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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th August 1877, No. 2,605.

Read the following paper :—

No. 446. From N. STREENIVASSA IYENGAR, Ex-Tahsildar of Trichengode, Salem District, to His Grace the Most Noble the DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, Governor of Fort St. George, dated Madras, 25th July 1877.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,—I most submissively beg to state that I enclose herein a petition, with a humble request that the same may be forwarded to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

The humble petition of N. STREENIVASSA IYENGAR, lately a Tahsildar of Trichengode, Salem District, to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, London, dated Madras, 24th July 1877.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,—Your memorialist begs to appeal from the Proceedings of the Madras Government on the following grounds :—

1st.—That, while your memorialist was strong, robust, and hardy and able to work, he was summarily turned out on pension on the plea that he has completed his term of 30 years and his age of 55 years.

2ndly.—That the Collector, in order to confer the post held by your memorialist on a protégé of a late Member of the Board of Revenue, had recourse to such summary proceedings, while the Board of Revenue and Government confirmed the Collector's arrangements in deference to his wishes without weighing on the other hand the hardship and the loss of emoluments your memorialist was thereby inevitably subjected to.

The endorsement of the Board of Revenue runs thus :—"Petitioner's request to be permitted to withdraw his application for pension and to remain in the service cannot be complied with." And that of the Governments runs thus :—

"Under Sections 56, 59 (c), and 60 of the Civil Pension Code (3rd edition), His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased to grant to Nullan Chackravartie Streenivassa Iyengar, late Tahsildar of Trichengode in the Salem District, a superannuation pension of Rs. (110-7-1) one hundred and ten, Annas seven, and Pie one per mor' em, to which he is entitled for his qualifying superior service of 30 years and 4 days, payable from the 5th December 1876.

"Streenivassa Iyengar's request to be reinstated on the ground that he is physically fit for further service, and that he is prepared to undergo any medical examination if the Government deem it necessary, cannot be complied with, as the Collector has now certified, under Section 56, Rule 3, of the above Code, that he is unfit for further service owing to old age."

From the above it will be observed that the authorities in question rest their decision upon the following two circumstances, namely :—

- (1). That your memorialist voluntarily submitted his application for pension.
- (2). That the Collector certifies that your memorialist was too old for further service.

In regard to the first point it will be observed that your Memorialist was a subordinate to the Collector, and, if he ever attempted or show a decided opposition, the result would have been obvious. The Collector would at once report that your memorialist was a bad or inefficient officer, to recover from the effects of which would be no easy matter with the Board or Government, who seldom doubt the reports, in such matters, of the Collector, as he is the local officer. Moreover it is not difficult to perceive from the facts connected with the case that the Collector did obtain the application from your memorialist by coercion. The facts are these :—

The Collector sent for your memorialist on the 10th June 1876, and desired him to submit his application for pension on the plea that he had completed his 30 years' service. To this your memorialist replied that his 30 years' service was not completed, and that he was nevertheless strong and hearty to carry on public duties. Thereupon the Collector threatened to reduce him to a subordinate office if he did not do so. In the meanwhile the Collector on inquiry found out that 5 months were wanting to complete his 30 years, when the Collector got out an application for him to the effect that he should, after serving for 3 months, absent himself for the other 3 months, and after the expiry of which his application for pension be brought into force. If your memorialist was himself willing to retire, he would not have been under the necessity of dictating the above conditional arrangements. He would have at any time he wished to retire sent up his

Delivered to the Secretary of State for India

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application at once. It will be observed that again the Collector on the 14th August sent for your memorialist stating that he wanted to confer with him without mentioning the subject of conference. When he attended, the Collector told him that he must retire at once, as the rule does not allow an officer to retire after the privilege leave. Your memorialist hesitated, and the Collector told him to go back to his office, directing him to lose no time in sending up his application. Again in November the Collector came to the taluq and compelled your memorialist to deliver to him the application in question. Certainly these circumstances do not prove that your memorialist submitted his application of his own accord.

In regard to the second point, your memorialist has only to say that no medical certificate was directed to be produced to establish that your memorialist was too old to serve. Instead of this certificate the Collector seems to have furnished one on his own responsibility under his own signature. This was not difficult to be rendered by the Collector who had taken the initiative in the matter. Your memorialist further offered to appear before the Members of the Board for inspection, but in vain. In short, the Board and Government are aware that your memorialist is strong enough to serve on, but, in deference to the wishes of the Collector, your memorialist has not been allowed to continue. Further, copies of medical certificates given to your memorialist, doubtless showing your memorialist's fitness for further service, are herewith sent. Even the rules of Government allow men to continue in service if they are strong in spite of their age not exceeding 60 years; also instances are not wanting to prove that officers who were turned out on pension have been given employments when they were found subsequently able to work. It is evident that turning out hard-worked men not only renders them suffer in the amount of their hard-earned pensions, but also unnecessarily entails additional expense to the State.

Under these circumstances your memorialist respectfully begs to request that your Lordship will be pleased, on a reference to the medical certificates herewith forwarded, recommend to this Government to allow your memorialist to continue in service at least for one year to make up the full amount of this proper pension, considering the good character and conduct testified to by his several employers, if not up to his 60 years of age. Your memorialist may quote an instance in Bojanga Row, a Tahsildar in the Chingleput District, who was directed by Government to continue in service, the circumstances thereof being not dissimilar to his, though from a comparison of their antecedents your memorialist would appear to be more entitled to the attention and protection of your paternal Government. Proceedings of Madras Government in Bojanga Row's case is dated the 15th March 1876.

For this act of kindness and mercy your Grace's humble petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

This is to certify that I have this day examined N. Streenivassa Iyengar, late Tahsildar, Trichencode, Salem District, who has just completed 30 years in Government service, and favorably recommended to the Revenue Board by his Collector for pension; he tells me he is 56 years of age, but appears much younger. His teeth are good, and his intellect unimpaired. During the 30 years' service he has only been absent from his duties one month on sick certificate. It is my opinion he is physically capable of working for some years.

MADRAS, 14th May 1877.

(Signed) H. STANBROUGH,
Special Health Officer.
(Signed) S. B. HUNT,
Surgeon-Major, 3rd District.

No. 447.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1877, No. 2,605.

Miscellaneous.

THE Memorial will be forwarded to the Secretary of State through the Government of India with the remark that the Government have no recommendation to make in petitioner's favor.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Petition Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th August 1877.

No. 448.

No. 2,606.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

G.O., 29th August 1877, No. 2,605.

praying that orders may be issued directing his further employment for one year.

2. It will be observed from the Proceedings of this Government in the Pension Department, dated 8th May 1877, No. 236, that the memorialist's case was dealt with strictly in accordance with the rules of the Pension Code pertinent thereto. It is a matter entirely within the option of the Government concerned whether an uncovenanted officer should, in the interests of the State, be permitted to continue in its service after attaining 55 years of age. The Collector of the district has certified that the memorialist is unfit for further service owing to old age. The Government accordingly declined to interfere in his behalf.

3. Referring to the certificate signed and countersigned by Dr. Stanbrough and Surgeon-Major Hunt respectively, I am to observe that the grant of a certificate by these officers was quite irregular and out of order. His Grace the Governor in Council has in another case animadverted on the impropriety of their action.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

REVENUE.

G.O. of (1877) 2606.

THE PETITION DEPARTMENT.

Dated August 29th.

Recd.

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G.O., 29th August 1877, No. 2,605.

AUGUST.
Nos. 440-447.

N. Sreenivassa Iyengar, late Tahsildar of Trichengode in Salem District. Resolving to forward to the Secretary of State through the Government of India, memorial from — praying that orders may be issued directing his further employment for one year.

Home 1877 Department

Government of Fort St. George

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Transmitted, with remarks, memorial from N. Streenevassa Iyengar, late Tahsildar of Trichengode in the District of Salem, praying that orders may be issued directing his further employment for one year.

W. H. P. H. P.

To

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For this act of kindness and mercy Your Grace's humble Petitioner
as in duty bound

SHALL EVER PRAY.

MADRAS 26th July 1877.

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(Signed) S. B. HUNT,
Surgeon Major, 3rd District.

For 3rd Dist
Int. 22nd May

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To
His Grace the Most Noble
Duke of Buckingham & Chandos
Governor of Fort St. George.

May it Please your Grace,
I most submissively
beg to state that I enclose herewith
a petition, with a humble request
that the same may be forwarded
to the Most Honorable the Secretary
of State for India.

I beg to remain,
Your Grace's Most obedient
and humble servant.

Madras
25th July 1874

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Secretary of State for
India praying for
orders to retain him in the
service for one
year more

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Government of Madras.

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Rev DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2132 of 1877.

From N. Srinivasalingar

Occupation Ex Tahildar

Village

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ABSTRACT.

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Memorial to the

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N. 2132 of 1877 of 25th July 1877
Recd 26th "

From N. Srinivasalingar
Ex Tahildar of Trichengode,
Salem Dist.

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Late Tahildar of Trichengode
in the Dist of Salem in this
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may be issued directing his
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one year -
It will be found from
the Proceedings in the Revenue
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that the memorial is
 was dealt with
 strictly in accordance
 with the rules of the British
 code pertinent thereto
 It is a matter entirely
 within the option of the
 Gov. concerned whether
 an unincorporated office
 should, in the interests
 of the State be permitted
 to continue in the more
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 of age - The Secy. of
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 that the memorial is
 not for further
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 decided to interfere
 in this behalf - &

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Refusing the certificate signed
 & countersigned by D. Boulton
 & Henry Hunt respectively
 in June, the grant of this
 certificate of these officers
 was quite irregular & out
 of order - as has in another
 case been demonstrated
 in their superintendency of their
 action -

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Letter (Rev) B. H.

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To
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