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MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1881

DATED 7th April 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing P. V. Muhammad Meeran
B-A. Palamcottah Head his application for
the post of Dy: Collector has been registered &c

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CURRENT No.

The Hon'ble Mr Rose C.I.E
His Excellency the Governor

From
P. N. Muhammad Mirani
Palamcottah.

Order
Submitted for orders.
The applicant has passed all the tests prescribed for the post of Dy Collector but does not appear to have entered the Government service as yet.

No.

Dated 19th March 1897
Received 23rd " 1897
Registered 24th
Enclosures one
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SUBJECT.

Applying for the post of a Dy. Collector

We have numbers of such graduates who are fully qualified & I know personally a character in the service & I fail to see why they should pass over in favour of one of the Natives of the applicant. I think he is to be left entirely opposed on a sub heaps.

This is not a good time for making outsiders Deputy Collectors & I know of other Musalman Graduates who should be preferred to this man.

2.4.97

This gentleman's name may be registered as

as that as a possible future candidate, but he should be told that there is no early prospect of his being appointed. The next few vacancies should be kept for deserving men already in the Service, and walk up the list for promotion.

A.G.H
4.4.97

Dept: Lo.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
GUINDY.

22nd March 1897

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My dear Stokes,

I enclose an application dy 19th instant from P.N. Muhammad Ibrau for a deputy collectorship for disposal in the ordinary course.

Yours Sincerely,

H. Wallace

TESTIMONIALS.

P. N. MUHAMMAD MIRAN.

PALAMCOTTAH.

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Testimonials.

I

HINDU COLLEGE,
Tinnevelly.
Feb. 23, 1888.

I have very great pleasure in stating that P. N. Miran was a student under me for about two years, and that I have found him regular, diligent, and very well behaved. He is I believe the *first Muhammadan lad to pass the F. A. Examination* in the Tinnevelly District.

I am sure he will always continue to give as much satisfaction to future teachers and employers as to

(Sd.) W. L. BOWER,
Principal.

II

Extract from an Introductory note given to Col. T. O. Underwood, Paymaster, Carnatic

Stipends, Madras, by W. L. Bower Esq. B. A. Head master, Madrasai-Azam, Triplicane, dated 7th March, 1891. * *

"Allow me to send up to you a young Mahammadan lad from Tinnevelly. When I was there at the Hindu College, he was a pupil of mine; and I have since seen him now and again. He has just got through his B. A. course at the Presidency college—*the first Tinnevelly Muhammadan to do so.* His family—Paul Rowthar's—is well known in Tinnevelly and Palamcottah." * * *

III

From Col. T. O. Underwood, Madras,
Royapettah,
September 23rd, 1891

Dear Sir,

I was very glad to hear from you as only a few days ago, Dr. Bourne was talking about you. He said, it was such a pity you had given

up the Scholarship and an M. A. degree.

From all I could gather from him you are one of the few Muhammadans who had the chance of making a European reputation by scientific work. I hope you keep up Hindustani and Persian reading, as the latter is an especially beautiful language. With kind regards to yourself and father,

I am yours truly,
(Sd.) T. O. UNDERWOOD.

To P. N. Miran Sahib B. A.

IV

Extract from an Introductory note given to the Hon. Mr. C. S. Crole by Col. T. O. Underwood, dated Royapettah, March 29th 1892.

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"There is a young Muhammadan gentleman whom I know who is rather remarkable in his way. Dr. Bourne tells me this young man

if he studied would become a regular scientist."

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V

The Hon. Mr. D. Duncan M. A., D. s. c., L. L. D., Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has made the following remarks during his visit to the Dabistani Islam, Tinnevelly on 17th August 1896:—

Dr. Duncan then remarked that he remembered & recognized well Mr. P. N. Muhammad Miran as one of the brilliant students of the Presidency college, and that Dr. Bourne has still the highest admiration and esteem for his rare capacities and attainments. He then alluded to the services this Muhammadan graduate is rendering towards the cause of eduction among his community and to the prominent part he has taken in the deliberations of the *Board of Muhammadan Education*, Madras. (Extract from *the Hindu*, dated 24 th August, 1896. page. 6.)

VI

I have much pleasure to certify that I have known P. N. Muhammad Miran for many years. **He took up Tamil for his second language and was one of the best in the Tamil classes. He is very intelligent and industrious and his character and conduct are highly satisfactory. I am quite confident that he will distinguish himself in any posts to which he may be appointed and satisfy his superiors. He is the best of the Muhammadan educated youths I have met and deserves every encouragement at the hands of the Government.

(Sd.) M. SESHAGIRI SASTRI.$

12 th Feb. 1897 } Professor of Sanskrit & Comparative Philology, Presidency College.

Mailapore.

VII

Palamcottah.
Feb. 26th, 1897.

I have known Mr. P. N. Muhammad Miran

$M. A. late Vernacular Superintendent, Presidency college.

Sahib for sometime. I have been well acquainted with his uncle and father for the past 17 years, since I began to practise in this District. His is one of the leading, well known and most respectable families in the Southern Districts. As for as I know its prestige and respectability has remained unchanged for a very long time. His great-grandfather and grandfather in addition to being rich land-lords were also *Government Ijardars* of almost all the *Chowkies* in this District for collecting *Inland Customs duties* on opium, ganja, betel, nut, tobacco, cotton-goods and other commodities for several years as well as I*jardars* in parts of the Travancore territory. They also had the monopoly of the tobacco trade in that state. The great-grandfather was also the agent to the British Commissariat Department in this District and it is said he sided with the British in *the siege of Seringapatam.*

Moreover, I learn from reliable sources that he and the late *Ramalingam Mudaliar* were

instrumental in bringing about an alliance §between the British Government and the Travancore state.

I hope Mr. Muhammad Miran will add additional lusture to the untarnished name his family bears.

(Sd). BALU S. STREENIVASSA,†
(*Baristar-at-Law.*)

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§The treaty is thus referred to in pages 311 and 312 of "The History of Travancore" by P. Shungoonny Menon.

"Valu Thamby Dalawah, however spared no pains in persuading His Highness, in spite of all the evil counsels of the palace officials, &c. to ratify the new treaty & Col. Macaulay also strongly remonstrated with the Maharaja by letters, as well as by messages through the Resident's agent *Ramalingam Moodeliar* but being opposed by the intriguing characters already referred to, His Highness hesitated a good deal to give his assent to the treaty. The controversy regarding this important matter lasted some days and at last through the unceasing exertions of Valu Thamby Dalawah, and *with the judicious counsel and advice of the Resident's agent Ramalingam Moodeliar,* the proposed treaty was signed by His Higness the Maharaja on the 12th January 1805."

†Municipal Chairman, Palamcottah.

VIII

The bearer Mr. Muhammad Miran Sahib belongs to a very respectable family in Palamcottah—at his request I give him these few lines. My grand father *Ramalingam Moodeliar* served as an Interpreter under Col. Bannerman in the *Tinnevelly Polegar wars* and subsequently under Col. C. Macaulay and Dr. K. Macaulay both of whom were successively Residents in Travancore. He enjoyed the full confidence of the above gentlemen and was of great service to the British Government according to documents in my possession.

From some of these documents I find that Mr. *Paul Rawter Avergal*, the great grand-father of the bearer, was giving great help to my grand-father and of much service to him in supplying conveyance &c for the Military force then engaged in the above wars.

Personally I knew his grand-father who was a respectable person in Palamcottah and

continuing to hold the position of his ancestor. The family still holds a high position as will be seen by a Testimonial given to him by *Mr. Baloo Streenevassa*, who is now a leading member in the place.

Under the above circumstances, I am of opinion that the bearer is in the right direction in attempting to secure a respectable post in the British service.

(Sd.) T. VEDADRISADASA MOODLIAR.$

Trivandrum
4th March 1897.

IX.

Extract from an Introductory note given

$*Retired Judge, Highcourt*, Trivandram and is the grand son of Ramalingam Moodeliar referred to in page 6 *supra* and son of Soolochanam Moodeliar, the great benefactor who has constructed the *Tinnevelly Thambrapurni Bridge*.

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to R. D. Broadfoot, Esq. District Judge, Tinnevelly by M. R. Ry. T. Vedadrisadasa Moodliar Avl. Retired Judge, High Court, Trivandrum, dated 4th March 1897. * * *

Permit me kindly to introduce the bearer Mr. Muhammad Miran Sahib to your notice; he belongs to a very respectable family in Palamcottah. In former days, during the *Polegar wars* and in *the war with Travancore* my grandfather *Ramalinga Moodliar* and the greatgrandfather of the bearer appear to have been of great help and service to the British Government. I find it to be the case from the old records in my possession. I know personally his grandfather who was a respectable person at Palamcottah * * * Mr. Baloo Streenivassa who knows better than myself people now living in Palamcottah, has given him a very good testimonial". * * *

X

Madras, 2nd March, 1897.

I have a high opinion of P. N. Muhammad

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Miran, I had ample opportunity of observing him while at college and found him persevering and straight forward. There is much manliness about him which should fit him for a responsible post.

(Sd.) A. G. BOURNE.$
Professor of Biology
Presidency College.

XI

The Hindu College,
Tinnevelly.
9—3—97

I have known Mr. P. N. Muhammad Miran for many years. He was a student here in the College department when he was studying for the F. A. In point of intelligence and character he was ranked amongst the best.

I am also personally acquainted with several members of his family. It has always been looked upon as the leading Mussalman family in

$D. s.c, F. R. S.

these parts, some of the members have held responsible posts under Government. All are noted for that courteous sauvity of manners and withal a manly independence so characteristic of the Muhammadan gentleman.

In consideration of Mr. Miran's own attainments and high character, and also of the services rendered to the public by his family I consider him entitled to special treatment by Government. I feel sure that he will efficiently and faithfully discharge any duties committed to him.

(Sd.) E. WINCKLER, B. A
Principal.

XII

Being much interested in the welfare and advancement of my friend Mr. P. N. Muhammad Miran Sahib, I am constrained to pen a few lines of hearty commendation, in his behalf. I have known the elder members of his family

for many years—in particular his father and uncle whose friendship I believe to be true and unchanging. His cousin was for sometime one of my pupils. The family is one of the most respectable in these parts, and its members have, in a quiet, unostentatious manner, been foremost in public, and beneficent movements. Some whom I have known have occupied posts of trust and responsibility, and have therein maintained the high character and reputation which the family has enjoyed for many generations. Mr. P. N. Muhammad Miran Sahib has nobly persevered in his pursuit of knowledge. He is a graduate of the Madras University—is generally well informed—and with excellent natural abilities combines an equally excellent character for manliness and integrity calculated to command respect, and to render him specially successful and capable in a post befitting his qualifications, in the Government service. I heartily wish him speedy and complete success in gaining a suitable appointment in the public

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service—feeling assured that a useful and honorable career is before him, in which he will more than maintain the good repute of *the ancient and honorable family* to which he belongs.

Palamcottah. 13th March 1897. } (Sd,) T. KEMBER, *Missionery C. M. S.*

XIII.

P. N. Muhammad Miran is the nephew of of Paul Rawter Avergal who was an Honorary Magistrate when I first joined the service and who often sat with me when I was Town Magistrate. The uncle still retains that office and is also a Municipal Councillor. Thus the young man belongs to a respectable family of some standing in the District. Very few of his sect have taken to English education. I should think he might usefully be nominated to the Provincial service.

Tinnevelly 16—3—1897. } (Sd.) R. D. BROADFOOT, District Judge.

XIV.

Last year during Dr. Duncan's Visit to the Dabistani Islam, Tinnevelly, which is a Muhammadan School, I was introduced to Mr. P. N. Muhammad Miran and heard Dr. Duncan speak very highly of him.

I have often heard of the respectability of the family and of their distinguished history.

(Sd.) EDWIN KEYWORTH.

Palamcottah 16th March 1897 } *F. R. G. S.*

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PETITION
No. 6267
REVENUE DEPT

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
23 MAR 97
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To

H. A. Sim Esq. I.C.S.
Private Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Most Honoured Sir,

I respectfully beg that you will be good enough to place the following application before His Excellency the Governor, for his favourable consideration.

I beg to submit that I am a Muhammadan Graduate from the Presidency College, having taken my degree in the year 1891, in Branch III. C- Biology & Zoology, with Tamil as second language. I have passed all the Special Tests prescribed for the Office of Deputy Collector and have also finished the B.L. Course, in the Law College, Madras.

I am a native of Tinnevelly and my family is one of the ancient & respectable in the district. I beg to state that my great grandfather & grandfather were Government Jemadars of Salvers all the Chowkis in the District for collecting Inland Customs Duties, several years and that my great grandfather has rendered great services to the British Government in the Polygar, Travancore & Mysore Wars, as will

× Criminal Higher - vide Fort St George Gazette of 19.1.97, Supplement page 2.
Previous Writing - vide Fort St George Gazette of 3.3.96 Supplt. page 10.
Second Test Higher - vide Fort St George Gazette of 28.1.96 Supplement 6 & 4
Revenue Higher - vide Fort St George Gazette of 22.6.[illegible] Supplt. page 4

seen from the Testimonials given by Messrs. T. Vedadrisada Mudaliar, Retired High Court Judge, Trivandrum, and Bala S. Sheniwasa- - Barrister. at. Law. My parents own lands in the Tinnevelly and Tanjore Districts with an annual assessment of about Rs 900.

In the rules for admission to the Provincial Civil Service, it is laid down that Vacancies in the list of Deputy Collectors shall be filled up by Selection from the Subordinate Service of persons who have passed the Examinations prescribed & from persons whether in the service of Government or not, of proved merit & ability, in addition to the annual recruitment by Competition. It is a matter well known to Government that in the present State of Muhammadan Education in the Presidency, Competition of Muhammadans with the other highly advanced races is an unequal contest & must perhaps remain so for several years to come. Under Government exercises liberally the right of selection from persons of merit & ability among the Muslim Community, there seems to be hardly any chance of any Muhammadan getting into the Provincial Civil Service

I therefore beg respectfully, that Government will be graciously pleased to nominate me under the rules above referred to.

A reference is respectfully solicited to Dr. A.G. Bourne, F.R.S. Professor of Biology, Presidency College and to the Honourable Mr. D. Duncan M.A. B.C.L. Director of Public Instruction, Madras, regarding my character, merit, & ability. I beg to append copies of some of my Testimonials.

Palamcottah
19th March 1873

I beg to remain,
Most Honored Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
P.N. Muhammad Marikar.

Read C.No 2600 of 1897.

G.O. Mis No. 1881 dy 7th April 97.

The petitioner is informed that his application for the post of Dy Collector has been registered but that there is no early prospect of his being appointed.

7/4/97.

To the Petitioner dtd. 10-4-97

(3 Envelopes)

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Note that that does not mean that he will necessarily be appd a Dy Coll. & that in any case.

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