

Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

See lining ' before on behalf of
S. Venkataswami Iyer, Sub Inspector S. C. & A. Kani
appearing against his reduction from the
4th to the 3rd grade Sub Inspectorship.

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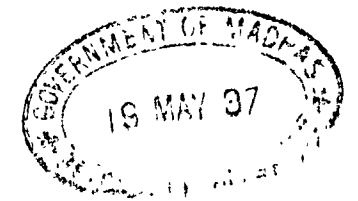
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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 426



From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of
Salt Abkari & Separate Revenue
Madras
His No. 1891

Order

Dated 9th May 1897

Received

Registered

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& connected papers sent separately

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government with
remarks petition from S. Venkata-
rama Aiyar appealing against
the Board's order declining to
interfere with the order of promotion
from the 4th to the 5th grade
Sub Inspectorship passed on
him by the Deputy Commissioner
Southern Division.

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PETITION

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REVENUE DEPT

His Excellency
The Governor in Council
of Madras Residing
Madras.

Your Excellency,

The humble petition
of S. Venkatarama aiyar, Sub
Inspector, Salt, Akkar and
Customs Department, Madras
Circle respectfully shows that:-
2. That the petitioner was
reduced from 4th to 5th
Grade by the Deputy Com-
missioner, Southern Division
and that he appealed to
the Board of Revenue, regarding
Revenue to cancel the order
of reduction with the reasons
set forth in the printed
appeal petition submitted
by him (Copy herewith enclosed)

3. That the petitioners had the greatest misfortune to have an endorsement from the Board that they decline to interfere in the petitioners' behalf (original herewith enclosed).

4. That the petitioners were reduced on account of existence of certain illicit tapping cases, which were detected by the Inspector of the Circle, on information given by one of his peons, who was a bitter enemy to him and who was waiting for a fair opportunity to ruin him, because the petitioners got him reduced for concocting certain Akhar case, which is exhibited in the Board's printed appeal petition as Exhibit M.

5. That the petitioners have small proved those illicit tapping

It is like the petition
submitted to the

It is like the petition

It has, in the contrary,
proved beyond all doubt
that the cases have been filed
about illicit tapping cases, in
which the accused, here one
was convicted by the
Jahidulla Magistrate.

Intercommunication of the
officer with the Chief

*
Since Rs 97 is all + Rs 2.2.0
for attack since. Total fine
Rs 99.2.0. $\frac{100}{3}$

i. Jailed - September 22
Colonel for the petition
petitioner's name per 7/3 by
10/10/96 Rs 738 2/3 per 3/5 by
11/10/96 Rs 738 2/3 per 3/5 by
12/10/96 Rs 738 2/3 per 3/5 by
13/10/96 Rs 738 2/3 per 3/5 by

tapping cases to have
been made out by the
peon who gave the infor-
-mation and the statements
taken by the Inspector from
the co-peons of his party,
renters and tappers are
all enclosed in Board's
appeal printed petition.

6. Though the petitioners
explained all the matters
in connection with this
case in the printed
appeal petition submitted
to the Board exhibiting
all the documents with
the following grounds:-

i. Not taking explanation
from the petitioners for the alleged
corrections in records, which
is opposed to Govt. orders.
ii. Nature of information given
by peon he bbs who was
admitted in bad terms
with him and who was
also punished on his reports.

iii. Perfunctory way of enquiring
Conducted by the Inspector
And not calling upon Hobbs
to explain the different points
touched by the petitions,
though he was present at
the time of enquiring.

iv. Peron's failure to give
information either to his
Petty officers or to the sub-
Inspector or to the Inspector
at the time when he met
him two days before the
detection of these cases,
though the Inspector paraded
and passed those villages.

v. The same person having
been taken as orderly by the
Inspector and allowing him
to be conversant with the
records in question so that
he might do whatever he
pleased.

vi. Peron Hobbs having received
the money and T.T. 6
Application from the renter
Sobbaramias Pillai

With para 4 of my letter No. 2013
of the 27.10.56.

For very first reason! If the
Inspector has given to the sub-
or Petty Officer, I am sure that
Cases would have been known
longer ago.

With para 8 & 9
of my letter No. 2013
of 27.10.56

Chief Captain's file which was
With also my letter No. 2013

Encl.

The sub-Inspector (petition) &
Petty Officer have both
recommended for punishment.
I am not aware of the
punishment he had
to the latter, as I left the
Case almost immediately
after the detection.

The punishment of
the Petty Officer and his men
concerned in the case had
been held over till the result
of the S.D.'s appeal petition
to the Board was known.
They have been punished
since as follows:

P.O. 126 reduced
Peron 430 dismissed
— 663 reduced
— 438 & 428 dismissed
P.O. 1014/97
and comm.

Sobbaramias Pillai and having
kept them without informing
to anybody vide Exhibit
E to printed appeal
petition submitted to the
Board.

vii. The cases having been
detected nearly at the
backyards of the Petty
Officers and his men
and not holding them
responsible and not
punishing them though
the Inspector has said
in his report that the
Petty Officer is more to
be blamed vide Exhibit
F to the printed appeal
petition submitted to the
Board.

viii. Statements of renter,
tappers and the persons
who patrolled with person
Hobbs

no 660 alone section,
 vide Exhibit B to I in
 printed Appeal petition
 submitted to the Board
 ix. The fact that I was
 engaged with the Inspector
 previous to the date of
 detection of these cases
 vide Exhibit C in printed
 Appeal petition,
 the petitioner's case
 was unfavorably disposed
 of without any inquiry.

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 This is by way, also, the
 petition for balance due
 by the No. 738, para 11,
 25-6-96
 & refers to a para 5 of the
 letter by 2013
 7-1-11
 May 1911

I should say, the petition
 has been ^{long} lying for 87.
 with no redirection.

7. The petitioner is a
 man of long service nearly
 15 years and he got
 this promotion after
 an hard work of 9 years.
 He earnestly requests your
 Excellency to have a
 perusal over the records
 as well as over the printed
 Appeal petition submitted
 to

to the Board with all its
 enclosures and to protect
 the poor petitioners by
 cancelling the order of
 reduction & that the
 humble petitioner begs
 to remain your Excellency's
 humble & obedient servant.

S. V. Muttucum
 262 J. P. P. P.
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February 26, 1897

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Salt, Akkari And Customs
Dep't

From

S. Venkatasama Aiyar
Sub Inspector of salt
Akkari & Customs Revenue
Moxekulam circle.

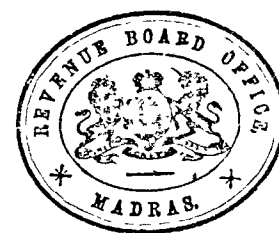
To

His Excellency
The Governor in Council
of Madras Presidency

Dated February 26
Opp'd ——— } 1897
Rec'd

Enclosures Two

Submitting his appeal
petition in the order of
reduction.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 9th May 1897.

His No. 1891

Read letter from the Deputy Commissioner,
Southern Division No. 1788 dated 16th April 1897,
submitting an appeal petition presented by
Sub Inspector S. Venkatasama Aiyar against the
orders of the Board declining to interfere on his
behalf.

Resolution.

The appeal petition received with the letter
read above will be submitted to Government.

2. The facts of the case are that on the
26th of February 1896, the Inspector, Tirunelveli
Circle received information that cases of illicit
tapping were rife in certain localities of
the Adachani Range of which the appellant
was then in charge. He accordingly proceeded
to

to the localities indicated, on the morning of the 27th February and detected 9 illicit tapping cases involving 55 trees two of which cases involving 15 trees were detected in the very hope where the Sub Inspector had marked trees only the previous evening and the remaining 7 in a village which had been patrolled by the Sub Inspector on the 21st February i.e. 6 days before. As this could only have occurred owing to the appellant having neglected his patrol work most grossly or more probably through connivance on his part, the Deputy Commissioner reduced him from the IVth to the Vth grade of Sub Inspectors and the Board declined to interfere on the appellant's behalf. It is against the Board's order that the present appeal to Government is made.

3. The conveyed records are enclosed
(True extract)

To
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (with petition and enclosure)
(to be returned)
14-5-97

An appeal from a reduced
Salt Sub-Inspector.

Secy, with ref. to the 4th Mr.
Bliss's recent O.O.

11/6/1896
11/6/1896

CNo 4228 of 1897

For orders.

With the above Current, the Board of Revenue submits a second appeal from one S. Venkatarain Aiyar a salt sub-inspector, who was reduced by the Dy. Comr. Southern Division, from the 4th to the 5th grade for (1) having connived at the illicit tapping of palmyra trees in the Adachani Range, Tinnevely Circle, (2) given a false explanation of his conduct in connection therewith and (3) tampered with the records in order to suit his defence.

The facts of the case are as follows:— On the 26th February 1896, the Inspector of Salt and Ab. Kari Revenue, Tinnevely Circle, received information from a first grade peon, named Pichai Pillai, to the effect that several trees were being illicitly tapped.

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tapped in the villages of Keela Kadayam and Therka. Madathur in the pet's range. Thereupon, he proceeded to those villages with the Sub. Inspector of Tenkasi, and detected on the morning of the next day i.e. the 27th idem, nine cases of illicit tapping involving fifty-trees. All the nine accused were tried and convicted by the Tahsildar Magistrate of Ambasamudram.

On the 22nd March 1896, the Inspector called upon the pet and as well as the petty officers of the range, to submit explanations for their failure to bring to light the illicit tapping detected by the Inspector himself on the 27th Feb^y. The pet furnished an explanation on the 22nd April 1896, in which he alleged that as from the 19th to the 25th Feb^y he was engaged with the Inspector and attended arack sales.

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Statement in file
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Sales, and as from on the 25th & 26th he was occupied solely with the marking of trees, he was unable to detect the cases himself,

(2) that the peon, Pichai Pillai who had a grudge against him, had during his absence induced the tappers to tap the trees for toddy, saying that licenses to mark them had been received from the Circle Office, and

(3) that it was no doubt true that licenses to mark the trees illicitly tapped had been previously applied for by the parties.

In support of his second allegation, the pet forwarded the statements which he took from some peons, renters and tappers, who said that it was under Pichai Pillai's instigation that the trees were tapped.

The petty officer also gave an explanation on the 31st March 1896 saying

Saying

saying that he found no case of illicit tapping during his patrol and insinuating that the petr must have had some knowledge inasmuch as two of the cases involving fifteen trees were detected in the very tope in which the petr had marked trees the previous day.

The Inspector ~~and~~ forwarded the two explanations to the Assistant Comr on the ^{first} 15th May 1896, with the remark that they were both unsatisfactory and with the recommendation that the petr might be awarded a black mark and the petty officer reduced to a first grade Daffadarship for three months. The Asstt. Comr however, not satisfied with the meagre information furnished by the Inspector in the case, directed the latter, ^{on the 8th June 1896} to make a thorough inquiry and to submit a full report in detail. The Inspector thereupon, examined the peons, renters & tappers who had previously made statements before.

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Para 77
F.
This is the actual
writing found as
it is apparently
satisfactory
proved against
the man
1896

Nothing is conclusive
as to this plea, I think
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before the petr, and submitted a report on the 25th June 1896. Therein, it was pointed out that the petr's explanation that the trees illicitly tapped had been previously applied for was not true, that the petr had altered the name of the village and the numbers of the Survey fields given in one of the tree tapping applications, without the permission of the higher authorities, in order to suit his defence, that it was not probable that the tappers would have believed Pichai Pillai to such an extent as to tap fifty-five trees at the outset if they had not been in the habit of so doing, and that, curiously enough, ~~that~~ not a word was mentioned of the permission alleged to have been given by Pichai Pillai, either to the Inspector who was on the spot detecting the cases or to the magistrate who subsequently tried and convicted the tappers.

The Asstt. Comr fully endorsed

the Inspector's views and in reporting the matter to the Dy: Comr. made the following observation:— "If P. P. Pillai (Pichai Pillai) had instigated the tappers to tap trees illicitly for toddy as alleged by the Sub. Inspector (the petr) would the tappers venture to do so without the connivance of the Sub.

Inspector (the petr) especially as they were almost certain to be caught red-handed by the Sub. Inspector when he came to inspect or mark fresh trees? From a perusal of the Inspector's report... it will be seen that the Sub. Inspector was conniving at the offences brought to light by the Inspector. This conclusion is further strengthened by the fact that the Sub. Inspector was even bold enough to make deliberate & unauthorized alterations in the 7.7.6 applications and licences to suit his own defence. This fact

fact he did not even report to the Inspector but was found out by the asst. ~~shop~~ Inspector... For this offence alone, irrespective of the illicit tapping case against him the Sub. Inspector is liable to be severely dealt with."

The Dy: Comr. thereupon reduced the petr from the 4th to the 3rd grade.

The petr preferred an appeal to the Board of Revenue against the Dy: Comr's order and being unsuccessful, now comes up to Govt. Attention is invited to the Inspector's marginal remarks on the petition, from which it will be seen that some of the allegations made by the petr ^{are} false. The Inspector says that the 'petitioner' was fortunate in having got off with only reduction. The central facts of the case against the petr is that two of the illicit tapping cases involving fifteen trees were

16/6/7.