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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th November 1872.

No. 145. Read the following petition from E. SIMHADRI PANTULU, late Huzur Sheristadar of the Kistna District, dated 15th November 1872:—

ABSTRACT.—States that he joined his post of Huzur Sheristadar on the 9th December 1870, but shortly after fell sick, and after a stay of five months availed himself of privilege leave on the 23rd May 1871; that his services were placed for a period at the disposal of the Head Assistant and Assistant Collectors; that he performed his duties satisfactorily; that after he left the district for the benefit of his health, Mr. Boswell represented to the Board that he found him totally unfit for the post of Sheristadar; that the district was new to him; that he fell sick; that he served for a limited period directly under Mr. Boswell; that he has been Sheristadar for the last thirteen years; that the Board without calling for an explanation from him recommended that he should be degraded to the post of Tahsildar; that the Government acceded to the proposal; that the Collector appointed him to the Tahsildarship of Bapatla, and informed the Board of the same; but that the permanent incumbent was restored to the said post by order of Government; that the Board granted him an endorsement that the Collectors of northern districts have been directed to provide him with a suitable place; that he has served for twenty-four years. Submitting his testimonials for perusal, prays that he may be restored to the post of Huzur Sheristadar.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1872, No. 1,594.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council considers that the Board's order directing that Turaga Narasinga should not be confirmed as Huzur Sheristadar, Kistna District, till Simhadri Pantulu is provided for, must hold good under present circumstances.

2. It is to be understood, however, that Simhadri Pantulu is not to be permitted to *rejoin* his appointment as Sheristadar.

3. Petitioner will be referred to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Petition Department.

Exd. F. R Bantleman.

To

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George. R. D.

The Humble Petition of E. Simhadri Pantulu late Huzur Sheristadar of the Kristna District.

Respectfully Sheweth,

1. That Government are aware of the painful circumstances under which Petitioner was transferred from the Huzur Sheristadari at Cuddapa to the same post in the Kristna District, although he was honorably exonerated from all blame by Government. This is the first unmerited injury which your Petitioner has sustained during his long official career.

2. He joined his post in the Kristna on the 9th December 1870, but, shortly after, fell seriously sick of Guinea-worm in both his feet, and ultimately, after a stay of only 5½ months, availed himself of previlege leave on the 23rd May 1871.

3. Out of the short time that Petitioner was able to attend to duty, his services were placed for a period at the disposal of the Head Assistant and Assistant Collectors to assist in completing the Jamabundy of two Taluqs, and from what fell from Mr. Boswell's lips in the course of a conversation, Petitioner was assured that Mr. Graham, the Head Assistant Collector, had expressed entire satisfaction at the manner in which Petitioner had performed his duties under him.

4. Yet shortly after Petitioner had left the District for the benefit of his health, Mr. Boswell represented to the Board that he had given Petitioner every trial, granted him every indulgence, and yet found him totally unfit for the post of Sheristadar.

5. The District was new to Petitioner; he had previously suffered severely both mentally and physically in connection with the circumstances which culminated in his transfer from Cuddapa; he fell actually sick in Kistna and Mr. Boswell himself has admitted this in his letter to the Board of Revenue. Further–more during the short time your Petitioner was able to do duty, he was placed at the disposal of the Head Assistant and Assistant Collectors; so that he served but for a limited period directly under Mr. Boswell.

6. Under these circumstances, Government will be able to make out if, as Mr. Boswell has so prominently represented to the Board, he had granted every indulgence to Petitioner and made every allowance for the circumstances in which he was placed; and whether his declaration as to Petitioner's unfitness was the result of calm deliberation.

7. Petitioner had been Sheristadar for the last 13 years and surely he had not then to learn the rudiments of his business. Nevertheless, acting on Mr. Boswell's representation and without even calling for an explanation from Petitioner, the Board recommended to Government, about the end of July 1871, that he should be degraded to the post of Tahsildar.

8. The Government also without calling for an explanation acceded to the proposal.

9. This is the instance in which your Petitioner received a second unmerited injury.

10. Shortly after this; Mr. Boswell informed the Board that the Tahsildars of Bapatla and Vinukonda were superannuated, that they might be directed to take pension, and Petitioner appointed to either of the places. The salary of the former was 225 Rupees and of the latter 150 Rupees. Mr. Boswell at the same time stated that he would appoint one Turaga Narasingum to the post of Huzur Sheristadar.

11. The Board accordingly directed, about the beginning of October 1871, that Petitioner should be appointed either to Bapatla or to Narasarowpetta. The Board at the same time distinctly stated that, unless Petitioner had been permanently provided for in the manner indicated, Turaga Narasingum should not be confirmed in the Huzur Sheristadari; evidently meaning that, till such time, Petitioner should be allowed to retain his lien on it.

12. Shortly after this however, the Collector, ignoring altogether the spirit of the Board's order, informed them that he had directed the Tahsildar of Bapatla to apply for Pension, that he had appointed Petitioner to that place, and that he would now confirm Turaga Narasingum in the post of Huzur Sheristadar.

13. Now there is an order of Government, which distinctly states that, when men are directed to take pension, their places shall not be held to have become permanently vacant, until after 12 months from the date of the final orders of the Government of India confirming the grant of Pension to the individuals. With this order staring in the face, the Bapatla Tahsildarship could not be said to have become permanently vacant simply because the incumbent had been directed to take Pension, nor could Petitioner's nomination to the place be held to amount to a permanent provision for him, nor equally could Turaga Narasingum be confirmed in the Sheristadari while the Board had ordered that he should not be so confirmed until Petitioner had been permanently provided for.

14. Nevertheless this was done, and the consequence is that the permanent incumbent of Bapatla having been refused Pension and Government having directed that he be reinstated in the Tahsildari, Petitioner's appointment falls to the ground and he now stands without employ, a contingency to provide against which the Board had specially stated that Turaga Narasingum should not be confirmed.

15. The Board themselves, however, appear in their subsequent correspondence to have lost sight of these instructions issued by them; and all that they have now done for Petitioner is to issue orders to the Collectors of Northern Districts to appoint him to the first suitable vacancy. (Vide their endorsement dated 18th September 1872. No, 2048,)

16. Petitioner begs to point out that this is the 3rd act of unmerited injury he has been made to suffer,

17. Ever since your Petitioner left the Kistna, or more correctly the Cuddappah District, he has never been in good health, probably owing to the extreme anxiety caused him by the adverse circumstances above detailed. He has remained on leave all the time; and finding a slight improvement in his health, he is now willing to join duty, but the Collector has demi-officially informed him that there is no post vacant to put him in!

18. Thus your Petitioner has been brought down from the Huzur Sheristadari to this pass, without the least consideration for his circumstances and without even a single plausible reason to justify the measures taken.

19 Your Petitioner counts a long service of 24 years, of which he has been Sheristadar for no less than 13 years. He has always tried to discharge his duties well and carefully, and during all that period there was not a single occasion on which his conduct was found fault with. On this point he leaves the testimonials granted by such gentlemen as Messrs. Wedderburn, J. Fraser, J. R. Cockerill, F. B. Molony and H. G. Smith, copies of which are enclosed, to speak for themselves. Petitioner begs to submit that Mr. Boswell's opinion, formed under unfavourable circumstances and after little or no experience of Petitioner's qualifications, should not be held to outweigh the deliberate statements recorded by the gentlemen above named after a long stay in the District.

20. Petitioner wants but a short time to complete a service of 25 years which would entitle him to half Pension; and any step that might be taken to reduce his status now would doubly injure him. Not only will his present position and pay be affected but the amount of his Pension also would be reduced.

21. In the ordinary course of things Petitioner is entitled to a Deputy Collector's place, to which he believes he has earned no mean title, if any weight is to be attached to the testimony borne by the late Collectors of the Cuddappah District, who make no hesitation in their testimonials, referred to in Para 19, to state that it was their intention to have recommended Petitioner for such a place.

22. The Board state, in their endorsement referred to in Para 15, that they have directed the Collectors of northern Districts to provide a suitable place for Petitioner. Already Petitioner's health has been seriously impaired by his removal to Kistna; and to march him further north would, your Petitioner decidedly thinks, expose him to more serious risks of life.

23. Under all the foregoing circumstances, Petitioner prays that he may be restored to the Huzur Sheristadari, Kistna District, the person now holding that post not being entitled to be confirmed in it under the terms of the Board's order referred to in Para 11.

24. For which act of kindness, Petitioner, as in duty bound,

WILL EVER PRAY, &c.

Madras 19th October 1872.

E Virudadryanto late Huzur Sheristadar of Kistna District

24th August 1872

Madras.

To

The Secretary to
The Board of Revenue
Madras.

Respected Sir,

I respectfully beg to st
that I have been absent on sick le
for some time past and have now ap
for leave for 6 months more on sacrifice
of pay.

I have been informed by the
Collector of Kistna by a tele
he has recommended to the Board that
my leave may be granted.

Beg I am afraid that in
consequence of my taking an additional
leave, and that too by sacrificing my whole
pay, any such arrangement may be made
as would place me in the post I occupied

and perform the duties of Assistant Collector in my place, that is to say of Tasildary of Bapatla in the Dist[rict] of Kistna.

I beg to state that the reason why I have applied for an extension of 6 months leave is because I am in a weak state of health and because the members of my family are unwell, so that I am not quite unable to travel to Kistna to join my duties. But with all these I am not sure to avail myself of the whole period of 6 months, as I think I would be in a position to start in the course of about 2 months; so that unless my services is kept open for me, I would be put to the greatest inconvenience and pecuniary loss. For in the 1st place my salary has been reduced from 250 to 225 Rs. 2ndly I have been losing a half of this pay owing to my being absent on sick leave. 3rdly I will have to sacrifice the whole of my salary hereafter until I take up my appointment and 4thly It may so happen that no post would be vacant for me when I go back from the leave

and also for some time afterwards.

I would also respectfully [illegible] that I am obliged to take the leave under the most pressing circumstances above stated and it would fall hardly upon me, if my post is not reserved for me particularly as I am prepared to join in about 2 months.

I therefore request that you will be pleased to grant me the leave solicited and to see that due arrangements are made in order to reserve my post, i.e. the Tasildary of Baputla for me until the expiration of the leave. — — — —

With due respect [illegible]

I am

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) E. Sinhadri Punthulu.

Tasildar of Baputla, Kistna District

Endorsement on Petition No. 2048 of
1872 from E Sinhadry puntoolu Tahsildar
of Bapatlah Kistna District.

Petitioner is informed that the
leave applied for has been granted
but as Vencatrow is under the orders
of Government to be reinstated in the
Tasildarship of Bapatlah. Petitioners
request that that post should be kept
open for him. Cannot be complied
with. Collectors of Northern Districts have
however been instructed to nominate
him to the first suitable vacancy.

By order
[illegible] & Stokes
a/g Sub-Secretary

Revenue Board Office
Madras
18th September 1872

To

E Sinhadry puntoolu
Tahsildar of Bapatlah
Kistna District

Madras, 12th September 1832

To

J. Gross Esq. M.A.

Secretary to the Board of

Revenue,

Chenpauk

Most honored Sir

With reference to my application of the 24th Ultimo I beg to inform your honor that I have obtained a Medical Certificate, a true Copy of which is herewith forwarded for your kind inspection. In reply to a telegraphic Message the Collector has replied to the effect that he has recommended my case to the Board for private leave to be passed. As I have now duly submitted the requisite Medical Certificate I request that you will be kindly pleased to issue the necessary orders

orders to the Collector of Masulipatam
to convert my private into sick leave.
As I am in a state of debility I will
start in proper time and take charge
of my duty by making slow marches.

Begging to be excused for the
trouble and liberty.

I beg to remain
Most honored Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sd) E Simhadry puntulos
Tahsildar of Bapatlah
Taking ch Kistna District

Madras 12th September 1872

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To
G. D Leman Esq^re
Ag Collector of Kistna District
Masulipatam

Most honored Sir

I most respectfully beg to inform
your honor that I have received your
Kind order of the 20th Ultimo reached me
on the 29th and a telegram prior to it, inform-
ing me that your honor have recommended
to the Board for the grant of an extension
of leave.

I am still under medical treatment
and as I have not obtained medical
Certificate at the time when I made an
application to you I have requested your
honor to grant me private leave but as I
have since obtained the same which I
herein enclosed. I request that you will
convert the private into sick leave.
Although I am still in a very weak
state

State I have determined to start earlier
make slow marches and join my station
on due date. I further request that your
honor will kindly issue the necessary
orders to the Tasildar who is now acting
for me to deliver charge to me no sooner
I join the destination

Begging to be excused for the
trouble and liberty

I beg to remain
Most honored Sir
Your most obedient & humble Servant
(Sd) C Simhadri Puntoolu
Tahsildar of Bapatla
Taluq in Kristna District

I do hereby certify that
C Simhadri Puntoolu Tasildar
of Bapatla Kistna District,
has not sufficiently recovered
his health to enable him to return
to his duty, I am of opinion that
he should receive further permission
to be absent therefrom until
the 15th October 1872

Madras
10th Sept 1872

(Sd) C Murray Duff M.D
Surgeon Major
Af Surgeon 4th Division

Confirmed after personal
examination on 12th September 72

(Sd) A Blacklock
Dy Inspector General
Presidency 4th Division

Received on the 5th October 1872 after Telegram been dispatched

Guntoor

23d September 1872

Simhadree puntoolu

Your first application for leave has gone to the Board of Revenue and as yet I have no answer Your appointment as Bapatlah Tasildary is now filled up as the former incumbent has been reinstated by the Order of Government. If you elect to rejoin the district in October you must do at Bundar as present there is no vacancy. Consequently as you are not well your best plan will be to remain in Madras until you are fit to undertake hard work.

(Sd) G. D Lemon

13th September

Copy of Telegram

From

C Simhadri Cuntulu
Tahsildar of Bapatlah Taluq
Madras.

To

G. D Leman Esq^re
Acting Collector of
Kistna District
Masulipatam

Begs convert private into
sick leave Certificate despatched.
Join in time.

No reply—

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second Telagram—
5th October 1872
on the way at Serpety waiting to
[illegible]
sick leave
reply on the 7th
Six months Granted - Sick Leave
not

Madras 12th September 1872.

To G. D. Lennan Esqre.
Acting Collector of Kistna District
Masulipatam

Most Honored Sir,

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Begging to be excused for the trouble and liberty -

I beg to remain,
Most Honored Sir,
Your most obedient
and humble Servant
(Signed) C Sinhadri Pantulu
Jamidar of Bapatla
Taluq and District

Copy of the Telegram -

From
Sinhadripantulu
Zemindy

To
G D Leman Esq
Masulipatam

on the way at Zemindy
awaiting to hear your kind
sanction about my sick leave

reply - on the 7th October

six months Granted. - sick.

Leave not —

Recd 5th October 1872
The letter recorded after Lr Co Proc[illegible]
dist attached

Guntur
September 23d

Srinivadrie Pantulu

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Madras 12th September 1872.

To

J. Grose Esqre. M.D.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Chepauk

Most Honored Sir,

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ation of the 24th Ultimo, I beg to
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of Masulipatam to convert my private
into sick leave. As I am in a state
of

of debility I will start in proper time,
and take charge of my duty by making
slow marches.

Begging to be excused for
the trouble and liberty.

I beg to remain,
Most Honored Sir,
Your most obedient and
humble servant,
Signed / Ediniadei Pantulu
Tasildar of Bapatlaw
Taluq of Guntur Dt.

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I do hereby certify that
E. Soniadei Pantulu, Tahsildar of
Bapatla, Guntur District, has not
sufficiently recovered his health to
enable him to return to his duty, I am
of opinion that he should receive
further permission to be absent
therefrom until the 15th October 1872.

Signed / Ellwood Duffell
Surgeon & Major
& Madras
15th September 1872.

& Acting Surgeon 4th District

Confirmed after personal
examination on 12th September 1872.

Signed / A Blacklock
Deputy Inspector Genl
and M.D.
Presidency 4th District.

Endorsement on Petition
No. 2018 of 1872. from E Srinivadee
Puntulu Tasildar of Bapatla,
Kistna District.

Petitioner is informed that the leave applied for has been granted, but as Venkatas Rao is, under the orders of Government to be re-instated in the Tasildarship of Bapatla, petitioner's request, that that post should be kept open for him cannot be complied with. Collectors of Northern Districts have, however been instructed to nominate him to the first suitable vacancy.

By order
/Signed/ H E Stokes
Acting Sub Secy.

Revenue Board Office.
Madras
18th September 1872.

To E Srinivadee Puntulu
Tahsildar of Bapatla Kistna Dt.

To

The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot C.S.I. &c &c &c

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Most Honored Sir

Your honor knows me from a long time. Not long ago I filled the important post of Huzur Sheristadar, and now your honor will be surprised to learn from the enclosed copy of my Memorial that I am without employ and all this without any fault of mine in any way.

The enclosed copy of the Memorial will explain all my circumstances to your Honor. I have submitted the memorial to Government in due course, and it will soon come your honors hands. My case is really hard, and my condition is most the most pitible. My heart is full I cannot say more.

As your honor is expected to leave our Presidency before long, I most respectfully beg to request that your honor will be kindly pleased to see me reinstated before your departure. If I fail to obtain redress now at your hands I am afraid I will done for ever, so much so that if I were to remain long unemployed I would find it hard to get an employment again without some special orders for Exemption from examination &c. &c. and all this would tell heavily upon my well earned claim for Pensions. Your honor will be pleased to make one

Most humble

one point that is After I was removed from Cuddapah I held the post of Huzur Sheristadar of Kistna and unless I am provided for permanently I hold a lien on the said post. Therefore there will be no difficulty in Government ordering me to join my post as Huzur Sheristadar in Kistna District at once until I am otherwise provided for. The present Huzur Sheristadar of Kistna has no right to be confirmed in it, and the Board of Revenue expressly ordered that he should not be confirmed.

I beg to remain with the greatest of respect,

Most Honored Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant.

E. Ramkadry pantooloo

Late Huzur Sheristadar of Kristna District

16th October 1872
Madras —

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TESTIMONIALS

OF

SIMHADRI PUNTULU

FROM

1st January 1848 *to 7th August* 1871.

E. Simhadri Row, 22 years' age when first entertained.

Establishment.	Date.	Appointment.	Salary.	Period of Service in each appointment.			Remarks regarding punishments, severe and formal reprimands, and all special commendations or marks of approbation.
				Years.	Months.	Days.	
1	2	3	4	5			6
Collector of Cuddapah.	1st January 1848 ...	Additional Goomastah in Sub-Division Sheristah Cutcherry ...	10	0	4	0	In leaving the District it gives me great pleasure to record my unqualified approbation of the Services of Simhadri Row or Pantulu in the different situations he has held, particularly as Magistrate Javabnevis, he is unwearied in the performance of his duties, has good abilities, was well brought up by his uncle Krishna Row, and his sterling honesty and integrity point him out for speedy promotion, had a vacancy of Tahsildary occurred, I would, without hesitation, have nominated him to the vacancy.
	1st January 1849 ...	Do. do. ...	10	0	4	0	
	11th May 1849 ...	Sheristah Goomastah ...	14	1	1	6	
	16th June 1850 ...	Acting do. ...	17	0	5	26	
	12th December 1850 ...	Acting Sheristah Goomastah in the Collector's office ...	21	1	3	24	
	5th April 1852 ...	Do. in the Sub-Division ...	17	1	4	0	
	5th August 1853 ...	Acting Deputy Moonshee in the Collector's office ...	21				
	30th November 1853 ...	Acting Head Javabnevis confirmed on the 10th April 1854 ...	28	0	8	6	
	10th April 1854 ...	Do. do. ...	35	4	4	21	
	1st September 1858 ...	Pay increased under the sanction of Government ...	15	1	6	1	
		Total Pay ...	50				
	2nd March 1860 ...	Tahsildar of Kadiri ...	105	0	2	10	(Sd.) M. MURRAY.
	11th May 1860 ...	Magisterial Javabnevis ...	50	0	1	21	
	1st July 1860 ...	Vernacular Head Clerk ...	65	0	9	18	
	19th April 1861 to 16th May 1870 ...	Sheristadar ...	200	9	0	28	31*st March* 1859.
		Do. from 19th November 1864 ...	250				
	17th May 1870 to 7th August 1871. ...	Do. ...		1	2	23	
		Total		22	11	4	

He is conversant of both the Regulations and Circular Orders of Foujdary Udalut and Revenue Board. Simhadri Row has given me entire satisfaction in the discharge of his duties as Magistrate's Munshee. In token of this I have recommended him to the Sub-Collector for the Acting Tasildarship of Kadiri to which he has been nominated by that officer. I have no doubt he will fill the office well.

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Acting Collector.

On arrival in March 1860 I found Simhadri Pantulu, Acting Tahsildar of Kadiri, which office he subsequently resigned on account of his health. He returned to his duty as Head Vernacular Clerk. On my Sheristadar Sudarsana being appointed a Deputy Collector of the Inam Commission, I appointed Simhadri Pantulu as my Sheristadar, in which office he has served two years up to this time to my perfect satisfaction. At the close of this year, it was my intention to have submitted his name to Government for the post of a Deputy Collector. I need add no more in his commendation, and part from him with regret.

31*st March*, 1863. (Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

I have been in the District three months. During that time I have had reason to be well satisfied with Simhadri Pantulu. He has been of great assistance to me.

1*st November*, 1865. (Signed) J. R. COCKERELL,
Acting Collector.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Collector.

Dear Sheristadar, Cuddapah, 8*th March* 1866.

I enclose a letter addressed to the Collector, which you will read and deliver to him.

I cannot let go this opportunity without expressing how greatly gratified I am with the personal part taken by you in the arrangements in connection with my visit to this place. Indeed it is no exaggeration to say that I could not have expected this much of attention even from the officers of my own State. I am truly thankful to you, and shall long remember this visit to Cuddapah with the highest pleasure.

Wishing you every success and happiness.

I am, your's very truly,
(Signed) RAMAH VARMAH,
First Prince of Travancore.

P. S.—I shall thank you for your informing the official and non-official gentlemen who called on me yesterday that I have been very much pleased and value the regard expressed by them.

(Signed) RAMAH VARMAH.

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Extract of letter from Ramah Varmah, 1st Prince of Travancore, to the late H. G. Smith, Esq., *Collector of Cuddapah, dated 8th March* 1866.

, It will hardly be fair to close this letter without alluding to your good Sheristadar Simhadri Rau Pantulu. His attentions and civilities have been of the utmost use to me. He is, I fully believe, a very worthy officer, and is quite deserving of the regard and popularity which he, in no small measure, enjoys.

With kindest regards and sincere wishes for your good health.

I remain, dear Sir,
Your's very faithfully.
(Signed) RAMAH VARMAH.

Cuddapah, Collector's Office,
On Circuit at Muddenpully,
11*th April* 1863.

No. 54.

From H. G. Smith, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Cuddapah,

To W. Hudleston, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George,

Sir,

Mr. T. G. Ward, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, having obtained privilege leave for 3 months, and the other Deputy Collector P. Royappa Punthulu not understanding English, I have the honor to request that I may be allowed to place my Sheristadar E. Symvadry Punthulu in charge of the Treasury as he is fully competent to transact the business of the office, and I observe the Sheristadar of the Kistna District has been allowed to do so in that Division. The Jamabundy of this District is fully completed and I am therefore enabled to spare E. Symvadry Punthulu as a temporary measure which Mr. Wedderburn was not when he placed Mr. McQuhae in charge.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. G. SMITH,
Acting Collector.

(True Copy.)

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 7,323, *dated* 13*th October* 1868.

Meanwhile Messrs. Molony and Roberts, Native Surgeon Iyasawmy, Sheristadar Simhadri Puntulu, and Tahsildar N. Appa Row are requested to accept the acknowledgments of Government of the valuable services rendered by them during the period over which distress was experienced in the district of Cuddapah.

1861-62. By Mr. Wedderburn.

I may also mention my Sheristadar, E. Simhadri Punthalu, as a very promising Servant.

1862-63. By Mr. Smith.

34. During the short time I have been in charge of the District, I have every reason to be satisfied with the European and Native Officers of all grades.

1863-64.

35. In conclusion, I have the pleasure to inform the Board of the great co-operation I have experienced in all matters connected [illegible] the District from Messrs. Malony and McQuhae, Royappa Pan[illegible]ulu, Acting [illegible] account of his health. He Simhadri Pantulu, and I will add that I have [illegible]. On my Sheristadar Sudarsana Native Officers generally. Inam Commission, I appointed

1864-65. By Mr. [illegible] as he has served two years [illegible]

35. I am led to believe that Mr. Smith has been well satisfied with the co-operation and assistance he has received from Mr. Horsley since that Officer has arrived in the District, and that he is also well satisfied with Mr. Roberts, the Acting Head Assistant, and Mr. Cruickshank, the Assistant. He also desires again to record his sense of the value of the service rendered to the District by the Deputy Collector, Royappa Pantulu and Mr. Ward, and by the Sheristadar Simhadri Pantulu. The Tahsildars and other Native Officers have given him satisfaction.

1865-66. By Mr. Smith.

36. It is with great pleasure that I have to state the assistance I have received from all the Officers connected with the Revenue, particularly those in responsible charges. Amongst them I must mention W. D. Horsley, Esq., P. L. Roberts, Esq., A. Cruickshank, Esq., Royappa Puntulu, Simhadri Puntulu and T. G. Ward, Esq.

1866-67.

38. I beg to acknowledge the assistance which I have received from all the Subordinate Officers connected with the Revenue, particularly those in responsible charges, of whom I must mention Messrs. P. L. Roberts, J. F. Smith, A. Cruickshank, P. Royappa Puntulu, T. G. Ward, and E. Simhadri Puntulu.

1867-68. By Mr. Molony.

38. I must also express the opinion I entertain of the services of Deputy Collectors Royappah Pantulu and Sri Bauliah. The former has maintained fully the high character he bears, and the latter has, in a most difficult position acquitted himself in a manner which cannot fail to raise his reputation, especially as an officer in charge of a Treasury. I regret that the district is so soon to lose the services of both these Deputy Collectors.

The Huzoor Sheristadar Simhadri Pantulu is well known to the Board as an able and hard-working Officer. His services during the past year, one of no ordinary difficulty, have been of the greatest value to me.

Cuddapah,
19th *October* 1868.

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for an explanation from him
recommended that he
should be degraded to
the post of Tahsildar;
that the Govt acceded to
the proposal; that the
Collector appointed him
to the Tahsildarship of
Bapatla and informed
the Board of the same; but
that the permanent
incumbent was restored
to the said post by order of
Govt; that the Board
granted him an endorsement
that the Collectors of Northern
districts have been directed
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Government of Madras,

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

W. 3692.

Petition No. 2016 of 1872.

From E. Sinhadri Pantulu

Occupation. late Huzur Sheristadar of

Village. S.O. No 1594 dt 20 Nov 1872

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District. Kristna

Dated 16th October 1872

Received 16th October 1872

Enclosures. 8 Pet

Abstract.

States that he joined his post of Huzur Sheristadar on the 9th December 1870, but shortly after fell sick and after a stay of 5 months availed himself of privilege leave on the 23d May 1871; that his services were placed for a period at the disposal of the Head Assistant and Assistant Collector; that he performed his duties satisfactorily; that after he left the district for the benefit of his health, Mr Boswell represented to the Board that he found him totally unfit for the post of Sheristadar; that the District was new to him; that he fell sick; that he served for a limited period directly under Mr Boswell; that he has been Sheristadar for

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The Govt (consid) that the Board's order directing that Tunga Narasinga should not be confirmed as Huzur Sheristadar of Kistna D. till Sinhadri Pantulu is provided for, must hold good under present circumstances.

It is understood, however, that Sinhadri Pantulu will not be permitted to rejoin his appointment as Sheristadar.

Rpt with letter of the Collr.

Note

Petitioner E. Sinhadri Pantulu was Sheristadar of Cuddapah for many years. In April 1870 the Board of Revenue, on Mr Vans Agnew's report, ordered his reduction to the grade of Tahsildar, but Govt in their

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their order of the 12th Sep: 1870 directed that he should merely be transferred to another District - An early opportunity was found to appoint him as Sheristadar of the Kistna District, but in July 1871 Mr Boswell reported him unfit, and the Govt left it to the Board of Revenue to arrange for his transfer to a more suitable post - He was accordingly appointed Tahsildar of Bapatla in the place of V. Venkata Row superannuated and recommended for pension. V. Venkata Row, however, produced a medical Certificate of fitness for service, and his re-instatement was directed in G.O. dated 18th July 1872, No 571. Petitioner being thus thrown out of employ, claims a right to revert to his former post of Sheristadar, pleading the Board's orders of the 10th Oct: 1871 directing that his successor in the Sheristadarship should

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b. The Accountant General
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should not be confirmed till petitioner had been provided for -

In their Endorsement of the 18th Sep: 1872, the Board have informed Petitioner that Collectors of Northern Districts have been instructed to nominate him to the first suitable vacancy

Petitioner is at present on leave, and considering the very strong opinions which have been expressed, regarding his unfitness, both by Collectors and by the Board of Revenue, it seems to be very undesirable that he should be permitted actually to revert to his post as Sheristadar, but if he nominally holds the appointment while on leave, it will prevent a break in his service counting for pension and will leave him free to dispose of his Ex. Emoluments.

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