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The Most Noble
The Duke of Buckingham and Chandos
Governor of Madras
Cotacamund.

May it please your grace,

I most respectfully beg to enclose herein for your Grace's perusal copy of a letter I have addressed to the Collector of North Arcot and I pray that when the matter comes up for decision before your Grace's Government, your Grace will be pleased to consider my case favorably.

I have not in the slightest degree colored or exaggerated my grievances in the enclosed letter and my statement falls much short of what I have really experienced

I respectfully beg to remain
Your Grace's most obedient Servant

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12d/ Isevooboye Sahaba

Mother of the Saghirdar of Arnee.

Madras 1st November 1879

To

W. S. Whiteside Esq^r

Collector of North Arcot

Sir I beg to inform you that in consequence of the ill-treatment to which my son A Strancevassa Row Sahib, the Jaghiredar of Arnee, has persistently subjected me, I have found it necessary to leave the palace at Arnee and to reside elsewhere - I have accordingly come to Madras and I am residing here with my second ^{son} Lutchman Row Sahib in a Bungalow in Egmore which I have rented.

2. My second son Lutchman Row Sahib who has also been treated with scant consideration by the Jaghiredar, feels annoyed at the treatment which I have suffered and as is quite natural has separated himself from his brother, that he may remain with me, which is some consolation to me in my sorrows.

3. Having taken the serious step of leaving the Palace, it is incumbent on me to acquaint you in detail with the circumstances which rendered such proceedings on my part absolutely necessary.

4. Ever since the Jaghiredar, my son, entered into possession of the Estate, he has shown a determined disposition to treat my wants and the wants of his brother and Sisters with very little liberality.

5. As a Hindu widow, believing in our own Shastras, it is necessary for me to perform certain charities now and again and I have also my daughters and grandchildren, all along living with me in the Palace. It cannot be denied that in these circumstances I should have occasion to ask money for expenses.

6. But my demands were always very illiberally met and at last thinking that it would be less unpleasant and that it would save constant references I requested that a monthly allowance might be granted to me for my private expenses.

7. With great reluctance the Jaghiredar consented about a year ago to give me

me an allowance of Rs 100. a month without reference to the cost of my maintenance and that of my daughters &c; and the cost of the necessary establishments, which were all borne on the palace list.

8. The Jaghiredar continued to pay this allowance till about August last, when he most unaccountably stopped it. He has also from about the 25th of Sept. last prohibited the issue of the daily supplies, which had been usually given to me.

9. The circumstances under which such orders were issued by the Jaghiredar are awkward to relate; but I am obliged to detail them for your information.

10. The Jaghiredar's wife (ie) my daughter-in-law who, with the indiscretion of youth, had always maintained some distance with me, picked herself on annoying me with her influence over my son, and accordingly one day, in the hearing of my servants, who she knew would communicate it to me, vowed to despoil me of the few jewels that were left with me.

11. Scarcely had the surprise, remarked by

by such indiscreet remarks, subsided, when my son sent word saying that the Jewels which were with me were wanted for his wife

12. I could not bear such degradation in my own household and before the eyes of my own own servants - Possibly if my son had asked for the Jewels under other circumstances, I might have given them up, but with the remarks of my daughter-in-law, still ringing in my ears, I could not prevail upon myself to do so on this occasion, and accordingly I informed my son that I could see no reason why the Jewels should be wanted, and that if his wife wanted more Jewels, there were boxes full of them with him for her to choose from.

13. It was after these unpleasant circumstances had transpired that the daily supplies were ordered to be stopped

14. It will be in your recollection that when the Jaghirc was taken under the management of the Court of Wards on the death of my husband, an account was made of all the Jewels which were worn by me and which constituted my Sridhau property.

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15. These Jewels, however, were left with me during the period of the Court's management, but when their connection came to an end, and the Estate was handed over to my son, all the Jewels, according to the account Enquiry taken, were, in due form, handed over to him. Of the Jewels so handed over he allowed a few to remain with me. These were worth about Rs 5000. at the outside and were such as I could then still wear in my state of widowhood. I did not at the time of the Court's renunciation of management object to my Jewels being handed over to my son, as I then naturally thought that it was all the same whether they remained with me or with my own son.

16. As already stated, it was for the Jewels worth Rs 5000. which were left with me that my son made the peremptory demand, and the little value of the property in question is of itself sufficient indication of the wanton character of his proceedings.

17. After the Orders stopping the daily supplies were issued, I remained in the Palace for about 25 days, hoping that my son would yet rectify matters, but not only has he not done so, but even when I personally remonstrated with him, he distinctly informed me

me that unless I give up the jewels above referred to, he would not allow the daily supplies to be made.

18. Moreover on the eve of my departure from the Palace, there was naturally some confusion and much lamentation on the part of my daughters and their children and the Jaghiedar sent word and insisted that they also should leave with me; but not knowing what to do with them in my present unprotected condition I left them behind for the present. So little does the Jaghiedar care for the feelings of his relations that after I came down to Etwadras he did not so much as come to see me although he was himself here a few days ago.

19. In the case of my daughters also, the supplies are maintained at the rates allowed when they were young and useless - no increase was made in consideration of the increasing requirements of a growing family, though repeatedly asked for; and I have had to defray the additional expenditure out of my own short-lived private allowance.

20. It would be as well to give here a brief account of the way in which these miserable rations are doled out to us daily and the petty and unbearable annoyances to which we are subjected

subjected in procuring them. The Palace arrangements comprise many separate households of which the Jaghiedar's is one, his wife another, mine and my daughter the third and the uncle's the fourth. The management of the Palace provision store is recently under the auspices of the present Jaghiedar, quite unique in its character. The scale of allowances is regulated by such strict rules, that not a particle of any commodity could be issued, without the previous sanction of the Jaghiedar himself. The "Ratub" or fixed rates are maintained at laminar figures and if anything extra is required, let it be the most ordinary necessary of life, not less than half a dozen references have to be made before it can be had. Sometimes the Jaghiedar would be otherwise engaged or there would be no one on the spot to report to him and procure his sanction, and we would be left without the article altogether. The quality of the provisions supplied is of the most possible description and the miserable distinction between "Khasa" and "Kurchi" (superior and inferior) articles is carried to a revolting extent. There is no cordiality among the members of the family and the Jaghiedar scarcely ever appeared among us to hear our wants, although we all lived within the precincts of the same Palace, within a few yards of each other. Indeed I did not see him once during the last year and a half.

half, excepting during the interview which I especially arranged to have with him to remonstrate against the stoppage of the daily supplies - The distinction that is usually observed in providing for the wants of the different members of the family is so unbearable and is frequently practiced to such an extent, that instances are not wanting of my younger son having had to use common country made Jaggery for his tea, when the Jaghiedar himself, in his brother's presence, used loaf sugar for his own.

21. It is painful to me to write thus of my own son, but I have borne with him sufficiently long, and this is not the first time that I have had to suffer indignity at his hands. It is impossible that I can again live under the same roof with him after the above outrageous treatment of his own mother and other relations.

22. I therefore request that in the exercise of the powers vested in Government, by the terms of the Sanmud conferring the Jaghird, you will be pleased to direct the restoration to me of all the jewels worn by and given to me during the lifetime of my husband, estimated at Rs 75,000, which constitute my Stridhanu property and that a monthly allowance of Rs 700, maybe ordered

ordered to be paid to me for the maintenance of myself and my daughters and their children.

23. I have two daughters with 6 grand children. It has been the custom in the family to maintain the daughters with their husbands on the Palace house hold during the lifetime of their parents and they cannot now be sent adrift all unprovided as they are. My daughters with their children will therefore have to remain with me so long as I live, after which the usual provision which is customarily made in the family to such relations may be made to them. The sisters of the late Jaghiedar had excellent arrangements made for them. They were provided with permanent houses with all the necessary house hold furniture and received besides sums of money varying from Rs 500 to 1000 for every marriage or Oshanayanam that was performed for their children. It has been the same with the sisters of former Jaghiedars also. The Court of Wards also recognized this practice and made payments for similar purposes. In making provision for my daughters this circumstance will have to be considered.

24. As the wife of the late and the mother of the present Jaghiedar, I cannot myself help living in proper and becoming style. I will have to rent.

rent a garden house, provide my own establishment
(which is necessarily large in every respectable
Brahmin family) and keep a Palkee and bearers
or a decent carriage, all of which will entail
much expenditure. I will besides have to
perform many Vratams (rites) and house-
hold ceremonies enjoined by our religion which
with my own charities and pilgrimages will
cost heavily. Moreover, unlike the allowance
to Khandaus, the allowance to me will lapse
on my death. Under these circumstances
I submit that the monthly allowance of Rs
700/- and the restitution of my Sridhara Sweets,
asked for by me are not too much considering
the needs of the whole family and the present
revenues of the Jaghir which have more than
doubled since the life-time of my husband

25 I request that early orders may be
issued on this letter, as I am now sent adrift
in utter want.

I remain, Sir

Yours obedient servant.

[Sd] Jeerooye Sahaba
Mother of the Jaghiredar of
Arnee.

Petition

No.

From the brother of the Amee Jaly Jidar

Dated

Rec 6. 11. 79 -

FOR ORDERS.

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relatives suitably
& I think Govt.
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there - M

FOR ORDER

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Let us, first, see
the Sanad - How
hardly goes as far as to
allow us to interfere
between the man & his
mother - L-10/11-9

Memorandum

1825

In 1825 when one Prins
Rao was recognised as the
Jaghirdar of Arun a
Sanad was granted to
him. Para 3 of the Sanad
ran as follows:-

"You shall make a suit-
able provision for the dif-
ferent members of your
family according to the
usage, and according
to the orders of govern-
ment when they see fit
to interfere"

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30th August 53

Certain parties petitioned
Govt agt the Jaghirdar
for having stopped their
allowances. The Jaghirdar
was directed to attend
to the claims of those
who had a good case
on his refusal to do so
it was intimated to
him that he was
bound to obey the orders
of Govt, under penalty
of the revocation of
his Sanad, and that
the Govt would not tolerate
any further disturbance
or evasion of their orders.

Order dated 6th
April 64, No 586

para 2. fo. 26th August 62
No 1875-

16th Feb 66 No 418

Contains the full details
of Govt in these cases.

In 66 the step mother
of the late Jaghirdar de-
manded certain sums
from the Jaghirdar for
the maintenance of her
self & her son. Govt directed
that an allowance of
Rs 250^{p.m} be paid to the
step mother of the late
Jaghirdar.

In 71 Complaint was
brought against the late
Jaghirdar as to his
not having paid certain
allowances. He was
informed that should
he again fail to pay
these allowances Govt
would adopt the Collector's
suggestion that the
Aggregate amount
due to the Khandaun

We handed over to the Judicial Dept
Sub. Magistrate of Arnee
every month for distribution
28th March 71 No 487.

This course was adopted
2 months afterwards
29th May 71 No 338.

The late Jaghirdar
died in 71, his son the
present Jaghirdar
was recognized as his
successor & the property
taken under the manage-
ment of the Court of Ward
8th Feb 72 No 231.

A Sanad was granted
to him
16/2/72 No 222.

Para 3 of this document
relates to the main-
-tenance of the various
members of the family
in the same terms
as the documents
of 25753.

We have only copy
of her petition to
Govt.
My Mr & are
interfere now
it may be settled
without us
25/1/12

No 7.
North Arcot Collectors Office,
Chittoor - 9th January 1880
No 7463 Political Department.

Official Memorandum

The Collector of N. Arcot
is requested to report
what has been done, on
on the petition pre-
-sented to him by the
the widow of the late
Jaghirdar of Arnee,
dated 1st Nov 71,
a copy of which
has been sent by
that lady to Govt.
(By Advt)
The Collector of N. Arcot
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of the latter. In consequence of that treat-
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No. 4.
North Arcot Collectors Office,
Chittoor, 9th January 1880
From, Mr. S. Whitehead, Esquire,
Collector of North Arcot.
To, C. G. Master, Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir, In acknowledging receipt, on
the 22nd ultimo, of your official Memoran-
-dum, dated 20th Idem, No 2463, I have
the honour to submit the report therein
called for.
2. Early in November last the
mother (Jeeroo Boji Sahiba) and the
younger brother (A. Lutchmana Rau
Sahib) of the Jaghiredar of Arnee adresp.
-ed some Petitions complaining of the
treatment they had received at the hands
of the latter. In consequence of that treat-
-ment, the mother stated that she had
left the Palace at Arnee and taken up
her residence in the house of her father
at Gramispett, a suburb of Chittoor,
and the brother, who was previously occu-
-pying the Jaghiredar's house in Madras,

We left him and acting under evil advice went to a firm of lawyers, who thereupon wrote to the Jashiedar warning him that his brother was preparing to file a suit for the division of the Jashiedar itself, if possible, and the ancestral family property.

3. On receipt of these Petitions, I at once wrote to the Jashiedar and his brother to come on in view to my amicably arranging their dispute. I had one interview with the Jashiedar's mother in her father's house and several others with the Jashiedar and his brother, and fully discussed the matter with them.

4. The mother, at first, claimed restitution by the Jashiedar of a very large quantity of jewels valued at Rs 75,000 and which, she alleged, were her Sri-dhana property and which she made over to the Jashiedar when the estate was put in his possession by the Court of Wards. She also asked me to obtain for her a monthly maintenance allowance of Rs 700. These demands were manifestly extravagant, and eventually the Lady consented to receive from the Jashiedar a lump sum of Rs 6,000, payable in three

yearly equal instalments, to defray her expenses on pilgrimage that she desires to make; a monthly allowance of Rs 200 is to be paid to her, and she is to have as her own property jewels worth Rs 10,000 now in her possession. The Jashiedar agreed to make these payments and also to provide for his mother a suite of rooms for her residence in his Palace at Amritsar and she is also to have the use of his Carriages &c. I am of opinion that the Jashiedar's concessions were very liberal, and the Lady's father and other relatives expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with this arrangement.

5. Lutchman Ram Sahib, on arrival at Chittoor, after much discussion consented to abandon the idea of suing his brother for a division, but insisted on a lump payment of 3 lacs of Rupees in Cash and the usual Mhandan allowance of Rs 250 a month. It was ultimately decided that, in addition to a monthly allowance of Rs 250 the sum of one lac of Rupees should be paid to him by the Jashiedar in ten yearly instalments of 10,000 Rs each. Lutchman Ram Sahib is to reside in a portion of the

W Palace at Arcue or in his brother's house
in Madras and to have the use of the
carriages, horses &c. The Jashiedar has
also promised that if his brother will
live amicably with him and behave pro-
perly, he will himself bear all the
expenses connected with his marriage.
The Concessions made by the Jashiedar
to his brother, as above detailed, are
more liberal than those made by him
a few years ago to his uncle, the late Jashie-
dar's brother, Ramachandra Rao Sahib,
who was only paid between Rs 60,000 & 70,000 Rs,
in addition to the prescribed Khandaan
allowance of 250 Rs a month.

9. 6. After these arrangements had been seri-
ously settled in my presence, the Jashiedar and
his mother & brother executed the necessary
agreements & counterparts thereof, which will be
duly registered. They all subsequently returned
to Arcue and, I am informed, are now living
there on very friendly terms. The Jashiedar & his
brother have, since their departure from Chittoor,
each written to me expressing their gratification
with the arrangement that has been made under
my advice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. S. Whitfield

Collector

just

Feb^y. 1880. Sept.
Thompson (Sagittarius 1871)

The collector of
Insects.

To, The Chief Secretary to Govt
Bombay

Dated 9th January 1880
Respected Sir, January 1880.

Enclosed

Submitting the report on
the arrangements made
to annually settle the
definite lectures in the
of this matter.

With obeisance

A.S.

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To the collector of N. India
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