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TESTIMONIALS

OF

C. RUNGAPAH NAIDOO,

HEAD ACCOUNTANT,

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, OOTACAMUND,

OOTACAMUND :

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TESTIMONIALS  
OF  
C. RUNGAPAH NAIDOO,  
Head Accountant Commissioner's Office Neilgherries.

No. 1.

Ootacamund, 21st January 1842.

This is to certify that C. Rungapah was acting as Writer in the Public Office at Ootacamund for more than a Month, during the absence of his Uncle C. Basheam, and I found him very useful; he writes English remarkably well and I can recommend him to any Gentleman or Officer requiring the services of a good Writer.

(Signed) J. GUNNING,

Staff Officer.

No. 2.

Ootacamund Post Office, 18th January 1849.

I certify that Rungapah Naick served under me as a Dawk Writer and subsequently as Head Writer of the Post Office of this Station, for a period of 2 years, and was latterly on the receipt of 50 Rupees per month.

I can recommend him for his clear and distinct hand-writing and very fair knowledge of English.

(Signed) J. HODGES,

Postmaster.

No. 3.

Ootacamund, 5th February 1850.

This is to certify that C. Rungapah was engaged as an Assistant Writer in the Public Office at Ootacamund for Twelve Months agreeably to the Orders of the Government of India, dated 4th November 1848 and that he performed his duties in the Office from the date of the expiration



of the 12 Months, viz., from the 14th December 1849 to the 5th February 1860 pending a reference to Government on the expediency of his being permanently appointed, but that being anxious to visit his family in Travancore, he obtained my permission to proceed thither. He writes an excellent hand and was very attentive to his duties.

(Signed) R. HALL, MAJOR,  
Comdg. Neilgherries and Joint Magistrate.

No. 4.

Ootacamund, 2nd April 1852.

I hereby certify that Rungapah Naick, Writer in the Magistrate's Office, conducted the duties of the situation entirely to my satisfaction, during the time he was so employed.

(Signed) G. WRIGHT, MAJOR,  
Commanding Neilgherries.

No. 5.

Ootacamund, 3rd November 1853.

C. Rungapah Naidoo has been in public employ under me for about 18 Months and I have the highest opinion of his ability, intelligence, and general qualifications as a Native Public Servant in almost any capacity in which he could be employed. He is an excellent English Writer and speaks English particularly well.

(Signed) D. BABINGTON, MAJOR,  
17th Regt. N. I., Comdg. Neilgherries.

No. 6.

Ootacamund, 10th October 1853.

I have much pleasure in stating that C. Rungapah the Cutwal of Ootacamund has invariably shown himself most attentive and obliging to me; from all I have had to do with him I have formed a high opinion of his respectability and general good conduct.

(Signed) THOMAS DEALTRY,  
Domestic Chaplain to L. B.

No. 7.

Ootacamund, 5th April 1854.

C. Rungapah Naick was Second Writer in the Station Office, Oota-

camund when I assumed Command of the Neilgherries in 1852. He was afterwards made Cutwal, a most laborious and invidious position at this place, and his intelligence, energy, zeal and activity were doing much good while his knowledge of English made his Services an acquisition to the European Visitors to the Sanitarium. Owing to a Caste disturbance between Moossulmans and Hindoos, he fell under displeasure, when (it is but justice from me to him to declare) he was really blameless to my convictions and suffered from the practices and information of opposite parties and he was made Pashkar of Kotergherry. But I have grounds for expecting to see him, now very soon replaced by the kindness and justice of his superior, in as good a public post as he held at Ootacamund.

Rungapah Naick, nephew to C. Basheam Naidoo is a well qualified and upright native, capable of rendering the most valuable public services, and I shall always feel an interest in his welfare, which I feel also assured from his good qualities, will never be long obstructed.

(Signed) D. BABINGTON, Lt. Col.,  
Comdg. Neilgherries and Joint Magistrate.

No. 8.

13th September 1855.

I have the pleasure in testifying to the activity and obliging character of Rungapah Naidoo at present Cutwal of Ootacamund, who has rendered me much assistance.

(Signed) J. F. BISHOP,

No. 9.

Metopolium, 1st July 1856.

Rungapah the Cutwal of Metopolium has been most active and useful in procuring carriages for a detachment of H. M.'s 74th Highlanders en route to Coimbatore and has been most attentive and obliging.

(Signed) H. W. PALMER, CAPT., 74th High.  
H. JAMES, LIEUT.,  
H. J. F. EVANS, LIEUT.,

No. 10.

Jackatalla, 17th June 1858.

On my leaving the District I have the pleasure to give to Rungapah Cutwal of Metopolium, this testimonial, that in all public or private arrangements I have found him trustworthy, active and very intelligent. I have known him for several years.

(Signed) P. M. FRANCIS, CAPT.,  
Civil Engineer, 7th Div. and Ag. Head  
Engineer, C. C.



No. 11.

Metoopolium, 2nd November 1858.

This is to certify that Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium has been very attentive in procuring coolies, carriages and supplies and given me all the assistance in his power. I have every reason to be satisfied with his exertions.

(Signed) CHAS. DOYLEY, CAPTAIN,

A. de C. to the Hon'ble Gov. Genl.

No. 12.

Coonoor, 14th Junes 1858.

Rungapah, the Metoopolium Cutwal, has given every satisfaction. He has been most useful in forwarding Lady Canning's baggage from that place.

(Signed) C. BOWIE,

A. de C. to the Gov. Genl.

No. 13.

Metoopolium, 2nd July 1858.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the good opinion I have always entertained of the intelligence, trustworthiness, activity and honesty of Rungapah Naidoo whom I have known for 2 years. In the discharge of his duties he has always proved himself prompt and efficient while Cutwal of Metoopolium. He has particularly distinguished himself for his attention to all travellers passing through. I trust his promotion will be proportionate to his merits.

(Signed) J. O. C. BOSWELL,

Asst. Col. Coimbatore Dist.

No. 14.

Metoopolium, 6th April 1859.

All to satisfaction. Great praise due to the very obliging Cutwal.

(Signed) Rev. A. T. WOLFF.

No. 15.

Metoopolium, 6th April 1859.

Arrangements good. The Cutwal appears to do his duty in a manner scarcely met with. During many long marches I have never met with a Cutwal who so excites the respect of both natives and Europeans. His education is superior to most men of his class.

(Signed) E. D'A. EVEZARD,

No. 16.

Metoopolium, 1st July 1856.

The Cutwal of Metoopolium, by name Rungapah, is one of the most intelligent, active, and attentive men, I have known. I think he ought to have been promoted before this time. I have, known him for three or four years, and met him on several occasions, and I have always found him at his post, and most efficient in all his duties.

(Signed) T. MADRAS.

No. 17.

Metoopolium, Bungalow, 13th May 1857.

The Cutwal at this place, as every body that has anything to do with him can bear witness, is most obliging and useful. There is a Tappaul Station here and letters sent to the Cutwal are immediately read and answered by him in English, if necessary.

(Signed) ROLAND FARRER,

21st Regt., M. N. I.

No. 18.

12th January 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium has been exceedingly attentive, and has done all that I could have expected from him to smooth over the difficulties of the march (which would otherwise have caused some delay) as I had not been up to the Hills before, and could not easily have managed to get baggage taken up.

He has been constantly in attendance; looking after the people, superintending the packing, &c., and has been altogether most efficient: (keeping every one else up to the mark in spite of all opposition) and has procured carriages for every thing without any delay.

(Signed) T. M. KASKELL, CAPT.,

57th Regiment.

No. 19.

11th April 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium is very active and energetic in his often troublesome post. He is an intelligent man and I have always heard him well spoken of. He deserves consideration.

(Signed) M. J. WALHOUSE,

Sub. Col. in charge,



## No. 20.

Ootacamund, 29th April 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium I have known for about three years. He is a most active and energetic man and holding as he does a difficult post, he labours assiduously at his duties, and by his obligingness and desires to please, affords general satisfaction to travellers at Metoopolium. I have much pleasure in affording him this testimonial of character.

(Signed) J. O. C. BOSWELL,

Civil Service.

## No. 21.

May 1st, 1859.

Rungapah Cutwal of Metoopolium has been most obliging and attentive to me. I was most agreeably surprised to find so intelligent and polite a Cutwal, and trust that he will speedily be promoted to a higher grade; it is not often one meets with a man of his stamp at an out station.

(Signed) H. NOTT,

Medical Officer, Neilgherries.

An European Soldier has just come in sick, the Cutwal produced a medical chest from his house, and I am thus enabled to afford seasonable relief to the sufferer, who has to thank the provident Cutwal as being the means of saving him a severe illness.

(Signed) H. NOTT.

## No. 22.

Metoopolium, 25th May 1859.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the foregoing handsome characters. Cutwal Rungapah has been of great service to me in making the most satisfactory arrangements for the comfort of my family in going up and down the pass four times. He is most active and attentive in forwarding baggage and as at little expense as possible to travellers. He certainly is a most active, civil, and very useful, deserving man.

(Signed) R. BUDD, MAJOR GENERAL,

Commanding Southern Division.

## No. 23.

Metoopolium, 30th May 1859.

I have very much pleasure in adding my contribution to the testimonials already bestowed on Rungapah the Cutwal of this place. He has

been most forward in assisting me and my servants enroute from the Hills to Trichinopoly, rendering willing service on more than one occasion, and saving me much trouble by his arrangements in my absence. I have heard him most highly spoken of by friends at Ootacamund, and I shall be glad to hear of his attaining to that promotion in the Public Service, of which he seems, judging from the many testimonials given to him by others, to be so deserving.

(Signed) CLAUDIUS HARRIS, CAPTAIN,

8th Light Cavalry.

## No. 24.

2nd July 1859.

I have been up and down the Ghaut several times, and have noticed that Rungapah Cutwal has less respect for person than any Native Officials I have ever met; a Subs kit is taken as much care of as the Headswells, he is the right man in the right place, and I do trust that if he is promoted as former gentlemen in this book seem to wish, he may still be retained at Metoopolium to continue to give satisfaction and obtain a higher rate of pay than he does now. Native Officials generally ape the Civilian in dignity and thus lose that respect which would otherwise be meted to them. This Official is a Native Gentleman and knows how to treat an English one.

(Signed) F. DAWSON, CAPTAIN,

Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General.

## No. 25.

7th July 1859.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the good character of Rungapah Naidoo, Cutwal of Metoopolium. I have known him eight years and have always found him a most attentive, obliging, and very intelligent public servant.

(Signed) E. S. CLEVELAND,

Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

## No. 26.

Metoopolium, 26th August 1859.

I have had experience of Rungapah Naidoo's most obliging conduct for a year, and am happy to corroborate the handsome testimony uniformly borne to his efficiency as a valuable Public Servant, in a position of very peculiar difficulty. I trust he may be promoted in due time, but I should regard his removal from his present post with a view to increase of salary, as a serious injury to the Public interests.

(Signed) E. W. BIRD,

Sub-Judge of Ootacamund.



## No. 27.

Ootacamund, 28th November 1859.

I have much pleasure in stating that Rungapah Naidoo (present Police Ameen, Ooty) when Cutwal at Metoopolium, was extremely obliging in obtaining carriage, Provisions, &c., for the several Detachments of the 74th Highlanders during the years 1854, 1855 and 1856 on their march from Trichinopoly, to join Head Quarters at Jackatalla.

(Signed) McDUFF, COLONEL,  
74th Highlanders.

## No. 28.

Ootacamund, 30th January 1860.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of Brigadier McDuff, that Rungapah Naidoo, Police Ameen at Ootacamund has given me every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties here, under me in my public capacity as Joint Magistrate, as well as in my private arrangements, for which he was very attentive and obliging.

(Signed) J. R. BROWN, Lt. Col.,  
Comdg. Neilgherries and Joint Magistrate.

## No. 29.

Extract of a letter from E. B. Thomas, Esquire, Collector of Coimbatore to the Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, dated 2nd November 1859, No. 410.

In reply to your letter of the 3d ultimo, No. 159, I beg to inform you that I have transferred Syed Jenall to another post and sent the present Cutwal of Metoopolium, Rungapah Naidoo, to Ootacamund. He knows English well, is intelligent and active, and is best fitted I think for the post.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,  
Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. NESBITT,  
Asst. Collector and Joint Magistrate.

## No. 30.

31st May 1860.

I have known Rungapah Naidoo at present Police Ameen of Ooty for nearly 4 years and can conscientiously testify that he is in every way deserving of the many excellent testimonials which he has in his posses-

tion. Having served in the Coimbatore District myself for 4 years. I can also bear record to his being a very intelligent and active Police Officer. I sincerely trust that he may soon obtain the promotion which I think he richly deserves and which some how or other he has not yet been fortunate enough to secure.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,  
Civil Service.

## No. 31.

Ootacamund, 11th September 1860.

Rungapah Naidoo has during the past seven months satisfactorily discharged the duties of Police Ameen and Kotwall at Ootacamund, which at this station are often very troublesome. He is intelligent, active and industrious and whilst I much regret that the abolition of his situation has thrown him out of employment, I trust that a suitable post may again ere long be bestowed on him.

(Signed) W. S. NESBITT,  
Asst. Col. and Joint Magistrate.

## No. 32.

Ootacamund, 11th September 1860.

Rungapah Naidoo was employed by me as a Tamil and Telooogo interpreter to a General Court Martial held at Ootacamund on 6th July 1860 and also to fairly transcribe a duplicate of the proceedings, both of which duties he performed to my satisfaction.

(Signed) H. MAYNE, MAJOR,  
Dy. Judge Advocate General,  
Southern Division.

## No. 33.

Ootacamund, 13th November 1863.

Rungapah Naidoo acted as Head Clerk under me for some time, and I had every reason to be pleased with the diligence and exactitude which he displayed in the performance of his duties.

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,  
Assistant Collector



No. 34

No. 28.

From

H. P. GORDON, Esquire,

To

Assistant Collector, Ootacamund,

P. GRANT, Esquire,

Sir,

Collector of Coimbatore.

I have the honor to bring to your notice the very great assiduity and intelligence which C. Rungapah Naidoo lately engaged in the Collector's Office, Coimbatore, has displayed in the management of this office, since the illness of his uncle C. Bashem Naidoo.

I have had opportunities of remarking his diligence, whilst in charge of this office afterwards while acting for Mr. Hannyington, and I trust that he will be rewarded by being confirmed in the position which he has hitherto held with so much credit.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,

Assistant Collector.

No. 35.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 7th May 1864.

No. 11. Read the following letter from P. Grant, Esquire, Collector of Coimbatore, to the Honourable A. J. Arbuthnot, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 26th April 1864, No. 23

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to confirm C. Rungapah Naidoo as Head Clerk in the office of the Assistant Collector of Ootacamund in which he is now acting without requiring him to pass the general test examination. The circumstances under which this indulgence is solicited are as follows.

2nd. Previous to the introduction in the District in July 1860 of Rungapah Naidoo has during the past 7 months satisfactorily discharged the duties of the Police Ameen and Cutwall at Ootacamund, which at this station are often very troublesome. He is intelligent, active, and industrious, and whilst I must regret that the abolition of his situation

Mr. Pelly's new scale of Revenue Establishment, Rungapah Naidoo was employed for upwards of 12 years in different appointments, the salaries of which ranged from 22 to 42 Rs. vide the enclosed list of his services. A

has thrown him out of employment I trust that a suitable post may again ere long be bestowed on him.

(Sgd.) W. S. NESBITT.  
Ootacamund Asst. Collector and  
11th Sept. 1860 Joint Magistrate.

few days previous to the introductions of the new establishment on the Neilgherry Taluq in 1860 Rungapah Naidoo's services as Cutwall of Ootacamund were dispensed with at his own request as he was anxious to go elsewhere, employment in his own office being about to be abolished: a copy of Mr. Nesbitt's certificate to Rungapah Naidoo is given in the margin.

3rd. In April 1862 Rungapah Naidoo got employment in my office as an English Clerk on a salary of Rs. 25 a month and has continued in that post up to November last, when the Head Clerk in the Assistant Collector's Office having been taken ill suddenly, it became necessary to appoint a competent man to carry on his duties. Rungapah Naidoo from the experience gained in previous years during his 12 years employment on the Hills, in the duties connected with the payment of Military Pensioners on account of his knowledge of the records of the Joint Magistrate's office at Ootacamund was at once selected for the post. He has done his work to the satisfaction of those under whom he has been employed and as Basheem Naidoo the incumbent has now been pensioned it is requested that Rungapah Naidoo may be confirmed, he is not only competent to do the work and manage the various details connected with the payment of Military Pensioners requiring considerable attention, but he is willing to take the appointment, and is physically equal to working on the Hills. Very few natives are willing to go to the Hills, and when they do go, but few of them can stand the climate, so that I strongly urge Rungapah Naidoo's confirmation by Government. I would also recommend that for a time at all events all persons taking employment on the Hills be exempted from the General Test Examination Rules. The emoluments attached to the Hill appointments are so low when the expenses of living there are considered, that I doubt, if the Rule is adhered to, whether persons will be got to fill them.

Order thereon, 7th May 1864, No. 513.

1. The Governor in Council is pleased to confirm the appointment of C. Rungapah Naidoo as Head Clerk in the office of the Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, without requiring him to pass the General Test Examination.

2. Adverting to the fact that the number of passed Candidates is annually increasing, the Governor in Council directs that each case in which it may be proposed to employ an unpassed man, in a situation the salary of which exceeds Rs. 25 per mensem, may be referred to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore,  
To the Civil Paymaster.



## No. 36.

To

C. RUNGAPAH,

Acting Head Clerk.

Special Assistant Collector's Office.

Ootacamund.

The satisfaction you gave in the discharge of your duties when employed as Cutwal of Ootacamund as certified by the late Assistant Collector Mr. Nesbitt, the experience you have acquired in the duties connected with the disbursement of Stipends to Military Pensioners and in the records of the Joint Magistrate's Office, by your previous employment on the Hills for 12 years, as well as the satisfaction you have given in your present position have been duly brought by me to the notice of Government, they have in their order of 7th Instant, No. 513 sanctioned your confirmation in the situation of Head Clerk of the Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund without requiring you to pass the General Test Examination. You are accordingly confirmed in the appointment, and you will therefore conduct yourself with the same diligence with which you have hitherto discharged your public duties.

(Signed) P. GRANT,

Collector.

## No. 37.

Coimbatore, 3rd June 1864.

I have known Rungapah Naidoo the Manager of the Special Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund for several years and I have much pleasure in complying with his request for a testimonial. He is very intelligent, is well acquainted with English and very methodical in the transaction of business. I consider him quite competent to discharge the duties of a Tahsildar and in the event of that post falling vacant on the Neilgherries, I do not know any man in the District better fitted to fill it. The climate of the Hills seems to agree with him wonderfully and his courteous manners, and obliging disposition have secured him the good will of all with whom he has come in contact, I have no doubt that he could easily pass the special test if he only had leisure to prepare for it, but the duties of his office occupy the whole of his time.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,

Sub-Collector.

## No. 38.

Extract of a letter from J. C. Hannington, Special Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 9th May 1864, No. 183.

The satisfaction which C. Rungapah Naidoo has afforded me, in carrying on the duties of his Office causes me to desire more particularly, that increase of pay may be granted to him.

(Signed) J. C. HANNINGTON,

Special Assistant Collector.

## No. 39.

30th May 1864.

RUNGAPAH,

Collectors only, and not Sub-Collectors, have this time been called on to submit the list referred to. I have no doubt that Mr. Grant will include your name if you apply to him. If my opinion was asked, I should have no hesitation in saying that you were the best qualified man in the District from local experience or other causes to succeed to the Tasil-ship of Ooty when vacanted by the present incumbent.

You have my best wishes for your success.

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,

## No. 40.

Extract of a letter from Major W. Rose Campbell, Joint Magistrate of Ootacamund, to P. Grant, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore, No. 37, dated 14th March 1865.

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For the establishments both of the Assistant Collector and Joint Magistrate, Ootacamund, (conjointly,) there are only allowed three Clerks, First the Head Clerk, whose time is fully occupied in preparing Returns, Orders, and Bills, and carrying on the correspondence connected with the payment of allowances and Pensions to a large number of Military Officers, European and Native Pensioners, assisting in the Demarcation Department and also in the Department of Deputy Registrar where; (as you are well aware,) there are voluminous Law Deeds, both in English and in the Vernacular, to be copied with the utmost precision, (a very

Head Clerk receives 45 rupees a month, now recommended for 70 rupees.

A printed copy of his numerous testimonials are herewith forwarded for the consideration of Government.



responsible and laborious task) for, with the 50 per cent fees allowed to the Deputy Registrar (a very insignificant amount per month), no properly educated Native will be induced to engage in the Registering Department on the Neilgherry Hills, (the climate of which is not only unhealthy but intensely disagreeable to Natives from the Plains), on such uncertain, unsatisfactory, and precarious conditions as merely to receive "what may" be collected from the Registering Fees. The pay of the Head Clerk is at present 45 rupees a month which I consider quite inadequate to the responsibility and laboriousness of his duties. I beg therefore most respectfully and most earnestly to recommend that his salary may be raised from 45 to 70 rupees a month, for, during the absence of the Special Assistant Collector at considerable distances from Ootacamund on Demarcation business, the conducting of the duties of his office devolves in a great measure on the present Head Clerk, as it is impossible for the Special Assistant Collector, (without serious interruption to the Demarcation Department) to leave his duties outside, to return to Ootacamund, except on very necessary occasions, (the sale of land and the like) and I beg to submit that were the present Manager to leave for a better appointment in the low country (which I am well aware, he is striving his utmost to do,) most serious inconvenience would ensue to the Public Service, as I feel convinced that no Native of respectability in the Low Country equal to the work of the office, would seek such appointment on the Neilgherries, on its present salary of 45 rupees a month, and no such individual I am sure, is to be procured at Ootacamund.

(True Extract,)

(Signed) W. ROSE CAMPBELL,

Joint Magistrate.

Salary increased to rupees 70 a month, Order of Government in their Proceedings, dated 21st April 1865, No. 1,793.

(Signed) W. ROSE CAMPBELL,

Joint Magistrate.

No. 41.

Ootacamund, October 4th, 1865.

Rungapah Naidoo held the office of the Head Clerk under me for some time, I had every reason to be pleased with the diligence and care shown by him in the performance of his duties.

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,

Assistant Collector.

No. 42.

Ootacamund, July 28th, 1866.

C. Rungapah acted as Head Clerk under me from October 1863 to July 1866. Having charge of the Pay Department and Pensioners. Has given thorough satisfaction. Regular, attentive and efficient.

(Signed) J. C. HANNYINGTON,

Special Assistant Collector.

No. 43.

C. Rungapah Naidoo acted as Head Clerk under me from 28th July 1866 to 2d May 1867 has given satisfaction.

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,

Special Assistant Collector.

No. 44.

C. Rungapah acted as Head Clerk under me from 3d May 1867 to January 1868. Has given great satisfaction.

(Signed) N. A. ROUPELL,

Acting Special Assist. Collector.

No. 45.

Ootacamund, 1st September 1868.

No. 38

OFFICIAL MEMO.

Rungapah Naidoo present Head Clerk, Special Assistant Collector's Office, is hereby appointed Head Accountant of the Commissioners' Office Neilgherries on a salary of rupees 75 per mensem. Rungapah Naidoo will enter upon the duties of his appointment from this date.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,

Commissioner.

To Rungapah Naidoo.

No. 46.

Ootacamund, 28th November 1868.

I have known Rungapah Naidoo since May 1867. For more than a year, he was employed under me as Head Clerk in the Special Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund, and discharged his duties in a very sa-



tisfactory manner. His work was of a very varied character. Embracing subjects relating to the Revenue, to the Pension and Money Order Departments, and several correspondence. By an Order of Government, dated 7th May 1864, No. 513. Rungapah Naidoo was permanently appointed Head Clerk in the Special Assistant Collector's Office, though he had not at that time passed the General Test Examination.

He is now anxious to be exempted from passing the Special Test Examination, and grounds his application upon the circumstance that he has been employed in the Government Service for 23 years, during which period he has had to discharge the duties of a Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate, and has thereby gained some experience of Revenue and Magisterial business. He further lays step upon the fact that his present duties in the Neilgherry Commissioners' Office are so arduous, that he has no leisure time which he could devote to study. Considering the length and quality of Rungapah Naidoo's services to Government. I think that some concession may fairly be made to him. Remembering further the loss he would otherwise sustain in diminution of salary, the usefulness of his present services and his present inability to devote time to study I hope that he may be exempted from the necessity of passing the Special Test Examination.

(Signed) N. A. ROUPELL,  
Ag. Assist. Commissioner.

No. 47.

No. 284.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1869.

Read the following letter from J. W. Brooks, Esq., Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1868, No. 83:—

| Name.                | Appointment.      | Pay. | Period of service. |
|----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1 Rungappah Naidu... | Head Accountant.. | 75   | 23 years.          |

2. No. 1 is an old Government Servant of twenty-three years standing, and now gets an increase of Rupees five only over Rupees seventy drawn by him for a considerable period. The Tests required of him are the Precise-Writing and the Account Test. He is nearly fifty years old and has been continuously employed, on these Hills, from a period at which it was impracticable to get efficient men for work here. He is a

hard-working and trustworthy Public Servant as may be gathered from the numerous and note-worthy testimonials borne by him, and submitted with his application herewith forwarded. I think he is in every way deserving of being exempted from the Precise-Writing Test, as contemplated in the Notification of Government, Public Department, under date the 4th August 1868. The remaining Test is not of great consequence, considering the length of his service and the small sum now added to his pay whereby he is brought under retrenchment. The formation of the Neilgherry Hills into an independent district has thrown a great amount of work upon him, and I can assure the Board that he is often at work from morning to night. It would be a great boon for a man of his years to be exempted from the Account Test also.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—Application and copies of testimonials of C. Rungappah Naidu.

2. The Commissioner's recommendation that Rungappah Naidu should be exempted from the tests prescribed for Accountants of his standing, will be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,  
Sub-Secretary.

No. 125.

Order thereon, 6th February 1869, No. 322.

Miscellaneous. Sanction is accordingly granted for the exemption of Rungapah Naidoo, Head Accountant in the Neilgherry Commissioners' Office from passing the Special Tests prescribed for Accountants of his standing, so long as he is employed on the Hills.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DOLYELL,  
Actg. Secy. to Govt.



Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Revenue Department 11 May 1869.

No 266.

Read the following Proceedings  
of the Board of Revenue dated 11 April  
1869. No 2437.

Read the following letter from  
the Collector of Bellary to the Acting  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue  
dated 22 February 1869. No 29.

As there is a vacancy for a  
Tahsildar in this District, I on myself  
the honor to bring to the notice of the Board  
of Revenue the claims to promotion of  
C. Rungapakha Rao, who at present  
holds the appointment of Chief Clerk  
and accountant in the Comptroller's  
office on the Nilgherries.

2. He is a public servant of 21  
years standing twelve of which have



3. Kungahs & Lander's services are detailed in 26<sup>th</sup> Grants letter to the Chief Secretary dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 1864, embodied in the proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 1864. a transcript of which will be found at page 11 of the pamphlet of testimonials to which this letter gives cover

although I am always anxious to  
further the views of Old and Obedient  
Servants of Government, I would not  
for an instant think of recommending  
Ringsarai Sainoo for the important  
post of Tahsildar if I did not believe  
him to be fully competent to fill it.  
He is a very intelligent man, bears  
a very good character and has considerable  
experience in both Revenue  
and Magisterial work, and from  
his knowledge of English, is in my  
opinion, better qualified for the post  
for which I now recommend him, than  
younger and less experienced men,  
who, with but little or nothing else  
to occupy their time have succeeded  
in passing the Special Test in the  
Vernacular. To be an efficient Tahsildar  
and Submagistrate now a days, a man  
must be acquainted with English, <sup>and</sup>  
cannot acquire the knowledge which  
he is richly expected to possess in connection  
with Revenue and judicial work  
through the medium of translations.



Under the foregoing circumstances and special reference to his long services on the Nilgherry, I venture to hope that the Board will recommend to the Government a relaxation of the Examination Rules in favor of C. Ringapah Saidoo. He was even precluded from passing the General test examination by an order of Government dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 1864. No. 513, and from passing the Special Test so long as he is employed on the Hills by Government Order dated 6<sup>th</sup> August No. 322. If this restriction is removed, I should be very glad with the sanction of the Board, to give him a Tahsil in this District if his services can be spared by the Commissioners of the Nilgherry.

Enclosure No 1 Copies of Testimonials of Ringapah Saidoo

The Board believe that it is desirable both in the interests both of Government and of the Bellary people that Ringapah Saidoo should be made a Tahsildar in the District.

2. They resolve therefore, to recommend Government to relax their rules in this as a special case.

No. 257. Order thereon 11<sup>th</sup> May 1869 No. 1309.

Enclosure The Government believe that Ringapah Saidoo has been exempted from the Examination Tests owing to the difficulty of obtaining papered candidates for Officers on the Nilgherry Hills.

(2). This difficulty cannot exist in regard to the Bellary District and the Government are therefore unable to comply with the Board's recommendation.

3. Ringapah Saidoo has done good service on the Hills and should an opportunity occur for his advancement,



advancement his claims will doubtless  
not be overlooked.

(True Extract)

(Signed) R. A. Dalrymple

Ag. Secretary to Government

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Revenue Department 8<sup>th</sup> July 1869  
No. 179.

Read the following petition  
from the Commissioners for the Rythu  
Bills to the Acting Secretary to  
Government: Revenue Department  
Fort Saint George dated Cochin  
27<sup>th</sup> May 1869. No 23.

I have read Proceedings of  
Government of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Assistant declining  
to accede to the Board's recommendation  
to appoint my Head Accountant as  
Tahildar of the Bellary District  
and hereunto forward his petition,

Intreating a recommendation to appoint  
my Head Accountant as Tahildar in  
the Bellary District and hereunto forward  
his petition intreating a reconsideration  
of the order with reference to Paragraph 3 of  
the order. I beg to observe that no opportunity  
of the order I beg to observe that no opportunity  
-ties for that appears advancement in  
this District at present exist.

2. I am willing to admit that Ranga  
pah Kondoo's services on the Hills have  
been long and meritorious but under  
the present arrangement of the Rythu  
Office Establishment, I have nothing  
here to offer him in the way of promotion.  
He is Head Accountant of my office  
the salary of which is only Rs 1000 a month  
3. When the Manager's post fell vacant  
the other day I had to look my own office  
for a successor and the choice lay be-  
tween the Head Accountant and  
Head Clerk both drawing the same rate  
of pay. For reasons which I need not  
now enter into I selected the latter.



Latter who is a young man and promises  
well. The only post therefore in the  
District which offers promotion to Punga-  
ppa. Naikoo is not. I hope likely to  
be vacant for a while.

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Revenue Department 8<sup>th</sup> July 1869.  
No 180.

Order thereon 8<sup>th</sup> July 1869. No 189.

Miscellaneous The Government must  
decline to modify  
their order under date 11 May 1869.  
No 1309.

The Commissioners letter should  
have been submitted through the  
Board of Revenue.

(Signed). R. A. Dalrymple  
A. G. Secretary to Government

C. Rungappa Naikoo was my  
Head Accountant from the forma-  
tion of the Madras Commission.  
He possesses a fair knowledge of account,  
was attentive and generally gave  
me satisfaction.

(Signed). J. W. Brooks  
Commissioner

11<sup>th</sup> March 1870

Proceedings of the Madras  
Government Revenue Department  
9<sup>th</sup> September 1870. No 110.

Read the following petition from  
C. Rungappa Naikoo Late Head  
Accountant of Madras Commis-  
sioners Office and at present Verma-  
eylas Record Keeper Coimbatore  
Collectorate to the Right Honorable  
Francis Bann Kapier K. J.  
Governor and President in Council  
Fort Saint George, Dated Coimbatore  
24<sup>th</sup> August 1870



No. 11 Order Thereon 9<sup>th</sup> September 1870  
No. 1420

Miscellaneous Under the Circumstances  
represented in the foregoing Memorial  
and on further Consideration of the  
Case of the Memorialist, the Right  
Honorable the Governor in Council  
is pleased in modification of the  
Orders of Government noted in the

Margin to exempt  
G. O. 11 May 1867  
No. 1309  
G. O. 8<sup>th</sup> July 1869  
No. 1975  
C. Aringapah Naidu  
from passing the  
Special Test Exam  
ration without refer-  
ence to the District  
in which he may be employed on  
the public service

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. Stokes

Under Secretary to Government

(True Extract.) (Signed) H. E. Sullivan  
Collector

Revenue Department

Recordings of the Madras Government  
Read the following petition from  
C. Aringapah. Record keeper  
Vernacular Department. Collector's  
Office Coimbatore

Representing his  
good services and  
praying to confer  
on him the post of  
Deputy Collector in  
any District of the  
Madras Presidency

H. E.

9<sup>th</sup> May  
1871

Order Thereon 6<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

Petitioner is informed that  
his Application for the post of  
Deputy Collector has been  
registered. (True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. Charnickal

Att. Secretary to Government



To L. Rungappa  
Record Keeper  
Collector's Office  
Coimbatore

From L. Rungappa, Per Record  
Keeper, Coimbatore Collector's Office  
Dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 1871.  
Received 10<sup>th</sup> November 1871.  
Praying that his claims for the  
post of Deputy Collector may  
not be overlooked when a vacancy  
occurs

With Endorsement

Petitioner's claims will be  
duly considered with those of  
others when opportunity occurs  
(Signed) W. Rudleston  
Secretary to Government &  
Revenue Department

(True Copy)  
(Signed) W. Wellesly  
Under Secretary to Government



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5/5/73

The Right Honorable Vere Henry Hobart.  
Governor and President in Council  
Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of C. Rungapak  
Sairoo acting Tahsildar of Palladium Talug.  
in the District of Coimbatore

My Lord.

Your humble Memorialist most respectfully begs your Lordship's permission to represent his forlorn case by the following few lines and humbly begs Lordship will be graciously pleased to take pity upon this poor address.

It is a matter of great regret and despondency that your Memorialist is left unprovided with a suitable promotion in consideration of his long and meritorious services in various capacities which he held in a most trying climate as the Kelghurrie, subsequently at Malloppolium a quite sickly place and latterly at Coimbatore. The enclosed pamphlet of testimonials of character will convince your Lordship of his long service rendered to this State.

The Right Honorable the late Governor of Madras having taken into deep consideration the merit

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merit of Memorialists services has been  
graciously pleased to exempt him from passing the Special Test  
Examinations as per notification No. 111 dated 9 September 1870;  
and subsequently of our Memorialists' name has been  
required for the appointment of Deputy Collector in  
Government Proceedings dated 6 May 1871. And by  
an endorsement addressed to the Memorialist from the  
Secretary to the Government received 10 November 1871 the  
Memorialist has been led to believe that his claims  
for the post of Deputy Collector will be duly considered with  
those of others when an opportunity occurs.

3. When your Memorialist was Vernacular Records  
Keeper of the Collectors Office Coimbatore a very  
low position indeed in proportion to his previous  
service. Mr. Wedderburn the Collector and the  
Memorialists worthy Superior, appointed him as  
acting Sahaidar of Palnadu Taluq in January 1872  
and Venkatachallum Pillay promoted as acting  
Deputy Collector Saltramungalum. Ever since  
that time for the last fifteen months your Memorialist  
worked assiduously on behalf of the State, unpaid  
and brought the Taluq, to a far better condition; in  
validation of the above statement, he wants to draw your  
Lordships' attention to the works he performed as  
narrated in the following para's.

4. Collection of Revenue When this Taluq was taken charge of in December  
1871 the Memorialist took all the necessary measures  
to hasten the timely collection of the Government  
Revenue.

Revenue falling due for the Official year  
ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1872. Sometimes by checking  
the carelessness and oppressing the village  
officers, and by making tours throughout  
the Taluq; thus was brought to the Treasury  
the approximate sum of Rupees 42,9000 in so  
collecting the ryots experienced neither inconvenience  
nor trouble, as the provisions of the arrears recovery  
act or any other compulsory processes were not  
resorted to.

5. My Lord, to show the extent of works Memorialist  
performed during these fifteen months for which  
he has been acting as 3<sup>rd</sup> class Magistrate,  
he humbly begs leave to state that the  
number of cases tried by him is 453 and out  
of 27 committable cases preferred, those  
committed to the Sessions amount to 9.

6. Revenue Cases Besides instituting enquiries on the different  
endorsements, as called upon by his Superiors  
in cases needing local inspection and reference  
the Memorialist adjudicated all the cases  
directly preferred to him at his earliest convenience  
and thus about 6000 Revenue cases have  
been decided, without the least symptom of  
injustice.

7. Settlement To facilitate and shorten the time of  
Settlement and the labour of the Settlement  
Officers the Memorialist whenever on tour



gave instructions to the Village Officers as to the proper statements and accounts to be prepared for their respective settlements. This measure to the great pleasure of the Head Assistant Collector saved a great trouble as was longed for by the Memorialist. He gave his opinion when required, duly taking into consideration the misery of the people and the loss of Government.

Union Schools Under Orders of the Vice President of the Local Fund Board calling upon to hold personal enquiries on spots with the intention of establishing Union Schools at Sooloor and Kattur, the Memorialist made an accurate account of all the houses situated within  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the main villages and despatched with proper haste a similar statement has also been submitted through the Division Officer for the establishment of a school at Pongaloor the people of that place having expressed their wish to have a school for the education of their youths.

9. *Sanitary Arrangements* Your Memorialist seeing the disastrous effects which result every day by the growth of this nasty pest which shelter many a poisonous snake and other reptiles eradicated from most part of this Taluk.

10. The Memorialist endeavoured to induce the inhabitants of all villages in his Taluk to carry out such sanitary arrangements as may be done. The villagers are enjoying perfect health.

11. A large ancient tank at Perumbur which was the support of all the adjoining wells being out

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out of repair for this year the people were stopped from cultivating their fields and the consequence was a decrease in the public Revenue.

The Memorialist immediately after taking the charge of this Taluk frantically endeavoured to benefit the public and communicated to the collector the ~~main~~ condition in which the people were placed owing to the scarcity of water and got sanctioned about Rupees 3000 by the Government. The voluntary aid from the people is Rupees 1200. The work is now completed. Several Anicuts were out of order. They were all repaired since his arrival on reports made by him.

12. Under present order of the Government; trees have been planted in several localities such as Eroopoor, Palleadam, Sooloor, &c. and several kinds of sheltering trees; such as Bamra, cocoanuts, Palmyra and several other forest trees have grown. Besides the above some valuable fruit trees were also planted especially at Palleadam, Sooloor and Eroopoor. They have been laid out on a definite plan and the trees are in a very thriving state. In addition to these ~~topes~~ several avenue trees on both sides of the road were planted.

Vaccination  
13.

Villages not being enlightened enough to appreciate



Appreciate the ~~boon bestowed upon them~~ by the Government  
of an enormous expense in the form of gratis vaccination  
the Memorialist endeavoured as best as he could  
to remove from their mind the bad impression  
which makes them to run away from the sight of  
the vaccinators and succeeded in offering inducements  
to come forward voluntarily to receive the gift.  
The people enjoy better health than in all other  
Talugs of this District.

Miscellany  
Items The Memorialist frequently observed and  
carried out the Circular Orders published in the  
District Gazette both Medical and Revenue  
Departments and necessary instructions then and  
there were issued to the Revenue Inspectors as to the  
works to be performed at once.

15 Under these circumstances the Memorialist  
regrets he will have to fore his good pension  
when he retires from the Service not being confined  
to the present post.

As acting Tahsildar he gets only 95 Rupees for these  
fifteen months made up of his former salary 50  
and the Deputation allowance 45. Mr. Wedderburn  
his worthy Superior recommended last year to the  
Government that the Memorialist should be  
granted full pay although he is acting but the  
great illluck of the Memorialist they declined  
to comply with the Collector's recommendation.

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Case by keeping him state acting the sum  
of Rupees 130. The pay of this appointment is  
Rupees 225 while the hard work which was  
performed by him is a very responsible one  
and the Talug on which he superintends  
is not a small one but consists of 2 Talugs  
Amalgamated into one and although the  
improvement he made ever since his arrival  
in forming Government elegant Towns and  
Gardens and the Road repairs and several  
other improvements and the annual Collection  
of Revenue 5 lack from the several sources  
will be a guarantee to show that he has  
done his service to the Government yet  
he is sorry to say he has not been provided  
with any deserving promotion. Notwithstanding  
that his name had been registered for the post  
of Deputy Collector.

Under these circumstances he humbly  
craves your Lordship's generosity will  
be graciously pleased to sanction the full  
pay as a special case from the date of his  
Appointment as Acting Tahsildar, and  
to do some good for his future prospect  
of promotion for the good services rendered  
by him up to this moment.

For doing which lack of charity



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25 April 1873.

Chunjab  
g. Tahiti  
Dukedom



See p. 100

By order  
of the  
Hon. Secy  
of War  
A. L. ...  
27th April 1873

See p. 100.  
Transferred with  
Campbell and  
the Chief Secretary  
to Govt.

No 1186 of 1873  
Referred for the remarks of the Accountant General  
the Petitioner is acting for a Tahuldar, who again is acting  
for a Deputy Collector, who draws no part of the pay  
of his appointment. His claim appears to be entitled  
to consideration under section II of the acting allow-  
ance bill.

Fort George  
5th July 73

By Order Secy to Govt  
L. M.

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|-----------------------------|
| Accountant General's Office |
| Recd 8 7 1873               |
| Ans'd                       |

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No 175.

The undersigned has the honor to report that there is no objection to the grant of full pay to C. Rangappa acting Tahsildar of Palladium and to the others acting in the arrangement provided Mr. Venkatachellana Pillay, who is now acting as Deputy Collector vice Venkatasiah on special duty and the others in the arrangement are appointed substantive Protem in the respective appointments under section 4 of the Acting allowance Code.

Fort Saint George  
Accountants Office  
18 July 1873.

Whodurick  
Dy Account General

To The Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department

Comp. H.

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the CSR

get only 9500; that the  
Mellisham recommended  
to get last year that  
he should be given the  
full pay, but in the  
act, they should be only  
with the Code  
action.

Pray that under the  
circumstances stated  
herein the Govt may  
sanction the full pay  
the post as a special  
case from the date of  
his appointment as  
Mellisham, and  
promote him.

Government of Madras,

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 1186 of 1873.

C. Rangappa  
Tahsildar,  
Palladium.

Application, Acting Tahsildar  
of

Madras.

Talook, Palladium

District, Coimbatore

Dated 25th April

Received 5th May 1873.

Enclosure, one

Abstract.

Bring to notice

the land work proposed

by him and state that

no objection is

made 18 May 1873 No 123



Recd 1873 Sept  
No 2029

From  
The Dy. Asst. Secy. Madras  
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Dated 8 July 1873  
Recd. 11 Aug 1873 Encl. 1

Reporting on petition  
from C. Rungapah Naidu  
Asst. Sahaidar of Talladam,  
Cinnabatom, praying for the  
full pay of his appointments



C. 15 Aug 73 R. 18 Aug 73

by: Accountant Genl  
C. Rungapah Naidu, Asst.  
Tahsildar Cinnabatom & praying  
for the full pay of his app't.

8 July 73. No 175

No 123. 18 Aug 73

Ordered accordingly  
that M. Venkatachellam  
Pillay, and the subor-  
dinate officers acting  
in the several grades  
be appointed to the  
several subordinate situations  
"instantaneous pro. tem" as  
suggested by the Dy. Asst. Secy.

L. B. J. N. N.  
Asst. Genl. Secy. & General

W. H.



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Full pay to C. Mungat  
Muder, of Talsi, 7 Halladun  
Combatant D.

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