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G.O., No. 493, 494

Dated 26th July 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

MR. J. ARKLIE, LATE REVENUE SURVEYOR, TRAVANCORE.

Forwarding to the Government of India, copy of a communication with enclosures received from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin explain--ing the reference to that officer in the postscript to the memorial addressed to the Secretary of State by -- praying for restoration to his appointment in the Madras Revenue Survey Department, and also tend--ing to prove that -- obtained copies of some of the documents submit--ted with his memorial by dishonest means.

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Enclosure 5 in Memorial

№ 4653
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Huzoor Cutcherry
Trivandrum 24th Sept: 1891

Memorandum

With reference to his memorial to His Highness the MahaRajah dated the 8th Instant, Mr Arklie is requested to state from whom he obtained the Copy of the Survey Superintendent's letter to the Dewan dated the 20th September 1883 appended to the memorial.

2 In para 7 of the memorial, Mr Arklie quotes a part of the Dewan's letter to the Survey Superintendent № 4779 dated 18th October 1890. Mr Arklie will state also how he obtained this letter or the extract quoted.

(Signed) T. Rama Row
Dewan

T. Arklie Esquire
Trevandrum

True copy (signed) T. Arklie

True copy

J.S.R.
Resident

Trivandrum
26th September 1891

To

The Dewan of Travancore
Trivandrum

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge most respectfully your No. 4653 (R. 788) of the 24th Instant.

2. I note that you have written the above in reference to my third memorial to His Gracious Highness the Maha Rajah and dated the 9th Instant.

3. This, my third memorial is one "in continuation of my first and second memorials submitted and referred to you for report over ten long months ago"

4. It is therefore passing strange that the third one of just a fortnight ago only has enlisted your notice in preference to its two predecessors of ten months ago still under consideration.

5. You state in yours under reply with reference to my said third memorial that a "Copy of the Survey Superintendent's letter to the Dewan dated the 20th September 1883 is appended to the memorial"; and I am requested to state "from whom" I have obtained it.

6. I beg to submit, with all due deference to you,

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that the copy you allude to has not been merely "appended" to my said third memorial but humbly submitted for comparison with its original, verification if then found correct and return to me, should His Gracious Highness vouchsafe to command you to do so. I submit also that that copy is not the copy that I have recently come by, but it is only a copy of the copy I have thus come by.

7- I presume therefore that you are anxious to know from whom I obtained the copy from which I have prepared the copy I have thus humbly submitted for comparison, attestation and return; for obviously enough the copy now before you is one "obtained" by me from my clerk who has made it for me and you could not have wished that to be mentioned.

8- I must here crave for liberty to observe that in and along with my first and second memorials also, I have submitted similar copies of certain correspondence of relative importance which I had come by from time to time previously just in the same way as I have now come by the one of which you opportunely make earnest enquiries of me; but to my humble mind it is very remarkable that you do not make any enquiries about or attach any importance to them although you have had them before you now for ten long months.

9- Mr Ramiengar deceased had specially ordered Mr Tomlinson to fabricate the libellous letter in question long after my removal. An honest man would certainly not have stooped to write such a dastardly letter for love or for money as myself and Mr Tomlinson were total strangers to each other. And moreover he was the victor and I was Mr Ramiengar's victim. He was my successor and I was his predecessor. But so as to find favour with Mr Ramiengar Mr Tomlinson promptly fabricated the required letter in a very few days. Nevertheless Mr Ramiengar did not allow it to see the light of day for about three years. Then when my own Government declared my removal totally unwarranted and unjustifiable and ordered my re-employment in a higher sphere and on higher emoluments,— then and then only— did he make bold to unearth and make use of the letter for the first time untruthfully clothing it with the importance of having been written while I was in office, and by my official superior and before my removal and that that was the sole cause of and "reasons" for my removal effected long previously. And thereby and therewith Mr Ramiengar did so far and so very cleverly mislead my Government that they, acting hurriedly and Exparte thereon, modified their previous deliberate and honest decision which was

wholly in my favour.

10. When subsequently I indirectly became aware of the existence of such a letter although I was never aware that its contents were, as I am now aware so very outrageous and dastardly, and tending to stab me in the dark as it has done, I applied for a copy of it so as to inform myself of what my Successor could have said of me, but it was bluntly refused me. The late illustrious MaharRajah commanded that that letter be disclosed to me. Even that command was ignored. I applied to you for such a copy and you would not give one one either. All these persistent refusals were so resorted to, so as to frustrate justice being done to one and to shield Mr. Tomlinson from well-merited prosecution. It was then that I have memorialized his Gracious Highness to command you to give me such a copy and so forth ten months ago.

11. Perhaps it is the above galling circumstances and historic associations of this one two-edged swordlike letter, above all others, that have given it the grave importance of being singled out and made the subject of your present enquiries; or, in all probability, you may hereafter be disposed to make similar enquiries of me regarding the copies of the other letters I have previously submitted as well. If so, that would entail upon you the necessity of writing me one more letter and impose upon me the duty of submitting one more reply; but I can illafford to keep on such useless correspondence. For, strictly speaking correspondence such as this, I humbly submit, is unprofitable to either party alike and can only serve the purpose of frittering away precious time. And as far as my own least interests are concerned, it is enough if such copies as I possess are correct. That is all.

12. Therefore I shall thank you to let me know whether you require also corresponding information regarding the other more or less important letters above alluded to by me, so that I could make one business of it while you are about it.

As an urgent telegram is taking me to Ashambore at once, you will greatly oblige me by addressing covers thither.

I have to
[Signed] J. Arkelie

P.S. I beg to draw your attention to the fact that, from the time I set foot on Travancore soil in 1864 down to the 1st June last, the date of your penultimate letter to me, all your predecessors as well as yourself (five successive Dewans) invariably addressed me with the courtesy ordinarily due to the position I had held here, that of the head of a Department which I always

was here. To my Surprise, however, your communication under reply is a remarkable deviation from the rule hitherto observed which, in justice to myself, I cannot pass over unnoticed. I most respectfully beg to submit that, unless the former courtesy be shown me in your future communications, I shall be put to the painful necessity of returning the same to you unanswered. I submit that poverty is no crime and my poverty which is the result of the atrocious injustice done me by this Sircar, and nothing else, has not deteriorated me in any way since the 1st (first) June last. I cannot submit to insult being added to the injury I am already groaning under.

|Signed| J. Arkley

|True copy| |Signed| J. Arkley

|True Copy| Isd Rees
Resident

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No. 824

Ref: on Cyt 1724/1895

CURRENT NO. 824

Resident's Office
Trivandrum 17th June 1895

From

J. D. Rees Esquire C.I.E.,
Resident (S.P.I.) in Travancore and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to para 2 of G.O dated 3rd April 1895 No 216 Political.

2. In that G.O the Government requests the Resident to enquire into the facts brought out by Mr. J. Arkley, late Revenue Surveyor Travancore, in the postscript to his memorial, as to his having procured copies of documents which had been officially refused to him and to ascertain if these were obtained by unfair means. The postscript in question says that the delay in submitting the memorial arose from the persistent refusals on the part of the Travancore Sarkar and the British Resident to furnish the memorialist with copies of letters bearing on his case. These refusals are contained in enclosures w, x, y and z to the memorial.

3. From the correspondence in the office it appears that the papers of which Mr. Arkley required copies and

to which reference is made in the above enclosures were:-

(1) The Dewan's letter to the Palace dated prior to 6th November 1888 recommending Rs 300 to be given to Mr. Arklie for his Boundary work.

(2) The Karvadhikaryakar's (Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharajah) reply conveying His Highness' sanction thereto.

(3) The Dewan's letter to the Palace dated prior to the 2nd July 1889 recommending that the bonus of Rs 300 already sanctioned, be increased to Rs 800.

(4) The Karvadhikaryakar's reply dated 2nd July 1889 conveying His Highness' sanction thereto.

(5) The Dewan's order to the Treasurer No. 0683, 11th Adi 1064 ordering the disbursement of the said sum of Rs 800.

(6) The receipt which the Treasurer took from Mr. Arklie for the above amount.

(7) Mr. Tomlinson's letter of the 20th September 1883 to the late Dewan placing on record his reasons for not being able to find any work for Mr. Arklie under the new arrangement. Enclosure 5 to Memorial

(8) The late Mr. Ramiengar's communication to the Palace soliciting sanction for granting Mr. Arklie a pension of Rs 83-5-4 per mensem and

(9) The sanction thereto dated 9th Magaram 1066 Encls. N. to the Memorial

No. 576.

4. None of these papers belong to this office and no application from Mr. Arklie for any such papers can be traced. The refusal on the part of the Resident of which Mr. Arklie complains in the postscript to his memorial is therefore, I opine, a refusal to advise the durbar to grant copies for which he had applied and not a refusal to grant the copies as he would seem to imply.

5. Turning to the question as to how Mr. Arklie obtained copies of these papers, which were officially refused to him by the Dewan, the Huzur office itself did not know how he obtained them. The Dewan asked him in 1891 for information on the point and was told in reply that the copies were obtained by his clerk. In fact he gives no clear answer. Copies of the Huzur reference to him and of his reply thereto are herewith submitted for the perusal of Government. All these letters were written after Mr. Arklie was relieved of his duties on the 27th July 1883, i.e after his connection with the office ceased. I will opine that, under the circumstances, the copies were not properly obtained.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

J. Rees
Resident

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From

The Resident (S.T.) in Travancore and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

O.M. No. 1465

Reference 1724/1895

Dated 19th June 1895

Despatched "

Received at Ootacamund 22 "

The Resident in Travancore and Cochin is requested to return the copy of Mr. Arklie's Memorial forwarded with G.O. No 136 R. d/22/5/95

Enclosures 2

Cwd Mr. Js. VI. 95

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Ootacamund
25 June 1895.

The Resident in Trav.t Cochin (R) Desp.d 25/6.

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Informing, in reply to para 2 of GO dated 8th April 1895 no 216 Political, that, in the Resident's opinion, the copies of documents referred to therein were not properly obtained by Mr. J. Arklie.

CURRENT No. 898

Reference 1984/1895

Resident's Office
Trivandrum 1st July 1895

From

J. D. Rees Esquire C.S.I.,
Resident (S.T.) in Travancore and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

Sir,

As directed in your memorandum no 1465 of the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to return herewith Mr Arklie's memorial forwarded with G.O no 136 R dated the 22nd May 1895.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

J. W. Dawson Capt.
Assistant Resident
for Resident

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CURRENT No. 898

From Pol Dept

The Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To —

The Chief Secretary to Government

Dotacamund

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
15 JUL 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Ref:- on C. No. 1984 / 1895

Dated 1st July 1895

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Enclosures 1

Returning Mr. Arkley's memorial forwarded with G.O Ms. 136 R dated 22nd May 1895—

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Political Department.

C. No. 824 / 898.

FOR ORDERS.

I would send on Copy of the Resident's letter to India, in continuation of ours to them last April. It will explain the reference to the Resident in the P.S. to Mr. Arkley's memorial — as well as show up Mr. A's conduct in dishonestly obtaining copies of the documents alluded to.

JH 18/7 to 12 July

BP 17/7/95

* Marked with Red Tape

Enclosures together with the papers now submitted by the Resident,

Please see the postcript to Mr. Arkley's Memorial, para 5 of the late Mr. Griggs letter and H. E. the Governor's note — all marked with slips in G.O. 7 3.4.95, No 216-7— also para 2 of that order.

Of the papers mentioned in para 3 of C. No. 824, the only ones that appear as enclosures to the Memorial to the Secy. of State are those numbered (7) and (9), which form enclosures I & N. These are, however, sufficient to prove that Mr. Arkley has got hold of documents by unfair means.

C.S. 7.VII.95

It would serve him right if he lost his Govt. pension for there can be no doubt that he got hold of these papers by underhand means. The only question is whether

his doing this comes within the meaning of "grave misconduct": & he does not do it on the border land

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Mr. Arkley's Memorial &
its Enclosures

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. the Governor.
& HON'BLE MEMBERS.

As this

ORDER 26 July 1895, No. 493.

The G. of I. will be addressed

C.S.
19.7.95

No. 494.

Letter to the Secy. to the G. of I.
For Agnt. Foreign Dept.
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In M.S.
with Copies of Encls.

Sir

In continuation of my letter of the 30 April 1895, No. 216 /S
for address of the Foreign Dept. I am directed to forward copies of a communication with enclosures received from the Resdt. in Travancore & Cochin which explains the reference to him in the post scripts of Mr. Arkley's Meml. to the Rt. Hon'ble the Secy. of State for India and also tend to prove that Mr. Arkley obtained copies of some of the documents submitted with his Memorial by dishonest means.

I have &c.
(From Orders)

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189, DATED

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