

Revenue (1899) Department.

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~~MISCELLANEOUS~~ SERIES.

G.O., No. 340

DATED 1<sup>st</sup> March.

To be shown with  
L.P. 288 Rev'd. 20.5.98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to interfere with the  
order of the Deputy Commr. of Salt and Abkari  
Revenue, South division, upheld by the B<sup>d</sup>,  
suspending Petty Officer Angamulth Pillai  
for two years in connection with the  
Negupatam Treasury theft case.

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# Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. /37/

Sp 1/1/99

Repetition (duplicate) from  
Angamuthu Pillai d. 18.1.99 (cm. 69/199).  
Read also Sp. Mis. No. 715 Sep. Rev. D.  
19.2.99. (cm. 137/199).

From

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

Order R. No. 340 7/12 March 99.

The Govt. declines  
to interfere.

Mis. No. 6715.

Dated 19th February 1899.

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" " B. of Rev., Sep. Rev. with encls

Note

The Public order adding to  
the Petition rules a clause dis-  
allowing <sup>second</sup> appeals to Govt. from  
public servants on a salary  
not exceeding Rs. 50 a month  
has issued - vide G.O. 199 Public.  
d. 17.2.99 flagged B. The pre-  
sent petn. was received  
before the issue of the Public  
Order, and need not therefore

# SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks,  
petition from Angamuthu Pillai, Petty Of-  
ficer, Salt, Abkari and Customs Department  
appealing against Board's order confirm-  
ing the order of the Deputy Commissioner,  
Southern Division, suspending him for two  
years in connection with the Negapatam  
treasury theft case.

This makes  
no difference. The  
Order applies to all appeals  
under the Act

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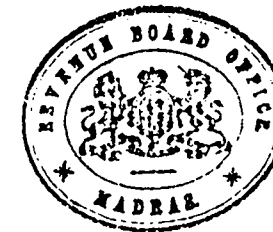
be rejected under the newly added rule

On the merits, it is submitted, there appear no grounds for interference in the pet's behalf. As pointed out by the Board in paragraph 3 (sub-para 4) of its Procs. (Cm. 1371/99), the Govt. has already held that the appellant connived at the theft.

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## Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 19th February 1899.  
Mis. No. 715.

Read letter from Bryce Mc.Master Esquire, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, No. 546, dated 29th January 1899, submitting the appeal petition of Angamuthu Pillai, Petty Officer of the Negapatam Circle.

### Resolution.

The petition received with the letter read above is submitted to Government.

2. The circumstances under which Angamuthu Pillai, Second grade Duffadar No. 149 of the Negapatam Circle (the appellant) was suspended for two years with effect from 7th April 1897 by the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division were as follows

3. The appellant was the guard Petty Officer on the night of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th April 1897 at the Negapatam factory where a theft of Rs. 5,000 from the Salt Treasury was noticed on the morning of the 5th idem final orders in regard to which were passed in Government Order No. 288, Revenue, dated 20th

May 1898. On 7th April 1897, Inspector Mr. Hawkins took down

statements from the appellant and other peons of the treasury guard in connection with the theft case and placed the appellant under suspension until further orders on the ground that he had been in charge of the Treasury guard from 2nd to 4th April 1897.

During the Assistant Commissioner's enquiry into the theft case he observed that the appellant's complicity in the theft seemed to be beyond doubt and that he was the first to throw suspicion upon Mr. Hawkins. On 6th May 1897, he therefore recommended to the Deputy Commissioner that the appellant should remain under suspension till final orders in the theft case were passed and the Deputy Commissioner approved of the Assistant Commissioner's proposal. The following extracts from the Board's Proceedings and Government order embodied in Government Order No. 288, dated 20th May 1898, will show how far the appellant is implicated in the theft case:-

(1) "The Police prompted apparently by the Treasury guard arrived at an unwarranted and hasty conclusion that Mr. Hawkins was the thief himself and have, the Board fears, thrown away all chances of detecting the real culprit by following up this idea" (Para 1 of Board's Proceedings Mis. No. 3558, dated 17th August 1897)

(2) "The theory that Mr. Hawkins was the thief was first started by the Petty Officer of the guard, whose complicity in the theft seems to be beyond doubt, and who promptly accused the Inspector as soon as what had occurred was discovered" (Para 1 of Board's Proceedings Mis. No. 3558, dated 17th August 1897).

(3) "It appears to the Board that complicity with the guard must have existed and that one Petty Officer and some peons are probably implicated" (Para 3 of Board's Proceedings Mis. No. 3558, dated 17th August 1897).

(4) "The one thing that seems clear to the Government is that, as observed by the Board itself on paragraph 3 of its Resolution, the guard connived at the theft". (Para 2 of Government Order Mis. No. 5250, Revenue, dated 8th October 1897).

4. On receipt of the final orders in the theft case, the Deputy Commissioner observed that there was not sufficient evidence as to the appellant's complicity in the theft to warrant his dismissal but found him guilty and suspended him for two years with effect from 7th April 1897, the date on which he was placed under suspension by Mr. Hawkins, on the specific charge of "gross neglect of duty in failing to see the office closed and the door locked on Sunday, 4th April 1897, by which neglect it is possible that a robbery was effected and a sum of Rs. 5,000 stolen, the property of Government."

It will be observed that the appellant in his statement before the Assistant Commissioner has admitted that it was his duty as guard Petty Officer to see the office doors locked before he went to sleep and that he failed to do so on the night of Sunday the 4th April 1897.

5. Against the above orders of the Deputy Commissioner the appellant preferred an appeal to the Board and it declined to interfere with the Deputy Commissioner's orders. The

A translation of the appellant's statement is attached to the file.

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appellant has now submitted to Government a copy of his petition to the Board.

6. The Board's doubt is whether it did not err in retaining the services of any individual on guard duty during the three nights in question. Tenderness for individual interests in cases of the sort is bound to produce the laxity or active misconduct which ends in Government being the sole sufferer.

(True extract)

C. J. Altham  
Acting Secretary.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

with a petition and its enclosures and a copy of Board's

Proceedings No. 1161, dated 26th April 1897 and

(statements taken from Angamuthu Pillai by Assist-

ant Commissioner and Inspector and the Deputy Com-

missioner's No. C. 71, dated 6th May 1897 in original for reference and return).

Original

PETITION

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REVENUE DEPT.

His Excellency the Governor in Council  
Fort St. George  
Through The proper Channel. Madras

The humble memorial of Angamuthu  
Pillai, Duffadar No 149, Salt & Akbari Dept., now  
under suspension residing at Hegapatam,  
in Tanjore District.

May it please Your Excellency in Council,

I, the petitioner abovenamed, most respectfully beg to approach your Excellency with this my humble memorial in the and hope that my unfortunate case will receive due consideration and that justice will not be denied to me.

2. On 12.9.98 Order No. 3465 dated 26.8.98 from the Dy. Commissioner of Salt & Akbari Revenue, Southern Division, stating that punishment of two years' suspension was passed on me for gross neglect of duty in failing to see the Salt Inspector's office closed and the door locked on Sunday 4th April 1897.

3. I respectfully submitted my appeal against this order to the Board.

of Revenue, but they don't seem disposed to consider my case and declined to interfere with the Dy. Commissioner's order, <sup>in its Proceedings</sup> B. P. No. 459 of 19.11.97 mi: enclosed.

4. It is against this Board's Proceedings I now beg permission to appeal.

5. The Board had already formed an one-sided opinion against me, probably therefore did not give due consideration to my humble representation in my appeal to them, as far back as August 1897 they say in their Proceedings No. 3558 <sup>17.8.97</sup> that petitioner's complicity in the theft at the Salt Treasury Negapatnam Factory seems to be beyond doubt. This is a gratuitous presumption and quite an unmerited one.

6. A printed copy of my humble appeal to the Board is herewith submitted. A perusal of the same will convince Your Excellency in Council, <sup>that</sup> innocent as I have been, I have been very unjustly & cruelly treated.

I therefore, respectfully solicit that the abovesaid printed copy may be perused and justice rendered to me by directing that the order of two years suspension passed on me be cancelled, for which act of kindness I shall as in duty bound ever be

Negapatnam,  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1898

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# Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 26th April 1897.

Mis. No. 1611

## Resolution:-

The Board regrets to find that though three weeks have elapsed since the Negapatam salt Treasury was broken into no information whatever has been obtained as to who its perpetrators were. It feels certain that the factory establishment known more about it than it has divulged. This factory has long been notorious for dishonesty and the Board thinks it necessary that a complete change should be made in the establishment which should be broken up and distributed over other Sub-Divisions if no good clue is discovered before the 5th May. The Deputy Commissioner is therefore requested to make the necessary arrangements for its gradual dispersion. No one employed there at the commencement of the current month under the rank of Sub-Inspector must be in the Circle at the end of the current calendar year without the special sanction of the Board. The Deputy Commissioner should commence to carry out this order as soon as the prescribed date is passed so that this change may be effected gradually.

(True Extract)

(Signed) Edmund Millett

Assistant Secretary.

To the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division.  
Copy to the Assistant Commissioner, Negapatam Sub Division.

Inspector Negapatam (True copy)

Acting Secretary.

22-2-98.

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# Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 691

Order

From

Angamuthu Pillai -  
late Duffadar. Salt Dept.  
Negapatam -  
Tanjore.

No. -

Dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 1899

Received 21<sup>st</sup> .. ..

Registered 27<sup>th</sup> .. ..

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting a reply to Endorsement No: 44 R, dt 10<sup>th</sup> January 1899 on his petition dt 16<sup>th</sup> December 1898 praying that the order of suspending him for 2 years maybe cancelled.

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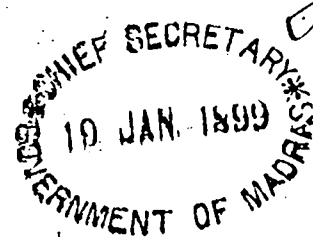
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His Excellency the Governor in Council  
Fort. St. George  
Madras.

The humble memorial of Arumuttu Pillai,  
Dubbadar No. 149, Salt & Alkali Department  
now under suspension residing at Nagapattam  
near Salt Barracks in Tanjore District.

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Memorandum

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in Devanagari script, likely a memorandum or official report.]*

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Nagapalan 3.  
16 Dec 98

H. S. B. S.  
149th Street