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Government of Madras.

Pension DEPARTMENT.

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To
Her Majesty's Government of
India

The humble Petition of Sheikh Mohi
-din late Jamedar and present Duffadar of the
Kazur Cutcherry of South Canara dated the
30th June 1860.

I being directed by Mr Fraser
the Collector of South Canara to state if I
know what services were done by late Jamedar
Shah Ismail during the insurrection raised
by the Mussalmen people at Sirry against the
Government Officers I beg to state as follows.

It is now about 28 years since, I
do not recollect the month and date nor day
when Mr Cameron the Principal Collector and
Mr Matthy were out of their Tent in the
Fortress at Sirry a large body of Mussalmen
on the pretext that a Country Pig was killed
and put into their Mosque came armed with
Swords and Muskets to where the said Gentlemen
were standing in their shooting dress near a
tailor who was working a new Tent and
surrounded them with the design of attacking
and assaulting them. When the said Gentlemen
pacified them by promises to inquire into their

complaint, the people retired. No sooner
however had they got into the tent in order
to take their breakfast then the going again
reappeared and at once pushed into the tent with
their Swords &c. The aforesaid Jemadar Sheikh
Ismail, Mahamad Cassim and I who was
then a Duffedar as well as the peons who
were present at the time stood in a Circular
line placing the Gentlemen in the Center
and defended them from every attack - but
having no weapons in our hands the
said Jemadars Myself and others pacified them
by means of entreaties and prayers. Subsequently
the said Gentlemen dressed as they were in their
shooting clothes and without food repaired
to Halath Cuthah. Here too a large mob of
Mussalman people assembled. Seeing this and
fearing lest any misfortune should happen, the
late Sheristadar and other Servants including
clerks stood in a Circular line around
Messrs Cameron and Maltby. We also did
so in a second line. The rebellious people made
many attempts to force their way through these
lines and fall upon the Gentlemen. But we
warded off their blows and at the same time

tried to appease them. At last when Messrs.
Cameron and Maltby promised to inquire into
their complaint soon after they had taken
their breakfast the mob consented and removed
to a small distance. The Gentlemen escorted
by us and the peons withdrew towards the tent.
We had not passed half the road before the
insurgents followed us crying Deen Deen
and throwing their swords in the air over the
heads of our masters. We became alarmed that
they got us in a scrape by false promises. We
however caught the swords as they came down upon
our masters. We also caught hold of the hands
of the men lest they should continue the act.
In the mean time however a sword hit the silk
umbrella held over the Gentlemen and made a hole
through it. We begged their mercy and somewhat
pacified them and made our way towards the
Cutcherry. Just as we arrived there, the Cut-
cherry Servants shut the doors against us. So
we went back to Halath Cuthah quieting the
people by sweet words and telling them that our
inquiry would be instituted into the cause of their
complaint after going to the Cutcherry. Our
masters with ourselves and other Servants got
into the Cutcherry and shut the doors thereof
against

against the offending party, who subsequently
disbanded.

Early next morning at 5^{1/2} o'clock
about 1000 people made their appearance in the
street in the front of the Cutcherry blowing
horns and beating Tom Toms. The previous
night we had been provided with guns powder
and balls. On the people coming we & Halepiah
Vira & Nair and his people went out of the Cutcherry
and stood before the doors. Some words passed
between us and the insurgents. Mr Cameron
and Malby also came out, and stood by us
with guns in their hands. Two of the insurgents
raised their guns, and aimed at the Gentlemen.
Seeing this we requested them to go inside the
Cutcherry as the people aimed to shoot them.
We told them. Let us first give our lives and
then happen what will. So saying we sent them
inside the Cutcherry, and asked for orders to
fire at the enemy. Mr Cameron ordered
that we should not fire until we had received
some firing from them. Accordingly we
stood before the enemy with guns. The enemy
however took a retrograding course without
opening any fire. On all these occasions
the said 2 Jemadars who drew high salaries
and

and who were the head among the Deloys and
Peons, did active services remaining all the while
along with the Gentlemen. These facts will still
be fresh in the memory of Mr Malby, now
a Member of the Madras Council. Rudra Appaya,
the present Sheristadar of the Nazam, is one of
the persons who were present at those times. This
is all I know in the matter.

Signed / Chitt. Mohideen
Duffadar

(True translation)

J. Tease
Collector

Compd
Chitt. Mohideen

So

J. Fraser Esq^{re}
Collector of South Canara.

The humble petition of Rudroffor,
Sheristadar of the Hazeri Cutcherry
dated 11th July 1860.

In obedience to the verbal order passed by your
Honor directing me to state if I know, what services were
done by Sheik Ismail, the late Jemadour of the Hazeri
Cutcherry during the insurrection raised by the Mussulmen
people at Sirey, I beg to state as follows.

In 1832, as I remember, when Mr. Cameron
and Mr. E. Moulby had been to Sirey, a large body of
the Mussulmen people, on the pretext that a country pig was
slain and thrown into their mosque, came armed with offensive
weapons and committed a great outrage. In the mean time,
however, the said Gentlemen with the consent of the mob bat-
tered themselves and were going from Hotta Cuttack to the
Sant in order to take their break-fast, being accompanied by
the aforesaid Jemadour Sheik Ismail, Junior Jemadour,
Cassim, Puffadour Sheik Alhidin and others. When they
had gone half way the insurgents with their weapons fell
upon

Mr. L. P. Fraser Esq^{re} 28th July
1860.
Replied to by 31st December
1860 of 1860.

1860 Dec 11th
J. Fraser Esq^{re}
In a letter from
the Collector of South
Canara dated 18th
July 1860.
J. Fraser Esq^{re}

Dissemination of the
petition of Sheik
Rudroffor late Jemadour
of Hazeri Cutcherry.

upon the Gentlemen. The Sheristadar of the Cutcherry, myself and other servants were standing in the front of the Holat Cuttuh. Seeing the above occurrence from this place, we were alarmed and set up cries. -

On this occasion, as well as when the people attempted an outlash upon the Gentlemen at Holat Cuttuh, the aforesaid Jemadar, the junior Jemadar Casim and Luffadar Sheik Akhidin who were the head among the peons and Deloyets, called together all the peons present, and standing between the Gentlemen and the enemy and without giving way to the latter, kept them off by peaceful words. The Sheristadar of the Cutcherry, myself and others were along with the Gentlemen on all the occasions except the one noticed above.

We and our masters got into the Cutcherry. The following morning a great mob came and arrayed themselves in a battle order, in front of the Cutcherry.

The said Jemadars &c. with Akhumb, Viria Achha and his Hoolipite people made up their minds, and praying the Gentlemen to remain inside the Cutcherry, went out themselves to meet the enemy.

Some words passed between them - upon which the enemy retired. - This is all I know.

Signed/

Signed / Audrappa.
Sheristadar.

/True translation/

J. Fraser
Collector.

Signed
M.P.

South Canara 11
Collector's Office Mangalore
10th July 1860

From
James Finnis Esq^r
Collector of South Canara
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir
In reply to the Proceedings
of Government regarding the case of the late
Duffadar of Cutcherry from which I
enclose the honor to forward trans-
lations of two statements given by the
Christadar Rao-draffah and the present
Duffadar which I have seen. both of
whom were present during the disturbance
at Ciry, and who are the only servants
of the Cutcherry, so far as I can learn,
who remember any thing of the matter.
The records of Canara, as Government are aware,
were

No 24.

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Dated 28th July 1860
20th 23rd of 1860.
Received to 27 31st December
1860 of 1860.

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No 1 In a letter to
the Collector of
South Canara dated
18th July 1860.
No 24.

Translation of the
Petition of Ruchappa
Sherikatta of the
Kannur Cutcherry
dated 11th July 1860.

were all burnt in 1837, so that I have
no documentary evidence to refer to -

2. From the perusal of the
documents sent, as also from conversation
with the parties deposing, I cannot
see that the Petitioner distinguished himself
above the other peers or Deputies present
on the occasion. Very possibly Mr. Malley,
with the aid of these statements, may
be able to call to mind, whether petitioner
did distinguish himself in any remarkable
manner.

3. For his services in obtaining
information of the movements of the rebels
in 1837, petitioner has already been rewarded -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant,

J. Fraser
Collector

Edw

not mentioned in
Govt accounts.

27/8/80

Memorandum

The application for a pension made by Sheikh Smail, formerly Kazzoor Semadar on the establishment of the Collector of Canara has been referred to me in consequence of my long acquaintance with that province.

I have no hesitation in expressing an opinion that the case is one eminently deserving of special consideration & that ~~deserving~~ ^{strong} ~~reflects credit on our administration~~ ^{the} ~~old & distinguished servant~~ ^{the} ~~Govt~~ ^{Govt} which he has served so long & faithfully.

Sheikh Smail's employment ^{in Canara} extends over more than 50 years, & thus goes back nearly to the time when this frequently disturbed district came into our hands from the Mohammedan Dynasty on the capture of Seringapatam.

He has not therefore been a mere Catcherry attend-
ant, & engaged only in ordinary & routine func-
tions - He has been frequently called on to
face danger, & undertake duties which
required courage, zeal & fidelity, such
as the ~~prevention~~ ^{and other disturbances of the peace} ~~and arrest of robbers~~ ^{the}
counting of Govt treasure ^{and prisoners} in times of
disturbance - His general service has

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Dated 28th July 1880
Replies to 27/3/80 Decade
No. 86 of 1880 -

Approved by the 1880 Decade
From Collector of
Canara
to
Chief Secretary to
Government
Dated 10th July 1880.
Recd 25th July 1880.
No. 24.
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No. 339

Replies to the Secy
of Government dated
12th June 1880, having
reference to an appli-
cation from Sheikh
Smail formerly
a Semadar in the
Collector's Office in
Canara for a higher
pension in Canara.

1838/15
therefore an importance ^{as respects servants of his class} which is unknown in more quiet districts.

- But he has also specially distinguished himself on occasions which I shall proceed to mention.

- When I joined Canara as an Asst Collector in 1838, the district was in open resistance to Govt. & tumultuous assemblages were everywhere formed to overawe the public servants & prevent the collection of the revenue. Sheikh Ismail's courage & trustworthiness made him then of great value to the Collector & Magistrate whose confidence he had gained.

Shortly afterwards in 1838³ Sheikh Ismail again rendered most important service.

- The Nuggur Poligar Boodee Bapapa Naik planned

- had an insurrection to wrest his ancestral kingdom from the Rajah of Mysore - but it was necessary as the first step to obtain funds. & for this purpose the Poligar sought to carry off the Govt. ^{money} ~~treasure~~ from the adjacent Taluk treasure in Canara. The principal of these was in the town of Sirsi in the Taluk Talah where the Collector Mr. Cameron & myself ^{happened to be} were then encamped, settling the land revenue. - The Poligar had therefore to get us out of his way, & to accomplish this he

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excited the Mahomedans against us by defiling the Mosque (a dead pig being secretly placed on the reading desk inside it) and spreading reports that the Christians had committed the insult. - The anticipated riot was to have been the prelude to the plunder of the Treasury & the pillage of the plunder of the Treasury & the pillage of the Treasury. - A serious disturbance accordingly took place. - Mr. Cameron & myself were taken entirely by surprise. - ~~we~~ ^{we} were taken entirely by surprise. - no military aid was at hand and our lives were saved by the gallantry of our friends & the support of a few respectable natives. - With their assistance, the mob was sufficiently held in check for us to reach the Taluk Cutcherry where the treasure was kept, and we were able to barricade & defend this building until after 3 days a detachment of troops arrived from Mysore to our rescue. - On this occasion Sheikh Ismail distinguished himself & as in doing so he had to take part against his co-religionists, his conduct was the more praiseworthy. - The service which he thus rendered to the Govt was highly important, for had the conspirators succeeded in their design, a large amount of treasure would have been plundered, & our administration would have been for a time shaken in an extensive & difficult part of Canara where the Nuggur family had many friends & sympathisers. - The gallantry of our attendants but only warded off these evils but enabled us promptly to pursue & capture our assailants -

The Pledge himself was apprehended shortly afterwards
in the Sonda jungle & sent to Ayer where he
suffered death for his offences.

- Again in 1837 when South Canara was thrown into
confusion by the Corgi insurrection, & Mangalore
itself was attacked, Sheeh Smail did good service.

- He was with the Collector & Magistrate Mr Lewin
in his dangers & disasters in Lower Corgi, & received
wounds from that gentleman for his courage & fi-

- delity. - I was then in North Canara, but proceeded
to Mangalore shortly afterwards to receive charge
of the District from Mr Lewin, & have thus been
to know that Sheeh Smail's statements on this
subject are substantially correct. -

- Subsequent to these events Sheeh Smail ap-
- pears to have continued his service, as a confi-
- dent & respected officer, until old age im-
- paired him for further exertion. -

- His long & varied service chequered with much
personal danger, his devotion & fidelity to his
employers, and the very important aid he has
given to the public interests forbid me to think
that the Govt. will refuse his application for
a small pension to support him in his old
age. -

L. M. D. P.

25 Aug. 1860.

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Fin^d. L^t. to Eng^d. 28th Sept^r.
No. 23 of 1860.
Refers to D^y 31st December
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Minute by the Honorable
Mr C. Matthey.

Dated 25th August 1860
Recd 27th - a

H. M^t C. T. O. }
Madras }
5th Oct^r 1860 }
Imp^t Biscuit }
1st Class Insp^t }
in charge }

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Galle 5th Oct^r 11.30 morning
Steamer "India"
just sailed for Calcutta.

Common
Sheriff's mail
Certificates
to be returned

Returned 13 Oct 1860

in the Govt records
in connection
with the rewards
referred to in
§ 3. of the 1847
Act.

d. 7.

Send the papers to
Mr. Mallory -

It will be
useful to recom-
mend a person
in this manner
for a pension.

as best his services high order of
merit
and worthy of a very high order of
merit
J. P.

Separate

Public Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From the Collector of South
Canara }

Here enter 18th July 1860.

Minute by the Honorable
E. Maltby }

4th August

Order thereon dated 17 Sept 1860. No. 328

Ordered that the
following letter be despatched to

To
The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State for India.

Lt Genl
Offg to Govt

The collection Sept 17/9/60
with the papers.

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In order

Mr Maltby may
remember some
thing of the man

In the Suez
riot in 1833. He
was reported to
have distinguish
himself, and the
Govt in order taken
15th March 1833.
granted him and
a number of
others a man's
pay. His name
does not appear

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