

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4526

DATED 19th November 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Govt. sees no reason
~~to interfere~~ in the matter of the reduction
of C. V. Srinivasa Chari, late Rev. Inspector,
S. Arcot, to the post of quastah.

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REVENUE

Financial (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 7313

From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras

Order No. 4526 of 19th Nov 1898

No. 172(Pet)Ref.

The Government sees
no reason to interfere on the
petitioner's behalf.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. memorial
from C.V. Srinivasa chari, late Revenue Inspector, Chinna Salen, Kallakur-
chi Taluk, S. Arcot District appealing
against his reduction to the post
of gumastah.

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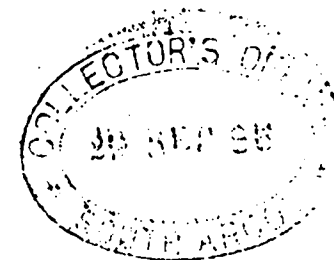
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To

HIS EXCELLENCY
SIR ARTHUR E. HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.,
GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL OF THE PRESIDENCY OF
FORT SAINT GEORGE
MADRAS.



The humble Memorial of C. V. SRINIVASA
CHARI, late Revenue Inspector of
Chinna Salem, Kallakurchi Taluk,
(now on Furlough) South Arcot
District.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH AS FOLLOWS,

Exhibit A. The memorialist was reduced from the post of 2nd Grade Revenue Inspector on Rs. 35 to that of taluk gumastah on Rs. 20 by the order of the Collector of South Arcot, dated 6th November 1897.

Exhibit B. 2. Against the above order the memorialist appealed to the Honorable Board, which declined to interfere with the same. Vide B. P. Mis. No. 238 dated 31st January 1898.

Exhibit C. 3. The memorialist applied to the Honorable Board for a reconsideration of its order referred to above. This Petition is herein enclosed. It will be seen from it that a Review was urged, as the memorialist's case was not to his great misfortune been minutely gone through and due justice rendered to him. Unfortunately again, u
Exhibit D. the Honorable Board declined to interfere with its original order. Vide B. P. Mis. No. 1363 dated 25th May 1898.

4. The memorialist now appeals to Your Excellency as a last resort fully trusting that his appeal may receive Your Excellency's most favorable consideration and justice rendered to him.

Exhibit E. 5. The memorialist had an unblemished service of 18½ years 6 of which being in the grade of a 2nd class Revenue Inspector. He has all along maintained a character for honesty and efficiency as will be evidenced from the testimonials herein enclosed.

6. The memorialist has been made a victim of a base conspiracy formed in the year 1895. The memorialist's hard and honest work irritated Subbaramier, an intriguing Karnam of Chinna Salem. He plotted against the memorialist. An improper assistance would appear to have been given to this plot by Mr. C. Coopu-samier, the then Tahsildar, and a thick friend of the above said Karnam Subbaramier. This Tahsildar, will be graciously noticed, is the very person who was reduced from third grade Tahsildary at Trichinopoly to 4th grade in South Arcot, and thence

again to 5th grade in Salem. As regards this conspiracy the very words of the Deputy Collector, Mr. R. Sunderasa Mudaliar, are quoted below for Your Excellency's easy reference.

"Taking into consideration the attitude of the karnam of Chinna Salem, Subbaramier, against the Revenue Inspector (the memorialist) (Vide also charge No. I (4) *supra*) and the fact that the Petitioner (Ramasamier) got the bid-list in this case from the Monigar of Chinna Salem, who is a close relation of the highest bidder, Monigar of Olagianallur at the auction, presented a petition some 17 months after date of sale, and has admittedly relied much on Subbaramier, karnam of Chinna Salem, for substantiating the charge, I am of opinion that the whole plot against the Revenue Inspector (the memorialist) was laid by the intriguing karnam Subbaramier with a view to bring about the ruin of his official superior and the motive for such a deep-laid conspiracy is to be found in the karnam's report to the Tahsildar, dated 29th May 1895, which the then Tahsildar M. R. Ry. Kuppusamier most improperly treated as confidential and wherein the karnam has expressed it as his opinion that the Revenue Inspector (the memorialist) was chiefly instrumental in bringing about his removal from office."

Exhibit F. 7. The memorialist had one day to report to the Tahsildar, Mr. Coopusamier, against the said karnam, Subbaramier, of Chinna Salem for his insubordination and misconduct in the course of his duty. Thereon, the karnam was dismissed by the then Deputy Collector Mr. P. Rajarathnam Mudaliar in his order dated 27th April 1895.

Exhibit G. 8. This karnam lost his office on the 28th May 1895. A complaint was lodged before the Tahsildar on the very next day, viz, 29th May 1895 accusing the memorialist to have misappropriated Rs. 1-8-0, and to have delayed the remittance of Rs. 12-2-0 being the sale proceeds of Poramboke trees sold in auction in Chinna Salem Village.

9. The memorialist had not given any room to the Tahsildar for being dissatisfied with him. Yet to avenge him for his action taken against the said karnam the said Tahsildar had resolved to lead a crusade against him. The Tahsildar knew that a simple report against the memorialist on the karnam's complaint would end in nothing. He thought therefore that a report of hitch in the work of the memorialist, if superadded, would alone seal his fate. On the pretext of making a confidential enquiry into the karnam's complaint dated 29th May 1895, (but never was such an inquiry made) the Tahsildar kept that complaint with him for over 9 months with a view to gather materials for an unfavourable report. The Proceedings of the then Deputy Collector dated 22nd September 1894 which required a report against the memorialist within November 1894 was also delayed till 12-1-96 for this very purpose. The Tahsildar began to worry him in the meantime. The memorialist had not only received such papers as require his inspection and disposal, but a board of others which should have been enquired into and disposed of by the Tahsildar himself, and what more, many papers which have been disposed of by him were unnecessarily returned to him with harassing remarks. Evidently the Tahsildar did not want to be fair with the memorialist. If the memorialist had been called upon by the Tahsildar for an explanation or justification at the time the complaint against him was made or even when the Tahsildar camped at Chinna Salem about a fortnight after

the karnam's complaint or when he was at that very station in September and November 1895, the Tahsildar would have had nothing at all under the then existing circumstances to report against the memorialist.

10. An elaborate report was submitted on 12-1-96 to the Deputy Collector. This report will disclose on its very face that the said complaint only served as a pretext as stated above to hand up the poor memorialist to the higher authorities. Knowing that the charge which was brought against the memorialist immediately after the karnam's dismissal, was simply frivolous and vexatious, the Tahsildar prompted by a spirit of vengeance tried to make a mountain of a mole-hill instead of summarily rejecting the said complaint in the usual course, and added many fresh charges evidently untenable in support of the said complaint.

11. The Tahsildar framed sixteen charges against the memorialist. Many of those charges were drawn up from the Tahsildar's own imagination unsupported by records or enquiries. The report called for in the Deputy Collector's Pro. dated 22nd September 1894 has not been submitted in the line indicated by the Deputy Collector, but it was done without touching any of the items referred to in the Proceedings.

12. The memorialist had been called upon to give his explanation on the said Tahsildar's charges after a lapse of a year and half, counting from the time when the matter that gave rise to the complaints were alleged to have occurred. In obedience to this, the memorialist answered the questions put to him in connection with the charges framed by the Tahsildar in seriatim and also submitted a written explanation separately on 9-12-96 with the facts he then remembered, and with the records then available in the taluq office.

13. The Deputy Collector passed orders on this report of the Tahsildar after a lapse of 20 months. In the meantime he did not examine the memorialist's work with a view to learn whether the allegations against him were in any way supported.

14. The Deputy Collector reduced the 16 charges into the 3 following, eliminating the rest as thoroughly unsubstantiated.

- (a) That the memorialist permanently misappropriated Rs. 3-8-0 being the sale proceeds of withered trees.
- (b) That the memorialist temporarily misappropriated Rs. 41-15-3 under the same head.
- (c) That the memorialist was extremely dilatory in various branches of work.

15. A perusal of the Deputy Collector's report will convince Your Gracious Excellency that even in respect of these 3 charges also, the memorialist was not found guilty of any serious fault as may warrant the punishment now inflicted on him. He observes as follows:—

"The Tahsildar's time is engaged in drawing up charges and submitting an elaborate report against the Revenue Inspector (memorialist) unsupported by records on several material points and in a way he encouraged the karnam of Chinna Salem

"to work against the Revenue Inspector and he does not seem to have done much substantial work himself by actual field agimaish in respect of fluctuating items of Government Revenue.

16. In regard to the first two charges it was found by the Deputy Collector and the Collector that the memorialist was not guilty of any dishonest intention. He was only considered inattentive to the District Circular No. 33 of 1892 in dealing with tree sales.

17. The memorialist humbly begs to submit that the above circular was not brought into practice in the taluk. He has only followed a mamool and which was adopted also by the other Revenue Inspectors of the taluk in regard to the collection and remittance of sale proceeds of withered trees. This course was not objected to by any one of the Tahsildars including Mr. C. Coopasamier during his whole service of 6 years in the taluk. The memorialist however regrets his inattention in respect of it. But in the circumstances stated above his actions having never been questioned by any of his superiors and having followed like his colleagues the mamool, his neglect on this score would in Your Excellency's Gracious consideration appear excusable.

18. In regard to the third charge the Collector appears to have found the memorialist guilty in spite of the Deputy Collector's observation to the contrary in the Punishment Roll submitted by the Tahsildar.

19. The memorialist begs to submit that the alleged dilatoriness mentioned in the above charge would appear to consist in the following four items.

- (1) Delay in reporting a kasser chapavany case in Pethanore Village.
- (2) Delay in reporting a Poramboke tree cutting case in Perumangalam Village.
- (3) Delay in the disposal of papers.
- (4) Delay in the disposal of darkasts.

20. As regards the first two cases the memorialist begs to submit that one was dismissed in October 1894 by the Tahsildar himself and the other in April 1895 by the Deputy Collector. (Vide Deputy Collector's Proceeding dated 18-4-95). These two cases were improperly raked up by the Tahsildar and were added in the list of papers pending with the memorialist. The Deputy Collector has passed over these cases as being already disposed of. Yet they were considered by the Collector and the Honorable Board as being new cases calling for punishment. This will certainly appear in Your Excellency's Gracious consideration as being unjust and uncharitable.

21. Charge III (3) The memorialist has already stated that the Tahsildar, Mr. Coopasamier, plotted the ruin of the memorialist and brought about charge No. 3 by a studious attempt for over 9 months. The memorialist stood superior to all the Revenue Inspectors in his work. The Tahsildar evidently wanted to pull him down from his position. As stated above, the Tahsildar accumulated work with a purpose to make him lag behind and thereby ruin him. The Deputy Collector noticed this conspiracy. He found out the error in the Tahsildar's report. He saw that the total number of papers pending for more than 3 months was only 10 and that the charge of the kind was not one demanding serious notice. Yet withal, the Collector and

the Honorable Board found the memorialist not equal to his work and reduced him from his post. They have not ascertained the number of papers placed at the memorialist's disposal. They have not ascertained the quantity, the nature, and quality of the disposals, and the percentage of the disposals as compared with the receipts. They have not compared his work with that of the other Revenue Inspectors of the taluk. They have not seen where error lay. The memorialist most respectfully craves Your Excellency to observe whether with these defects of enquiry the memorialist can be declared inefficient while there are un rebuttable circumstances to prove his efficiency, if an impartial and careful examination of his work was only done.

22. The item No. (4) is very misleading. In the first place the Tahsildar did not choose to show as observed by the Deputy Collector when the darkast memorandum were received from the karnam in the taluk office, and when they were sent to the memorialist for report. Secondly many darkhasts with memoranda were sent back to the Taluk office for further instructions. It is therefore unjust to include such references under the head "undisposed of". The Tahsildar does not mention these circumstances in his report but simply makes it appear that a large number of darkhasts was pending with the memorialist from the date of their presentation by the parties. The memorialist was not in a position, to give, to the satisfaction of the authorities datewar details in all these cases, as considerable time had elapsed, and, as the necessary records not being in the possession of the memorialist. It is therefore uncharitable to make the memorialist responsible for the time occupied by others and condemn the memorialist with a sweeping remark that he was dilatory in his work.

23. The Collector states in his Proceedings dated 6th November 1897 that the memorialist admitted his neglect. The memorialist never admitted "the neglect" in his work or in other words, "this dilatoriness" charged against him. The following extract of the memorialist's report dated 20th February 1897 No. 576 addressed to the Collector will show that the memorialist could not have made any such admission. ??

Vide Ref. No. 2 noted in the Collr's. Pro. dated 6-11-97.

"Para 2. Mr. Coopasamier with prejudiced mind at the instigation of the karnam of this place (Chinna Salem) misrepresented the facts without proper enquiry and sufficient ground against me on 12-1-96. I am a defenceless poor. I have completed 18 years service by serving under several European and Native gentries. I have none but your honor for my fate. The mischief of the karnam is unbearable. My stay in the station is detrimental for his roguerism. The Tahsildar, Mr. Coopasamier has recommended my transfer in June last when he left the District. I leave everything to your entire disposal and mercy be'ag a defenceless poor."

The memorialist only admitted as he has done in this memorial his neglect to observe the Circular No. 33 of 1892 as will clearly appear from the context. The Collector's words would appear to have been all along misconstrued and all interference with his just prayer was refused on that score. The memorialist most respectfully invites your Excellency's consideration as regards this particular, and craves for justice.

24. It is alleged that the memorialist was suspended once before, but the memorialist humbly begs to submit that the order of suspension referred to was

never carried into effect. He was condoned in respect of the faults concerned, immediately on receipt of his explanation by the then Deputy Collector Mr. P. Rajarathna Mudaliar.

25. To sum up:—The whole case of the memorialist is the outcome of a conspiracy formed by the karnam of Chinna Salem with the aid of his friend the Tahsildar, Mr. Coopusamier to avenge the karnam's dismissal. This is borne out by the observations of the Deputy Collector himself whose very words have been quoted under para 6 supra. The Collector also supports this view of the plot in his Proceedings dated 6th November 1897. His words are quoted below for your Excellency's reference.

"He (the memorialist) admits his neglect but says that every thing against him "has been raked up by the late Tahsildar in collusion with an intriguing karnam "of Chinna Salem. There appear to be good reasons to believe this."

26. In such a case of proved and deep laid conspiracy the appellate authorities should have accepted the Tahsildar's report with considerable caution and should have rejected one and all the charges. Unfortunately this was not so done.

27. In these circumstances the memorialist most respectfully prays that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to take into consideration all the above facts chiefly.

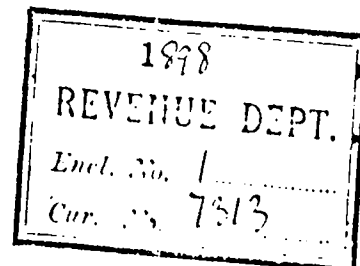
- (1) The conspiracy and the spirit of vengeance which actuated the Tahsildar in bringing about the ruin of the memorialist.
- (2) The memorialists long and unblemished service of 18½ years 6 of which in the grade of a Revenue Inspector.
- (3) The character as borne out by the testimonials herewith attached.
- (4) The fact that he has been on furlough with a paltry sum of Rs. 10 a month ever since he was reduced.

And lastly the severity of punishment for no offence whatever, nay, so far as the memorialist is aware of, for arduous work done and to render him justice by restoring him to the post of a Revenue Inspector with all back pay for the very reason that the punishment is extremely disheartening to him since a rise from his present gumastaship to higher posts in the keen competition now a days is only a dream to the memorialist.

28. For this act of kindness and justice, the memorialist shall as in duty bound ever pray.

Cuddalore,

25th September 1898.



Whinnisachari
Lakshmi Devi Gumastah
Indravin
on furlough
29/9/98

appeal from C. V. Srinivasachari, late a Revenue Inspector

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
 (LAND REVENUE),
 Madras, 22nd October 1898

READ— Endorsement of L.M. Wynch Esquire, Acting Collector of South Arcot, Patn. Regr. No. 2748 of 1898, dated 3rd October 1898, submitting for transmission to Government, the Memorial of C.V. Srinivasa Chari, late Revenue Inspector of Chinna Salem, Kallakurchi Taluk, (now on Furlough)

Reference No. 172 (Patn) dated 22nd October 1898.

The memorial of C.V. Srinivasachari, late Revenue Inspector, Chinna Salem, Kallakurchi Taluk, South Arcot District appealing against his reduction to the post of Taluk Gumastah on Rs. 20 is submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The memorialist's bad work as a Revenue Inspector first attracted the Divisional officer's attention in 1894. He was then warned to improve, but as the warning bore no fruit, a full inquiry was held three years later by the Deputy Collector, Tirukkoilur, into the ^{delinquencies alleged against the} memorialist, charges were framed and a report was submitted to the Collector.

3. The Collector singled out the three most important indictments viz., the following:—

- (1) that the memorialist permanently misappropriated Rs. 3-8-0, being the sale proceeds of a withered tree;
- (2) that ~~he~~ temporarily misappropriated Rs. 41-15-3 under the same head; and
- (3) that he was extremely dilatory in various branches of his work.

4. The Collector acquitted the memorialist under the first charge but held that his procedure was extremely reprehensible. With respect to the second charge the Collector while acquitting memorialist of dishonest motives, held that

he was extremely negligent of the interests of Government and slow and unbusinesslike in his work. The third charge was established to the full satisfaction of the Collector as regards all branches of the memorialist's work---darkhasts, submission of diaries, work statements, field azmaish, disposal of pending papers &c. In the circumstances the Collector was convinced that the memorialist was clearly unfit for the post of a Revenue Inspector and ordered his reduction to that of taluk gumastah on Rs. 20.

5. Against this order of the Collector the petitioner twice appealed to the Board but on both occasions without success. He now appeals to Government.

6. The memorial contains no new material facts which either call for notice or tend to place the memorialist's conduct in a more favourable light than before and the Board has no recommendation to make on his behalf. A perusal of the Collector's order is quite sufficient to ^{show} the petitioner's unfitness for the post of Revenue Inspector.

Local Division

Ag. Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with memorial and enclosures.

Md. R. H.

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Appeal from C. V. Srinivasa Chari, late a Revenue Inspector
Kalakunichi Taluk, S. Arcot district.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 7313 of 1898.

From the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Ref. No. 172 (Petr). Dated 22nd October 1898.

FOR ORDERS.

The petitioner was reduced from the post of a Revenue Inspector on a monthly pay of Rs. 35 to that of a Taluk Gumastah on Rs. 20 by the Proceedings of the Collector of South Arcot dated 6-11-97. Against this reduction the petitioner twice appealed to the Board of Revenue, but without any avail. He now comes up to Govt. The facts of the case will be found stated in the Collector's Proceedings referred to above, and are briefly set forth below.

In 1894 the Deputy Collector of South Arcot found that the Revenue Inspector (the petitioner) was dilatory and

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FOR ORDERS.

and very irregular in his work, and seeing that threats of suspension did not improve him, directed the Tahsildar of the Kalakurnichi taluk to carefully watch his work and report thereon. At the same time the petitioner was warned that if the Tahsildar's report was not favourable to him, all his papers would be collected and that he would be reported to the collector for being reduced to the post of a taluk gumastah. The Tahsildar's report was most unfavourable to the petitioner, and, accordingly certain charges were framed against him and the matter was brought before the collector.

The gravest charges against the petitioner were the following:-

(1) that he permanently misappropriated a sum of Rs. 3-8-0, being sale proceeds of

of, a withered tree, and
(2) that he temporarily misappropriated Rs. 4)-15-3 under the same head, and
(3) that he was extremely dilatory in various branches of his work. As regards the first of the above charges the collector held that the petitioner could not fairly be convicted of having permanently misappropriated the sum, but was at the same time of opinion that his procedure was extremely reprehensible and that the plea of pressure of work urged by him was not satisfactory.
5. In regard to the second charge it is stated that the petitioner conducted sales of withered trees without reference to the Tahsildar, that he failed to hand over the sale proceeds to the village moujars and to

and
his obtain receipts from them, and that he
handled the money him-
self for periods varying from
one month to six months
instead of remitting it to
the Taluk Treasury immedi-
ately after the sales and
omitted to report the sales
to the Tahsildar and send
up the vouchers even on
the dates of remittances.

The petitioner pleaded neg-
ligent in respect of this
charge, and the collector
while acquitting him of
any dishonest motives, re-
held that he was "extremely
^{negligent} ~~careless~~ of the interest
of Government and very
slow and unbusinesslike in his
work."

6. The Collector was satisfied
that the evidence as regards
the third charge was over-
whelming and that the
records conclusively proved
that the petitioner had
been "dilatory in every
branch

"branch of his work - de-
"Khastis, Submission of diaries,
"work statements, field
"azmash, disposal of pend-
"papers, &c."

7. The Collector was of
opinion that the petitioner
could not be allowed to
continue to hold the res-
ponsible post of a Revenue
Inspector, and wishing to
deal with him leniently
in view of his long service,
reduced him to a byemaster
place on Rs. 20 per mensem.

8. As has already been
stated, the Board on appeal
twice refused to disturb
the Collector's order. In
forwarding the appeal
under disposal, the
Board makes no recommenda-
tion on the petitioner's
behalf, but remarks that
a perusal of the Collector's
order directing his reduction
is quite sufficient to show
his unfitness for the post
of

Para 6 of the current

and Revenue Inspector with
 his chief ground, it will
 be observed, adduced by
 the petitioner for interference
 in his favour is that the
 whole case against him
 was the outcome of a copy
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 Kamani with the aid of the
 Dabaldar of the Kolakurichi
 taluk (Mr. R. C. Kripaswami
 D. J. It will be seen from
 paragraph 9 of the Collector's
 order on the petitioner's case
 that he was of opinion that
 there appeared to be good
 grounds for believing that
 the petitioner's above contention.
 The Collector, however, as
 has been stated above, was
 at the same time satisfied
 that the facts elicited by
 the enquiry into the peti-
 tioner's work conclusively
 showed that he was unfit
 to be a Revenue Inspector.
 Orders are requested.

Vide para 25 of the petition—
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To the Secretary

Below the draft order
 submitted on the date of the
 Government
 27/11/98
 15/11/98

There is no ground
 for interference.
 11/10/98

Let there seem to be no
 ground on which Govt
 should interfere. The Govt has time
 examined the case & the result both times, has been against the petitioner.

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