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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th April 1877.*

No. 451. Read the following petition from C. RAJARATHNUM PILLAY, Acting Sea Custom Superintendent of Tellicherry, formerly the English Head Clerk of the Office of the Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 11th February 1877:—

ABSTRACT.—States that in February 1875 he was appointed Superintendent of Sea Customs on condition of passing the prescribed tests, which he was unable to do owing to pressure of office work as shown in paragraph 2 of the Enclosure A; that the Board of Revenue declined to support the Collector's recommendation; that petitioner might be allowed another year's time; that he has discharged his duties satisfactorily as may be seen by his testimonials; that the Collector considers him fit for his present appointment.

Prays that, in consideration of his service of twelve years, he may be allowed to draw, until the next Special Test Examination, the salary of the post he now holds, as it has been withheld since October last; or that the Collector may be directed to restore the petitioner to his former post of English Head Clerk.

No. 452. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 1,477.

Miscellaneous.

The Government decline to grant any further extension of time for passing, but petitioner should be allowed his pay to

date, and be restored to his substantive appointment, who has received orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant-General,
the Pension Department,

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

with the 1st class -

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W. Logan Esq^r
Collector of
Mintaka.

I regret that I am obliged
to the necessity of explaining the cause of my
failure in the late official test Examination
I could only attribute my failure to the unavoidable
circumstances as shown below as
my misfortune. I held my book almost
to the last book without ~~stopping~~ ^{stopping} my
reading in the ~~last~~ ^{last} (circumstances) which cost
me a period of nearly two years of my
time.

2. The number of letters being
sent, both to and from the office, has
fully accented with the receipt of the
which especially ^{the year} has become very important
to have any necessary record from my
studies. It has often been my lot to stay
in the office over time, the like in the
evening, chiefly for the preparation of
extraneous & accounts in time. I have
a check each statement.

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10-1-62

G. Hepburn, *Ptarm.*, Acting Sec. Genl. *Synanthus*, *A. Hahner*.—Declining to send any further extension of leave to—for passing the Special Post Examination.—Testimony that he should be allowed his pay to date, and be entitled to his retrospective appointment.

not only artistically but also by way
of increasing rates for the former years there
were only two returns submitted immediately
to the office concerning the trade &
navigation of this Port and of performing
Ports beyond the other Ports within the
Provinces Presidency. The returns were
submitted on or before the 22nd the latter
on or before the 15th of the following month.
Now in view of these, 28 statements are being
returned on or before the 15th of the following
month with great punctuality, but in these
a good deal of difficulty is involved, each
return admitting some sort of check with
one or two of the proposed and to look into
all these before dispatching them. I have
now it has been my special this year to
take up the old records & arrange them
regularly. I spent a good deal of my time
in the clearing the rainy season the only
available period for my studies as also
in checking the annual returns that were
then due. I have learned the Deputy Collector
in charge of the affairs of kindly referred
to with no doubt support me in my
statements. These are the difficulties that
are now every year almost as long as
the Indian population continues to grow.

9 Under these circumstances
I beg most respectfully that you will be
pleased to take a lenient view of my need
and recommend me strongly for
for exemption as my service in the Dept.
amounts to two years nearly. I would also
earnestly beg your kind attention to
Mr Macgregor's letter of 23rd Sept 74.

I beg to remain
and
Your Most Obedt Servt
Raj Bahadur
Raj Bahadur

24 Dec 76

W. Logan Esq^r

Colt. Dr. of Malabar

Sir,

I most respectfully beg to lay
my grievances before your honor consequent
upon the refusal of the Board of Revenue
to sanction the extension of another year
to qualify myself to hold my present place
legally, in spite of your honor's kind
recommendations of Mr. Lanner's certificate
as to my qualifications, and my explanation
for my failure with my humble request that
your honor as an impartial judge may pity my
case and ~~be~~ be pleased to give ~~me~~ due
consideration after a public hearing.
Last year my failure was
attributed purely to want of time, this
year to excess of work, as stated in my
explanatory letter 7th September last.

Received
24 Dec 76
W. Logan Esq^r

which in its diverse form erected much
anxiety and was never more killing.
This every year brought on its own
difficulties peculiar in their nature
~~and which~~ more or less tended to throw
obstacles in my way and never allowed
me leisure in getting over the examination
bar. My non-official time both in the
mornings and evenings was much
too frequently devoted to suit the
convenience of the merchants, which
I was constrained to sacrifice, lest
I should be unpopular among
the traders and incur the displeasure
of my superiors, even though I had
the willingness to forego my pecuniary
advantages for the sake of study.
I was transferred to this
District as P. Clerk permanently
from the office of the Board of Revenue
in July 1872 and from that time up
to the end of January 1875 I was
chiefly in charge of Local Funds.

correspondence, as the state of the Depart-
ment was such especially after the
introduction of the L. & S. Act that it
was greatly in need of a man who had
experience in Local Funds. At the time
of my arrival the Local Fund work
formed the most important part of the
Collector's work and absorbed much
of his time and attention by reason
of its novelty and it was this that induced
Mr Macgregor to put me in charge of
that work as I was specially qualified
for it in preference to the legislative
duties of the P. Clerk which he personally
told me was otherwise cared for, being
much lighter and of less importance when
compared to the then existing state of Local
Funds. It is scarcely necessary for me
to state how I executed my work; the records
of the period, as well as the testimonial given
me by the Vice President of the Calcutta Local
Fund Board, who speaks on facts, will speak
for themselves and moreover I was doing

a little of the necessary work of this fund also under orders fr. the collector and there are none to establish that in that department. It was not my fault that I was not discharging the legitimate duties of the Asst. Clerk as I simply obeyed the orders of the Colly who even wrote to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue (Mr. Grove) to send him a competent man to conduct local fund correspondence. As a Head Clerk I was doing the work of a common accountant also and was held responsible not only for the preparation of the draft reports &c. but also for the correctness of figures - a duty that generally goes to the regular establishment of local funds of the District. Your honor is not unaware of these facts as I was discharging this very duty during your honor's three months acting period.

I never apprehended any
danger nor was ^{there} any shadow of it
until

until I was told that application had already been made to the Board of Revenue to sanction my appointment as sec. Customs Supdt. and to exempt me from the Special Test. Mr. Macgrigor never allowed me even a single opportunity to attend to the regular work of the Ad. Clerk in order to procure any opinion, either favorable or otherwise. In his letter to the Board dated 17th September 1874 he simply stated that my transfer was dictated by the interest of service and recommended my exemption and nomination on the ground of efficient service done by me in the Board as well as in his Office. I would have discharged the liabilities of the Ad. Clerk if I was ordered to do with equal efficiency as they were less onerous and ^{much lighter} than those imposed on me. The approval of Government to the transfer was communicated in October 1874 but I was relieved only in February following when Mr. Macgrigor was able to secure in the person of Mr. Currier

an able assistant whom he appointed
as Secretary to Calicut L. S. Board
to superintend the local Fund
Commissioners. This itself in my
humble opinion may be taken as
ample evidence in my favor.

Under these circumstances
I most respectfully beg that your
honour will be pleased to take a favor-
able view of my unfortunate case &
 mete out justice to me, considering my
service extending over a period of 12 years
by either restoring me to my former place or
kindly addressing the Board of Rev.
again showing, as they would suffi-
-cient cause for further indulgence.
It is extremely deplorable if I were
dealt with otherwise for not qualifying
myself for the post which was not my
own seeking and whose permanent
prosperity depended on the fulfilment

of certain conditions.

I beg to remain

your most obedient and humble
servant

Reg. B. Harris

True copy.

Reg. B. Harris

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Read petition of 24th Dec 1876 from
Raj Ashram Pillay, the custom emp^y of the
Cherry, wishing to be restored to his former
post of Head Clerk in the Collector's office or
to be recommended to the Bd of Rev for further
time for passing the qualifying test of his
present post.

Order thereon.

I cannot make any further
application to the Bd as I said all I could
say in my letter. You should memorize
the Board direct & refer to your
former service in this Office. I consider
you are fit for your present post but
you certainly failed to give satisfaction
while in charge of the Local Fund work
here.

Mahesh Chatterjee (signed) W. Logan
Collector.
(about 6th Jan 77)

True copy.

Raj Ashram
sup^y

Enclosed
1/12/77
1876-77

Name *C. Payaratom Pilla* Age when first entertained *22 years*

Establishment	Date	Appointment	Salary	Period of service		Remarks regarding Punishment, leave and other matters
				From	To	
Rev. Bd. Office	1 st January 1865	Clerk	17	1865	1866	
	1 st December 1865	Acting Clerk	20	1865	1866	
	8 th February 1866	Clerk	17	1866	1867	
	1 st May 1866	Ag. Accountant	20	1866	1867	
	1 st July 1866	Clerk	17	1866	1867	
	1 st January 1867	Accountant	25	1867	1868	
	10 th September 1869	Do - on Probation	35	1869	1870	
	1 st November 1869	Accountant	35	1869	1870	
	1 st February 1870	Do	50	1870	1871	
	1 st March 1870	Do	60	1870	1871	
	1 st September 1871	Do	80	1871	1872	
	up to 17 th July 1872	Do	80	1871	1872	
Total			76	17		

* During this period this individual has obtained no leave.

Signed *C. A. Gallen*
Ag. Secretary
Board of Prisoners
(True copy)

P. H. Cole
By for Collection

Endorsement on petition
No 218 of 1977.

The Board declines to
reconsider the decision
already passed.

Revenue Board office / By order /

Madras

7th February 1977.

[Signature]
Ag. Sub Secretary

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[Signature]
C. S. V. R.

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GENERAL
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One Paper

Tellicherry 18th January 1877

To-

The Honorable Members of the
Board of Revenue

The humble petition of
C. Rajathana Pillay, the
Acting Sea Custom Superintendent
of the Tellicherry Port, formerly
the English Head Clerk of the
Malabar Collectors Office

Humbly Sheweth,

That during the last two
successive special test examinations for the
Sea Customs, the Petitioner was so unfortunate that
he was not pronounced qualified for the place, he
now holds on the condition of passing that test.
The document A, herewith submitted, explaining
the causes of failure (para 2) in the last
special test examination, was forwarded
to the collector, Mr. Logan, in order he might
be able to address the Board of Revenue, as
he does for a further extension of another
year to qualify the Petitioner for the place,
but the Board in their order No. 10933 dated
12th December last refused to comply with the
Collectors

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Collector's report, in the absence of sufficient cause being shown by him for further indulgence.

2. That when the above order was communicated to the Petitioner he addressed the Collector again. Vide document B. Requesting him to restore the Petitioner to his former place (Head Clerkship) which he held permanently for a period of two and half years before his transfer as Sea Customs Superintendent, or to address the Board of Revenue again, shewing as they wanted sufficient cause for further indulgence; but the Collector. Vide document C, being reluctant to move the subject again, endorsed on the application, to the great misfortune of the Petitioner to the effect, that he should memorialize the Board of Revenue directly in this matter, that he is fit for the place he now holds and that he failed to give satisfaction while in charge of Local funds in the Collector's Office.

3. That Petitioner begs to state that the opinion expressed for the first time by the Collector under whom he served only for three months during his acting period, is quite opposed to that expressed by the Vice President of the Council, L. F. circle. Vide testimonial enclosed, who had longer official acquaintance with the Petitioner and before requesting the Board of Revenue to take a favorable view of his sad case and relieve him from the examination bar, he would humbly beg their kind forbearance to peruse the following, which will show

shew under what circumstances he was found peculiarly qualified to take up Local fund correspondence, as English Head Clerk of the Collector, how he was appointed to the place and how he was transferred to the present post.

4. That the Petitioner was, for the first time, employed on 1st January 1865 in the Office of the Board of Revenue as a clerk, as will be seen from the testimonial given him by its Secretary, but he was doing duty in the account Department as an assistant accountant, was solely engaged on Local fund correspondence and accounts. When the new Local fund Act was passed he was transferred to the L. F. Department that was then organized on a larger scale, in consideration of his former services, and from thence made Head Clerk in the Malabar Collectors Office in 1872. The L. F. correspondence has not left him even here and Mr. Macgregor called upon the Petitioner, as his English Head Clerk, to look after L. F. correspondence as he was specially sent for from the Local fund Department of the Board Office. Thus the Petitioner was engaged on L. F. correspondence from 1865 up to the time he was made the Sea Customs Superintendent in February 1875, a period of 10 years. It is now left to the Board to judge whether a man who has

has had such frequent promotions in the S. F. Department of their Office. Under document D and possessed of ten years experience in local funds, seven and half of which were in the account Department of the Board's Office, could have been known to his superiors to find fault with him in that work.

5 That when the Great Clerkship of this Collectorate became vacant, the Petitioner was an applicant among others and Mr. Macgregor referring to the Petitioner's application, enquired Mr. Grace the then Secretary to the Board of Revenue deemed officially whether he was fit for the post. He aspired to ^{in the conduct of} ~~in the conduct of~~ ^{as he (Mr. Macgregor) wanted} a man conversant with local fund correspondence. If the reply had not been in the affirmative the Petitioner would not have been selected. The present S. F. Manager is quite aware of these facts and the correspondence that took place in the matter, and the Petitioner begs that the Board will be kind enough to refer this to that Officer before coming to any conclusion and also take into their consideration the testimonial given to him by the Vice President of the Calcutta S. F. Board.

6 That the Petitioner begs to state that if it could be pronounced at the end of 2½ years, the period

period in which he conducted S. F. correspondence &c, that the Petitioner has not given satisfaction, it could have been much easier to have passed a more unfavorable opinion at the beginning of the Petitioner's career in the Collectors Office, but Mr. Macgregor in his letter dated 17th September 1874, never meant to ^{undervalue} ~~undervalue~~ the Petitioner's services; he simply stated that as his transfer was dictated by the interest of service &c he should be exempted from the required list. He also added that preference was given to the Petitioner in consideration of the duties discharged by him in the Board as well as in his Office. The Petitioner begs to point out that, if Mr. Macgregor ^{had} ~~had~~ ^{stated} ~~stated~~ with him, he would not have hesitated to dismiss him for his inefficiency at the very outset and relieve himself from the trouble of recommending the Petitioner to Government for exemption. The expressions dictated by the interest of service &c, is simply meant to convey that the Petitioner's services were not so necessary as they were at the time he was sent for from the Board Office as the lapse of 2½ years has brought the S. F. Department of his office into a settled state and that he (Mr. Macgregor) wanted the Revenue work of his office to be no longer discharged by

by another clerk who was not the real Head Clerk.

The Petitioner begs to state that his services were considered indispensable at the beginning as the S. F. Act was just then brought into existence and that Mr. Macgregor never put him in charge of the legitimate duties of the Head Clerk even as a matter of trial when he saw that his services were no longer required in the S. F. Department but presumed, to his great misfortune, that if he were told to take charge of that duty, he would be as new to it as if he would be to the Sea Customs work and thus transferred him to that Office. The Petitioner here again wishes the Board to consider if this transfer was proper they might see the propriety or otherwise of the step taken by his superiors and begs to state that if a fair opportunity had been offered to him he would not have given the least chance for that presumption.

Mr. Macgregor on the eve of his departure on leave filled up the Petitioner's place temporarily and it was during Mr. Logan's time that the place had been permanently filled up.

What as regards his failure in the last examination the Petitioner begs to

to state that it was purely owing to causes (para 2.) shown in his letter marked A he was unable to pass successfully and requests that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to restore the Petitioner to his former place which he held permanently for a period of 2½ years considering his past 12 years services and the certificate of the Calcutta S. F. Vice President or to recommend the Petitioner to Government for exemption from the test taking into account the opinion expressed by the collector and the testimonial given by the Deputy Collector in charge of Sea Customs and Salt as far as the Petitioner feels for the present peace is contented or, if ~~the Government~~ to address Government for the extension of another year. The Petitioner begs to state that if the last request were complied with, the Board of Revenue will be pleased to ask the collector to keep the Petitioner's permanent place open for him until he is confirmed in his present place as it would be too cruel to make him forego his permanent appointment before he is confident of securing his acting place.

In conclusion the Petitioner begs to state that it is very deplorable that he should be held responsible

responsible for the fault he is not to blame
and be thrown out of employ after his twelve
years faithful services as the present appoint-
ment was not his own seeking and that the
satisfaction which the Petitioner is supposed
to have given to his superiors is not borne out
by records.

The Petitioner begs to remain
Dear Sirs, Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedt and humble servant

for the Petitioner

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Raja Putnam Pillay Head clerk
of the collector's Office has had chief charge of

C. Rajaram Pillay was taken
on as a clerk in the Board's Office in January 1865
and was promoted as Accountant in the butchery
in January 1867, and in February 1870 was transferred
to the Local Fund Department.

He has been regular in attendance, and
diligent and attentive in the discharge of his duties.
He resigns his post to take up the appointment
of Head clerk in the Malabar collector's Office.

Revenue Board Office
Cherpank 17th July 1872
(true copy)

Signed) J. Lyase
Secretary

Reichmann

Rajah Putnam Pillay Head Clerk
of the Collector's Office, has had chief charge of
the Local Fund work, whilst I have been Vice-President
of the Local Fund Circle of the L. F. Board. I can
testify to the ~~excellence~~ ^{excellence} of his work
managed it more especially the late Budget which
was drafted entirely by him. He is a very good
officer with a good knowledge of English.
Calicut 18th February 1874. Signed) C. L. B. Cumming
Assistant Collector, Malabar
District.

Rajah Putnam Pillay Sea Customs
Superintendent of Tellicherry has submitted to me
for a certificate of his qualifications, as he intends
applying for an appointment in Madras.
I have great pleasure in stating that
he has conducted his duties as Sea Customs Super-
intendent for upwards of 12 years satisfactorily.
I have found him to be an intelligent and
respectable man, and a steady assistant.
He understands his duties well and I should
be happy to hear of his success.
Malabar Sea Customs & Collector's Office } Signed) C. L. B. Cumming
Calicut 13th October 1876. } Deputy Collector

(True copy.)

Rajah Putnam

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Tellicherry 11 Feb 1877

The Most Noble Richard
Duke of Buckingham
Governor & President in
Council.

The humble petition of
C. Rajaratnam Pillay, the Asst
Deputy Commr of Tellicherry,
formerly an English Asst Clerk of
the Malabar Collector's office.

Humbly Sheweth.

+ God 12th Oct 74

That Petitioner was appointed
Deputy Commr in Feb 1875 on the condition
of passing the prescribed test, but he was
so unfortunate, for reasons shown in para 2
of the Enclosure, that he was not able to
fulfil the condition. The Collector thereon
addressed the Board of Revenue to allow
Petitioner another year's time to qualify
himself for the place he now holds, & the
Bd in their order of 12th Dec 76 Misc No 10933
refused to uphold the proposal.

That Petitioner, under instruction
from the Collector appealed to the Bd of Rev.

Enclosure C

Enclosure F

to restore him his former place, to exempt him from
the required list or to allow him at least another year
for passing the list, and the Bd in their order, the
original of which is herewith sent, declined to re-
consider their former decision. 147/18

That Petitioner from the time of
his appointment as Sea Customs Sup^t up to this
has been discharging his duties to the satisfaction
of his superiors as will be seen from the order
of the Collector & the testimonial given by the
Deputy Collector in charge of Sea Customs & Salt &
he is now quite at a loss to understand under
what circumstances they have come to such
a conclusion notwithstanding the collector's
opinion of the Petitioner's fitness for the post he now
holds & the causes of failure which are shown in
para 2 of the Enclosure A.

Enclosure C.

Under these circumstances the
Petitioner humbly begs that your Lordship in
Council will be most graciously pleased to pass
a favorable order in his sad case considering
his 12 years services, after taking a patient
perusal of the Enclosures herewith submitted
by allowing him to draw the salary of the
post he now holds, which has been withheld
from October last, until the next as-
sessment which is to come on in August
next, as the Collector considers him fit

Enclosure D.

for the appointment he is now asking,
or directing the collector to restore him
to his former place.

I beg to remain

Most Honored Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt.

Raja Bahadur

October last or that the Rev. Mr. [unclear] 7.1.22-76: 225
Collector may be directed — 12-10-76: 94
to restore the [unclear] to his
former post of English Head
Clark.

passing the prescribed tests, which he was unable to do owing to pressure of office work as shown in para 2 of the enclosure; that the Board of Revenue declined to support the Collector's recommendation that he might be allowed another year's time; that he has discharged his duties satisfactorily as may be seen by his testimonials; that the Collector considers him fit for his present appointment.

Prays that, in consideration of his service of 12 years, he may be allowed until the next general revision to draw the salary of the post he now holds, as it has been withheld since N. 451. (Collector's list)

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 502 of 1877.

From Rajaratnam Pillay

Occupation the off. Sea Customs Superintendent of Tutcheri formerly the English Head Clerk of the office of the Collector of Talook Malabar District

Dated 11th February 1877

Received 17th February 1877

Rs 19-10-77 to 1477. Enclosures.

ABSTRACT.

States that in Feb. 1875, he was appointed Superintendent of Sea Customs on condition of passing

N. 502 of 1877 of 11th February 1877
Rev. 17th "

Rajaratnam Pillay
the off. Sea Customs Superintendent of Tutcheri formerly the English Head Clerk of the office of the Collector of Malabar.

(With Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1877, Miscellaneous No. 4149.)

States that in February 1875, he was appointed Superintendent of Sea Customs on condition of passing the prescribed tests, which he was unable to do owing to pressure of office work as shown in para 2 of the enclosure A; that the Board of Revenue

Order No. 1477 of 19-4-77
The Sd. decline to grant any further extension of time for passing the prescribed tests, but he is allowed to continue in his present position until the 1st of April 1878. The Sd. are requested to inform the Collector of Malabar that the Board of Revenue has decided to grant him a further extension of time for passing the prescribed tests until the 1st of April 1878. The Sd. are requested to inform the Collector of Malabar that the Board of Revenue has decided to grant him a further extension of time for passing the prescribed tests until the 1st of April 1878.

2 years ago this case was appealed on condition of passing within 12 months on the 12th Oct 1874. This was extended for a time. He was extended for a second year - but he failed. The case was recommended for a 3rd year, alleging that the work of the office was so heavy that he had little time for study -

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over the reports the Collector
recommended that petitioner
might be allowed another
year's time, that he have
discharged his duties satis-
factorily as may be shown
by his testimonials, that the
Collector considered him fit
for his present appointment.

Prays that, in consider-
ation of his service of
12 years, he may be allowed
to draw until the next special
test examination the salary of
the post he now holds, as it
has been withheld since
October last or that the Collector
may be directed to restore the
post to his former post of
English Hill Clerk.

The 10th declined to
this recommendation
L. Fort - 11
he was asked if he will
continue to time
for pursuing a year
that he may be well
when appointed to a
post.

This is
prevented the Collector
would do if the
you not get the
extension requested.

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