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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1543	Press Mis.
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Dated 3. 8. 1869.	

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No. 31. Read the following Memorial of STRI SITIAMMA, widow of BOGGULA RAMAREDDI DORA, late Munsifdar of Jaddanghi Táluq, in the Godavery District, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Nellipudi, 8th June 1861 :—

The humble representation of STRI SITIAMMA, widow of BOGGULA RAMAREDDI DORA, late Munsifdar of Jaddanghi Táluq, in the Godavery District.

MOST HONORED SIR,

1. I most humbly beg leave to represent to your Honor, that in consequence of my late husband, Ramareddi Dora, having been convicted of certain crimes he was sentenced to life imprisonment, and our Estate resumed by Government in the year 1846.

2. Ever since that period I have petitioned to the authorities requesting an allowance for my maintenance. The late Honorable the Governor of Madras has been pleased to recommend to the Government of India, to sanction the payment of 25 Rupees per mensem as an allowance for my maintenance, but the India Government have not accepted the recommendation to my injustice and destitution of livelihood.

3. I therefore most humbly solicit your Honor will be pleased to submit the accompanying Memorial of appeal addressed by me to Her Majesty the Queen in Council, dated 6th June 1861, and its accompaniments, as below noticed, with the favorable recommendation of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and to honor me with a line of the date of despatch of the said Memorial to England :—

3 Memorial petitions of appeal.

3 Copies of English petitions dated 28th August 1856, addressed to the Madras Government.

3 Do. do., dated 23rd November 1857, addressed to the Madras Government.

2 Original and copy of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of Madras Government dated 7th August 1857, No. 791.

For which favor I as in duty bound shall ever pray.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1861, No. 1,543.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Home Authorities, and that an intimation of its despatch be given to the Memorialist.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Right Honorable

the Secretary of State for

India &c &c &c

The humble Memorial of Shree

Seetiennmah widow and legal

heir of Boggula Rennereddi

Most Honorable Dhora late Munsufdar of Juddan-

gi Taluk in the Godavery Dis-

trict attached to the Madras

Presidency

With infinite submission I beg leave to

make my present address of appeal regarding the

injustice I have experienced from India Government

trusting your gracious honor will be pleased to pardon

me for giving trouble with the following lines and grant

me redress:-

1st Our Munsufdari Estate was formerly acquired

by our progenitor Munnereddi 250 years ago and was ruled

by 9 of his descendants; the last of whom was my husband

who reigned it for 25 years, but in the year 1845 owing

to our misfortune he was convicted of certain crimes

before the then Magistrates and was sentenced to life im-

-prisonment. Our estate was also resumed under

Government in the year 1846

&c

2 In addition to the resumption of our estates bearing a large assignment the lands appropriated for our maintenance viz^z consisting of dary or self-cultivating lands, gardens viz^z annually yielding about 2000 Rupees and cattle viz^z personal property were also resumed by Government.

3 Sometimes afterwards the personal property consisting of cattles, horses, palenquins viz^z were restored to me under orders of Government: but the Juddeniz estates and all the other landed property were retained under the possession of Government only.

4 I have no support me, and have in consequence subsisted by gradually selling away all the jewels on my body and cattle viz^z personal property, and by contracting loans. Ever since the resumption of my estates by Government, I had petitioned to the authorities of the successive distrys I have by thus been exposed to, and have requested a monthly allowance of 120 Rupees for the maintenance of myself and my women and men slaves, clothing viz^z; but my prayer had not been taken into favorable consideration by any authorities for a period of 10 years

My

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5 My petitions were taken into favorable consideration during the time of Honorable Lord Harris the late Governor of Madras who was pleased to hold Minutes of Consultation under ~~June~~ date 5th June 1857, expressing his opinion that I would be entitled to a monthly allowance of 25 Rupees, and requesting a sanction of India Government for the same.

6 On the perusal of the said Minutes of Consultation, the Governor General of India passed Minutes under date 10th July 1857, disapproving the proposal of the Madras Government, stating that the recommendation made for my allowances was not sufficiently found just, and this circumstances was made known to me by the Madras Government.

7 Being aggrieved at these orders, I humbly beg leave to submit the following circumstances, with a full hope of justice. Your honor will imagine that it is just to punish the person who is actually convicted of a crime: but it is not just to resume the estates which became the sole means of livelihood of his whole family.

8 When Government resumed the Zemindary Estates on any ground, they used to protect the family thereof, by granting an allowance to the amount of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the income derivable from such Estates; but they have not deprived the families of any means of livelihood, as in my unfortunate case only.

Though

9. Though I could not carry on the maintenance both for myself and my Servants at a monthly sum under 120 Rupees, yet I consider it to be my misfortune not to have sanction even for the 25 Rupees according to the recommendation of Madras Government.

10 With reference to the valuable notification issued in India, dated in January 1859, proclaiming that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to retain the affairs of the state, under Her immediate management, and that justice would be granted to the aggrieved persons, by restoring them to their landed & other property. I am induced to prefer my appeal with a great hope of being alleviated from all my present dreadful distress.

11 I am a female, and of a respectable family constantly remaining in the "Ghosha" and destitute of any relatives to support me, such as sons, daughters, brothers &c. I have hitherto sold away all my jewels and other property and have now been carrying on my maintenance with inexpressible distress, by contracting loans to a great extent; and I find I can't obtain any more loans, that I should only have unfortunate recourse

of

of death, from want of food and raiment after having lived in an affluent circumstance.

I therefore most humbly solicit your Gracious honor will be pleased to lay my very poor and helpless case before the royal presence of Her Majesty the Queen in Council, and save me from all my distress by obtaining me the royal orders, to the Government of Madras to grant me the allowance in arrears from the month of June 1857, the date of their Minutes, to the month of June 1861 being 49 months, at 25 Rupees a month, amounting to Rupees 1225; and to continue the monthly payment of allowance from 1st July 1861 at such a rate as Her Majesty may deem proper, according to my fortune, in consideration of the value of our estates and other landed property resumed by Government.

3. Copies of English petitions dated 28th August 1856 to the Madras Government.
3 Do Do dated 23d November 1857 to Do Do
2 Original and a copy of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the Madras Government dated 7th August 1857 No 791.

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For which favor I as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Nellisipadi
6th June 1861

Marked / Shree Seethammah

Orders of Government confirming Allotments
from Colonel Mudwood the late Commandant
Kaddy Town & Adjacent Districts of Ludlowsky
in Bengal Presidency dated 23 Jan 1827 A.D 2819
Ordered that such order & ready of the
orders of the Government of India be
distributed by Lieut. the Collector. —
Fort Edward 14 January 1828 —

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Copy of Letter from Lieut. Col. Mudwood
Esq. Commandant Kaddy Town
dated 19th Nov. 1826

No. 14/12/26

No 1914 of 1856.

Petitioner is informed that her case has been ordered to lie over until the claims to the Pataphilly Estate are decided.

Fort St George, 18th October 1856

By order.

W. Morrah

Dept Secy to Govt

No 1914 of 1856. 1

From Sher Seetayam-mah wife of B. Rama-reddy Dora late Tumsubdar of Jeddum-gay Taluk Rajahmundry

Dated 28th August 1st 3d Septr 1856

Referring to the corres-pondence held on the subject of her Inamcumbedary relief. Forbids an allowance for her maintenance.

To
The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

The humble representation
of Rosa Petramalo the
Wife of Pedro de Bezota
late Purser and Clerk
Manager to the
Indiaman Falcon Attached
to the Flag of Admiral Pocock

Most submits to the Government Memorial
petitioner stating that my husband has been
sentenced to Transportation for life.
that the Estate which has been supporting
my family was unlawfully confiscated
together with Cash Lands and Gardens
that as there are no Any means for our
subsistence your honour will be pleased
to order an allowance in proportion to our
family upon this, your honour has
taken from the Collector of this & illeg
a report of my Circumstances and
hereon & he informed that my
prayer is under the Consideration
of the Government at Calcutta. Though
it was 3 years since that time I do not
find any Conclusion of the Government
upon my request. I on this subject,
address a Second Petition by
Letter as well as
Appeal on the
on the 11 Instant requesting an Endorsement

My petition for the purpose of Condiegan
appeal to the Courts of Demerara as they
will not take it into Consideration
if forwarded without your Endorsement
For that petition also no Answer
is granted. I therefore beg to inform
that the Government issued Orders annexed
that they will distribute justice to
individuals who are exposed to long
by the lower Authorities. Having been
met with injustice by the lower
Authorities. I have addressed many
petitions to your honor and though
am waiting from 3 years your
honor has not yet passed decision
upon my petition by which I am
to Consider that the said Orders
are, owing to my misfortune, not
Carried into effect with regard to
my petition. I am bereft of Children
and am suffering much having Contracted
debts from Certain individuals on
account of my servants maintenance
Besides myself. If the Estate of
Plantations and properties were Come
under the possession of the Government
1/3 of the Estate to take, is according
to the orders and Regulation of the
Government to the remittes to the
family as allowance for their
maintenance.

Therefore humbly pray your
honor will be pleased to favor
me with an Endorsement of the Conclusion

arrondissement by the Government Written
regards to my request.

Hoping my request will
be Complied with.

I have to remain Sir
Your most obedient
and humble Servant

23 Novembre 1867 (Marked)
Plaintiff

Order of Government on the Petition
from Pettamah widow of the late
Ramareddy Dorah Monsubdar
of Juddungy in Rajahmundry
dated 23d November 1857 Rd 28th
Ordered that another Copy
of the orders of the Government of
[illegible] dismissing by post
to petitioner &c.
Fort St George 4th January 1858.
By order
(Signed)
A.G. Dy. Secy to Govt.

No 19 H/1858.

To

The Right Honorable the Governer
in Council
Fort St George

Arzeudast of Sree Sutyemmah
wife and heir of Boyyoolu Rama=
Most Honored sa=reddy Doro late Munsubdar
of Juddungy Talook of Rajah=
=mundry District

With reference to a report from the
Collector of Rajahmundry communicating to
your Lordship the State of my family as called for
in your Rd from the Minutes of Consultations
held on my petition representing to your Lordship
the injustice afforded to me by the Collector and
Commissioner, I most humbly beg leave to state
as follows

It is 250 years ago that our monsub=
=dary estate had been acquired, during which period
Eight male ancestors had unmolested by enjoyed the
estate. Owing to Greatest misfortune my husband
who is the last incumbent was Convicted of certain
crimes, and sentenced by the Court of Foujdaruda=
=lut for life imprisonment. The Munsubdary
estate together with dary lands was forfeited to
Government without alloting maintinance to the
surviving family dependent on the Estate for
support,

support repugnant to the legislative machinery prescribing that the person who commits a crime should alone be deserving of the penalties of the Law — The whole of our family have been suffering unutterable distress even for Common necessaries of life for want of any allowance — The resentment which the Collector & Commissioner has conceived against my husband and his family had caused upon their first recommendation for not granting allowance to me ——

2 In cases of escheat of estates from any cause the Government have never omitted to support the families of the holders by fixing them allowance, but in my case the local functionaries have exposed me to Glaring piece of injustice a fact which I believe may be presented to your Lordships —

3 The Collector, I understand, expressed his opinion that I have lived with my step Elder brother and in consequence the allow=ance to be Granted to me will be discontinued if the Jotapully mansubdary estate may be placed in his possession, while the authority himself is reporting on full enquiry that I have no any offspring & is an object deserving to be maintained by Government by an allowance of 25 Rs per mussan ——

4 According to the usage among Hindoos a woman must be protected by parents until

marriage; then by her husband and if he be dead by sons or daughters, but nobody else bound to support her. It is not incumbent on my Step brother to support me for ever. It is prevalent Custom among Hindoos that any male Member of a family may introduce his sister or sisters to his house from that of her or their husband on the occasion of any festival in his house; and after the festival is over to send her with some presents of cloths &c according to his circumstances in life — I therefore believe your Lordship will consider that in case the Government may be pleased to put the mansubdary estate in the possession of my step brother the allowance to be Granted to me cannot be justly dispenced with, on account of some family disputes which arose between me & my step brother, I sometime ago put up in a petition here ——

5 The following is the number of servants to whom I have employed their services being indispensably necessary for my living without defect to my respect

4 Female — Slaves
4 Male — do
1 Cook —
9 to whom I have been giving 25 Rs pay per month — The Economist expense for my food and cloths together with servants cannot but amount to 33 Rs a month. The month by expense I have been incurring in as much reduced scale as possible, amounts to 60 Rs as above detailed — or 720 Rs per annum

6 The Jaddunjy estate has been yielding to Government an

an annual Revenue of 5500. your Government were pleased to bestow maintenance on the heirs &c of estates forfeited to Government at the rate of one third of the Annual Sucum of such estate, at which rate it amounts to Rs 1833-5-4 while the sum I requested fell short of Rs 1113-5-4

From these 14 Months past

I have been representing My Case to the local authorities and your Lordship, but has not been still succored from accan of unutterable distress in which I am plunged being unable to get even loans - I therefore most respectfully by your Lordship in council to take my indigent Case in to Kind Consideration & extend your Lordship's benevolence towards me and do me speedy redress by favoring me with maintenance, and protect me. For such act of Favor & Benevolence

I shall ever remain & ever pray

28th August 1856

Nellaspoody

Jud.d 31st March /56. Nos 17-19
—"— 28 July —"— 41-45
Rem.d 5th June /57 —"— 28-29.
—"— 7 August —"— 13-14.

Copy in a Letter to Lieut.
Gov.r 3rd Aug.t /61 No. 96

Rec.d 1861 de[illegible]
Pro: of Govt for Cyprus
No 1412

From,
three Sections and
Orders of the last
Rem.d relative to
those Islands
Dated 8th June
Rec.d 14th "

1861.

Ent[illegible]

Prays that her Memorial accompanying this Petition may be forwarded with its several enclosures to Her Majesty the Queen in Council with their Governments favourable recommendation for her maintenance.

No 1543. 3 Aug.t

With an order

No 1543

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Home Authorities and that an intimation of its despatch be given to the Memorialist

Fort St. George
3rd August 1861

No 31 & 32.

C.O. 27 July & Aug.t