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No. 52. To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated 6th August 1857.

The humble Petition of Nagappa Naick *alias* Nagojee Appajee Naick residing at the Street of Rajagopala Sawmy Covil within the Fort of Tanjore.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

With profound submission I beg to represent to your Lordship that in obedience to your Lordship's order, in No. 1211, dated the 8th June 1857, I beg to submit to your Lordship three Petitions in order to forward them to the Honorable Court of Directors of United East India Company.

I humbly inplore your Lordship will be so good as to cause an order to transmit them to the Honorable Court of Directors and get me favorable and comfortable redress so that I who is poor may obtain my money.

For which Act of humanity, I as in duty bound.
Shall Ever Pray,

To the CHAIRMAN and Deputy CHAIRMAN and DIRECTORS of the Honorable United East India Company; dated 6th August 1857.

The humble Petition of Nagappa Naick *alias* Nagajee Appajee Naick residing at the Street of Rajagopala Sawmy Covil within the Fort of Tanjore.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONORS,

With every sentiment of respect and submission, I beg to represent this to your Honors under full confidence that your Honors will have great humanity to pardon me for the presumption and render me justice.

I beg leave to state that in 1855, I presented three Petitions to the former Resident, H. Forbes, Esq., soliciting to recover to me the amount of Rupees (23,850,) twenty three thousand and eight hundred and fifty Rupees, with its Interest, which His late Highness had borrowed from my late Father, and on the 22nd of January, I have forwarded a Petition to the Government of Madras on the subject, but without examining the Records of the Palace, believing the false Report of the Acting Sirkeel, an Endorsement was sent to me both by the Resident on the 1st of March, and by the Government on the 31st of the said month to my great loss, the contents of the said Endorsements being entirely unsatisfactory, I have on the 6th of August 1856, and on the 5th of September presented two Petitions to J. W. Cherry, Esq., the Acting Resident, but as he has not examined the Records nor did, he sent me any Endorsement, thereupon I presented a Petition to the present Acting Resident, H. D. Phillips, Esq., on the subject, but he did not send me any satisfactory answer. I, therefore, presumed to address this Petition to your Honors with the order of Government on the Petition from Nagappa Naick, Son of Appajee Naick, Residing at Tanjore, dated 2nd January of 1856, No. 233 of 1856.

The Government learn from the Resident's Report that a claim for payment of the alleged loan to the Rajah was originally preferred by Petitioner's Father, the Claim was disputed and the claimnant being unable to bring forward proofs in support of it, the sum was struck off the Accounts by order of the Rajah. The Petitioner's Father never renewed his Claim though he lived for 5 years afterwards and it is now brought forward by his Son after the Rajah, decease and 13 years after it had finally been struck off is inadmissible, under these circumstances the Government decline to interfere.

(By Order,)

(Signed) G. FOX,
Deputy Secretary.

Concerning the loan which His late Highness Sevajee Maha Rajah had borrowed from my late Father after adjusting Accounts for the payment of the loan, His late Highness made an arrangement that interest may be paid to my Father at the rate of Rupees 4 per Rupees 1000 monthly, after receiving all the accounts and documents from my Father which was passed on the subject.

An order was sent by His late Highness to enter it in the Department such as Pungoo, Dufter and in the Pottamal and secured the said order with his seal, the late Sirkeel Bavajee Ramajee Pundit attested the said accounts with his Signature, and on the 2nd May, of the said year my Father received a certain amount from the said Pottamal for the interest and gave receipt for it.

During the time when N. W. Kindersley, Esq., was conducting the duties of Resident, he desired the Sirkeel to let him know of the account of the amount of the debts due by His late Highness to all debtors, the accounts of the amount of the loan which His late Highness borrowed from my Father was included with the other accounts of debts, it was sent to the Resident with the Signature of the late Sirkeel which was entered in the Office of the Residency and in that of the Government.

My Father instituted a Suit in the Court of His Highness against the late Sirkeel Bavajee Ramajee Pundit, who unjustly intruded himself to usurp a part of our village situated in the village of Valoor out of the Fort and in consequence of which he entertained hatred against my Father and published a Notice directing my Father to produce accounts again which was once adjusted by His late Highness and to appoint Punjayets, and adjust accounts; thereupon my Father presented a Petition to His late Highness setting forth therein, that it is contrary to rule to direct to produce the accounts and documents which had been already adjusted and delivered to the Palace afterwards, the said Sirkeel sending for my Father, told him that as the amount, of the loans due to all debtors, are to be discharged after deducting one quarter of the whole amount of the loan my Father should receive in the same manner as other Merchants do, to which my Father did not consent to do so, thereupon, my Father made an application to His late Highness to cause an order to pay him the other money due to him by the Palace, for the said certain Articles he sold to the Palace. The said Sirkeel, on the 27th of January 1843, endorsed on my Petition that when the large amount of the loan referred to above, would be discharged to him, there is no objection that this sum also would be paid to him, the said endorsement also is in my possession.

After the Notice was published respecting the amount of the loan, my Father forwarded about 30 or 40 Petitions to His late Highness by Post Office and at his death I have sent about 20 or 25 Petitions to His Highness respecting the loan, Post, and at the demise of His Highness I presented 4 or 5 Petitions to the Pungoo, and in 1855 I have forwarded 3 Petitions to the Resident.

There is no custom any where to produce the accounts again which was once adjusted and after certain amount of interest was received, it is contrary to the existing custom to direct the person who lent money to produce accounts again; besides this, if they had any objection to pay the loan it was unnecessary to pay interest while my Father received a part of the interest, it is unjust to find excuses to pay the loan due to my Father, after the Notice was published though the said Sirkeel lived a long time yet he made no objection to pay it but protracted from paying it, as the Sirkeel put his signature to the said account, he has not directed to produce the accounts.

It is mentioned in the Endorsment that the amount of the loan was struck off the Cirkar Accounts, by which it proves that the amount was borrowed from my Father, it is unjust to believe the false report of the Acting Sirkeel, whose whole intention is to deprive me of our property.

When one Sirkeel published notice, to produce the notice he must struck off the Cirkar Accounts for being absent at the expiration of the fixed period but he has not done so, until his death.

It is evident that the British Government has discharged the debts of His Highness Navab and that of Amersing Rajah. As the British Government have taken in possession of all estates left behind by His late Highness Sevajee Maha Rajah, I and all persons who lent money to His late Highness are with cheerful hope that they would obtain their money.

I therefore humbly beg your Honors will be pleased to use your influence that the amount of the loan Rupees 23,850 due to me by His late Highness may be paid to me.

For which act of justice I, as in duty bound, Shall Ever Pray.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 673; dated 25th August 1857.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing address, and the report* of the Resident at Tanjore on the claim therein advanced, together with the Endorsement given to the Petitioner, be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors in the ordinary course.

* *Dated 14th March* 1856, *No.* 12, *entered in the Petition Department.*

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From Nagappa Naick
alias Nagoga Appaga
Naick. —— Tanjore.

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R/13 Augt 1857.

No 1460
3 Encls.

Forwards a Memorial
in triplicate to the Hon. the
Court of Directors praying
that the sum of Rs 23,860,
which was sent by his
late Father to His late
Highness the Rajah of
Tanjore may be refunded
to him. ——

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William Oakes