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No, 9. From C. J. MacCARTHY, Esq.; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 11th December 1857, No. 78.

SIR,

Referring to your letter, No. 524 of the 7th July last, and to the letter from this Office of the 20th Ultimo, No. 69, I am directed by the Governor to transmit to you a Petition presented to His Excellency by Sinnaya Naiker and Coopoo Naiker, now at Colombo, and a statement made by the Petitioners before the Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary, and to request that you will move the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council, to cause these documents to be referred to the proper authorities for a special inquiry and report.

2. I am also to transmit the enclosed communication from one Sinne Samy Rajah, and to state that all the Petitioners have been desired to proceed to Tanjore, for the purpose of being present at the enquiry.

(Signed) C. J. MacCARTHY.

To His Excellency Sir H. G. WARD, K. C. B., of the Order of St. M. & G., &c., &c., &c.

The humble Petition of 1st Sinnaya Naiker, 2nd Cooppoo Naiker of Nagapatam, now at Colombo.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Excellency's Petitioners with profound submission beg leave to submit the following to your Excellency's favorable consideration hoping to find favour at your merciful hand.

That the 1st Petitioner, and the 2nd Petitioner's father Petty Naiker did not only received wounds with Gun Shots, but also underwent the punishment of their ears, and nose cut off without any mercy by the party of the King Vickkreme Sinhe Raja, who was latterly taken up a Prisoner and transported to Coast Coromandel by the British Government.

The inflicted Sinnaya Naiker and Petty Naiker and together with six others, were maintained and supported by the English Government having allowed each a Sum of three Pagodas a month, which allowance was paid to them through the late Vengedese Ammal, and Letchimy Ammal, who were also enjoyed a pension from the said Government in consideration of the death of their husbands who were beheaded by the 1st party of Vickkreme Sinhe Raja. The fact of which may be ascertained through the records of the Kandian State Pensioner.

That the said Letchimy Davey Ammal, who drew the Petitioners' Pension, and paid to them respectively, departed this life at Nagapatam on the 30th January 1856, and ever since that time, the Petitioners suffer a great distress for want of their Pensions for their maintenance.

In respect to this circumstance, the Petitioners have presented several Petitions to your Excellency, but to their great misfortune, they received no answer from your Excellency as yet.

That your Petitioners to their surprise given to understand, that this Government has allowed the Pension of the late Letchimy Davey Ammal, to one Vengede Singem Naiker, who the Petitioner sorry to say is not a person belonging to the Rajah's family, nor entitled to get any Pension of the late Pensioners from the British Government, for he and his family are residents at Nagapatam and employ themselves in Offices under Government and enjoy Salaries for the same.

Although he represented to be an adopted child of the late Letchimy Davey Ammal, and produced a forged Will, as if it was executed by her, in order to obtain her Pension by illegal means, yet he could not have maintained, that he was the adopted son, and the Will to be a genuine one, when inquiries were made by the Collector Mr. Forbes on the Petitioner's Application for their Pension.

Under these circumstances your helpless Petitioners most humbly pray that your Excellency will be kindly pleased, after making the due necessary enquiries in respect to their Pensions, to allow them to draw their respective Pension separately from Government, and they further beg to submit that besides the Pension allowed to them by Government, they have no other means or any substance for the maintenance of themselves and their families.

For which Act of benevolence and kindness your Excellency's poor Petitioners as in duty bound.

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COLOMBO,
27th November 1857.

The Petitioners, Sinnaya Naiker, and Cooppoo Naiker, state, that they are the relations of Galibely Samy Rajah, who was in the receipt of an allowance of 30 Pagodas per month from Government. That after her death a Pension of 25 Pagodas was granted to his Widow, the late Letchimy Davey Ammal, for the maintenance of herself, Petitioners, and others who were Dependants on him; that she continued to pay out of the said Pension a sum of 3 Pagodas to each of the Petitioners up to her death. That she having now died, the Pension in question should be allowed to the nearest of Kin of her late husband Galibely Samy Rajah, for the maintenance of those who were Dependants on him, and not to Vencuddasawmy Rajah, who is a relative of the Widow, Letchimy Davey Ammal.

(Before me,)

3rd December 1857. (Signed) P. W. BRAYBROOKE.

To the Honorable Sir C. J. MACCARTHY, Colonial Secretary, dated Colombo, 24th November 1857.

HONORABLE SIR,

I, the undersigned Sinne Samy Raja, the lawful heir of the late Letchimy Davey Ammal, the Widow of the late Galy Baly Samy Raja beg leave to state the following humble representation, hoping that your honor will be pleased to take into the kind and mature consideration the helpless condition of thy humble servant and bring it into the favorable Notice of His Excellency the Governor.

That Vencuddasawmy Naiker, who is now entitled to the Pension of the late Letchimy Davey Ammal was erroneously recommended to the same by the Madras Government, which fact may be well ascertained by referring to the said Government, to hold a trial of the respective claims of the different parties who are concerned in the Pension.

This Vencuddasawmy Naiker is not a person who belongs to the Rajah family and the Will he produced is entirely a false one, he tried his utmost to establish a claim to the Pension of Letchimy Davey Ammal, at three different occasions before three different Collectors at Tanjore, in every instance his claim to the said Pension was set aside to be invalid.

But after I came to Colombo together with two others inflicted Sinne Naiker, and Cooppoo Naiker, the son of the other inflicted Petty Naiker, the said Vencuddasawmy Naiker cunningly managed to get a recommendation from the Madras Government, that he is the adopted son and the lawful heir to the Pension of the late Letchimy Davey Ammal.

There are no other heirs except myself, but the inflicted Sinne Naiker, and Cooppoo Naiker, the sons of the inflicted Petty Naiker, who were in the receipt of three Pagodas per mensem, should of course continue to receive the same.

There are twenty-five souls in the three families who entirely depend on the said Pension are now suffering a great deal without any means of living and are exposed to entire starvation and distress.

Therefore I humbly request your honor to refer the case to Madras Government, and get the Pension to myself, and to other twenty-five souls, and also beg to return him the endorsement annexed in the Petition, dated 10th July 1857.

(Signed) சின்னசாயநாக

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 1074; dated 24th December 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures be forwarded to the Acting Resident at Tanjore for special enquiry and report.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Fort St George
24th December 1857.

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No 1206.

Transmits a Petition addressed to Her Majesty by Sinnaya Naick & Coopa Naiker, now at Colombo, and a Statement made by the Petitioners before the Principal Asst Colonial Secy, Requests that the documents be referred to the proper authorities for a Special Enquiry, and upon which Transmits also a communication from one Sinna Canny Rajah and states that all the Petitioners have been desired to proceed to Jaffna for the purpose of being present at the Enquiry with an Order

No 1206

3 Original Enclosures returned to the Ceylon Govt 5/28 April 1858
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