

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>2</i> <i>250</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>3</i> <i>July</i>	<i>1861</i>

Not to be folded or roughly handled

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His Excellency the
Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

The humble petition of Raja
Velugoti Comara Yachama
Naidu Bahadur Zaminda
of Venkatagiri: Nellore.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That in reference to Government
order N^o 15 of 18th January 1861 that "Peti-
tioners Memorials to the Secretary of
State, cannot be forwarded as the
whole matter has been fully reported
on before and the claim negatived, and
that as no new matter is now brought
forward, it is unnecessary to reopen
the question," Petitioner respectfully
begs to bring the following particular
to your Excellency's kind notice and
consideration.

Were your Excellency to be pleased
to go through attentively the Memorial
in question Petitioner doubts not that
your Excellency will find many new
matters contained in it which are not
mentioned in any of his former petitions
or Memorials; therefore petitioner
begs to reforward his Memorial
for your Excellency's perusal, con-
sideration and despatch

Government State per order
Communicated

communicated dated 8th Sept^r 1859
that Petitioner's Claim to be relieved
from the payment of a sum of
Pagodas 7278 having been disallowed
by Sir Thomas Munro's Government
in 1823 cannot now be conceded.

The decision of Sir Thomas Munro's
Government was on the plea that the
amount objected to had been paid for
20 years and that the Village of
Mittatore had been bestowed in con-
sideration of the extra demand.

The decision of Lord Harris's Govern-
ment under date 18th March 1859 is at
variance with this, this Government
state that the payments objected to are
made on account of certain lands
and villages held exclusively of the
Zamindare Proper.

The Special Revenue Committee
of 1802 stated that they were "unable
from a want of information to decide
the Claim of the Zamindar of Ven-
cataghirri to an exemption" but at
the same time recommended that the
Village of Mittatore should be restored
to him on the ground of long continued
possession. Since the Special Committee
of 1802 could not decide the claim
from a want of information from
what information did the Government
of Sir Thomas Munro decide it? When
the case was referred to the Board of
Revenue the Board reported under
date 2nd June 1823 that. "It does not
appear from the Records in the Office
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of the Board of Revenue that this
question was further discussed. No
reply was received from Government to
the letter of the Special Committee (2nd
Oct. 1802) above adverted to and the inten-
tion of calling for further information
on the subject intimated in their letter
to the Collector of Western Peshawar
does not seem to have been carried
into execution." The Government of
Sir Thomas Munro state that the
Village of Mittatore was bestowed
in consideration of the extra demand.
No such thing. The village was un-
justly attached and subsequently
restored on the ground of long con-
tinued possession. But supposing
it had, is it just and reasonable that
a Village yielding at the most only
Rs. 100 should be given in consideration
of the extra demand of Rs. 7278!

The said Government order
states that the whole matter has
been fully reported on before. Petitioner
begs to observe that it has not. if it
had Petitioner's claim to be relieved
from the extra payment would have
been sanctioned. The decision of Sir
Thomas Munro's Government and
that of Lord Harris are at variance.
The plea of the former is that the
amount objected to had been paid for
20 years and that the Village of
Mittatore had been bestowed in con-
sideration

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Sideration of the extra demand. The
plea of the latter is that the payments
objected to are made on account of
certain lands and Villages held
exclusively of the Zamindare Proper.
Consequently Government have
recommended and the same autho-
rities have approved of it, that Pe-
titioner be allowed the option of either
continuing this payment or of resigning
compactly situated lands with an
equivalent rental. But where are
these lands or Villages? Petitioner
solemnly avers that he possesses
no Villages or lands outside the
ring-fence of his Zamindary. This
fact can be ascertained by a direct
reference to the collectors of Muntoor
Nellore, and Giddapah. Should any
of these Revenue Officers, after inquiring
report that Petitioner holds or enjoys
Villages or lands beyond the ring-fence
of his Zamindary Petitioner will not
demand to continue the payment
from which he now prays to be relieved.
But should such not be the case
it is nothing but just that he should
be relieved from the payment complained
of in his Memorial which is over and
above his Peshcush.

It is urged that the payments
objected to by Petitioner are made on
account of certain lands and villages
held by him exclusively of his Zamindare
Proper and that were he to resign these
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he will be relieved from the payment.
Petitioner respectfully prays that
Government will be pleased to order
the collectors of the above Districts in
which these lands and Villages are
supposed to exist, to point them out
and he is most willing and ready
to resign them in order he may be
relieved from the payment complained
of. Until these lands and Villages
are pointed out by the collectors or by
any other officers of Government, Pe-
titioner cannot be liable to the extra
payment of the extra sum of Star
Pagods 7,278-8-35 which he respect-
fully submits is over and above his
Peshcush.

The supposition of a thing is
not the fact of it, it must be proved
that Petitioner holds lands and
Villages exclusively of his Zamindary
proper. The Board of Revenue them-
selves, in their report to Government
under date 2^d June 1823 admit that
the Zamindar did not hold any other
lands. The fact is that this extra
payment is solely on account of
Kuzzers and Ruzzums and not
for lands and villages held exclusively
of the Zamindary proper; but it is
declared in the Sumud that the
Zamindar should be free from pay-
ment on account of Kuzzers and
Ruzzums, therefore it is on this score
Petitioner prays to be relieved from the
excess payment.

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It is stated in the above order of Government that "it is unnecessary to reopen the question" Petitioner would respectfully ask if an irregularity or injustice once be committed is there no remedy for it? The injustice continued to be done to Petitioner is from the circumstance of the excess pay-ment having been made for a number of years and from the mistaken belief that certain lands and Villages are held by Petitioner exclusively of his Zamindary Proper. To remove this mistaken belief is the main object of the accompanying Memorial. In it all points are fully and explicitly explained so as to remove all doubt on the propriety of it will convince your Excellency in Council that Petitioner possesses no lands or villages exclusive of his Zamindary Proper, and that the excess Peshcush demanded and received from him is an act of great injustice and imposition.

Therefore Petitioner respectfully begs your Excellency in Council after taking into due consideration the various reasons and arguments contained in the Memorial and in this Petition kindly see justice done to him by relieving him from the excess Peshcush in question or if this be impractical forward his

his Memorial to the Secretary of State with your Excellency's kind and favorable recommendation and for which act of benevolence and justice Petitioner as in duty bound

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~~Yours &c~~
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Madras

1st May 1861

[Signature]

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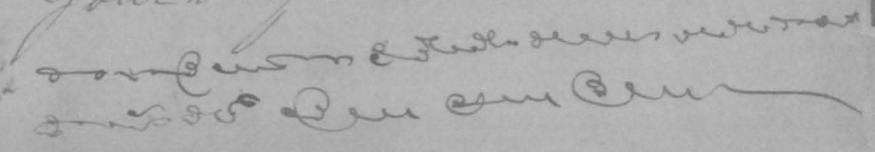
J. Pyroft Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

In reference to Government order
26th January 1861. No 15 on my memorial
to the Home Government, wherein it is sta-
ted that the said memorial contains "no
new matter", I beg to state that Government
in a former order 18th March 1859 allege
that I possess certain lands and villages
exclusive of my Zamindari Proper. I deny
this and clearly prove it in my memorial
by documentary proofs. This itself is new
matter. Since such is the case how can it
be affirmed that my memorial contains
no new matter. Government without
perusing my memorial have passed the
above order. I therefore beg to re-submit
copies of the memorial with a petition to
Government praying to reconsider my case,
both of which I respectfully request you
will be pleased to peruse attentively
and lay them on the Council Table with
your kind recommendation & for which
kindness & justice I shall ever pray.

I remain

Sir

Your very obedient Servant


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