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25th September 1861.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 48. To the Right Honorable Sir W. T. DENISON, K.C.B., Governor and President in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of VENCAT RAMA
CHETTY, CHOVDROY ARNACHELLA
CHETTY, and others of the Fort of Trichi-
nopoly, Warriare, and Streerungum.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That we the undersigned beg with the greatest submission to bring our case for your Lordship's kind investigation, craving justice.

1st. That a long time ago in the Carnatic reign, our forefathers had spent a deal of money and built a Mundabam with stones, for the purpose of conveying Runganada Swamy to the spot, celebrating the consecration in the month of Masee, which Mundabam is towards the west side of the Pagoda of Streerungum in the road to Mayloor, this Feast is on the 4th day performed by the Chettys' expenses for that day, and give 36 Rupees for the Pagoda as donation and also defray other charitable expenses, 30 Rupees yearly performed by us and to this present day, the Feast is carried on by us and the Mundabam, &c., also enjoyed by us.

2nd. That subsequently in the time of His Highness the Nawab, he wanted to make a garden in the land around the Mundabam, upon which our forefathers appealed to him, when His Highness kindly let the land and the wells, &c., for the benefit of the Mundabam and also allowed a passage for Runganada Swamy's procession to pass and re-pass, and then made a grove and gardens in the other lands and named it Nuthud Baugum, and after which we enjoyed the Mundabam and the land adjoining it.

3rd. That the other castes, who are combined in the Davastanam have also built several other Mundabams, and carry the Swamy to their respective Mundabams agreeable to their turns, this is carried on to this date.

4th. That there was an Order issued by the Board of Revenue to measure all the gardens, &c., of His Highness the Nawab, and in the year 1859 in February, a Sunnud was sent to the Tassildar of Lalgooty Talook, upon which the Tassildar and Moonsiffdar of Mayloor with many others, came to the spot, and upon enquiries coming to understand that the Mundabam &c., belonged to us, they left the Mundabam &c., and measured the other lands &c., and closed their accounts and forwarded it with their own signatures.

5th. That now at present there is an auction book forwarded putting in our Mundabam &c., for auction, which is in the 48th Act, para. 2. The records of the Collector's Cutcherry of this Zillah will prove that the Mundabam &c., belongs to us and that we have enjoyed it for a period of years, besides this we possess a copper plate engraved 360 years ago, in the year of Milla, month of Chitray, and also many other documents to this effect to shew that the land and Mundabam belongs to us.

We therefore beg of your Lordship, that your Lordship will be graciously pleased to pity our poor Merchants' cases, and order our documents to be perused and the copper sheet voucher, and examine the undermentioned witnesses and restore us the Mundabam and the adjoining land and issue orders to the Commissioner Mr. Clement Dale not to interfere or injure us from the

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Mundabam &c., which was built for the purpose of the Swamy in the time of our forefathers, and for which act of charity we your humble Petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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அருணாசலம்செட்டி.

Witnesses.

Narraina Jheer of Stree Rungum.
Vadaveasa Puttur.
Parasa Puttur.
Ootooma Numbee.
Runga Achary.
Annavyungaur.
Perriah Pillay.
Samiah Pillay.
Veerasamy Iyengar, Manager.
Appasamy Iyer, Peishcar.
Mootoo Coomarah Pillay, Deputy.
Kistna Amballa Karen of Mayloor Garden.
Murday Mootoo Amballa Karen.
Chinnan Amballa Karen.
Vencat Royen Amballa Karen.

TRICHINOPOLY,
7th August 1861.

No. 2,356 of 1861.

Forwarded for the consideration of the Receiver of Carnatic Property.

By order,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secy. to Govt.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th August 1861.

No. 49. From CLEMENT DALE, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic Property; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 12th September 1861, No. 159.

Para. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government under the date and number noted in the margin, forwarding for my consideration a petition to Government from Vencat Ram Chetty Chovodry, Aroonachellum Chetty and others under date the 7th August 1861 claiming a stone Muntapum with its compound lying within the Garden called "the Nathadoo Baugh" near Trichinopoly, and to state for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that I have received a similar petition from the same parties to my address under date the 13th ultimo; to this I have replied, and requested to be informed whether any one of the late Nabobs conveyed to them or to their forefathers by a regular legal conveyance the land on which the Muntapum to which they allude stands; and if they hold any such conveyance to forward to me an exact copy with a translation thereof in English.

2. I would observe that in selling property, which has been pointed out to me as belonging to the estate of the late Nabob, I only sell his estate or right or interest therein, parties therefore desirous of becoming purchasers have to satisfy themselves on those points, and in bidding for the property regulate their offers, accordingly; if therefore these Petitioners have the right they claim, any sale by me of the Nuthera Baugh will not affect such right.

3. The claims put forward to me by parties have been innumerable, most of them I believe to be perfectly untenable, I have however invariably (where time has admitted) informed the parties I am quite willing to look at any documents they may possess, and give them my consideration; but if I had attempted to do more, sales would never have been effected, and it

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would have induced other parties to put forward similar claims. At Trichinopoly particularly such applications have been rife, and when there, I was perfectly overwhelmed with them, and as a proof of how untenable they turned out to be I may mention as a sample one case where the parties were extremely clamorous, not only presenting petitions, but way-laying me and pursuing my carriage, notwithstanding I had explained to them they had no claim; in that case if I had shewn any hesitation, or done more than I did, the land on which they claimed to have an undeterminable tenancy at a low rent, would not have been sold, whereas by pursuing a steady course the land has been sold at a very good price; these parties themselves having become the purchasers. I mention these circumstances to show to His Excellency in Council that I have invariably given all applications due consideration, although I have not permitted them to deter me from pursuing my strict line of duty; as also how numerous such applications are likely to be if once entertained; and if I might be permitted to do so, I would suggest that Government should avoid entering into the consideration of pretensions put forward as these are, but should simply refer the parties to me, by whom any application will be duly considered.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1861, No. 415.

The Receiver of Carnatic Property reports upon the claim put forward in Petition No. 2,356, referred to him for that purpose. He states that the Petitioners had already presented to him a similar Petition, in which they asserted that a "Mantapam" and its surrounding land in the "Nathadu Bagh" near Trichinopoly was their property, it having been erected by their ancestors, and in proof of which they mention the existence of documents in the Collector's Office and a copper Sashanam or engraved plate, in their own possession.

2. Mr. Dale mentions that he has called upon the Petitioners to furnish him with true copies of all the documentary evidence they can produce in support of their claim, and the Government will await further information from him on the subject.

3. Mr. Dale draws attention to the large number of false and untenable claims put forward by parties at Trichinopoly to different portions of the Carnatic property, and with a view to check, as far as possible, the increase of these fraudulent claims, he suggests that, in future, parties so coming forward shall be desired to submit their claims for his consideration and their applications be forwarded to him. The Government approve of this suggestion. Mr. Dale will of course report fully to Government the opinion at which he may arrive on these claims as they occur from time to time.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Read Petition of Kuntamma Chetty
and others

File entry No 2358 of 1864

Read Report of the Minister of the
Carnatic Property

File entry No 12th Sep. 9 1864.

Order thereon
25th September 1864 No 415.

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perty reports upon the claim
put forward in Petition
No 2358 referred to him for
that purpose. He states
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