as has been done in the case of his predecessors for meritorious services.

Cum gratia
29th June 1869

We beg to remain
Gentlemen
Your Most obedient servant
S. Narasimha Chetty
S. Narasimha Chetty

Rev. Department

Memo. on L. 2185

In this paper,
the Board report the
death of the Head & the
mistake of their officer
Jeyarum Chellgar; and
in doing so, they record
their testimony to the
"valued services of this
very distinguished Pub.
lic Officer," whose early
death they regard "as
a serious loss to the
Presidency, the land
revenue accounts system
of

Mem. No. 755

From

The Madras & Co.
Govt of S. Mysore
Chetty Late Head
Quintadon of Mysore
of Revenue

Dated 29 June 1869
Recd 29

Rev. 2185/69

Requesting that a
pension for the wife
may be granted to her,
-wily of Late Head & Co.
-Govt, Mysore Chetty
of 1865 office.

of which he may be said
to have created."

2 The deceased had
at the time of his death
served for a period of
26 years, and the Board
are of opinion that it was
in a great measure to
his zeal for the Public
Service that his health
was sacrificed.

3 Of the numerous
letters and public do-
cuments in which
Jeyaram Chettyar's ser-
vices have been acknow-
ledged, the Board refer
to the testimonials of
Mr. Pycroft when Chief
Secretary in 1858, of
Major

Major Balfour, and
of Mr. H. Forbes when
Secy. to Government, and
also to G. O. 28th February
1859, No. 256 in which
the Government alluded
to him as the able ac-
countant by whom the
new system was devised.
The Board further ad-
vert to the important
services rendered by
Jeyaram Chettyar to the
Public Works Commission
in 1853 and to Mr. Pelly
in the revision of the
establishments throughout
the Presidency, the latter
without

without prejudice to his
duties as Sheristadar,
and they quote the opi-
nions expressed by the
Commission, and by Mr
Kelly on the subject.

4. The Board
submit that these
services are of exception-
al merit, and call for
something more than a
mere commendation.

5. The Board re-
ferring to the special
personal allowance of
Rs 200 a month awarded
to the deceased in 1867,
remark that the brief
period during which
this

Mr Kelly proposed
the allowance ^{to be} ~~to be~~
for the office, not for
the man.

Can information relative to the
resources of a living, or a dead
native ^{or a dead} ~~native~~ ^{or a dead}
European officer, ^{which reaches} ~~which reaches~~
be trusted? - in authority, even

This has been enjoyed
is greatly owing to his
unwillingness to avail him-
self of the ordinary
period allowed for
relaxation. They there-
fore submit their
earnest recommendation
that a pension of not
less than 200 Rs may
be granted in the name
of the eldest son for the
benefit of the family, who
the Board fear, have been
left but ill-provided to
maintain unaided the po-
sition to which the deceased
merit had raised them.

6. The Board also
forward

forward a Petition from the widow and two sons of the deceased, stating that besides themselves the deceased has left three daughters and an infant son with "by no means adequate provision for their respectable maintenance; that the first and second sons, two of the Petitioners, have attained their majority but only one employed, is on Rs 50 per mensem; that two daughters are married and that one daughter and one son are between 5 and 10 years of age. The Petitioners pray for a pensionary allowance for two lives as has been ^{given} in the case of the deceased predecessor.

Jayaram

Three one daughter & two sons are unfurnished for.

From Revenue Board
27th Aug^r 1827, No 367.

7. Jayaram Chetty's two immediate predecessors were Radda-inappa and Radda-inappa Row. The services rendered by these individuals and the pensions granted to them on their retirement from the public service, are stated below.

8. Ramappaiah was confidentially employed by Sir Thomas Munro from the commencement of his administration of the Ceded districts. He particularly distinguished himself as Tahsildar of Gorumcondah in educating the refractory Poligars to order. He was selected to attend Mr. Chockerao on the occasion of his deputation to Bangalore and was afterwards appointed by that gentleman as Naib Sheristadar of Bellary.

Bellary - In 1822, he
 was promoted to the in-
 office of Junior Sheristadar to the Revenue
 Board, in which post
 he was actively em-
 ployed not only in the
 ordinary business of
 the office, but on spe-
 cial duty in the provin-
 ces - In 1827, the Board
 recommended that Nar-
 aiaiah should be
 permitted to retire with
 the grant of a shotrum,
 for three huns of the an-
 nual value of 2400
 pagodas, being the an-
 nual value of the salary
 then drawn by him. The
 Govt acceded to this
 recommendation, but
 as Naraiyah had
 never held the situ-
 ation of Head Sheris-
 tadar, in a Collectors
 Putcherry, they were of
 opinion that the an-
 nual value of the village
 to

To Bd of Revenue 4th
 March 1825 No 190-

E.M.C. 9th March 1830,
 No 213-
 do 14th Sept 1830 - 783-

* Septateh from Court of
 Directors, 9th Oct 1833,
 No 8 para 19-
 - From Bd of Rev 18th
 Dec 1834, No 560-

E.M.C. 30th Dec 1834, No 1245-
 To Home Govt 16th Jan 1835,
 No 476-
 From do 25th Oct 1835, No 19-
 para 35-37-
 E.M.C. 24th June 1836, No 781,
 para 10-

to be selected should
 not well & 1500 Pags.
 - do - Subsequently, the
 Govt sanctioned the em-
 grant of a money pla-
 cation of the amount
 about mentioned, viz
 1500 Pagodas per an-
 num, for three huns
 in lieu of a village,
 the Court of Directors
 having expressed an
 opinion in favor of
 the former description
 of grant - This sanction
 was confirmed by the
 Court in 1833 - Narra-
 iaiah retired in 1828
 from the post of Junior
 Sheristadar, which was
 shortly after abolished
 but he was in 1832 ap-
 pointed sole Sherista-
 dar - from this last
 mentioned office he re-
 tired on 1st January
 1835; and on this occa-
 sion the Govt on the
 Board's recommendation
 obtained the Court's
 sanction for the grant

to him of an increased
pension of Pagodas 2400
or Rs 8400 per annum
during his life, his two
next heirs being entitled
to the reversion of the
pension of 1500 Pagodas
per annum, as original-
ly sanctioned -

9. Narainappa was
succeeded as the Board's
Chrietaadar by Nara-
singa Row. In 1854 the
Honorable S. Elliott be-
fore resigning his
office of President of the
Board of Revenue, re-
corded a minute re-
garding this individ-
ual. In this minute,
Mr. Elliott fully en-
ters into the important
nature of Narasinga
Row's services, explain-
ing the highly valu-
able assistance ex-
tended by him
to the Board

Minute by Hon: S. Elliott
9th May 1854 in R.M.C.
16th Dec 1854 - 69 -

Board in his capacity
of Chrietaadar, and pointing
out the position he held
under Mr. Russell, at
much personal risk, when
that gentleman was engaged
in quelling the disturbances
~~which~~ in Ganjam in
1832. He also accompanied
Mr. Russell to Calcutta
when he was deputed to ex-
plain the accounts connected
with the Revenue System of
this Presidency to the Fi-
nancial Committee in 1828.
Mr. Elliott was of opinion
that Narasinga Row's case was
one in which the reward of a
Shrotrian for three lives might
well

will be granted. Mr. Elliott's
memorandum was forwarded by
this Com^{tee} to the Court of
Directors, with an expression
of their hope that on Mara-
singa Row's retirement,
his claim to the grant of
a Shobtem village might
receive the Court's special
consideration. In reply,
the Court fully recognized
Marsingal Row's services, and
intimated their willingness
to give due consideration to his
claims, whenever the time for
his retirement shall arrive.
In 1858, the B^{dy} submitted
a formal application from
Marsinga Row, praying for
the

To Court of Directors
26 May 1854, P^g 32.

From Court of Directors
28 Feb^y 1855, P^g 26 para 1

Prof. B^{dy} of Res^{ts} 23rd April
in for^m Order 17 May 1858
h^g 60.

To Court of Directors
28 May 1858 P^g 23.

the grant of a Shobtem,
or a ready money allowance
for three lives on his retiring
from the public service,
which he proposed to do after
the receipt of the order of
the Court of Directors on
his application. In sub-
mitting this paper to the
Court, the Com^{tee} adverted
to the correspondence in
1854 & 1855 above referred
to, and pointed out that
Marsinga Row had con-
tinued to preserve unblem-
ished that character &
high position which had
then attracted the Court's
marked attention, and that
his

his services had again been
made use of in a matter
not immediately connected
with his office as Sherista-
dar. They stated that
when a Commissioner was
nominated to proceed to
Tanjore to carry out the
measures connected with
the extinction of the Raj,
Marasinga Row was pointed
out ^{to} them as the person best
qualified by character,
experience and judgment
to accompany that officer
and aid him in his duties
in connection with the landed
property of the Raj.
Referring to the wish of
the

the Court, as expressed in a
several despatches, that pen-
sionary provision in money
or land should not be
granted for several lives,
that the pension that may
be granted for more than
one life should decrease
as it descends, and that
money pensions should
be given in preference
to grants of land, the
Court recommended the
grant of a monthly pen-
sion of Rs. 800, the full
amount of his salary, to
Marasinga Row, during his
life, of Rs. 400 to his son,
and

and of Rs. 200 to the third

life; which was accordingly
sanctioned by the Court.

From Court of Directors
30 Augth 1858 B.Y.
E.H.C. 19 Oct/58 B.Y. 1419.

It seems to me that the late Jayaram
Chetty cannot properly be classed with
two such men as Naramappa and
Munniyappa whose public services,
throughout their careers, were of a
very superior and far more useful
character than those denoted by
the boards' late candidates. -
We are asked by the Board to
assign a pension of 200 Rs. per annum
in the name of the deceased's eldest
son, for the benefit of the family.

His son himself has a public
education yielding 50 Rs. a month -

I do not object to support this
Board's application, though I strongly
doubt their ability to arrive at a

fairly correct knowledge of
the means of the deceased.
If the grant of the pension

should be
he made subject to the following
deductions -

100 Rs. on the death of the widow

25 Rs. on the ^{death} marriage of the daughter

25 Rs. on the death of a son attaining his

majority & becoming

25 on the death of a son or daughter

They will leave 25 Rs. a month to
the eldest of the 3 sons, who is now
in public employment.

12 Sep 60

W. G.

Since I wrote the above my attention has been
drawn to the recent refusal by the Government to
assign a pecuniary allowance to the widow and
family of a much respected servant of Govt. in this
Mellay District, who, after long service in the Salt-
Department had died a pauper. - I was a party
to that refusal which did not receive the approval
of all the members of the Govt. then present.
It has further been shown by credible information,
that the late Jayaram Chetty derived from a
well stocked shop of property yielding a certain
income of an amount sufficient for the support
of his family. Under these circumstances I am
not prepared to uphold the correctness and
propriety of my original view and agree to
the proposal made at the Council table by
the Lordship the President that the application
of the Bd of Revenue shall be refused.

W. G.

Received of the
mrs. J. W. L. 1.
the sum of \$1.00
for B. A.

underneath

[illegible]

of the entire system of
human accounts.

such a work though perhaps
less brilliant than the solution
of the repeating cipher of
a more nearly unbroken.
On this is not as useful
we are its results ^{to the} ^{the}
surrounding.

It is shown in the papers before
us that Seymour (Chittenden)
the eminent special master
to the Public Works Commission
of 1853 and to the City
in his revision of the Division
of the Department of the Treasury
a few years ago, the latter
study having been performed
in conjunction with the
various duties devolving
on Seymour (Chittenden) as
head clerk to the
Board of Revenue.
I am with the Board

I humbly in regarding these
 letters as of exceptional merit
 and I ~~greatly~~ consider their
 recommendation that a portion
 of the 200 per annum should
 be assigned as his student
 fee of the deceased for the
 benefit of the family & be
 fully justified by the
 circumstances of the case.
 I would grant this pension
 & his student fee for his
 life and in the event of
 his death during during
 the life time of his mother
 or of any of his surviving
 brothers & sisters the
 administration of the family
 should then be ascertained
 and shall with in a
 liberal spirit.

26th July 1889 J. A. Arthur

I don't feel myself
 entitled to repeat to
 the President the grant
 of pension to the widow
 or heirs of the deceased
 the family are left in
 very fair - almost
 -parent - circumstances
 the pension was recently
 refused to the widow
 of the Honble Deputy
 Collector who had
 rendered great
 services to Govt. who
 was remarkable for
 his integrity & devotion
 to duty - who died
 young & left
 his widow & children
 in indigence I
 advocated the
 grant of pension
 as if a small piece
 of gold which was
 refused N.

Continued

1st of 11/1/1871
 1st of 11/1/1871

Memorandum

The following is a Memo of the
 means of the late Jayarama Chetty's fa-
 mily:-

1. Rent of Kilpauk house
 occupied at present by
 the 13th Bn. - - - - - 100 - - -
2. Deduct garden wages - 10 - - -
3. Narasimha Rao the 2nd Son's pay - 90 - - -
4. Profit from Soudara Chalam
 Village - 50 - - -
5. Amount of lease from
 the Panchas - - - - - 525 - - -
6. Deduct Panchas - 338 - - -
7. 1st profit per annum - 15 - 9 - 4
8. Bangalore Pension Fund
 - For the widow - - - 15 - - -
9. For the 2nd Son till 1871 - 8 - - -
10. For the 3rd Son till 1871 - 5 - - -
11. For the 3rd Son - - - 12 - - -
12. Madras Pension Fund
 - For the two 1st Sons - - - 13 - 2 - -
13. Pension of 13 years in Madras - 39 - - -

The first three items or Rs. 155-7-4 are only available for the
 maintenance of the family & the rest
 being required under the provisions of
 the

of the family of the
 late Head Sherstadar
 in the name of his

the Will of the deceased to be invested
for the benefit of his two infant children
Every one of this sum of Rs. 155. 7-4 the
sum of Rs. 22. 10-0

2nd of Feb 20-7-5 as per margin given to for El. Spunk
 he set aside for the repair, with Rev. for house 81-25
 1st of Feb 20-7-5. It is thus clear that the Apartment, for Barren 32-0-0
 family have no more provision than the 2nd of Feb for
 El. 155-2-1: the El. Spunk house 28-1-2

The house at Kilpatrick and the
Baxars in Madras are sometimes left
uncarely

The houses at Bodumhahim
and Cylopat yield no income what-
ever. The latter might fetch a
rent of 7 or 8 Rupees.

Appraisement
 for Old Spunk
 have — 814-25
 Appraisement
 for Buzzards — 32-0-0
 Quick Quail for
 the Old Spunk
 have — 28-1-2
 Quick Quail for
 Buzzards — 1-3-11

 Appraisement of 1145 Y-6
 the property
 of Rev. Secy
 about 1840 — 100-0-0

 12) 245-7-7
 20-7-

of the family of the
late Head Sherstaden,
in the name of his

Revenue Department.
No. 2384.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 20th August 1869.
Read the following Res. of the B. of Rev.
(S. & 30th June 1869.)

The Rt Honble the
Gov. in Council though
fully sensible of the
meritorious and distinguished
services rendered by the
late Surgeon Chettyar
regrets that under existing
rules he is precluded
from complying with the
recommendation of the
Board of Revenue that
a pension of Rs 200, ~~which~~
his pension, should be
granted for the support
of the family of the
late Head Sherstadar,
in the name of his

W.D.

N.

in many
advocated the
grants pension
of a small piece
of land which was
refused N.

Collected

1869

