

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>1411</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 92. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1870, No. 5,082 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Iluzoor, 5th July 1870, No. 301.

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of the Board the following circumstances, brought to my notice during the late Jummahbundy, instancing a most praiseworthy respect for human life exhibited by one Mootia Pillay, a Mirassidar of Nallur village in the Tenkarei Talook of this district, in order that he may receive some public recognition of his highly meritorious conduct.

2. During the late floods on the 17th November last, a party consisting of nine Brahmins, one Naik, two Shanars, one Kavalgar, and two Brahmin women set out in the early morning from the village of Anmenpuram to return to their own village of Attur, a distance of two or three miles; after passing the village of Nallur, which lay on their way, they encountered a large flood of water running to the north of the village, and over the track they had to traverse. The two Brahmin women attempted to cross the flood, but finding it dangerous, and knowing that there lay beyond a channel, the upper Odei, which they would also have to cross, a still more dangerous proceeding, they, accompanied by one of the Brahmins, returned to Nallur at 8 o'clock. The rest of the party, twelve persons, ventured to proceed, but they soon found it was impossible to cross the flood. Meantime, the water had been fast increasing, so that they were now forced to take refuge on the north western bank of the Tannirpandal tank, which lies between Nallur and Attur. Scarcely had they set foot on this bank, when its two ends were breached by the flood, leaving them surrounded by water, in the most perilous situation. By means of shouting and signals, they at length attracted the attention of the Nallur villagers, and Mootia Pillay, a Mirassidar of that village, immediately set to work to rescue them. He constructed a raft with all speed, and about four in the afternoon sent it out to bring the people ashore, but in consequence of the rain and wind and increasing flood, the raft was not able to reach the bank, and had to return to Nallur. It was now night, but Mootia Pillay himself at once started off to Coilpatam, procured a canoe there, came back by the morning, and went off instantly to the bank in the boat, and brought the people safely back to Nallur by eleven in the morning. In a few minutes after they reached the shore, the bank on which they had been taking shelter was washed away by the force of the flood. Thus the lives of twelve people, who had been without food, and exposed to wind and rain for over twenty-four hours, and were expecting every moment to be swept away by the flood, were saved, just before it was too late, by the gallant and timely exertions of this man Mootia Pillay.

3. I would ask the Board to sanction the expenditure of 50 Rupees to be expended on a gold bangle, with which to present Mootia Pillay, as a mark of honour for his generous devotion in this act of philanthropy.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th September 1870.*

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Board strongly support the Collector's proposition that Mootia Pillay's humanity may be recognized by the grant of a gold bangle.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1870, No. 1,411.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government regard with satisfaction the praiseworthy conduct of Mootia Pillay in the case brought

to notice in the foregoing Proceedings, and they resolve to authorize the presentation to him of a gold bangle in recognition of his humanity. These Proceedings should be published in the District Gazette.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No 1411

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated September, 8th.

Recd.

Per.

G. O., 6th September 1870, No. 1,411.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 92-98.

Twelve persons saved from drowning.—
Presentation of a gold bangle to Mootiah Pillay of
Tinnevely in recognition of his meritorious con-
duct in connection with it, authorized.