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Read the following papers :—

No. 160. From VEERARAGAVOOLOO Naidu, and others, inhabitants of Carvatnuggar Zemindary in the North Arcot District, dated 6th January 1862.

GENTLEMAN,

We the undersigned inhabitants of Carvatnuggar Zemindary in the North Arcot District, beg to bring to your notice the following circumstances for your favorable consideration and orders.

The Town of Carvatnuggurum where the Zemindar resides, is situated in a hilly place surrounded on all sides by thick jungles extending over a space of about 6 or 7 miles. The Zemindar has placed a Thethoo or guard shed about 4 miles from the town, where some of the Peons of the Zemindar always reside and keep a strict surveillance over all persons who go into or come out of the town. If a person, for instance, wishes to go into the town, he must do so after obtaining the orders of the Zemindar by means of the Peons stationed at the Thethoo. Similar orders should be obtained in case any persons wish to go out of the town. In such cases if any person who has unfortunately incurred the displeasure of the Zemindar happens to have an egress or ingress, the Peons stationed at the Thethoo at the previous instigation of the Zemindar, completely rob him of all that he takes along with him and turn him out as a beggar. If the enmity of the Zemindar towards a person be very great, the Peons at the Thethoo even murder him and throw the dead body into some pit. If such atrocious cruelty is perpetrated by a Zemindar situated as he is amidst a country governed by one of the most civilized nations on the face of the earth, where is there any security of life and property for us?

Various are the cruelties daily perpetrated by the Peons at the Thethoo and we do not wish to dwell upon them at large in this short Mahazarnamah. After repeated endeavours to bring the subject to the notice of the Collector we thought it proper (to get our grievances redressed) to address you by a Mahazarnamah like this. For every petition of ours to the Collector was screened from his knowledge.

We firmly believe that the Official Subordinates of the Collector who are bribed by the Zemindar tear such petitions up and remain quiet. We hope that your Honorable Board will make a strict enquiry into the matter and take such steps as may be necessary for remodelling the Police Establishment of the Zemindary on a proper footing, and by punishing the present members of that Establishment who are now mere tools in the hands of the Zemindar by receiving from him bribes periodically. And for this act of justice we as in duty bound shall ever pray.

No. 156.

Forwarded to the Magistrate of North Arcot for enquiry, and report.

By Order.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Ag. Dy. Secy. to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21st January 1862.

No. 161. From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Magistrate of North Arcot; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bommasamudrum, 21st March 1862, No. 17.

I have the honor with reference to petition* No. 156 of 1862, referred by Government for enquiry and report to forward copy of a letter from the Deputy Magistrate Narasimha Pantulu, dated 17th instant, the writer of the petition in question has not been found and the signature is probably a fictitious one.

* Herewith returned.

The Zamindar of Kárvétinagar has however been called upon to state his object in having established Tannahs in the neighbourhood of his Cusbah.

From N. NARASIMHA Pantulu, Deputy Magistrate of North Arcot; to JAMES FRASER, Esq., Acting Magistrate of North Arcot, Chittoor, dated Tirpati, 17th March 1862, No. 18.

In reply to Mr. Robinson's letter of date the 25th January 1862, No. 10, which gave cover to an original petition* endorsed by Government for enquiry and report, I have the honor to state that the writer† of the petition has not been forthcoming or discovered, and that a man who bears the same name as the Petitioner has appeared before me but denied having written the said petition.

* Herewith returned.

† Veeraraghavalu Naidu.

2. I beg however to bring to your notice that it is true the Zamindar of Carvetnugger has established Tannahs in the neighbourhood of his Cusbah with orders to allow no person to pass, without his permission being previously obtained, but that the contents of the petition that such grave crimes as murder, &c., had been committed do not deserve credit.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Acting Magistrate.

The Collector will furnish Government with copy of the explanation that may be given by the Zemindar of Karvetinagar of the reasons that induced him to establish Tannahs in his territories, in the manner reported.

29th March 1862.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Deputy Secy. to Govt.

No. 162. From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Magistrate of North Arcot; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Palamaner, 3rd May 1862, No. 21.

I have the honor in obedience to the instructions contained in the Order of Government, dated 29th March 1862, Petition Department, to submit translation of the explanation furnished by the Zemindar of Karvetinagar with reference to the Tannahs established in his Zemindary.

2. The operation of Section 97 of the Penal Code which he relies on as authorizing these Tannahs is to my mind, and by his own showing, clearly barred by Clause 3rd, Section 99 of the same Code, and I think the discontinuance of those Tannahs should be authoritatively ordered.

Translation of a Khat, dated Karvetenagar, 9th April 1862, addressed by the Zemindar of Karvetenagar; to J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.

After the usual compliments.

1. In reply to your letter, dated 1st instant, requesting me to state the reason that induced me to establish Tannahs with establishment of Peons within the limits of Cusba Karvetenagar for the purpose (as it has been brought to your notice) of preventing the residents of the place from going out of, and outsiders from coming into it, and further to note how long this practice obtains, I beg to submit the following explanation.

2. I did not recently appoint these Cavelly servants, but my ancestors appointed them for certain reasons from the time the Zemindary came into their possession.

3. I am of opinion that because Cusba Karvetenagar is surrounded by hills and jungles for some 6 miles and as no villages intervene, and as that part of the country is infested with wild beasts, my ancestors thought it expedient to establish the aforesaid Tannahs.

4. When Police authority was vested in the Zemindar the Cavelly Peons were appointed by him to protect travellers from being waylaid by robbers, and to escort remittances from the villages to the Zemindar's Huzur Treasury.

5. These Peons are kept to prevent persons from felling and taking away from the jungles timber for beams, &c., required for building purposes without permission being previously obtained.

6. These Peons are likewise employed to see that no unauthorized person appropriates to himself the produce of the Tamarind and Wood-apple trees growing in the jungles, and which yield a revenue of 1,000, to 2,000 Rupees.

7. Although Police authority has been taken away from me, I still submit that under the provisions of the former enactments, and under Section 97 of Act No. 45 of 1860, called the Indian Penal Code, I have a right to adopt the necessary measures for the safe conveyance to my Huzur of the remittances of revenue from the villages, and in fine for the better security of my other property.

8. About 4 years ago when Nanah Saib and others rebelled against the British Government in the North West Provinces the Government issued a proclamation directing that no person coming from those parts should be countenanced, and that in the event of great suspicion attaching to any persons who have come from such parts, such person should at once be apprehended. The Cavelly Peons were serviceable in preventing such obnoxious persons from coming into my Zemindary.

9. The Cavelly Peons of the Tannahs are merely kept for the aforementioned purposes and the assertion that they are directed to prevent egress or ingress out of or into my Cusba to persons who have not previously obtained my permission is utterly false.

10. I do not know who could have informed you that the Cavelly establishments which are maintained from a long time for the safety of the people and for my own security are a source of annoyance to the former.

11. From the year 1839 when the Police authority was taken away from the Zemindar up to the present time the Government Policemen are located in the same sites where the Cavelly Peons are kept, and any inconvenience which may have occurred to people by the conduct of the latter would have ere this been brought to the notice of Government. The fact that no such inconvenience was felt by the people is itself sufficient evidence against any contrary representation.

12. About four years ago in the time of Mr. Whittingham, a Poligar apparently a suspicious character came from the North West Provinces to my Zemindari mounted on a horse and went away in the night leaving his horse behind. This circumstance was reported by me to the Head of Police, and the cause of its having been known is attributable through the vigilance of the Cavelly Peons.

13. I am unable to give the name, &c., of this individual for want of the key of the box in which the records connected with him as well as other records are kept. The key is in the possession of my late Head Manager Soobia who withholds delivering it up to me. These particulars can however be ascertained from the Huzur records of your Office.

(Signed) RAJACUMARA VENKAT
PERMAL RAUZ BAHADAR.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Acting Magistrate.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1862, No. 830.

With the foregoing letter the Magistrate of North Arcot forwards translation of the explanation that has been furnished by the Zemindar of Karvettnagar in his district, of his conduct in maintaining Thannas in charge of Peons in the vicinity of his Casba Town.

2. The Zemindar asserts that these Thannas are not intended to cause annoyance to any individuals, but have been kept up for many years as a source of protection to himself, as well as travellers, and that the Peons stationed there were also employed in escorting cash remittances from the outlying villages of his territory to the Casba Treasury; and he relies upon the terms of Section 97 of the Penal Code as warranting him in their continuance.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd May 1862.

3. The Government consider this explanation to be unsatisfactory. The Thannas should have been discontinued when Police jurisdiction was withdrawn from the Zemindar supposing them to have been in existence at the time, and all ground of excuse for their further maintenance ceased upon the introduction of the new Police Force into the District more than three years ago. The operation of Section 97 of the Penal Code quoted by the Zemindar as authorising him to maintain Thannas is, as observed by Mr. Fraser, barred by the provisions of Section 99 of the Code.

4. The Magistrate will call upon the Zemindar immediately to abolish these Thannas, and to abstain in future from the establishment of such means of protection in any part of his Territory. He will inform him that the Government will visit any infringement of this Order with their severe displeasure.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cattledge.

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No. 156 of 1862. 2

Forwarded to the Magistrate of North Arcot for enquiry, and Report. -

By Order

Fort St. George,
21st January 1862.

W. S. Whitehead
Ag. Dy. Secy. to Govt.

Dept

Proceedings of the Land Commissioner
Read Petition of Vera against
Augustin
Here enter No 156 of 1862
Read Report of the Collector
of Port Orford
Here enter 21st March
1862

Adv thereon 29th June 1862

The Collector will furn-
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Copy of the explanation
that may be

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Petition of Vera Augustin
of Canada
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which he lives his cattle
defendants who have no
orders from the Seminoles
to allow no person to pass
into or out of the Farm
without permission from
him Seminoly whereby
and that if any person
try to evade the Mandate
Seminoles they are plundered
of all their property and
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people at variance with
the Seminolas have been
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have repeatedly complained
to the Magistrate on their
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who are killed by the
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Exd. F. Cattledge.

by the Governor of Fort St. George of the causes that induced him to establish Slavery in his Territories, in the manner reported

Fr. J. Ph.
Ag. Gov. Fort St. George

Copy to the Naigte of N. Arcot. } Disp. 31 to

Exd. F. Cattledge.

Dated 29th March 1862.

Exd. F. Cattledge.

C 25th March D 28th March

Inclosure

Declaration of the Islands Missionary Society

I do solemnly declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of Missionary to the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, according to the best of my skill and ability, and that I will not knowingly or wilfully commit or suffer to be committed any breach of the Rules and Regulations of the said Society, but will, to the best of my power, cause them to be observed by others; and that I will, from time to time, and at all times, conform myself to the lawful orders and directions of the Committee of the said Society, or of such persons as shall be appointed by them to superintend the Missions in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

And I do further declare that I will not, directly or indirectly, trade or traffic for any goods, wares or merchandize whatsoever, for my own profit or advantage, or for the profit or advantage of any other person or persons whomsoever, except for the use of the Mission, and with the consent of the Committee of the said Society, or of such persons as shall be appointed by them to superintend the Missions in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

And I do further declare that I will not, directly or indirectly, purchase or procure to be purchased, any land or real property whatsoever, in any of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, or in any other part of the world, without the consent of the Committee of the said Society, or of such persons as shall be appointed by them to superintend the Missions in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

And I do further declare that I will not, directly or indirectly, receive or accept any gift, present or reward, for my own profit or advantage, or for the profit or advantage of any other person or persons whomsoever, except for the use of the Mission, and with the consent of the Committee of the said Society, or of such persons as shall be appointed by them to superintend the Missions in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

And I do further declare that I will not, directly or indirectly, receive or accept any money, goods, wares or merchandize whatsoever, for the sale of any goods, wares or merchandize belonging to the said Society, or to the Mission, except with the consent of the Committee of the said Society, or of such persons as shall be appointed by them to superintend the Missions in the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

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was arrested it was invariably found that he was busy to a coming from their Gumindars in the close proximity relations from the suspicious Peshgars who came to his country & on the whole he could have effected the most part that he released & detained with whom he was to effected him with the head to which he was allude, and when the suspicious character of his visit was reported to me in Chittoor, and

he was called on for explanation he said the man had escaped. The only real rebel captured in the district during the Country was a man from Shrapore, & he was caught in the Karvetinagar Gumindars country.

H. S. H.

C 25th March B 28th March

Exd. F. Cattledge.

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Proceedings of the Cuddapah Sessions Court

Read Petition of Vira Raganda
Raganda

Fire cutter dated 1st of 1862

Read letter from the Magistrate
Deputy Asst

Fire cutter 3rd May 1862
No 7821

Order thereon
23rd May 1862 No 830

With the foregoing letter the
Magistrate of North Arcot
forwards translation of the
Application that has been
furnished by the Shanbogue
of Karrethagan in his Dis-
trict of his conduct in
maintaining Shanars in
charge of Pecons in the Si-
cinity of his Cacha Topes

2. The Shanbogue asserts that
these Shanars are not in-
tended to cause annoyance
to any individuals, but

have been kept up for many years as a source of petition to himself, as well as travellers, and that the police stationed there were also employed in escorting cash remittances from the outlying villages of his Territory to the Cochin Treasury; and he acts upon the terms of Section 97 of the Penal Code as warranting him in their continuance.

3 The Governor considers this explanation to be unsatisfactory. The Nairs should have been discontinued when Police jurisdiction was withdrawn from the Zemindar supposing them to have been in existence at that time, and all proceedings for their further maintenance cancelled upon the introduction of the new Police Force into the District more than three years ago. The operation of Section 97 of the Penal Code pointed by the Zemindar as authorising him to maintain them is, as observed by Lt Fraser, barred by the provisions of Section 99 of the Code.

4 The Magistrate will call upon the Zemindar immediately to abolish them. Nairs, and to abstain in future from the establishment of such means of protection in any part of his Territory. He will inform him that the Government will visit any infringement of this order with their severe displeasure.

R. S. Ch.

To The Magistrate of Cochin Stroke
Inspector General of Police } dated 23d

Draft order for the establishment of Chuttrums in the Districts of the Karnatic for Servants of Government

Proceedings of Govt
Judicial 18th Dec. 1862
No 830

Proceedings of Govt
of 23d Dec. 1862.

Ordering the abolition of the Chuttrums established in the neighbourhood of the Pagodas of the Karnatic for Zamindar (North Arcot).

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