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SUBJECT.

Transfers, for disposal, memorial dated 1st August 07 from Venkatasamy Rajah, a Kandyam Political pensioner, Chittoor, North Arcot Dt. praying that his son may be exempted from the general educational rules prescribed for the posts of Sub-registrars or Salt Sub Inspectors.

(By Order) A. Y. G. Campbell

Private Secretary

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To
The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

To

His Excellency

Sir Arthur Lawley,

K. C. S. T., G. C. T. E.,

Governor of Fort St. George

and its dependencies.

May it please Your Excellency,

The humble memorial of Venkatasamy
Rajah, a Kandyan Political pensioner,
residing in Chittoor, North Arcot District,
Madras Presidency.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:—

1. That the memorialist is the son of late prince Venkatasubbarayalu Rajah, one of the Kandyan pensioners and the grandson of the king Rajadhi Raja Simha Maharajah of Kandy, and is the direct and lineal representative of that ancient Royal family.

2. That your Excellency's memorialist, as may be seen from the description of him given in the preamble, is a direct lineal descendant of the late king of Kandy from whom the British took possession of the island of Ceylon. As regards the nobility of birth and respectability of character of the memorialist, he respectfully solicits your Excellency to the report of Sir Douglas (list No. 1 of 1871) an Auditor general in Ceylon service, who was deputed to report upon the condition of Kandyan exiles. The petitioner's father along with many other relations of the late king of Kandy was exiled to Southern India and ever since they have been maintaining themselves on the allowances granted to them by the Ceylon Government.

3. That Lord Napier and Ettrick on the occasion of his visit to Tanjore as Governor of Madras was so moved at the sight of the deplorable distress endured by the unfortunate Sinhalese Royalties as to pen a strongly worded minute to the Ceylon Government. In para 7 of the minute Lord Napier writes that the Government of Ceylon might be requested to despatch an officer to this country for the purpose of reviewing the condition of the exiles, first with a view to the increase of their present scale of maintenance and, secondly, with a view to the education and eventual settlement of the younger members of the two communities either in connection with the land or in connection with public service ~~dated 20th May 1869~~. On the 20th March 1895, the Government of Ceylon as a result of the investigations made by the select Committee appointed at the instance of the Marquis of Ripon, to consider the question whether any further measures of general assistance should be extended to the Kandyan pensioners addressed a letter

to the Madras Government requesting that the recommendations of the Committee might be carried out. The 4th and the last of these recommendations were that reasonable aid be granted at the expense of the Ceylon Government to secure the advancement of every pensioner or son of a pensioner who may here after qualify for any profession or superior employment (Vide G. O. No. 211 and 212 political dated 2nd April 1895).

4. That your memorialist must trouble your excellency with the above facts mearely with a view to show that the descendants of the Kandyan exiles are entitled to sepecial concessions in the matter of securing appointments in the public service. Agreeably to the intentions of the Ceylon Government, your excellency's predecessors showed special concession to some members of younger generation of Kandyan exiles; some of them though not hall-marked by the University, were exempted from the tests qualifying them for the public service and appointed sub registras.

5. That having detailed the above facts, your memorialist now begs to approach your excellency with a personal request your memorialist has got a son, about 21 years of age, who has been educated up to the Matriculation standard. What with the paltry pension of Rs. 36-6-6 per mensem and what with the stoppage of allowences for the education of his children by the Ceylon Government being over 20 years of age, your memorialist is unable to allow his son to prosecute his studies any further. With a view to settle the youngman in life your memorialist now approaehes your excellency with the request that his son may be exempted from the general educational tests prescribed for the posts of sub registrars or salt sub Inspectors.

6. That it may not be out of place to mention that similar concessions have been granted to members of families with far less pretensions to noble birth than your memorialists family. Many a Mahamadan youth on the score of his connection with the family of Tippu Sultan, who was an enemy of the British and whose treatment of the British captives darkens the pages of History, were shown special concessions in the matter of securing appointments in the public service. The late Mr. William Digby, in the statement respecting the condition of the Kandyan exiled prince institutes a comparison between orleans princes or the Ex-Empress Eugence or the Ex-Imperialist family of Brazil and the Kandyan monarchy&says that in none of the former cases are there the ancient lineage of the latter or the discreditable circumstances under which it was deprived and its territory annexed. It is to a scion of such an ancient and noble family that your memorialist solicits your Excellency's patronage and fully trusts that your Excellency claiming descent from one of the noblest families of England would grant the patronage in no grudging sprit to the scion of an illustrious Royal family which the whirligig of time has reduced to a position of indigence.

7. Expecting a favourable reply from your Excellency, your memorialist respectfully subscribes.

1st August 1907

D. Venkatasawmy Rajah

NOTES.

C.No. 1888 From the P. S. Li. No. 315, dated 5-8-1907.

SUBJECT. Transfers a petition from P. Venkateswami Rajah, a Kandyan Political Pensioner, requesting the exemption of his son from the examination rules.

P. Venkateswami Rajah, a Kandyan Political pensioner requests that his son who is about 21 years old and who has studied upto the matriculation standard may be exempted from the education qualifications prescribed for the posts of Sub. Registrars and Sub. Inspectors of Salt department.

2. As a rule the Government decline to consider such application unless they are specially recommended by the Heads of departments which the applicants wish to enter. A draft order on the lines of G.O. 481 Edt dt 29-7-07 is submitted for approval.

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By
9-8-07

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The petitioner will be informed that the Government regret that they are unable to Comply with the present application to exempt his Son from the examination rules; nor can any application ^{for example} be taken into Consideration except upon the special Recommendation of the Head of a public department who wishes to employ ^{a person} ~~him~~ therein.

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