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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 529 Press Mis.

Dated 10 — 12. —19 1861

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 10th December 1861.

Read the following papers: —

No. 29. From SUKKANI AMMAL, VENCATASUBBUMMAL, KAVARI AMMAL and others, Candian Pensioners and Prisoners in the Zillah of Madura, dated 4th November 1861, No. 3,192.

State that the Collector of Madura has lately called upon Petitioners all to appear and draw their stipend regularly in person hereafter, and that if this order is carried out Petitioners will be put to great loss and inconvenience.

That most of them reside in the Ramnad, Sevagunga and Puttoocottah Territories, at distances of from 30 to 70 miles from Madura, that they have always hitherto drawn their stipends by an Agent who is himself a pensioner of Government and therefore unlikely to connive, for his own sake, at fraud on the part of Petitioners. That many of Petitioners are relatives of noble families, to some of whom Government have granted allowances for the performances of Marriages and Funeral ceremonies, and point out the impossibility of these individuals appearing regularly in the Public Treasury.

Pray for speedy orders, as at present the Collector declines to make any payments to Petitioners unless they obey the recent orders.

No. 3,192 of 1861.

Forwarded to the Collector of Madura for his remarks.

(By order.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Ag. Depy. Secy. to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th November 1861.

No. 30. From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 30th November 1861, No. 906.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 20th November, on Petition No. 3,192 of 1861, I have the honor to report, that the Petitioners protest against the Order of the Ceylon Government, contained in paragraph 4 of their letter to the Madras Government, dated the 17th September 1861, No. 67, embodied in the Government Order, Political Department, bearing date the 5th October 1861, No. 438. The above Order emanated in a case of fraud which had been carried on for several years.

2. I am of opinion that the Order in question will press hard on the Kandyan pensioners generally, especially upon the female pensioners, who lead a secluded life. These people think it a disgrace to appear in public, and more so before Kacheries. Since the receipt of the Order none of the females and several of the men have not drawn their allowances.

3. It will be in the recollection of Government, that the indulgence prayed for by Petitioners, is granted to certain female Yeomeyadars. I would beg therefore to recommend that the pensions be paid to them under the following arrangement, to prevent, as far as possible, any fraud being committed and to ensure the recovery of any sum illegally drawn.

4. The Vakeel or Agent authorized to draw pension should be a pensioner, and should bind himself to be answerable for any amount, that may prove to have been fraudulently drawn. The acquittances should be signed, as is now customary by the recipients and in addition attested by two other pensioners. These and the Vakeel should forfeit their pension, in case of any malpractices, and should jointly make good the amount fraudulently drawn.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1861, No. 549.

The Government concur in the opinion of the Collector of Madura on the subject of the Order of the Ceylon Government contained in paragraph 4 of their letter to this Government, No. 67, dated 16th September 1861, and resolve to forward copy of Mr. Levinge's letter, together with the foregoing Petition, to the Ceylon Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
10th December 1861.

No. 32. To the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, Fort Saint George, dated 10th December 1861, No. 550.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for the consideration of the Ceylon Government, the enclosed Petition of Sukkani Ammal and other Kandian Pensioners remonstrating against the order contained in the 4th paragraph of your letter to this Government, No. 67, dated the 17th September 1861, together with copy of the remarks which the Collector of Madura has made on the subject.

2. This Government, I am to add, are inclined to think that the precautions suggested by Mr. Levinge in the last paragraph of his letter would be found sufficient to check the frauds among the Kandian Pensioners which elicited the Order from your Government now objected to.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To the Coll.r of Madura
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To
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at Colombo.

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and draw their stipends in person.

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