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To

J. B. Pennington Esq^r
Acting Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to my appointment as Temporary Deputy collector in South Arcot published in the last issue of the Fort Saint George Gazette N^o 12 of the 23rd March 1845 page 601, I beg respectfully to submit the following and request you will do me the favor of submitting it to Government with such remarks as your knowledge of my services may enable you to add.

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I have been in receipt during the past 9 Years and 5 Months of a monthly salary of 250 Rs a salary which is attached to the office to which I at present stand appointed. As I found for the following reasons that in all human probability I could not be a gainer by my transfer to the Deputy Collector's line I give it up for my present situation.

Shrestadaree three years ago
when I was engaged, as officiating
Deputy collector on the Special
duty of purchasing lands for the
Tuticorin Extension of the South
Indian Railway. There are 20
Deputy collectors in the 4th class
and the average number of va-
cancies is from 2 to 2½ per year.
So even were I fortunate enough
to get a permanent Deputy collec-
torship just now I cannot rise to
the top of the list for promotion
to the 3^d class for some 10 years
to come a period which I do not
wish to keep my hope alive, too
subject to the contingencies of
life. I would besides by that
time have completed 34 years
service and be ripe for pension.
Thus it is clear that I cannot
hope for promotion in the Deputy
collector line for it is too rapid.

Again I am a man
with a large circle of children
and I can hardly afford the
extra expenditure in keeping
a separate establishment for
their maintenance and education
to which

which my transfer to the Deputy
collector's line would surely
bring on me.

I am indeed very reluc-
tant to seem unwilling to accept
any appointment of a superior
grade with which Government
may be pleased to honor me,
but under the circumstances
stated I trust I shall be excused
if I most respectfully ask to
be allowed to remain where
I am.

I beg to remain
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant
J. Pattabhiram

Tiruchirappalli
27 March 1875

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of recruiting Deputy Collectors from the inferior ranks of the Service is likely to be a cause of increasing embarrassment, and that the continual Supercession of all the first class Tahsildars and Muzur Sheristadars by men who are presumably their inferiors in every way and especially in Experience, is likely to have a dangerously discouraging effect on some of the best men in the Service of Government.

It is scarcely my province to point out a remedy for the evil alluded to, and it is very difficult to see how a complete remedy can be devised; but it occurs to me that at any rate the lowest grade of Deputy Collectors should be in a distinctly superior position to the highest grade of Tahsildars and that it would not be unreasonable to fix their salaries at Rs. 300 the salary of a 1st class Tahsildar whose work is certainly not more responsible or difficult. The 3^d class might then be raised to Rs. 200 and no vacancies occur

occur the 1st class Tahsildars and Muzur Sheristadars might be allowed the refusal of them, before their juniors are appointed over their heads.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t Servant

J. H. Cunningham
Acting Collector

Wm. D. J.
Secretary
P. B. B. B.

