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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 30. Read the following Petition from S. TOLASINGA, Chetty; Head Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of North Arcot; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor 27th March 1858.

SIR,

I respectfully beg you will be pleased to submit the accompanying Memorial for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

To the Right Honorable GEORGE FRANCIS ROBERT LORD HARRIS, *Governor of Fort Saint George in Council.*

The humble Memorial of S. TOLASINGA,
Chetty; Head Sheristadar of North Arcot,
Chittoor, dated 27th March 1858.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That this Memorial is an appeal against an* order of the Board of Revenue declining to submit to your Lordship in Council a recommendation made in your Memorialist's behalf by the additional Sub-Collector of North Arcot, through the Collector for special consideration for the assistance rendered by him to that Gentleman in the revision of the assessment of that District; a service which has elicited the satisfaction of Government.

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2. Mr. Banbury proposed as a special case in token of the appreciation of the service above alluded to, that your Lordship's Memorialist may be allowed to count as service for increase of pay under the orders of Government dated 8th July 1847, No. 777 the period during which he held the office of Head Accountant of the Collectors Cutcherry of South Arcot. Such indulgence it is true recommended last year not as a special case, was refused in the order of Government noted in the margin on the ground that compliance with the request of your Memorialist "would open the door to like applications for service in other offices of similar emolument which have as little to do with revenue service as has the office of Head Accountant" but exceptions to the rules in the case of deserving public servants under special circumstances have been frequently sanctioned; your Lordship in Council will thus see that the subject was before the Board a second time in a new light and that the hope which your Memorialist entertained that Mr. Banbury's communication would be submitted for the consideration of Government was reasonable.

4th March 1857.

3. Your Memorialist previous to his accepting the Head Sheristadarship of North Arcot held the same post in Rajahmundry and it was his desire to employ himself in important service and so distinguish himself, that led to his leaving the latter place as at the time your Memorialist knew that there was an early prospect of the revision of the assessment of the first named District being commenced. By this change of place your Memorialist was a loser monthly in the sum of Rupees 175 because besides the salary of Rupees 280 as Head Sheristadar your Memorialist received the former sum as Manager of Pittapore estate under the orders of the Honorable Mr. W. Elliot, late Commissioner of the Northern Circars.

4. Your Memorialist will now explain the circumstances under which he was transferred to actual revenue service from the office of Head Accountant and in so doing it is not at all his intention to question the decision arrived at by Government in their order dated 4th March 1857 but his object is only to enable Government to consider if there is any thing peculiar in these circumstances also which deserve consideration specially in your Memorialist's behalf. The Government authorized service as Tahsildar to be counted for increase of the pay of the individual when he is promoted to the situation of Head Sheristadar because in the former he acquires the probation necessary for the higher office. It will be the object of your Memorialist in the following lines to shew that he acquired such probation while he was Head Accountant. Your Memorialist after a previous service of nearly 8 years in some of the Presidency offices and in the Coimbatore District received the appointment of Head Accountant at South Arcot. While holding the last mentioned post for four years and a half your Memorialist spared no pains to acquire a perfect knowledge not only of the details of the revenue administration and of the principles of the Hookoomnamah of the District but also of the regulations and Circular orders

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5. That your Memorialist's experience in Revenue details does not fall short of that of many other Sheristadars who have served actually as Tahsildars, the subjoined extracts of testimonials in his possession will fully testify. The late Collector of Rajahmundry Mr. Prendergast received a Circular from the Board of Revenue requiring a report as to which of the Sheristadars of the District have not served as Tahsildars, and in his reply dated 27th April 1852 that gentleman expressed his opinion of your Memorialist's qualifications in the following words "he is perfectly conversant with accounts and has already shewn himself to be very skilful in dealing "with the ryots, his education has been of a higher order than that of any servant whom I "have seen in this District." "It is difficult to find men competent to fill this high office "(Head Sheristadarship) and I consider myself very fortunate in having secured the services "of Tolasinga Chetty." The Board informed Mr. Prendergast that the orders of the Commissioner should be obtained for the confirmation of your Memorialist in the Sheristadarship and the Honorable Mr. W. Elliot in authorizing the confirmation was kind enough to give his opinion of your Memorilist's qualifications in the subjoined terms. "Tolasinga Chetty having already "served for some years as "Naib Sheristadar of "North Arcot and there "given proof of no ordinary efficiency and "talent as a Revenue "officer" &c. Your Memorialist begs also to submit entire copies of these testimonials and to note certain correspondence in the margin having reference to his usefulness in the Revenue service for the perusal of your Lordship in Council.

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Do. do. do. 24th March 1855.
Extract Minutes of Consultation 23rd April 1855.
From Mr. Whittingham Collr. of N. Arcot to the Bd. of Rev. 25th July 1855, paras 1 and 2.
Extract Minutes of Consultation 20th February 1857, para. 10.
From Mr. Banbury Actg. Addl. Sub-Collr. to the Collr. of N. Arcot 26th Oct. 1857, para. 12.

6. Under these circumstances your Memorialist humbly begs that the communication on his behalf from Mr. Banbury may be called for from the Board of Revenue and that in consideration of the special circumstances adduced therein by that Gentleman as well as to those explained by your Memorialist, he may be allowed to count as service for increase of pay the period during which he was employed as Head Accountant of South Arcot.

For this act of justice your Memorilist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Copies of Testimonials of S. TOLASINGA Chetty.

This is to certify that the bearer hereof S. Tolasingum has served as a writer in the Military Department for a period of about four years and that he has conducted himself in that capacity in a satisfactory manner.

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th June 1829.

This is to certify that S. Tolasinga Chetty was employed in the office as one of the additional Accountants on the salary of Rupees 24-8-0 from July 1829 to April 1830 for the purpose of preparing monthly Abstract of Estimates of the aggregate Territorial revenue of the several treasuries and Comparative Statement between the estimated and the actual Territorial Revenue charges in which duty he gave every satisfaction and left the office for employment under the Principal Collector of Coimbatore as Deputy Accountant.

(Signed) J. G. TURNBULL,
Accountant General.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th February 1840.

The bearer Tolasinga Chitty was Deputy Accountant the short time I was at Coimbatore, he had been in the office for two years and half previously and from what I heard and saw I believe him to be an efficient and respectable public servant.

(Signed) J. F. THOMAS.

MADRAS,
June 1834.

This is to certify that S. Tolasing Chetty of Madras was employed as Deputy English Accountant in this office from 1st July 1830 to 31st December 1833 which situation he resigned at his own request, he conducted his duties entirely to my satisfaction.

(Signed) G. D. DRURY,
Principal Collector.

COIMBATORE,
PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
13th September 1834.

To TOLASINGA Chetty Head Accountant.

Judging you to be competent for the situation of the Koomky Sheristadar which is now vacant I have appointed you for the above office from the 1st Instant but you are requested to be in charge of the English Accountant's Office until further orders.

(Signed) W. ASHTON,
Principal Collector.

MUNJACOOPUM,
4th December 1838.

To TOLASINGA Chetty, Koomky Sheristadar.

As you are placed in charge of the Head Accountant's office until you are relieved by Veerasawmy Chetty who was appointed for the office and as the above Veerasawmy Chetty has now arrived you are requested to deliver charge of the Accountant's office and resume the duties of your office of Koomky Sheristadar.

(Signed) W. ASHTON,
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MUNJACOOPUM,
17th December 1838.

To S. TOLASINGA Chetty, Naib Sheristadar.

Mr. Bourdillon informed me that Mr. Prendergast the Collector of Rajahmundry District is desirous of appointing you as Acting Head Sheristadar of that District which is now vacant and desired me to permit you to proceed thither as soon as possible, you will as soon after the receipt of this order proceed to that District, meet that Gentleman and act according to his orders.

(Signed) S. N. WARD,
Acting Collector.

CHITTOOR,
23d December 1851.

TOLASINGA Chetty.

I have much pleasure in stating that during the time, I have been Acting as Collector of North Arcot I have been well satisfied with all the work that has passed through your hands and that I have the highest opinion of your talents, behaviour and knowledge of your duties. I am glad to find that they have procured you promotion elsewhere though I am sorry to lose the advantages of your services in this District.

(Signed) S. N. WARD.

CHITTOOR,
26th December 1851.

TOLASINGA Chetty.

I have just received your note requesting me to favor you with a testimonial expressing my opinion as regards your services in the District, it affords me great pleasure to be able to say that I have the highest opinion of those services which I have had many and important opportunities of observing and though I am glad you have met with your reward by your present promotion. I regret both on public, and private grounds that you are obliged thereby to quit this District.

VELLORE,
28th December 1851.

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,
Head Asst. Collector.

Extract of a letter for the Collector of Rajahmundry to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated

No. 11.

In reply to your Circular letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that my Acting Head Sheristadar, (whom I am desirous of confirming so soon as the Board's pleasure shall be made known to me regarding this letter,) has never served as a Tahsildar, but as he is perfectly conversent with accounts and has already shewn himself to be very skilful in dealing with the ryots having performed the settlement of 8 talooks I conceive that it is unnecessary to make him go through that probation now. His education has been of a higher order than that of any servant whom I have seen in this District and his knowledge of the English language, which enables him to make himself master of all the views expressed by the Board and Government simplifies the whole business of the office and renders him much more ready than his predecessor was to offer his opinion on the many important questions now under consideration in this District. The high character conferred on him by Mr. Bourdillon confirmed as it is by two months observation on my own part has quite satisfied me of his capacity to fill the office with credit to himself and advantage to the state and therefore I request that the Board will be pleased to dispense with the enforcement of their order that he should first serve as a Tahsildar. It is difficult to find men competent to fill this high office and I consider myself very fortunate in having secured the services of Tolasinga Chetty.

BENDAMOORLUNKAH,
27th April 1852.

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

No. 407.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars dated Vizagapatam 5th August 1852.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 2d August 1852.

(Here enter No. 70.)

The C. O. referred to related to future nomination of Deputy Sherishtadars for which a previous service as Tahsildar is considered necessary but Tolasinga Chetty having already served for some years as Naib Sherishtadar of North Arcot and there given proof of no ordinary efficiency and talent as a revenue officer; the Commissioner is of opinion that no objection exists to the course recommended by the Collector and he therefore confirms Mr. Prendergast's nomination of Tolasinga Chetty to the office of Head Sherishtadar.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
Dated 2d August 1852.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT, *Commissioner.*

To S. TOLASIGNA Chetty Acting Head Sherishtadar.

In my letter of the 27th April 1852 to the Board of Revenue I had brought your merits to their notice. With reference to their opinion contained in their Proceedings of the 27th May of the same year, I had reported to the Commissioner of the Northern Circars on the 2d Instant who passed his proceedings on the 5th Instant confirming you as Head Sherishtadar approving my recommendation and transmitted an Extract of it. As your behaviour met with my approbation you are therefore confirmed in the situation of the Head Sherishtadar of this District from the 24th Instant you will therefore discharge the duties of your office properly. A copy of the Extract of the Commissioner's Proceedings is enclosed for your information.

COCANADA,
24th August 1852.

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

(True Copies.)
(Signed) S. TOLASINGA Chetty,
Head Sherishtadar.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 13th March 1858, No. 914.

In Cons. 13th March 1858. Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 23rd January 1858.

(Here enter No. 16.)

The Board regret that they cannot resubmit this question for the consideration of Government. That authority has already passed orders on the subject. No new grounds have been shewn for altering the previous decision, and no pressing necessity exists for bringing it under discussion again.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM, *Collector.*

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 440; dated 7th April 1858.

The case of Memoralist has already received the attention of Government, and they can make no change in the orders recorded in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 4th March 1857, No. 227.

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(Signed) H. FORBES,
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For this act of justice Your Memorialist as in duty bound.

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Chittoor
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This is to Certify that the bearer hereof L. Tolasingum has served as a writer in the Military Department for a period of about Four years and that he has conducted himself in that Capacity in a satisfactory manner.

Fort St. George
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I have much pleasure in stating that during the time I have been acting as Collector of North Arcot I have been well satisfied with all the works that has passed through your hands and that I have the highest opinion of your talents, &c. business & knowledge of your duties. I am glad to find that they have procured you promotion elsewhere tho' I am sorry to lose the advantages of your services in this District.

Chittoor } (Signed) S. N. Ward
26th Decr 1851 }

Telasinga Chetty

I have just received your Note requesting me to favor you with a testimonial expressing my opinion as regards your services in this District it affords me great pleasure to be able to say that I have the highest opinion of those services which I have had many & important opportunities of observing & though I am glad you have met with your reward by your present promotion I regret both on public and private grounds that you are obliged thereby to quit this District.—

Vellore } (Signed) A. W. Sullivan
28th Decr 1851 } Hd A. C.

Extract of a letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry to the Secretary to the Bd. of Revenue Dated.

No. 11

In reply to your circular letter of the 23d ultimo I have the honor to inform you that my Acting Head Sheristadar (whom I am desirous of confirming so soon as the Bd's pleasure shall be made known to me regarding this letter,) has never served as a Tahsildar, but as he is perfectly conversant with accounts and had already shewn himself to be very skilful in dealing with the Ryots having performed the settlement of 8 Talooks I conceive that it is unnecessary to make him go thro' that proba

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Bendamoorlunkah 29th April 1852 } (Signed) J. Prendergast Collector

Extract

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No. 407

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars dated Vizagapatam 5th August 1852.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 2nd August 1852.

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The C. C. informed [illegible] to [illegible] for which a permanent nomination of Deputy Sheristadar [illegible] considered necessary but [illegible] service as Tahsildar [illegible] considered for some years Toludinga Chetty having already served [illegible] District [illegible] there given [illegible] Head Sheristadar [illegible] proof of no ordinary efficiency & talent [illegible] opinion that [illegible] officer; the Commissioner [illegible] recommended by the Collector [illegible] to the [illegible] nomination of the [illegible] therefore Confirmed Mr Prendergast's nomination of Toludinga Chetty to the Office of Head Sheristadar.

Revenue Department dated 2nd August 1852 } (A true Extract) (Signed) Walter Elliot Commissioner

R 469/58.

To

J. Solasunga Chetty

Ag. Hd. Sheristadar

In my letter of the 27th April 1852 to the Bd of Revenue I had brought your merits to their notice. With reference to their opinion contained in their Proceedings of the 27th May of the same year, I had reported to the Commissioner of the Northern Circars on the 2nd Instant who passed his proceedings on the 5th Instant Confirming you as Head Sheristadar affirming my recommendation & transmitted an Extract of it as your behaviour met with my approbation you are therefore Confirmed in the situation of the Hd Sheristadar of this District from the 24th Instant you will therefore discharge the duties of your office properly. A Copy of the Extract of the Commissioner's Proceedings is enclosed for your information.–

Cocanada
24th August
1852

(Signed) P. Prendergast
Collector

(True Copies)
J. Solasunga Chetty Hd Sheristadar

No. 914-

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13 March 1858-

In Con. 13 March 1858-

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 23rd January 1858-

(Here enter No. 16)

The Board regret that they cannot resubmit this question for the consideration of Government. That authority has already passed orders on the subject. No new grounds have been shown for altering the previous decision, and pressing necessity exists for bringing it under discussion again-

(A true Extract)

(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Secretary

To
C. Whittingham Esquire
Collector of North Arcot

To
S. Toladinga Chettyare
Head Sheristadar
For his information.

(True Copy)

Collector

To
S. Tolasingah Chettyar

To

J. C. Forbes Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I respectfully beg you will be pleased to submit the accompanying memorial for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Chittoor
27th March 1858.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
S. Tolasinga Chetty
Head Sheristadar in the
Collectorate Cutcherry of North Arcot

Cons: 10th March /57 No. 5-6.
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Revenue 1858 Depart.
Off to Cons: 9th April

No. 469.

From S. Koladinga Chetty
Head Sheristadar of
North Arcot.

Dated 27th } March 1858.
Recd. 29th }

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No. [illegible] 31st March 1858.

Submitting his Memorial for the consideration of Govt., being an Appeal against an Order of the Bd. of Revr., declining to submit a recommendation in Memorialist's be:half by the Additional Sub Collr. of North Arcot through the Collr., for special consideration for the assis:tance rendered by Memorialist to that Gentleman in the revision of the assessment of that Distt.; & urging that the recommendation of the Addl. Sub Collr. & the prayer of the Memorialist to count as service for increase of Pay, the period during which he held the office of Head Acct. of the Collr's cutcherry

Cutcherry of South Arcot, may be acceded to.

No. 30

Rev Dept.

No. 440.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the ~~24~~ 7 ~~March~~ April 1858.

Read the following letter from S. Tolasinga Chetty, Head Sheristadar of North Arcot.

(Memo. enter 27 March/58.

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The case of Memorialist has already received the attention of Government, and they can make no change in the orders recorded in Ex. Minutes Cons of the 4 March 1857 No. 227.

The Government remark that Tolasingha Chetty having carried out the duties entrusted to him by

Mr Banbury in connection with the reduction of the Appraisement in North Arcot, in a manner satisfactory to that Gentleman, is no ground for an increase of pay - the duty was one appertaining to the Office which Tolasinga Chetty holds, and in the performance of the duties of that Office the Government have a right to look for the exertion of his best energies.

Copy to S. Tolasinga Chetty.
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Revenue 1858 Dept. 10
Dy. 1 Cons: 9th April

No. 460
Extract Minis. of Govt.
Dated 7th April 1858.

Observing that the case of S. Tolasinga Chetty Head Sheristadar of North Arcot has already received the attention of Government and they can make no change in the orders recorded in Extract Minis: Consultation of the 6th March 1857.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 30. Read the following Petition from S. TOLASINGA, Chetty; Head Sheristadar in the Collector's Cutcherry of North Arcot; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor 27th March 1858.

Sir,

I respectfully beg you will be pleased to submit the accompanying Memorial for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

To the Right Honorable GEORGE FRANCIS ROBERT LORD HARRIS, Governor of Fort Saint George in Council.

The humble Memorial of S. TOLASINGA,
Chetty; Head Sheristadar of North Arcot,
Chittoor, dated 27th March 1858.

Respectfully sheweth,

That this Memorial is an appeal against an* order of the Board of Revenue declining to submit to your Lordship in Council a recommendation made in your Memorialist's behalf by the additional Sub-Collector of North Arcot, through the Collector for special consideration for the assistance rendered by him to that Gentleman in the revision of the assessment of that District; a service which has elicited the satisfaction of Government.

* *Copy enclosed.*

2. Mr. Banbury proposed as a special case in token of the appreciation of the service above alluded to, that your Lordship's Memorialist may be allowed to count as service for increase of pay under the orders of Government dated 8th July 1847, No. 777 the period during which he held the office of Head Accountant of the Collectors Cutcherry of South Arcot. Such indulgence it is true recommended last year not as a special case, was refused in the order of Government noted in the margin on the ground that compliance with the request of your Memorialist "would open the door to like applications for service in other offices of similar emolument which have as little to do with revenue service as has the office of Head Accountant" but exceptions to the rules in the case of deserving public servants under special circumstances have been frequently sanctioned; your Lordship in Council will thus see that the subject was before the Board a second time in a new light and that the hope which your Memorialist entertained that Mr. Banbury's communication would be submitted for the consideration of Government was reasonable.

4th March 1857.

3. Your Memorialist previous to his accepting the Head Sheristadarship of North Arcot held the same post in Rajahmundry and it was his desire to employ himself in important service and so distinguish himself, that led to his leaving the latter place as at the time your Memorialist knew that there was an early prospect of the revision of the assessment of the first named District being commenced. By this change of place your Memorialist was a loser monthly in the sum of Rupees 175 because besides the salary of Rupees 280 as Head Sheristadar your Memorialist received the former sum as Manager of Pittapore estate under the orders of the Honorable Mr. W. Elliot, late Commissioner of the Northern Circars.

4. Your Memorialist will now explain the circumstances under which he was transferred to actual revenue service from the office of Head Accountant and in so doing it is not at all his intention to question the decision arrived at by Government in their order dated 4th March 1857 but his object is only to enable Government to consider if there is any thing peculiar in these circumstances also which deserve consideration specially in your Memorialist's behalf. The Government authorized service as Tah'sildar to be counted for increase of the pay of the individual when he is promoted to the situation of Head Sheristadar because in the former he acquires the probation necessary for the higher office. It will be the object of your Memorialist in the following lines to shew that he acquired such probation while he was Head Accountant. Your Memorialist after a previous service of nearly 8 years in some of the Presidency offices and in the Coimbatore District received the appointment of Head Accountant at South Arcot. While holding the last mentioned post for four years and a half [illegible]r Memorialist spared no pains to acquire a perfect knowledge not only of the details of the revenue administration and of the principles of the Hookoomnamah of the District but also of the regulations and Circular orders

with the view of procuring his promotion to one of the Sheristadarships. When Mr. Ashton joined the District in February 1838 the office of Koomkee Sheristadar was vacant and your Memorialist was one of the candidates for it. That gentleman tested the qualifications of your Memorialist for the post for two months by examining him in Revenue, Salt, Sayer and Maramut matters and in the Hookoomnamah, regulations and Circular orders, and then informed your Memorialist when he was about to leave the Hoozoor station for the Jummabundy settlement in March, that during his tour in the interior he will examine all the Tahsildars; that in the event of his finding none among them superior in qualifications to your Memorialist he will give your Memorialist the vacant post and that on the contrary if any of the Tahsildars should appear better deserving of promotion he will only make your Memorialist a Tahsildar. Mr. Ashton returned from his Jummabundy tour in June 1838 and told your Memorialist that he has made up his mind to give him the vacant Sheristadarship and asked him to procure a competent person to succeed him as Head Accountant. Such a person was not procured till December 1838 and in that month your Memorialist was promoted to the Assistant Sheristadarship. The words used in the order issued by Mr. Ashton for my appointment to the Sheristadarship are "judging you "to be competent for the situation of Koomkee Sheristadar which is now vacant I have appointed you &c."

5. That your Memorialist's experience in Revenue details does not fall short of that of many other Sheristadars who have served actually as Tahsildars, the subjoined extracts of testimonials in his possession will fully testify. The late Collector of Rajahmundry Mr. Prendergast received a Circular from the Board of Revenue requiring a report as to which of the Sheristadars of the District have not served as Tahsildars, and in his reply dated 27th April 1852 that gentleman expressed his opinion of your Memorialist's qualifications in the following words "he is perfectly conversant with accounts and has already shewn himself to be very skilful in dealing with the ryots, his education has been of a higher order than that of any servant whom I have seen in this District." "It is difficult to find men competent to fill this high office (Head Sheristadarship) and I consider myself very fortunate in having secured the services of Tolasinga Chetty." The Board informed Mr. Prendergast that the orders of the Commissioner should be obtained for the confirmation of your Memorialist in the Sheristadarship and the Honorable Mr. W. Elliot in authorizing the confirmation was kind enough to give his opinion of your Memorilist's qualifications in the subjoined terms. "Tolasinga Chetty having already served for some years as Naib Sheristadar of North Arcot and there given proof of no ordinary efficiency and talent as a Revenue officer" &c. Your Memorialist begs also to submit entire copies of these testimonials and to note certain correspondence in the margin having reference to his usefulness in the Revenue service for the perusal of your Lordship in Council.

From Mr. Dent Collr. of South Arcot to the Board of Revenue 3d February 1838.
Correspondence betw. en the Collr. of South Arcot and the Governor of French Settlements regarding the boundary dispute of Soonavoor in 1845.
From Mr. Lovell Asst. Collr. of North Arcot to the Bd. of Rev. D. P. W. 23d Augt. 1847.
From Mr. J. D. Bourdillon Actg. Collr. of North Arcot to the Bd. of Rev. 16th Oct. 1848.
Do. do. do. do. 9th Dec. 1848.
Do. do. do. Jummabundy report, 7th March 1849, para. 49.
Do. do. do. to the Bd. of Revenue 11th July 1849, para. 7.
Do. do. do. Jummabundy report, 14th Oct. 1850, para. 63.
Do. do. do. do. 28th December 1850, paras. 2 and 15.
From Mr. Ward Actg. Collr. of North Arcot to the Bd. Rev. 1st Jany. 1852, para. 47.
Jummabundy report of the Collector of Rajahmundry for Fusly 1261, 29th March 1853.
From the Collector of Rajahmundry to the Comr. of the N. Circars as Court of Wards 15th August 1853.
Ex. from the Pro. of the Comr. of the N. Circars in the capacity of Court of Wards 22d August 1853.
Jummabundy report of the Collector of Rajahmundry for Fusly 1262, 3rd April 1854.
From Mr. Whitting'am Collector of N. Arcot to the Board of Revenue. 3rd January 1855.
From Mr. J. D. Bourdillon to the Board of Revenue 7th February 1855.
Do. do. do. 24th March 1855.
Extract Minutes of Consultation 23rd April 1855.
From Mr. Whittingham Collr. of N. Arcot to the Bd. of Rev. 25th July 1855, paras 1 and 2.
Extract Minutes of Consultation 20th February 1857, para. 10.
From Mr. Banbury Actg. Addl. Sub-Collr. to the Collr. of N. Arcot 26th Oct. 1857, para. 12.

6. Under these circumstances your Memorialist humbly begs that the communication on his behalf from Mr. Banbury may be called for from the Board of Revenue and that in consideration of the special circumstances adduced therein by that Gentleman as well as to those explained by your Memorialist, he may be allowed to count as service for increase of pay the period during which he was employed as Head Accountant of South Arcot.

For this act of justice your Memorilist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

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Copies of Testimonials of S. TOLASINGA Chetty.

This is to certify that the bearer hereof S. Tolasingum has served as a writer in the Military Department for a period of about four years and that he has conducted himself in that capacity in a satisfactory manner.

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th June 1829.

This is to certify that S. Tolasinga Chetty was employed in the office as one of the additional Accountants on the salary of Rupees 24-8-0 from July 1829 to April 1830 for the purpose of preparing monthly Abstract of Estimates of the aggregate Territorial revenue of the several treasuries and Comparative Statement between the estimated and the actual Territorial Revenue charges in which duty he gave every satisfaction and left the office for employment under the Principal Collector of Coimbatore as Deputy Accountant.

(Signed) J. G. TURNBULL,
Accountant General.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th February 1840.

The bearer Tolasinga Chitty was Deputy Accountant the short time I was at Coimbatore, he had been in the office for two years and half previously and from what I heard and saw I believe him to be an efficient and respectable public servant.

(Signed) J. F. THOMAS.

MADRAS,
June 1834.

This is to certify that S. Tolasing Chetty of Madras was employed as Deputy English Accountant in this office from 1st July 1830 to 31st December 1833 which situation he resigned at his own request, he conducted his duties entirely to my satisfaction.

(Signed) G. D. DRURY,
Principal Collector.

COIMBATORE,
PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
13th September 1834.

To TOLASINGA Chetty Head Accountant.

Judging you to be competent for the situation of the Koomky Sheristadar which is now vacant I have appointed you for the above office from the 1st Instant but you are requested to be in charge of the English Accountant's Office until further orders.

(Signed) W. ASHTON,
Principal Collector.

MUNJACOOPUM,
4th December 1838.

To TOLASINGA Chetty, Koomky Sheristadar.

As you are placed in charge of the Head Accountant's office until you are relieved by Veerasawmy Chetty who was appointed for the office and as the above Veerasawmy Chetty has now arrived you are requested to deliver charge of the Accountant's office and resume the duties of your office of Koomky Sheristadar.

(Signed) W. ASHTON,
Principal Collector.

MUNJACOOPUM,
17th December 1838.

To S. TOLASINGA Chetty, Naib Sheristadar.

Mr. Bourdillon informed me that Mr. Prendergast the Collector of Rajahmundry District is desirous of appointing you as Acting Head Sheristadar of that District which is now vacant and desired me to permit you to proceed thither as soon as possible, you will as soon after the receipt of this order proceed to that District, meet that Gentleman and act according to his orders.

(Signed) S. N. WARD,
Acting Collector.

CHITTOOR,
23d December 1851.

TOLASINGA Chetty.

I have much pleasure in stating that during the time, I have been Acting as Collector of North Arcot I have been well satisfied with all the work that has passed through your hands and that I have the highest opinion of your talents, behaviour and knowledge of your duties. I am glad to find that they have procured you promotion elsewhere though I am sorry to lose the advantages of your services in this District.

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VELLORE, }
28th December 1851. }

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,
Head Asst. Collector.

Extract of a letter for the Collector of Rajahmundry to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated

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In reply to your Circular letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that my Acting Head Sheristadar, (whom I am desirous of confirming so soon as the Board's pleasure shall be made known to me regarding this letter,) has never served as a Tahsildar, but as he is perfectly conversent with accounts and has already shewn himself to be very skilful in dealing with the ryots having performed the settlement of 8 talooks I conceive that it is unnecessary to make him go through that probation now. His education has been of a higher order than that of any servant whom I have seen in this District and his knowledge of the English language, which enables him to make himself master of all the views expressed by the Board and Government simplifies the whole business of the office and renders him much more ready than his predecessor was to offer his opinion on the many important questions now under consideration in this District. The high character conferred on him by Mr. Bourdillon confirmed as it is by two months observation on my own part has quite satisfied me of his capacity to fill the office with credit to himself and advantage to the state and therefore I request that the Board will be pleased to dispense with the enforcement of their order that he should first serve as a Tahsildar. It is difficult to find men competent to fill this high office and I consider myself very fortunate in having secured the services of Tolasinga Chetty.

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27th April 1852. }

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

No. 407.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars dated Vizagapatam 5th August 1852.

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(Here enter No. 70.)

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT, }
Dated 2d August 1852. }

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) WALTER ELLIOT, *Commissioner.*

To S. TOLASIGNA Chetty Acting Head Sherishtadar.

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COCANADA, }
24th August 1852. }

(Signed) T. PRENDERGAST,
Collector.

(True Copies.)
(Signed) S. TOLASINGA Chetty,
Head Sherishtadar.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 13th March 1858, No. 914.

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(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

(True Copy)
(Signed) C. WHITTINGHAM, *Collector.*

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 440; dated 7th April 1858.

The case of Memoralist has already received the attention of Government, and they can make no change in the orders recorded in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 4th March 1857, No. 227.

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George Francis Robert Lord Harri
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4th March 1835

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"you &ca."

5. That your memorialist's experience
Revenue details does not fall short of that
many other Sheristadars who have served actua
Tahsildars, the subjoined extracts of testimonials
his possession will fully testify. The late
lector of Rajahmundry Mr. Prendergast received
Circular from the Board of Revenue requiring
a report as to which of the Sheristadars of the Dis
-trict have not served as Tahsildars - and in his
reply dated 27th April 1852 that gentleman expres
his opinion of your Memorialist's qualifications
in the following words:- "he is perfectly con-
"versant with accounts and has already shewn
"himself to be very skilful in dealing with the
"Ryots," "his education has been of a higher order
"than that of any servant whom I have seen in
"this District." "It is difficult to find men com-
"petent to fill this high office (Head Sheristadar-
"ship) and I consider myself very fortunate
"in having secured the services of Sitaliagachetty
The Board informed Mr. Prendergast that
the orders of the Commissioner should be
obtained for the confirmation of your Memorialist

in the Sheristadarship and the Honble Mr. N. Elliot in authorizing the confirmation was kind enough to give his opinion of your Memorialist's qualifications in the subjoined terms. "Soladerja Chetty having already served for some years as Naib "Sheristadar of North Arcot and there given proof "of no ordinary efficiency and talent as a Revenue "Officer" &c. Your Memorialist begs also to submit entire copies of these testimonials and to note certain correspondence in the margin having reference to his usefulness in the Revenue Service for the perusal of Your Lordship in Council.

From Mr. Dent Collr of South Arcot to the Bd of Rev.	3d Feby 1838.
Correspondence between the Collr of South Arcot & Govt of French Settlements regarding the boundary dispute of [illegible]avoor in 1845.	
From Mr. Lovell Actg Collr of North Arcot to the Bd of [illegible]	23d Augt 1847
From Mr. J. D. Bourdillon Actg Collr of North Arcot to the Bd of Rev.	16th Octr 1848
Do Do Do Do	9th Decr 1848.
Do Do Do Jamabundy report	7th March 1849 para 19.
Do Do Do to the Bd of Revenue	11th July 1849 para 12
Do Do Do Jamabundy Report	11th Octr 1850 para
Do Do Do Do	28th Decr 1850 paras 12-15
From Mr. Ward Actg Collr of North Arcot to the Bd of Rev.	8th Jany 1852 para 47.
Jamabundy report of the Collr of Rajahmundry for Fus. 1261.	29th March 1853.
From the Collr of Rajahmundry to the Comr of the N. Circars as Court of Wards	15th Augt 1853.
Ex: from the Pro: of the Comr of the N. Circars in the capacity of Court of Wards	22d Augt 53.
Jamabundy Report of the Collr of Rajahy for Fus. 1262.	3d April 1854.
From Mr. Whittingham Collr of N. Arcot to the Bd of Rev.	3d January 1855.
From Mr. J. D. Bourdillon to the Board of Revenue	7th February 1855
Do Do Do	24th March 1855.
Ex: Mins: of Consultation	23d April 1855.
From Mr. Whittingham Collr of N. Arcot to the Head of Rev.	25th July 1855 paras 1 & 2.
Ex: Mins: of Consultation	20th Feby 1857 para 10.
From Mr. Banbury Actg Asst. Sub Collr to the Collr of N. Arcot	26th Octr 1857 para 11.

6. Under these circumstances your Memorialist humbly begs that the communication on his behalf from Mr. Banbury may be called for from the Board of Revenue and that in consideration of the special circumstances adduced therein by that gentleman as well as to those explained by your Memorialist, he may be

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be allowed to count as Service for increase ~~[illegible]~~ of pay the period during which he was employed as Head Accountant of South Arcot.

For this act of justice Your Memorialist as in duty bound

Shall ever pray

Chittoor
27th March 1858

S. Soladerja Chetty

Copies of Testimonials of S. Tolasinga Chetty

This is to Certify that the bearer hereof S. Tolasingum has served as a writer in the Military Department for a period of about Four years and that he has conducted himself in that Capacity in a satisfactory manner.—

Fort St George
13th June 1829 } (Signed) Robert Clerk
Ag Secretary to Govt.

This is to Certify that S. Tolasinga Chetty was employed in the Office as one of the additional Accountants on the salary of Rupees 24-8-" from July 1829 to April 1830 for the purpose of preparing monthly Abstract of Estimates of the aggregate Territorial Revenue of the several treasuries and Comparative statement between the estimated and the actual Territorial Revenue charges in which duty he gave every satisfaction and left the office for employment under the principal collector of Coimbatore as Deputy Accountant.

Fort Saint George
20th February 1840 } (Signed) J. G. Turnbull
Accountant General

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The Bearer Tolasinga Chetty was Deputy Accountant the short time I was at Coimbatore, he had been in the office for two years & half previously & from what I heard and saw I believe him to be an efficient and respectable public servant.—

Madras }
June 1834 } (Signed) J. F. Thomas

This is to Certify that S. Tolasing Chetty of Madras was employed as Deputy English Accountant in this Office from 1st July 1830 to 31st Decr 1833 which situation he resigned at his own request, he conducted his duties entirely to my satisfaction.—

Coimbatore Principal }
Collector's Office 13th } (Signed) G. D. Drury
September 1834.— } Principal Collector

To
Tolasingachetty Head Accountant

Judging you to be competent for the situation of the Koonty Sheristadar which is now vacant I have appointed you for the above office from the 1st Instant but you are requested to be in charge of the English Accountant's Office until further orders.

Mungapoorum }
4th December 1838 } (Signed) W. Ashton
Principal Collector

To
Tolasinga Chetty
Koonty Sheristadar

As you are placed in charge of the Hd. Accountant's Office until you are relieved by Veerasawmy Chetty who was appointed for the office and as the [illegible] Veerasawmy Chetty has now arrived you are requested to deliver charge of the Accountant's Office and resume the duties of your office of Koonty Sheristadar.—

Mungapoorum }
7th December 1838 } (Signed) W. Ashton
Principal Collector

To
S. Tolasinga Chetty
[illegible] Sheristadar.

Mr. Bourchillon informed me that Mr. Prendergast the Collector of Rajahmundry District is desirous of appointing you as Acting Head Sheristadar of that District which is now vacant & desired me to permit you to proceed thither as soon as possible. You will as soon after the receipt of this order proceed to that District, meet that Gentleman & act according to his orders.—

Chittoor 2?d December 1851 } (Signed) S. N. Ward
Actg Collector

Telasinga Chetty

I have much pleasure in stating that during the time I have been acting as Collector of North Arcot I have been well satisfied with all the works that had passed through your hands and that I have the highest opinion of your talents, & humane knowledge of your duties. I am glad to find that they have procured you promotion elsewhere tho' I am sorry to lose the advantages of your services in this District.

Chittoor 26th Decr 1851 } (Signed) S. N. Ward

Telasinga Chetty

I have just received your Note requesting me to favor you with a testimonial expressing my opinion as regards your services in the District. It affords me great pleasure to be able to say that I have

have the highest opinion of those services which I have had many & important opportunities of observing & though I am glad you have met with your reward by your present promotion I regret both on public and private grounds that you are obliged thereby to quit this District.—

Vellore 28th Decr 1851 } (Signed) A. W. Sullivan
Hd A. C.

Extract of a letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry to the Secretary to the Bd of Revenue Dated

No 11

In reply to your circular letter of the 25th ultimo I have the honor to inform you that my Acting Head Sheristadar, (whom I am desirous of confirming so soon as the Bd's pleasure shall be made known to me regarding this letter,) had never served as a Tahsildar, but as he is perfectly conversant with accounts and had already shown himself to be very skilful in dealing with the Ryots having performed the settlement of 8 Talooks I conceive that it is unnecessary to make him go thro' that proba-

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tion whose education has been of a higher order than that of any servant whom I have seen in this District and his knowledge of the English language, which enables him to make himself master of all the views expressed by the Board & Government simplifies the whole business of the Office & renders him much more ready than his predecessor was to offer his opinion on the many important questions now under consideration in this District. The high character conferred on him by Mr Bourdillon Confirmed as it is by two months observation on my own part has quite satisfied me of his Capacity to fill the office with credit to himself & advantage to the State & therefore I request that the Bd will be pleased to dispense with the enforcement of their order that he should first serve as a Sheristadar. It is difficult to find men Competent to fill this high office & I consider myself very fortunate in having secured the services of Tolusinga Chetty.

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27th April 1852 }
(Signed) J. Prendergast
Collector

Extract

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No. 407

Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioner for the Northern Circars dated Vizagapatam 5th August 1852.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry dated 2d August 1852.

(Here enter No. 70)

The A. C. referred to [illegible] for which a pro[illegible] commutation of Deputy Sheristadar [illegible] necessary but [illegible] service as Sheristadar is considered for some years Tolusinga Chetty having already [illegible] there given [illegible] Sheristadar [illegible] revenue proof of no ordinary efficiency & talent [illegible] opinion that no other officer; the Commissioner [illegible] to the recommendation of [illegible] therefore Confirmed Mr Prendergast's [illegible] of Head Sheristadar Tolusinga Chetty to the Office [illegible]

Revenue Department }
dated 2d August 1852 }
(A true Extract)
(Signed) Walter Elliot
Commissioner

To
J. Solasinga Chetty
Ag. Hd. Sheristadar

In my letter of the 27th April 1852 to the Bd. of Revenue I had brought your merits to their notice. With reference to their opinion contained in their Proceedings of the 27th May of the same year, I had reported to the Commissioner of the Northern Circars on the 2nd instant who passed his proceedings on the 5th Instant confirming you as Head Sheristadar approving my recommendation & transmitted an Extract of it as your behaviour met with my approbation you are therefore confirmed in the situation of the Hd. Sherishtadar of this District from the 24th Instant you will therefore discharge the duties of your office properly. A Copy of the Extract of the Commissioner's Proceedings is enclosed for your information.-

Coconada
24th August
1852

(Signed) J. Prendergast
Collector

(True Copies)
J. Solasinga Chetty
Hd. Sheris.

No. 914 -

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 13 March 1858 -

In Con. 15 March 1858 -

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 23rd January 1858 -

(Here enter No. 16)

The Board regret that they cannot resubmit this question for the consideration of Government. That authority has already passed orders on the subject. No new grounds have been shewn for altering the previous decision, and no pressing necessity exists for bringing it under discussion again -

(A true Extract)

(Signed) G. S. Forbes
Secretary

To
C. Whittingham Esquire
Collector of North Arcot

(True Copy)

To S. Toladinga Chettyare
Head Sheristadar
For his information.

C. Whittingham
Collector

To M. S. Tolasingah Chettyar

To.

J. C. Forbes Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I respectfully beg you will be pleased to submit the accompanying Memorial for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

Chittoor
27th March 1858.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
S. Tolasingo Chetty
Head Sheristadar in the
Collectorate Cutchery of North Arcot

Cons: 10th March /57 No. 5-6.
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Revenue 1858 Depart.
Dy to Cons: 9th April

No. 469.

From S. Tolasinga Chetty
Head Sheristadar of
North Arcot.

Dated 27th } March 1858.
Recd 29th }

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E No. ~~440~~ 31st " March 1858.

Submitting his Memorial for the consideration of Govt., being an Appeal against an Order of the Bd. of Revr., declining to submit a recommendation in Memorialist's be:half by the Additional Sub Collr. of North Arcot through the Collr., for special consideration for the assis:tance rendered by Memorialist to that Gentleman in the revision of the assessment of that Distt.; & urging that the recommendation of the Addl. Sub Collr. & the prayer of the Memorialist to count as service for increase of Pay, the period during which he held the office of Head Acctt. of the Collr's cutcherry

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cutcherry of South Arcot,
may be acceded to.

Rev Dept

No. 440.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the ~~2~~7 ~~March~~ April 1858.

Read the following letter from S. Tolasinga Chetty, Head Sheristadar of North Arcot.

(Memo enter 27 March/58.

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The case of memorialist has already received the attention of Government, and they can make no change in the orders recorded in Ex. Mins Cons of the 4 March 1857 No. 227.

The Government remark that Tolasingha Chetty having carried out the duties entrusted to him by

Mr Bawbury in connection with the reduction of the Assessment in North Arcot, in a manner satisfactory to that Gentleman, is no ground for an increase of pay – the duty was one appertaining to the Office which Tolasinga Chetty holds, and in the performance of the duties of that Office the Government have a right to look for the exertion of his best energies.

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Copy to S. Tolasinga Chetty.
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Revenue 1858 Dep. 10
Dy to Cons: 9th April

No. 440.
Extract Mins. of Cons.
Dated 7th April 1858.

Observing that the case of S. Tolasinga Chetty, Head Sheristadar of North Arcot has already received the attention of Government and they can make no change in the orders recorded in Extract Mins: Consultation of the 4th March 1857.

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