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From A. J. Stuart Esq.,
Acting Collector
To Captain P. J. Hankin R. Ck.
Private Secretary to,
His Grace,
The Governor of
Madras,
Sit Fort Saint George.

I reply to your letter dated
21st January 1876, I have the honor to report
for the information of His Grace the Governor
upon the petition, herewith returned.

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2. As regards the employment of
Native Christians, I do not think that
religion should make any difference. I
look for persons who are best qualified
for employment as far as I am able to
judge, and it makes no difference whether
they are Christians or not. The fact of
being so, I do not regard as either in favor
of any candidate or against him.

3 I beg to enclose a list of the native Christians in public employment in this district, and I have added notes showing the proportion this bears to the population and to employers of other religions. That they are comparatively few is not surprising & is undoubtedly due to the fact that comparatively few of them qualify by passing the examinations, & seek employment in Government Offices. That they belong for the most part to the Shanar caste and even when brought up as Christians and educated in the Missionary Schools, seldom turn out as capable for the public service as the Bramins and the Pillais or Vellalaks of this district are from time immemorial. Bramins & Pillais have filled nearly all Government Offices because they alone were qualified, and until they became Christians, the Shanars were thought of competing with them but were one of the lowest & most ignorant classes of the population. They are beginning now in a few isolated cases to make their way upwards, and I see nothing to prevent them

having every chance that any other caste has provided they can qualify. At the present moment, the highest Schoolmaster and I think on the whole the best in this district, is a Christian. Bramins and Vellalaks almost never become Christians and being as a rule naturally more talented than the castes which do become Christians, continue to hold their own against them.

As regards the writer of the present petition, there is strong reason to believe that though he calls himself Solomon, he is in reality no other than the David whose career he describes in the petition. Both Mr. Penny who acted for one while I was absent in Madras & Mr. Hurdell the Additional Sub Collector, are strongly of opinion that this is the case, both from the resemblance of the handwriting of the petition to David's & from the fact that no such person as the Solomon of the petition can be found, and that though he, Solomon, was evidently intimately acquainted with David's career, David declares that he knows nothing about either the petition or the writer & suggests

that some enemy has written the petition in order to get him, David, into trouble.

5 A Few days after David was asked what he knew about the petition or its writer, I received another communication from the supposed Solomon purporting to have been written in Ceylon & saying that the writer having heard by means of a bazaar rumour among the emigrant coolies from India, that David had been asked about the petition, hastened to exonerate David from all participation in the writing of the petition. This letter is also enclosed for His Grace's perusal, as is also David's reply when asked what he knew about the petition, for the sake of comparison of handwriting.

I may observe that it is difficult to see how, when David knew nothing of the petition or of Solomon, its supposed writer, and considered him as in all probability an enemy, Solomon obtained information of what David only would know, namely that he had been asked what he knew about Solomon.

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6 I beg to enclose 3 semi official notes from Mr. Glenny as showing how the facts strike another mind. I hope His Grace, the Governor, will pardon the liberty I have taken in forwarding the last two notes which would have been otherwise worded, had they been written for His Grace's eye.

7 In conclusion, I beg to say that though the fictitious character of the first petition makes it not the sort of transaction creditable to any officer in the Service, I should hardly have thought it worth special attention, but the deliberate attempt to deceive, which is represented by the petition (C), in my opinion, calls for notice from His Grace, the Governor, if His Grace is satisfied that David was the writer of all the three papers (A) (B) & (C).

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Mount.
Acting Collector

Comptd. Pope

the Duke of

Most respectfully Sheweth

following few lines to your eye
and serious consideration.

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- lies, re.) here and there.

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3. — That such should be the case also at the present, would surely strike your Grace as very strange and anomalous. —
 I sincerely now numbers her Christians by thousands. It is the only District in the whole of India which can be called Christian. The majority of its Native Christians are more educated than their heathen neighbours; and a great many of them have acquired superior training, and secured high places in the Government Examinations and Tests. They are besides — what is, alas! sadly wanting in many a heathen — honest, painstaking, and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

4. — That in spite of such favourable circumstances, the Native Christian Community should be so meagerly (or perhaps not at all) represented in the Government Service, would naturally appear to your Grace as a great wrong done to that body. Your Grace's most humble Memorialist begs to assure your Grace that it is so considered by all the Educated Native Christians in this District. The fact is — the heathen being numerically largely employed, and being also in high, influential positions, prevents the Christian from having

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having access to the European Officer, and
does all he can to nip at the root the Col-
-lector's idea of employing a Christian, how-
-ever eligible he might be; and if by chance
(for thus only do such things happen here),
any Christian is employed, he is put in
such out-of-the-world place, and in such
insignificant post, as to preclude his ever
again being brought to the Collector's notice.

5. — That in illustration of the above,
your Grace's humble Memorialist begs leave
to mention the following. In the Revenue
Department in this District there are em-
-ployed Messrs V. Gnanapiragasam, S.
Gnanapiragasam, J. Savavirogen, Samuel
Daniel, A. V. David, and one or two other
Native Christians. The case of the last
mentioned Officer will, your Grace's Memo-
-rialist humbly trusts, be highly interest-
-ing to your Grace. — He is a son of a Native
Clergyman, and has been to Madras, Bom-
-bay, Ceylon and many other places. In
his travels, he has acquired a considerable
amount of knowledge. He has a good cha-
-racter, and is well spoken of for his strict
principles of honesty. His testimonials are
many and speak volumes in his favour.
He is reputed as the best English Scholar
and the

and the most highly educated among the Native Christians in Tinnevely. He is a First Class F. A. of the Madras University, but knowing that the B. A. is of no use in the Revenue Department, he appeared for the Special Tests, and in 2 years after his appointment as a Taluk Clerk, successfully completed all the tests prescribed for the post of a Deputy Collector and Magistrate! His success was great — for in some of the tests, his name ~~stood~~ stood first in the list of passed candidates — and his rising high was apparent to every one. The whole District was astir, and the heathen awoke in trepidation. The poor man was, for all his knowledge, endeavours and painstaking, put as an Asst. Superintendent of Sea Customs in an insignificant port, on a monthly salary of Rs. 30!!! His name is never mentioned in the Muzur Cutcheries, his qualifications are never brought to the notice of the Collector when vacancies occur, and he is personally unknown to the Collector, the Sub. Collector, the Hd. Asst. Collector, the Asst. Collector, the Deputy Collector; in fact to every one of the European Revenue Officers here he is unknown. Other cases similar to the above

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alone can be related, but they will perhaps
be tedious and irksome to your Grace.

2. — That your Grace will discover
from foregoing that the Christians here
are sadly neglected. Your Grace's Redeemer
evinced great interest in the Mahomedan
population, and issued orders throughout
the Presidency to have the Mahomedani
position raised, and to have Mahomed-
-ans appointed to Government posts.
But none seems to think of the Native Christ-
-ian. Christian England has, however, now
sent out one of the noblest and greatest
of her Christian sons to govern Christian
-ity generally; and your Grace's most hum-
-ble Memorialist, therefore, and all the
educated Native Christians here look
up to your Grace only, as their would-be
champion and benefactor, and humbly
trust that your Grace will be pleased to
lift the position of the hundreds of educated
Native Christians (especially here in Trin-
--verally), by devising such means as
would afford them easy, free, and
ample access to European Gentlemen,
and by issuing orders to employ deserv-
-ing Christians largely.

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7. — That, in conclusion, your Grace's most humble Memorialist begs leave to add that though he does not expect he will be favoured with a reply to this, yet he rests assured that his representations are real facts, that he submits them in the name of all the Educated African Christians in this District, and that he does so in the sure and certain hope of Providence blessing this humble, prayerful undertaking of his, and inspiring your Grace & just exertions on behalf of His faithful children and your Grace's dutiful servants.

Your Grace's most obedient
and faithful Servant
N. Solomon.

Sincerely,
29th Decemr 1875.

at Palamcottah) a great deal of him from the Christian converts there, who one and all heanoaned very much that the Government service is more - noticed.

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From N. Solomon

Sincerely,

states that in the
large village Christian
population made much
progress, all the high
and the long significant
points of view, more
than by the fact that
the Government that
it should be to
get the present time
is an important step
in the history of
the Christian
population of the
district. The
Government has
been very much
interested in the
progress of the
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C. H. Johnson
 1111 1/2 Broadway
 New York City

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A rumour is current, & very in the quarters
of the Linnæus Society here, that Mr. M.
David, Asst. Superintendent of Sea Customs
at Colacra upatam is taxed with having
submitted a Memorial in his favour
to His Grace the Duke.
It is reported that you have issued an
order or "takeed" to Mr. David, calling
upon him ^{to shew} whether he had a hand in it
or not.

or not.

In justice to Mr. David, I beg leave to say that it was I who wrote the Memorial in question. Though personally unacquainted with him, I heard (both at Palamcottah) a great deal of him from the Christian converts there, who one and all heaped very much upon that the Government service is most - policed -

-polised by the heathen. Much was told
me about the few Native Christians in
Goa! simply to shew that their claims are
overlooked & not brought to the notice
of the Authorities, but the particulars about
David were so marked and inter-
-esting that I took him as an example
& mentioned something about him
in detail.

I was anxious to see him at Cola-
-sempa in & embark thence to
Colombo, but under idable circum-
stances hindered me, & which I
greatly regretted. In conclusion I beg
to mention again that W. David
is an entire stranger to me, & that he
does not know a word of what I
wrote about him in the Memorial.

Your most obed. Serv.
D. Solomon.

My dear friend J. B. D.
This closes the question
— doesn't it? After dispatch of my
letter on this subject it occurred
to me to thank

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David Solomon who never saw

David have been aware of one

circumstance in particular: viz - that

David was unknown to every one of

the D^r. officers except one, viz - Armedo.

Oh David there

are no ornaments to the Khan family!

Yours truly
Wm. W. W.

Monday

My dear Mr. Fleming

I know no other
person of the name of D.
Solomon than the teacher
in our school here, a most
worthy & exemplary man.
I have asked him if he knows
any of the same name either
here or in Ceylon, & he says
No. I have no doubt that
if such a name is attached

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to a petition it is a false
name, - but put in as
likely to carry more weight.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Edw. D. Solomon

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The whole thing
is my handwriting. Handwritten.
Undoubtedly

This is David's handwriting.

Putting aside the internal
evidence of handwriting -

how could D. Solomon

have heard of the

we were
must have done this.

"tallied" when David
does not know of the
existence of Solomon.

But the ^{whole} story
they made out just

The idea of Solomon
having so thoroughly
rooted himself up in

David's history unknown
to David, and butting

up this youth whom
he had never seen

and didn't thereafter
see, is too ridiculous.

I am so amused
with this "affair"
David - Solomon that

must have done more.

utilized by the heathen. Much was for

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I shall ask Dr Sargan

if there ever was a

Dr Solomon of Colombo

who visited Palamcottah?

or anywhere

Why there again

If Dr Solomon belongs

to Colombo why does

he misstate his location?

of the letter with the
name (on the 2^d page

-underscore) in the

Memorial. There is

a striking correspondence

in the "A's" "H's" &

"N's" in the

two manuscripts.

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Observe the peculiar
form of the "t's": the
cross-stroke is either
thus "t" or "t" as
a rule in both manu-
-scripts: both peculiar
formations of the letter.

Arundel's first remark
when he saw the

—being struck
with the peculiar quality

steps of his handwriting

—first took him by
the hand, and employed
him in preparing
Calendars &c.

Arundel, Little, my

must now

and I have carefully
compared the letter
now enclosed with
the Memorial, and
are of opinion that
they are written by
the same hand.
Compare the signatures

known in Tinnerelly
is a very respectable
man called David Solo-
-mon, Teacher in the
Tucker Institute. He
declares he did not
write or dictate the
Memorial. As I have

must have done so.

realized by the heather. Much was to

~~at~~ already told you,
Locke and Arundel
at once pronounced the
hand writing of the
Memorial to be David's.
Both are familiar
with David's handwriting.
Arundel it was who

D. Palamcottah
10.2.76

My dear Stuart

I am collecting
the information called
for in the letter covering
the Memorial signed "D
Solomon". At the same
time I think it best

must have done this.

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to send you the
Memorial and a letter
from A. V. David.

Since there is, I think
very little doubt but
that David himself
forged the Memorial.

The only D. Solomon

letter was that
the handwriting
is less than that of
the Memorial like
David's. The letter does
not look as if it were
written Currente Calamo
in a man's ordinary
hand, I think. There

it is believed that an enemy

induced by the heathen. Much was to

is rather a forced
and shabby look about
parts of it. However
perhaps this is due
to ^{the} Tremulous Eager-
ness of an innocent
man to assert his
innocence. Perhaps

our suspicions are all
wrong. But I must
say I think they
are well founded. In
his disclaimer David
attributes the Memorial
to an Enemy. Now
is it in any way

it is believed that
must have done this.

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noticed by the heathens. Much was to

like the work of an
Enemy? To my
Thinking, Certainly
not. I leave it to
You, ^{Either} to inform His
Grace how of the
Suspicious origin of
the petⁿ, or to embody

The Result of the
Enquiry in the Report

Yours sincerely
W. H. Glenny

quite believe
must have done this.

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Sea House,
Golasegna, 10th February, 1876.

Honoured Sir,

I need hardly say that your letter of the 7th Instant has taken me by surprise. I did not write any memorial to His Grace the Governor. I have no relation by the name of Solomon, and who D. Solomon is I am unable to say.

The very idea of writing a memorial to the Governor, and to mention my own praise in it is, I humbly beg to say, beneath my notice. Besides I leave, I think no enemy here who would thus try to injure me. For I quite believe that an enemy must have done this.

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With humble respects,
I beg to remain,
Honored Sir,
Your most obedient and
faithful Servant,
A. V. David
Asst. Superint.

To
W. H. Glenmyre Esq.
Palamcottah.

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List of Native Christians employed in the Revenue Department Financially District

Name of employe	Office	Service	Salary	Tests passed	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. David Kristian	Assistant Superintendent of Kulluvargapattam Sea Custom House	4	80	First class in the First class Examination in 1866 Passed for Deputy Collector	Population of the District of Tinianelly } Males 836,515 Females 857,444 Total 1,693,959 Number of Native Christians } 50,443 51,807 102,249
2. David (Pattanam)	3rd Clerk Lathoonin Acc Customs House	5-1-8	15	"	Total No of Officers in the Revenue Dept. on Rs 15 & upwards } 268
3. Chinnu Emlu Matha Gurus (Pattanam Roman Catholic)	Weighter Lathoonin Sea Custom House	3-7-25	7	"	No receipt of pay below Rs 15 from the 1st upwards } 36
4. Vallatambi Pillai (Protestant)	Deputy Assistant Lathoonin By Subordinate's Office	2-1-15	7	1st Test Vernacular	<u>304</u>
5. Guruspartu Pillai	Subordinate of Althapattam	12-7-	295	Passed for District Assistant Deputy Collector	Number of Native Christians in the Revenue Dept. } 14
6. David Ramu Sunny Pillai	2nd Clerk Salt Deputy Collector's Office	5-1-	20	General Test Anglo Vernacular Prec. Writing Higher Grade Vernacular Lower Grade	
7. Rajanayagum Pillai	Superintendent Lathoonin Salt pans	16-7-10	100	General Test Vernacular & Salt Superintendent to be in English.	
8. Samuel (Pattanam Pillai)	Do of Kulluvargapattam Salt pans	4-3-8	50	Matriculation Examination Passed for Subordinate	
9. Mrs. Annamalai Pillai	English Clerk Collector's Office	11-	80	Passed for Subordinate & New Customs Superintendent	
10. Saramuthu Vathar	English Clerk Collector's Office	7-	25	General Test Anglo Vernacular	

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1	2	3	4	5	6
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11. P. J. Ganapathy	English Accountant Collector's Office	39	20	General Sub Anglo. Vernacular	
12. S. Ganapathy	Local Fund Clerk Do Do	38	30	Translation Lower Grade Hindi Writing Higher Grade	
13. M. Sreeniva Safarullah	Do Do	12	15		
14. S. R. Ganapathy	Clerk, Palamcottah By Subordinate Office	5	15		

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