

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
1st April 1863.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1863.
Read Petition from Rajah MADAVETI STRI RAMA BHUPATI DEO GARU, Munsabdar of Rumpah, dated 5th January 1863, requesting that he may be supplied with the charges made against him by the Collector of the District, and throwing the blame of his defective administration of the Rumpah country on the Government officials, as not having given him their co-operation and support.

red to be submitted to Government with reference to their Order, dated 1st December 1862, No. 1,940.

2. The Board do not consider it advisable to comply with petitioner's request as the Collector's report is a confidential communication, but they are of opinion that no objection exists to petitioner being put in possession of the main facts reported against him.

3. The Petition does not touch upon the principal fact in the case, petitioner's inability to secure the peace of the country, but the Collector might be called upon, should the Government think fit, to report upon petitioner's statements regarding the want of support he has received at the hands of the Government officials, and especially regarding the tenor of the undertaking entered into by petitioner when he took possession of the estate in 1848.

1. This undertaking, a copy of which is on the Board's records, does specify as petitioner states, that on each occasion of his failure to maintain the public peace, a certain portion of his estate should be forfeited to Government, and that on the third occasion the whole of it should lapse, and the Board consider that the Collector might well be called upon to report specific instances of his having so failed, and Mr. Purvis might also be requested to explain why the penal clauses of the undertaking were not acted upon at the time.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Govt., Revenue Department,

(with Petition No. 121 of 1863 and 11 enclosures.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1863, No. 506.

The Governor in Council requests that the Collector of the Godavery District will submit a full report on the several points noticed in the foregoing Proceedings and in the Petition which accompanied them.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

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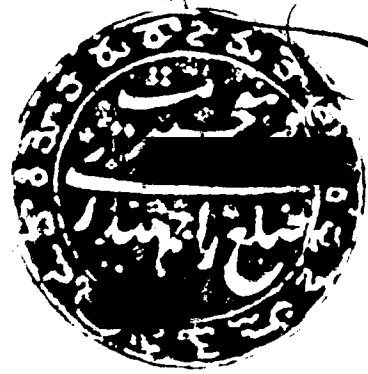
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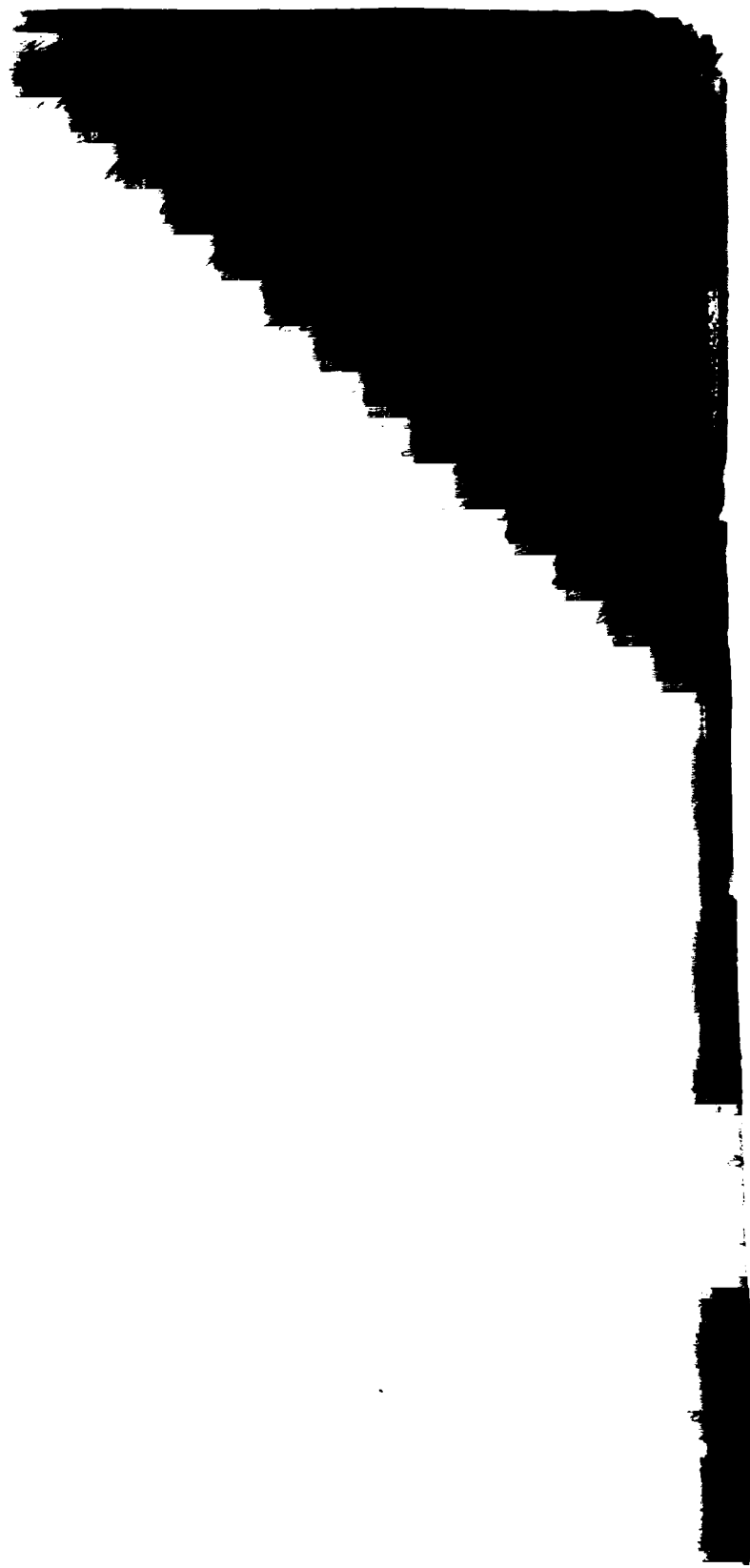


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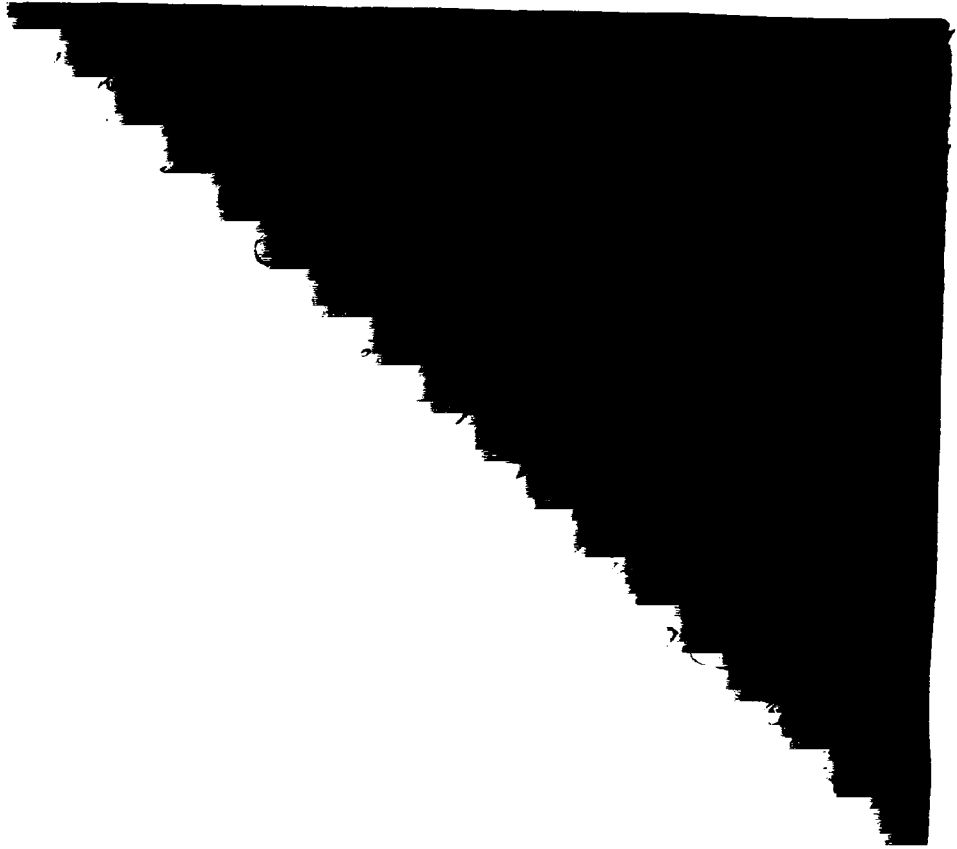
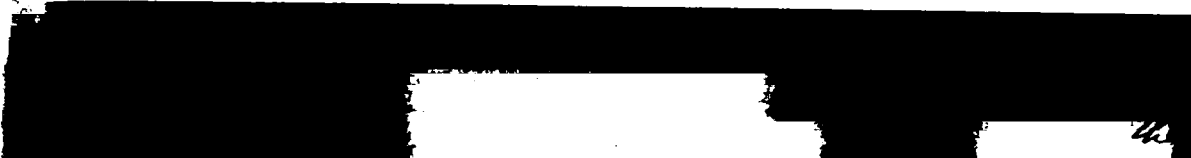
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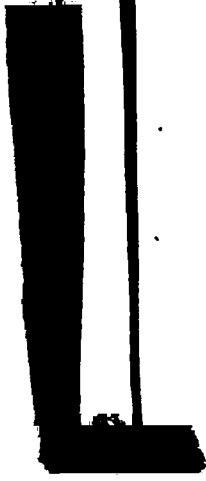
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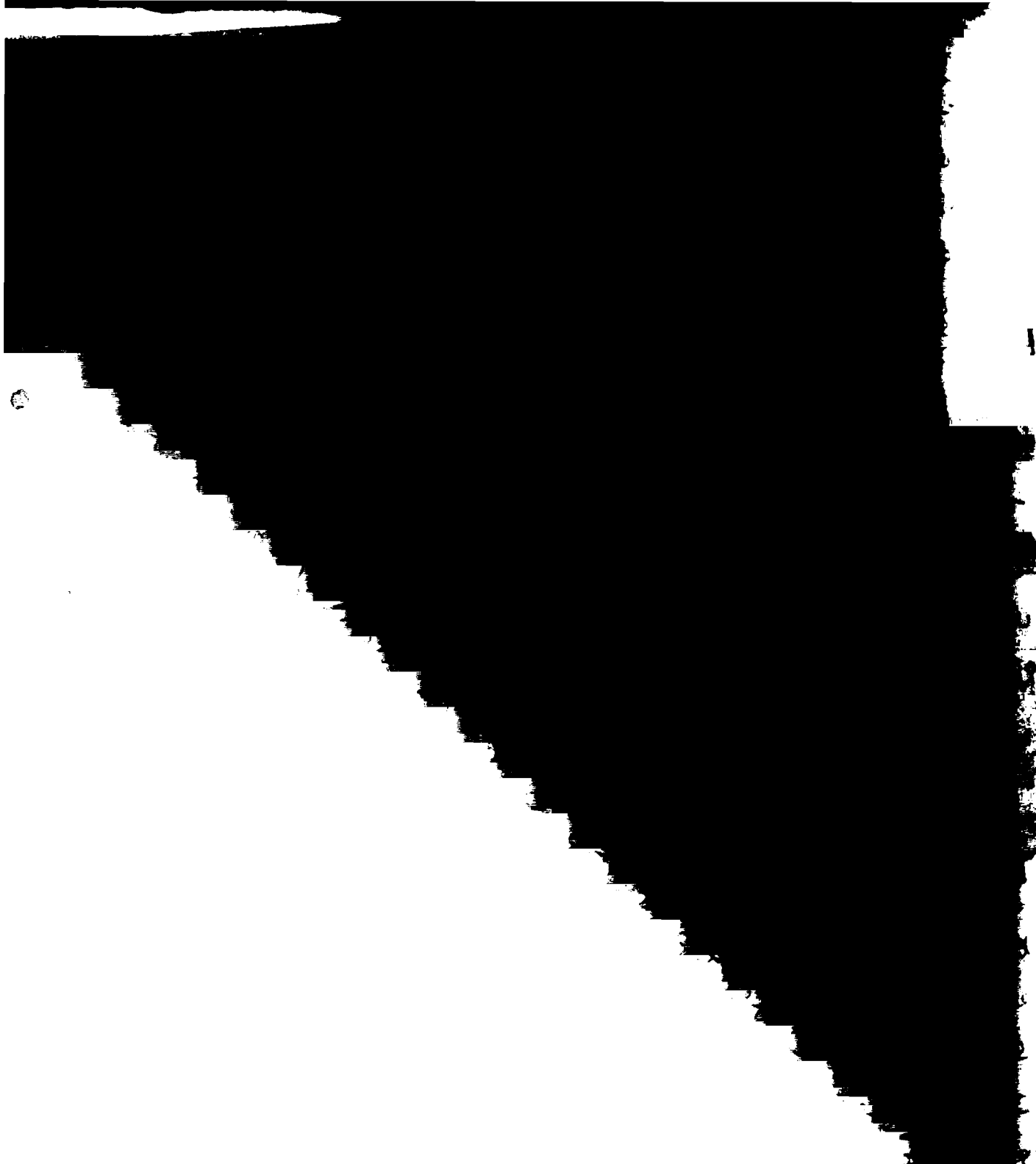
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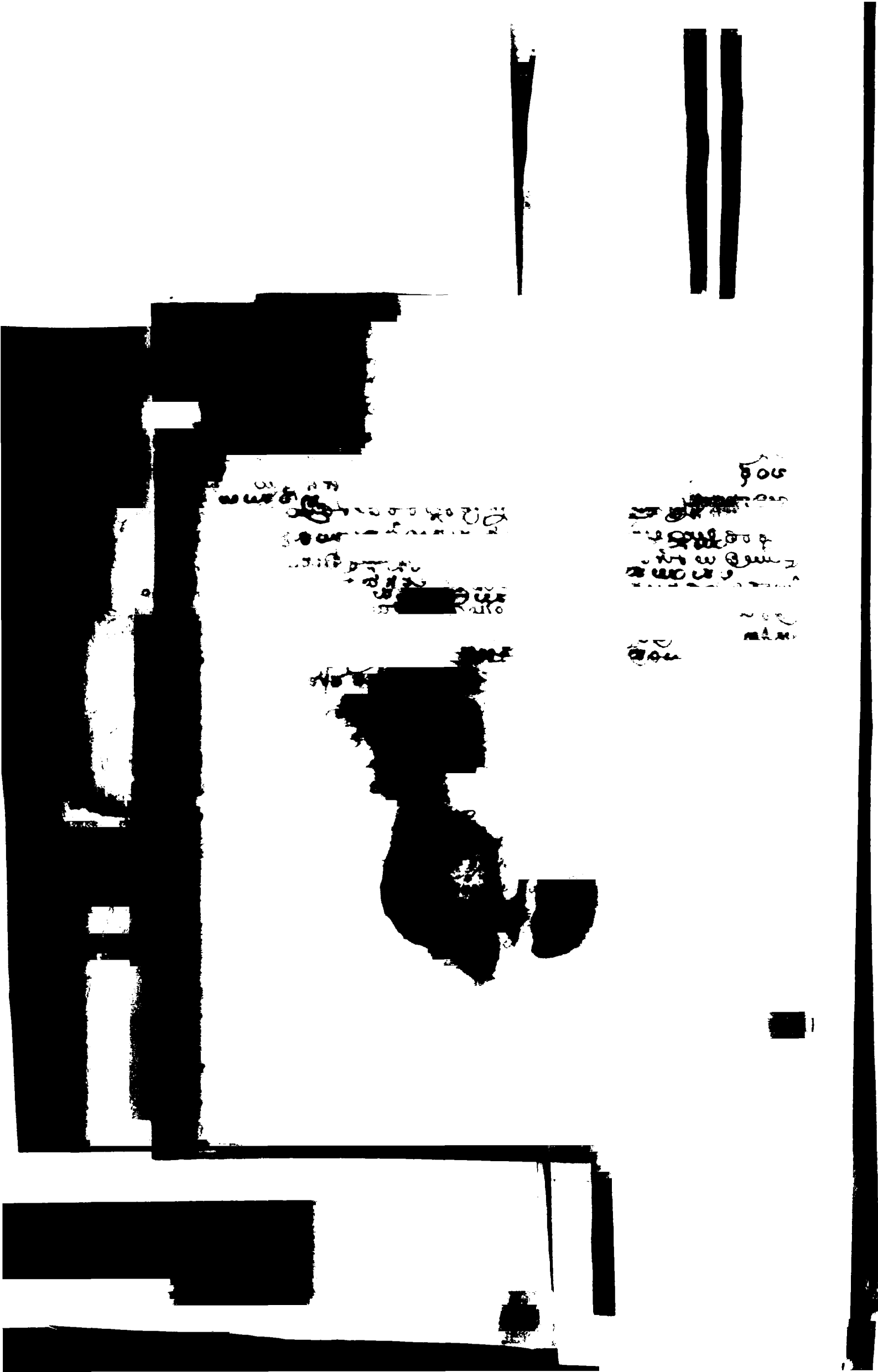
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*The Honorable the Members of the  
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1. That by an order of Government N. 1940 dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 1862 your petitioner was informed "that any representation he might wish to make should be laid before the Board of Revenue with as little delay as possible -"

In accordance with this direction the following facts are stated:

3. Your Petitioner's ancestors had been in the enjoyment of the Pampa Salug for a period of 500 or 600 years under the Mogal Government, and this territory was held by him in absolute property, unburdened by any conditions or service -

4. In 1813 your Petitioner's father was induced to accept a Sunnud from the East India Company, by which he acknowledged their Sovereignty, and bound himself to perform certain Services which are set out in the third para of the Sunnud in the

the following words — "As a part of my allegiance I for ever bind myself and heirs to seize all suspicious persons. Thieves and generally all enemies to the Company who may shelter themselves in my Talook and to send them to the nearest Magistrate or authorized authority to receive them and so long as I and my Heirs conform to these conditions we shall enjoy our Talook and the protection of the Company's Laws, but in case of failure we shall be considered as Rebels and suffer as such."

5. Your Petitioners father held the Taluk under this Sunnud and conformed to its conditions, and was always active in rendering assistance to the East India Company. In 1834 his exertions in arresting and delivering over to Government the Rebel Rakerlapudi Pakurru, were acknowledged by the Civil officials, and a reward of Rs 2000 was bestowed upon the two persons who had effected the arrest. These facts are established by the documents marked A and B annexed to this Memorial, and dated 14<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> December 1834 -

6. Your Petitioner's father died in the year 1838 and was succeeded by your Petitioner who was then a minor, and who attained his majority in the year 1847.

7. During the minority the Taluk was placed under attachment. In 1846 a rebellion was raised by Tinnasama Do. Your Petitioner and his sister then sent men who fought with the rebels, and did their best to apprehend them. But they were informed by the Magistrate that as the Taluk was under attachment, their forces should be withdrawn. These facts are evident by the documents D and E annexed to this Memorial -

8. On the 22<sup>d</sup> July your Petitioner executed a Karamnamah to the then Collector Thomas Prendergast, in which it is amongst other things stipulated that your Petitioner should pay a sum of Rs 4371-15-4 for his Salaries of Subbudy employed during his minority, that he should use every exertion to prevent rebellion in the Taluk, and give information to the Pirkar of all rebellious

Acts. It was further provided, that in case of any wilful violation of the Conditions of Hararnamah, Government should be at fault for the first fault to take away the two Villages of Ravilur and Bhampully; for the second offence, the two Villages of Mare lunkapullay and Pantapullay, and for the third offence entirely to deprive him of his estate; in which event your Petitioner should be bound to receive whatever allowance might seem fit to Government.

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9. Your Petitioner was accordingly placed in full enjoyment of the Taluq.

10. The rebellion of Bundapilly Thumama Dora was still proceeding, notwithstanding the exertions of Government to suppress it; but shortly after your Petitioner was placed in possession of the Taluq he succeeded in arresting the rebels and delivering them over to Government. For this service, he received the thanks of the Government, and the reward which had been offered for the apprehension of the rebels - These facts are evidenced by the accompanying documents marked F.V.G.

11. In 1857 another outbreak took place. The Magistrate <sup>ordered</sup> ~~commanded~~ your Petitioner to send 50 men to suppress it. The men were sent, but owing to the misconduct of Murravada Chinna Gora who was in command of the party, and who entertained a secret ~~grudge~~ grudge against your Petitioner, in consequence of his father having been killed by your Petitioner's father, the men ran away. Your Petitioner applied to the Magistrate to punish those who he <sup>had</sup> ~~sent~~ <sup>per</sup> ment was inflicted upon them. These facts are evidenced by the accompanying documents marked H and I.

12. On the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 1864 your Petitioner's house was attacked by armed men. He presented charges against these men to the Magistrate, but through the assistance rendered to them by Appalaraju, the Head of Police, no notice was taken of the charge, and the offenders were not even summoned.

13. The existence of crimes of violence in the District is due to the impunity which these and other criminals have met with,

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and not to any negligence on your Petitioner's part -

14. In 1862 further disturbances arose, your Petitioner sent urges to the Magistrate requesting him to issue writs for the apprehension of the offenders, and to supply information which might lead to their apprehension. Writs to this effect were forwarded on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August. Your Petitioner received in answer letters from the Magistrate dated 8<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, in which he refuses the above requests, and directs you

there in the matter - These letters are annexed and marked J and K -

15. Your Petitioner has supplied the fullest information to the authorities in regard of the recent disturbances, but has been continually thwarted by the intrigues of Appalarao.

16. Your Petitioner has been informed that the Magistrate has sent in a report to your Board, recommending that the Salug should be taken away from your Petitioner - This report has never been submitted to him - He has never been allowed a copy of it, and has never had an opportunity of answering it in detail. Even at this moment he is

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defending himself against charges, which he has never been allowed to hear.

17. Your Petitioner submits that the facts stated above show clearly that your Petitioner and his father have always been loyal and active in the service of the British Government. This loyalty and activity have been evidenced by services for which they have been thanked, and for which their dependants have been rewarded. Your Petitioner has been left successful

partly from the want of support which he has met with from the Magistracy and Police, and partly from the violence of the criminals. The Sunnud binds your Petitioner to do his best to seize on rebels, but it does not compel him to do impossibilities, nor can he be punished whenever a successful criminal evades justice.

18. Your Petitioner also submits that his Sunnud cannot be cancelled by a mere order of Government, any more than a Zemindari, held under Reg. XXX of 1802, could be resumed without a regular suit. No contract to which Government is a party could be relied on, if Government could constitute

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5<sup>th</sup> January 1868

J. M. Dwyer  
Counsel for Petitioner

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