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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
20th May 1864.*

No. 194. Read the following Abstract of two petitions from STREE RAJAH VATSAVAYA SURIYA NARAYANA JAGAPARAUZ BAHADUR, Zemindar of Kottam Estate in the Godavery District, dated 21st April 1864.

With reference to an Inayetnamah he received from the Magistrate, communicating to him the Government Order to break the guns in his Fort, states that he presented to the Magistrate an Arzee of which a copy is herewith submitted, stating his objections in doing so; prays for an order to the Magistrate not to break the guns before the Government pass an order on his petition, and before the payment of their value has been made to him.

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1864, No. 739.

The Governor in Council has already, in the Order issued on the 12th ultimo, No. 503, sanctioned the retention by the Zemindar of two of the six small cannon possessed by him.

2. The remaining cannon must be destroyed in accordance with the general order. The Zemindar will be entitled to receive the fragments or their value as fixed by the officer of the Ordnance Department employed in this duty, under the Inspector General of Ordnance.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of the Godavery District.
„ Inspector General of Ordnance,

Exd J. Tulloch,

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The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

The humble memorial of
Shri Rajah Tutu Rao
Soreah Narana Jajapally
Bahadur Zamindar of Kolhan
in the Godavari District.

Most humbly sheweth,

1. That your
Memorialist most respectfully begs to take
the liberty of laying the following case before
the Government for redress.

2. That the Magistrate of the District has issued
an Inamnamah on the 7th 2nd January 1866 in
confirmation with the order of Government under
date the 14th May 1861 No. 634 to your Memorialist
intimating him to make the Guns existent in number
appertaining to your Memorialist and lying in
the Peddapore Village over to conductor Mr
G. B. appointed to break the same Guns &
have the possession of them & stating that the
value thereof should be informed as it will
be compensated by Government, and another
on the 18 February calling upon your Memorialist
to answer the first since it is necessary for him
to estimate the value of Guns previous to their
breaking.

bringing and also another on the 23rd of the
idens informing that either the broken pieces or
the money according to the rate of iron will be
paid to your memorialist. So all these your
memorialist sent an answer whose copy he
encloses herewith for your honors perusal and
beg to state as follows:-

1 That your memorialist stated in his answer
to the Magistrate that none of the Guns are
fit to be broken, that they have been used
in many a battle and that they are still
fit for further use and that of the Guns, the
large ones, were held in sacred respect
your memorialist's ancestors, that ^{as} your mem-
orialist had applied to the late Collector to keep in his
possession two guns called Rakshalas to use
when your memorialist solemnizes celebrations
and also to honor the Gentrymen when came to
the place, the two Rakshalas and the three
large Guns already mentioned may be put in
possession of your memorialist and that the
remaining seven Guns and four Rakshalas
which are all 11 in number will be delivered
to the Officer appointed for the purpose.

2 That when Peddapur Zemindari with
its numerous Mootahs was under the yoke
of your memorialist's ancestors, the assessment
on the Zemindari having been raised, they
could not answer them even by expending
their

their property both moveable and immovable
and consequently some of their Mootahs were
obliged to be sold & subsequently the remaining
six mootahs had the same fate and that
through many a petition were presented to govt
yet they are not redressed. The fellow
Zemindars being in the possession of them
Zemindaries, your memorialist feels in rank
& honor & that the monthly allowances given
to your memorialist to cover his expenses was
not suitable to his Zemindari, even this small
allowance is not granted to his descendants
hence, therefore there appears no means by
which his descendants could support their
rank & honor.

3 That the Guns were procured by your
memorialist's ancestors by expending money
thousands of Rupees & that they have not
given them to the Nizam of Hyderabad though
plentiful of money was offered & that your
memorialist has no property but the Guns under
reference, that your memorialist's ancestors were
so honorable that they lent money near a
Lack of Rupees to Godavaris as mentioned
in the Decree of Sadar Court. That your
memorialist is expending much for the repairs
of their houses in the Fort & that if the Government
please to occupy the ^{same} Guns when required
they will again make over ^{them} to your memorialist.

he will not be entitled to suffer sorrow
as the Guns will be in their real state and
that it will not be necessary for Government
to pay the value of the Guns to him.

4th As there is no room to your memorialist
to say any thing in contrary to the order of the
Higher Authorities, your memorialist begs to request
to recommend if necessary to higher authorities
the real value of the Guns before they were
broken.

5th That the real value of any thing
can scarcely appear after it is broken. That
your memorialist has taken the liberty to lay
this statement before the Government though
it was improper for him to do so before receiving
an answer from the Magistrate on the subject
on the ground that the Magistrate's order in
regard the destruction of the Guns will be put
into execution before recommending to Government
about the value of the Guns. Your memorialist
most humbly respectfully beseech your Govt.
that they please to peruse the inclosures and
to issue orders to the Magistrate not to break
the Guns before your Government issuing orders to him
on the subject and to pay to your memorialist
the real value of the Guns before they are
broken.

For which favor I am duly bound
I shall ever pray —

In No 1131 of 1864

H. Morris Esq.

Collector Godavery District.

Salam from Shree Rajah Vutching
Sooriah Narainah Jagapatyranze Bahadur
Zamindar Talook Peddapoor. I am happy
and I hope to hear the same from you.

Most honored Sir.

I am happy to acknowledge the
receipt of your two Inaiyetnamas one dated
7th January 1864 desiring me, with reference to
the Govt. Order dated 14th May 1864 No. 634, to
deliver 16 Unserviceable Guns which were stated
to have been in my possession lying in Peddapoor
Village to Conductor Mr. G. B. who is appointed
to break them into pieces and take possession
of the same and requesting me to inform him
what is the value thereof as it will be paid
to me by Govt. and the other dated 18th Instant
asking me an answer for the first and directing
me to report immediately before the Guns are
delivered what is the value of the same which
you wish to know. In reply I beg leave to state
that I have already informed some circumstances
through my reply dated 20th February 1861 to a
letter from the Amildar of Peddapoor Taluk
under a Hukoom issued to him by the Magistrate
on the subject of these Guns. The then Magistrate
approved my statement but altered it no way
or other. I will be very plain to you on the
personal

herusal of the same. However I am always
in every case subject to the commands of
Govt. The guns are now in good condition
but none of them is liable to be broken. These
guns were used in several battles and are fit
for many more. This circumstance would be
very clear on enquiry if took place.

Specially of the guns alluded to
two guns called "Pamuk and Letchmunnuk"
lying on "Tullaboovoo" or one of the Ramparts
of the Fort and another gun named "Amokhastrum"
lying another Rampart called "Sethy Boovoo"
have been to under worship since my ancestors.
After deducting the above three there are
left more 13 guns of these 6 are called "Rakhalas"
7 are large guns. Two of the
Rakhalas are required by me to be kept lying
before my gate to be used in honoring of great
Gentlemen and in occasions of ceremonies that
may be celebrated in my house as already
requested by me to the Collector through
my argee dated 18th September 1856. I therefore
request you will permit me to keep in my
possession the 2 "Rakhalas" and the 3 worshipped
large guns above alluded to.

The remainder 11 is 7 large guns
and 4 Rakhalas I am prepared to deliver
to such officer whom you appointed to take
charge of the same. But as you have desired
me to give you my opinion of their value
I beg to state as follows.

Before the reign of the British Power
in this part of the country my ancestors had
much estate under them subsequently a large
Peishchah had been charged upon my Zamindary
by Govt. Our claim has been pending still
before the Govt since my ancestors regarding
the enhanced Barij, and our moveable properties
had been sold away in satisfaction of Govt.
dues when they were not sufficiently paid
by the estates. When there no personal properties
spared for the purpose. Most of the Mootahs
have been sold away to others in satisfaction
of Govt. Burthen in cases when even debts
were not procured to be contracted. At last
the 6 Mootahs which were reserved were also
on the same account reverted to Govt.
whereupon many argees had been presented
to get rid of the disgrace among Brother
Zamindars but as no redress has been still
granted. I am now prepared to make an
appeal to her authorities on the subject.

The fellow ancient Zamindars have
their Zamindari in their possession. They are
thereby gaining much profit and enjoying the
same and they have also got much influence
I have not derived any advantage from my
Peedapoor Zamindary which was reverted
to the Govt. The allowance fixed for my
Zamindary is a very trifle nor even was it
sanctioned from posterity to posterity but only
in my life. It will be very plain how much
injustice I have undergone and what means
my large family will have for their support.
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only on the enquiry if made with an eye
of justice.

It came to my notice that my
ancestors had purchased, for 6,000 R. the
three large guns called Ramak, Lachmanah,
and amolha astrum; that Nabal of Hyderabad
and Tippon Sultan &c. who understood
the worth of those guns have offered plenty
money for them, but my ancestors have
refused the offer.

I was further given to
understand that my ancestors have paid
for other large guns at 8,000 R. each, and
for Rakhalas at 3,000 R. each.

This Zemindary was some time
in my possession but I reaped no advantage
therefrom. I have also paid in satisfaction
of a Decree held by Sudr Court to Godavair
a sum of R. 1,00,000 in liquidation of a Debt
which was said to have been borrowed on
this Zamindary. I am still spending much
money for repairs of Fort &c. I have no other
property attached to this Zemindary except
these guns.

When Government have an occasion
for the guns in question I shall give them
as my ancestors did as they may be delivered
to me again when done with them. By which
they will remain always in the Fort unbroken
into pieces and I shall have no any kind
of sorrow or loss. The case will in this
case

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case have no necessity of paying in the
value of the guns. But as the Government have
entertained an opinion of breaking the guns
I find my opposition quite useless. Consequently
I hope you will bring all the above facts into
favorable consideration and pay me such
value as you may find just by obtaining
the Government sanction on the subject addressing
them if necessary before the guns are broken.

If the Government do not wish to pay
me the value in ready cash I shall agree to
receive Government Security Bond for the same
as it would become means for the support
of my family until I obtain redress from
Higher authorities regarding my Zemindary.
If this request is not granted your honor only
may consider that I possessed no means
of support by this Zemindary.

I received just now your Inayatnama
dated 23rd Instant wherein you were pleased
to mention that either the value according
to the current rates of Iron or the pieces
broken will be granted to me. The real
value of any thing can scarcely appear after
it is broken which you can think very easily.
These guns have been procured by my ancestors
at a great cost, but not as easy. Besides this
all the personal property was disposed of
account of Government dues but not
lightest part of the same has been
served for me except these guns which
are

are now considered to be the property for
my family left by this Zemindary.

Under the above circumstances
I bring to your mind notice the real cost
of the guns and my opinion with sincere
hopes that you will take them into
favorable consideration and afford
me redress.

Please to peruse

26th February
1864
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(Signed) of S. N. J. P.

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To
The Honorable S. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

An agra from the Rajah Vitha-
ray Suriah Maranah Jagapat, Raj Bahadur
Zemindar of Cottam Estate attached to
Godavery Division.

Most Honored Sir

I humbly beg
leave to embrace this opportunity to ex-
press to your honor that I have been very
glad to hear from many respectable persons
the generosity, philanthropy, as well as
the favorable light with which your honor
used to treat the Zemindars as myself
and have been greatly anxious to enjoy the
exceeding pleasure of having an interview
with your honor in person. But I regret
I could not have been still so fortunate
as to succeed in my hopes. I am quite
unaware when Almighty God would bless
me with this kind of happiness. I have
now a matter on which I have particularly
to address your honor as follows.

In reply to an agra from a Rajah, I
received from the Magistrate of this District
informing me that the Government have
issued orders to have the guns in my Fort
broken

broken and to remit me a trifle as they
value. I presented to the Magistrate
an Argee wherein I have detailed my opinion
on the subject. I also prepared an Argee
on this occasion and forwarded it to Govern-
ment accompanied by a translation of the
Argee presented by me to the Magistrate.

I now enclose herewith translations of
both Argees for your honor's perusal which
I trust would convince your honor fully of the
injustices I have to undergo on the subject
and of the fittest grounds laid down by me
to show room to authorities for affording me
redress. I therefore enter now into no more
details.

I expect now fully that your gracious
honor will be so good as to have compassion
towards me and to have favorable orders
issued on my argees. The state of my Zemindari
would be very plain to your honor on the
perusal of the Records now in your possession
that I have nothing to mention on the subject.

For which favor I as in duty bound
shall ever pray

To H. Morris Esq.
No 1130 of 1864 Collector Godavry District.
Salam from Sree Rajah Vithal Rao
Boorah & Karamiah Jagapatirao Bahadur
Zeminder Taluk Peddapur. I am happy
to hope to hear the same from you.

Most Honored Sir I am happy to acknowledge
the receipt of your two Magistramahs one
dated 7 January 1864 desiring me, with reference
to the Government order dated 14th May 1861 No
634 to deliver 16 unserviceable guns which were
stated to have been in my possession lying
in Peddapoor Village, to Conductor Mr J. B.
who is appointed to break them into pieces
and take possession of the same and requesting
me to inform him what is the value thereof as
it will be paid to me by Government; and the
other dated 18th Instant asking me an answer
for the first, and directing me to report imme-
diately before the guns are delivered what
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and are fit for many more. This circumstance
would be very clear, if took place.

Specially of the guns alluded to
two guns called "Pauca" & "Hutchmanah" lying
on "Tallaboorogoo" or one of the Paukast of the
Fort, and another gun named "Amokhastrum"
lying on another Paukast called "Lihli Boorogoo"
have been under worship since my ancestors.
After deducting the above three there are left
more 13 guns. Of these 6 are called "Rakhalas"
& 7 are large guns. Two of the Rakhalas are
required by me to be kept lying before my gate
to be used in honor of Great Gentlemen, and
on occasions of ceremonies that may be celebrated
in my house, as already requested by me to the
Collector. This my Arjee dated 18th September 1835.

I therefore request you will permit me
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officers whom you appoint to take charge of them
same. But as you have desired me to give you
my opinion of their value I beg to state as follows.

Before the reign of the British Power in
this part of the Country my ancestors had near
estate under them. Subsequently a large Rich
- cash had been charged upon my Zemindar
by Government. Our claim has been pending
still before the Government, since my ancestors
regarding the enhanced Ranz, and our private
properties had been sold away in satisfaction
of Government dues when they were not suffi-
ciently paid by the Estate. When there were
no personal properties spared for the purpose
most of the Mostahs have been sold away
to others in satisfaction of Government Ranz.
In cases when even debts were not procured
to be contracted. At last the 6 Mostahs
which were reserved were also on the same
account reverted to Govt. Whereupon
many Arjees had been presented to spi-
red of the disgrace among Brother Zemindars
but as no redress has been still granted.

I am now prepared to make an appeal
to higher authorities on the subject.

The fellow agriculturists have their
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I have ^{not} derived any advantage from my
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my Zemindary is very trifling not even was
it sanctioned from posterity to posterity but
only for my lifetime. It will be very plain
how much injustice I have undergone and
what means my large family will have for
their support, only on the inquiry if made with an
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It came to my notice that my ancestors
had purchased for 60000 Rs the three large
Guns called, Rama, Lakshmana, and Amokhastrum;
that Nawab of Hyderabad, Tipu Sultan &c
who understood the worth of those Guns
have offered plenty money for them, but my
ancestors have refused the offer.

I was further given to understand
that my ancestors have paid for other large
Guns at Rs 8000 Rs each and for Pikkalas
at Rs 3000 each.

This Zemindary was some time in my
possession but I reaped no advantage therefrom.
I have also paid in satisfaction of a Decree
held Sudr Court to Godavari a sum of Rs 100,000
in liquidation of a Debt which was said to
have been borrowed on this Zemindary.
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into pieces. and I shall have no any kind
of loss or loss. The Govt will in this
case have no necessity of paying me the
value of the Guns. But as the Government
have entertained an opinion of buying the
Guns I find my opposition quite useless.
Consequently I hope you will bring all the
above facts into favorable consideration
and pay me such value as you may find
just by obtaining the Government sanction
on the subject and paying them if necessary
before the Guns are broken.

If the Government do not wish to pay
me the value in ready cash I shall agree
to receive Government security Bond for the same
as it would become means for the support
of my family until I obtain proceeds from
Higher Authorities regarding my Zemindary.
If this request is not granted your honor
only may consider that I possessed no
means of support by this Zemindary.

I remain just now your Obedient servant
dated

Dated 23rd Instant, wherein you were
pleased to mention that either the value
according to the Current rates of Iron or the
pieces broken will be granted to me. The real
value of any thing can scarcely appear after
it is broken which you can think very easily.
These guns have been procured by my ancestors
at a great cost, but not at ease. Besides
this all the personal property was disposed
of on a count of Government dues but not
slightest part of the same has been reserved
for me, except these Guns, which are now con-
sidered to be the property of my family left
by the Zemindary.

Under the above circumstances I bring
to your kind notice the real cost of the Guns
and my opinion with sincere hopes that
you will take them into favorable considera-
tion and afford me redress.

Please to forward

Yours

Judl. Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following two
Petitions from Shree Rajah
Vakkaraya Kurija Karayana
Jagapateram Bahadur, Zemindar
of Kattam Estate.

(Filed under 21 April 1864)

Order thereon 20th May 1864 No 739-

The Governor in Council
has already in the order issued
on the 12th Ultimo No 503, sanc-
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of two of the six small cannon
possessed by him.

The remaining cannon
must be destroyed in accordance
with the general order. The
Zemindar ^{will be entitled to receive} ~~will be entitled to receive~~
^{the payments or higher} ~~the payments or higher~~
^{the full value} ~~the full value~~ ^{as fixed by the Officer of the}
Ordnance Department employed
in this duty, under the Insp.
General of Ordnance.

To the Magistrate of the
Godavery District } despatch 21/5
Insp. Genl. of Ordnance

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No. 739.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 20th May 1864.
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Concerning the selection
of 2000 acres by the Committee
of the Western Estate and
directing the remaining 10000
acres to be set apart in
accordance with the general
order.

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