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24th December 1861.

Read the following papers:—

No. 58. To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir T. W. DENISON, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of PALAKEL RAMEN MENON, formerly Senior Dewan Peshcar of Travancore, and lately Head Quarter Inspector of Police in South Malabar District, Zilla Calicut.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

With reference to the Orders contained in the endorsements, dated 18th October 1861 on his Memorial to the Secretary of State for India in the matter of the pension he is entitled to requiring the submission of the Memorial in triplicate, he begs leave respectfully to forward them as directed with all their enclosures.

The accompanying papers will shew that Memorialist has been petitioning in this matter continually from 21st May 1858, both to Government and the Secretary of State for India, without yet receiving any final Order from the latter authority, notwithstanding that a great deal of time has expired, and Petitioner has been put to great inconvenience and trouble in submitting his Memorials.

Petitioner has served the Government continually for a period of 31 years and lastly for a few months in 1861 with great credit, in proof of which he holds various Testimonials, but he has unfortunately not received any compensation for the services so rendered. He therefore humbly prays that his papers may be forwarded to the Secretary of State with the favorable recommendation of Government, and an answer sent to him as to the date on which they have been dispatched to their distination in order to relieve him of the anxiety he is always laboring without knowing the fates of the papers sent by him; and your Petitioner shall, as in duty bound ever pray.

CALICUT, *2nd November* 1861. (Signed) P. RAMEN MENON.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir W. DENISON, K. C. B., Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of PALAKEL RAMEN MENON, late Senior Dewan Peshcar of Travancore, and the present Head Quarter Inspector of Police in the District of South Malabar, Zilla Calicut.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

Your Memorialist humbly begs leave to state that he served the British Government for a period of 31 years, viz., from 1817 to 1848, in the Collectorate of Malabar to the entire satisfaction of his official superiors, but not having received any pension or remuneration whatever to which he is justly entitled, he submitted an application to Government, when they were pleased to say that they could not admit him on their pension list, on the ground of his having left their service long ago.

From this Order your Memorialist has preferred an appeal to the Secretary of State for India, forwarding the original reply he received from Government and other papers.

Not having yet received any reply to his appeal to the Secretary of State, he begs leave most respectfully to submit another Memorial to the same authority with an abstract of his former Memorial. He also begs to enclose for your Excellency's perusal, an original communication from his present official superior, the Inspector General of Madras Police to a representation made to that Gentleman, soliciting a favorable recommendation of his case to the Government, as his personal acquaintance with Memorialist both at the time he was employed in the Huzzoor

Office during that Gentleman's incumbency as Head Assistant Collector of Malabar and subsequently, would have enabled him to do. This latter document Memorialist begs as a particular favor may be returned to him.

There are several documents containing favorable mention of the fact of Memorialist having served his full time under the British Government in the Records of the Collector's Office—from some of which it will be seen that Memorialist proceeded to Travancore at the request of the British Resident in that Territory and with the full consent of his official superior the late Mr. Conolly in 1848, when the Rules for the regulation of Pension, which came into operation only in 1857, was not even in existence. Even if the said Rules were to be made applicable to Memorialist's case, they provide, it will be seen, the granting to an Uncovenated servant of "authorized leave of absence" without forfeiting his claim for Pension.

Vide Civil Auditor's Manual, Chap. III, Paragraphs 106 to 117.

Instances are not wanting in Malabar of persons whose service do not come up to Memorialist's, and who notwithstanding that they have been suspended and dismissed from employment for misconduct of no ordinary stamp, have been re-instated, promoted, and at last sanction has been obtained for their retirement on handsome pension, and other tokens of honor and distinction have also been bestowed upon them by Government. Some who are in no way physically incapacitated and have not served the prescribed time to admit of their retiring on pension, have been superannuated—others, though they have served the full time and have been regularly pensioned, have taken up high and responsible posts under foreign States. Under these circumstances it is a matter of deep concern that Memorialist's services, &c., should have been lost sight of, and his pension denied him.

Had his late superior, Mr. Conolly, been alive, Memorialist would perhaps not have been plunged in this distress.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will be so kind as to peruse his papers, and if you deem it necessary call upon the Inspector General Mr. W. Robinson for such information regarding Memorialist's case as may seem needful, and pass a favorable Order in the matter of the Pension of one who had completed his service of 31 years under the British Government without any fault whatever and who is still serving under them; or if this is not practicable, be so good as to forward his Memorial with your Excellency's kind recommendation to the Secretary of State for India for a favorable consideration and Order in his case for which act of justice your Memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray,

CALICUT, *29th August* 1861.

(Signed) P. RAMEN MENON.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, India House, London.

The humble Memorial of PALAKEL RAMEN MENON, late Senior Dewan. Peshcar of Travancore, and the present Head Quarter Inspector of Police in the District of South Malabar in the Zilla Calicut, under the Presidency of Fort Saint George.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

Your Memorialist humbly begs leave to state that under dates the 9th April 1859, and 19th March 1860, he addressed two Memorials, the 1st to your honor's predecessor Lord Stanley, forwarding the petition he submitted to the Madras Government on the 11th November 1858, with their original answer thereon accompanied by a Statement of his services, Testimonials, &c., and the other to your honor, giving a succinct account of his case, to none of which he regrets

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to say he has had the good fortune of being favored with any reply, although *two years* have elapsed since the date of the first Memorial. He therefore now takes the liberty of again submitting a short abstract of his case for your Lordship's favorable consideration.

Having in vain waited long for a reply after his 2nd Memorial was dispatched, and fearing that if he engaged in any business in the face of the restriction contained in the Order granting him the allowance from the Travancore Sircar (an allowance in itself quite inadequate to maintain him in the respectable position he has all along held) he would run the chance of losing the same, he thought it best to lay his case before that Government and request them to remove the condition "that his pension will be discontinued on his taking employment elsewhere." That Government were pleased to take the case of an old servant of theirs into favorable consideration and grant his prayer by removing the said condition.

Subsequently to this, W. Robinson, Esq., Inspector General of the Madras Police, who knew Memorialist, as he was employed in the Collector's Office, during that Gentleman's incumbency as Head Assistant Collector of Malabar, visited Calicut on a tour of duty and Memorialist availed himself of the opportunity and represented to Mr. Robinson his grievance at not having received any pension from the British Government for his long and faithful service. Mr. Robinson, aware of Memorialist's character, and the high estimation in which he was held by his superiors, as well as of the fact, that he is left quite helpless without any one to bring his case to favorable notice, was pleased to admit the justice of his case. He, however, requested him to take up for a short time the post of the Head Quarter Inspector of this District, because Memorialist being an old and experienced person well acquainted with the District, and having often distinguished himself as a Police Officer, his services would be of great use to the Department. Having all along looked upon the British Government for his support, Memorialist accepted the offer, (although the duties of the appointment are not quite suitable to him and the salary (200 Rupees) is but one-third of what he was on the receipt of from the Travancore Sircar, rather than that he should intrench on his ancestral property, which is intended for the exclusive support of his family), and is discharging the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. Being no longer able from various causes, more especially domestic afflictions and ill-health, to remain in his post, he is constrained to retire from it, the duties of which are extremely arduous and he consequently intends resigning his appointment. Your Memorialist further begs leave to state that the Rule now in force for the regulation of pension and which came into operation only in 1857, was not even in existence when he proceeded to Travancore in 1848; whilst so, Memorialist's case cannot under any circumstance come within the scope of those Rules, which moreover provides the granting to a public servant of "authorized leave of absence," by which he does not forfeit his claim for pension. He therefore, again, and for the last time, earnestly entreats your honor will be so condescending as to take his case into your kind consideration and afford him redress by granting him a pension, which he is fully entitled to for a service of 31 years rendered to the British Government to the entire satisfaction of his superiors, as a reference to the statement of his service will testify. For this act of justice, your Memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Vide Report from the Superintendent of Police, South Malabar, to the Inspector General of Madras Police, dated 7th May 1861, No. 129-1861, and also the enclosed copy of Memorandum from W. Robinson, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police, dated 7th August 1861.

(Signed) P. RAMEN MENON.

CALICUT, *29th August* 1861.

Abstract of Petition dated the 11th November 1858, and its accompaniments from PALAKEL RAMEN MENON, late Senior Dewan Peshcar of Travancore; to the Secretary of State for India in Council, appealing against the Order of the Madras Government.

That Petitioner is an old and tried servant of the British Government of 31 years' standing in the course of which he rendered various services advantageous to the Estate even in a pecuniary point of view;—that when duty required it, he even risked his life on 4 or 5 occasions in the Ernad, Shernad and Wallowanad Talooks when he met in close conflict the fanatic Moplas and tended much to suppress those fearful outbreaks; that while Petitioner was thus serving the British Government, the British Resident of Travancore, having at the request of his Highness the Rajah, applied to the Collector of Malabar for the benefit of his services, that Gentleman, furnishing Petitioner with a Testimonial expressive of his approval of Petitioner's service, and highly commending his character, sent him to Travancore, where Petitioner continued to serve for 10 years; that during this period he greatly distinguished himself there by his good conduct and the satisfactory way he discharged his duties and those of the Dewan's Office while in temporary charge of that post, in proof of which he holds valuable testimonials from his superiors,—that when the Dewan's post became actually vacant, Petitioner's zeal, his dexterity in business, his claims to preference, the promises held out to him, and the facts that individuals of Petitioner's caste formerly held the post of Dewan, and that Petitioner was especially invited to Travancore on account of his standing and experience in the service of the British Government, and with the view of introducing some salutary reforms, which the state of affairs in the Travancore territory called for, and for which he had already taken steps, were all through Petitioner's misfortune forgotten, and a junior in the Travancore service, was appointed to it; that seeing that there was no hopes of carrying out the reforms about which he had made several suggestions which were approved of by His Highness the Rajah and the Resident, he felt himself called on to resign, which he however did not do without communicating his intention to the British Resident who, as will be observed in the Statement submitted with the Petition, agreed with the propriety of the step;—that it will be seen that Petitioner was thus superseded for no other reason than the desire he had always manifested towards a reform in Travancore, the unsatisfactory state of affairs in which formed the subject of a lengthened correspondence between Petitioner and the Resident, which is still extant in the latter's Office and copies and original replies in Petitioner's possession. A comparison of them with, the papers noted in the margin (being correspondence from a different quarter with Parliament on the same subject) will show that the Petitioner in opening the correspondence had no other object in view than to guard against such complaints against the Travancore State. The very person whom the Parliament blamed in the matter stood in the way of Petitioner's advancement in Travancore, and it was this circumstance that led him to address the Madras Government the letter alluded to in his Memorial of the 31st January 1856, with the view of protecting his character, that the Rajah and the Resident could not but admit in their letters to Petitioner on his resignation, that they were perfectly satisfied with his conduct; although at the same time the Rajah would not confer on him an adequate pension; that the pension Rupees 175 is not even one-third of the pay he received for the last five years, while he possessed claim for not less than half the amount, *viz.*, Rupees 300; that the document granting this inadequate pension gives Petitioner to understand that it would be discontinued should he take up any employment, which was very hard considering that it is insufficient to maintain him in his position; that Petitioner presumes the Secretary of State in Council will concur with him in thinking that this proviso was made on the supposition that Petitioner being an old protegé of the British Government, he would again seek their protection; that there could be no other motive for it; that Petitioner submitted to the Madras Government a Petition containing a full detail of his services both under the British Government and the Travancore Sirkar and supported his representations with copies of public records and a statement of some of the most valuable testimonials in his possession; that to his great misfortune the Petition was rejected under paragraph 4 of the Petition Rules, that the paragraph quoted does not apply to his petition, inasmuch as it contains fresh and sufficient grounds to allow of its being admitted; that instances

Despatch of the Honorable the Court of Directors in the Political Department, No. 3 of 1855, dated 30th April 1855.
Ditto do. of do. in do. No. 4 of 1858, dated 3rd March, paras. 23 and 24.
"Printed copies of Official papers lately received from India on the subject of a recent disturbance in Travancore, No. 7 of 1857, Political Department."
"From Madras Government, to Lord Stanley, the Honorable Secretary of State for India, dated 26th March 1859."

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are not wanting, even in Malabar, of persons who have not served the British Government so long and well as Petitioner, being rewarded, promoted, and lastly allowed to retire on pensions; that there are others who having been dismissed the service, were reinstated and subsequently pensioned, as if there had been no break whatever in the line of their service; that the British Government are the protectors of not only their own subjects and deserving servants, but also of all subjects of Governments tributary to them, and that Petitioner is well aware that the prosperity of Travancore is a matter of interest to them; that there was not the break of a single day in the line of Petitioner's service, his pay under the Travancore Sirkar beginning on the same day on which he left his employment under the British Government; that it was not with his own accord he left that service, but at the express request of the British Resident, and with the full consent of the Collector of Malabar—both gentlemen of high rank in the British service; that therefore when he petitioned the Madras Government for favorable consideration of his peculiar case, he believed that they would not discard him, his case being one which if it does not come within the fixed Rules for regulation of pensions, present circumstances making his prayer well worthy of favorable consideration, but he was sadly disappointed to find that the Government did not think Petitioner could be entertained on their pension list, having left the service many years ago, while at the same time they would not interefere with the Travancore Sirkar on his behalf, that when he submitted a second Petition containing a fuller detail of his case, it was rejected as above stated under the 4th paragraph of the Petition Rules; that Petitioner is an old servant of the British Government, and gave great satisfaction are all facts that cannot be denied; that Petitioner always depended on the British Government, convinced that they would support him, but the rejection of his petition by the Madras Government is a blow that he never expected, that a public Officer who may have served the prescribed term, to allow of his retiring on a pension, does not forfeit his title to it by any enactment extant, for being subsequently transferred to another service as Petitioner was, and there is nothing in the Pension Rules in force prohibiting the entertainment of an old and tried servant (such as Petitioner, whose case is moreover a peculiar one) on the pension list as a remuneration for his past services; and that therefore he submits his case to the Secretary of State for India in Council with the full assurance that they will not leave him unredressed and prays that his Petitions and all their accompaniments (original answer from Government, statement of his services, testimonials, &c.,) may be perused, and a pension for the 31 years he served the British Government, to which he considers he is entitled, having received from them no remuneration whatever, grant him.

(Signed) P. RAMEN MENON.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir T. W. DENISON, K.C.B.,

Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of PALAKEL RAMEN MENON, formerly Senior Dewan Peshcar of Travancore, and lately Head Quarter Inspector of Police in South Malabar District, Zilla Calicut.

Humbly Sheweth,

Your Memorialist humbly begs leave to state that the Appeals which he preferred direct to the Secretary of State for India, under dates the 9th April 1859 and 19th March 1860, forwarding the original answers received from the Madras Government, and other documents from the Orders passed by them, and which were sent back to the Madras Government with a Despatch, dated 2nd July 1861, No. 28, Public Department, enjoining their return to Memorialist with the intimation that they should be submitted through the Local Government, were received by the Collector of Malabar with the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th September 1861, No.

1,300, and transmitted to Memorialist with a communication from the latter Officer, dated 16th instant. These papers he begs leave to submit herewith for transmission to the Secretary of State for India through the proper channel.

Not having 'ere this been favored with any Orders from the Secretary of State for India on the subject, Memorialist, on the 29th August 1861, forwarded to Government another Memorial, accompanied by an Abstract of his former Memorials and shewing better grounds and submitting more satisfactory documents to induce a compliance with his request, for transmission to England. These papers, he hopes, must have already reached Government. He now humbly begs that of the papers now forwarded, those noted in the margin,* at least, may be kindly perused by Government, who, he confidently trusts will deign to make a favorable recommendation on behalf of an old servant of theirs, in submitting the papers to the higher authority.

* Statement of his service and copy of his Memorial to Government, dated 31st January 1856.

In consequence of ill-health, your Memorialist has, about a fortnight ago, resigned his appointment in the Police Office.

Dated 7th August 1861.

Memorialist further begs, that the original Memorandum from Mr. Robinson may, as requested in his Memorial to Government of the 29th August last, be returned to him.

And your Memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

CALICUT, 19*th September* 1861.

(Signed) P. RAMEN MENON.

No. 239.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By Order,

OOTACAMUND,
27th September 1861.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Private Secretary.

No. 2,775 of 1861.

Petitioner must forward his Memorial in triplicate. It will then be transmitted, as requested to the Secretary of State.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18*th October* 1861.

By Order,
(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Dy. Secy. to Govt.

MEMORANDUM.

The Inspector General regrets his inability to become the medium of transmitting to Government any Petition by Parakel Ramen Menon, late Dewan Peishkar of Travancore, referring to matters in no way connected with the Police.

2. P. Ramen Menon, kindly undertook the charge of the District Head Quarter Office at Calicut, in the latter part of last year; and his personal influence and business-like habits have proved valuable and useful in the early stages of the Police organization in the District. The Inspector General of Police acknowledges with thanks these further services of this faithful old servant of Government and as P. Ramen Menon expresses his wish to retire from his charge shortly, he (Inspector General) begs him to accept this acknowledgment with his best wishes for his prolonged health and welfare.

3. Should the Inspector General of Police be referred to by Government on the subject of Parakel Ramen Menon's general service and character, he will state all that his long connection with the District of Malabar enables him to record of this worthy servant of the State.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF MADRAS POLICE,
7th August 1861.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Madras Police.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1861, No. 571.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing address be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with the opinion of Government that the Petitioner's claim to pension is inadmissible on the ground of his having quitted their service so long ago as 1848, in order to take up an appointment under the Travancore Sarkar, and his being in receipt of a pension from that Government for his services to it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Calicut
21st July 1848.

Appendix A

No 1131
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A

Memorial
Para 3.

Ramen Menone having been invited by the Rajah of Travancore, with the concurrence of the British Resident, to undertake a responsible post under his Government, has resolved on giving up his situation in Malabar, as second Shirestadar of the Huzzoor Cutcherry. I should be sorry to part with Ramen Menone, were it not that his removal is for his benefit. he is a public officer of much talent and experience, and during the 8 years in which I have been personally acquainted with him, he has conducted his duties to my perfect satisfaction. I doubt not that he will be found an acquisition by the Travancore Government.

(Signed) A. D. Conolly
Collector

(True Copy)

This is but one of the many testimonials that are in the possession of the Memorialist.

Appendix B

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Maha Rajah of Travancore to Salatul Ramen Menon - Sirkar Shenadatar of the Anzzoor Cutcherry at Calicut dated Trevandrum 23rd Mithoonom 1023 corresponding with 5th July 1848.

B
Memorial
Para 5.

I perused the letters you addressed to my Vicharipoocarrn & understood their Contents, I feel much pleasure to learn that You have neither thought the appointment & pay I have determined to bestow on You trifling nor slighted it, but have gladly made up Your mind to proceed to this place to accept of it so as to realize the desire entertained by my father, & late brother, of placing you in some high situation in this Country during their lifetimes as well as a similar desire entertained by myself from the moment I perceived on a visit which I was at Bhagavapooram as Ellia Rajah.

The Country having been originally dedicated to Shree Padmanabhen, the Deity is its legal proprietor, or Ruler, & it is therefore needless for me to mention that if the affairs of the Country, or rather of the Deity, be Enquired into with all possible care, you will, through Your amiable qualities, such as devotion to the Almighty, & Your dexterity in conducting business &c Entrusted to You, gain applause & promotion, & that You will conduct the business, in such a manner, as to augment, day by day, the friendship that exists between myself & the Resident, the Revenue of the Country, the Comfort & Ease of the Ryots, & praise to myself.

As it is my own resolution that has occasioned Your call to this Country, I firmly hope that You will gain such a reputation, as would Crown my views with success

You will duly acknowledge the receipt of this letter in a reply Continuing the particulars of your bodily health, & the news of the place, and will arrive here within the period allowed you.

I shall intimate other matters personally when You arrive, & if there occur any thing very particular I shall cause my Vicharipoocarrn to Communicate the same to You in writing.

Signed / Marthanda Varma /
Rajah

/ True translation /

Appendix C.

Translation of an Extract from a letter from His Highness the Maha Rajah to P. Ramen Menone Deputy Dewan Peishcar of Travancore dated Trevandrum 5th Dhanoo 1025 Corresponding with 18th December 1849.

C
Memorial
Para 5.

I received and fully understood the Contents of Your letter of the 29th Vrichigom, Corresponding with the 12th December 1849, & its Enclosures (Copies) of Sadanams & accounts, You have forwarded to the Dewan, regarding the State of affairs belonging to Neyattencaray District, & matters Connected with the Collection, & Sale &c of Salt produced in this Country, as well as other particulars.

I am highly delighted to learn that You are day & night vigilantly & laboriously engaged in the Conduct of Circar affairs.

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B

Although certain individuals make some remarks about Your writing to me on matters which tend to Censure them, & also Cause deficiency of

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Revenue, Yet you should not mind such groundless remarks, but be brave, & magnanimous. If you attend to the duties entrusted to you deligently, with a view to encrease the Comforts of the Ryots, & the Revenue of the Country, you will obtain high promotions.

You should therefore always bear this in mind & Conduct yourself as above directed, & also write often to me on your procedure.

Signed/ Marthanda Vurmah
Rajah

/True Translation/

Appendix D

Translation from an Extract of a letter from Krishna Row Dewan of Travancore, to P. Ramen Menon dated 1st Dhanoo, 1025, or 28th December 1849.

Your Exertions & close Engagements in Sircar affairs are duly well known to myself & others, to whose notice they should be brought. I do not now give a detailed account of things, merely because you can know them by the result, & because it is unnecessary to particularize them in letters.

/Signed/ V. Krishna Row
Dewan

D
Memorial
Para 4

Appendix E

Extract from a Memorandum submitted to the British Resident by P. Ramen Menon Deputy Resident of Travancore on the 5th November 1848.

E
Memorial
Para 4

If some of the present Rules of this Sircar, both written, & traditional, as far as I can judge of them from the inquiry, & Examination I have made into the affairs of this State, were to be a little altered & improved the public business Could be conducted with more regularity and facility, & with this view, I beg to submit herewith an Index of Certain Rules, relating to the Police, Revenue, & Paramount Departments, to which if the General approve of, I will forward the Rules themselves for General Correction.

I beg leave to state that I have obtained certain Memoranda prepared by a competent, & experienced, old Officer, & from a careful perusal of the same as well as by personal Enquiries made by me, after my arrival here, I have been enabled to draw out these Rules. If however I should be permitted to have access to the public records also, I would be able to make further improvements adapting them to the peculiarities of the Systems now in force in this State.

I had heard that the State of the affairs in Travancore was not very favorable, or proper, & since from personal Knowledge acquired since my arrival here, I am led to Conclude that it is even more imperfect, & irregular than what I had heard it to be, & on considering that it was formerly far worse than it is now, it is clear that it is still susceptible of improvement, & the cause why such improvement has not yet taken place seems to be this, that the officers of this Government apprehensive, that by a modification of the present system their own interests would be affected, would assign as a reason for having it so, that any such improvement would interfere with the Obligations connected with the Religious & Charitable Institutions of this Country, but I am firmly of opinion that the adoption of the Rules & Regulations of the Honorable Company, will by no means cause any injury to the

above

...mend two Institutions, but how to improve the same ...

The General is aware that whenever it may be considered necessary to enforce the Rules & Regulations of the Honorable Company, or to adopt any new measures in the territories subject to their Government, it is absolutely requisite to submit the proposed measures &c, for the approval & sanction of Authorities at a great distance such as the various Boards at the Presidency to which the places belong, the Supreme Government & even the Court of Directors in England. Such is not the case in Travancore, as the approval & sanction of His Highness & of the British Resident, are all that are necessary, to effect improvements & reforms in this State, by an adoption of the Rules & Regulations of the Honorable Company.

The General was pleased to mention in his letter to the Collector of Malabar respecting my appointment in this Country, that having a knowledge of the Rules & regulations of the Honorable Company, I would be useful to this Government, & that the General would duly support me.

I beg to observe that I have had an experience of 21 years in the Service of the Honorable Company so that I need not say that I was entitled to a pension, & although His Highness the Rajah was pleased to desire my entertainment, yet I humbly beg to assure the General that I have resigned my appointment in the Honorable Company's Service depending upon the protection of the General.

I have been given to understand that after the appointment of J. A. Casamajor Esquire, as the Resident of Travancore in the year 1810, the late Moonshee Seenoo was sent for & appointed as Dewan Peishcar here, & subsequently the principal Judicial Regulations were proposed by that Officer, & that, despite of opposition on the part of the then high Functionaries of the Country, that Gentleman was determined upon supporting the measures, & accordingly those Regulations were enacted by His Highness the late Rajah. It also appear that both Mr. Casamajor, & Moonshee Seenoo, fully intended to have the required Revenue Regulations also enacted, & to particularize the above Judicial Regulations to a greater extent, but that in consequence of the Return of that Gentleman to England, and the subsequent death of Moonshee Seenoo, that object was not accomplished, & Nobody took upon himself to bring the matter forward.

By the little experience I have gained in this Country, I humbly but positively beg to state, that almost all the public Officers, regardless of the real State of things, are influenced only by self interest, and the desire of amassing wealth by any means & that being the Case, it is a most disagreeable position for an honest, and conscientious person disposed to conduct himself with regularity & propriety to find himself associated with those, whose principles are any thing but correct, & whose pleasure is to thwart improvements attempted by another, which either they will not or cannot themselves effect. I am however exerting myutmost to afford the Dewan every satisfaction, & to ingratiate myself gradually into his friendly confidence so as to be better able to carry out these improvements & reforms. At the same time I beg to state that I am led to conclude that it is the interest of

some of the officers, to prejudice me in the opinion of the Dewan, as should I possess, his friendly support & encouragement, some of them will seem to suffer the loss of their present unmerited positions, & their prospects of undue & undeserved aggrandizement will be frustrated.

In this Country, a public servant even on a very small pay, Conducts himself without any fear, regard, or scruple, in order to satisfy his avarice, or his desire of undue personal advancement, & I hope that the General is well aware of the Conduct & character of every officer of this State. Such characters & proceedings will also bring those Conducting themselves with truth & fidelity, to vexations troubles, & tend to the injury of the public services. These things excite in me a great alarm & perplexity.

I crave permission to observe, that I do not mean to say, that irregularities & abuses do not prevail in other States, but I believe they do not to such an extent as in Travancore; & in my most humble opinion, if the present system of the public administration in this Country be suffered to Continue as it now is, it must before long, seriously affect the prosperity of the people, and the general Cry will be increased.

I beg leave to assure the General that as I have now relinquished all interests & prospects under the Honorable Company, wherein I have served for so long a period with honor & fidelity, it is my earnest desire, to discharge my duties here, to the entire satisfaction of Your honor, & to bring my humble services & intelligence to the favorable notice of His Highness the Maha Rajah, through Your honor, for the promotion which I shall as an honest man, Claim as the reward of my faithful services.

I am therefore fully Confident that the General will kindly take a liberal view of my humble undertaking, & generously extend to me, the General's countenance and support in throwing endeavours in the discharge of my duties

Appendix. E

Extract of a translation from a reply from the Resident to P. Raman Menon Deputy Peishcar of Travancore to his report of the 1st November 1816 under date the 28th November 1816.

The Resident has perused Raman

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It appears however that Raman Menon had not been employed for a sufficient time in Travancore, to have enabled him to form a correct opinion of the present Regulations, as well as of the differences resulting from the modifications suggested by him, nor had he by perseverance brought to induce the Resident to admit of any such modifications.

Raman Menon must know that he was not sent for, by the Resident for the purpose of changing the Regulations of Travancore.

As Raman Menon is an old officer of the Honorable Company, the Resident has expressed a pleasure of seeing him, but the Resident has not desired to make any extensive modifications in the Regulations, the knowledge acquired

egquired by experience in public business is always
aluable & meritorious

The Resident desires at present
ther that the existing Regulations of this
ourt, be strictly observed than the enactment of
ny new Regulations. Many errors do not exist
n the present Regulations, nor do the officers
ttend strictly to the Rules, set forth in them.
The Resident is very desirous to be acquainted with
he benefit that may be derived from the exertions of
Ramen Menons, by conducting himself in Sole accord-
nce with the Regulations now in force.

Altho' there are various trifling
matters susceptible of improvement, yet they should
e gradually brought to a proper state.

The Resident & the Dewan are at all
imes pleased to give due consideration to any suggestions
hat may be submitted by Ramen Menons, but if he
hould not conduct himself with confidence on the
Dewan, nothing could be done.

It is evident from the Memorandum
ubmitted by Ramen Menon, that by a short time, that
e was in Travancore, he has made himself acquainted
ith all the particulars contained in the papers
efore him. If Ramen Menon continues to be diligent
s already evinced, by his zeal, there is not the least
oubt that he will be able to afford ample
atisfaction to the Resident.

[signed] W. Cullen
Resident

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Extract from a Memorandum presented to the British Resident by
P. Ramen Menon Deputy Peishcar of Travancore dated the 31st December 1818

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I respectfully beg leave to acknowledge
the receipt of your favor to me of the 28th ultimo, and
humbly beg to assure Your Honor, that I shall strictly
conform to the directions therein contained, but feeling
grieved at some parts of it, which uneasiness can
only be relieved by Your Honor's Kindly condescending
to listen to what I have now to state, I take the liberty to
submit the following for Your Consideration.

On my appointment to my present
Office, my attention was directed to the objectionable
mode of conducting business in two Departments by
Police, & Maramut, entrusted to my charge, & which
I found went to involve myself inefficiently, & blame,
should I not propose a reform, & with this view, I
submitted my humble sentiments on the subject
for your consideration.

The Indices embrace 10 points
altogether, of which, 8 relate to the Police Department, &
of these, there are very few to be embodied with the
present Regulations of this Government, the rest
being intended solely to ensure the strict observance
by the Police officers, of the existing Regulations, which
Your Honor justly remarks require to be properly en-

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...ap to, as also to render provisions of the present Regulations,
more explicit, and definite, which may be effected by circular orders
I the tenor of the proposed modifications; but I beg to state,
that I never meant to say, that there are errors in the existing
Regulations, & that therefore they require Correction; that,
defects do exist not only in trivial points but also in
some important points Connected with Police matters,
in particular, & that it is necessary that immediate
measures should be adopted to remove the same, are I
beg to observe borne out by some of Your Honor's recent Memoranda
on Petitions respecting Certain Police cases, &
hence I am confident that Your Honor will appreciate
my humble Endeavours to Contribute towards improvement
and reform, more especially after Your Honor shall
have perused, the Rules, prepared by me, of which
I have already submitted the Indices and particularly the one No 3 referring to the Police Department.

I beg permission to submit that as
far as I know there exists no regulation whatever for
the guidance of the Paramount Department, though
it involved great pecuniary responsibility, yet it is a fact
well known to Your Honor, that this Department
is fraught with irregularities & abuses, & hence my
anxiety that some Rules may be established for the
better Conduct of this important Department.

About four years ago, His Highness
the then Rajah, anxious as he was, to secure the services
of an old, & experienced officer of the Honorable
Company, & considering me a fit person, enquired
if I was willing to accept that office; but
sensible as I then was that without Your Honor's
favorable support, I would not be able to afford
satisfaction

satisfaction in any capacity under this Government,
I thought it indispensable to obtain the letter of
recommendation in my behalf from my patron H.
Conolly Esquire, to Your Honor, & in the letter Secretary
to Mr. Conolly, & which was sent to Your Honor, in
that letter of recommendation, I think I explained,
some of the above mentioned particulars, & expressed
at the same time, my earnest desire to render myself
useful to this Circar in like manner as the late
Dewan Peishcar Comdoo Menon, & thereby to give
satisfaction, & meet the countenance, & support of
Your Honor, & His Highness the Rajah; such was
my anxious wish then, & I humbly beg to say that it
is also, so at present.

But from the fact of my having been
called here, & His Highness having been pleased to sign
to me when I had the honor of being presented to
Highness by the Dewan, immediately after my arrival
here, that I was called to Travancore in Consequence
of His Highness the late Rajah & the late Coil
Thumboorans desire, compliance with His Highness
present Rajah's own wish to have in this Circar
an experienced & faithful Servant of the
Company, & one who has a good knowledge of the
& Regulations of that Government, & I shou[ld] therefore communicate with the Dewan, & sug[gest]
for the improvement of the systems obtaining in the
Sircar; I beg to say with utmost deference to Your
remarks I cannot but conclude, that I was sent
for here in consideration of the circumstances
I have explained.

Your Honor I believe it was pleased
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mention in your letter to Mr Conelly regarding my
appointment to my present situation, that Your Honor
would extend Your kind support to me, I beg
leave to assure Your Honor, that the kind expressions
contained in that letter alone, encouraged me to accept
my present appointment, in the fullest confidence,
that Your Honor would duly appreciate any humble
services & exertions, & which confidence I still
entertain from Your Honor's well known liberal
feelings.

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Extract from a letter from P. Ramen Menone the Deputy Dewan Peishcar
Travancore to the British Resident, under date the 29th June 1819.

As the present circumstances of this
country render my services of no especial benefit to the
Sircar, unless the Resident should deem it advisable
to revise the existing system, with a view to improve-
ment, it would perhaps be vain for me to exhaust the
present period of my life, here, when it admits of
active, and laborious exertions, to which it is my
anxious desire to devote myself before old age comes
on, & as I am by natural disposition, & habits
averse to duties, & employments, in which there is no
regularity or strictness, I will find it almost im-
possible under existing circumstances to discharge
my duties properly & correctly, to maintain my
reputation, & to resist the opposition that may be raised
against me, unless I am powerfully supported.

Before I could make myself fully
acquainted, not only with the real state of things
here, but with Your Honor's wishes, & orders after
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having represented my sentiments to Your Honor, my leave
expired, & certain arrangements were consequently made
for filling up the post vacated by me at Cabcoint.

Therefore I would hope as the only
resource left for me, that it may be in your honor's
power at least to obtain back for me my former
appointment at Cabcoint.

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Abstract translation of a letter from P. Ramen Menone the Deputy Dewan Peishcar
of Travancore to the address of the British Resident, dated the 8th December 1819.

A proclamation dated the 8th Vrany having
1025, having been issued by His Highness the Rajah, to remit
the arrears, & make remissions to the Ryots of what was
due by them to the Circar, I was deputed to carry the said
proclamation into effect in the 6 Districts South of
Trevandrum. & an order was issued under date the 26th Vrany
1018 No 12331 from the Huzoor to the Tassildars of the
Districts, to prepare an account of the price of different
kinds of provisions supplied by the Ryots from 997 to the
year 1018; but such account was not ready at the Neyatten-
caray District, neither was a regular account kept of
what was due by them to the Sircar. On my arrival at
Neyattencaray with the greatest difficulty caused an
account to be prepared of such a considerable period,
found that the sum of 607818 Fanams was due to
the Sircar, & that of this sum, 337286½ Fanams were
to be remitted to the Ryots in the Neyattencaray
District alone.

Having prepared a plan & detailed
account of what was due to the Sircar after deducting
the remissions to be made to the Ryots, I forwarded
to the Dewan the same, as well as a report on
&c

subject. And I consider I could that in every District such deficiencies of accounts do invariably exist.

I see that Disbursements made at the District as per orders from the Huzoor, are not accounted for, in the Huzoor Treasury at the close of each year, but entered in the District accounts, as if they are in deposit in the District Treasury; which also is productive of much Confusion in the accounts &c. & this practice obtains for a great number of years.

The accounts of the daily receipts & disbursements of the Districts are not regularly kept, neither do such accounts bear the initial of the principal officers in charge of them, which paves the way for embezzlements.

Responsible posts for which people are obliged to furnish security are conferred on people who have neither any property of their own, nor do they furnish security; but half their salary is deducted, & deposited in the Sircar, & within short time, such Servants embezzle the Sircar of a sum of money much greater than what has been deposited, & the result is that, the Sircar has lost very large amount, by such arrangements.

Most of the loss the Sircar sustains owing to the non-preparation of the Jallook accounts at the proper times. Viz. it is therefore indispensably necessary that such accounts should be regularly kept, & thereby remove the difficulty of recovering the Sircar dues from the Servants, & Ryots.

No arrangements were made, nor proper steps taken to cause the Cultivation of waste lands, by which also the Sircar sustains a great loss.

Neither is any regular account kept of irrigation works made, if any such thing is in existence in Travancore to any considerable degree.

A regular list of the records, is not to be found in any part, of the Country; which deficiency prevents easy reference to them.

When any Servant leaves the post as ... is dismissed, he does not regularly give charge of the records & to his successor, & obtain a receipt for the same from him.

There are many orders from the Huzoor lying at the Districts unreplied, & unattended to, & the higher authorities do not call for a list of what the District people do in such cases, neither do they adopt any strict measures to carry their orders into effect, & therefore orders of 8 & 10 years old lie unreplied.

Sircar Servants are kept many months in arrears of pay, which is very improper on the part of the Sircar.

In the first place, the Rules established are not very good, & even these are not strictly adhered to. Hence arise Confusions &c. now in existence in Travancore.

I am humbly of opinion that the Suggestions I have made must be put to the test.

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Abstract translation of a letter from P. Ramen Menone the Deputy Dewan Peishcar of Travancore, to the British Resident under date the 16th December 1849.

The Sircar is put to great losses in consequence of the neglect to adopt judicious modes of manufacturing &c. viz.

Loss has been detected in the mode of measuring the articles while purchasing from the manufacturers & selling it to the Ryots, & in the transit of the same, from one place to another.

The Sircar sustains loss, from the Ryots

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being permitted to keep large quantities with themselves, without being purchased & secured by the Sircar.

Loss from people being permitted to put article into large pits for a considerable period of time, without proper care being taken of it & the people also are private sales as they like.

Losses not acting in Conformity with the Command of His Highness the Rajah as specified in a proclamation issued by him:

Good salt, in great quantities, can be manufactured at Thamaracolum, but instead of doing so, 2000 Rs. worth of Bombay salt is purchased annually, which of course, is a loss to the Sircar from being dearer.

Loss sustained in the mode of Conveying article from one place to another, both by Coolies, Bullocks, & sometimes in Pataimarahs &c, & the Sircar allows as by half the quantity Conveyed, to be a reasonable deficiency in the transit, but on a former occasion when arrangements were made made for Conveying the article in baskets & gunny bags the deficiency was much less than at present.

In short, I beg to inform You that all above deficiencies allowed & other irregularities permitted to be carried on, with no other view than that of the superintendents filling up their purse, & ruining the Government.

The reasons that are made the superintendents of the above &c for what purpose, the former system was abolished & the present mode adopted, will be evident to Your Honor, on a proper enquiry.

If proper arrangements were made on the above point, the Sircar would realize an additional sum of (10,0000) one lac of Rs. annually, without any inconvenience to the Ryots.

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Translation of a Malayalum Memo, from the Resident of Travancore in reply, to P. Ramen Menons the Deputy Peishcars report of the 16th December 1849, dated the 17th December 1849.

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The Resident received the Deputy Peishcar's report of the 16th Instant with its Inclosures namely several Correspondences. The Resident is very glad to observe, that the Peishcar has informed him of the particulars of his tour in Neyattencaray & other places. The Resident will peruse the said reports & papers at his leisure, & with attention.

(Signed) W. Cullen
Resident

(True Copy)

Appendix

Extract from a Memorandum from P. Ramen Menon the Dewan Peishcar of Travancore, to the British Resident, explaining the benefits that can be effected to the State by making it into Divisions & each being presided over by a principal Officer; under date the 2nd January 1853.

Travancore is an extensive state, the distances from the northern & the Southern points being no less than 8, or 10 days journey. It comprises 32 Districts with a population estimated at about 1,800000. The Kuzzoor the Dewan's Cutcherry is at Trevandrum, the South western Extremity, where all the business of State is transacted by the Dewan alone.

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Travancore may be said to be a Residency, as such its affairs should be conducted according to the System obtained in other Residencies. If from the Extent of the territory, it is considered as a mere Provence, the management should be carried on, in the same manner, as in the Provences of the Honorable Company. But the form of Government here is different from both.

It is a System here that all the affairs of the State are transacted by a single Officer.

The enumeration of duties here speaks of itself that they are not, or rather cannot be conducted by a single person, with proper care & attention.

Some of the Departments in the Cutcherry, each with a large Establishment, & a manager are placed under the Sheshcars, or the Dewans Assistands, but all the duties here are transacted by the Dewan himself, the Assistants being nominal superintendants. In fact many things are done, without even their Knowledge. The mode in which the business is now conducted is very objectionable, & should not be allowed to continue, as it is attended with great delay, & productive of great inconvenience & distress to Ryots. References are made from each Department and pass thro' many hands, without any one being able to give orders thereon, answers will however be drafted, & sent for the Dewan's approval, but they will be laid over for a number of days, from want of time by the Dewan to look into them. Whenever his leisure will admit, the drafts are read over to him; when, after an imperfect hearing he gives his orders, which a majority of instances have proved to be inconsistent with the subject alluded to, this

time is so limited, that he can hardly either hasten or dispense with his assistants upon any observations they may have to offer.

The Surveyor Officers are sent only on Emergency into the Districts to enquire into their affairs but attempt to realize the arrears due to the Sircar.

I will make but a few remarks on the Revenue Department. In this Department there are many undisposed of cases, the number of which, if Compared with that of the Malabar Zillah it will appear, that the arrears of business through that Zillah will not exceed that of one or two Districts of ours. In each District here, there are unexecuted orders, varying from 1,500 to 1000, some of which are of 15, some of 20, & others of 30 years standing, all affecting the interests of the Sircar, or the advantage of the Inhabitants.

There is much to be said about the manner in which the accounts of this Department are kept, but I will at present allude to one subject. It is the practice here, to cause the Village Officers (Revenue Collectors) to enter as paid the assessment which was not collected, on account of the loss of crops and other unavoidable causes, & to exhibit it as remaining in their hands, without any measures being adopted to ascertain whether the loss was actually sustained or not. After this entry the Ryots are not applied to, or care about paying their Revenue, but the Village Officers on some way or other recover what they can, & appropriate to their own use, knowing full well that they will never be called to refund it. If the amount so be small, it will be deducted from their pay in the

The sum thus standing against the Village officers of the Pudalur Talook alone amounts to no less than £13623/4 fanams, & have been accumulating since 25 years. If the outstanding assessment is recoverable every exertion should have been made to realize it, & irrecoverable, should have been struck of the accounts. Besides this, there are accounts in the said Talooks of 5, or 10 years, for 21396 fanams remaining as yet unsettled, such irregularities prevail in all other Talooks.

As immediately connected with this Department, I would state, that several properties which escheated to the Circar long ago, for want of heirs, remain yet to be taken charge of. There are many waste grounds which were converted into paddy fields, & gardens, but have not been brought to account. There are many lands which were not cultivated from various causes, but, which though applied for by the Ryots for improvements lie still neglected. Many waste, fit for cultivation, are suffered to remain in their primitive state, though many may be found quite willing to take them up.

As regards the Salt Department I will only say that from want of proper vigilence & Rules, the Circar in one hand, suffers a loss of upwards of a lac of Rupees yearly, whilst the Salt manufacturers, the other are put to great distress, in consequence hitherto not being paid the value of their Salt in proper time. The same remark applies to Pepper &c.

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The delay in the disposal of Police cases will be felt on body & honor, whereas that in the disposal of Revenue matters with unpunishments in which absorb the whole or best part of produce, appropriation of land or portion of a land by one Ryot from another, & such like will plunge the Ryots into great distress, for setting aside their inability to meet the Circar demands, the anxiety & they are put to, they will be left without means of support, & it is from lands & gardens that their chief source of maintenance is derived. Even after enduring all the trouble, & anxiety, they seldom or never obtain redress of their grievances. The enquiry I have made into the causes of the great arrears has sufficiently convinced me, that it is owing to want of proper Rule and Superintendence.

In the Police Department, pend many undisposed of Cases, & I exist many irregularities. At the time of furnishing the Statement to Government it has been the practice to dispose of summarily and without due regard to justice, as many cases as the advanced period of the year would admit of merely, to exhibit a reduced number of Complaints on the file, with the view of acquiring credit, much remains to be said as regards this Department, as well as the want of a tribunal to receive appeals against the Dewans decision, which passed as they now are, in haste & imperfect Enquiry & without a thorough understanding of the merits of the Case, cannot but be productive of grievances to the Ryots.

In former days every order of the Department in charge of the Assistants

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are framed out by them, the Dewan used merely to fix
his signature thereto. In some instances one of
the Assistants was caused to carry on the whole
business of the State, & the Dewan was compelled
to give his account to whatever he did. How the
Dewan allows his Assistants towards whom
he is favorably disposed, to transact some business
entirely.

These modes of conducting business
which admit of the revision of one person only, &
debar the Inhabitants aggrieved by the Assistants
acts of the benefit of Appeal can afford them
no redress whatever.

The subdivision of the State will not
cost the Circar to any extra Expence, as there are
sufficient number of subordinate officers
available for the purpose, by the adoption of this
plan the officer over each Division will feel
himself bound to administer the affairs entrusted
to him, with efficiency Zeal, & vigilance & shall
by any proceeding out of the discharge of his duties
it will be easily discovered, & he may be called
upon to account for his conduct

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Extract from a Memorandum submitted by Lt Ravenshaw Mercone, the Dewan Peishcar of Travancore to the British Resident dated the 6th March

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There are many undecided cases, connected with Revenue matters both filed & unfiled in the Huzzoor, & the Talooks affecting the interests of the Circar as well as of the Ryots. During my frequent Circuits in the several Talooks I have with much pains disposed of several Jotts, have sent the same to the Huzzoor for final decision, have adjusted long pending accounts, & have collected many outstanding balances. Some of the most important affairs that I have brought to the consideration of Superior Authorities, & some of the various cases which had been in the meanwhile decided & sent to the Huzzoor are still pending there. I have not only frequently pointed out how to settle these undecided cases, but also have reported together with detailed Indents yet many impediments were felt in carrying on my suggestions.

Neither the Dewan has time, nor his many Servants are bound by fixed Rules to dispose of these Jotts, which accordingly have fallen in arrears, a production of a rich harvest of unlawful profits to the Circar Servants, (as well as in the Huzzoor & in the out stations), whose interests is therefore to prevent their adjustment

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Extract from a Memorandum submitted to the British Resident by S. Rama
Iyen the Dewan Peishcar of Travancore, dated the 21st December 1833.

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I am explaining the benefits that can be
derived to the State, by surveying the lands in the manner
in which those in the Collectorate of Malabar, are surveyed
and the evils proceeding from the plan proposed by the
Dewan viz. to survey the lands by marks by occular
demonstration
I Minute of Consultation No 127
dated the 27th March 1835 was received from the Madras
Government directing the Travancore Sircar to
survey the Lands by measurement

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Extract from a report submitted to the British Resident by S. Rama
Iyenar Dewan Peishcar of Travancore, dated the 28th December 1838.

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I humbly beg leave to annex a Memo
=randum of the dates of some letters & Memoranda
I have several times addressed to Your Honor in those mat
-ters require particular notice. I solicit Your Hono
will be pleased to adopt proper measures to effect the
and question me on the subject, if necessary, to all
which I am ready to give answers detailed & satisfac
Almost all the Inhabitants of the
Country, from Paravoor to Sheertalay & Thovalla (the
Northern & Southern Extremities of the Country
incessantly representing their grievances to my
Honor, to the Resident & to the Palace. I beseech
proper Steps are not taken to put a stop to the
when it is possible the Complaints are daily increa
I therefore most humbly beg Your
will kindly take into Consideration the grievan
of the Ryots in preference to every thing else, & adopt pr
and decisive methods to put a stop to them

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Dates of letters &c.	Purport.
November 1848.	Index & Memorandum of 104 Cases relative to the Revenue Police & Maramut Departments.
December 1848.	
June 1849.	
December 1849.	About the encrease of Revenue to more than one lac of Rupees in the Sale of Salt.
February 1850	
August 1852	
December 1852	
January 1853.	Evils arising from the Country not being made into subdivisions, & not authorizing the Assistants to dispose of any case with efficiency.
January 1853	To remove the Complaints of the Ryots, & the neglects of the Tassildars to reply to orders sent from the Kutcherry.
March 1853	My not being allowed to Conduct business as particularized in the Rule granted to me.
March 1853.	
December 1853.	
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Extract from a Memorandum submitted by S. Ramen Menon Dewan Peishcar Travancore, to the British Resident under date the 4th May 1854.

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I beg to lay some short instances of errors and disadvantages to the Sircar before Your Honor, according to your orders lately obtained. That Your Honor may understand the differences.

There are errors, & irregularities in Decrees and orders, passed by the Dewan about them & the same contrary to a variety of ways, & Contrary to the Correspondence, proceedings, proofs, & justice &c. & this is done (although I pointed the errors to him) with no other motive than that there is no place of appeal to examine the proceedings, & make the necessary alterations in the Decrees, as the different ministers of irregularities in the Decrees &c are manifested by the Records.

I thought now-a-days that I can write without telling my initials to such Decrees & orders. I am now in charge of the Javabundy Department also & made to affix my initials to the orders of that Department, as well as those of the Police.

Before these there are several important cases which require serious consideration and decision. Officers & Cooperants are retained in the Office while they deserve dismissal, others are dismissed while they are innocent. When people were at the Cutcherry having given sufficient security for employments of responsibility of money, to which they have right, others who had given no security &c are appointed to such posts. Complaints from all Districts Come from the Ryots for which such decisive orders are not allowed to be passed. Decisive orders are not passed in matters beneficial both to the Circar & the Ryots, are without

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celled & Contrary orders sent instead.

My having been obliged to give my Consent
ch inconsistent ways of conducting business obliges me
y these Circumstances before Your Honor, with a view
to set my initials to such unjust orders &c.

I hereunder show the different ways in
ich Cases of one & the same nature are disposed of by the
Dewan. When one individual is found to be guilty he is
nished with 3 months Confinement in fetters & hard
bour, & lashes, whereas another who is proved to have
mitted no less degree of guilt is punished with a
ght fine:-

Cases which are necessary to be made over
the Criminal Court are disposed of in the Magistrate
imposing a trifling fine, & similar Cases are handed
to the Court & punishment to this inflicted
on the parties.

Cases regarding lands & gardens belonging
the Ryots are disposed of according to the pleasure of
Dewan in; the same manner as those relating
lands & gardens of the Circar:

I have forwarded herewith 4 Memoranda
garding the loss sustained by the Circar on the sale
f Fenitluelly Tobacco, land tax, issuing orders
nd: delivering lands, irregularly.

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Reply from the Resident to the above Report
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My Dear Sir,

I have again read over Your last Memorandum
but as I have several times already told you, I see nothing
you can, with justice complain of.

There must not be any interference with
or obstruction to the Dewan's orders, if it is impossible the
he can carry on his duties, if those under him are constantly
differing in opinion with him & when they do so, delaying
in carrying his orders into effect. He will probably be
always ready to receive suggestions, but he is the best
and sole judge of how far they may be judicious
He will act on them or not as he sees fit, but their non
must not be made a ground of dispute, whatever
decision may be it must at once be cheerfully exec
Now I am afraid You do not follow this course, but
that when You differ in opinion instead of withdraw
Your opposition, when You perceive that the Dewan
does not agree with You, You continue indirectly to
offer obstructions & talk about it. The Dewan has long
been at the Head of the administration, & may perhaps
in Travancore & I believe no one knows better, perhaps
no one knows so well how to act in all matters. Those
under him cannot always be aware of his motives for
deciding one way or the other.

When I told You that those Memo-
randums for me, I meant them to be strictly private
Confidential, & for myself alone, but I believe so far
from being kept private that their preparation was
known

non to the Cutcherry, & Copies also forwarded to His Highness

I believe you to be an active intelligent
experienced public officer but so also is the Dewan &
hope you will in future avoid all disputes or discussion
& co operate zealously with him for the good of the
Sircar

Yours faithfully
Signed/ H. Cullen

/ True Copy /

To

Ramen Menone
Dewan Peishcar

Appendix F

Extract from a letter presented to the British Residency by P. Ramen Menone
Dewan Peishcar of Travancore under date the 17th May 1854.

Your Honor will be convinced that I
never lay these Memorandums by way of Complaints
I showed a reluctance to do it even when ordered
Your Honor I have not brought to light the irregularities
some important matters, I have patiently borne the
things done contrary to the Rule granted to me & have not
complained of them even now.

It is true I sometimes do present some
things before His Highness & that only short accounts
that I may be blameless, but what I presented before
Your Honor is in detail & intended to draw Your Honors
serious consideration. And this any procedure cannot
but tend to increase the favor of His Highness & Your
Honor towards me.

From the Dewans way of speaking
I presume that His Highness & Your Honor are not
satisfied with me, on account of my having brought
the particulars of my last Memoranda to Your Honors

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notice, I wish that the Dewan would have informed
General that I bring things to the notice of His Highness
His Highness is not pleased with me for doing so, &
informs His Highness that the General is not pleased
with me, for having brought these things to that
authority's notice but the reverse will at any rate turn
out just, & fair. The Dewan has been carrying on the
Sircar affairs as he likes, & I have been quiet without
starting any objections thereto, & entertained some
fear & sorrow of being held responsible for such the
Dewan's own ways. but I may now remove this sorrow
by the orders Conveyed in the note under acknowledge

My sole desire is to secure honor
& good fame & I am always ready to act according to
Your Honor's orders & in a manner to gain Your
Honors favor.

Appendix E

Extract from a Memorandum from P. Ramen Menone Dewan Peishcar
of Travancore to the British Residency dated the 18th April 1853.

E
Memorial
Para 7

I have already personally intimated
to Your Honor, my having strictly ordered the preparation
of accounts alluded to in Your Communications of the 6th
Ultimo, & of the subsequent dates, regarding the salaries
of the servants of the Tillal & Moondiff Courts, due for
a period of 9 months, & those of other servants. The
delay to furnish a proper reply to them is owing to
nothing but the non completion of the said accounts

While I was preparing a reply to
those communications on the receipt of Your Honors

Memo-

Memo of the 30th Ultimo No 604, accompanied by the Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation from the Madras Government dated the 5th March 1855, I had to give over charge to the Dewan, & I am humbly of opinion that the required information should now be afforded by that Authority.

I herewith respectfully submit an abstract of some of Your Communications to me & of my replies thereto.

I have as desired by Your Honor, ordered the preparation of a detailed account of the disbursement of the pay due, but I had not received the replies the same when I gave over charge to the Dewan, & I doubt not You will admit that it is not now in my power to submit the accounts You require.

The following remark is an abstract of some of the above Communications addressed to the Resident, & it will prove that the pay of the public servants was for many months in arrears.

A Minute of Consultation No 30 dated the 7th January 1855, was issued from the Madras Government asking for a report for what period & to what amount pay was due to the public servants up to the 1st of February last, to which the Dewan sent a reply to the Resident dated the 19th of the said month No 230, stating that the pay of only two months was due to certain Departments. On this the Government issued another Minutes of Consultation No 87, dated the 5th March 1855, purporting that it is not right that the pay of 2 months should have been in arrears, & that the pay of a month should be disbursed in the Course of the succeeding. But the fact was that pay was for many months in arrears at the time.

Appendix E.

Extract from a letter from T. Ramen Menon, the Dewan Peishcar of Travancore, to the British Resident dated the 30th May 1855.

E

Memorial

Para 7

1. It is 6 years since, I suggested that some arrangements should be made regarding the collection & sale of salt which if put to the test will give the Sircar an annual income of more than one lac of Rupees & avert the loss it now sustains & tend to advance the welfare of the Ryots.

2. The Sircar has sustained for each of the last 3 years, a loss of 2½ lacs of Rupees in Tobacco & I had made certain suggestions to regulate a few Rules to prevent the poor Coolies in the employment of the smugglers of Tobacco, from undergoing severe punishments & to take proper measures, to make the Servants to attend to their duties properly.

3 I suggested several plans supported by proper Documents, showing the lands should be Surveyed by measurement & stated that Survey by mere sight would be insufficient & improper.

4. I suggested measures for the recovery of one & a half (1½) lac of Rs, which the Sircar looses from the non-Survey of gardens, which has been postponed 8 years longer than the regulated time.

5. I submitted several reports regarding the bringing up the arrears of Cotharaveroodaccom (or the Sample Enforcement of arrears) sent from the Assistant to several Districts, whereby the Sircar would gain a great deal & the grievances of the Ryots be redressed to a considerable extent of these leaving the Survey

which

which is attended with certain difficulties, such as measuring re Koning, &c the other suggestions readily about Salt, Tobacco, & the Enforcement of Orders, sent to the Districts can be easily attended to, & issuing certain Strict orders &c whereby the Sircar will doubtless gain a great deal of benefit, but even these, are neglected, & the result is, repeated loss to the Sircar.

By Comparing the Minutes of Consulta. in No 129, dated March 29th 1855, recently received from Government, with what I had submitted to your Honor, regarding the Survey of lands, Your Honor will now be convinced that what I had suggested was proper, & fit to be adopted. All those suggestions regarding the bringing up of arrears of Orders, had been slighted & laid aside, yet Your Honor is satisfied how much of the said arrears, of old standing had been brought up by me, during the period I was in Charge of the affairs of the whole Country; Your Honor will admit that if my suggestions be put into operation the arrears will doubtless be brought up without any material difficulty.

Appendix F

Extract from a letter from the British Resident of Travancore to the Dewan Sirkear, Ramen Menone dated the 20th March 1855.

F

Memorial Para 9

My Dear Sir,

I thank you for your note of the Instant, You seem to have paid every attention to my suggestions & to have passed proper orders.

Appendix F

Extract from a letter from P. Ramen Menone the Dewan Sirkear in charge, to the British Resident of Travancore the 2nd April 1855.

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Memorial Para 9.

In connection with your official communication to me No 469 dated the 9th ultimo, directing my attention to the speedy disposal of the old references from your Office &c, I used the best of my endeavours in the matter, and as the result thereof I beg to submit the accompanying Statement showing the arrears of business in the 8 different Departments as they stood on the 3rd Coom Bhom 1030 corresponding with 13th Feb 1855, on which date I took charge of the administration and as they stand at present, by clearing of the current business, & old arrears, disposed of, during the intervening of 46 days. It will be perceived from this Statement that several cases have been disposed of, & there have in consequence, resulted a considerable decrease in the extent of old arrears. I Consider it needless at present to enter into particulars about the cases which have been disposed of, by me, & which involved several of them from 4, to more than 5 years standing as well as about the matters which still remain to be disposed of.

The disposal of the arrears of business exhibited as remaining at present involves partly delays on the part of certain servants of the Sircar Cutcherry in furnishing the required accounts, & the servants about stations in replying to references made to them and partly consists in settling many matters the execution of extra work &c

Statement showing the number of cases reported
[illegible] remained pending disposed of in the Court of Appeal
Huzzoor Cutchery on the 31st December 1830 corresponding with
[illegible] and the number disposed of

Current business, & the old arrears which were disposed of in the Huzz

Remained on the 31st December 1830.		Remained on the 28th February 1831.
when take charge		when delivered over charge
Cayadunn	24	24
Emabenthy	1698	380
Davascom	105	47
Calal	15	11
Cowkey	32	30
Pepper	44	13
Caramist	119	114
English Office	269	106
Registrate	"	"
Cutcherry	81	95
Appeals	160	5
Sadanom Complaints	90	91
Total	2550	776
Decrease		1774

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Appendix

[illegible] from the British Resident at Travancore Dewan of
Travancore dated 7th April 1831.

The Dewan Peishcar Rauven Menon having reported to me his having delivered over the charge of the Huzzoor Cutchery to you on your return from the leave of absence, I feel it due to that old & experienced public servant to express my perfect satisfaction at the manner in which he has conducted the duties connected with the Resident's Office

I am &c
(Signed) W. Cullen
Resident

(True Copy)

To

The Right Honorable G. J. R. Lord Harris

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Madras

The humble Memorial of Palakel Raimen Menon.

late Senior Dewan Peishkar of Travancore

Most Respectfully Sheweth.

That your Memorialist entered the Government Service 48 years ago, and rose through successive grades of office with the uniform approbation of his superiors, to the high and confidential posts of Naib Sheristedar of the Province of Malabar and Dewan Peishkar of Travancore as shown in the appended statement, which he earnestly prays your Lordship in Council with be kindly pleased to perase. He has other testimonials in his possession, not incorporated in this statement for fear of lengthening it.

That in the year 1838, while he was in the service of the Government and had so served for 31 years, at the express application made to the Collector of Malabar by General Cullen the British Resident of Travancore and with the entire sanction of H. H. the Rajah of Travancore, your Memorialist was transferred from Malabar to Travancore as Deputy Dewan Peishkar on a salary of 300 Rs. a month, afterwards raised to 400 Rs. a month.

That he served in that office and in the office

of

To oppose your Lordship, your Lordship would be induced to take a more favourable view of

Dewan Peishkar, the second in importance under the Travancore Government on a salary of 600 Rs a month for a period of about 10 years, and was entrusted singly with the administration of 12 Talooks, while the Junior Peishkar Madavah Row, was in charge of only 5 Talooks. Your Memorialist received for his conduct the recorded thanks and praise of both the Rajah and the Resident.

That on the 26th November 1857 the late Dewan of Travancore, Krishna Row, died.

That your Memorialist expected as next in rank and succession to the late Dewan, and as having acted for him during his absence from Travancore on leave for a few months, to succeed to the post of Dewan.

That he was set aside for the sole reason, to his great surprise, that he is a Nair - to which caste the most distinguished Dewans of Travancore have heretofore belonged, and Madavah Row the Junior Peishkar who is many years junior to your Memorialist in years and in the public Service, placed over him.

That your Memorialist seeing that this unexpected supersession destroyed his hopes of introducing into the administration of Travancore those salutary reforms indispensible, as he believes from experience, to the welfare of the state, deemed himself called upon to resign his post of Dewan Peishkar - a step, the motives for taking which the Resident fully appreciated while expressing his regret at losing your Memorialist's Services.

That his resignation was accepted, but instead of receiving a requital adequate to his acknowledged services, and to the sacrifice he made in going to Travancore, he has been pensioned off conditionally

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conditionally on the sum of 175 Rs a month, which is not one third of his late salary, much less the one half to which he believed that he would have been entitled under the Company's Government, and which by the tenor of H. H. the Rajah's letter, he loses, if he takes office again -

That in Travancore pensions have been given to some Servants and families of some deceased Servants who had served for periods varying from 10 to 12 to 15 years although not belonging to the Military profession, some of the pensions are in the proportion of two thirds of the pay of those pensioners some of them were persons who had been dismissed and others held situations after 5 or 10 years, and others hold situations and enjoy both pension and pay and the families of the two late Dewans of Travancore have had handsome pensions settled on them - one receives 300 Rs a month the other much more, while both are rich and hold Government Paper to a large amount.

That your Memorialist in consenting to go to Travancore conceived that he was continuing to serve the Honorable Company only under another name. He is still in the vigor of his age and faculties and able to earn by further service the honorable reward which the Government accords to deserving, faithful and loyal public officers. He has actually served for 40 years, whereof 31 years were passed under this Government. But as he would forfeit his pension if he accepts office he prays that your Lordship in Council will either obtain for him from the Travancore Government an increase of pension equal to half his late salary, making it 300 Rs a month, or that your Lordship in Council will be graciously pleased to bestow on him in consideration and reward of his 31 years of faithful service an

this before your Lordship, your Lordship would be induced to take a more favorable view of

per the Honorable Company's Government a further pension accord
ing to the Salaries he drew for the last five years as shown in the
Statement Column 3.

And your Memorialist as in duty bound
will ever pray

Calicut
21st May 1858

P Ramen Menon
Late Senior Dewan Peishkar.

No 14 of 1858

Government
to be learnt to enable
them to form an opinion
claims on the Honble
cannot be
admit him to the
Company's service
list as he has
long left the
service.

Fort St George 15th June 1858

By Order
D Saunders
Actg Secy to Govt

No 14 of 1858

From Collector
Former Memorial
Remarks Dewan Peishkar
Relative to Pension

Dated 21 May 1858

Rd 24th June 1858

Answered
Rd 18th
Feb 1859

To

The Right Honorable
George Francis Robert Lord Harris
Governor in Council &c &c &c
&c &c &c
Fort St George

The humble Memorial of Ramen Menon late Senior Dewan
Peishcar of Travancore.

Most respectfully Sheweth.

That your Memorialist took the liberty of Memorializing your Lordship in Council under date the 21st May last soliciting in consideration of the long and faithful services he had rendered to the Government an adequate pension, but was much aggrieved and disappointed on receiving on the 15th July last through the Collector of Malabar, your Lordship's Kyfiat No 1476 of 1858, dated 15th June, to the effect that Government saw no reason to interfere in Petitioner's claims on the Travancore State for any thing to admit him to the Company's pension list as he has long left the service.

Distressed at this result your Memorialist believes that if more tangible reasons were laid before your Lordship, your Lordship would be induced to take a more favorable view of

his case, Memorialist most respectfully pre-
sumes once more to impose on your Lordships
valuable time, and to lay the following facts
before your Lordship.

1 Memorialist in his last petition 21st May 1858.
Complained of the inadequacy of the pension
granted to him on the resignation of his
appointment in Travancore, which step he was
compelled to take, because his claims of promo-
tion to the vacancy, caused by the demise
of the late Dewan, were set aside on that
occasion, he being then the senior Dewan
Peishcar and having before had charge of the
Dewan's Office) and a Brahmin appointed,
although individuals of Memorialist's caste
were known to have held the Office of Dewan,
and also because he saw that the object he had
in view of gradually effecting a reform in the
administration of affairs in Travancore and of
doing good to the Ryots of that State, had thus
been completely frustrated.

2 Memorialist humbly presumes
that when the Resident on or about the 24th or
25th January 1858, applied to your Lordships in
Council for sanction to nominate a successor
to the late Dewan, that Gentleman may have
also assigned his reasons for overlooking
Memorialist's claims to that appointment.

3 The accompanying Copy of
Memorialist's Resignation and the testimonials[2] which accompanied his last Memorial will [1] marked Z. to Resident Z K & L. from the Rajah & Resident

will prove to your Lordship that his claims were
overlooked by the very same personages who
were pleased to express in high terms of praise
their estimation of his character, and your Lordship
will also observe the contradictions in the
opinions of the Rajah and the Resident, in
reference to the reasons which urged Memorialist
to resign his appointment in Travancore.

4 Reference to the documents above
alluded to, will convince your Lordship that
Memorialist has unfortunately every reason to
appeal against the treatment he has suffered,
and that the British Resident should have pro-
tected Memorialist, instead of permitting him to
be inadequately, and conditionally pensioned
off.

5 Memorialist also attributes it to
his great misfortune, that your Lordship in
Council in whom rested the nomination of the office
of Dewan should also have overlooked Memorialist's
former services and prior claims to this appoint-
ment.

6 Memorialist here begs permission
to solicit your Lordship's attention to the circum-
stance of his having been transferred to the
Travancore Service at the beginning of August
1848, that in placing his services at the disposal
of the Travancore Sircar in conformity with the
expressed wishes of the Rajah made through the
Resident, Memorialist was led to believe that

Resident as well as by the Rajah, with the object
of introducing the experience he was known to
have acquired under the Honorable Company's
Government, for the improvement of the Travan-
core state and to ameliorate the Condition of its
inhabitants - that Memorialist with the view of
maintaining the Character he had acquired in the
service of his former employers* and ever desirous
of making himself useful, he, three months after
his arrival in Travancore, with the best intentions
and after great trouble, drew out an Index, Consis-
ting of 124 different points which required Reforma-
tion there (the same being managed in Travancore
in a Manner unheard of in the Company's Country),
that Memorialist forwarded the same with an
explanatory address to the British Resident for his
approval and sanction.

That the Resident appreciated
those suggestions but after Consulting with the
Dewan, was unwilling to permit the introduction
of the same. And on the 29th June 1849, as early
as ten months after Memorialist had been employed
in Travancore, he was Constrained to write and
intimate to the Resident, that if the Reforms
he had suggested were not to be introduced
in Travancore, he was unwilling to Compromise
his official Character by Remaining in the Service
of that State - that Memorialist adopted this
measure with the view of applying for a
Pension, in Case the Resident's Reply was
unfavourable - that the Resident would not

* The Honorable E. I. Company

not permit Memorialist to return to the Com-
pany's service, but in a manner held out hopes of
introducing in Travancore the Reforms suggested
by Memorialist, from which it was led to
suppose that his claims would not only be
upheld, (as it had been on one or two former occa-
sions) but that Memorialist would also have,
at a future time, an opportunity of introducing
in Travancore the reforms he had in contemplation.

8. Memorialist humbly presumes that
your Lordship will observe that he was invited
to Travancore (a portion of the Honorable Company's
Territory merely under a different form of Govern-
ment) by the Representative of your Lordship's
Government in that State - that he had up to
that time, served the Honorable Company for 31
years and that Memorialist with the view of
preserving his Claim on the Company's Government
as early as 10 months subsequently, requested the
Resident to permit him to return to the service he
had just left, and hence Memorialist is now
most aggrieved at your Lordship having declined
to admit him on the Company's pension list,
because he has for a short period left the Compa-
ny's service.

9. Memorialist begs in this place
also to state to your Lordship that as a break
of only 20 and odd days occurred from the
date of his quitting the Company's service to
the date of his receiving the seal or Commission
on his Elevation the Rajah (from the

date of which alone the pay of the Servants
in the Native Department in Travancore is
calculated) he with the view of preventing
any breake in the whole line of his service,
succeeded in getting the Rajah to allow his
pay, as in the Case of European Servants, to
Count from the day on which he left the
employ of the Company.

10th That Memorialist subsequently 23rd April 1851.
by through the British Resident submitted a
Memorial to your Lordship's Government,
stating that as he valued his official Character
above pecuniary advantages he may be per-
mitted to return to the Company's Service;
this address Memorialist begs to observe,
was forwarded to your Lordship through the
British Resident.

11th That when at the latter end
of 1855, your Lordship's Government was
pleased to write to His Highness the Rajah
of Travancore and comment on the abuses
and irregularities which prevailed in the
administration in Travancore as also on
the Conduct of the Servants of that State,
your Memorialist, with the view of protecting
his Character from the general Censure on the
31st January 1856, submitted a Memorial to
your Lordship's Government and forwarded
therewith the Appendices (marked E) of the
Correspondence which transpires between
himself and the Resident and the Valuable

Valuable testimonials he held from the Re-
spective, a Reference to these documents will con-
vince your Lordship, that the measures sug-
gested by him would have ensured great im-
provements in Travancore, and that he had
requested permission to Return to the Company's
service, in Case the Reforms he has suggested
were not to be introduced, as he would never
prefer this Measure, rather than risk his Official
Character and Claims on the Company's Service.

12th That the Appendices above alluded
to, were prepared by Memorialist with
great Care and trouble, as they were not only
intended to protect his own Character, but to
bring to the notice of Government several
matters which were of the greatest importance
to them. Memorialist has however grieve to say
to his great cost and disappointment, that this
proceeding, not only gave umbrage to his
Superiors, but became the Chief Obstacle to
his advancement in the Service of Travancore
and to his subsequently obtaining an adequate
pension.

13th Memorialist with much grief
here craves permission to state, that he did
not receive replies to any of the Memorials
before alluded to and that had he been favour-
ed with replies, he would not have been
subjected to the treatment against which
it has now become his painful and un-
pleasant duty to Complain.

It will be apparent from
the 1st & 2nd Paras of his last Memorial 2nd Aug 1855
and the statement appended thereto, that DEH, No 6
the Memorialist rose in the several grades of
Offices and served without interruption for a
Term, twice of 31 years, during which time
he did all in his power to benefit the
Government, and improve the Condition of
the Ryots, that at the Call of duty, he did
not ever hesitate to peril his life, having on
four different occasions been engaged in
Conflict with the fanatic and desperate
Moplas of the Shernaad, Ernaad, and Wallovanaad
during the dreadful outbreaks which then
occurred in Malabar (on the last occasion
even the Military were panic-struck) that
Memorialist, in Consequence of the pressing
invitations of Her Highness the Rajah
of Travancore, Conveyed through the British
Resident, and relying on the promises of
protection, promotion and encouragement,
held out at that time by His Highness
the Rajah, was induced to give up his
Service of 31 years under the Honorable
Company and accept employment in
Travancore - that Memorialist discharged
the duties entrusted to him from his first
arrival in Travancore up to the time of being
thrown off, to the entire satisfaction of
the Rajah and the Resident.

15th. Memorialist is well aware
that it is usual with the British Government

Government to protect the rights and
privileges of their old and faithful Ser-
vants, and that instances have been
known, where servants, unable to ren-
even half the service rendered by Mem-
rialist, have had great favors and ben
Conferred upon them.

16th. Memorialist further craves
permission to lay before your Lordship
that the Servants of the Travancore Gove
have often been known to obtain promo
in the Service of the Cochin Sircar and vice
Versa, as for instance (when Colonel Mace
was Resident) the Government proposed
appoint Shungra Warrier the late
Cochin, as Dewan of Travancore, that Me
rialist in Consideration of his pretensions,
(as the deceased Shungra Warrier (who w
not a Brahmin) applied for the appointme
of the Dewan of Cochin, but the Affairs of
Benefit Row the Raja's of that State,
(whose pay was not even equal to half of
that drawn by Memorialist and greatly be
Junior in the Service) was preferred solely
because, he was first in hands in the employ
of that Sircar - this procedure was Conside
by Memorialist very just and proper as
trust since hope that the same rule would
be observed when a Vacancy occurred in
Travancore; but your Lordship will observe
the Resident joined in acting in a manner

similar manner on the demise of the late Dewan of Travancore.

4th Memorialist is much aggrieved that your Lordship in Council failed to recommend him to the Consideration of the Travancore Sircar, when he, as a last resort applied for your Lordship's gracious interference between him and that State.

5th That it appears from the reply granted to Memorialist's petition dated 23d May last, that he had applied to your Lordship for a "handsome" pension, whereas Memorialist only enumerated his long uninterrupted and faithful Services, extending over 40 Years, and solicited a pension, equal to two thirds of the salary of the post, he has filled for the last five years, maintaining at the same time, that His Highness the Rajah has bestowed handsome pensions on some of his Servants, and that even instances were known, where their families also had the like favors extended to them, and further stated that the pension granted to Memorialist was not equivalent to even a third of his last salary.

6th Memorialist therefore in Conclusion, humbly and respectfully prays that your Lordship in Council will be graciously pleased to take all the foregoing circumstances into your Lordship's favourable consideration, and deign to accept such

such measures as will enable Memorialist, during the Travancore Sircar, a Pension suitable and sufficient to maintain his late Rank and position in the Public Service for which act of Justice and Condescension Memorialist as in duty bound

shall ever Pray.

Calicut
15th November 1858.

P. Ramen Menon

N.B. To obviate trouble and inconvenience Memorialist begs herewith to submit to your Lordship in Council Copies of his petition dated 31st January 1856 with its appendix as well as Copy of his petition dated 23d May last year &c.

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A true translation
S. Gopalachariyah
Translator

the circumstances of his case may be taken into favorable consideration, and measures adopted as will ensure to him from the Travancore Circar a pension sufficient to maintain his late rank & position in the Public Service.

Returned under para 4 of the Petition Rules.

J. T. Cummerlauh
Dy Secy to Govt.
24 Decr 1858.

Incl No 2775/3 of 1861

No 3410 of 1858

From
Palatral Ramen Menan, late Senior Dewan Peishkar of Travancore
Calicut.

d 11th November &
R by P Novr 1858.
with 4 enclosures.

No 446

Adverting to the orders of Government dated 1st June No 1476 of 1858 on his memorial of the 21st May last declining to admit him on the Pension List of this Government Submits Copies of his former petitions, and prays that in consideration of his services in the Madras & Travancore Governments & his being deprived of promotion to the office of Dewan of Travancore & other reasons advanced.

Old. Lr to Cogt 26th Decr No 33 of 1861 with Orgl. Encls (letter addressed to the British Resident by P Ramen Menon of 20th Decr /57 - No 37 -)

ഹനുജികളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച നിയമങ്ങൾ.

4. ഗവർണർ മെന്റിലെക്കു ബോധിപ്പിച്ച കാരൊന്നിലിലെൽനിന്നവിടെനിന്നുകപ്പനകപ്പിച്ചതിന്റെ ശേഷം ആസംഗതിയെ വിസ്തരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള നടപടിയിൽ വ്യത്യാസം മൂപ്പുമാക്ഷം ഉള്ള സംഗതികളെ കാണിച്ചിരുന്നാലല്ലാതെ അതിലെൽ ടിപ്പി വെക്കുകയും ഇല്ല-അതുകൂടാതെ അനാമിമാ ക്കളെ ഹനുജികളെ യിരുത്തുകയും അലക്ഷ്യമാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും.

Order thereon 24th Decr 1861. No 571.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing address be transmitted to the R. H. the Secretary of State for India with the opinion of Govt that the Petitioners claim to pension is inadmissible on the ground of his having quitted their Service so long ago as 1848, in order to take up an appointment under the Travancore Sarkar, and his being in receipt of a pension from that Govt for his Services to it.

Pol. Lr. to Engr. 26th Decr. 24 32 of 1861 - with orig. Petitions and affdt. to Lord Stanley & the Dy. Honble. Sirs C. Nos. 15th dated 9th April 1859 & 19th March 1860 respectively.

Replied to from the Friar - at See's letter 30th April No 26 of 1862

Judicial Dept.
No 3179 of 1861

From Palakal Rama Menon late Inspector of Police South Malabar Calicut.

Dated 2
Rec'd 9 } November 61

Memo: in triplt. & 5 Encls.

No. 526

Forwards as required his Memo: in triplicate & certain other papers connected therewith, relative to Compensation for the long services rendered by him to Govt.

William Adai

58-59

29 Nov
A.D. Davis