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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.

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
Collectorship as it moves so rapidly.

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

Tritchinopoly
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 espe-
cially in Experience, is likely to have
a dangerously discouraging effect
on some of the best men in the
Service of Government.

3 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 reason-
able to fix their salaries at
Rs 300 the salary of a 1st class Muzur
if whose salary is certainly
not more responsible or difficult.
The 3^d class might then be raised
to Rs 400 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

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