

No 112 of 1863.

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Masulipatam
30 Jan'y. 1863

To His Excellency, Sir W. T. Denison K. C. B.
Governor of Fort St. George, in Council

The Petition of the Rev. Rob. Noble Missionary
of the Church Miss. Society in charge of
its Anglo-Tamil School at Masulipatam

Your Petitioner has had charge of the above mentioned
school since 1843. The house in which the school was
held was sold by auction on the 20th Instant & bought
by M. Narasimha Rao Deputy Collector
at this Station in charge of the Treasury & lately
Deputy Collector & Magistrate of North Arcot for the
Hindu School at this Station.

The Object of this petition is to lay before your
Excellency in Council an account of the conduct
of that officer of your Excellency's Government
in connection with the above sale, toward myself
as manager of the Mission School, who in no way
connected with the Government & to seek redress.

Some days previous to the sale the Deputy
Collector unsolicited called & repeatedly assured me that
if I bid for the house he would not bid against
me. He asked me whether I was going to bid & how

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much I would give. My reply was
by, from the Managing Com-
it should be bid at previous
known when I heard. I did
once for one school. He answered
that authority & expressing his
to purchase to the best of his
then I submit. Then
the same amount not to bid.

that I had no author-
ity of our Society.
He asked me to let
requesting his assist-
that he was glad
to to aid me in
work. His original
not me, he made

to many.
At the sale the bidding ran up to Rs 8000. From
Rs 6000 the contest lay only between my friend &
gent on the one side, & the Takib of the Zemindar
of Bellapalli about 12 miles from Masulipatnam
on the other. On reaching the limit I had instructed
my friends to offer, he went home at my house, which
is very near, to let me know the state of the contest
& to ask directions advancing meanwhile to Rs 8900.
The agent of the Zemindar bidding Rs 9000.
At the contest lay between me only and a Zemindar-
one of a class, many of whom without regard to their
means give away some for an object on which they have
set their minds, and as this fact is notorious - I told
him to cease; - At this point the D. Collector who was
sitting by, came forward bidding Rs 9050. The Takib then
bid Rs 9100, & the D. Collector bid Rs 9150. The Takib withdrew
his intention was kept open for an hour, but as my agent
had openly said I had ceased to bid, I felt I could not as an
honest man return to bid, and the Deputy Collector

on the following day told me he considered I should not
return to the bid. If I could do so, so also could the Zeminda-
dar's Takib. Then the purchase was for the Hindoo
school by the Deputy Collector, for an object totally
different from that in which that officer had written to me
to say he was willing to the best of his power to secure
it at the small sum of Rs 250 above my last bid.

On hearing of this circumstance I was led to think
that the Zemindar's Takib had been put forward merely
to swamp me, that there had been a previous understand-
ing between the Zemindar & the Collector that the Takib
should stop as soon as he had silenced me and hand over
the purchase to the D. Collector.
The sale was on Tuesday; the following Friday that officer
came unsolicited to pay me a visit at our morning
school. In the conversation that passed between us
he told me the Zemindar had instructed his Takib to bid
up to Rs 12,000. At the time of the sale the Zemindar
was 12 miles away, as I have ascertained. His nearest
residence is 2 1/2 miles distant. No message could have
passed between the Zemindar & the Takib after I
had ceased to bid & he had left the purchase in the
D. Collector's hands. In a respectful letter the same
day I wrote to the latter asking, 'If the Zemindar
instructed his Takib to go up to Rs 12,000 as you
yourself have told me (I submit to your Excellency
in Council the testimony of witnesses who heard the D.
Collector's statement. It is marked No 2.), and he

stopped at Rs 9100, how could
to do so, unless there was a promise
to this effect between you, the
If there was this understanding
your promise to me, that you
me, and instead of aiding as you
willing to do, to the best of your
you not concerted together to prevent
the purchaser?"

It may be said perhaps by
Tahib had received orders from
not to bid against me, without
between me & the Zemindar
passage at arms from 9000 to
cease a previous concert? Why did
once, saying I may not bid again
could it be for any other end but
to cloak a conscious collusion?
The Deputy Collector had written
willing to aid me in effecting the
as was in his power. Was there
difference between Rs 8900 at
& Rs 9150 at which it was bought
could that Officer for a single
that if I was prepared to give
have refused to give Rs 250

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Dy Collector, The
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previous concert
By then the Dnals
50 Rs except to con-
the Tahib stop, at
the Dy Collector
save appearances

say, he was very
richer as much
than a nominal
to my agent ceased,
against me?
ment have doubted
Rs 8900, I should
me!

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In this transaction, I do not complain that the
Zemindar bid against me & that the D. Collector
took up the bidding after I had ceased or that
the Zemindar should cease to bid and leave the pur-
chase in the hands of the Deputy Collector for
a charity school. But I submit to your Excellency
in Council, whether after promising ^{after} ~~unhesitatingly~~
by me not to bid against me, & in writing assuring
me of his willingness to the best of his power to aid
me in the purchase, the existence of a secret under-
standing between the Zemindar & the D. Collector to
prevent my purchasing the property, (which seems
proved by the fact of the Tahib being authorized to
bid up to Rs 12,000, of which the D. Collector
is my informant & yet stopping at Rs 9150 & by
the little contest from 9000 to 9150) be not bidding against
me in the person of the Zemindar or his Tahib; whether
the pretension of a wish to aid me to the best of his
power, connected with his purchasing the horse at
250 more for an entirely different object be not
an instance of duplicity - in an unworthy of me
in so high & respectable a position, or indeed of any
man

I have stated to your Excellency in Council
that the D. Collector ^{visited} me in my school the Friday
after the sale, which occurred on the Tuesday.

I rose up on seeing him, met him
him with every respect, & on his
ducted him to the door. As he had
against us, I was very solicitous
respect before the European Gentle-
men school. With your Excellency
surprised, if I say I was hurt, &
to find that the D. Collector had
three several rooms in which were
highly respectable & Mountman
were instructing their classes; &
thru' another room in which was
Gentleman with his head uncovered
class, & at last into my room
was uncovered & only he
behind the chair, in which I
created. On learning all this I
Collector, hoping that he would
press request, offer an apology &
tion. He answered, which he
I cannot but regard as an
satisfaction for no provocation &
deliberate & persistent insult,
to the English Gentlemen, the
to every boy in the school.
I hear that the D. Collector
in various decorum in his

at the door, seated
ing, again com-
might the house
shows him marked
in v. Masters of
in Council he
is indignant
liked in his shoes
his feet uncovered
in his Master
only so, but
an English
& teaching his
to it, while I
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novation of the
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time only, but
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to many.

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I trust your Excellency in Council will permit me
to add, in order to anticipate an objection that
may possibly be made by the Deputy Collector.
Should your Excellency see good to call upon that
officer for any explanation that I have never
at any time deputed any body from the Hindu School
in the Town, but as a rule have required, the father
or the guardian's consent before a boy's admission
into our own; & when any Master of that school
has wished to join us, it has been without any
solicitation on my part; I have required them to
give me one month's written notice before quitting
their work in the Hindu School, except in the case
of one single Pandit, who was admitted by me
after a fortnight's written notice, because another
good Pandit was easily found.
Should the Deputy Collector submit any counter-
statement, may I request that he be called on
to send in the originals of my notes to him in
full!

Gratified; very grateful for the kind support
given to my work by the Government, under
whose benign influence & labor, I submit, this
petition for redress & remain

with the greatest respect

your Excellency & Council's

most obedient servant

Rob. Noble

Masulipatam

30th Jan'y. 1863.

Gives a full detail of
the whole circumstances.

States the deliberate &
persistent insult offered
not only to him but also to
many others in the school,
by his indecent & unbecom-
ing conduct.

Submits letter written by
him in the matter of purchase.

Prays that an explanation
may be called for from him
together with his (petitioner's)
letter written to him & that
redress be afforded him.

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Ind. 1863 2nd 11th
From Rev. Robt.
Noble, Missionary
of the Church
Society in charge
of the Anglo Indian
School at
Marsulpatin.

Dated 30th Jan'y
Recd 1st Feb'y 1863.
with 3 Enclosures.
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Complains of the most dis-
honest & unfair conduct
of Mr. Karasimma Pantulu
the Dy. Collector of this Dis-
trict in dealing with him
(petitioner) in the matter of
the sale of the land of
which he had been

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Rev. A. J. Noble

(New letter 30 January 1863.)

Order thereon 13th ~~February~~ ^{March} 1863. N^o 392.

In the foregoing letter
the Rev. A. J. Noble
charges the Deputy Collector
of the Tiruvarur District,
M. Narasimulu Pantulu,
with having improperly
purchased a house which
Mr. Noble desired to secure
for the school under his
charge, & in doing so
Mr. Noble that he would
not bid for it. Mr. Noble
also charges the Deputy
Collector with disrespect
in

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in having entered his house with his shoes on.

2. The Course taken

Pantulu with reference to the purchase of the house to which Mr Noble alludes, ^{and his alleged} is purely ^{disrespecting Mr Noble's} a private matter, in ^{in entering} which the Government ^{house with his shoes} cannot interfere. ^{on, are}

3. Karasimulu Pantulu will be called upon to explain his alleged disrespect in entering Mr Noble's house with his shoes on.

I respect
the President
JTB

Copied and sent to the Revd R. T. Noble. duff 13

X Karasimulu Pantulu
X Col. K. K. K.

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Dated 13th March 1913

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No. 392

Public 1863 Department

Approved
W. J. P. Smith

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17th March

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(2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் _____

(3) ஆதாரங் கறிப்பவர் கருக்கொப்பம் _____

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு

JUDICIAL துறை

அரசாணை எண். 392 / Judicial / 1863 அச்சகம்
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