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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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war on the 17th night of that month, when with four thousand own caste men, old and infant the said Sree Raujah Gopalacroostna Runga Row Bahadoor died, but did not at all agree to suffer a disgrace by stopping the Drums as required.

6. Your petitioner has not only spent a great deal of money, also exerted his best endeavours and has apprehended the reputed rebel Cumbara Venkatroydoo of Palacondah Zemindary and delivered him to Sir G. E. Russel, Esq., the then Commissioner, for which a remuneration of 3,000 Rupees was offered by Government which he did not at all accept, but has represented the customs and manners of his caste and the history of his family with which they was well satisfied and then pleased to withhold the payment of the said remuneration. The Government were then pleased to express their favorable opinion in their letter to the Collectors dated 15th October 1835, that they are unable to compare other Zemindars with him and caused it to be informed to him through the said local officer.

7. A few days ago when disturbance arose in the Zemindary of Purla Kemeda of Ganjam District, the Government having asked your petitioner to send some force to that place to assist in quelling the disturbance, he had accordingly sent some force with a Surdar S. Juggiah Garoo of his own relations, paying himself for their batta, &c. expences. When ordered the camp to a forced march to the spot where Dundoo Sana (the chief ring leader of the disturbance) resided, the said Surdar Juggiah Garoo became the head of the camp and he himself and the force attached to him had shown their valuable valour and courage which caused the said ring-leader to be deserted and to be easily apprehended. These circumstances your petitioner trusts will at any time reach to your Excellency's notice.

8. The custom is that, that it is not fit for him nor for his dignity to receive a reward or a remuneration in ready cash but he may accept any grants of Tallooks or Villages from ruling power.

9. Your humble petitioner therefore prays your Excellency will be pleased to take these circumstances into a favorable consideration and grant orders to the Orissa Agent to withhold the re-payment of the money which your petitioner has paid for his Elephants when they were in the service of Government and to receive from him if any balance outstanding on account of the said expences.

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1859, No. 689.

The Government fully appreciate the liberality and high feeling evinced by the Rajah of Bobili, and under the wish which he has expressed, they will not press his acceptance of the expences of his Elephants, during their late employment by the Meriah Agent.

Signed T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd F. Cartledge.

Sent Council 24-11-59

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Agent Vizag. Disp. 30th

With an order
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No. 19. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th November 1859, No. 522.

I have the honor to forward a petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by the Zemindar of Bobily.

To MAHARAJESTRY the RIGHT HONORABLE the GOVERNOR in COUNCIL of Fort Saint George.

RESPECTED SIR,

The humble representation of SREE RAUJAH SWATACHELLAPATY RUNGA ROW BAHADAR GAROO, Zemindar of Bobily, &c., in the district of Vizagapatam.

1. In obedience to the Minutes of Consultation, dated 1st September last, No. 561, your petitioner has sent his Elephants for the use of the Orissa Governor General's Agent. About the money disbursed for the expences of those Elephants, &c., some correspondence was held between himself and the Governor's Agent of Vizagapatam. The said functionary has lately informed your petitioner by letters, *viz.*, on the 9th May last, that the Government do not agree if he pays the said expences and that they should be disbursed in public accounts only and on the 26th August last, that the Orissa Agent has sent the money which he (your petitioner) should receive, giving acquittances for the same.

2. As it did not appear from the letters of Governor's Agent of Vizagapatam that he ever informed to your Government of your petitioner's opinion on the subject and as he (your petitioner) is well convinced of your Excellency's populous and generous character and of being generally reputed as an emblem of justice and as have had much experience of the manners and customs of Noble Hindoos or specially of such as Zemindars as himself and as he has a strongest belief in the promise given by the English Government in their law books that they will protect the respects, customs and manners as well as properties, &c., of Hindoos in general, he begs leave to lay out the following circumstances, hoping them to be taken into your Excellency's favorable consideration.

3. The Elephants he has sent to the Orissa Agent were in the service of Government only for a period not exceeding 3 months and 15 days and he paid them at their quitting Bobily Rupees 457-10-6 for their expences including wages and batta &c., of their attendants. As the place where the Orissa Agent resided is at a distance from Bobily, the said functionary also has paid 45 Rupees for the expences of both of the Elephants sent by him and the Zemindar of Vizianagarum and he now humbly begs leave to request that he will suffer a great disgrace if he were to receive back from the Government the money he paid for the expences of those Elephants solely sent for the service of Government, and trusts that the following circumstances will well convince your Excellency on the subject.

4. Your petitioner's ancestors having on certain occasions shewn their value, courage and gallantry, the Mogul Government having been well pleased with, had granted the Samastanum of Bobily and Dhunkah and Noubut, &c., honorary drums together with the white signal or flag which is a remarkable honor as well as the titles of Sree Raujah Bahadoor and Runga Row. The customs and manners of your petitioner's caste as well as of his Samastanum are in the same uniform but never been altered. The first ancestor of his race or lineage Maharajestry Survagnea Singa Rayooningaroo had in the caste rules pronounced, that "to deprive life is better than to lose character," to which rule his caste people are strongly and constantly adhered.

5. In March 1757 Monsieur Bussy the French Surdar on behalf of Hydrabad Sircar came to Bobily along with the then Zemindar of Vizianagarum, sent a message to the great grandfather of your petitioner Sree Raujah Gopalacroostna Runga Row Bahadoor Garoo to stop using his honerary drums (Dhunkah and Noubut) as long as he resides there, but he having declined to do so as they are the grants of the Emperor of Dhilly the said Surdar had ordered

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From

The Acting Agent to the Governor Vizagapatam

To

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George

Dated 9th Novr 1859

Received

No. 903 No. 522

Forwards a Petition addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council by the Zemindar of Bobilly

With an order

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