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Richmond H.& ass.d Collector's Office
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Sir,

The ag.t H.& ass.d Collector
Richmond

Sir,

The acting Collector
Richmond

Sir,

I have the honor to re=
=quest that you will be good
enough to forward to Gover=
=ment on my behalf an applic=
=ation for one months priviledge
Leave to be availed of by me
on or after the 5.th August. I
enclose a medical Certificate
from the Civil Surgeon.

2. I took charge of my
office

Officer on the forenoon of the 4th
September 1876 on return from
my last privilege and am
therefore entitled to the
Leave applied for.

3. I have no intention of re=
=turning or of taking fur=
=lough, special Leave, Subsidiary
Leave, Leave on private affairs
or Leave on medical Certi=
=ficate for three months after
my return to duty, from
the Leave now applied for.

4. I regret to have to apply for
Leave now but I have had
no option as it has become
plain that I shall not really
pull up till I get a change.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your most obedt servant,
Denis Cooper
A.S.A. Collr

No 2600

Tanjore Collector's Office
Arundaughy, Pattucottah Taluq
1st August 1877

From
A. J. Thomas Esquire
Collector of Tanjore

To
The Honble D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort, Saint George

Sir,

As the Government proposes to take
from me my Assistant Collector, whose
charge is the Pattucottah Taluq, and
leave me instead the Temporary Deputy
Collector Suriyamurtia pillai, who has been
acting for him till qualified, I am re=
constrained to tell the Government what
sort of an Officer the Deputy Collector is,
that the Government may be in a position
to judge whether he is a proper Officer to
be left in charge of the Division in the
critical

critical state in which he himself declares it to be in his letter which I have enclosed in my letter No. 2531 dated 27th July 1877.

2 To begin with, he weighs some 20 stone or more. This may seem unkindly personal, but I think it more charitable to ascribe his indolence to his extreme obesity than to any more wilful cause. He cannot ride and his limited power of progression on foot cannot properly be called a walk. He can only move about in a conveyance or palanquin—

3 Hence he was naturally indisposed to tour in his Taluq and it required two letters from my predecessor to make him do it.

4 Deputy Collector Srinivasa Row, who had his Taluq before him, delivered it over with only one single case in arrears and that though he, Srinivasa Row, had the heavier Tanjore Taluq as well and the Vice-Presidentship of the Tanjore Municipality and neglected not one of them. But Suriya-murthia Pillai, though he has had this one Pattucottai Taluq alone, has on the 30th ultimo handed over to the Assistant Collector an arrear list of 462 Rent-Recovery Cases—

5 He has been leaving his division and leaving the District without permission or even report. It is contrary to the Board's Standing Circular Order 10 of 1876. I still I did not want to trouble Government with it. But when he made a long serious Official complaint against—

his head Clerk as the cause of arrears, I was obliged to go into the matter, for if I had simply accepted his report I must have degraded the Clerk. The Clerk was found to have been really ill, and to have borne a good name for hard work in his two preceding Offices. When, therefore, I enquired of Deputy Collector Suryamurthia Pillai how much of his arrears were due to his own absence from duty without permission, and asked him to state and explain his several absences from his division and District, he evaded direct reply and wanted first to know how much I knew about it—

6 There are other matters of a more serious nature in which I will not venture an opinion without further enquiry. They look like falsifying entries, but they may be explainable—

7 As long ago as March, he cried wolf about water ~~xxx~~ saying it would not last two months, but when compelled to go and see he found it would last. Though rain intervened between his first and second letters, there has been a much longer season of drought since his second, and to this day there is no lack of drinking water.

8 And now again I have to do his work for him. I have to come all over his division to verify his report of the "very fearful" state of the people". On my coming to one of his centres of distress and telling him I could not find it, he says it is further

further on, the worst place is some 50 or 60 miles further off. But I have since come to his next worse place and I find again that it is a false report he has been making. I submit that in these times at least Collectors ought to have divisional Officers who are to be a little trusted, Officers who will at least try to do not shirk their work and Officers who are not physically incapable of moving about.

8 The question remains what is to be done with his arrears. It is intolerable that he should leave undone the work he was paid to do and his Successor have to do it for him. It is also undesirable that his successor should be absorbed in trying to overtake an accumulation of arrears instead of being able to keep pace with his current work and have time to carefully watch his division in this time of scarcity, for though there is, in my opinion, no famine in the Taluq, there is just so much priority that it needs to be watched —

10 While despatching this letter I received the 2nd Government telegram directing that Mr Laffan be sent to Cuddapah immediately. Of course he proceeds accordingly. But I hope the Government will nevertheless not leave me some body better than Suriyamurthia pillai for the charge of the Pattucottah Division.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed Servant,
H. Homer.
Collector

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Your Most Obed Servant
H. Thomas
Collector

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Petition (187) Dykstra
From The Collector of Customs
To The Chief Secretary to Government Madras

Dated 13 August 1877
Rec'd 23 August 1877
Ans'd 6/

Submitting G. Government that Dykstra Collector of M. Benjamin Thy Pillay is not for reasons stated in his office to be in charge of Pattukottai Taluq as Principal Criminal Court
Transferred

No 1526.

Transferred to the Revenue Dept.

D. Hamilton

Aug 6 77

Revenue 1877 Depart.
No 3520

From
Ag. Sub. Secy. U.S.
of Revenue

Dated 31 July
Recd 2 August

Encl: 3

Submitting an
application from Asst.
Moore Ag. Dist Asst
Collr of Vicksburg,
for one months' privilege
leave & recommending
that another officer
be appointed in his
place No 14405

7. Aug 6/77