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Dated 10th Sept. 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PETITION

Informing J. L. Gomez of Quilon that the Government declines to interfere in the matter of his -- praying that the Travancore Sirkar may be directed to pay him a reasonable compensation for his land taken up by the Sirkar for constructing a dead-house.

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From

The Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

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CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 30 AUG. 1895

Forwarding with the Resident's remarks a petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor by one J. L. Gomez of Quilon, in Travancore.

H.E. the Govr.

ORDER

G.O. 10th September 1895, No. 599.

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Petitioner will be informed that the Govt. declines to interfere on his behalf.

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The Resdt. in T. & C. for commn. to Petr.

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WITH ORDER

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Quilon 25th June 1894

To B/599

His Excellency
The Governor of Madras
&c. &c. &c. &c.
Madras.

May it please Your Excellency,

I most humbly beg to bring the following lines to Your Excellency's Notice in the hope that Your Excellency will put forth Your hand to save from complete ruin one whom the local executive have stripped of almost every thing leaving but a bare means for subsistence.

2. Several cocoanut gardens of mine have been at various times assumed by local Govt. One large piece of property went to furnish the site for the local Hospital. Some time afterwards another piece was assumed for the purpose of affording accommodation for female convicts in the local Jail. My misfortune did not end here, for it soon transpired that the male convicts required the same justice to be done them, as was done to those of the opposite sex. I should be the last person to grudge the convicts any comfort or convenience which the Govt. may be generous enough to provide for them. But surely I may claim from Govt. that they should be just before generous.

3. It is therefore not a little surprising that I felt considerably oppressed when it was announced that one little store was again to be indented upon for accommodation for the male convicts.

4. My grief was only heightened by the fact that though there was already some ground assumed by Govt. for that purpose, yet that ground was returned to its owner and the fiat went forth that I should part with my little crust. Of course, I had no choice, and I yielded thinking that I would be molested any more. But Provi

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Copies of Petitions

No 1 dated 26th Novr 89. To H. H. the Maha Rajah.

No. 2. To the British Resident 12-6-90.

No. 3. To the Dewan Peishkar 21-2-93.

No. 4. To the British Resident 14-6-93.

No. 5. To the Dewan 2-8-93.

No. 6. To the Dewan 8-10-93.

No. 7. To the British Resident 6-11-93.

No. 8. To the British Resident 21-11-93.

No. 9. To the Dewan Peishkar dated 6th Cunny 1070. M. E.

willed otherwise. For owing to the construction of new roads and bridges several other compounds of mine were assumed by Govt. in subsequent years.

5. The straits to which I have been reduced by the loss I have hitherto sustained, would have, I thought opened the eyes of the executive to the injustice nay cruelty of subjecting me to further deprivation. But I understood that it was not to be so. A shop belonging to me consisting of two apartments and premises was taken up by Govt. for rebuilding the Police station house. This was nothing less than a death sentence to me.

6. But after several inroads committed in the past, two large pieces of compound with two houses belonging to me were again taken up by Govt. I do not understand why I should have been singled out every year for such sacrifice.

7. Another large piece of ground which was formerly backwater and was filled up at great cost with earth, and made high ground fit for the purpose of constructing dhonies and ships affording me an annual income of 180 or 200 Rs. was also assumed by Govt. for the purpose of building a dead house, and the Compensation for it has not yet been paid me.

8. I am a very poor man now, and that is owing to the repeated losses inflicted upon me by Sirkar. Therefore I repeatedly memorialized the Sirkar and the British Resident, but my memorials having proved infructuous, I most respectfully appeal in the last resort to Your Excellency as the representative of British justice and Equity to order the Travancore Sirkar to pay me a reasonable and proper price for the last mentioned property with reference to the fact of its reclamation.

9. I had forwarded this memorial directly to Your Lordship, but as it was returned to me with Indorsement to submit it through the British Resident with copies of my Petitions to the Sirkar & Resident together with their orders (vide Proceedings of the Madras Govt. in Political Dept. No. 469 dated the 6th July 1894) I beg to enclose herein copies as explained in the margin.

Copies of Indorsements

No. 1. From the Dewan dated 31-12-89.

No. 2. From the Dewan Peishkar 3-1-94

No. 3. From the Dewan Peishkar 12-2-70.

No. 4. From the Dewan dated 15th Virchigum 1070.

No. 5. From the British Resident 2-12-93.

10. With reference to the applications made by me to the Durbar I have received no satisfactory replies, and with reference to the prayer contained in this memorial the Resident's order referring me to the remedy provided by Regulation II of 1067 is (vide Exhibit No. 5) seems to have been passed under the erroneous impression that that Regulation applies to this case. But it does not apply as the Regulation in question was passed in 1067 and the act complained of by me took place in 1065.

11. I beg to submit in conclusion that on awarding me compensation the Durbar has totally failed to take into Consideration the Cost of filling up the backwater. I claim 3000 and odd Rs. and they have allowed me only about 200 Rs.

12. In Conclusion I have only to beg Your Excellency to give my humble Petition to Your most charitable Consideration.

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect,
Your Excellency's most obedt. and most
humble Servant.

Quilon

J. L. Gomes

2nd August 1895.

Quilon November 26th 1889

To,

His most gracious Highneſs the Maha
Raja of Travancore G. C. S. I.
&c &c &c &c
Trevandrum.

May it please Your Highneſs.

I most humbly beg to bring the following lines to Your Highneſs' notice in the hope that Your Highneſs will put forth Your Highneſs' hand to save from complete ruin one whom the executive have stripped of almost every thing leaving but a bare means for subsistence. Several cocoanut gardens of mine have been at various times assumed by Govt. One large piece of property went to furnish the site for the local Hospital.

Sometime afterwards another piece was assumed for the purpose of affording accomodation to female convicts in the local jail. My misfortune did not end here for it soon transpired that the male convicts required the same justice to be done them as was done to those of the opposite sex. I should be the last person to grudge the convicts any comfort or convenience which the Govt. may be generous enough to provide for them. But surely I may claim from Govt. that they should be just before generous.

It is therefore not a little surprising that I felt considerably oppressed when it was announced that my little store was again indented upon by the remorseless executive in order to meet the demand for accomodation for male Convicts.

My grief was only heightened by the fact that though there was already some ground assumed by Govt. for that purpose, yet that ground was returned to its owner and the fiat went forth that I should part with my little Crust. Of course I had no choice, and I yielded thinking that I would not be molested any more. But Providence willed otherwise. For, owing to the construction of new roads and bridges several other properties of mine were assumed by Govt. in subsequent years.

The straits to which I have been reduced by the loſs I have hitherto sustained, ought to have, I thought opened the eye the executive to the injustice, nay cruelty of subjecting me to furth rivation. But I now understand that it was not to be so. A hop consisting of two apartments and premises belonging to me and situated near the Police station at the big bazzar is ~~are~~ I hear to be shortly taken by Govt for rebuilding the Police station house. This will then be nothing less than a death sentence to me.

I do not understand why I should have been singled out for such sacrifice, but as I am a poor Christian I feel sure of redress when I lay my grievances properly before Your gracious highness.

I therefore beg to place the whole matter before Your Highness in the fullest confidence that Your gracious Highness will save me from the impending disaster by ordering that my shop be not interfered with.

If this found impracticable to leave my shop undisturbed I shall be satisfied if Govt could give me one of their shops in the vicinity equal in value & usefulness to the one Govt intent to take from me.

Should also this be deemed impracticable I shall be satisfied if the proper value duly be assessed by four competent Kudasthers or assessors, is awarded to me. My property already taken up for the Women's hospital measures 900 square Kennoos and as this is situated in the heart of the town I am entitled to claim one rupee per square Kennoo as compensation.

A piece of property close to mine belonging to one influential Ramprathipillay and much smaller than mine was valued at 3750 Rs about 6 months ago and paid by Sirkar. But the amount awarded to me is only 114 Rs. The difference shows the extreme injustice done to me.

I am a very poor man and I have laid the matter before Your Highness in the fullest hope that Your Highness' generosity and clemency will secure for me the redress I claim.

I beg to subscribe myself
Your Highness' most obdt & devoted
Servant

True Copy

Quilon 12th June 1890.

To
J. C. Hannyngton Esqre
British Resident of Travancore & Cochin
&c. &c. &c.
Trivandrum.

Honored Sir,

From the year 1042, the Travancore Govt has been appropriating my properties one after another, and the remuneration paid to me has along been equally inadequate. I have several times memorialised your honor about the losses from time to time inflicted upon me by the Govt, but to my great misfortune my appeals hitherto, have not stirred up a sympathetic cord in your honor's large heart. Your honor's apparent indifference to my repeated complaints has emboldened the petty subordinates of the executive who have been my oppressors all along. Your honor can conceive the amount of pecuniary loss, I have sustained when I say that in the course of 18 years properties worth 9000 Rs of mine have been assumed by Govt, under the legal disguise of public benefit, and the compensation which has been paid by the Sirkar amounts in all to 900 Rs which is just 1/10 of the intrinsic value of the property.

Not satisfied with the injury already done to me, the Revenue Authorities have once again pounced upon the little stock that has been left to me after the several inroads committed in the past. About 6 months ago two shops of mine, situate in the big bazzar at Quilon, worth 1500 Rs were assumed by Govt. The sum of [illegible] has been offered to me as compensation. As the amount of compensation was calculated in contravention of the rules prescribed by Govt in that behalf, I submitted a memorial to the Dewan protesting against the [illegible] of Govt, the inadequacy of the compensation awarded to me, and the illegality of the proceedings of the executive on the following grounds.

1. The measurement of the shops and their premises were taken in my absence and with [illegible] notice to

rivations -D. l. l –

– The measurement of both Shops was not taken.

– Respectable Thadusthers or assessors were not employed as prescribed by the Royal Proclamation.

– As the assessors did not enquire into the general current prices at which neighbouring Shops at present bought and sold, and as no attention was paid to the rent, I received for my shops, the value appraised by Thadusthers is totally inadequate –

As Yr honor has been a Judge of much experience, it is unnecessary for me to say that the most manifest and the clearest proof of the arbitrary and illegal action of the execu- tive, is afforded by the [illegible] the they held their proceedings behind my back whilst I was only at a distance of a quarter of a mile, & therefore it was not at all difficult for the Authorities concerned, to have given me notice of the time when it was intended to measure the property for purposes of appraising the value – On this part of the subject it is unnecessary for me to dilate any further –

About the 2nd ground set forth above, suffice it to say, that though two Shops of mine were thus assumed by Sirkar, the value of only one of them was determined even in this informal and illegal manner the value so fixed was 50 Rs. On reporting these circumstances among others, I was offered 200 Rs in full satisfaction of my claim – Your honor can see the erroneousness and unsoundness of the appraisment made by the Thadusthers, when it is considered that the sum of 50 Rs alone was fixed as the price by persons deputed for that purpose, yet I was allowed four times as much without making any definite calculation. The increased award of 200 Rs was ordered by the Sirkar because it was plain that the sum of 50 Rs was ridiculously low price and the transaction, if it were closed on that footing would look like an act of spoliation without any circumstance to justify the same, but the award is still wholly inadequate –

About the 3rd ground it is enough, if I say that the Thadusthers engaged in my case were not respectable as the Thadusthers generally employed on such duty –

About the 4th ground I beg to submit that my shops

There is no shop in Quilon bazzaar which is built with such costly materials – The annual rent for my shop is 60 Rs which if capitalized at 4 per cent per annum, would represent the principal amount of 1500 Rs – It will also appear on an inspection of the title deeds relating to adjacent shops, that no property situated so advantageously as mine, can be had for anything less than 1500 Rs –

From the circumstances set forth above your honor can form some idea of the injustice done to me, if your honor is condescendingly pleased to hear me personally, I shall be able to place all the facts better and more plainly before your honor –

I am a very poor man now, and that is owing to the repeated losses inflicted on me by Sirkar – I have therefore every claim on their mercy and generosity – I therefore beg that the full value of the property be awarded to me i.e. the sum of 1500 Rs, or one of the shops belonging to Govt. (Govt. is the proprietor of more than 10 shops in the Quilon big bazzar) the rent for the Govt. shops is only 18 Rs per year the interest on the money which Govt. has awarded to me i.e. 200 Rs is 24 Rs for year, Govt. therefore by exchanging one of their shops for two of mine would be no loosers at all – I therefore humbly & respectfully crave that your honor will do me the Justice of ordering the Travancore Govt. to grant to me either of the remedies pointed out by me –

I have the honor to be
Honored Sir
Yr most obedient and humble servant
J. L. Gomes

True Copy

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Quilon 21st. February 1895

To

A. Govintha Pillay Esqr. B.A. B.L.
The Dewan Peishcar Quilon Division
&c. &c. &c.
Quilon

Honoured Sir,

I most humbly beg to bring the following lines to Your Honor's notice in the hope that Your Honor will put forth Your Honor's hand to save from complete ruine one whom the executive have stripped of almost every thing leaving but a bare means for subsistence. Several Cocoanut Gardens of mine have been at various times assumed by Govt. One large piece of property went to furnish the site for the local Hospital.

Some time afterwards another piece was assumed for the purpose of affording accomodation to female Convicts in the local Jail. My misfortune did not end here, for it soon transpired that the male Convicts required the same Justice to be done them as was done to those of the opposite sex. I should be the last person to grudge the Convicts any Comfort or convenience which the Govt. may be generous enough to provide for them. But surely I may claim from Govt. that they should be Just before generous.

It is therefore not a little surprising that I felt considerably oppressed when it was announced that my little store was again to be intended upon by the remorseless executive in order to meet the demand for accomodation for the male Convicts.

My grief was only heightened by the fact that though there was already some Ground

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assumed by Govt. for that purpose, yet that ground was returned to its owner, and the fiat went forth that I should part with my little Crust. Of course I had no choice and I yielded thinking that I would not be molested any more. But Providence willed otherwise. For owing to the Construction of new roads and Bridges several other Compounds of mine were assumed by Govt. in subsequent years.

The straits to which I have been reduced by the loss I have hitherto sustained, would have I thought opened the eyes of the executive to the injustice nay cruelty subjecting me to further deprivation. But I understood that it was not to be so. A shop belonged to me consisting of two apartments and premises was taken up by Govt. for rebuilding the Police station house. This was nothing less than a death sentence to me.

Another large piece of ground which formerly was backwater at a great cost filled up with earth and made a high ground fit for the purpose of constructing Dhonies and Ships affording me an annual income of 180 or 200 Rs. was also assumed by Govt. for the purpose of building a dead house. The compensation of which is not yet paid me.

But now two large pieces of Compound with two houses belonging to me are I here to be shortly taken by Govt. I do not understand why I should have been singled out for such sacrifice every year and have been paid inadequately.

I therefore beg to add that the eputation for justice which Your Honor has vedly obtained in public acts emboldened me to bring the circumstances to Your notice flatter myself and fully trusting that in the plenitude of Your goodness of heart you will be pleased to view my Case favourably, considering my great loss of almost 8000 Rs in all my properties assumed by Govt. and order to fix on equitable principle a fair value for a large piece of Compound commanding so desireable a situation in the heart of a Town as my property does and pay me as paid to owners of properties taken by Govt. at Trevandrum & Alleppy Towns.

Hoping in the utmost goodness of Your honor that you will be pleased to attend, wi an ear of pity, and compassion to my humbl and earnest request.

I beg leave to remain,
With due respect
Your Honors most obedient Servant

J. L. Gomez

True Copy

Quilon 14th June 1893

To

H. B. Grigg Esquire
British Resident of Travancore & Cochin
&c. &c. &c.
Quilon

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7. Another large piece of compound which was formerly backwater, and was filled up, at great cost with earth, and made high ground fit for the purpose constructing houses and shops affording mean annual income of 180 or 200 Rs. was also assumed by Govt. for the purpose of building a deadhouse, and the compensation for it has not yet been paid me.

8. I am a very poor man now, and that is owing to the repeated losses inflicted upon me by Sirkar. Therefore I repeatedly memorialized the Sirkar, but my memorials having proved infructuous I most respectfully appeal once more to Your Honor that you will do me the justice of ordering the Travancore Govt. to pay me a reasonable and proper price for the last mentioned property with reference to the fact of its reclamation.

Hoping in the utmost goodness of Your Honor that you will be pleased to attend, with an ear of pity and compassion to my humble and earnest request.

I have the honor to be,
Honored Sir
Your most obedient and humble Servant.
J. L. Gomez

True Copy

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Quilon 2nd August 1898.

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To

His Excellency
The Dewan of Travancore
&c. &c. &c.

Most Excellent Sir,

I most humbly beg to bring the following lines to Your Excellency's notice in the hope that Your Excellency will put forth Your Excellency's power to save from complete ruin one whom the executive have stripped of almost every thing having but a bare means for subsistence. Several cocoanut gardens of mine have been at various times assumed by Govt. One large piece of property went to furnish the site for the Local Hospital.

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The straits to which I have been reduced by the loss I have hitherto sustained, would have, I thought opened the eyes of the executive to the injustice nay Cruelty of subjecting me to further deprivation. But I understood that it was not to be so. A shop belonging to me Consisting of two apartments and premises was taken up by Govt. for rebuilding the Police Station house. This was nothing less than a death sentence to me.

But after several inroads committed in the past now two large pieces of Compound with two houses belonging to me are negociated to be shortly taken by Govt. I do not understand why I should have been singled out every year for such sacrifice, and have been paid inadequately.

Another large piece of ground which was formerly backwater and was filled up at great Cost with earth and made high ground fit for the purpose of Constructing dhonies and ships affording me an annual income of 180 or 200Rs was also assumed by Govt for the purpose of building a dead house. The compensation of which is not yet paid me.

My object now is but to solicit from Your Excellency an equitable decision with respect to the fair price to be paid me. Should Your Excellency have Yourself seen the property, and I would fair hope that You will be satisfied that the price asked by me is not more than the intrinsic worth of the property. The Compensation which the rules of the Sirkar permit, would I understand be no just price at all for such a large piece of reclaimed land commanding so desirable a situation, close to the backwater and convenient for the building of dhonies and ships.

I am certain that a personal inspection would satisfy any one that what I demand (at the rate of 20Rs per square Dennoo) is but a just price, and if on Your Excellency's visit You had not the occasion to satisfy by Yourself as to its actual worth I beg that in the exercise of the sense of justice and equity which always characterise Your Excellency's acts You will be graciously pleased to view my case favourably, considering my great loss of almost 5000 Rs in all my properties assumed by Govt. and to direct the Dewan Peishkar to satisfy by himself by personal inspection as to what would be a fair value, and to pay me what he may think proper to fix as the Compensation which on equitable principles is due to me.

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I beg leave to remain,
Excellent Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant
J. L. Gomes

True Copy

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Quilon 8th October 1893

To
His Excellency
The Dewan of Travancore
&c. &c. &c.
Trevandrum.

Most Excellent Sir,

Your Excellency is I presume aware of the circumstances under which my Compound at Tust has been taken up by the Sirkar for the Building of a dead house. It is several months since it has been appropriated for the purpose, and as I am entitled to a fair price I beg leave to apply to Your Excellency for the same.

I must Conclude that in at once commencing the construction of the dead house upon the ground, the Sirkar has exercised its right of appropriating any eligible property which may be required for public purposes. But the compensation of which is not yet paid me.

I now humbly beg to say that on the 17th Kurkadavum last I submitted for the kind Consideration of Your Excellency an Application in full detail of my reduced circumstances and the great losses sustained by me in assuming properties of mine one after another from the year 1042 of the malabar Era and to which I have not received a redress still.

I have the honor to be,
Excellent Sir,
Your most obedt. & humble Servant
J. L. Gomes

True Copy.

Quilon 6th November 1893

To

H. B. Grigg Esquire
British Resident of Travancore & Cochin
&c &c &c
Trevandrum.

Honoured Sir

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As I underwent a great trouble and expense to Convert this large piece of water into land by degrees @ the rate of 20 Rs per Sqr. dennoo. I am certain that a personal inspection would satisfy anyone that what I demand is but a just price, and if on Your Honors' visit you had not the occasion to satisfy by yourself as to its actual worth I beg that, in the exercise of the sense of justice and equity which always characterize Your Honors acts you will be graciously pleased to view my Case favourably. Considering my Great loss of almost 8000 Rs in all my properties assumed by Govt. and to direct the Dewan Peishcar here or any other to satisfy by himself by personal inspection as to what would be a fair value and to pay me what he may think proper to fix as the Compensation which on equitable principles is due to me.

Hoping in the utmost goodness of Your Honor that you will be pleased to attend with an ear of pity and Compassion to my humble and earnest request.

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Your most obedient & humble servant
J L Gomes
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Quilon 21st November 1893

To,

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Trevandrum.

Honored Sir,

I have the honor to inform Your Honor that no reply has been given to my Petition date the 6th Instant concerning the price due to me from the Travancore Govt. for my property taken for the dead house at Suet.

I have been a great debtor now on account of my various properties being assumed by Govt. from the year 1042 up to this. The real price of such properties taken is about 15000 Rs but the price given to me is only about 1500 Rs. My present complaint is not concerning the great loss sustained by the seizure of my properties by Govt. but concerning the price which has not yet been paid to me though 2 years have passed since it was assumed for the dead house.

If I do not get the price soon the remaining little portion of my properties which the only means of my subsistence shall be sold in aucti And I shall be a bankrupt.

I therefore beg Your Honor will Kindly consider about my present situation described in my Petition above mentioned and give order to the Dewan to pay me as soon as possible the full price due to me

I have the honor to be

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Honored Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
J. L. Gomez
Inst. Quilon

True Copy

Quilon 6th Cunny 1070.

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The Dewan Peishcar
In the Division of Quilon.
&c. &c. &c.

Honored Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that you will be pleased to favor me with the attested Copy of a letter from this Division to the Huzur, And the Copy of a letter from Mr. Harrirow the Thasildar of Quilon taluq to this Division Catcherry No. 83 dated the 20th July 1893, stating that I am Entitled to a fair value, Ascertained by personal inspection, with respect to my petition presented for not Sanctioning to pay me a proper price for my property at Quilon, assumed by Sirkar for the purpose of building a dead house.

I have the honor to
Remain, Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
J. L. Gomez

True Copy

No. 3236.
P.N.

Endorsement on petitions addressed to His Highness The Maha Rajah and to the Huzur by J. L. Gomes of Quilon dated the 7th and 20th Instant.

The petitioner is informed that His Highness' Government have sanctioned the paym of a sum of Rs. 200, as Compensation for his Shop as a special case in consideration of the fact that some lands belonging to him were formerly assumed for public purposes. The Govt. regret that they cannot make a further concession.

(Sigd.) T. Rama Row
Dewan

Huzur Cutcherry
Trivandrum 31st Decr. 1889.
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True Copy
J.L.G.

No. 5. 79/599

Quilon Division Cutchery,
Quilon 3rd January, 1894-

Endorsement-

J. L. Gomes of Quilon is informed that Government hardly sees any reasons to award the petitioner a higher Compensation for the site assumed for the Construction of a Dead House, than what has been already sanctioned viz 1190 and odd fanams.

(Sigd.) A. Govinda Pillay-
Dewan Peishcar

True Copy
J.L.G.

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No. 344.

Endorsement on
Petition

The letter of the Tassildar herein said having been sent to the Huzur with the letter No. 1333 dated the 25th December 1893, the Petitioner is directed that he should apply for the 2 copies of them to the Huzur.

Dewan Peishkar
Govinthen Govinthen
(Sig)

True Copy
J.L.C.

Maramet department
15th Vrichigum 1070
Trevandrum

Endorsement on Petition presented to the Huzur by Mr. Jhon Louis Gomes of Quilon dated the 30th Cunny and the 13th Vrichigum of 1070 for the Copy of a letter from the Quilon Division Peishkar to the Huzur, and also for the Copy of a letter from the local Tassildar to that Peishkar regarding the compensation of his property taken up for the purpose of building a dead house.

The alluded letter from the Quilon Tassildar to that Division Peishkar appears not to have been forwarded here. These letters are only the official correspondence of departmental inquiry, and not of the final order. Therefore the Copies of such records are not in Custom to be given to applicants: And consequently the Copies of the above letters applied for Cannot be given

Dewan

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True Copy
JLG

No 561
Petition

22/599

Residents Office
Trevandrum 2nd December 1893

Read petition dated 27th November 1893 from Mr J. L. Gomez, Quilon, complaing of the Assumption of several pieces of land belonging to him, by the Sarkar without paying him adequate compensation.

Endorsement thereon

The Petitioner, as regards the cases disposed of under the old rules, is referred to the late Residents' Endorsement. As regards the land taken up for the Police Station the Resident is not prepared to interfere after the lapse of so long a time, more especially as the Petitioner appears to have received a special rate of compensation.

As regards the assumptions made since Regulation II of 1067 for the assumption of land for public purposes was passed, he has his remedy under that Regulation, consequently the Resident declines to interfere.

(Signed) H. B. Grigg
Resident

(True copy)

True Copy
JLG

Ref: M.C. No. 2422 CURRENT No. 1183

23/599

Resident's office on circuit
Trichur, 21st August 1895.

From

James Thomson Esquire
Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a petition with its enclosures addressed to His Excellency the Governor by one J. L. Gomez of Quilon in Travancore.

2. The petition is for the most part a copy of those formerly submitted to the Dewan, to His Highness the Maha Rajah of Travancore and to the Resident, and refers to the acquisition by the Travancore Sirkar of several of the Petitioner's properties situated at Quilon. The petitioner's present prayer however seems to be only that Government may order the Sirkar to pay him a reasonable and proper price for one of these properties, acquired for the purpose of constructing a Dead house.

3. In regard to this, the Dewan had already reported to Mr. Grigg that the transaction took place in 1884, that though the land had been reclaimed from

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backwater, it was not registered in the Petitioners name, though a sum of about Rs 170 was offered for the value the improvement made by him, he had declined to cept it and that the question could not therefore be pened.

With reference to the objection taken in para 10 of petition, to Mr. Briggs endorsement no. $\frac{567}{\text{Petition}}$ of the December 1893, I beg to observe that the second para aph of that endorsement relates to two plots taken p under the new Regulation, in connection with the spital, for which a compensation of about Rs 1000 was aid in accordance with the provisions of that Regulation.

5 In these circumstances the Petitioners prayer seems be inadmissible.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant.

Resident.