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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 408. Read the following letter from RÁMNÁD PILLAY and others, Curnums of certain villages in the Táluq of Punjamál, in the Zillá of Tinnevelly, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th March 1861 :—

RESPECTED SIR,

We the undersigned beg leave respectfully to solicit that you will be kindly pleased to lay the accompanying Memorial, in triplicate, before Government for submission to the Secretary of State for India, London, with favorable recommendation; for which we shall feel extremely grateful.

No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1861, No. 672.

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 Memorialists.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Triplicate.

To,

The Right Honorable
Sir Charles Wood
Secretary of State for India
London.

The Humble Memorial of Ramnad Pillay of Moodalore and Adyal, Thava Naiga Pillay of Pallaccorchy and Poodoo Rama Nallore, and Soondra Moorthiah Pillay of Soondancollah - Cumums of said Villages in the Talook of Punjamal in the Zillah of Tinnevelly.-

Humbly Sheweth,

That if a mother refuses to give the rightful food of her Child without reason, it is the duty of its Father to make her give; if he also break his duty, it is only left to the Almighty to make the parents sympathize with the Child to give the food. Memorialists being deprived of their Situations without reason by the Collector, which they should enjoy by right, and the Local Government not ordering the Collector to restore them to their Situations, it is now the duty of your Honor to compassionate their misfortune and restore the Memorialists to their Posts - Memorialists, therefore, humbly pray that your Honor will hear the following Cry of the Memorialists.-

1. That by the Hymash Accounts of Fusly 1269 foreparado under the present Collector agreeably to the instructions of the Board of Revenue

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to fix a uniform assessment by those of Fusly 1264 settled under the orders of the Board of Revenue, and by the Kymash Accounts settled when the Honorable East India Company obtained the Government of this Country, it is clear enough that Memorialists' Villages are always cultivated by raising water by means of Pickotas &c even in the time of abundant rain, as they are not irrigated by running water not being dependent on Tanks, Rivers or Canals.

2. That an order was issued by Collector that the practice of remitting ½ the Rists for lands cultivated by Ryots of their own accord by raising water by Pickotas &c, should be stopped; and that from Fusly 1268 remission could not be made unless the Ryots, both at the beginning of Cultivation by raising water, and at the time of reaping, obtain reports from Curnums, appear and inform the Talook for cultivation and thereby Kymash or Examination being made of the Crops at the reaping time.

3. & 4 As the Ryots cultivated contrary to the order in Fusly 1268, Memorialists did not give reports, nor recommended remission by deducting ½ the Rists Rupees 26. 2. 8 of such lands and entered the full Rists in the Accounts called Taccavay, Adungal, Bariz and Kistbundee. and despatched them then and there to the Talook.

5. Talookdar of himself or in obedience to the order of Collector sent the under Officers to examine the lands cultivated by raising water by Pickotas &c in all the Villages.

6. Padoothapat Tarfdar who made the Imash in January 1859 in the Memorialists' Villages received the signatures of Memorialists and went away to his place.

7. That as it is the practice that Superior Officers sign and put dates when they dispatch the Accounts, Memorialists did not object to the blanks left for dates in them when they signed.

8. Tasildar and the under Talook Officers were subjected to trial for entering wrong dates in the Kymash Accounts, as concerned in 11 Cases preferred against Talookdar, before the Acting Collector under Regulation IX of 1822.

9. In the 7th Case, Memorialists deposed that the Kymash Accounts in which mention of Rupees 26. 2. 8 is made, were not dated when signed by them, but dated afterwards.

10. The said Tarfdar deposed at Bowledging that the Imash Accounts were signed by the Memorialists without datings in going to Talook; there he entered the wrong dates in obedience to the order of Tasildar.

11. That it is stated in the Acting Collector's decision that the Tasildar and Kymashdars being accused of the charges that Tasildar failing to make the Kymash in due time in obedience to the order of Hoozor and making the Kymash long after the proper time, ordered the Kymashdars to antedate the Accounts and for delaying their preparation for about 8 months, the Tasildar with 2 others, principal parties, were

were dismissed, and the other Hymashdars, subjected to a fine of 5 Rupees each. In the decision Memorialists were only witnesses - Revenue Board sanctioned what was stated in the decision.

12. On the appeal of the dismissed Tasildar, who was discontented, Government strengthened the decision of the acting Collector, and made known their intention to dismiss alike the Tasildar and 2 others, all those concerned in the charge, through the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings dated 12th December 1859.

13. Agreeably to the said Proceedings, while the parties concerned in the accusation, being dismissed; in the order of the present Collector dated 21st December 1859, it was stated that Memorialists (who were not concerned in the charge) were also dismissed.

14. As the Collector could not tell the reason of thus dismissing the Memorialists, but he did so by order of the Government, Memorialists appealed to the Board, who also not giving reason, endorsed that they could not interfere with the order of Government.

15. On appealing to the Local Government, they also did not tell the reason, in the following Indorsement.

No 2054 of 1860.

"Petitioners are informed that they were "dismissed by order of Government and that the "decision in their case is final."

By order
Fort St George 27 July 1860. (Signed) C.G. Master
Dep. Secy to Govt

16. Memorialists made a further appeal proving their innocence by referring to documentary evidence, but the reply dated 25th February 1861 was that Government would not alter their first Endorsement.

17. From the explanations above afforded, Memorialists beg to submit;

That Villages are fit for being cultivated only by raising water by Pickotas &c even when there is plenty of rain, and the surmise entertained concerning many Villages of being irrigated by running water is not applicable to the said Villages.

That in the Fusly 1268 as the Ryots cultivated contrary to the order, reports were not therefore made and the doubt regarding many Villages of not making reports is not also applicable to the said Villages.

That memorialists, in all the accounts without leaving lands cultivated, entered the full Rists and sent the accounts to Taluk.

That Memorialists did not put wrong dates in the accounts of Hymash made by the Superior Officer.

That Hymashdar himself acknowledge the charge of entering wrong dates.

That in the trial made by the acting Collector Memorialists were only witnesses who proved that the examination was made long after in January, and not joined with the parties who were accused of entering wrong dates in obedience to the order of Tasildar.

That in the decision of the acting Collector only

only the Tasildar and the Inamdars were condemned.

That in the deposition of Memorialists or in the deposition of others, it was not said that Memorialists were concerned in the charge.

That the indistinct meaning of the order of the former Government to dismiss only those concerned in the charge, is not applicable to the Memorialists.

By the above - the Local Government who made the Endorsement, saying that Memorialists were dismissed on their order, not taking into consideration by what document Memorialists were found fault with, and under what Regulation they were dismissed, is contrary to the principles of Her Majesty's Administrative Rules.

Under these circumstances as your humble Memorialists complain before your merciful presence the distresses they suffer from the contrariety of justice done by the Local Government, Memorialists with confidence Pray and request that your Honor will excuse the trouble and take their case into your gracious consideration and restore them to their duties with arears of pay.

For which Memorialists shall as in duty bound

Even Pray.

Madras
4th March 1861

Rec'd 22nd March 1861 No. 14-15

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Pres: of Govt for all arrears

No. 587

Copy in a letter to E
of 22nd March 1861 No. 140

No. 672.

From

Ramnad Pillay & others, Curnums of certain Villages in the Taluq of Conjeveram, in the Zillah of Chingleput

Dated 4th March
Rec'd 4th " 1867.

Enclosures 3.

Submit in triplicate a Memorial to the Home Govt praying to be restored to their former Offices of Curnums of certain Villages in Tinnevelly.

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
21st " March 1867

No 408 & 409.

Rec'd 16 March 1867

Writs and Order
No. 672. 21st March.