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The Right Honorable the Governor in Council
of Fort Saint George

The humble address of Py Soobharaw Mita
Kunt Rau Gadane Late Serkela of Tanjore

My Lord

I most respectfully beg leave to forward herewith
in triplicate my appeal to the Secretary of State
for India on the decision of the Government
contained in their proceedings dated 18th June
1875 No 285 Para 1 directing my discharge, and
humbly request that they may be submitted
to the authority in the prescribed course.

I beg leave to subscribe myself

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient and
humble servant

Py Soobharaw Mita

8th August
1875 }

This Excellency Sir William Thomas Emerson

H. C. B.

Governor of Madras.

May it please your Lordship.

2264 With due deference and submission I humbly beg leave to submit that your Lordship will graciously be pleased to order an appropriate answer may be given to the request contained in my former Petition without passing on this usual endorsement "transpire to its proper Dept." "

I held the Port Belis office with credit to myself and my employer (the Government Agent at Saigon) but all of a sudden and without any previous notice or any charge whatever, I received an intimation from the Govt Agent of my having been completely removed from my office. As soon as I was furnished with an Extract from the orders of Govt on this subject, I applied for redress to the Government, on which they passed an order to the effect that "the Govt see no reason to alter their former decision." On this I applied another address to the Govt, simply requesting to furnish me with the reasons under which they have come to the conclusion, or else to declare me eligible for reemployment in other Departments. But as the purports booked on his second Petition simply shewed my reason required without any mention whatever of the former one.

Petition etc 1749 of 1862

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~~Wm. J. W. W. W. W.~~

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Request to be
furnished with the
reason under which
the Government has
authorized his dis-
missal.

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Private Secretary

Govt House,
Grindley Park,
15th November 1862

Dr. W. B. to Capt. 10th Sept. 1868
of 1862.

The Secretary of state for India

The humble Memorial from Tookbaran
Nidakunt row yedara late Serbel or
Minista in the late Rayas Durbar of
Sangore a principality under the Madras
Presidency.

Most respectfully, I am, Sir,

Your petitioner was one of the confidential officers in the late Raja's Durbar while my father was 2^d Minister in the same Durbar. The prime minister having resigned his office, my father was invested with the post and after his demise the office was conferred upon me under the sanction of Gov^t in July 1857 obtained by Mr Phillips by his strong recommendation. This recommendatory letter itself will bear testimony for my rank and position and particularly for my character both public and private.

2. Under such state of Circumstances, all at
once I received a letter from the Government
Agent at Tanjore purporting in a candid manner
meaning that I have been relieved from my
duties under the orders of the Madras Government.
3. Curious as I was to be acquainted with the
Circumstances under which the Government
have come to this extreme conclusion without

even asking me anything as my defence, I requested more than twice Mr. Cadell the then Government Agent to furnish me with the cause of my sudden removal, but the gentleman did make me no answer and studiously kept the matter in secret until his departure on leave to England.

4. After repeated solicitations Mr. Ballard his successor furnished me with an extract of the Government order authorizing my removal upon the false report of Mr. Cadell.

5. As my appeal to Government has procured me no justice, I have presumed to submit this my appeal to your presence with the strongest belief that this never would be any partiality in England in favor of European officials & no reasons shown against the native servants in administering bona fide justice.

6. The three petitions addressed to Government, with their endorsements thereon, I have enclosed herein and to request the attention of your Lordship to No. 1749 of 1852 for full particulars.

7. While there are on record presumptions from England that no officer should be removed from Government service for slight and improper charge and particularly without taking into consideration the defence of the accused, all such orders have been proved dead letters

in my case.

8. If the Government is to rely blindly on the report of Mr. Cadell in the absence of any positive proof against me, why should not the same body place an equal confidence in me and take my defence into their consideration.

9. Mr. Cadell has plainly expressed that his enquiry has not established any complicity against me as warranted warrant my commitment to Criminal Court as accessory in the robbery. The Government say in their order "but it is clear that no confidence can be reposed in the verities after what has occurred and under the suspicious character reported by the Agent."

10. Why should not the Government be forewarned by any previous report of Mr. Cadell to report more clearly the circumstances under which my character is impugned or required my defence at least?

11. If Mr. Cadell's delinquent report is to be taken for granted for attaching a stigma on my established character, why should not Mr. Phillips report to the same Government speaking in high state of my character and recommending me to the office be brought into contrast thereto?

12. If my defence is to be fairly considered, it can not but counteract and apprehend Mr. Cadell's report and will certainly reach on the remission of the Government Agent himself.

13 I therefore most respectfully beg leave to request that on a full enquiry in my case and on satisfying yourself on the several points above alluded to and particularized in my petition No. 1749 of 1862 (herewith enclosed) your Lordship will at once order my reemployment in any of the Government services of equal rank and value, as the office I held has now been permanently abolished and exempt me from the restrictions of paying an examination money in force.

I beg leave to subscribe myself

My Lord

your Lordship's most obedient
and humble servant

~~I am, Sir, your obedient servant~~

8th August
1863

Ms. P. 1749 of 1862
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The Right Honorable,

the Governor in Council

at Fort Saint George.

The Honorable Member of Council of Cooblah Row
Kila Kunta Row gadhaon.

Humbly sheweth

While my father held the office of the Sarkis or the premier minister in the late Rajah's Durbar, I was a manager of certain Department under his control and after his demise Mr. Phillips the then Resident in due consideration of my father's long and faithful services in the Durbar and his ready and active obedience to his instructions in arranging matters immediately after the death of His late Highness the Rajah of Tanjore and taking also in his favorable consideration the experience I have long had in the Carnatic Durbar Mr. Phillips recommended my appointment to the late father post of Sarkis and the Government accordingly sanctioned my appointment.

July 1857.

I was happened to take charge of the Durbar at a time when in person of high and established character would immediately be expected to continue the work with any sort of credit either to

to himself or to Government.

3 Such was the critical moment in which I commenced my public career, and to the best of my knowledge and abilities and fortunately for myself I managed the office to the entire satisfaction of my European superiors, Mr Phillips & Mr Cadell.

Such being the fact at the time I received a letter from the Governor & Mr Cadell purporting in a condensed meaning that I have been relieved by Govt from my duties and directing me at the same time to deliver over the charge of the Durbar to a married officer, and so I did.

4 As the above said order was received at a time when the state of the Durbar was in a great confusion owing to the robbery committed within the precincts of the Palace, I implicitly obeyed the order considering my removal would be a temporary one on the score of a policy and thereby to intimidate such as those who might possibly have had any understanding in the robbery but that I was unhappily disappointed.

5 Curious as I was to make myself informed of the cause of my removal and the true intent of the instructions of Govt on the point, I applied several addresses to Mr Cadell and the gentleman did make me an answer at intervals his departure from India and thus had studiously kept me ignorant of the particulars of the above said Govt order & his policy (I have every reason to believe)

was subtly to extricate himself from all responsibility and to throw the blame upon myself and to entangle me in jeopardy.

6 And Mr Bland who was appointed to act for Mr Cadell and to whom I reiterated my request to be informed of my fate has answered me in the form of April 1862. of an endorsement on the back of my application and "to the following effect: 'The Government will see from the' 'subjoined extract that he is absolutely dismissed and' 'narrowly escaped being committed to the Criminal Court' 'for trial on charge of complicity in robbery & fraud.'"

7 The order of Govt above quoted is in itself, I dare not submissively beg leave to state is opposed to true justice and to the true conviction of Government. It has first acquitted me from all charge of complicity in the robbery on which the Government intend to discharge me is nothing but my own chance to Confess after what has occurred and under the suspicious circumstances reported by the agent.

8 This conclusion of Govt is from one side only and on the partial and one sided report of the agent. Is it proper for the Govt to pass a final and derogatory sentence against a high official without more regarding the defence of the party in view of the most circumstantial drawn by Mr Bland subtly purporting to extricate himself from any blame whilst (I dare say) he himself is to be in justice held responsible what has happened in the Palace owing to want of proper care and vigilance on his part, is to be believed only the Govt should not place its value and belief on my statement? I do not see any difference between statements of Mr Cadell & myself.

Q It is plain beyond all doubt that the Finkbe has had no control over any of the apartments which have been under the care of the Finkbe agent, and placed under supervision of the Regular Military guard. This is well known to the whole community here. If any one is to be held responsible for the robbery, it is the officer commanding the detachment & Mr. Cadell as the agent of Govt whose chief duty it should have been to take care now & then of the apartments and the goods should have been often examined personally by Mr. Cadell himself.

R Instead of adopting this course it is very noticeable that the Govt have implicitly and without any further inquiry on the point, believed the false and self defended report of Mr. Cadell and thereby made me a poor nature to fall victim to the agents cunning report.

11. As for myself I strongly condemn the Govt & Agents report and I am ready to prove to the entire satisfaction of the Govt that I have no control at all over the apartments under the seal of the Govt Agent & under the charge of Military guard. My chief duty consisted as is well known to Mr Phillips who was Commissioner here & has therefore a personal knowledge of the transaction and my duties in the Custom in passing supplies to the customs of the late Rajah and no other. I herewith enclose a copy of Mr Phillips letter Comdair dated 2nd Jan 1859. to g. as a testimonial of my character.

12 Had I been made aware of the particulars of the orders of Genl. by Mr. Russell, I would immediately have adopted proper measures to its great injury & would have required the confidence of the Genl. & sent some person by Mr. Russell who would have required my sample letters to him & purposely & for his self defence contained them from my knowledge.

13. I therefore most respectfully and humbly request
the Society will be pleased to reserve their views on taking into their
serious consideration and treatment of the various questions
which the problem presents to us. And as we have a true & impartial
party of fairly intrepid men from the difficulties & degradations
to which I have been so happily subjected.

Yours poor Isaac and wife
 As in duty bound

1956-1957

The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council
of Fort Saint George.

The humble address of B. Subba Row
Keelakanta Row gachava late Terhale
in the Tanjore Durbar.

Gleweth.

Adverting to the orders of Government
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No 1749. of 1862. } passed on the back of his former Petition marginally
dated 9th July 1862. } noted purporting that "the Government see no reason"

"to alter the decision arrived at in Petitioners Case,"

I most submissively request that the Government will graciously be pleased to furnish me with the reasons under which they decline to alter their decision which I am prepared to prove to be founded on defective information and downright misrepresentation on the part of the late Govt Agent.

If they would decline even to comply with this request, I submit, I shall be satisfied if they can declare me eligible for reemployment in any other Department and so order to conform me any other situation of equal value.

He is likely to undergo many a
difficulties during the remaining larger

Your Petitioner
as in duty bound
shall ever pray.

~~2/11/2019~~

Prob. for the year 10⁴ 25 of the
12.8 of 1863.

In cl. 2063 of 1863.

Friends like Olive &
 Kate & Geo. Jordan
 last decade in the
 year Jordan.

Sept 21 / 1892
 (recd 12.5)
 Post & Enclosures

June 31/9 of 1862

Referring to the fact that
Dorchester was founded in the
same time as 1749, I hope
to prove that he may be
least declared eligible
to be a member of the
other of the two
from 5 of the
Dec. 8th 1749-18
Dorchester. MA

Political Depart.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following letter
from the Government Agent at Tanjore
There enters dated 27th May 1861

Order thereon 18th June 1861 N^o 285.

Baran. The inquiry has not estab-
-lished such complicity on the part of the
Sirkle and his servants as would war-
-rant their committal to the Criminal
Court as accessories, but it is clear
that no confidence can be reposed
in Sirkle after what has occurred, and
under the suspicious circumstances re-
-ported by the Agent. The Government do
not think it desirable that he should
longer be retained in the public service
and they direct that he be discharged.
(True Extract)

W. B. Keith
Esq: Dry: Leaf: to front.

W. H. Romaneff

No 3119 of 1862

The Petitioner
is referred to the an-
-neced extract from
the Proceedings of Gov-
-ernment. & to fur-
-ther petition on this
subject will be
noticed.

Fort St. George 2^d Decr 1862.

By order

M. Mutchun

& Dy. Secy. to Govt.

J.
No 3119 of 1862

No 1749 of 1862.

The Govt
see no reason to alter
the decision arrived at
in Petitioner's Case.

Forb at George 9th July 18

By order

Wmms

Ag: Dy: Secy: to Govt

Pol. D. to Eng. 10th Sept
22.8 of 1863

No 1749 of 1862.
From Subba Row
Nalakunta Row Gadda
Tanjore.

Dated 27th } June
Recd 30th } 1862

With 3 Enclosures

Complains of his
dismissal as no complice
in the robbery that took place
in the Tanjore Palace, has
been proved against him.

In No 119 of 1862

Pol. D. to Eng.

In No 2264 of 1862

On 2nd Sept 62-16

In No 2063 of 1862
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No 264 of 8th Sept 1863

Resolved that the
Memorial & its enclosures,
submitted with the foregoing
letter, be forwarded to the
Right Honble the Secretary
of State for India, together
with copies of the Proceedings
of Government noted in
the margin.

By 10th April 1863 No 2063 of 1862
27th June 1863 No 2264 of 1862
1st June 1863 No 264 of 1863