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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th January 1861.

No. 493. Read the following Petition of C. STREENEVASS RÁU, late Tahsíldár and Head of Police of the Ootramaloor Táluq in the District of Madras, to His Excellency the Right Honorable W. A. MOREHEAD, &c., &c., &c., Governor in Council, dated Tripassore, 8th December 1860 :—

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That with reference to the N. B. of his Petition to your Excellency's address under date the 30th November 1860, he now humbly begs leave to forward the duplicate and triplicate of the copies of his Memorial for submission to His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood, Bart., the Secretary of State for India in Council, London, to obtain the relief and redress sought for, at your earliest convenience.

No. 494. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1861, No. 246.

Ordered that the Memorial submitted with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Home Government, and that intimation of its despatch be given to the Memorialist.

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

To

The Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esqrs

&c &c &c

Governor in Council

Fort St George

The humble Petition of C. Sheemanaf Row late Tahsildar of Ootamalore Taluq attached to the District of Madras.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That not having received any reply to the several Petitions of your poor Petitioner of the 13th August, 12th September and 20th October 1860 to the address of your Honor in Council regarding the peculiarity and hardship of his case, your defenceless Petitioner takes the liberty of forwarding this your Honor in Council a Memorial of his case in Triplicate to the address of His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood Bart Secretary of State for India in Council London, for his favorable Consideration and Relief, and earnestly solicits the same may be forwarded to its destination at your Excellency's earliest convenience -

And Shall Ever Pray

Trenullore
near Tanjore
30th November 1860

C. Sheemanaf Row
Late Tahsildar and Head
of Police of Ootamalore Taluq

/Triplicate/ 1

To,

His Excellency The Right Honorable
Sir Charles Wood Bart
Secretary of State for India in Counc
London

The humble Memorial of C. Shunmuga Row
Late Tahsildar and Head of Police of the
Cotamalore Taluq attached to the District of
Madura

Most Humbly Sheweth

1st That your Memorialist presented his appeal
Petition to the Right Honorable W.A. Morehead Esqr Governor
in Council Fort St. George on the 10th August 1860, as will
appear by the Copy of the Correspondence hereunto annexed,
soliciting to review his Case, and revoke the illegal
suspension of 6 months from his Office of the Tahsildar
of Cotamalore Taluq, unjustly passed by prejudicely
the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of the 2nd
July 1860 alleging that he has sold the lands of certain
Ryots wantonly for the arrears of Government Revenue
in the Villages of Allamudum in that Taluq, which it was
said to have been collected by certain Pattakarrs,
and he directed to be restored to his permanent situation
of Tahsildar of Pattapollam Taluq, according to the
tenor of the orders of the late Honorable the Court
of Directors dated 30th August 1858 No 13, and the
Secretary of State for India in Council dated 30th Decembr
Despatch No 28, as to any other Taluq of equal emoluments
at the pleasure of Government, as the Taluq of Cotamalore
to where he was temporarily transferred being under
amalgamation.

2d Your Memorialist further sheweth, that, not
having received any reply or relief from Government
to his several Petitions, your Memorialist addressed
another Petition to the Governor in Council Fort St George

under

under date the 20th October 1860, praying that upwards of 2 months having elapsed since your Memorialist first appealed to them for relief, and to be restored to his situation, under all the Circumstances of his case, your Memorialist was anxious to be made acquainted only the result thereof, and having still received any reply tho' it is now upwards of 3 months at the Government in appeal, the Deputy Secretary to Government passed an Endorsement at foot on his Petition dated 12th September 1860, "that your Memorialists Petition dated 10th August 1860 has not been received at the Government Office" whilst it has been despatched thro' the Postal Department "duly Registered" and sent to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council wherefore, your Memorialist again respectfully to forward a Copy of his first Petition to Government dated 10th August 1860 to the Deputy Secretary to Government on the 10th November 1860th Your Excellency will perceive how your Memorialist deeply laments and regrets with tears to receive the Endorsements subsequently passed on his Petition by the Deputy Secretary to Government on the 22nd November 1860, Nos 3205, 3206, of 1860 the former to the address of the Private Secretary to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and the latter to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Madras, which positively states, "that the Government do not interfere in the arrangements made by the District authorities, in regard to the Claims of Ryots for newly formed Taluqs; and with regard to Petitioners suspension, he should produce the orders of the Collector and the Board of Revenue," this your Memorialist already furnished and enclosed in his aforesaid former Petition the Endorsements of the Board of Revenue, as well as of the Collector, and the 1st Collector, as will be seen by the Copies thereof appended in the annexed Correspondence. In consequence of the latter injunctions that sustained thro' the Channel of different authorities in the Government all along from beginning to end, your poor Memorialist without any help, &c, under the painful necessity of

filing all his aforesaid Papers before your Excellency &c for redress and relief.

3. Your Memorialist further begs to shew in brief main point of the alleged charge on which he now stands suspended pending Enquiry of the Tahsildar of the Autumn Taluq, viz. That in the Village of Perumbum, there was outstanding balance of 3 Fusslies about 600 Rs and odd, which year was transferred to that Taluq in December 1858, your Memorialist sent orders to the Tillabdars according to the practice of long time, i.e. from 1859 to sequester the property of the defaulters, who attached their property and valued them for which valuators, the Ryots, Puttamanyan, and two Carnams of the Village constituted, and attested their signatures to the attached accounts, then your Memorialist as Tahsildar received the account, when no complaints lodged before him of any kind on the Tillabdars, that he either attached more Lands than what are actually wanted, or valued them put them on reduced rates, your Memorialist then got the sequestration accounts formally fair copied, checked by the Taluq Sheristadar and sent to Kaveripatnam, neither they, the Kaveripatnam Sheristadar at the Collectors Cutcherry, questioned with any reference to the Lands if were attached more than necessary or if the valuation fixed upon them, which the Board sanctioned in September for their sale, as specified in the advertisement viz the 31st October 1859. Tho the timeallowed in the notice was for a month, the Collectors Letter had reached your Memorialist earlier in September, the time allowed to the Ryots by him leniently was more than a month and a half, some of the defaulters liquidated a portion of the balance before the sale, their property were released from attachment, those who failed, their property were sold, and which raised double or treble of the original valuation, owing to the great many competitors attended the sales. Amongst the defaulters were one B. Sooriah one of the Puttamanyan, and certain of his Relatives who even at the time of the sale, without liquidating the money according to Custom into the hands of the Village Nolagan or the Cash Keeper at the Taluq Treasury, plead petitioned after the sale, that certain Ryots paid money into his

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Pattabhimayer had actually received any money at Coy
which is about 13 miles to Cottamalore, on account of
Lands then to be sold at Cottamalore Taluq Cutchery
he must have paid that sum then and there into the
Taluq Treasury at Coyveram and sent to your Memorialist
that Tahsildars receipt, and stopt the sale; he has taken
no steps of the kind which itself shows that persons
Combined together and created a case of hearing sent to
your Memorialist a blank Report (without money) to
suit their purpose, no such report were existing at all
in the Taluq Records, and your Memorialist as a Tahsildar
a responsible public Officer, by standing there was no
necessity for him to sell their Lands if he had received
money in his Cash Chest even at Close at the time of
the closing the sale.

Thirdly.— After a mature consideration Mr Ellis the
Officiating Collector openly gave his decision orally in
the Public Cutchery at Chingleput, that he acquitted your
Memorialist from the above charge, while so that Gentleman
since times and went to suspend him for this very alleged
Charge not proved, and which was one pronounced by
him that your Memorialist is not guilty of the Charge
Laid to him, and so exonerated him which from the
very nature of the Case itself, a Common Sense will
convince that it is a fictitious got up case, but this
his misfortune Mr Ellis to injure your Memorialist went
to the Board of Revenue by prejudice on the 18th April 1860
for his suspension, ultimately dismissal or Censure, and
he in order to make your Memorialist appear a bad
Character and thereby prejudice in the opinion of the
Board of Revenue and Government, raked up some
vexatious, factious and fictitious Cases, against your
Memorialist, which your Memorialist was compelled
in his defence to vindicate such complaints, and proved
himself guiltless in them, and trusts that he has done
so to the satisfaction of the Collector from the explanation
so afforded Respecting them severally; In short the
Collector exonerated your Memorialist from those charges,
but grounded the sale of the Land to be the material

Ramaiah [illegible] Tahsildar of Coyveram, and that he has sent to your Memorialist
a blank report to that effect and that your Memorialist
concealed it, while he has no authority or the least interest to
touch or receive money from the Ryots in foreign places, etc
than Taluq or, that receipt by him, except the Village Shroff,
who is only empowered to receive the dues of Government and
grant receipts in the Papers stamped by the Tahsildars Seal,
and the Pattabhimayer should be present at the Collections,
and keep the Accounts and Jamabundi accounts, and take measures
at the Collections like the Tahsildar and Tahsildars themselves,
and not any account buy their hands on the public Cash,
and deal with it as they please, like the Case under Review;
This is a fabricated story indeed, it is extraordinarily to Cancel
the sale, as the witnesses cited on this occasion are all strangers
Kramins, relations, and servants, and as a wonderful departure to
Government of one and the same Village, and all got shares
in the Samoodayam or Common Lands sold and who, with a
view to regain their lands, daringly gave false testimonies that
Pattabhimayer sent a nominal Report to your Memorialist at
the time of the sale, which the Officiating Collector Mr Ellis
and the Board of Revenue, believed without any substantial
grounds, especially in the absence of any authentic Records,
and so suspended your Memorialist for 6 months from the
18th April 1860 on mere prejudice, incomplete enquiry, proof
and records, at a time when the amalgamation of Taluqs
are to take place merely to injure and deprive the bread of your
poor Memorialist.— If your Memorialist is to be blamed
for Lands attached more than what are wanted, and less
valuation put upon them by the Tahsildar, as it now stood
in the Compliment, with the Taluq and the Karnam Accountant,
are more to be blamed, and censured, as their specific duty
is, to see and check the accounts properly than the Tahsildar
himself, neither the Officiating Collector, nor the Board of
Revenue have observed this, but went to punish, an innocent
Tahsildar, (for acts of others) who has to attend on
various miscellaneous business independent of the
Revenue Collections and Police duties—
Secondly.— This is not the point at issue, If the

Pattabhimayer

charge in his suspension Taked, as will appear by the Translation of the Taked hereunto annexed—

4— Your Memorialist further sheweth, that the Board of Revenue without weighing deliberately into the merits of the case, and grant protection and redress to your poor Memorialist for justice sake, as a responsible Officer to the Government Revenue, is ruled by Government in their Circular order dated 29th March 237 Para 5 Page 227, Minutes of Consultation 5th May 1854 No 421, and 8th August 1856 No 2840 to precipitately sanctioned for his suspension illegally and so harshly for 6 months from the 18th April 60, as above detailed, which so much so, discourages all Officers of responsibility and trust, especially, those intrusted with Revenue Collections in the due discharge of their arduous duties chiefly with Zeal and vigilance, as no protection and encouragement held out to them in time of alls but on the contrary, degrades them in the estimation of public, hence, no Public Officer will be safe, and the Collections of Government Revenue will be altogether retarded by such harsh Readings of the Board of Revenue, especially at a period when the amalgamation of Taluq are in operation consequent to the new organization of Police—

5— Your Memorialist sheweth further that he has applied on the 8th July last to the Collector Mr Cockburn for to Mr Ellis for a copy of the Board's Proceedings in your Memorialist's Case under reference, but he has refused to grant one without the permission of the Board of Revenue by prejudice alone, and passed an Endorsement to that effect, and the Board of Revenue have also passed an Endorsement upon his appeal Petition No 1104, 1128, and 1743 of 1860 dated 2nd July 1860 which states nothing more than referring your Petitioner to the Collector to whom the Boards decision on his Case has been Communicated, and the Sub Collector Mr Ellis's Taked Communicates no more than simply stating that your Memorialist was suspended for 6 months from the 18th April last by order of the Board of Revenue, and does not state any thing about his future disposal as the Taluq of Ootramalore is to be done away during the amalgamation of the Taluqs— But from what your Memorialist learns, it appears that the Board in their Proceedings of the 2nd July 1860 above quoted says, that after the expiration of the term of suspension of 6 months the Collector is at liberty

to appoint your Memorialist to his original Office of Sub Collector or hire any appointment that he may wish for in writing. From all this, it will clearly convince your Excellency, that the Board have not decided any thing finally in your Memorialist's Case and used their discretion but on the contrary the authority vested in them to the Collector, and left your Memorialist at his mercy—

6— Your Excellency's poor Memorialist begs to state further, that in consequence of the prolonged delay in the disposal of your Memorialist's fateful Case in the Board and Government, the time of illegal suspension of 6 months has expired, by the 17th October last where for your Memorialist solicited the Collector Mr Cockburn and the Sub Collector Mr Ellis thro the medium of Petitions with many of his entreaties to reinstate him in his Office of the Tahsildarship in the amalgamation of the Taluqs, the time of suspension being expired, yet they had not the mercy of granting the redress sought for, but unfortunately to the greatest astonishment of your poor and helpless Memorialist the Collector

17th Octr 1860 Mr Cockburn passed an useless Endorsement on his Petition dated 4th September 1860 "that he must first apply to the Sub Collector in the amalgamation of his own "Taluq, and that Petitioner belongs to the Sub Collector's Taluq, "and must look to him for employ" and thus washed his hands. The Sub Collector Mr Ellis in his turn passed likewise

18th Octr 1860. an Endorsement on the Petition dated 18th October 1860, which is more odd than the other, "that he cannot comply with "the Petitioner's request, and that he will however report "to Government on your Memorialist making the usual "application to Pension"—

Your Memorialist begs to point out further—

7— that your Excellency hence may easily perceive and come to conclusion how the authorities in India supersede the orders of the higher authorities and deviate from the reiterated orders of the Home orders and Regulations of Government passed from time to time above quoted in selecting and protecting the old responsible Tahsildars in the amalgamation and employ new hands of short service by prejudice and favoritism in direct violation to the Circular orders, setting aside and unnoticed all

Seniority

[illegible] meritorious Services, Copy & Extracts [illegible]

8. Your Excellency's [illegible] Memorialist further begs to shew[illegible]eth, that had the Collector Mr. Shakespeare reinstated your Memorialist in his original Office of the Tahsildar of the Peddapollam Taluq, now called Tsiravur Taluq, on the receipt of the late Honorable the Court of Directors Despatch dated 30th August 1858 No 13, instead of transferring by compulsion your Memorialist to Ootramalore Taluq, where the Government Revenues of 8 years was then outstanding about 30000 Rs, which the former Tahsildar or his Predecessors could not collect, and left outstanding as the Ryots in that Taluq rendered to be very mischievous, and the Country itself surrounded with forest and mountains, and as your Memorialist knew Collected the arrears strictly by attaching and selling the property of the defaulters in pursuance of the standing orders of the Collector, which the Ryots had a very distant thought of paying along with the Current Revenues of Fusilee 1268 and 1269 say all in the aggregate 29000, and besides found out to Cases of embezzlements of Government Revenues, and been all along rather strict and upright, some of the Ryots especially an Arrack man at Ootramalore, who continued [illegible] Anonymous Petitions and Creatures got up Cases of various and Letigious nature, came forward and lodged Complaints by enmity and ill will, whereupon, all such combinations and malicious Conspiracy against your Memorialist as detailed in the annexed Correspondence could not have taken place and your Memorialist may continue in his post undisturbed and be well off in the amalgamated in his original Taluq of Peddapollam, which stands on permanency, and which is now called Tsiravur Taluq in Renewal—

9 Prayer. Wherefore your Memorialist, most humbly appeals to your Excellency's Tribunal for protection and relief and most humbly and respectfully craves leave to submit for your Excellency's paternal paternal and merciful clemency and benevolent Consideration the Correspondence hereunto annexed, and earnestly begs that your Memorialist may be declared by your Excellency's Court guiltless in the matter, and be directed to be restored to his [illegible] and Board of Revenue of the Peddapollam Taluq now called Tsiravur Taluq in the amalgamation of Ootramalore Taluq in the Nellore District in terms of the order of the late Honorable the Court of Directors dated 30th August 1858 No 13 for to any other Taluq in the Madras District, and be pleased to sanction for the disbursement of pay due to him from the date of the illegal suspension viz the 18th April 1860 otherwise as your Memorialist rather prefer to retire than being ejected by the authorities in India by mere prejudice once and necessitated to appeal to your Excellency's Tribunal repeatedly, and thereby appear your Memorialist troublesome character prays your Excellency's Clemency will be pleased to sanction at once for a half Pension or equivalent to a moiety from his pay and emoluments Rs 88 per mensem from the date of the illegal suspension of 6 months from the 18 April 1860 taking into your favorable consideration of reckoning the deficiency of 2 and odd years, required to be completed for the 30 years service, counting for half years on the chief or main ground, that the Taluq of Ootramalore being amalgamated in October 1860 before the expiration of the period of suspension, in the general arrangement recently sanctioned in the Madras District, at the own accord and pleasure of Government, if not, your Memorialist may continue in his Office undisturbed, until his full period of service that may entitle him for a handsome pension is completed, and thereby settle and enjoy the full benefit and boon of Government in his old age, to answer adequate for the maintenance of his large crowd of family and dependents for his past unremitted and laborious services rendered to the State all along, with indefatigable Zeal and uprightness to a period of 28 years, establishing good reputation and credit to himself and his Office as your Memorialist moreover learns, such similar indulgence were granted as special cases, to the long standing old and responsible Public Servants of Government, recently amalgamated, or ousted lately in the reduction of establishments at the Revenue Board Government, and other Offices at the Madras Presidency and further your Memorialist prays your Honorable Court

Courts kind perusal and favourable consideration, whether as Tahsildar and Head of Police of a Taluq of 220 Villages under his management, and having to collect and to be responsible for the Collections of about £30000 Rs annually, and having to attend to Revenue, Police, and Miscellaneous matters, in the Course of his Public duties, and to have served 28 years faithfully to the state, should be treated and degraded by the Sub Collector, Collector, and the Board of Revenue, in the manner aforesaid, and the Office rendered null and unprotected by Government as your Memorialist has shewn, and contrary to the reiterated orders of Government dated 27th March 1837, 5th May 1854, and 8th August 1858, quoted in your Memorialists Petition to Government of the 10th August and 20th October 1860.

And your Memorialist shall ever Pray

Trichinopoly
30th December 1860

Strenuous Rew
late Tahsildar and Head
of Police of Cotamunalam Taluq

To

The Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esq

Officiating Governor in Council

Fort St George

The humble Petition of C Strenuous Rew late Tahsildar and Head of Police of the Cotamunalam Taluq subject to the District of Madura

Most Humbly Sheweth

My Lord,

That your poor Petitioner was employed in the Government Service from the 4th July 1833 first as Civil Engineers Writer under Captain W. J Drewry and J. Vardon in the United District 48 45, and from 16th September 1833 as Writer, Assistant Accountant, and Deputy Accountant, under Messrs J. Mockett, A. F. Bruce, & Freese & Mackay, J. Conway & Co and Cutcherry in the Office of Tahsildar of Manamadura Gudalur Bommadeli, Peddapollium, and Cotamunalam Taluqs in the Chingleput Tanjore Cuddapah Cutcherry, under Messrs J. H. Cobourne, P. B. Smollett and [illegible] from 16th September 1837 and thence rendered to [illegible] and upon the entire satisfaction of his employers and upon the [illegible] Petitioners statement he encloses Copies of the Testimonials of his good Character and Talents of promotion to the Tahsildarship, together with a List of Services for your Lordships kind perusal

Enclo A
Enclo B
Enclo C

In April 1856 whilst your Petitioner was conducting his ordinary duties as Tahsildar and Head of Police in Peddapollium Taluq with a view to double Taxation he was saddled by the authorities with a false Civil Suit got up by malicious and designed for nothing this Union (Clamour got up by malicious and designed for nothing this Union (Clamour got up by malicious and designed for nothing this Union (Clamour

your Petitioner on the 9th May following, by order of the Board of Revenue
annexed in their Proceedings dated 2d May 1856, without any
formal enquiry or reexamining the Proceedings connected with his Case.

3 Your Poor Petitioner, thereupon appealed to Lord Harris
the then Governor of Madras, that Lord forwarded his Memorial
with his favorable recommendation to the Honorable the Court of
Directors where his case was then pending. That Most Honble
Court after referring his case anew for the opinion of the
highest Judicial Tribunal under the Government and on receiving
their clear and unbiased opinion pronounced your Petitioner
"not guilty" and pleased to pass orders to this Government to
reinstate your Petitioner in his Office of the Tahsildar of Pedda-
pollam Taluq and return to him the sum of 30 Rs levied from
him unjustly - Order of Deputation of the Honorable the Court
of Directors, dated 31st August 1853 No 13 -

4 As the Honorable the Court of Directors not knowing
at that time for the arrears of Pay due to your Petitioner for the
time he was illegally deemped from his Office, he addressed to
Government on the 10th June 1859, who was only pleased to sanction
for reckoning that portion of service he was out of employ at
time Awaiting for Orders, but Refused to pass orders for the
Sir Charles Wood Bart the Secretary of State for India London
on the 30 August 1857, who was pleased to sanction for a month
of Pay during which your Petitioner was out of employ, which
was declined to pass. A Copy of the order of this Government
containing the same dated 30th December 1859 is herewith
submitted -

5 On the receipt of the order of the Honorable Court
dated 30th August 1858 No 13 the then Collector Mr C. J. Shubrick
without restoring your Petitioner to his Office of the Tahsildar
and Head of Police of the Peddapollam Taluq (from which he
was originally dismissed) according to the true and true purport
of the said order of the Honorable the Court of Directors, consulted
with his Maistrial Officers at the Rayazam and transferred
him to Cotramalem Taluq, as there were old arrears of
6 years Revenue due to Government, then outstanding to the
extent of 30000 Rs and odd, independent of the then
Current Revenue 30000 Rs of Faisly 1268 -

6 Your Petitioner could not reinstate on the order
of the Collector Mr C. J. Shubrick as he was then out of employ
very nearly 2 years and 6 months, he has no other alternative
how to take up the new transfer this compulsion, knowing
the Taluq of Cotramalem to be subject to many inconveniences -

Dated 26th May 1856

Vide Encl. D

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Vide Encl. 3

Collector refuses to give a Copy with his Endorsement appended -

7 On the receipt of the Collector's Proceedings above alluded to, your Petitioner proceeded to the Cotramalem Taluq and engaged in collecting the Revenue due by the Ryots of that Taluq, both old and Current then and there in case of failure, and in the absence of punctuality with them, received orders from Rayazam for sequestration and to distrain their property and sold them according to the then Rules and Collected the arrears of Government

8 These Ryots then began to prepare sets of anonymous Petitions and sent them to the Collector, Board of Revenue and eventually to Government, that your Petitioner oppressed them and pecuniarily bribes &c and created yet up cases to suit them purpose, &c, to get rid of your Petitioner, on having him transferred to Cotramalem Taluq, as they were compelled to pay the old arrears of Revenue which were long outstanding and which they had determined not to pay at all, had it been other Tahsildar, and they tried all they can in suing him for certain sums of money in the Courts thereby means of a prisoner Confessed in a murder case which are all in the end proved unsuccessfull to them

9 Through the misfortune of your Petitioner Mr Shubrick the old standing Collector proceeded to Europe on sick Certificate and Mr Ellis appointed as officiating Collector for short period, the Govt having had very little experience with your Petitioner, during the short duration he had Charge of the Taluq of that Taluq, during the short duration he had Charge of the District, he without enquiring the matter as he ought to have done, vide Circular orders of Government dated 27 March 1837 Para 5 Page 227, and protest him in very depths in the memorandum pointed out, went to Recommend to the Board for your Petitioner's suspension, dismissal and Pension - Vide his letter dated 18th April 1860 -

10 During the investigation your Petitioner presented to Mr Ellis the Assistant Collector a Petition, which that Gentleman Mr Ellis not at all minded it, and made it his motto his Tickle hair not at all minded it, and made it his motto his Tickle hair for no purpose, and your Petitioner again when the Case was pending before Mr Ellis the officiating Collector for the time being, he addressed a detail a Petition to that Gentleman, who rendered no more justice than Mr Shubrick himself and left it unnoticed,

11 Your Petitioner thereupon presented appeal Petition to the Board of Revenue pointing out the impropriety of the Collector's decision of suspending your Petitioner, and eventually recommending for his dismissal and Pension

pleading

pleading that the Tahsildar of Cotramalore be stopped from
annalgamation that are to be made, in the usual arrangements of
Mr Ellis, the Board of Revenue after calling for the Report from
accurate them necessary, passed their order dated 2nd July 1860
that they have suspended your Petitioner for 6 months from the
18th April 1860 as he has sold the lands situated within the bounds
of certain defaulters, who were in arrears of Revenue due to Government
in the Village of Cottramalore subject to the Peishcush Tahsildar
while it is said that the Report was sent to your Petitioner
by one of the Puttahmangers of the assessment having private hid
hands while at Conjeeveram

12 My Lords The fact is this, that in the Village of
Mavoodeen, there were outstanding Balances of 3 Fusslies about
Rs 600 each, while your Petitioner was transferred to that
Taluq in December 1858, he sent orders to the Village according
to the routine of business to separate the property of the defaulters,
who attached their property and valued them Lands, which valuation
the Puttahmangers, Carnums consented, and attested their signatures
to the attached accounts. Then it was sent to your Petitioner
as Tahsildar as complaints lodged before him on the 7th February
that the attached were Lands than what are actually wanted,
valuation put upon them as reduced rates. Upon
get the segregation accounts from Cuppidy, the Sub Magistrate
Taluq Shirastadar Mr and sent to Conjeeveram, neither they or
the Karnam or Shirastadar, questioned with regard to the
Lands attached, or about the valuation forced upon them
which the Board sanctioned in September for the sale
Some of the defaulters liquidated their balances within the
time of the sale, as specified in the Notice, 21st October 1857.
Tho' the time allowed in the Notice was for 3 months, the
Collector Tahsildar having Reached your Petitioner earlier
in September, the time allowed to the Ryots by this
evidently was more than a month and a half over
then, some of the Ryots and Mr B Poobal, one of the
Puttahmangers, and his relations, without liquidating the
money according to Custom in the hands of the Village
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pleas fictitiously after the sale that Certain Ryots paid
money into his hands at Conjeeveram (which he has no
authority to receive in foreign places or other Taluqs
or grant receipt by him except the Village Shroffs and

were duly empowered to, specified in the Paper stamped by the Tahsildar)
and that he handed to your Petitioner a blank Report
that effect, (without money) and that your Petitioner connected
This is a fabricated story indeed, merely to cancel the sale
as the witnesses cited on this occasion are all living relations
servants, and dependants to Government of the above Village
and all got shares in the Annadanyam Land Common Lands
sold and who, with a view to regain their Lands, during
gave false witnesses, that Puttahmangar sent a Nominal
Report to your Petitioner at time of the sale when the
Officiating Collector Mr Ellis, and the Board of Revenue
declined, without any substantial grounds, especially
the absence of any authentic proofs and vouchers and to
suspended for 6 months at a time when the amalgamation
of Taluqs is to take place, merely to injure your Petitioner.
Upon Petitioner is to be blamed for Lands attached more
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accounts properly, than the Tahsildar, if the
Officiating Collector nor the Board of Revenue have not
observed this, but went to punish an innocent Tahsildar
(for acts of others) who has to attend numerous miscellaneous
business than the Revenue Collection and Police duties

13. This is not the point at issue, if the Puttah
manigar had actually received any money at Conjeeveram,
which is 13 miles to Cotramalore on account of the Land
to be sold at Cotramalore Taluq Cutchery, he must
have paid that money then and there into the Taluq
Cutchery at Conjeeveram, and sent to your Petitioner that
Tahsildar's Receipt, and stopt the sale, he has taken
no steps of the kind, which itself shews, that he and
others Combined together and created a case of having
sent to your Petitioner a blank Report (without money)
to suit their purpose, no such report existing in the
Records, and your Petitioner as a Tahsildar a responsible
Public Officer, long standing, there was no necessity

for

for him to sell their lands if he had received money in his Cash Chest at least at the time of the sale, & in the absence of any such authentic Records forth coming in the Talug Cutcherry, the word of a Responsible Officer must be respected in preference to that of Common Ryots, who speaks the things to suit their benefit, and get them instructed by their relations in one Village all being disaffected to Government.

14. After a mature Consideration Mr Ellis finally laid his decision finally in the Public Cutcherry at Chingleput, that he acquitted your Petitioner from the above Charge, & declared that Gentlemen had never turned and went to suspend him for this very alleged Charge not proved, and which was now pronounced by him that your Petitioner is not guilty, and do exonerate him from the Charge; but this his misfortune, & Mr Ellis to injure your Petitioner, wrote to the Board of Revenue on the 18th April 1860 for his suspension, and dismissed & punished the above to be the material Charge in his suspension & said above alluded to, which, the Board of Revenue without inquiring deliberately into the merits of the Case, and upon mature and Redress to your poor Petitioner, for justice sake, as Government in their Circular order, dated 27th March 1837 Para 5 Page 227. do prescribed strictly sanctioned his suspension so hereby for 6 months from the 18th April 1860 as above detailed, which so much discourages all Officers of responsibility and trust, especially those vested with Revenue Collection in the due discharge of their arduous duties steadily with zeal and diligence as no protection, and encouragement held out to them in time at all, but degrade them in the estimation of public hence, no public Officer will be safe, & the Collections of Government Revenue will be always retarded by such Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, especially at a period when the amalgamation of Talugs are in operation Consequent to the reorganization of Police.

15. Your Petitioner applied on the 8th Ultimo to the Collector Mr Cunliffe for a Copy of the Boards Proceedings in your Petitioners Case under reference, but he has refused to grant one, without the permission of the Board and passed an Endorsement to that effect, & which even is not reached to your Petitioner to this day; and the Endorsement

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of the Board of Revenue passed upon his appeal Petitions Nos 1123 and 1743 of 1860 dated 2d July 1860, which states nothing more than referring your Petitioner to the Collector to whom the Board's decision on his case has been communicated, and the Sub Collector Mr Ellis's Letter informs no more than simply stating that your Petitioner was suspended for 6 months from the 18th April last by order of the Board of Revenue, and does not state any thing about the future disposal of his Office after the suspension time, as the Talug of Cottrandalam is to be done away during the amalgamation of the Talugs Consequent to the organization of Police. But from what your Petitioner learned by private source, and what the rumour speaks, it appears, that the Board in their Proceedings of the 2d Ultimo quoted, passed after the expiration of the term of suspension of 6 months awarded to your Petitioner, the Collector full liberty either to appoint your Petitioner to his original Office of Talukdarship, or confer on him any appointment that he may wish to favour with. From all this it clearly Comminus that the Board have not decided any thing finally on your Petitioners Case and used their discretion, but entirely given away their authority vesting in the Collector alone to allot them as he may think proper. If such be the case your Petitioner is alone at the Collectors mercy entirely left at their mercy.

16. In the distribution of the Patronage of Talukdarships in the amalgamation of Talugs, if the authority of selecting and appointing them is retained with Government themselves, it will be a boon conferred on them, who will nominate them with reference to the Service, merits, and services of each Officer, after referring the Proyenza Books in their Office, and not upon mere prejudice and favouritism. On a reference of the Talukdars list of the last 5 years of the District (originally termed Chingleput District) and the present arrangement list of amalgamation will clearly convince to Government, that the claims in the present arrangement of old and long standing zealous and vigilant Public Officers were set aside, and new hands of short service and experience in the Talukdars Office are taken into their view as noted in the margin, and admitted them in

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in the 6 Permanent Jaleys in preference to old and long standing Collegues, and to your Petitioner stands as under at the present date as it stood intended to have the Petitioner appointed from the date of your Petitioners supposition of the terms of suspending and added to this, no acting appointment for his appointment as usual from the beginning of the case to the direct opposition to the Rules and every thing done decidedly by the Government Interests in favor to his success for.

17th Prayer. Under these circumstances your poor Petitioner is entitled to lay before your Lordships Throne the Endorsement prepared by the Board of Revenue on his Appeal Petitions dated 11th 28th and 17th 2d of 1860 and the Copy of the Petition dated by Mr Ellis the Sub Collector of the District dated 4th July 1860 and trusts with sanguine hope that your Lordships Clemency will be pleased to call for the entire Proceedings from the Board of Revenue, and weighing your Petitioners defenceless case and Reverse the suspension order of the Board of Revenue and grant such favorable orders as to put speedily into enforcement according to the terms and true purport of the late order of the Honorable the Court of Directors to reinstate your Petitioner in his original Office of the Salem Sub Collectorship or to appoint your Petitioner to any other Jaleys as may be thought proper and transferred your Petitioner with the Salem Jaley now to be abolished in the amalgamation to appoint your Petitioner to any other Jaley amongst the 6 now standing or remaining in the next amalgamation, at the pleasure of Government, and to disburse his salary due to him from the suspending date viz 18th April 1860.

For which act of Justice and redress your poor Petitioner as in duty bound will Pray.

Madras 10th August 1860.

(Signed) Sheik Kasim Ray
Tahsildar of Coleroon Jaley of the District

Enclosure A Copies of Testimonials

Certificate that the Kasim Ray Shaik Kasim was employed as a Writer in the Civil Engineers Department for 2 years, he writes a good hand, and during the short time he has been under me, I have found him

him willing and attentive.

Madras 12th September 1836.

(Signed) Hafford Vardon Lieut
& Asst Civil Engineer 2d Dist

Madras 29th December 1838

This is to certify that Kasim Ray Shaik Kasim was employed by me on the 16th September 1835 as a Writer in the Chingleput Collectors Office and was found very useful and attentive to his duties.

(Signed) A Maclean
Late Collector of Chingleput

This is to certify that Kasim Ray Shaik Kasim has been employed in this Establishment from 30th December 1838 to 15th February 1845 as Current Writer and from 16th February to 24th September 1845 as Assistant Accountant, he writes a neat hand and during the time I was in the District, I was always found him active, diligent and an experienced public Servant.

Chingleput District
Collectors Office Cutcherry
Dated 24th Sept 1845

(Signed) Jas Braun
Collector

This is to certify that Kasim Ray Shaik Kasim who was promoted to the Office of Deputy Accountant from that of Assistant Accountant, given me satisfaction: He is diligent and attentive, and is well acquainted with the nature of his duties.

Coroor
11th November 1850

(Signed) A Freese
Collector

This is to certify that Kasim Ray Shaik Kasim Tahsildar of Poonamalee Jaley is a praiseworthy man and has conducted himself to my entire satisfaction in every respect since his transfer to this station.

Poonamalee
12th July 1854

(Signed) John Imptt Major
Staff Officer Poonamalee

This is to certify that Kasim Ray Shaik Kasim Tahsildar of Poonamalee Jaley has conduct himself quite to my satisfaction in every respect during his stay at this station viz from 1st November 1853 to the 28th August 1854.

Poonamalee
29th August 1854

(Signed) John Imptt Col
Commanding Cuddalore Div
Poonamalee

Enclosure B — Translation of Tahsildar's Parwana

Translation of a Tahsil issued by J. H. Cochrane Esq^r Collector of Chingleput to C. Sheenuvasa Row Tahsildar of Mannemungalum Dated 11th September 1851

I have appointed you as Tahsildar of Mannemungalum from this date, on a salary of 70 Rs per mensem, you proceed forthwith to that Taluk and take charge of the Treasury &c from Rayava chetty the Tahsildar and conduct the duties carefully that appertains to Revenue and Police

(signed) J. H. Cochrane
Collector

Translation of a Tahsil issued by J. H. Cochrane Esq^r Collector of Chingleput to C. Sheenuvasa Row Tahsildar of Mannemungalum Dated 18th August 1852 No. 53

I have promoted and transferred you to the Sydapet from the 18th Instant, as the Tahsildar of that Taluk on a salary of 85 Rs per mensem, and appointed in your room one Machary Sumaiah you deliver over charge of the Treasury to the Taluk Shereistadar there, and take receipt from him and then proceed forthwith to the Sydapet Taluk and take charge the Circar duties vacated from the Taluk Shereistadar and Conduct

(signed) J. H. Cochrane
Collector

Translation of a Tahsil issued by J. H. Cochrane Esq^r Collector of Chingleput to C. Sheenuvasa Row Tahsildar of Sydapet dated 26th October 1853 No 240

Having heard that the Complaints preferred to you, and those referred to you from this Office for enquiry not having disposed off then and there, I have transferred you to the Poonamalee Taluk from the 1st November 1853 and the Poonamalee Tahsildar to the Sydapet Taluk, deliver over charge to the Poonamalee Tahsildar as soon as he comes, and then proceed to Poonamalee and take charge of the Treasury &c from the Taluk Shereistadar and Report the same to this Office Conduct the Circar duties carefully

(signed) J. H. Cochrane
Collector

Translation of a Tahsil issued by P. B. Smollett Esq^r Collector of Chingleput to C. Sheenuvasa Row Tahsildar of Poonamalee Taluk dated 23rd August 1854 No 62

I have transferred you to Pudupallium

as the Tahsildar of that Taluk from the 1st September 1854 on a salary of 85 Rs per mensem a Deliver over charge of the Treasury &c to the Taluk Shereistadar and proceed to the Pudupallium Taluk and take Charge of the Treasury &c from Sreenivasa Row Tahsildar, and grant receipt for the same Conduct carefully the duties attached to your Office

(signed) P. B. Smollett
Collector

Translation of a Tahsil issued by C. J. Shubrick Esq^r Collector of Chingleput to C. Sheenuvasa Row late Tahsildar of Pudupallium Taluk dated 30th November 1858 No 38

In conformity with the instructions received from the Honorable the Court of Directors directing to reinstate you to the Office of Tahsildarship, and the Board of Revenue have sent their orders to that effect, I have nominated you to the Tahsildarship of the Ootramalore Taluk on the salary of 85 Rs per mensem from the 1st Proximo, you will without delay go to that Taluk and take charge from Coopoo Row the Tahsildar and Conduct the Circar duties that appertains to Revenue & Police

(signed) C. J. Shubrick
Collector

Enclosure C — List of Services

Items of Services of C. Sheenuvasa Row late Tahsildar of Ootramalore in the Madras District and Taluq in the Chingleput District

	Yrs	Mos	Days
Writer in the Civil Engineer's Department in the Cudd. District 32 2 Dr from 4th July 1833 to 31st August 1835 at 5 2½ Rs per mensem	2	1	28
Do in the Chingleput District from 1st September 1835 to 21st June 1842 at 35 Rs per Do	6	9	5
3rd Do in Do from 21st June 1842 to 15th February 1845 at 35 Rs per Do	2	7	25
2nd Assistant Accountant in Do from 16th February 1845 to 30th November 1848 at Do per Do	3	9	13
Deputy Accountant in Do from 1st December 1848 to 15th September 1851 at 70 Rs per Do	2	9	15
Tahsildar of Mannemungalum Taluq from 16th September 1851 to 17th August 1852 at 70 Rs per Do	"	11	2
Tahsildar of Sydapet Taluq from 18th August 1852 to 25th October 1854 at 85 Rs per Do	1	2	9
Tahsildar of Poonamalee Taluq from 26th October 1854 to 24th August 1854 at 70 Rs per Do	"	10	"
Tahsildar of Pudupallium Taluq from 25th August 1854 to 15th April 1856 at 85 Rs per Do	1	7	22
Period of service while out of employ while Tahsildar of Pudupallium Taluq ie from the 16th April to 30th November 1858 which was sanctioned by the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood Secretary of State for India to be reckoned as time Counted for Pensions, vide his letter to Government dated 30th December 1859 No 28	2	7	15
Tahsildar of Ootramalore Taluq from 1st December 1858 to 18th April 1860 at 85 Rs per mensem	1	4	18
Total period of Service	26	9	2

Madras
23rd April 1860.

(signed) C. Sheenuvasa Row
Tahsildar of Ootramalore

Enclosure D

Late Honorable Court of District

Despatch 30th August 1858 No 13

Judicial Department

No. 13 of 1858.

Our Governor in Council at Fort St George

Letter dated 1st June (No 7-1858) Case of Thenaruppha Late Tahsildar and Head of Police of Pattapollam Taluk in the District of Chingleput

Para 1. The Ex Tahsildar was fined by the Magistrate of Chingleput in the sum of 5 Rupees and dismissed from employed by order of the Board of Revenue for having, as was alleged, illegally certain persons in order to compel them to discharge the arrears of Mottupha Jury, and on a Petition of the Prisoners by us, you were directed to notify in the usual manner, his disqualification for future employment in the Service of Government.

2. In the mean while the Tahsildar had appealed first to your Government, and then to us, against the order of dismissal and in the Course of enquiry which ensued on his appeals, that he had been fined 25 Rs. on another Case for an abuse of authority in his Capacity of Head of Police.

3 It however the information by us, when the Case came under our notice on the appeal of the Tahsildar was insufficient to enable us to dispose satisfactorily of his application for restoration to Office, we directed in our despatch of the 3d February last the transmission to us of the Proceedings in the Case in which the Tahsildar had been fined 25 Rs, and a reference to the Sudder Court for their opinion if the Case in which he had been dismissed from his Office

4 You accordingly referred the Sudder Court to the Proceedings, and that Court has in pursuance of your instructions received the Records in both Cases. In regard to the Case in which the Tahsildar was dismissed from Office the Court are of opinion that the Magistrate's sentence was very unsatisfactory, and that the grounds of the conviction were altogether insufficient, and that the deceased ought to have been examined. In the second Case the Court report that the Head of Police was entirely to much prejudiced, and that he part from him having absolutely no measures but what he unduly and violent Conduct of the Complainant compelled him to adopt the prosecution is demonstrated by the fact of the Complainant having defied the authority of the Head of Police resisted his Peons, abused him, and when taken into Custody made attempts upon his own life. It thus appears from the report of the Court that the evidence in the two Cases on which the Ex Tahsildar to have been guilty of nothing more than using harsh language

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to a [illegible] who has given much provocation

5 Under these Circumstances we cannot but regard the severity with which the man has been treated, - We think that he should be restored to his Office, that he should be informed that the Fines to be returned to him, that he should be restored to his Office and that the Notification which has been published against his future employment by Government should be withdrawn from publication, it has been made.

We are

Your loving friends

Fort St George
31st Augt 1858

(Signed) H. Carrie
H. Eastwick

Countersigned in accordance with 16 and 17 rule Ch 1 Sec 1

(Signed) J. D. Dickinson
Deputy Secretary

(True Extract)
Chief Secretary

Judicial Department

No. 1059.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 23d October 1858

Copy of this Despatch with the papers noted in the margin to be furnished to the Board of Revenue and Board of Trade for their information.

Under the Chingleput Dispatch and the papers enclosed in the Cases referred to, will be forwarded to him by the Inspector of Chingleput. The late orders of the Honorable Court directing it to be notified that Thenaruppha Pa[illegible] will not again be employed in the Public Service have not acted on as Government were then awaiting the Receipt of the Court's order on the Papers transmitted to them. The Despatch of the Government dated 24th December 1856.

(Signed) [illegible]
Chief Secretary.

No. 4046

Forwarded to the Collector of Chingleput for his information and guidance.

By order
(Signed) J. D. Dickinson
Secretary

Board's Office
Fort St George
3d November 1858.

True Copy
(Signed) C. A. Shubrick
Collector

Forwarded to Thenaruppha Pa[illegible]
Tahsildar of Pattapollam Taluk
for his information

Enclosure "E" Order of the Secretary of State
30th December 1859 — No 27.

Judicial Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following despatch from the Right Honble
Sir Charles Wood Bart Secretary of State for India to His
Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council Fort St George
Dated India Office, London 30th December 1859 No 28

Paras 1- Have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
dated 22d October (No 40) 1859, transmitting a Memorial from
Srinivasa Chetty Inspector in the Chingleput District, in which
he prays that the Salary of his Office from the date of his dismissal
to that of his reinstatement may be reimbursed to him.

2 In reply I have to observe that the Memorialist
has no claim to the full Salary of his Office, the duties of which
he did not discharge, but taking into consideration all the circum-
stances of the Memorialists case, I authorize payment to be
made to him of a sum equivalent to a moiety of the salary
of his Office during the period he was out of employ.

3 I approve of your having allowed that period
to be reckoned in favor of the Memorialist as Leave Counted
for pension.

Order thereon 7th February 1860 No 145

Ordered that a Copy of the above Despatch be furnished
to Mr Pycroft Inspector of Police in reference to his Letter of 31st August last,
and likewise to the Collector of Chingleput, who will give
effect to the orders of the Right Honble the Secretary of State
therein contained.

Copy of the Despatch will also be furnished to the Office of the Accountant
General for information.

To Spencer & Co
To the Collector of Chingleput
" Civil Auditor
" Accountant General
" Board of Revenue

Trans Entered
Signed J. Pycroft
Secretary

No 1 Enclosure F 1st Appeal Petition to Board
20th April 1860 No 1106

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Respected Gentlemen

Para 1 May I beg to lay before your Honble Board
the following few lines of my pitiful and hopeless Case
and trust with a cheerful hope that your Board will
take into your serious consideration, and deliberately exam-
ine into the Proceedings and favor me the redress prayed for.

2 Mr Nisbet the Assistant Collector and Magistrate of
Chingleput sent me a Parwana dated 28th February last No 17,
requiring my attendance at his Cutchery at Chingleput on the
6th March 1860 in enquiring certain Cases against me, I attended at
his Cutchery accordingly. That Gentleman retained me for 5 or 6
days & enquired into the matter, and when proved to the sub-
Petitions were written by Vagabonds of Edmondtown Village,
to his Report thereon in March last to the Collector,
Shelbrick of usually disposed towards me, and prevailed
Papers connected with them.

3 At the time Mr Shelbrick the Long standing Collector
to England & Mr Ellis happened to be appointed
Collector, & received Mr Nisbets letter, and the
Papers connected therewith, came to Chingleput and sent me
to Cutchery on the 26th March last
charge of the Treasury Office to the Tahsildar, thereby
to be present at the time when he got the cases
examined by Mr Nisbet, according to the true purport of
Parwana, I proceeded to Chingleput and the Appointed
Collector began to make a fresh investigation with a hasty
motive to hurt me by the evil assistance of Mr Dowdeswell
the Civil Judge of Chingleput as much as he can by his pre-
The examination of such cases, being now examined by his
Assistant Mr Nisbet will not cost him a day or two, on
the Contrary, he Mr Ellis wantonly dragged me to and from
Chingleput to Cuddalore, and from Cuddalore to Chingleput
and detained me for 22 days without completing the enquiry.

4 Mr Nisbet he began to see the Papers of Chingleput
on the morning of the 12th instant and prepared a draft to
your Board on the above cases, and shown to Mr Dowdeswell
the Civil Judge, who is not in habits with me, as he has
one in March 1859 when I have found out certain Persons
who Perpetrated murders at Covrady in this Taluk and
committed to the Sessions Court. This Gentleman last year by the
pleadings of his pandits, and he has been acting altogether
in a proposal to the Court of Sudr and Magistrate Undated for
my dismissal, for no purpose whatever, the Court disapproved
my committing those Perpetrators and sentenced me main
to be hanged up, and 5 others for 14 years imprisonment
with hard labour in Irons. Since the Court of Sudr Undated

Exhibit to the Translation thereof.

rejected to Sanction in the way he has been writing some unfounded tales against me, to please displeased with me ever since — One of the Persons implicated in the above Murder having been released for want of proof by order of the Magistrate, Mr Shubrick, he took an action of damages against me to the extent of Rs 800 for detaining him for the time under charge of the Case, and also got up another Case of bribery charge by malice to support the former charge for 300 Rs to have been given me for his release, while he had been detained under the orders of the Magistrate — The District Moonsiff at Caranjah admitted these suits, and decreed them to the fullest amount, tho he was pointed out by me under the orders of the Magistrate that he was prohibited from doing so by Act XXIII of 1856 he would not pay any attention to it, then I suppose on these Cases at the Civil Judge Mr Dowdeswell Court, and the hearing day, I mean on the 14th March last, he had thrown his staff far about me, and spoke to me in a tone that will give Person to any man with a loud voice by the Cutcherry, will not have given him answers to his queries in a submissive manner, still, Mr Ellis had written some uncalled for remarks in the Diary at his choice.

5. Mr Dowdeswell the Civil Judge sent to the draft of Mr Ellis, and made Correction here and there, suggested some new Paras to be added embodying Spirit of the Letters to and from the Sister Departments above mentioned as above stated, and the Decree on the Appeals in which he has been writing Something illegally touching about my uprightness and Character.

6. Mr Ellis being sent to the District he was entirely led away by Mr Dowdeswell the Civil Judge, and the Salaam Petition Writer a renounced man by name of Appasamy with of Ostracism who created all most all the Cases now under review, before your Board, and got them written me by his brother Chinnoo Naik, and on them by his Servants Nuzeermuddy Cherry, both of them are enemies to me they being his brothers and Masters as fact can be proved by looking into the Copy of the Letter written by me to Mr Ellis on the 4th April 1860, to which he had not paid the slightest attention which shews by his duties to the present Petitioners and supporters the annexed Petition Writers the more than my Law & respectable Public Officer — Both Mr Ellis and Dowdeswell combined together and properly Consulted to injure me altogether by depriving me of my bread —

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Hon'ble Mr Shubrick been in the District he would not keep up the hearings of Mr Dowdeswell, and as I beg to point out to your Board how I was kept under written a letter in my behalf to Government on the 13th September 1859 No 14, and supported me to the utmost for my zeal in finding out those criminals in the above murder case, If this is called for, and taken into by your Board, will corroborate to my statement and will consult the last remarks and opinion, he Mr Dowdeswell formed of me —

7. How great was my prejudice to know I asked all explanation from Mr Ellis the Assistant Collector why he had suspended me from the above duty dated 18 Instant, that he was suspended me from the above duty for my selling more land for Arrears of Peishcush of certain disputed Mirasdars Villages and Cultivation thereof to have been at Mirasdars Village and Cultivation thereof to have been proved, and that he has written to your Board, and he will Communicate me the result, A Copy of the Letter is herewith enclosed.

8. I have applied to Mr Ellis for a Copy of the letter written to your Board on the 18th Instant, stating the grounds of my suspension, which he promised to give at Devarayadurg, to where his Cutcherry removed, I am going to that Station and after obtaining a Copy will furnish to your Board with my Refutations thereto, in each case, and together with it my self attend your Board to explain

9. In the interim I beg to submit here in a short explanation for the 5 Charges against me by the Assistant Collector Mr Ellis in his Letter of suspension of the 18th Instant —

In the Village of Maradihalli there was outstanding balance of 3 Rushes to the extent of about 600 Rs for which the Zillahdar had been directed to attach such cattle the property as to the Case therefore there was merits to be attached for the old arrears of 6 Rushes from 1861 say 2000 Rs and Salary, the Sahukar cannot do it himself in the meantime important duties to attend besides the Zillahdar attached and valued the Cattle, and sent Jiffy Statements duly attested with the signatures of the Pattakarangar, Moonsiff Curnum, the Zillahdar, which, when returned by me, I handed it over to the Salary Shirastadar to be checked, so that there may be no deviation, and then prepare them fair to be sent to the Rogoor for sanction, accordingly, the Shirastadar prepared the Jiffy Statements and brought for my signature, duly attested by him for its authenticity, which I signed and sent to Rogoor, neither the Ryots, nor the Rogoor servants,

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questioned about the valuation, they all appeared of it, and made the
attached statement for your Board's perusal, which your Board
sanctioned according to the terms of the instruction
put to the Candidates by the Collector, that the valuation should
of each Country, all round all the lands are valued once or
in the same manner except in special cases of Gardens
In certain Villages lands are valued also with reference to the
Title deeds of land sold, which exceeded by the above plan
adhered to. The attached Statements that are to your Board's
of this Taluk on the entire district, will show to corroborate my
Statement. When the Taluk was sold for sale, advertisements to
me by the Collector, I have issued them to each defaulter who owe
them the arrears and got them fixed, and pasted to their street
doors, and those who liquidated their balances their lands were
released from attachment, and those who failed, their lands were
sold at the appointed day by your Board's Order. One of the Pillaimangers
in this Village by name B. Poolaiah, had much liquidated his
balances and certain others, either in the hands of the Village Shroffs or
at the Taluk Cutcherry, for which certain amounts remained after
the lands were sold, merely to cancel the sale and regain their lands.
The 1st argument is that he had sent to the Deputy Collector Jeyengar
Chary at Ongole the 21st October 1859 for credit Cowle
and some of the defaulters paid balances into his hands above
for the same which he had not credited to the Collector, that he had sent
me a Report on the subject, on the contrary he has not and
then the 2nd argument is that he objects to the valuation put
on their lands, the lands and their Extents and signed on the
attached statement are from knowledge of the wards of the
it not right, he had sufficient time to complain to your Board
Collector or your Board on the subject as there were for 5
months time before the sale took place, his 3rd argument
is that, the lands sold at double the valuation or balance due
This is of no moment to us in that our minimum Competitors
generally fetches two or three times the valuation, provided
property good and worth. In certain cases the property
good, in the absence of the Competitors the price or valuation
or down does not forbid even the original valuation. In the
present case, the profit goes to the defaulters credit, and not
to the Government.

10. To suit his purpose, this Pullaimangar the Head
created and brought on me a charge of bribery of 21 Rupees
made

to cancel the sales and defame my character, because I
strictly collected their balances by detaining and selling their
property, I beg to point out to your Board, that this Pullaimangar,
and with three or four anonymous and fictitious Petitions created
by making them to have been signed by about 20 or 30 Villagers
written and sent to your Board, that I was partial to the
to the Deputy Collector Jeyengar Chary at Cumbum
in the original by me, and were sent to your Board to prove it
all of them from all the Residents of the Village and their signatures
attached to it. This P. Subbiah was not even
dared to come forward with false charges by the enemy
by the sale, of this Pullaimangar daily collected money
while he had his business to Bujjanna in the absence of
Notary Village Shroff, he must have paid such money
Tahsildar could prove that I produced me that
any steps of that kind, that Shroff from that he alleged
report said to Subbiah and to me was merely a fabricated
Chairs to assist their purpose, and instigated by his other
Petitions who are of the Subbiah's life and
by Ellis to the said B. Subbiah, and his life at stake
I stated this ground of taking such steps when Mr Ellis
spoke in the Public Cutcherry that he was from the
Charge of bribery to the Deputy Collector to have brought to me
by the B. Subbiah, and informed him the true division
while Mr Ellis now turned round and charges to suspend
this very charge, was pronounced by him, as heard
before, that Ram Reddy, and a number of Pullaimangars to injury
Charge, but by the persuasion of Mr Donaldson to injury
me wantonly, and to appoint to my office his favorite one
J. Rastna Row now Assistant at Chingleput, Mr Ellis
written to your Board, and gave me above to be the
material charge in my suspension Petition also alluded to
In the same way other cases are created by
my enemy the said Appasamy, Head of Peramalore,
being them as bribery, all got up by ill feelings, finding
me Correct in the execution of the authorities vested in me
as Tahsildar and Head of Police as the former Tahsildars
were misled and submissive to him for fear that he writes
Petitions, but I am not so, and dont allow

which will tend to the detriment of public business in time that
I have asked them 100 Rs for collecting old arrears by time,
for which they paid 50 Rs, and as they have not paid the
remaining 50 Rs, that I am not to their water wasted by allowing
it to go to the small Tank. To strengthen the Tank case they
created another case of bribery of 50 Rs to have been given
to me as said above.

Here, I beg to point out to your Board, if at
all I am taken to be an dishonest servant, will a Public Officer
take a bribe in the presence of half dozen Witnesses after
rendering a service of 27 years with zeal and uprightness all
along, while I was recently restored to the Office of the Tahsildar
and Head of Police of Cotamalore Taluq on the 30th November 1858,
by order of the Honorable the Court of Directors dated the 30 August
1858 No 13, after waiting hard and laboring under great
embarrassments. This order of the Home authorities were to
restore me my Office of the Tahsildar and Head of Police of Poldapet
Taluq, but I was transferred here by the pleasure of
Mr Shubrick, but I cannot help than to accept the transfer, to
get the payment being the same. There were outstanding balances
of 6 Faslies from 1262 to 1268 to 20000 and upwards most part of which
I have collected by distraining their property with the current
Cowles of 1268 and 1269 Fasslies - There seems no necessity for
them to pay me bribes as I am not sent here to grant
pensions but to collect old outstanding arrears - If the Case
is not a fabricated one, they are welcome to complain in time,
when they are not objected to the nearest authorities not
after elapsing so long a time to suit their objects in view,
In this bribery Case, the Complainant is one Narasimmah
Chetty, the Goomastah of the arrack under Renter my prosecu-
ting Witness my Taluk of Cotamalore, the person who
is said to have been brought and given me money (50 Rs)
is my own enemy a man known by name Chinnoo Naick,
who is not in the habit of coming to me he being my
enemys brother, and I do not know not his face. The 2 evidences
cited on this occasion by name Vallayan Sreeramapadayan
and Unnadoolay Narrainen are old offenders sentenced in
the Court, the former for forging a document during the
time of Mr Phillips, and the latter for House breaking
at nights some years ago, and the other witnesses are
the relations to each other, and some of them punished

how in my County, and have no intercourse whatever with him till
fully convinced to your Board by the perusal of the Proceedings
now lying in appeal at your Board.

17. The large Cottamalore Tank is kept under the
immediate control of the Tahsildar, the Tank being on the
Cutchah station; Before the setting in of the rains, I have established
Butts to Coolies, got cleared the jungles from Channel from Chepauk
Corumbore Temporary Dams to be built at the Head of the said
Channels, and turned the water into the Bed of the Tank. The large
Reservoir is divided into 2 Tanks under the denomination of large and
small Tanks. The Banks of the Tanks Bund, to run to North. Between
the 2 Bunds, Road from Cotamalore to Pennyalum runs East to West.
Below the Road near the Bunds 2 Return stone Bridges are erected
with masonry, with sufficient water to supply the water from the
large to the small Tank, as in the bed of the large Tank only the
supplying Channel empty the water, for these reasons I have ordered
stones are fixed to shut the water to the small Tank when the Tank are
quite filled, and not before that, whereby the Cotamalore Ryots
went and removed up the upright stones in the Bunds and does not
allow the water to flow into the small Tank, when it only
received a supply of 2 months water. Therefore the small Tank Ryots
complained to me on the subject, I Directed to the Tahsildar
at the Cutchah to see to that no injustice done, and thereby create
quarrels between the two Parties. He represented that the Ryots
could not keep up to his orders, and I sent them in Charge of the Peon
to a Peon, and ordered the large Tank Ryots to Repair the upright stones
open, which they blocked up with bushes &c which they totally Repaired, then I went with my own eyes the state of the
Tanks, and Reported to the Collector & Magistrate. Mr Shubrick
on the — December 1859 to punish by fine the Pattakarrayen &c who
acted against the orders but the Collector and the Tahsildar in
answer in the same Cutchah, that all the Tanks and the Tanks and
Report to him water there is deficiency of water in the small Tank,
that he will look the necessary orders and that he does not
think necessary to punish the Pattakarrayen as was Recommended -
Under these Pattakarrayen and others with the had Council
of the Tahsildar Peshimiter the aforesaid Appellant Naick
of Cotamalore by the ill feelings that I have recommended for
their punishment created a Case afterwards (it will be easily
perceived that Mr Ellis does not at all depend to afford
the responsible Public Officers in the execution of their functions
or the contrary, he depends stand in the [illegible]
[illegible]

by the Magistrate for their bad character - In short, I beg to point out to the Board that, I have recommended most part of these witnesses for punishment in the Tank case, and thereupon this case was forged, and all come forward daringly as witnesses, with a view to injure me as I am uprightly and correctly getting on with my Criminal duties without the intervention of others -

15. I pointed out this to Mr Ellis, and solicited personally and by letter, to punish these wicked men thus combined together and made plots to injure me, that Gentleman does not seem to support Officers of Government, and thereby supports perjury, false complaints, writing anonymous Petitions, forging and uttering Perjuries - By his not taking preliminary steps of this kind there will be endless false complaints got up by ill willers against Civil servants in honorary employments, many will daringly come forward for perjury very easily in Cheapest Rate, and hence the Character of Public Officers will not be pure and unblemished, and they will not be safe, and in a word the public business, especially the Collections of Government Revenue will be altogether retarded -

16. In conclusion, I earnestly solicit, that your Board will be so kind as to take my pitiful Case into your deliberate and Clement Consideration, and be pleased to call for the whole and entire records & Proceedings in each of the Cases alluded to in the Collectors letter above quoted, and revoke the orders of my suspension, which the Collector recommends unjustly for trivial Cases without any substantial grounds, but by mere prejudice, passion, and wish pleasing of Mr Dowdeswell the Civil Judge of Chingleput, and be pleased to send such orders to the Officiating Collector Mr Ellis to put me in my Office of the Tahsildar and Head of Police of Cotramalore Taluq, and to disburse me payment from the suspension date -

I Remain with due Respect Gentlemen
Your most Obedient & humble Servant
(signed) C Sturrock
Tahsildar & Head of Police
of Cotramalore

Cotramalore
20th April 1860 -

P.S.
The Enclosed A will be forwarded by next mail -

Enclosure No 1 - A

To R. L. Ellis Esqr
Collector and Magistrate of
Chingleput
Officiating

Honored Sir

Para 1 - My chief enemy Appasamy Naick of Cotramalore an under Renter under the Public Renter tries to injure me and openly says, that he will have me transferred to some other Taluq, by giving false Answers and rendering that Province barren, and I am annoying the Ryots - This my chief enemy got up cases, and keeps always witnesses ready to give perjury at his Choice against me - He got sons, brothers, Relations, and Goomastah, some of them are employed as Peons, and Peshcars and others employed as Collecting Ryots -

2 His enemy imprudence since the time I have written an Urgent to Mr Kirkbride to have his relation Abbe Varadasamy of the Peshcar attached to the Cotramalore Taluq to the Transferred to the Vingar Taluq on the 28th November 1859 No 102, but it was continued by the Collector on the 5th December 1859 No 273, chiefly from that period he prepare enormous got up Petitions and got them either written by his brother, his Goomastah, and got them presented to you in a combination or his relations signed and presented to you in a combination to convince your honor, that the complaints are various, and presented by different Ryots, and thus entertains suspicions into your heart - He has employed purposely a writer for this specific business -

3 It was this Appasamy Naick alone voluntarily got presented one Petition by his Brother Chinnia Naick and another by his Goomastah Parasuramah Chetty, and by others, to his instrumentality, which Petitions were referred and enquired into by Mr Kirkbride, and which were sent to you in his letter dated March 1860, with their various accompaniments shewing in each instance the opinion thereon - This my chief enemy was waiting at Mr Kirkbride's Office, all the time these Cases were examined, and got them prepared by false witnesses to the utmost, and for instance he brings his Relations and others in a mob and dared to wait at your Office at Chingleput, and thence to Cavanipolay and he will be dared wait at Chingleput again -

4 The more so, he take much advantage by your not looking into the Papers laying before you against me sent

sent by Mr Nisbet, and dispose them of in time. You sent me a Petition on the 26th March last, purporting that I should wait at your Office at Chingleput, to be present at the time when you go thro' the above Papers, - Though it is now 18 days since, I am waiting with your Summukhundy Cutcherry at the station of Chingleput and Currently you have not as yet disposed them. By this delay my Chief enemy the above Appasamy under take an undue advantage of writing false petitions, and vexatious Letters to you every day directly himself and indirectly by forging the names of others and thus injure and defame my Character and dignity attached to my Office in the estimation of Public, and the Collection of Revenue intended - By this treatment I feel much degraded and shamed to go from one Taluq to another and thus waste my time in presence of my Colleagues.

5 Honored Sir, - much more so, I am afraid that this being the proper time for Collections, and busy period, that I am not there to be kept away from my duties unusually longer per by so doing the Ryots will take advantage of carrying away their produce without liquidating their balances, and as the Fasly is of the Fasly coming to Close. Shall I have to suffer in the end with the greatest difficulty, and attach the Ryots property to the enormous amount, and Shall I have to account for the balances then outstanding, nay as Mr Nisbet coming to Returns for Taluq for Summukhundy very shortly, I shall attend at him with your permission and afford explanations for the settlement as far as my knowledge permits, the reasons why I did and have kept away from the Summukhundy I shall have to suffer and bother with the Ryots in collecting money hereafter, and in that case, I shall not stand responsible for the settlement and its collections within the Fasly.

6 I beg to bring at the same time to your notice, I have written a letter to Mr Nisbet on the 26th February 1859 with a detailed memo, shewing the several instances in which my this Chief Enemy the above Appasamy made false and created cases and written anonymous Petitions against me to the Honble Board of Revenue &c, which, if perused, will fully convince your honor, that by hatred he voluntarily writes fictitious Petitions with and slanderous and humorous, thinking to injure me and get me transferred to other Taluq -

Cattcherry No 1 annexed

I am &c

Rent

I Comm. Held previously at this Taluq, is that I am not in friendly terms with the Ryots that I am not acting upon his advice and Counsel, like former Tahsildars, my Predecessors - During the Career of my uninterrupted and uninterrupted service of 27 years to the state, I have all along contented the Career both honestly, and I have not had hitherto a custom of keeping up any private and secret intrigues thro' his Counsel and interest, especially when I heard that my chief enemy was a Native Christian and was in the habit of bringing Cases to Court and Cabals and Petitions against me and Revenue Ryots from the Ryots with false hopes, and Corrupt their minds and so on; I have not given him the least, which provoked the enmity.

Stated to the, when I was transferred to this Taluq in December 1858, there was an outstanding balance in this Taluq against the Ryots from Fasly 1262 to 1267 viz Rs 30000 and odd Rs and the Fasly 1268 Rs 37000 and odd Rs most part of the old balances collected, and there are some tatur ass balances, and some items under Investigation - These outstanding balances remained to accrue during the time of Shrinivas now Tahsildar of Perambalur and I was sent to collect those old arrears, I proceeded there, Camped, and collected them to the utmost, with zeal and activity, amongst the defaulters that my Chief enemy and his relations and others were and their Landed property were attached and sold and that kind of Coercion I was not given to, if I had not collected them, I should have been transferred to this Taluq in December 1858 and I should have been degraded like my Predecessors -

According to the stringent and reiterated orders of the Collector passed from time to time, resulting to the Ryots passing for their cursing and frightening, I would have been as well degraded like my Predecessors -

8 After I have been transferred to this Taluq, I found out both Cases of Chaparcary or Embezzling Government Revenues, 1st in the Village of Vichoor, 2d Tandrai, 3d Mungalam & Pondamallee and after a careful examination, cases were framed, and I sent them to the Honble, they forwarded to the Deputy Collector Tiruvannamalai Chavery,

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in October and November last, who sentenced them according to my recommendation under Regulation IX. of 1822, except those Mungalam Case, was a very illiterate one, more than 120 Cs were concealed, the defalcations were 180 Rs. The Curnam was fined 100 Rs and dismissed, the 2 Puttamanigars fined 50 Rs and dismissed, and the fines and the embezzlement money were collected; and here I am emboldened to say &c, that during the career of my service, was there any complaint to the date that I have had any hand or even spirited in defrauding Government Revenues, in Shares and fabrications cases &c, and so Honored Sir, I cannot here dilate for bonds of my honesty and uprightness, the Character given to me by Messrs Vardon, A. Maclean, A Scott, the Collectors of promotion given me by Messrs J. H. Cockburn, P. B. Smollett and C. J. Shubrick will Corroborate my statements.

9. In the cases of Certain Suits of damages filed against me in 1859 in the District Moonsiffs Court of Carangoly by one Mootoo Reddy implicated in the Murder Case, taken place at Corroondy on the 24th February 1859, which cases the Carangooly Moonsiff admitted, filed, and decided by prejudice against the Act XXXV of 1850, for as my immediate Protector and employer at the Head of the District Mr C. J. Shubrick took up the subject upon my solicitation, and wrote to Government in the months of September or October 1859, and supported in strongest terms, that itself will convince you well about my good Character, honesty and uprightness, and with what indefatigable zeal I always discharge my public functions.

10. In 1856 by mere suspicion and clamour the authorities charged me with an alleged torture, whilst collecting the Government Revenues while in Peddapollium Taluq, and went to suspend me, the case went afterwards to Board, Government, and then to the Honorable the Court of Directors, who regretted for the hardships done on an guiltless responsible Public Servant, and ordered the restoration of my Office of the Tahsildar of Peddapollium, vide Honorable Court of Directors despatch 30th August 1858 No 13, Government orders dated 25th October 1858 No 1509 and remitted the fines of 30 Rs illegally extracted from me. The arrears due to me for the suspension date till the date of Restoration viz Rs 1,300 and odd were also sanctioned by Hon Collector Sir Charles Hood Bart Secretary of State, under date the 30 December 1859 No 28, and Government order thereon 7 February 1860 No 145. If I am not strict, honest and upright all along to the career of my unimpeachable service of 27 years rendered to the State and fight always for the benefit of Government, after entering them both I am not at all conniver with the Ryots in illegally extorting [illegible] Government Revenues, God Almighty will not be pleased to support me in the way he did, I hope this will prove as a plain proof of my integrity and honest character otherwise, I will not be fit object for his mercy and clemency, he would have punished me not once.

11 This my chief and bitter enemy the Appellant Naik, prepared in last year a fictitious petition giving allusions of vain clamours, that I receive bribes &c, signing the names of 30 Villagers and posted to the Board of Revenue, which Petition Mr Shubrick sent to the Deputy Collector Varadarajulu Chetty & Conjeveram, who carefully and mercifully enquired, [illegible] detailedly enquired into the facts, and got their signatures attested in another Paper, all of them denied all knowledge of the Petition being written, nor they know the subjects why it has been written, none of them acknowledged the signatures to be theirs. The Ootramalur Taluq consists of 180 Villages, none comes forward, and no one complains of any thing, save this my enemy, who is one amongst some thousand in the Ootramalur Taluq. The Deputy Collector thereon, gave his unbiased opinion, and sent the Papers connected with the Case with his letter or Judicial to the Collector Mr Shubrick, that some men wantonly with the bad motives to defame the Character of an honest responsible public servant were written, and so sent it to the Collector, I heard it was in October or November 1859. This is another proof in Records to Convince you that I am not to be taken in the light now formed by your honour based on unfounded Clamours.

12 You are a best judge Sir, one filled in lucrative and responsible Offices, and travelled all over India, and accustomed with the Character of different Natives, you look into the deep bottoms of any thing, and soon find out the truth from the

Most humbly and earnestly beg the favour of my unhelped pitiful case into your serious, Clement, and deliberate Consideration and trust, that you will be so manifestly Compassionate as to acquit me from the false charges, and give orders to lead me easier to my Tasky, and support me in the due execution with Correctness of the Government duties devolved on me.

Page 227, wherein they say, "that the Collector should endeavour to "Continue the Tahsildars under them, but they have a Immediate "interest in their Office and intimate to them, that Government will "always consider it honorary to the Collector to have men in their Employ "who have gained the Confidence and attachment of the People, "and to appoint them to vacancies that occur in the districts for long periods of time "of Government to recognize them as Native Gentlemen of Consideration, "holding Offices of responsibility, and that the Government, have as "much interest as the Collector and the Board in maintaining "and raising their reputation" and exhort to punish my enemies who preferred false and vexatious Complaints and the present Inquiry all offenders, who tender false evidence

Person in these Cases before the Court they really deserve, otherwise, should not get on with my business with any safety, there will be daily endless set up Petitions without any hesitation when they see any new Gentleman Come into the District, and willing to Receive such Petitions until their character is known to that Gentleman —

I Remain with due respect
Honorable Sir
Your most obedient Servant
signed C. Thennavaroyen
Tahsildar of Chittoor

Madrastaseem
14th April 1860.

Enclosure No 1

To, W. Nisbet Esqr
Assistant Magistrate of Chittoor

Respected Sir,

Having heard that the Ryots especially the Reng Leader named Appadany Naik residing in the Pedeh Village of Ootumalay presented directly and indirectly some frivolous, litigious, and vexatious Complaints to your honor against me, by malice and bitter enemity, and thereby making a sort of Conspiracy and plans against my Office, and life, and that such Complaints are now pending before your Tribunal, I humbly beg leave to submit herein annexed a brief Memo, thereby the several matters inducted my

Original in the Collectors Office Copy is not forthcoming

chief enemy to the above Appadany Naik at the Cutcherry have encouraged and moved me with their several anonymous Petitions, and thereby to the extortion, and thereby abused my Judicial Office by degrading me in the estimation of Public, and thereby defaming my general character with malicious intent. I humbly beg to state with regard to the 1st Charge that I have never received any Complaint from the Ryots of Pedeh Village for the space of 27 years, and recently while I was Tahsildar, the Ryots of Pedeh Village were ready to engage voluntarily to pay the Kist of Pedeh Village, and

No 27 Enclosure No 2 to Petition appealed to Board 13th 28th of 1860

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Port St George

Respected Gentlemen,

Para 1. I solicited at the foot of my appeal Petition to the Board of Revenue under date the 20th Instant, Monthly Drawback to grant the entered A being the copy of the letter written by Mr Ellis Officiating Collector of Chingleput dated 14th April 1860, together with Copies of Testimonials, and Certificates of Proprietors as well as the list of my Servants, which it will appear to your Board that I have not taken steps to enquire into the truth of the allegations contained therein.

Vide Encl A
No 1 appended to the 1st Appeal Petition to the Board of Revenue

Vide Govt Enclosures A, B, and C annexed

2. May it please your Honorable Board that Mr Ellis refused to grant a Copy of his letter to your Board dated 18th Instant, but on my suspicion while he promised first to give one, the Interview which took place at the Pattamboo at his Tannerhouse Cutcherry on the 22nd of this month, hence I am at a loss to know what has been written but I am willing to furnish my defences on the Points stated therein I remain &c

Signed

Madras the 23rd April 1860

Enclosure No 3.

To A. Hall Esqre
2nd Member of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Respected Sir,

Para 1. I beg leave to bring to your notice that I am quite ignorant of the Proceedings alluded to in his letter and the copies of the several dates which form a part of the Correspondence forwarded during Mr Sharbeitis administration may be called for, after the Board will be pleased to issue orders to restore to me my Office with payment from the suspension date viz 18th April 1860 and to transfer me afterwards to the Tahsildarship of Pattamboo Taluq of equal pay and emoluments as I am desirous of remaining any longer in the present Taluq in spite of the enmity of the Head Sheristadar

Madras
23rd April 1860

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Tahsildar of Pattamboo

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Madras
23rd April 1860

Signed
Tahsildar of Pattamboo

Appeal Petition to Board

occasion, are all relating to disputes of the late Religious and all got shares in the same in the year 18 so sold, and who with a view to regain their same Religious Lands Unjustly taken forcibly and unexpected

5. This is not the point at issue, If the Patteamar actually received any money at Cayamboo which is 13 miles to Retainalore on account of the Lands to be sold, he must have paid the money then and there, into the Talay Cutchery as Deposit and sent to me that Lake Sheet Receipt, and stopt the sale, he has not done any thing of the kind, which therefore shows that he and others combined together and created a case of Jealousy and to me a Blank Report to suit their purpose - Report entering to the Records, and Sir a Petition, Then would be accepted by some to sell their Lands, if I had received money by my Cash Sheet, or Speak it Sir, as was done by me, the work of the Public Affairs must be subjected in preference to that of Common Report, provided there was sufficient Cash in the Chest for it, and if the Public Affairs intrusted with the Collections of Revenue and Monies, and other Collections would be altogether retarded, and there will be endless numbers of Petitions and vexatious Complaints by the Ryots dependents -

6. When the Lands sold, the purchase money should unexpected - The Certificates for the Lands purchased should as yet issued to the Parties who purchased them and the Case pending on appeal under the Order dated Cutcherry the 31st October last, now 6 months, no final order having been passed thereon by the Collector - Shews the Officiating Collector Mr Ellis issued orders on the 15th Instant, to 15 Ryots to pay the arrears due by him and others, now it is left at the option and pleasure of the Ryots either to Confirm or confirm the sale, there seems no objection to carry into effect the orders in force - All by cancelling the sale, the purchasers of the Lands, who paid money, they are entitled to receive back their purchase money from the Cutcherry in the Collectorate Treasury lying undisputed and not shown if paid in full by the Land holders before Mr Ellis at the time of investigation of Cowle and two thousand will be credited to Government for the Land - [illegible] to regain the Lands sold for those Lands, the proprietor of which have not paid their arrears, I beg to say, the arrears stated not owing to as there was great many Complaints they made by my Predecessor Mr Cotton and Mr Ellis in regard to

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[illegible] many Lands, and the profit goes to the Proprietors of Lands, and not to Government if the Sale is confirmed - If the purchase money go 20000 below the valuation, even then the Proprietors will Complain, that Shares not reported and wantonly sold at reduced Rates and thus in every way the nature of my Office is liable to raise accusations of the Ryots to suit their Ideas -

8. Shares not wilfully acted any thing to the contrary of my Knowledge and the first Instance to Regulations - The other Lands in the Jurisdiction of the Ryots thereof were purchased by the Gillidars, at the Sale, a valuation put on by him, shares not brought to my notice and Shares on the petition of Ryots simply said the Lands who were in arrears and Shares the Innocent in the matter from the beginning upon Blame and Legally charged with the things I am not aware of -

9. Under these circumstances, May your Clemency most earnestly that you will be pleased to review all the Proceedings and my Petition of appeal and grant the Redress solicited by restoring me to my Office with payment of Salary suspended date up from the 18 April 1860 -

I remain &c
Signed / C Streenevasa Row
Late Collector of Cotamalore

Madras
22d April 1860

Enclosure No 4 - 4th Appeal Petition to Board
26th June 1860 - No 1743 -

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

The humble Petition of C. Streenivasa Row late Collector of Cotamalore Talay
now under suspension District of Madura -

Respected Gentlemen,

Your honorable Board are well aware that your poor Petitioner is now under suspension from the 18th April last and his case from that period pending in Review at your Board's Bench -

2 Certain of his enemies at Cotamalore, who were the cause of his suspension and who created and mooted certain unfounded charges the makers and enemy and which the then Officiating Collector Mr Ellis believed

[illegible] the vain Clamours and Remarks [illegible] to suspend him without weighing the merits and demerits of the Case, and even peremptorily made arrangements for your Petitioners Office.

3 Taking advantage of this, your Petitioners enemies [illegible] Mr Ellis against your Petitioner who not only suspended him from his Office, but made arrangements to fill up the place without weighting for your Boards orders, contrary to the Circular orders of your Board of Revenue, then the production of Mr Dowdeswell the then Sessions Judge of Chingleput, who was led to wrong notions at first in certain Pirates Case, Committed to his Court of the then Treasurer by the misrepresentation of his subordinates, tho he was afterwards fully satisfied and sensible that he was misguided, yet he was prejudiced for the reasons set forth, and your Petitioners Appeal Petitions submitted to your Honorable Board under date the 20, 23, and 27th April 1860, mooted another Case to strengthen his suspension that your Petitioner received 100 Rs from the Monument Department in 1859 and paid 50 Rs out of that sum to the Zillahdar, and the other 50 Rs was retained on appropriation by your Petitioner and presented to Mr Nisbet the Assistant Collector.

4 The fact is this, that in September last, during the monsoon season your Petitioner on the apprehension of the [illegible] Zillahdar Sowrenga Chary, wrote to Mr Page the then Overseer of the Monument Department at Covrangaly for an advance of 100 Rs for raising a Temporary Corambo across the Cheyar River Channel to divert the flood into the Octamalore Tank when the money is received from the Monument Department the Zillahdar received the first advance of 50 Rs to conduct the work with written instructions, in the presence of Inspector often a month, as the Zillahdar prayed for money, and as the work being of an emergent nature, the second item of 50 Rs was paid to him then and there upon his receipt without receipt, he being a public servant entrusted with Revenue Collections. The Zillahdar finding this omission, when your Petitioner stands suspended, combined with his enemies, totally disacknowledged of having received the second Item, merely to retaliate on & take revenge, for your Petitioner having had him checked for embezzling the Government Revenues from the Zillahdars Office while in the Tenury Division while your Petitioner was Tahsildar of Manamangalam Taluq in 1857. Your Petitioner at the disastrous and [illegible] time of suspension [illegible] the matter thereafter

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The original & Copy marked C — No 3 —

Copy marked No 4 D in Translation thereof

Copy marked E No 5

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this to make good the disposing of 50 Rs by paying it a second time with a view of recovering it afterwards from the Zillahdar thro the Regular Channels.

5 With this appearance your Petitioner when he was waiting at your Boards Office wrote to the Taluq Shirestadar on the 29th April in reply to his Official Memorandum dated 24 April 1860 stating that he was transferred and desired to receive 50 Rs from your Petitioners Pay and remit the same to the Engineer Department with the Bills for the said Pay, under the impression that the money now paid at present time may be recovered afterwards from the Zillahdar or he embezzled it thro the Civil Tribunal

6 Mr Conliffe enquired your Petitioner verbally on the subject, when he stated the facts as it occurred, saying he was punished or not properly enquired into its authenticity, your Petitioner addressed to that Gentleman in detail on the 24th May 1860, and sent it in Cost which he many refused to [illegible] the Postal Department, the Madras dead letter Office returned it to your Petitioner in [illegible] which your Petitioner herein enclosed

7 This Gentleman sent me a Cutcherry Cutcherry afterwards on the 31st May 1860 desiring your Petitioner to attend [illegible] Mr Ellis Opinion Chingleput [illegible] dated in the above Case agreed in the matter of your Petitioner [illegible] this application on the subject, and as Mr Ellis being prejudiced as already said, while the Board are already well aware, could not allow time, nor hear patiently what your Petitioner had to say in his defence he presented a Petition to that Gentleman on the 6th June 1860, a copy of which is herein enclosed

8 Upon this Mr Ellis when he saw that the evidence called in the defence of your Petitioner preventing allowed your Petitioner to write and present his defence for certain points which he did, a copy of which is herein enclosed

9 Now I have to your Honorable Board to judge whether a Tahsildar or Head of Police in responsible situation and [illegible] and rendered a faithful service of 27 years to the State, all along uprightly and honestly, a fact which will be verified from the Records, will now enter into such a mean habit of embezzling Monument money 50 Rs altogether belongs to a separate Department, to whom Bill should be rendered, whilst he had one and half lac of Rupees of Government Revenues in the Treasury vested under his charge, for which he has given a security of 2500 Rs - In a word he dont deny the fact of receiving the 100 Rs from the Engineer Department, or

of having paid 50 Rs for the first time into the said Zillahdars hands, hence, your Charitable Board can clearly see how he can have attempted to appropriate the other 50 Rs, especially in the midst of so many foes in his Taluq (who envy him for not he being strict in the Collections) with any degree of security.

10. In short, your Petitioner Requests your honorable Board will be pleased to issue orders to the Collector to remit the Bill for the Corumbo work together with the remaining money to the Overseer of the Public Works Department at Cadapa out of the fund of Rs 50 paid by your Petitioner a second time under the existing Circumstances, and which is in the deposit of the Taluq Treasury and exonerate now from the charge illegally and by malice brought against him—

11. Under these Circumstances your Petitioner most humbly solicits that your Charitable Board after a mature and clement Consideration will be pleased to review the whole of the Proceedings Connected with this present Case, and of those wherein he stands suspended, all get up by malice and hatred, and issue orders to the Collector to restore your Petitioner to his Office & to the arrears of pay, due to him from the date of his suspension.

Madras — Chentadrapettah 26th June 1860.

I have &c
Signed/ C Stevenson
Tahsildar of Cotamedoor

Enclosure A. No 1.

Translation of a Memo sent by Shrestadar of Tour Taluq to C. Stevenson Esqr Tahsildar of Cotamedoor Taluq dated 24th April 1860 No 73—

On my reporting your 4 or 5 days ago that you was here that Valoo Myloo Moodly the Overseer of Expenditure Agent written a letter to send the account Particulars & requisition for the sum of Rs 100 sent by the Overseer Mr Page in last year for diverting water into the Supplying Channel of the Cotamedoor Tank together with any surplus money if remaining, you have informed me that you have paid that sum at different periods into the hands of the Zillahdar at the Cutcherry and that he should render the account of expenditure. A Tukeed has been sent to him on the night who in answer reports that he has received 50 Rs only, and furnished an account Particulars for the outlay shewing that he has disbursed as sum of Rs 11—3—2 in Repair for the Bottu of the Coolies employed, what should be disbursed to him out to not only denies of having received the other 50 Rs, but has also given a written statement to that effect. The account Particulars was sent to the Taylor Moodaly, and informed him that Mess Commissioner for the defining of Army, would communicate the Result. Therefore request to be favored with your answer then to wait for the remaining sum Rs will be paid accordingly.

I have &c
Signed/ C Stevenson
Tahsildar of Cotamedoor

Enclosure B. No 2.

Translation of a Memo sent by C Stevenson Esqr Tahsildar of Cotamedoor Taluq to Shrestadar of Tour Taluq Shrestadar dated 29th April 1860—

Received this day your letter of the 24th Instant No 73. Out of the 100 Rs remitted from the Overseer Mr Page last year for turning the River water into the Cotamedoor Tank 50 Rs was first sent to the Zillahdar with a Tukeed on his report. The Zillahdar having during the monsoons not only reported frequently that the sum first received were spent in distributing Batta to the Coolies, and that he should pay the balance to merchants from whom he procured bricks for the Bottu and hereto written a report thereon, and whether any Tukeed has been sent or not I am no reply. Therefore now I have written to the Zillahdar to Close and furnish the account Particulars of the outlay with the money remaining to send the Remitted Bill for the outlay with the money remaining to send the Remitted Bill for the Corumbo work the Bill was furnished and the Balance neither the Bill nor found and the Remainder of that remains in his hands. As Shrestadar the Zillahdar denies of having received the 2nd 50 Rs and gives his statement to that effect, it must be evident that Zillahdar makes the denial thro the pretence that he has not received the whole sum. There will be no objection in Crediting the Sum with Reference to the written here after to be stated by you the account Particulars should be first sent to me with the surplus money to the Overseer. I have written to my son Rayapa Moodaly to pay you 50 Rs after drawing my salary for the month 1860 which you will disburse to him and procure the same duly granting a receipt for the same.

I have &c
Signed/ C Stevenson
Tahsildar.

Enclosure C No 3

To
H. R. Cockburn Esq
Collector of Madras and Chingleput

Respected Sir

Parat Story Cannot deny when I was asked personally by your honor about the 500 Rs Maramut money which the Zillahdar disowned the receipt of having received from me, perhaps I have not satisfied you with the explanation afforded, that I have paid the sum into his hands, by which I suspect you entertain doubts as to my veracity. In order which there is no other alternative left for me, than to detail a few minutes on your valuable moments by the following few lines -

2 I now beg leave to enclose the original letter dated from the Tolay Sheristadar dated 24 April 1860 on the subject, and the Copy of the reply thereto by which you will learn that the Tolay Sheristadar acknowledges that I have when I left the Tolay now 25 days ago informed him that the maramut money viz Rs 100 paid into the hands of the Zillahdar, and that the Bill or the Account Particulars for the expenses should be taken from him with the surplus money that remains Due Govt to Account - On enquiry Contradicted to have not received the 2nd Instance of 500 Rs paid into his hands on his Report trusting with the strongest belief that the work being about to be completed consequently the Bill may be sent at once to the Collector with the remaining money; The Zillahdar therefore enjoined into before the Tolay Sheristadar and Assistant Collector Mr Nesbit and the Papers sent to your honor.

3. Considering the state in which I now stand suspected unjustly I thought it is most adapted to pay said the sum from my own pocket money and then Recover the amount according to law from the Zillahdar, To which I have written to the Tolay Sheristadar in reply to his letter which will corroborate my Statement I am a public Servant for 18 years who rendered a service of 27 years to Government employment, found out and got punished recently a embezzlement Case, will then enter into such a mean habits and temptation of depositing Government money of 30 Rs. whilst I have charge of Cash Chest Consisting of 1½ Lacs of Rupees for this duty for which I have given a security of 2,500 Rs on my own landed property Consisting houses &c &c -

I

I embrace the opportunity of letting you know that the Chief Cause is there that one Appavoo Pillai Subaltern of Pattavallan an Officer under Renter my personal enemy the influence of his liquor got at some meetings Continually creates cases against me since I went to that Taluq, and among me indifferent ways, and who was the cause of my Suspension, and who is the author of all these actions, as I am not on terms with him, because, that I am independent and not get upon his Level like my Predecessors and that I am steadily discharged & sold his and others defaulters landed property &c on account of old outstanding arrears due to Government of 6 Faslies amount from 1862, say 2000 Rs this the now troubled his Revenge, by this my erroneous gaols &c evil Clamours and rumours different sides prior to injure me and deface my Character that I received letter of thanks from the Collector Mr Nelson Sahib and Board time to time to stay to your honor last Chief Collection that the Zillahdar, while I was Tahsildar of Ramanjatalam Taluq in 1852 embezzled Government Revenue in the Tennary Division which having come to my notice I made a Rigid investigation the case being proved, I made a report to the Collector during the time of Mr Cockburn and got him dismissed, and punished the time of Mr Cockburn and got him dismissed

I found him to be at the Cashak Division which I was transferred to Patramalore Taluq, and by his Standing enmity there existed between him and me, he now watched this opportunity with the bad Council of my enemies dared to utter false charges against me chiefly taking that I am now under suspension and wishes to take his Revenge.

Under these Circumstances I most humbly beg to be allowed to lay my petition before your honor, all round the Collectorate after another with a view to injure me as I have although been working hard steadily uprightly to the Government to a period of 27 years, a fact will be proved and enquiry the misdeed Officers to the Ryots dislikes and wishes to have me Collectorate to have Revenue to their embezzlement such as erroneously Calculation Sheets, false measurements &c) and earnestly your honor will be pleased to recommend me to the Board of Revenue to restore me to my Office and to disburse me payment from the date of suspension date viz from the 18th April 1860 after a full Review into the Proceedings connected with the Cases for which

for which I am now suspended by Mr Ellis, the Sub Assistant Collector by mere prejudice, passion, and hearsay, during his short stay in the District, without properly looking into and into the Character and merits of the Case.

I remain &c
Signed C. Thumboo Pillai
Tahsildar of Cuddalore

Madras
14th May 1860

Enclosure No 4 D

Translation of a Petition given by V. Cunliffe Esq Collector of the Madras District to C. Thumboo Pillai Tahsildar of Cuddalore Taluq dated 21 May 1860.

Having referred to the last Collection for inquiry the Complaint made against you by one Narasimma Chetty and certain Reputable Persons that you have only sent 50 Rs and taken away the remainder out of the sum of 100 Rs sent to you by the Engineer Department during the Current Fasly on account of the Bettai due to the Cooly employed in turning water into the supplying Channel of the Cotamalom Tank from the flood of the Cheyam River you will further proceed to this Office with the Accounts &c in your possession and state all what you have to say in your defence in the matter.

Enclosure No 5 E

To R. P. Ellis Esq Asst Collector of Madras District
Chintadripett

Honored Sir

Para 1. I humbly beg leave to bring to your honor kind and clement consideration that after my suspension on the 18th April 1860 the Zillahdar of Cuddalore thro the persuasion of my enemies on certain other Cases at Cotamalom created another case, ie, that he has not remitted per month Contonment of 50 Rs out of 100 Rs received from Mr Pye, Overseer of the Harbour department in September 1859, for employing Coolies and to the Head of the Cheyam to divert the water into the supplying Channel of the Cotamalom Tank, which having been reported to the present Collector Mr Cunliffe Myself & Mr Pye by the Tahsildar it is imprudent to report to Mr Cunliffe, and when I told it to your honor for inquiry and Report.

2 During the investigation before you the Zillahdar admitted the 1st Charge of 50 Rs. The chief object of this is to create another Charge and strengthen the former Charges of my suspension, which my enemies at Cotamalom noted to prove that he has not remitted to Govt, he brings [illegible]

[illegible] Sahib

[illegible] not done thereby there would be [illegible] Sir I beg to [illegible] that the Zillahdar must be sent [illegible] deposition before your honor, that I directed him to pay the amount of 50 Rs and [illegible] opportunities to question him and by reputation to prove it, so that I have not acted to his detriment. He brought with him [illegible] he got them disposed to suit his purpose readily. Hence it would be apparent to your honor that the Zillahdar object is not the simple fact of 50 Rs only, but in reality to strengthen my suspensions by certain other charges according to the allegations contained in his statement. I fear that my opponent enemies at the Collectorate will get him suspended if he does not accept the matter against me as was suggested by them. It will be command that it is a set of case for the following pleasure. Will such a transaction of simple payment would ever take place in the midst of my powerful enemies to [illegible] Against a thing if actually done without doubt or naturally there will be [illegible] and numerous complaints lodged sometimes at Cotamalom would [illegible] of Cotamalom would [illegible] if there is any shadow of truth in the case against me provided if there is any shadow of truth in the case.

3rly I not by hatred and malice, Zillahdar would not say things in his deposition which have not dreamed at and which I protest plainly to strengthen the alleged charge of 50 Rs left that there was deficiency of water by the Coolies not being employed that time embanked, which was the cause of the disposition of Boats &c If this is true the peculiar Town of Cotamalom where there are 8 Patterangers and Tindals and the Patterangers of to hamlets about 20, and its Ryots say they would have come forward and explained at the Committee time and would have written a larger complaint to the Patterangers and Board of Revenue by this time.

4th When I was not given my statement in full in this case, your honor began to put questions to me and have not given opportunities to complete it, and at the close of that evening my signature was taken, and as it is left incomplete ever since, I have taken this opportunity of stating them in this Petition for your favorable consideration.

5th Your honor is well aware that in last November there were partial or heavy rains, and there were [illegible] Coolies

unfriendly or betting for any remission of Rent, that for which Inundation according to the state of Flood, the water descended to the Tank, and when the flood subsided, no water remained in the Tank, whether the Counter be cracked or not like a Sieve when dry. Owing to the partial rains last year in October and November, most of the Tanks in the District received a full supply of water, and the Consequence was a good Harvest to Certain extent according to its Case. To prove this, there is the Rain Register kept at the Tahsildary, which is sent monthly to the Honble Board and which if perused and examined will corroborate my statement, that there was Rain after November and the Tillakdar and his Witnesses made a false statement to annoy me by ill feeling and malice.

6. The Cuttalary people at Cotamalore the whole established must must a fraud on account of that one Appadorai Naick my enemy who created and brought different charges Falsely and got me suspended, will also annoy them if they would not keep on terms with him and act up to his Consultation, and to whether the witnesses cited by me will speak the truths, and whether the Report sent to have been given to the Revenue Board or not I will be pleased to be acquainted with.

This Tillakdar is a man that voluntarily and systematically during Mr. Cathcart's time before it is sent to the Tahsildary Kachery of Chidambaram Taluq as Tahsildar, this Tillakdar was then in Jannary Division when complaints were brought to me against him for he embezzled Government money in Village Remittances which when enquired minutely and strongly, it was fully proved that he done so in many Villages, which was reported to the Collector by me, and solicited his dismissal, as well as the Notaries and Cuttalamaiyans concerned in the matter, which the Honble Board This Tillakdar Shaw heard, prior to that period was Tillakdar in Porto Novo Division, attached to the Chief Court Cutcherry, and dismissed on Similar Charges, One way or other by his connivance with the Head People, got the Appointment in this Taluq as mentioned in the Clerk Shermuga Iyengar in your Office who was in that Taluq before, and was at the time, will give a better account of this Character and what he transacted at that period, which will corroborate my statement.

If a Report is made to the Christopher at the Collector's Office, and your Office, you will know sir, that I served the Government honestly and uprightly to a period of 27 years, and that there was not a single case of Complaint against me in the Taluqs of Mannamgalum, Sydapet, Chidambaram and Cotamalore in which I was

Embezzlement of Collections, and embezzlement of Government Rumms and Peishcush I shall say hereafter, and the Rain Register and Accounts kept in the Cutcherry after another by the Cuttalamaiyans People by ill dealings and malice, and bribe, and Cuttalamaiyans before the Pattah and Jamabundy is drawn produced by the sale and distraint of their property, and actually collected the Government dues or Tuccavy for the last Fasly and Cuttalamaiyans every instance half dozen or more to appear as Witness and Enrolled Terms of Cutcherry for Perjury &c. &c. By the way stated for allegations and the charges against me in the Tillakdars deposition, and the manner in which brought the Witnesses well disposed and properly prepared and the time in which to have spoken with the Head Giving this deposition by the Head people, without any hesitation, respect to Gentlemen you, will clearly examine your Books, that the Retaliation and this passage at this critical juncture by Tillakdar me with the things of which I am not aware off, to injure me as I have got time to suspect from his Office.

7. Under these circumstances as I was obliged to make good the 50 Rs under reference with a prospect of being received from the Tillakdar this the Courts upon whom will take this case into consideration and direct me to pay the Amount, and Cancel my Bond, and direct me to be discharged from the Office, and call for the Rain Register and the former Accounts of this Taluq to establish the Veracity and uprightness of mine, of the Tillakdar and all other such Records as are necessary, and when satisfied, make a favorable report to the Board of Revenue in reply to their Proceedings under reference, that I may be reinstated in my Office and Continue it for a time say some 2 years at least when I complete my Service that may entitle me to a Certificate of Service at my retirement.

Chingleput — 6th June 1860. (Signed) C. Shermuga Row Tahsildar of Cotamalore

Enclosure No. 6 F

Defence of C. Shermuga Row Tahsildar of Cotamalore Taluq attached to the Madras District against a charge of having appropriated certain Sum of money Received for the Engineers Department —

1. In September 1859 the Sum of Rs 100 was received by me from Mr Pogg the Assistant Assistant for constructing a temporary Counter on emergency for diverting the Cheyar River floods into the Cotamalore Tank.

2. When the above Sum was received from Mr Pogg the Naiqueby Goomastah by the name Nagoojee Row has

been desired to enter this item in the Salary Disbursement which he has not done, in consequence of this item having not been brought to the account in the preceding years during my Predecessors time, especially it being merely an advance of unsupported nature, I have quoted upon the extract of the Muster thy Commandant and his preceding payments.

3 Out of the 100 Rs received as an advance for the specific purpose, 50 Rs was paid to the Zillahdars Peishcar Shirastadar Cutcherry Peons &c for which he report an extraordinary account of the receipt for the above sum is said to be for the erecting in the Tahsil Kacherry.

With regard to the second item of the 50 Rs paid by me into the said Zillahdars hands in Cutcherry last, which he sent of in an extremely, and to the Commissioners surprise at Cotramalore (who had been visiting the Parcanah viz Petitions Deputy got of Cotramalore) heard of having received it, while he had actually received and entangled it. In the prosecution of public business and as the work there of an emergency nature, and as the Zillahdar paid for money, it was paid to him then and there unaccompanied by a Sahkar or obtaining receipt therefor. The Zillahdar finding this omission, when I stood suspended, combined with my said enemies totally disallowed of the second item to reinstate me and to take revenge on me, having had him dismissed for embezzling the Peons subscription of Manargoodee Salary in Decr 1859. His several accusations against me contained in his Deposition most of them not bearing to the point at issue will convince your honor that he was intent of injuring me by all means.

4. As regards the Report of the Zillahdar asking an for the second advance of 50 Rs, which report I have to Royapooram Vadanta Pillay to be kept in records, which perhaps might have been mislaid, and tampered with those Papers he has done the first report (which he failed to trace out and forward along the Papers) and which he now declares this fear that he will be censured for his negligence of having lost it.

5. The Witnesses Narrainsamy Naick and Narasimalu Naick who were actually present at the time when the second advance of Rs 50 paid by me, one morning at about 11 A.M. at my street pials after 4 months from the date of the first advance, now totally deny their having been present at the time, thro the persuation of my enemies who are of one and the same Caste, and very nearly related to each other. Had they not been present at the time as above stated I could not have cited them as Vacca as my witnesses for no purpose, whilst there are 80 Peons in that Salary Cutcherry

from the Engineers Department, in of having paid the 50 Rs for the specific purpose, have you ever clearly seen, how I could have attempted to appropriate the other 50 Rs in question of so many years ago, the exact degree of charge.

7 Since it is admitted that the amount is not entered in the Zillahdars Cutcherry Abstract and what difference does it make whether I keep the Money myself in my office desk, or it is kept with the other people in the Salary. If the omission of not entering in the Zillahdars Cutcherry Abstract is to be found fault with, I think my Predecessors should have to be blamed more than myself.

8 Your honor after a mature and candid consideration will perceive that this case is wantonly mooted by the Zillahdar the Head Peon of my enemies at Cotramalore who being thereby dispersed Combined together to offend him on account of their object in view, and be pleased to issue orders to the Tahsildar doing duty at Cotramalore to send the Account of expenditure for the Cocanut, together with the remaining money in the Custody of the Cattle Works Department at Caroor out of the fund of 50 Rs paid by me at Vaundi under the repeated circumstances and which I am in charge illegally and by [illegible] Signed C Shanmuga Pillay Tahsildar of Cotramalore

Cotramalore 14th June 1860

Enclosed are Petitions Nos 104, 1128, and 1743 of 1860 presented to the Board of Revenue by C Shanmuga Pillay Tahsildar of Cotramalore Taluq subject to the Revenue Madras District.

Petitioner is referred to the Collector to whom the Boards decision on his Case has been communicated.

By order
Revenue Board Office
Signed S Sendleston
for Secy
Fort St George
2nd July 1860

Government Order Sir

Translation of a Petition signed by C Shanmuga Pillay Tahsildar of Cotramalore to the Madras District to C Shanmuga Pillay Tahsildar of Cotramalore dated 2nd & 9th July 1860.

In conformity with the orders of the Board of Revenue dated 2nd Instant No 3835 I have suspended you for 6 months from the 18th April 1860, for your having

[illegible] the Valley of Maquedama with the Land that were attached for arrears of Revenue due to Government authorities [illegible] while Collectorships reported to you the terms upon which the balance had been collected

Hyne / R. J. Ellis
Sub Collector

1st Petition to Government dated 12th October 1860 Cl. 1 No 2782 of 1860

To
The Right Honorable W. K. Morehead Esqr
Officiating Governor in Council
Fort St George

The humble address of Thomas Rowe
late Tahsildar of Cotamalore Taluq
attached to the District of Madura

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your poor and helpless Petitioner addressed
to your Charitable Government a Petition under date the 18th August 1860,
soliciting to review the Case and cancel the illegal suspension
from the Office of the Tahsildar of the Cotamalore Taluq unjustly awarded
by the Board of Revenue, and to sanction for the disbursement of Pay
due to him from the suspension date viz the 18th April 1860, and to issue
orders to the authorities to reinstate him in the Office of the Tahsildar of
Peddapollam Taluq according to the tenor of the late order of the Honorable the
Court of Directors dated 30th August 1858 No 13 or to any other Taluq of equal emolument
at the pleasure of Government the Petitioner being under an engagement to proceed
to where he was temporarily transferred having under gone sometime ago
to the new arrangement of Mr Pelly —

For which act of justice and bounty your Petitioner
shall ever pray —

Travellore near
Rajapaud 2nd Septr 1860

[illegible]
Late Tahsildar of Cotamalore Taluq

2R Petition to Government dated 12th October 1860 No 3284 of 1860

To
The Right Honorable W. K. Morehead Esqr
Governor in Council
Fort St George

The humble Petition of Thomas Rowe
late Tahsildar of Cotamalore Taluq
attached to the District of Madura

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your poor and helpless Petitioner addressed
to your Charitable Government under date the 9 or 10 August 1860
soliciting to review his Case and cancel the illegal suspension
of 6 months from the 18th April 1860, from his Office of the Tahsildar
of Cotamalore Taluq unjustly awarded by the Board of Revenue,
while he was conducting the Circar duties in that Taluq alleging
that he has sold the lands of certain Ryots wantonly for
arrears of Revenue while it was said to have been collected
by certain Pattakarmuggar in the Valley of Maquedama and

and to sanction for the disbursement of pay due to him from the
suspension date viz the 18th April 1860 and to issue orders to the authorities
to restore him to his Office of the Tahsildar of the Peddapollam Taluq
according to the late order of the Honorable the Court of Directors
dated 30th August 1858 No 13 or to any other Taluq of equal emolument
at the pleasure of Government the Petitioner being under an engagement to proceed
to where he was temporarily transferred having under gone sometime ago to the
new arrangement of Mr Pelly and as no orders having issued thereon
your Petitioner addressed another Petition to your Excellency on the 12th
September 1860 reminding the matter and praying for the relief, but
to this it is now upwards of 2 months since the misfortune of your
poor Petitioner it appears no notice were taken of them, and hence
in Council Circulation —

2. Your Excellencys poor Petitioner now begs leave to state
in continuation of his two former Petitions that owing to the prolonged
delay in the disposal of his pitiful Case, the term of illegal suspension
of 6 months unlawfully passed against him by the Board of Revenue
also expired by the 17th October 1860 and your Petitioner therefore
solicited the Collector Mr Cunliffe and the Sub Collector Mr Ellis
by means of Petitions with many of his entreaties to reinstate him
in his Office of the Tahsildarship as the amalgamation, the term of
suspension having been expired yet they had not the mercy of
him, the poor Petitioner sought for but unfortunately to the separated
Petitioner 7th Octr 1860 — Endorsement on his Petition dated 19th and 24th
1860 " that he must first employ the Ryots there at in the
amalgamation of his own Taluq, and the Petitioner belongs to the
Sub Collectorship and must look to him for employ "
and the Sub Collectors Mr Ellis dated 18th October 1860 " that he cannot
18th Octr 1860 — comply with the Petitioners request " for certain reasons " and that he will however report
on the Petition presented to him dated 18th October 1860 " that he cannot
reinstate purely by prejudice " and that he will however report
to Government on your Petitioners making the usual application
for Pension —

Hence your charitable Government may easily perceive
that the [illegible] in the interval subsequent
to the order of the higher authorities, and elevates from the interested
orders of the Home authorities and Rules of Government dated
27th June 1827 Para 5 Page 327 and the subsequent rules of
Government in selecting and protecting the old responsible
Tahsildars during the amalgamation and employ new hands
by prejudice and favouritism alone, setting aside and overlook
all seniority meritorious services long experience as contained
in your Petitioners first Petition —

Prayer — Under these deplorable Circumstances

Min of Conl
5th May 1854
No 421
Do 8 August
1856 No 840

Vide Enclosures
A and B with
the Endorsements
thereon noted

your

Your Excellency's poor Petitioner earnestly solicits your Excellency will be pleased to direct such proceedings as to your Excellency shall seem meet, and as may be necessary to enable your Petitioner to prosecute his Appeal to the Board of Revenue, and if satisfied that your Petitioner has been illegally suspended from the Service of Government, to restore him to his Office of Tahsildar in any of the Districts under the Madras Presidency, and to direct payment to him of the pay and allowances of his Office from the date of his illegal suspension to the date of his restoration to his Office, as your Petitioner is now reduced to the greatest distress and misery, and has been for the last 18 months deprived of the means of subsistence for himself and family, and is now in debt to the amount of Rupees 1000 and upwards, and unless your Excellency will be pleased to grant him relief, he and his family must perish for want of food.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Trichinopoly
20 October 1860.

(Signed) C. Hutchinson Ramalinga Chetty
Petitioner with Petition of Appeal and Memorandum with Enclosures of Petitioner

Enclosure A in 3rd Appeal Petition to Government 20 Oct 1860.

To
B. Cunliffe Esqr
Collector of the District of Madras.

Honored Sir,

I was employed in the Government Service in 1833, first as Civil Engineers Writer on a salary of 52½ Rs per mensem under Capts W.J. Newry and J. Warden in the Central Districts, Baramahal or Salem North Arcot, and the Chingleput Districts, and relinquished that situation by ill health caused by constant travelling and exposure at Encampments. I was in the Manager Secretary of the Chingleput District during the Collectorship of A. Stanford Esq in 1835 and since promoted by A. Smee Esq, his successor to the Office of Assistant Accountant & promoted to the Deputy Accountants on a salary of 70 Rs per mensem.

In 1851 during the Collectorship of J.H. Cochrane Esq that Gentleman promoted me to the Office of Tahsildar of Saidapet or Theperumalai Taluq on the same salary and in 1852 promoted me to the Tahsildar of Tiruvallore on a salary of 85 Rs per mensem. During the Collectorship of R.S. Smollett Esq I was transferred to the Pudukottah Taluq in 1854 on a salary of 85 Rs and I continued at that Station till the 15th April 1858 when the authorities under the Government thought proper to suspend me on charges of dishonesty, that I have tortured some persons who were disputes to Government and to suspend and ultimately dismiss me from my Office. Three years I have made my memorial in detail to the late Honorable the Court of Directors in May 1856 following, and others calling for the whole records and Proceedings connected therewith and well examining the cases and referring the matter to the highest Judicial Tribunals under this Government and on receiving their unprejudiced opinion found their Courts order to this Government in their despatch of the 30th August 1858 No 13 that I am not guilty, and that I should be reinstated in my Office of the Tahsildar of Pudukottah Taluq and the sums of 31 Rs illegally collected from me should be returned to me.

When the order reached Mr C.S. Shalrick then the Collector of the District, hesitated to execute and reinstate me according to the Express order of this Government, I pressed in person on the Collector the order of the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Tahsildarship of the Tirumayam Taluq for certain peculiarities, but vacated for the time being the Patrumayam Taluq, the salary and allowances being the same viz 85 Rs per mensem like Tirumayam Taluq but to this contrary to the Penalty of the Taluq stood elevated on the Hills and Jungles, because that Taluq stood elevated on the Hills and Jungles, Forests, Mountains and Rivers, and so the Ryots themselves expressed on many occasions to be very mischievous. Tho' it is a hard case I cannot remonstrate on the order of my benefactors but I could procure his displeasure and to be instantly as there best I could prepare his displeasure and to be instantly as there best I could prepare his displeasure and to be instantly as there best I could prepare his displeasure and proceeded to Pudukottah Taluq on the 1st December 1858, where there was old arrears of 6 Fasleis from 1262 about Rs 30000, and a moiety was remitted by Government the other moiety I collected by attachment and selling the property of the defaulters along with the Current Revenues of Fasleis 1268 and 1269, in both years the Taluq yielded more or less to Rs 130000 and odd and there abouts.

As I was strict in Collecting these Revenues by distraining the Ryots property in the absence of punctuality, and found out 4 Cases of Embezzlement of Government Revenues viz in the Villages of Vishoor, Sandavy, Mangudaur, and Ramthandlor, and also arrested certain Prisoners concerned in Murder Cases and got them all sentenced, the Ryots tried to write anonymous Petitions and created got up cases and presented them before Messrs Nesbit and Elles while officiating Collectors of the District -

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The point for which Snow stands guilty is suspended for
6 months from the 18th April, as stated in the Extract of the Order
dated 9th July, vide Board's letter dated 2nd July 1860 which expires
by the 18 October next, it is thus charged, that I wantonly with the
funds of certain Ryots of Mandapam for arrear of Revenue, while it
was reported to me that the money was collected by end of the February,
no such report was ever sent to me, nor is it forthcoming in
the Taluq Records with my Signature or entries thereon - The fact
is this, there was a balance of 600 Rs of 3 Pattis in that Village,
it was a very troublesome Village, a fact it will be known to all,
I deputed one to the Pattakarans to attend the Ryots property and
arrear of the Country, all the Pattakarangam signed in the Taluq
Accounts, and sent it to me, and I sent by the routine of
business pointed it over to my Shirastadar, who examined and
got it fair copied for submission to Boogan, which when presented
to me I signed and sent with an urzee to the Boogan into
submitted for Boards sanction, as there were an interval of 4 months,
no complaints preferred that more lands attached, or less Pattakarans
forced by the Village, and when order for sale received from
the Deputy in September 1859, the advertisement published, and the property
sold on the 31st October 1859 & the property of the other defaulters
the Pattakarangam, Carnums and the Village Sheriff were in attendance
and signed in the sale list, One of the Pattakarangam was not present
at the sale, who with a view to annoy it, and regain their
Samodayam Cants, presented a petition Public Prosecutor of the
Ryots paid money into his hands at Conjeeveram, and that he reports
it to me, and some of his relations also deputed in the same
Village called Victorpet to draft his object in view, In the
absence of any records such documents it is evident, that if at all
any Ryots paid money into his hands at Conjeeveram he might
have paid that sum in the Conjeeveram Tahsildars Treasury
and produced his receipts at the time of the sale, he has not
done that, but simply says that he has sent me a nominal
Report like a fool, If this is taken to be true, and credit given
and respected, as is now done, in preference of the sanction
of a responsible Public Officer entrusted with Revenue Collections
&c and thus punish in the way I now stand, many will
come forward to lodge such similar litigious complaints,
and their Collections of Revenue will be retarded thereby
and which will look very awkward in the face of Public-

Vide General Enclosures A.B.C and D—

5 In short I sincerely beg leave to say that I have served
the Government for 27 years with indefatigable Zeal and ab
worked hard for the interests of Government and the Sam now
in my proper age, past at the time when I am nearly to comple
my service for a suitable Pension, unfortunately the Taluq for
what I was temporarely sent down hang under amalgamation
I lay my pitiful Case at your mercy and Clemency with a
Statement of services, and the Copies of the Testimonials and Lette
of promotion as well as a Copy of the late order of the Honorab
the Court of Directors Despatch, and trust with sanguine hope, that
your honor will be pleased to take my pitiful Case into your
deep consideration in the general arrangement and appoint me
to a permanent Taluq (now arranged into 6) with reference to
my seniority, merits and long experience in preference to my
other Colleagues now in the arrangement under view and protect
me for a time at least until I complete my Service and retire
upon the boon of Government for my past services -

6 Most of the Tahsildars in the arrangement are
Juniors to me, for instance when I was Deputy Accountant
at the Board's Cutchery in 1849, Permal naick, the Tahsildar now
at Mayaveram was a Duftarbundy on 7 Rs Pay in the Mooneby Depart
and so after serving 4 or 5 years in [illegible] he is now
as Tahsildar, Secondary of years ago,
Tahsildar of Ootramalore was an English Writer under my
management on 21 Rs pay, he has now made as Tahsildar
some 6 years ago, C. Krishna Row recently made as Tahsildar
of Chingleput, was Head Goomastah in Provincial Judges
under me while I was Tahsildar in that Taluq, Nagendra
Rao now Tahsildar of Tirumullore was brought from Salt
Peshkar to the Tahsildarship in my Room in 1856 while I was
unjustly ousted from my Office of Tahsildar of Tirumullore,
and since reinstated me by order of the Honorable the Court
of Directors 30th August 1858 No 13.

For which act of justice I shall ever Pray the Almigh
God for your honor's long life, wealth, health, and prosperity
Hoping to be excused for thus intruding on your
valuable moments -

I remain &c
Signed J.C. Shrinivasa Row
Tahsildar of Ootramalore

Tirumullore —
19th September 1860

P.S. When I saw your honor on the 21st and that
that the time of suspension expires by the 18th Proximo and
that I should be provided with a Permanent Taluq as the

Taluq

Taluq of Cotramalore, for which Tract was transferred temporarily during
Settlement operations, you directed me to see Mr. Ellis, and state
the things as my Taluq being under his Jurisdiction; when
I saw that Gentleman on the 23d and stated all my grievances,
he enjoined his opinion clearly that, he will not employ me
under him and that he will not do any further enquiry among
prospects, if you make arrangements and employ me in any
of the Taluqs under your purge, hence you being the Collector
and Protector in general, I have my petition D Cash, and spoken
thro my address to your honor, which you refused to receive
in person, duly posted and registered, that you may take it
in your favorable Consideration at the time you make general
arrangements of the Taluqs, and provide me with a Talukdarship
at the expiration of the Suspension term, with the equal emolument
I enjoyed, on the grounds above detailed, and be pleased to
send for my guidance any instructions directed to Trivellore
as I am put up here during the term of suspension waiting
for your instructions—

Trivallore — } Signed C. Strenuous Rowe
24th Septr 1860 } Tahsildar.

Endorsement on the Petition of C. Strenuous Rowe Tahsildar
presented to the Collector Mr Cunliffe dated 19th and 27th
Septr 1860—

The Collector must first employ the servant
thrown out in the amalgamation of his own Taluq—
Petitioner belongs to the Sub Collectors Taluq and must look
to him for employ—

17th October 1860

Signed J Blunliffe
Collector

Enclosure B

To

R. J. Ellis Esqr
Sub Collector of the District of
Madras.

Honored Sir

With infinite submission and profound respect
I most humbly beg leave to state that the period of suspension
of 6 months from my Office of the Tahsildarship of Cotramalore
Taluq awarded by the Board of Revenue from the 18th April 1860
having expired by the 17th October 1860, I earnestly solicit your
honor will have the kindness and mercy to restore me to my
Office of Tahsildarship, or any other Office in the amalgamation
of equal emoluments and honor, that I may complete the
period of service for Pension say 2 or 3 years, and thus retire

return with credit and reputation enjoying the Favor of Govt
for my laborious past services rendered all along with diligence
and regardfulness and zeal to the state in various responsible Offices
I entreated upon the Collector Mr Cunliffe, who directed me to
wait upon you for redress—

Upon which act of justice and Charity, I shall pray
for your long life, health, wealth and prosperity—

I remain &c
Signed C. Strenuous Rowe
Late Tahsildar of Cotramalore

18th October 1860.

Endorsement on the Petition of C. Strenuous Rowe late Tahsildar
of Cotramalore Taluq 18th October 1860—

The Sub Collector cannot comply with the Petitioners
Petitioner misconduct which led to the Petitioners suspension
has been considered by the Sub Collector when selecting the
Public Servants to be retained upon the amalgamation of the Taluqs
and the Character borne by the Petitioner is not such as would
in the Sub Collectors opinion render advisable to retain the
Petitioner on the revised Establishment—

Petitioners Claims to Pension will however be taken into
making the usual application be reported to Government—

Sub Collectors Office } Signed J. R. J. Ellis
Madras 18th October 1860 } Sub Collector

Endorsement on Petition of C. Strenuous Rowe late Tahsildar
of Cotramalore Taluq dated 8th July 1860—

Copy of the correspondence applied for by the
Petitioner cannot be furnished to him without the sanction
of the Board of Revenue—

Madras District
Collectors Kachcheri
Cuddapah 28th July 1860 } Signed J B Cunliffe
Collector

Endorsement on Petition No 2789 of 1860 presented by
C. Strenuous Rowe late Tahsildar of Cotramalore Taluq attached
to the District of Madras to the Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esq
Governor in Council, Fort St George dated 12th September 1860—

Purport

Refers to a Petition dated 10th August 1860 in which he
prayed for removal of an order of the Revenue Board dismissing
him from his situation as Tahsildar, Prays that the grounds therein
set forth may be favorably considered—

Endorsement of Government

Petitioner is informed that his Petition dated 10th August
1860 has not been received in the Government Office—

By order
Fort St George } Signed
29th October 1860 } Deputy Secretary

To
The Deputy Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Honored Sir

Adverting to your Endorsement dated 29th October 1860 No. 2789 of 1860 on my 2d Petition to the address of the Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esqr. dated 12th September 1860, stating that the first Petition to the address of the Governor in Council dated 2d August last, therein alluded to, has not been received in the Government Office, I humbly and earnestly solicit the favor of a Copy of the above Petition with their enclosures and request that the same may be brought to the favorable consideration of the Governor in Council, and favor me the relief and redress prayed for, at your earliest Convenience, as I am suffering from not being restored to my Office of Tahsildership, these 11 months unfortunately owing to the protracted delay in the Board of Revenue Do. Government in disposing my case dated as pastured.

That 1st Appeal Petition to the address of the Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esqr. the Governor in Council undated but the 2d August 1860 was posted by me at the Trepasore Post Office "duly Registered," which must have been received by His Excellency in due time, but this my last look, it must have been mingled with the other Papers at the Private Secretary's Office or the Government Houses, as I have addressed on that date 2 different Petitions, one (the Case under Review) to Revoke the illegal suspension of 6 months order issued to me by the Board of Revenue on the 2d July 1860 from my Office of the Tahsildar of the Ootramalore Taluq, and to restore me to my Office, and Posted under one Cover. I have therefore this day addressed to the Post Master General to account for the Cover and the delay thus unnecessarily taken place, while it has been duly transmitted and dispatched this the Postal Department.

Trevellore near Trepasore
10th November 1860

I have &c
Signed / C. Sheeramulu Row
late Tahsildar of Ootramalore

To
The Post Master General
Madras.

Sir

I have forwarded a Cover to the address of His Excellency W. A. Morehead Esqr. the Governor in Council dated the 10th August 1860, and Posted at the Trepasore Post Office the same day "duly Registered" that from a Communication received this day from the Deputy Secretary to Government dated 29th October 1860 No. 2789, it appears that Paper has not been received at the Government Office, tho' it is now more than 3 months owing to the protracted delay in delivering it, my case has been unnecessarily delayed, and not timely disposed off, I request therefore your honor will have the goodness to issue orders to your subordinates to ascertain and the Cover was delivered to His Excellency, or what became of it and let me know the result for my information and guidance at your earliest convenience.

Trevellore near
Trepasore
10th November 1860

I have &c
Signed / C. Sheeramulu Row
late Tahsildar of Ootramalore

Answers may be sent to my address denoted at the station as I am not here in my usual residence.

To
Colonel R. Crewe
Private Secretary to the Honorable the Governor of the Presidency - Fort St. George -

Got No. 3207 of 1860

Respected Sir,

Para 1- I have addressed an Appeal Petition to the Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esqr. Officiating Governor in Council of Fort St. George dated 9th or 10th August 1860, and posted in the Trepasore Post Office duly Registered, soliciting to review my case, and Cancel the illegal Suspension of 6 months from my Office of the Tahsildar of the Ootramalore Taluq enjoined by order awarded by proceedings by the Board of Revenue on the 2d July 1860, and to sanction for the disbursement of the Pay due to me from the suspension date viz the 18th April 1860 and to issue orders to the authorities to reinstate me in my Office of the Tahsildarship of the said Taluq, in accordance with the Standing Rules of the Honorable the Court of Directors dated 30th August 1838 No. 13, as the Taluq of Ootramalore to where I was temporarily transferred being under amalgamation according to the new arrangement of Mr Pelly and no order having passed thereon I have addressed another Petition to His Excellency on the 12th September praying for the same but as it is upwards of 2 months it appears as if the Petitions have not been taken into Consideration and Cancelled in Council and Circulation.

2- Owing to the prolonged delay in the disposal of my painful case, the term of illegal suspension of 6 months passed upon me by the Board of Revenue also enjoined by the 2d October 1860, and I have solicited the Collector Mr Cunliffe and the Sub Collector Mr Ellis with many of my entreaties to reinstate me in my Office of the Tahsildarship, but they had not the mercy by granting the redress sought for in my Petitions.

3- Under these deplorable circumstances, I most earnestly beg your honor will be so merciful as to bring this humble address on His Excellency's kind notice with a view to have my case and issue orders to reinstate me in my Office of the Tahsildarship, in consequence of my seniority, long service, merit and experience, in preference to the other new hands recently taken up in the District, and to revoke the enjoined order of 6 months suspension passed by the Board of Revenue and to disburse payment to me from the suspension date viz

from the 18th April 1860 to the date of restoration to my original Office
as I am suffering for expenses since the state of the unjust suspension
for the maintenance of my large crowd of family, I have sold most
of my movable property, and thereby reduced in the estimation
of the Public.

I solicit that the orders issued on this address may
be sent to me, direct to Trepassore Post Office as I am now put
up at Trewellore in my original residence.

Begging to be excused for thus intruding upon your
valuable moments at times of extreme urgency

I remain with due respect
Respected Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) C Shenuvas Row
Late Tahsildar of Ootramalore

Trewellore
18th October 1860

To
His Excellency The Right Honorable Walter Morehead Esqr
Governor in Council
Fort St George

The humble address of C Shenuvas Row
late Tahsildar of Ootramalore

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner addressed to your Excellency
to enforce, requesting to revoke the illegal suspension
awarded by the Board of Revenue and to restore him to his
Office of the Tahsildarship, but not having received any relief
12th September 1860, but from an Endorsement passed by the
Deputy Secretary to Government on his Petition dated 29th October
1860 No 2759 of 1860, this day received, it appears the aforesaid
1st Appeal Petition addressed to your Excellency dated 10th
August 1860 together with the Correspondence passed on the
Case, the despatched on the same date thro the Trepassore
Post Office "duly Registered" has not been received in Government
Office. Hee supposes however it must have been detained
in time, but the Petitioner maintains in the presence of Gentlemen
business in the Government House or Chief Secretary's Office
as 2 Petitions were addressed to your Excellency and enclosed
that day in the same Cover, one soliciting for the Deputy
Collectorship and the other regarding the Case under reference,
Hee therefore earnestly solicits your Excellency to issue orders
to search and forward the Petition of the 10th August last,
to the Deputy Secretary to Government that he may lay the
Papers with its Correspondence in Circulation and Council,
and grant the redress and relief prayed for.

In consequence of the protracted delay in disposing the case, of
the Board and Government for the last 7 months the term of
illegal suspension of 6 months awarded by the Board of Revenue
have also expired by the 17 October last and the Head Assistant
to the Collector Mr Cunliffe and the 1st Collector Mr Ba
during the general arrangement in the amalgamation they have refe
to restore him to his Office of the Tahsildarship, and passed Endo
ments to that effect upon his Petitions to them, which he enclo
in his 3rd Appeal Petition to your Excellency on the 20 Octob
last urging for the Relief prayed for, as he is suffering for
the maintenance of his large crowd of family and depe
from the date of the above unjust suspension now 7 months ag
from the 18th April 1860.

Trewellore near
Trepassore
10th November 1860

(signed) C Shenuvas Row
late Tahsildar of Ootramalore

No 3207 of 1860.

Endorsement on the Petition addressed to Colonel R Creme
Private Secretary to the Right Honorable W. A. Morehead Esqr
Governor in Council Fort St George by C Shenuvas Row
late Tahsildar of Ootramalore Taluq Madras District
dated 18th October 1860.

Purport

Solicits that his case may be brought to the
notice of the Honorable the Governor, in view to orders being
passed to reinstate him in his former place, to revoke
the Boards' orders suspending him for 6 months, and to
disburse his Pay to him from the date of suspension
to that of restoration.

Endorsement

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government

By order
(signed) R Creme
Private Secretary

Government House
Guindy Park
23rd October 1860

Further Endorsement

The Government do not interfere in the arrangements
made by the District authorities in regard to the choice
for the newly formed Taluqs. With regard to Petitioners
suspension, he should produce the orders of the Collector
and the Board of Revenue.

By order
(signed)
Dy Secretary to Govt

Fort St George
22nd November 1860

No 9204 of 1860

Endorsement on Petition addressed to the Right Honorable Mr. A. Mackenzie Esq. Governor in Council Fort St. George by C. Sheenuvasa Row Late Tahsildar of Ootramalore Taluq attached to the District of Madura praying that he may be restored to the office of Tahsildar of Ootramalore dated 20th October 1860.

The Government do not interfere in the arrangements made by the District authorities in regard to the choice of men for the newly formed Taluqs - With regard to Petitioners suspension he should produce the orders of the Collector and the Board of Revenue.

By order

Fort St. George
22nd November 1860.

(Signed) D. Secretary to Govt.

True Copies and Translations

C. Sheenuvasa Row
Late Tahsildar and Head of Police of Ootramalore Taluq.

To

The Deputy Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Honored Sir,

With infinite submission and profound [illegible]

[illegible] to the Queen [illegible]

of the Memorial for submission to the address of Her Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood Bart the Secretary of State for India in Council London dated 30th November 1860 as promised in my letter of the 1st Instant, together with a letter to Her Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council Fort St. George on the subject -

As solicited in my first letter I request the usual intimation of the Memorials despatch may be given to me at your earliest convenience -

I remain with due respect
Honored Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Trichinopoly
8th December 1860.

C. Sheenuvasa Row
Late Tahsildar of
Ootramalore Taluq

To

His Excellency The Right Honorable W. A. Morehead

&c &c &c

Governor in Council

Fort St. Geo

The humble Petition of C. Sheenivas

Late Tahsildar and Head of Pol

of the

of Madras

Most Humbly Sheweth

That with reference to the N. B. of this Co

to your Excellency's address under date the 30th Novemb

1860, he now humbly begs leave to forward the Dupl

and Triplicate of the Copies of his Memorial for sub

to His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles

Bart the Secretary of State for India in Counci

London to obtain the relief and redress sought for

at your earliest convenience.

Shall Ever Pray

C. Sheenivas Row

Late Tahsildar of

Patramalore Talu

Trenchore near
Tiruppore
8th December 1860.

Copy in a Letter to Engd
dated 30th January 1861 No 24

Revenue 1861 Dept.
Rec.d from Govt for January

No 41.

From C. Threneveldt Esq
late Tahsildar &c &c &c
-mator Talook in Madura

Dated 8 Decr 1860
Rec.d 5 January 1861
3 Encls

Submits a Memorial
to the Home Govt.
praying for the
restoration to his
former Office and
for the payment to
him of his Pay from
the date of his dismissal

No 246

Ordered that the Memorial
submitted with the foregoing
Letter be forwarded to the Home
Government, and that intimation
of its despatch be given to the
Memorialist.

Fort St. Geo:
30th Jan.y 1861