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TESTIMONIALS
OF
V. DORASWAMY IYER.

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TESTIMONIALS & CHARACTERS.

This is to certify that V. DORASWAMY has been Third Master in this School for the last $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. He is a man of very respectable attainments in English, Mathematics, &c. He takes great interest in his duties; is punctual and regular in his attendance, and always does his best to give satisfaction. He has passed the Matriculation Examination of the Madras University and I believe him to be a man of moral character.

(Signed) W. R. KEESAW, B. A.,
Head Master.

PROVINCIAL SCHOOL,
BELLARY,
6th September 1862.

This is to certify that V. DORASWAMY has been for the last $4\frac{1}{2}$ years Third Master in the Provincial School, Bellary. During that time he has given satisfaction by the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties, by his general good conduct, and by his regular attendance and punctuality.

Besides several Examinations peculiar to the Educational Department, he has passed the Matriculation

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of the Madras University, and the Special Test for Magistrates.

(Signed) W. R. KERSHAW, B. A.,
Head Master, Provincial School, Bellary.

1st October 1863.

This is to certify that V. DORASWAMY, late an Assistant Master in the Provincial School at Bellary, served in that capacity for 4 years and 7 months, during which time he gave the Head Master and myself entire satisfaction. The Examinations he has passed in the Educational and Magisterial Departments are sufficient to prove that he is very well educated and possesses good abilities, and I can testify that he is well conducted, active, and energetic. He leaves the Educational Department in consequence of his having been appointed Town Magistrate of Bellary.

(Signed) HENRY FORTY, B. A.,
Inspector of Schools.

RAMANDROOG, }
3rd October 1863. }

Second Class Inspector DORASWAMY IYER has my permission to apply for employment in any other Department. He has given me satisfaction as Court Inspector, and I think he will turn out a useful and

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honest public servant. I should be glad to see him obtain some good appointment.

(Signed) F. J. HICKS, Lieut.,
Superintendent of Police.

HOSPETT, }
21st June 1864. }

I am sorry, DORASWAMY, I have not time to see you personally, though I have great pleasure in recording how very thoroughly I have been satisfied with your conduct as Court Inspector. I do not hesitate to say that I look upon you as a credit to the Police Department.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. BATCLIFF,
Late Session Judge.

BELLARY, }
8th July 1864. }

Extract from a Letter from Head Assistant Collector, to Collector, dated February 1865, Kudligi.

I am glad to be able to bring to your favorable notice the efforts which the Acting Tahsildar has made since his appointment for the sanitary improvement of the town. The streets are regularly swept and the sweepings of the houses removed by sweepers paid by subscription; the principal drinking-well has been cleaned out and set apart exclu-

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sively for drinking purposes; and several places in which manure heaps were accumulated, have been cleaned and the manureheaps removed.

Extract from Demi-Official of Mr. LILLY, dated Hospett, 12th September 1865.

I take this opportunity of submitting, as early as possible, my recommendation that the present Acting Tahsildar of Kudligi, on the other hand, has given me great satisfaction by the able and conscientious way in which he seems to have worked since his appointment. I am especially pleased with the way in which his Magisterial duties are performed. I consider him to be by far the most able of the Sub-Magistrates in this Division; and in case of his transfer to Hospett, I would strongly recommend his being invested with 1st Class powers. Before making this recommendation, I took care to ascertain the opinion entertained of this Sub-Magistrate by the Acting Sessions Judge and Superintendent of Police, and I was glad to find that both those Officers concur with me in the estimate I had formed of him, and that they were both of opinion that he might, with advantage to the Public Service, be invested with 1st Class powers. I should add that I think stationing this Sub-Magistrate near my Huzur would tend to check that abrupt and imperious demeanour towards the Taluq Officials of other Departments.

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Extract from a Letter from the Head Assistant, W. S. LILLY, Esq., to Collector; Anantapore, 16th October 1865, No. 45.

Much improvement has undoubtedly taken place, and many obstructions to the flow of water have been removed, and much more remains to be done; and I hope it will be accomplished by the present Acting Tahsildar, DORASWAMY IYER, a man of greater energy, activity, and force of character than his predecessors.

V. DORASWAMY IYER performed the duties of Court Inspector for four months to my entire satisfaction. He was then promoted to a Tahsildarship. I have invariably found that cases committed by him to the Sessions were well and carefully prepared. I entertain a high opinion of DORASWAMY's talents and ability.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Acting Session Judge.

BELLARY,
8th January 1866.

Extract from recommendatory Letter to Government for investiture of Magisterial powers.

Acting Head Assistant Magistrate reports that his magisterial work is very heavy, and it would often be a convenience both to him and to the parties and

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witnesses, if there were a 1st Class Sub-Magistrate at hand to whom cases within his cognizance can be referred. He also states that after careful observation of DORASWAMY IYER during the twenty months he has served immediately under him, he has no hesitation in saying that he appears to him, from the intelligence and good judgment he has invariably displayed, his knowledge of law and skill in applying it, and his high character, to be well qualified to exercise the powers of a Subordinate Magistrate of the 1st Class; the late Acting Session Judge and the Superintendent of Police, under whom DORASWAMY IYER served as a Court Inspector for a considerable time, all of whom expressed their satisfaction with the way in which the Magisterial business of the Taluq of Hospett was conducted, the late Acting Session Judge also remarking that the cases sent up to the Court by DORASWAMY IYER were much better and more carefully prepared than those of the other Sub-Magistrates of the District without an exception.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Magistrate.

BELLARY,
11th July 1866.

Extract from a Letter from the Collector of Bellary,
Camp Tadpatry, Bellary District, 4th January 1868.

Of your intelligence I have no doubt; you have also been zealous and energetic in matters which

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come under my personal notice, and of which I can speak with confidence. No complaint has been made against you. I selected you to act as Huzur Sheriatadar during Maragassum's absence on sick certificate.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

Extract of Proceedings from the Madras Government,
Public Department, 7th May 1868.

Thus another Hampy festival has gone off without any case of sickness or serious crime. The Tahsildar, DORASWAMY, a most active and intelligent man, worked as hard as any body though suffering from fever, and gave every assistance to the Police.

No. 147.

Extract from Government Order, dated 19th August 1869, No. 1,164.

The Government learn with much satisfaction that Cholera, in an epidemic form, has ceased at Adoni in the Bellary District, and they desire to record their sense of the excellent services rendered in circumstances of unusual difficulty by the Tahsildar, V. DORASWAMY IYER, and the Dresser JEYARASWAMY.

(True Extract.)
Chief Secretary.

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Extract from Government Order, dated 10th September 1870, No. 1,180.

Para 6.—The increased revenue of the town appears to be due in some measure to more efficient administration, and the report of the Vice-President shows that considerable improvement has been effected in the town. Conservancy appears to have been especially attended to. There was an outbreak of cholera during the year, but otherwise the health of the town was good. During the epidemic the Commissioners established a cholera camp outside the town, and took other measures to mitigate its virulence. The Government appreciate the services of V. DORASWAMY IYER, the Vice-President.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government

I have much pleasure in saying that V. DORASWAMY IYER, Tahsildar of the Adoni Taluq, has been very zealous in procuring supplies for the 76th Regiment on passing through his District; he is most civil and obliging.

(Signed) R. DAVIES,

2nd M. 76th Regiment.

CAMP HENRY TOWN, 1st February 1871.

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Extract from Office Register.

V. DORASWAMY IYER.—A very energetic and intelligent Tahsildar. He deserves great credit for the way he has conducted the Municipal Commission. He exercises his Magisterial powers carefully and judiciously.

(Signed) JOHN KELSALL,
Acting Sub-Collector.

16th February 1871.

Extract from Bellary Collector's Office Register.

V. DORASWAMY IYER is an able Tahsildar and an efficient Magistrate.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Collector.

V. DORASWAMY IYER has been Tahsildar of Adoni under me for about 15 months. He has been transferred from this District at his own request. I am sorry to lose him, as he has proved himself to be a very active, useful, and zealous officer, and I shall always be glad to hear of his success.

(Signed) C. J. CROSTHWAITE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

V. DORASWAMY IYER, Tahsildar of Adoni, has obtained a transfer to Conjeveram, in the Chingleput

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District. I have been able to observe his work for the past few years. He is a particularly able Magistrate, he is as good a Revenue officer, and is a most active and energetic man in all departments of his duty. I am sorry to lose one of the best Tahsildars in the District.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector of Bellary.

Extract of the Proceedings of the Adoni Municipal Commissioners, held on the 1st November 1873.

The Commissioners appreciate the valuable services of V. DORASWAMY IYER as their Vice-President, and regret his departure, and they unanimously beg to offer their heart-felt thanks to him, and in further recognition of his services, resolve to have his photograph in their office.

(Signed) C. RAGHAVA ROW,
Vice-President.

Extract from a Letter No 181, dated 10th April 1874, from the Acting Collector to the Collector of Chingleput.

Para. 10.—V. DORASWAMY IYER joined the Taluq only in November last, with the highest character from Mr. Master, the Collector of Bellary, in which District also he has more than once come under the

favorable notice of the Government. To my mind he is a pattern of everything a Tahsildar ought to be A meritorious public servant.

Extract from the Chingleput Collector's Office Jagbandy Report for 1283.

DORASWAMY IYER, Tahsildar of Conjeeveram, held his Taluq, to which he was transferred at his own request from Bellary, for little more than half the Fusli, and he consequently labored under serious disadvantages, especially in coping with the large balances outstanding. Still I have every reason to be thoroughly satisfied with him, and consider him well-worthy of promotion to Deputy Collector.

(Signed) C. S. CHOLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

DORASWAMY IYER, Tahsildar of Conjeeveram, well deserves in my opinion the high encomium passed on him by the Acting Sub-Collector.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

Extract from a Letter, dated 26th February 1875, from the President of the Conjeeveram Municipality.

I have much pleasure in communicating to you the enclosed resolution of the Commissioners, dated 14th

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ultimo, which testifies to your exertions regarding the Municipality.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

Extract therefrom

2. The Commissioners notified with satisfaction the state of the demand, collection and balance, and resolve that the Vice-President be thanked for his efforts.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

Extract from the Collector's Docket No. 532, on G. O. No. 1,110, dated 3rd July 1874, forwarded to V. Doraswamy Iyer.

The Collector notifies with satisfaction the Government remark as to the very efficient manner in which the construction of the Conjeveram road has been carried out by him.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

Extract from a Letter, dated 4th March 1875, from the President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput District, to the Acting Sub-Collector, Chingleput.

I recently inspected the road from Soorappen's Choultry to Chingleput from end to end; I drove in

a mail phaeton and pair, and found it excellent for rapid wheel traffic; if anything, smoother than the Southern Trunk road.

2. Considering the time occupied in making it, I consider it a great work, most energetically executed, and desire to thank you and the Tahsildars of Conjeveram and Chingleput for their assistance; of the two latter, Doraswamy Iyer seems to deserve special commendation.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

Extract from a Semi-Official Letter, dated 16th February 1875.

I regret to see from the last Gazette that you were unsuccessful in your application, though I supported it very strongly. Just at present there is, I believe, a block in promotion owing to the number of additional Deputy Collectors who must be absorbed into the regular Establishment. You may, however, rest assured that both Mr. Crole and myself appreciate your recent good services in the District.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW.

Extract from a Letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of Chingleput, dated 7th July 1875, No. 394.

4. The Tahsildar of Conjeveram (Doraswamy Iyer) has, I regret to say, been ill of dropsy for several

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months, and has consequently been to a great extent incapacitated; but rather than leave his collections before the end of the Fusli, still remains in harness, although leave was sometime ago granted him on medical certificate. His Taluq consequently does not show so well as Madrantakam, but still he deserves great credit.

(Signed) C. S. CHOLE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to say that you have given me very satisfaction in the discharge of your duties during the 2 months you have been acting as Dy Collector in this District. The amount of Santkhyasul inspection work you have got through in that time is very creditable to you. (Sd) J. H. Garton
Collector
25th February 1876 (True copy)

(Sd) H. Russell
M. Collector

A brief sketch of my career explanatory of the Testimonials.

I was for a year 2nd Class Police Inspector attached to the Bellary Sessions Court, and prosecuted cases in the Sessions under the orders of the District Magistrate. I was thence promoted to the Tahsil-darship of Kudligi. I converted that Taluq Ousba from an unsanitary into a sanitary condition, and collected the revenue of the Taluq within the Fusli. I also conducted my magisterial duties to the satisfaction of my Divisional Officer. I was thence posted to Hospet, where arrears of revenue of Rs. 40,000 were outstanding for several years, which I collected together with the beriz of the Fusli in which I was transferred, before its close. In all the succeeding years I collected the revenue, with the exception of a trifling balance, before the end of the Fusli. Immediately after my transfer, that is, ten years ago, I was invested with the powers of the 1st Class Sub-Magistrate, and was trying, besides the cases arising out of my own Taluq, those that were referred to me in very large numbers from the other three Taluqs of the then Head Assistant's Division. This I continued doing the whole time I remained there, viz., for upwards of three years. During the Famine of 1866 I established a number of poor-houses in various parts of the Taluq, to relieve the sufferers, and encouraged large subscriptions from

private individuals towards the same object under the orders of the Collector. I laid a road from the foot of the Ramandroog to Belahunsy, fourteen miles; a road from Hospett to Chithwadighi, two miles; repaired the road from Hospett to Kamp, twenty miles; filled up and levelled a large moat around the Hospett fort, and planted trees thereon; planted 6,000 odd avenue trees along the Toombadra channels; and attended to the sanitation of a number of villages. In 1867 I acted for four months as the Collector's Hazur Sheristadar. I carried out sanitary measures at Humpey, where thousands of pilgrims annually collect during the April feast, most successfully; the appreciation of my services will be found recorded in the Government Proceedings reviewing the Sanitary Reports for 1866-67-68-69. After the feast of 1869 I was sent up by the late Collector, Mr. H. E. Sullivan, to the Revenue Board's Office, to bear evidence before the P. W. Commission. On my return I was promoted to Adoni Taluq. I brought this Municipality from the unsanitary crooked-laned village to a modern model town for neatness and straightness of streets and roads, and planted avenues. The result of my labors will be seen in the Government Orders for 1869-70-71-72 and 73, reviewing the reports of these years on the working of the Towns' Improvement Act. As in Hospett, I collected the Revenue of each Fushi within its close, a small fraction being exempted, owing perhaps to irrecoverability.

lity. I formed at the outskirt of the Town a Government plantation of casuarina trees, and another plantation of a lakh of palm trees at Nowlacul out of the Local Funds. I tried the cases of my own and of the adjacent Taluqs referred to me by the Joint Magistrate. I was also trying all the Railway cases between Goondakull and the Toombadra Stations, extending over three Taluqs under the special orders of the District Magistrate. Being a native of the South, I got myself transferred to Conjeveram in November 1873. The arrears of revenue, with the value of demarkation stones, to be recovered from the ryots were then $2\frac{1}{2}$ lacs of rupees. The Fushi 1283 was one of partial failure of crops in this District. These arrears, together with the settled beriz of 1283 and 1284, amounting in all to some 10 lacs of rupees, I collected, with the exception of a small and almost irrecoverable balance of Rs. 8,000, by the end of June last, in the space of nineteen months. In addition to this hard work I was saddled with the gigantic Local Fund work of laying twelve miles of a new road along the margin of the Palar from Conjeveram to Chingleput. This was a metalled road which I commenced in January 1874, and completed before the end of May, i.e., in less than five months. I was charged afterwards with the supervision and maintenance of the nine miles of the same road in the Chingleput Taluq, along with my portion, for one year, and I lined the whole way with avenue trees.

I attended to the sanitation of a number of villages by extirpating the overgrowth of prickly pears and laying of street roads. Here too I have been trying cases referred to me by the Joint Magistrate from other Taluqs of his Division. As Vice-President of the Conjeveram Municipality, which had been unfavorably commented on by the Government, I collected all the arrears of the previous years' taxes, amounting to upwards of Rs. 19,000, and laid first class metalled roads throughout the town, and constructed a number of masonry culverts across the street drainage. The reports of the years 1873-74 and 1874-75 will bear this out.

STATEMENT OF SERVICE OF V. DORASWAMY IYER.

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In the Educational Department at Bellary as Assistant Master on 75 Rs. per mensem, from 5th March 1859 to 30th November 1862.	3	8	25
Do. do. in the same capacity on 90 Rs. per mensem, from 1st December 1862 to 9th October 1863.	0	10	0
Bellary Court Inspector of Police on Rs. 150 per mensem, from 10th October 1863 to 20th October 1864.	1	0	12
Acting Tahsildar of Kudligi on Rs. 175 per mensem, from 21st October 1864 to 29th September 1865.	1	0	8
Acting Tahsildar of Hospett on Rs. 175 per mensem, from 30th September 1865 to 20th January 1866, on which day confirmed under Proceedings No. 7,959 of the Board of Revenue.	0	3	20
Tahsildar of Hospett on Rs. 175 per mensem, from 21st January 1866 to 21st May 1867.	1	4	0
Acting Collector's Huzur Sheristadar on Rs. 212½ per mensem, from 22nd May to 22nd September 1867.	0	4	0
Tahsildar of Hospett on Rs. 175 per mensem, from 23rd September 1867 to 17th May 1869.	1	7	24
Tahsildar of Adoni on Rs. 200 per mensem, from 18th May 1869 to 31st October 1873.	4	5	13
Tahsildar of Conjeveram on Rs. 200 per mensem, from 1st November 1873.			

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 23rd November 1877.

Read the following:-

From. T. Duraisami Aiyer
Ag. Deputy Collector on General
Duty, Tichindpur.
To. H. Sewell Esqre
Ag. Collector, Tichindpur.

Sir,
I beg to bring to your notice that
I am a public servant of 19 years standing, 14 1/2
years of which have been spent in the Rev. Dep't
for a most part as Tahsildar, for some-
time as Muzur Shikdar, and lastly as
Acting Deputy Collector which last appointment
I now hold.

2. Govt. recognizing the efficient manner
in which I discharged my duties in the sub-
ordinate posts, (vide accompanying printed
pamphlet containing copies of my testimonials)
have been pleased to appoint me as Acting
Deputy Collector in the Sonmucol District.

3. I discharged my duties in that ca-
pacity to the entire satisfaction of S. K. Ganesh
Esqre, the then Collector of the District, (vide
copy of his testimonial appended towards the close
of the pamphlet.)

4. Govt. were pleased subsequently to
appoint me as Acting Deputy Collector of this
District.

5. It is needless for me to remind you
of the heavy arrears that I had to clear up, which
I took charge of my Division, which, added to the
current duties of two big taluks, weighed upon
my health much.

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appear and bring my business to a system,
 I am in my Division without any extra-
 -veous aid and with my constant duties I have
 superintended successfully the North Oleson Subbank-
 -ment work extending over a length of 16 miles
 with 2000 Corlies. I was, also, obliged to undertake
 the system of Village Relief, visiting some villages
 twice or even three times, my Division extending to
 60 miles in length, and 50 in breadth. All these
 at what amount of self sacrifice and personal
 inconvenience I should have done I leave you
 to imagine for yourself. In all my undertakings,
 I have been actuated only by a sense of duty and
 by a hope of getting a speedy confirmation in my
 final appointments and promotion to higher grades.

As an opportunity for such confir-
 -mation has now presented itself by the death
 of D. Narasinga Rao, late Salt Deputy Collector
 of Madras I beg that you will be pleased
 to lay my claims before Govt., and let me
 be confirmed in my present post, thereby causing
 justice to be done to a long standing, faith-
 -ful and hardworking servant.

Madras
 12th November 1877

I beg to be
 Sir P. Duraisami Aiyar
 Asst. Dy. Collector
 General Duties

No. 384. Submitted to Govt. Rev. Dep't.,
 through the Secy of Pub. for favourable consideration.

Madras
 Collyer Office
 15th November 1877

Sir M. Swell
 Asst. Collector

Submitted to Govt.

Done at Secy & Secy

Division

Secretary

To the Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dep't.
 With an Encls. to be sent
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