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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th December 1869.

No. 224. Read the following letter from PERUNTHEVI UMMAL, widow, and S. VEERASAWMY CHETTY and S. NARASIMHOOLOO CHETTY, sons of the late S. JEYARAM CHETTIAR, Head Sheristadar of the Madras Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd November 1869 :—

WE beg to request that you will be pleased to submit the accompanying Memorial, in triplicate, together with its enclosure to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, for transmission to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, with the recommendation of this Government.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1869, No. 3,188.

Miscellaneous.

THE Memorial will be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State through the Government of India under Clause III. of the Revised Memorial Rules.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

GOVT. OF MADRAS
REVENUE
To
Dated December 16th
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G. O. 16th December 1869, No. 3,188.
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Received, and the widow and sons of the late Jeyaram Chetty, relating to a pension.
Its translation to the Secretary of State through the Government of India, requested.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16*th December* 1869.

No. 3,189.

No. 226.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

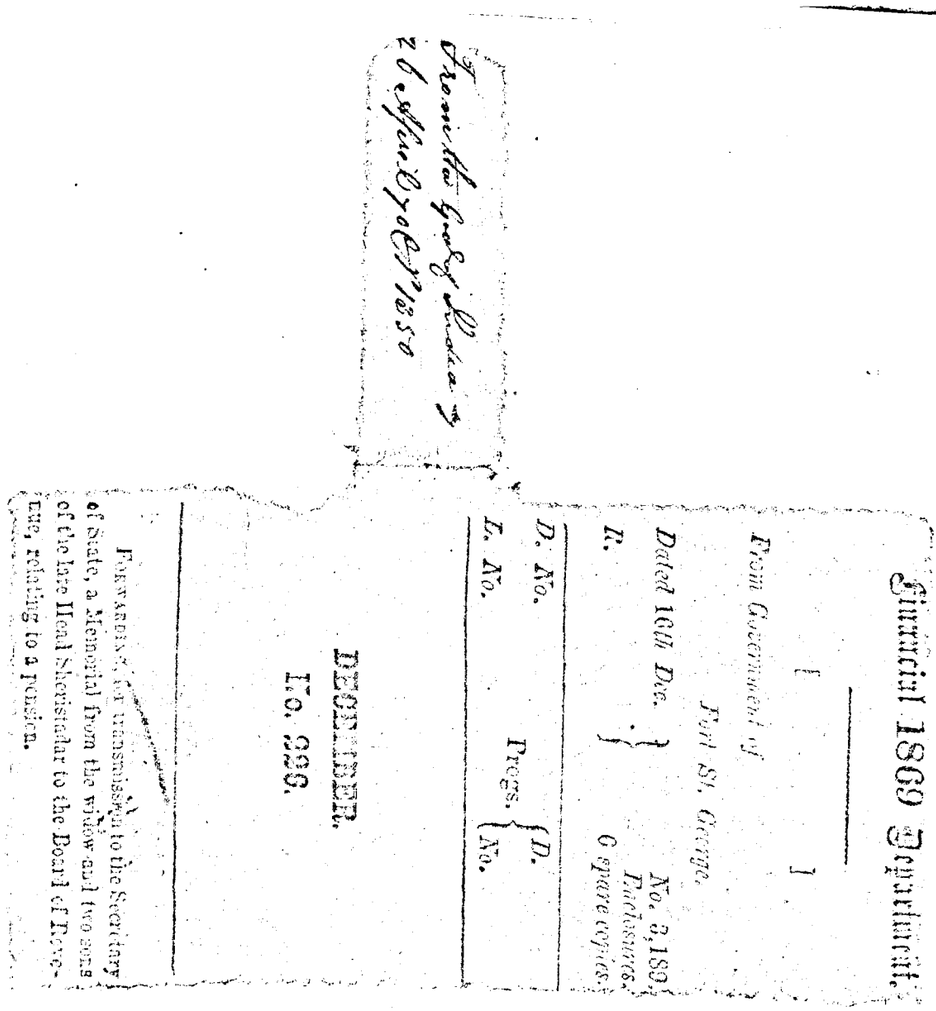
Miscellaneous.

Procs. of Govt., 16th December 1869, No. 3,188.

SIR,—I AM directed to forward, for transmission to the Secretary of State, a Memorial from the widow and the two elder sons of S. Jeyaram Chetty, late Head Sheristadar to the Board of Revenue, appealing against an Order, dated 20th August 1869, No. 2,384, in which the Government declined to support a recommendation made by the Board of Revenue that a pension of Rupees 200 per mensem should be granted for the support of memorialists and the other members of Jeyaram Chetty's family. The grounds upon which the Board based their recommendation, and the opinion given on the case by the several members of the Government, will be found recorded in the enclosed Proceedings, dated 20th August 1869, No. 2,384.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

The humble Memorial of PERUNTHEVI UMMAL, *widow and* S. VEERASAWMY CHETTY, *and* S. NARASIMHOOLOO CHETTY, *sons of the late* S. JEYARAM CHETTIAR, *Head Sheristadar of the Madras Board of Revenue.*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

First.—That the late Jeyaram Chetty served Government for nearly 26 years in various grades, and that for more than 10 years of that period he held the important office of Head Sheristadar of the Board of Revenue.

Secondly.—That while in the active discharge of his responsible duties, he died in the prime of life (47th year of his age) in June last, and that his untimely end was brought about by the heavy office work he had to perform is a fact admitted by his official superiors and his friends.

Thirdly. That the services rendered by Jeyaram Chetty have been peculiarly useful and distinguished is shown by the numerous testimonials printed in the accompanying Pamphlet. He is acknowledged to have been the founder of one of the recent chief administrative reforms, viz., the system* of Land Revenue Accounts of the Madras Presidency, the originator and promoter of printing in Public Offices, and a conspicuously useful Assistant to Mr. Pelly in the revision† of the different Revenue Establishments of the entire Presidency.

* Vide Testimonials, Nos. 9, 21, 22, 29, 30 & 35, para. 17.

† Vide Testimonials, Nos. 27, 35, paras. 19 & No. 38.

Fourthly.—That the services rendered by the late Jeyaram Chettiar were far superior to those of his predecessors in office who received special recognition in the form of pension and shrotriems for certain number of lives. The latter it is true rendered important services in certain districts or in certain special matters, but the administrative improvements in which the former was so conspicuously useful promoted the happiness of the population of the whole Presidency. The long detention of the ryots at the Jamabundy Cutcherries to the detriment of their cultivation and at much inconvenience, the numerous petty annoyances to which the curnums (village accountants) were subjected at the time of settlement by the petty officials of the Collectors, the facility with which the curnums deceived the Revenue servants and defrauded Government by false and fictitious accounts and the large amount of expenditure incurred by Government under what was called "Jamabundy Saderward" were no inconsiderable evils previous to the introduction of the new system of accounts.

The Revenue Officers aware of the former and existing state of things do not deny the very effectual manner in which these evils were remedied by the reform alluded to. Should your Grace's Memorialists have access to the Public Records, they will be able to point out that a considerable sum of money has been saved to Government by the reduction of "Saderward" or contingent charges, not only by the introduction of the accounts alluded to, but also by the care with which the late Jeyaram Chetty supervised the audit of these charges in the Revenue Board Office. The introduction of printing in the provinces and the liberal salaries assigned to Public servants in the recent revision have also in no small degree tended to improve the Revenue Administration and to free it from much corruption.

Fifthly.—But that while the local Government have declared that they are fully sensible of the meritorious services rendered by the late Jeyaram Chettiar they decline to recommend the special and more tangible recognition of his services in the manner it has been shown to his predecessors by granting pensions or shrotriems to their heirs. The grounds adduced by Government for declining to comply with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue on the subject are the existing rules, and the provision of about Rupees 150 per mensem available for the support of the family. Your Grace's Memorialists are not aware that there are any specific rules prohibiting the grant of such special pensions, although the several Governments have been requested from time to time to be more circumspect in their recommendations for them. On the contrary, there have been cases recently in which such pensions have been allowed. Your Grace's Memorialists submit that the position of Sheristadar stands alone, as the highest post to which a Native can attain, and that in deciding on the provision to be made for survivors, some reference should be had to precedents. That when the late Jeyaram Chettiar succeeded to the appointment, his predecessor was granted a pension of 800 a month for life; 400 a month to his son and 200 a month to the third life. His immediate predecessor had been granted a pension of rupees 700 a month with 437½ to the two succeeding lives.

The fact that owing to Jeyaram Chettiar's early death, during service, his family has been deprived of the assistance which a full pension would have afforded towards its maintenance renders the claim to some provision even stronger than in the cases already cited. The circumstances under which as above described, he entered on his appointment were such your Memorialists submit as entitled him to a reasonable expectation that in the event of an untimely death after approved service, his family could not be entirely abandoned by Government. Your Grace's Memorialists beg that the very peculiar character of the services of the late Jeyaram Chettiar will receive your Grace's special consideration. Your Grace's Memorialists must only express their surprise for the small and precarious provision made for them by the deceased being made a ground for declining to comply with the Board's recommendation, for, there are numerous instances in which the Home authorities have declined to grant pensions to the families of deceased Public servants in consideration of their indigent circumstances on the ground that by so doing they will encourage improvidence on the part of their Public servants. In the case of Jeyaram Chettiar's predecessors, their means were not taken into consideration before conferring on them and their heirs special pensions, and if Jeyaram Chetty had similarly proved

himself worthy of special recognition, your Grace's Memorialists trust that the small provision made by the deceased will be considered no bar to such recognition being sanctioned. Jeyaram Chettiar's predecessors were more wealthy than him when the special pensions were conferred on them.

Sixthly.—That the late Jeyaram Chetty died in a position worse than even that in which his successors will be placed is another point which your Grace's Memorialists respectfully beg to urge on your Grace's special consideration. The Government recently assigned a salary of Rs. 1,000 for the appointment held by the deceased with the proviso that it is to be given after five years approved service, but Jeyaram Chetty did not commence to receive the higher salary till after eight years service. The Hon'ble Mr. Pelly requested the Local Government to allow

Vide Testimonial No. 37.

Jeyaram Chetty to draw the increased rate of pay in arrears from 1st March 1863 the date on which he completed his five years' service "as a mark of their special approbation of the valuable services rendered by him." But the Government declined to comply with the recommendation apparently believing at the time that Jeyaram Chettiar had several years before him to enjoy the higher salary, but it has pleased God to ordain otherwise, and he was cut off within a year and a half after he commenced to draw the monthly increase of Rs. 200.

Mr. H. A. Brett, a late Member of the Board of

Vide Testimonial No. 40.

Revenue has, in a minute recorded by him, stated that "if they (Government) should think fit to meet his (Jeyaram Chettiar's) wishes by allowing him to receive in arrears from 1863, when he completed five years service in the Board, the additional salary he is now enjoying, I consider they will show him no greater favor than he deserves."

Your Grace's Memorialists have fully explained the circumstances connected with their case, and they will conclude by requesting that your Grace will, in consideration of the peculiarly useful services rendered by the late Jeyaram Chettiar, confer on them such special pension as your Grace may deem proper, and will order the payment to them of the arrears of the increase of salary given to the late Jeyaram Chetty from the time he completed five years' service.

Your Grace's Memorialists as in duty bound,

Shall ever pray.

MADRAS:
22nd *November* 1869.

× *Mark of Perumbeer Ummal*
S. Veerasawmy Chetty
S. Narasimhooloo Chetty

Rev. 3968/69

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INDIA

Dated 22nd Novr. 1869.

Memorial of Perunthevi Ummal, widow, and S. Veerasawmy Chetty, and S. Narasimhooloo Chetty, sons of the late S. Jeyaram Chettiar, Head Sheristadar of the Madras Board of Revenue, soliciting the grant of a special pension.

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Submitting Memorial addressed to Secretary of State for India in Council for transmission to the Secretary of State.

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Shroff to the Madras
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TESTIMONIALS

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TESTIMONIALS

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S. JEYARAM CHETTY.

No. 1. J. W. CHERRY, ESQ., 1st Jany. 1845.

"You have good abilities, which it must be your constant endeavour, to apply for the benefit of the public service."

No. 2. W. D. DAVIS, ESQ., *Collr. of South Arcot*, 20th Sept. 1849.

"He possessed a good knowledge of the system of keeping the accounts, and made himself acquainted with the routine of the office."

No. 3. J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ., *Collector of North Arcot*, 18th May 1850.

"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. 4. From J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ., *Collr. of North Arcot*, TO THE SECY. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE, 30th December 1850.

"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. 5. S. N. WARD, ESQ., *Actg. Collector of North Arcot*, 30th Oct. 1851.

"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."

"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"

No. 6 From the PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS TO THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVT., 3rd May 1853.

"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."

No. 7. MAJOR G. BALFOUR, 21st Feby. 1854.

"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."

No. 8. Minute of J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ., *Member of the Board of Revenue*, 17th January 1855.

"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."

No. 9. J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ., *Secy. to Govt. in the Revenue Department*, 15th June 1855.

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

No. 10. C. WHITTINGHAM, ESQ., *Collector of North Arcot*, 12th May 1856.

"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. 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."

No. 12. J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ., 24th August 1857, Tunbridge-wells.

"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."

No. 13. T. PYCROFT, ESQ., *Chief Secretary to Govt.* 24th March 1858.

"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."

No. 14. MAJOR G. BALFOUR, *Inspr. General of Ordnance and Magazines*, 25th Mar. 1858.

"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."

No. 15. H. FORBES, ESQ., *Acting Secy. to Govt.* 12th April 1858.

"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. 16. J. D. BOURDILLON, ESQ., 25th April 1858, 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 Uncovenanted Assistant, Accountant 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."

No. 17. J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., 7th July 1868, Tunbridge-wells.

"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."

No. 18. J. D. Sim, Esq., *Secy. to the Board of Revenue*, 29th October 1858.

"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. 19. From J. D. Sim, Esq., *Secy. to the Bd. of Rev. to Ag. Secy. to Govt., R. D.*, 4th November 1858.

"I have found him fully deserving of the high character that I received of him from Mr. Bourdillon." "He has been conspicuously useful."

No. 20. From the Register of Uncovenanted Servants on the Establishment of the Revenue Department of the Govt. Office. H. Forbes, Esq., *Ag. Secy. to Govt.*, 30th April 1858.

"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."

Order of Government, 28th Feb. 1859, No 256.

"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."

No. 22. From J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., *to the Editor of the Indian Statesman*, 16th July 1859.

"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.")

No. 23. W. Strange, Esq., 26th Decr. 1859.

"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. From J. D. Sim, Esq., *Secy. to the Bd. of Rev. to Govt.*, 16th Feb. 1861.

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

No. 24½. Proceedings of Government, R. D., dated 13th March 1861. No. 582.

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

No. 25. J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., *late Secy. to Govt.*, 13th May 1861.

"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."

No. 26. J. D. Sim, Esq., *Secy. to Govt.*, 12th January 1863.

"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 Jany. 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 SECY. 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 GOVERNMENT, 20th 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 REVENUE, 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 REVENUE, 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. BRETT, EEQ., 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. HUDLESTON, 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."

No. 35. From C. PELLY, ESQ., *Member of the Board of Revenue*, TO GOVERNMENT, 22nd October 1866.

"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 GOVERNMENT, 22nd Decr. 1866, No. 3485.

"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 Jany. 1867.

"To whose (Jeyaram Chetty's) assistance in the work of revision of all the Establishments, I am very greatly indebted. His aid has been invaluable."

No. 38. From C. PELLY, ESQ., *Member of the Board of Revenue* TO GOVERNMENT, 5th Jany. 1867.

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

No. 39. PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT, R. D. 14th Jany. 1867, No. 121.

"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."

No. 40. H. A. BRETT, ESQ., *Member of the Board of Revenue*, 28th May 1868.

"Accept" "my assurance of the great pleasure, our close official intercourse gave me. I hope it may be renewed, for I value it much."

No. 41. W. ROBINSON, ESQ., 8th May 1868.

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 Cutcherry from 11th August 1843 to 31st August 1849, first as writer and afterwards as an Assistant Accountant on 40 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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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 Cutchery 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 reinstated 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.

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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.

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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 1853.

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 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 persual; and in the following remarks I shall for the most part avoid repeating what is there said.

Enc. No. 2 and its 3 accompaniments, vide C. O. 13th Dec. 1865.

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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 Mofussil, 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 Uncovenanted 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.

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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 Teloogoo, with a view to placing a copy in the hands of every Curnum.

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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.

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(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.

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Your's very truly,

(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM.

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

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

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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.

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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.

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(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, 12*th April*, 1858.

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

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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.

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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 Mooroogasa 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 Mooroogasa 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.

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(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 Mooroogasa Moodelly, you have one with whom you can cordially cooperate. 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.

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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.

Your's faithfully,

29*th October*, 1858. (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.

In Con. 25th Oct. 1865.

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.

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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.

Con. 22nd July 1856.

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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 Establishment of the Revenue Department of the Government Office.*

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Salary.	Period of service in each appointment. Years.	Months.	Days.	Remarks regarding punishments severe and formal reprimands, and all special commendation or marks of approbation.
			Rs. A.				
South Arcot Collector's Cutcherry ...	11th August 1843	Writer...	28 0	..	11	8	S. Jeyaram Chetty has held Registrar's Office, with the general management of the Departments of Revenue and Public Works during 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 particular praise of the Government of India; he has been conspicuously useful.
do.	20th July 1844	Assistant Accountant... ...	35 0	1	11	1	
do.	22nd June 1846	do.	40 0	3	2	9	
North Arcot Collector's Cutcherry ...	1st Sept. 1849	Record Keeper	63 0	1	1	15	
do.	16th Oct. 1850	Head Accountant...	100 0	1	...	16	
Public Works Commission...	1st Novr. 1851	do. Doing duty as Manager...	100 0	2	1	11	
North Arcot Collector's Cutcherry ...	12th Dec. 1853	Head Accountant...	100 0	...	11	20	(Signed) H. FORBES, *Acting Secretary to Government.* 30*th April* 1858.
Revenue Board Office.	1st Dec. 1854	do. Doing duty as Special Uncovenanted Assistant	250 0	...	3	...	
Revenue Department, Government Office.....	1st March 1855	Registrar..	250 0	3	2	26	
do.	27th May 1858	Acting Principal Uncovenanted Assistant... ...	Moiety. 125 0 / 300 0	..	5	4	*Extract from a Memo. recorded by W. H. Bayley, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 17th January* 1859.
Revenue Board Office.	1st Novr. 1858	Head Sheristadar to the Board of Revenue... ...	700	2	4	12	On first taking charge of the office, S. Jeyaram 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.
do.	13th March 1861	do.	800	6	9	18	
do.	1st Jan. 1868 to 31st March 1869	do.	1000	1	3	...	
				25	7	20	

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

(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.

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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,

July 13th, 1859. (Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

(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.

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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.

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Para 6. 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

The abstract is omitted.

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.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th 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.

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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 Reccord 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, Taluqus, 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 accountantcy). 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.

12*th 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.

(Signed) C. PELLY.

MADRAS,
14*th January* 1863.

(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 Jannary 1865, No. 131.

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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.

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(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 this Presidency

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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.

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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.

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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.

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(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.

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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.

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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.

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(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. 3,485,) 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.

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* 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.

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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.

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(True Extract.)
(Signed) CHARLES PEELY,
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,
28th May 1868.

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

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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.

Revenue Dept 11th Decem 69.

No 3189

To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Financial Department

Sir

I am directed to forward for the perusal of the Govt of India and for transmission to the Secretary of State, a Memorial from the widow and the two elder sons of S. Jeyaram Chetty, late Head Shroff to the Board of Revenue, Madras, appealing against an order dated 20th August 69, No 238 in

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in which the Govt declined to support the recommendation made by the Board of Revenue that a pension of Rs 200 per mensem should be granted for the support of Memorialists and the other members of Jeyaram Chetty's family. The Board based their recommendation on the known character of the Govt. and on the number of the Govt. with a general view to the endowment proceedings of 20 August 1864 (No 2384)

2. The Govt desire me to express a full admission on their part of the energy and ability which characterized Jeyaram Chetty's career. They are not however of opinion that

that the grant of a pension to his family is necessary. While passing the order alluded to above, the Govt had before them credible information which shewed that Jeyaram Chetty's well disposed of property yielding an income of Rs 150 per mensem. In addition to the provision thus afforded, one of his three sons holds a situation under Govt with a salary of Rs 50 per mensem.

3. Memorialists' case

case appears in some respects parallel to that of Vadavully Ummal, widow of a Dy Collr, which was laid before the Govt of India in my letter dated 31st May 1869, No 1522. In negativing her application × the Secy: of State observed that "there is no rule "under which pensions "can be granted to the "Memorialists, and there "are no sufficient grounds "for sanctioning any "special grant to them "from Indian Revenues"

4. At the same time should the Govt of India be disposed to view the case

× Home Despatch dated 31st Augt 69, No 299.

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case as a special one and to recommend to the Rt Honble the Secretary of State to confer a pension upon the Memorialists in consideration of the prolonged and valuable services of their deceased relative, this Govt would accept such a decision with satisfaction.

Sd W. Dalrymple