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Revenue (1857) Department.

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G.O., No. 2355-56

DATED 2nd June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the concurrence of the Govt. of India for the grant of a pension to the family of the late Jamsetji Nasarwanji Petit Superintendent in the Telt, Abkaree & Customs Dept.

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Revenue (189) Department.

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From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.

Order

His. No. 985.

Dated 12th March 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting Government with remarks to move the Government of India for the grant of a gratuity of Rs.270 to the Widow and children of late Sub-Inspector P.Samia Pillai of the Sankaridrug range of the Namakkal Circle as a special case.

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To **The Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.**

The humble Petition of Mathoo Ammah widow of the late P. Samia Pillai, Sub-Inspector of Salt Abkari and Customs Revenue, Sankaridrug Range, Arcot Sub-Division.

SHEWETH,

2. That the petitioner's husband died on the 9th October 1897 having served in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department as Sub-Inspector, for a period of about ten years. Though the immediate cause of his death is still unknown yet it may be said to his credit that it was his extreme watchfulness and unflinching devotion to duty which brought him to an untimely death, for it was while on circuit and when attending to his duties as Sub-Inspector at Trichengode (which is seven miles distant from his head-quarters) that he passed away without any of those near and dear to him by his side while in his agony. Not unfrequently did he sacrifice home comforts and even the bare necessaries of life for the performance of duty. As a matter of fact his circuits were so frequent, and his attention to duties abroad occupied so much of his time, that his visits to his own home—to his wife and children—were but few and far between. Even the news of his death reached the petitioner several hours after his expiry.

3. That the said Samia Pillai leaves behind him a wife, three children—all of them very young (under 5 years) and an aged mother all of whom at present have none to support them or even to care for. The deceased has not left property or money to inherit, he himself not having had any in his life time except his own earnings which were barely sufficient to meet the wants of himself and his growing family. The petitioner is therefore, under the existing circumstances, reduced to utter beggary and is suffering from extreme poverty and starvation. She considers her state rendered the more deplorable as she hopes for no alleviation of her sufferings from any of her husband's relation, all of whom without a single exception are non-christians and cannot therefore be expected to sympathise with the deceased who was a recent convert to Christianity.

4. That during the period that the petitioner's husband served under the Government he fulfilled his duties most faithfully rendering every satisfaction to his superiors. The petitioner respectfully begs to invite the Commissioner's attention to the enclosed copy of application for promotion made by the deceased to the Assistant Commissioner of his division, which will give a fair idea of his detective ability, his unremitting energy and his prompt attention to duty. The petitioner further begs to state that in appreciation of the merits of her deceased husband the Assistant Commissioner received favourably his application and promoted him to a higher grade. But his days were numbered and he was not spared to reap the fruit of his labours, not even to have the satisfaction of knowing that his labours were rewarded; for the order for promotion was received just a day after his death. As regards the good behaviour and the irreproachable conduct of the deceased the official records will better attest to them than anything which the petitioner may assert.

5. That, in conclusion, the petitioner humbly prays that taking into account the circumstances of her husband's death and the helpless state of his family the Commissioner may be pleased to obtain for the petitioner in her present sad bereave-

ment and distress, a gratuity or pension for the maintenance of herself and her starving children who join their cries with their mother in sending forth this sorrowful appeal.

Tanjore, 20th November, 1897.

Sankridrug Range, dated 7th Sept. 1897.

From P. SAMIA PILLAI, 5th Grade Sub-INSPECTOR OF *Salt Abkari and Customs Revnue,* *SANKARIDRUG RANGE.*

To The ASSISTANT COMMISSONER OF *Salt Abkari and Customs Revnue,* *ARCOT SUB-DIVISION.*

Through The INSPECTOR OF SALT ABKARI AND *Customs Revnue,* *NAMAKAL CIRCLE.*

Most Honored Sir,

Referring to your honor's footnote No. 2687 communicating Deputy Commissioner's Proceedings dated 8th August last and in consideration of my most pitiable case and the present critical moment, I most submissively and respectfully crave permission to represent the following few lines for your honor's benign consideration and support.

2. I have been in this range for 1 year and 9 months during which period, I detected 22 *Illicit Distillation* and 178 *Illicit tapping cases*, as will be seen from the statement annexed below, whereas the existence of Illicit Distillation cases, was never brought to light owing to much difficulty in the way of detection—before I took charge of this range. None of the cases hitherto tried was acquitted.

Year.	Illicit Distillation	Illicit Tapping.	Other Offences	Total.
1896 (whole year.)	7	94	4	105
1897 (up to 7th September 1897	15	84	3	102
	22	178	7	207

3. The results of detection of the Illicit Distillation cases may be seen from the annexed statement shewing a remarkable and continual increase in the arrack shop rents of the last and the current year over that of the year previous to the last.

Year.	Rental of Arrack Spops.			Increase in rental over that of 1895-96			Remarks.
	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	
1895-96	378	0	0				
1896-97	813	0	0	435	0	0	
1897-98	996	0	0	618	0	0	

4. The effect of detection of the illicit tapping cases and my exertions and endeavours for procuring increase at the toddy sales is also clearly seen from the remarkable *increase of Rs.* 882 *obtained in my range* at the recent sale over the

rental of the current toddy year, *in spite of the heavy loss of Rs.* 3048 *sustained in the other* 2 *ranges* of the taluk, owing to very unfavourable season.

Year.	Rental of Toddy Shops.			Increase over the rental of 1896-97			Remarks.
	Rs.	A.	P	Rs.	A.	P.	
1896-97	6012	0	0				
1897-98	6894	0	0	. 882	0	0	

5. I further beg to submit that as will be seen from the annexed statement there has been a substantial increase in tree-tax in 1895-96 and 1896-97 over that of 1894-95.

Year.	Tree-tax.			Increase in tree-rax over that of 1894-95.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A	P
1894-95...	6490	0	0			
1895-96..	7102	0	0	... 612	0	0
1896-97..	7976	4	0	..1486	4	0

6. During the last inspection of my range, your honor was quite pleased with my work and also my knowledge of drill, which fact is borne out from your honor's remarks.

7. My service in the present grade is 4 *years and* 3 *months* and my total service in the Department is nearly 10 *years*.

8. I possess a clear defaulter sheet throughout my service.

9. I humbly and earnestly pray that your honor will be graciously pleased to get my work, duly rewarded, as your honor may deem proper.

I beg to remain,
Most Honored Sir,
Your Honor's Most Obedient and Humble Servant,
P. SAMIA PILLAI,
Sub-Inspector,
Sankaridrug Range.

9th July 1897.

Address

Mathamma, c/o Soroonam Pillai,
Alagikulam, Kiroi Karai Street,
Tanjore

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Commissioner in case
he considers that Mr. Ter.
vices of the deceased Sub
Inspector should receive
some recognition from Govt.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 18th March 189 3.

No. 935.

Read petition of Pathoo Ammal widow of the late P.Samia Pillai,Sub Inspector of Salt,Abkari and Customs Revenue,Sankarankoil Range,Arcot Sub Division,dated 9th July 1897,praying that the Commissioner may be pleased to obtain for the petitioner a gratuity or pension for the maintenance of herself and her starving children and Board's reference thereon dated 6th December 1897,referring to the Deputy Commissioner Central Division for very early report petition of Pathoo Ammah widow of the late P.Samia Pillai,Sub Inspector,Sankarankoil Range,Salem Circle praying for the grant of a gratuity or a pension to her on account of her husband's services to the State.

Read also letter from the Deputy Commissioner,Central Division No.7186,dated 11th December 1897,reporting that in his opinion the services of deceased Sub-Inspector P.Samia Pillai do deserve special recognition at the hands of Government and Board's reference thereon dated 6th January 1898,directing the Inspector,Tanjore Circle,to report on the circumstances in which the widow and children of late Sub-Inspector P.Samia Pillai of the Tanjore Circle,now residing at Tanjore,are left.

Read also letter from the Inspector,Tanjore Circle No. 65 of 98,dated 21st January 1898,reporting on the circumstances in which the widow and children of late Sub-Inspector,

Sub-Inspector Sesha Pillai of Tanjore Circle are left in Tanjore town.

Resolution.

The Board requests that Government will be pleased to move the Government of India, under Article 737-A, of the Civil Service Regulations, of a gratuity of Rs.270 to Muthammal, widow of the late Sub-Inspector P.Sesha Pillai of the Salt Department range in the Mannargudi Circle as a special case. She petitioned the Board in November last that, on account of the exceptional services rendered to Government by her husband, and of her own destitute condition, she might be granted a gratuity or pension for the maintenance of herself and three children. The Inspector of the Tanjore Circle in which she is residing, was directed to make enquiries into and report on, the truth of her statements. He now reports that they are quite true. Petitioner's husband was, at the time of his death in October 1907, a fifth grade Sub-Inspector on Rs.50 per mensem and had put in a service of nearly ten years. His service in the grade of Sub-Inspector alone was four years and three months. During a period of one year and nine months for which he held charge of the Sundarapuram range of the Mannargudi Circle, he displayed conspicuous detective ability and detected no less than 29 illicit distillation and 173 illicit burning cases besides 7 of minor offences against the Abkari Law. The result was an increase of Rs.165 and Rs.332 in the arrack and toddy shop rentals for the year 1907-08 over those of the preceding year and an increase of Rs.374 in the three tar of the range for the year 1906-07 over that of 1905-06, although, owing to the state of the season, Government sustained a loss of Rs.5043 in the salt rentals for 1907-08 in the other two ranges of the Tiruchendur Taluk. Deputy Commissioner who was in the range shortly after the Sub-Inspector's death, made enquiries and reports that the deceased bore a good character, and did excellent work in connection with the detection of cases of illicit distillation, and that the fever which ended in his death resulted from exposure while engaged in the detection of such cases. Just a month before his death, he put in an application for promotion to the next higher grade and this he would have received had he lived. The deceased having left no property, his widow, mother and three children are reported

that the present case is one eminently deserving of some special recognition at the hands of Government and that it comes within the spirit, if not, the strict letter of Article 768 of the Civil Service Regulations, and recommends that a gratuity of Rs.270 be granted to the widow and children of the deceased Sub-Inspector. The original petition is submitted herewith -- for reference.

2. If the Board's recommendation is accepted an application in the form prescribed in Articles 797 and 798 of the Civil Service Regulations will be submitted for sanction.

(True extract)

Asst. Secretary.

Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with 1 enclosure through the Accountant-General, Madras.

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No. J.A.E
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Fort Saint George
Accountant Genl's office
31st March 1898.

Submitted to Government.

Article 782 of the Civil Service Regulations says down that a wound or extraordinary pension or gratuity can be granted only when injury or death is met in the performance of a duty which is attended with extraordinary bodily risk, while no claim can be recognized on account of loss of life or bodily injury resulting from an ordinary accident. In the present case there is nothing to prove that Samia Pillai died while in the execution of public duty. On the contrary he is reported to have died of fever. The petitioner's claim to an extraordinary family pension or gratuity cannot therefore be admitted under that article.

Attention is also invited to Article 386 of the Civil Service Regulations and the remarks of the Secretary of State published as Notes 1 and 2 under that Article.

The Board of Revenue however recommends that a special representation may be made to the Government of India under Article 787 A of the Civil Service Regulations. In the circumstances of the case, it is for Govt. to decide whether the recommendation should be acceded to.

J. Adamson
Accountant General

To The Secretary to Government,

I think we might say: Petition be rejected and that there is not proper reason for saving of essential importance of the Abkari revenue that every man's life if they do their duty properly — and in some cases a risk of some risk presumably there must be. Sometimes & at least one incident in the performance of duty — but they will have a good effect of occasionally stretch a point in favour of a family left destitute.

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B.P. Misc No 983 of 12.8.98
(C. No 2612)

To Secy:

A Sub-Inspector of the Salt, Abkari and Customs dept. named Samiah Pillai, who "displayed conspicuous detective ability" and brought about some increase of abkari revenue in his range, died of fever which "resulted from exposure while engaged in the detection" of illicit distillation cases. The Board of Revenue considers the case to be one eminently deserving of some special recognition at the hands of Govt. and recommends the grant of a gratuity of Rs 270, the Sub-Inspector having a pensionable service of nine years and his pay being Rs 30 a month.

2. The Board considers that the case falls within the spirit, if not the strict letter of Art 782 of the C.S.R; but the Accountant General points out that a claim to pension or gratuity cannot be admitted, as the Sub-Inspector di

died not meet with death "in
"the performance of a duty which
"is attended with extraordinary
"bodily risk". Art 787 A empowers
the Govt of India to grant gratuities
to the families of "officers dying
"or killed in the execution of
"public duties in circumstances
"which do not fall strictly
"within the conditions of Art 782".
But to bring the case under this
Article it is necessary to make
out that the Sub-Inspector
died in the execution of public
Duties. The question for consideration
is whether his death from fever
may be regarded as ~~exactly~~ death
in the execution of public duties.

KD
19/4/98

Hy.
I fear the case
cannot be brought under
Art. SJ 25/4/98

a draft order put up below.
and letter to India

Abstraction is due to non-presence
of Indian paper pursuant to

Rec'd Pub: No. 9837 12th May 98

C.C. Genl: Pub. 2355 of 22nd June 98.

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To
The Board of Rev. (S.B.) Pub 4/6/98
Letter Pub. 2356.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Dept. of Fin. & Com.

Sir,

I am directed to submit
the following case for the
favourable consideration and
orders of the Govt of India:-

2. One Samiah Pillai, a
Sub-Inspector in the Salt, Abkari
& Customs Deptt died on 9th October
1897 of fever caused by exposure
while engaged in the detection
of cases of illicit distillation.
The Board of Revenue on behalf
of his widow, mother & three
children, who are in destitute
circumstances, submits an

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the Collector for a gratuity of Rs 270 in consideration of the fact that the Subscriptor had a pensionable service of nineteen years and his pay at the time of his decease was Rs 30 per mensem. The Board of Revenue states that the deceased since a portion of the duties, thanks did execution and brought about an increase of Rs 1000 per annum in the collection of cases of illicit distillation and brought about a considerable increase of Abkari revenue during the period of charge and nine months during which the Salt and Sea Customs Department of the Madras Presidency, of the Board would have obtained promotion to a higher grade. For these reasons, it is of opinion, that the case is one deserving of special treatment.

3. The Govt. is aware that the case does not fall within the strict letter of Article 782 of the Civil Service Regulations, but Sub-Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari & Customs Department perform essential importance to the Abkari revenue and lead

(vide the papers under G.O. 990 Revenue) 24-10-97

a secluded life removed from society, and have no opportunity for making provision for their families. In many cases the Subscriptor has been obliged to borrow money to meet the expenses of his duty and the Board of Revenue states that the Subscriptor had

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