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G.O., No. 435-436

Dated 9th July 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

KANDYAN PENSIONER.

Forwarding to the Ceylon Government petition from-----
Tyagasimhala Raja appealing again to that Government for pecuniary help
to enable him to extricate himself from his debts.

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From

The Government Agent

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The Chief Secretary

to Government

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17. JUN. 1896

Dated

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Subject

Forwarding the petition of
N. Diagamala Raja
regarding the compositions
said to have been effected
with his creditors.

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from Madras
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Government Agent's

TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

No. 51

Camp, Vallam, 9th June 1896.

Despatched 15th June 1896

FROM

H. Moberly

ESQUIRE,

Government Agent
COLLECTOR,

Tanjore,

TO

The Chief

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Political DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of Government Order

No. 835 dated 1st December 1893, I have the honour

to forward P. Tyagasimhala Râjâ's petition

His statement dated 6.3.96 dated 6th March 1896

Copy of his petition dated
2.9.1895

and the papers noted

on the margin.

It appears from these papers that the total
amount of his present debts is Rs 12,267 and

his

his creditor's now Consent to receive in

Composition Rs 8370.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Indrapaniam Pillai
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For Government Agent

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H.E. The Governor

Political Department

C.No. 821

Tyagasimhala Raja

FOR ORDERS

P. Tyagasimhala Raja, grandson by birth and son by adoption of the fourth Ex-Rani of Kandy, prays for a loan of Rs. 8000 for clearing his debts. He is in receipt of a monthly pension of Rs. 56-10-8 from the Ceylon Government and, according to his own statement, derives an income of about Rs. 95 per mensem from his appointment as Sub-registrar of Tiruvalur. The Ceylon Government recently sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 30 per mensem on account of the education of his sons.

2. In 1891, the Government Agent Tanjore ⁱⁿ ~~report~~ ^{sing on} ~~that~~ ^{liabilities, stated that he} Tyagasimhala Raja had a large family of his own to maintain as well as many relations who had commuted their pensions and squandered the bonuses which they received. Expenditure on a trip to Ceylon, on various journeys to Madras to press his claims, and on a pilgrimage to Tirupati with his family helped to swell his liabilities.

Tyagasimhala Raja was reported to be of good principles and habits and the Government Agent could not attribute his indebtedness to purely selfish causes.

3 In May 1891 a petition from Tyagasimhala Raja was forwarded to the Ceylon Government, which was of opinion that, as suggested by this Government, a rigorous

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rigorous investigation should be made into the debts and family circumstances of the pensioner. The Government Agent at Tanjore made the necessary investigation and his report was forwarded to the Ceylon Government with letter No.316 dated 20th May 1892. The Ceylon Government, however, declined, after the experience gained by two previous efforts (for one of these vide G.O.No. 354 dated 1-8-79 G) to extricate this pensioner from his debts, to give him any more help. In reply to a subsequent enquiry from the Ceylon Government as to whether, if Tyagasinhala Raja went through the Insolvent Court, this Government would remove him from the Public Service

The Ceylon Government was informed that the Insolvent Act applied only to residents in ^{the Presidency town} Madras, but that if Tyagasinhala Raja effected any composition with his creditors his removal from the Public Service or suspension would not be insisted upon. The Ceylon Government thereupon stated that the Secretary of State, having considered the case of Tyagasinhala Raja, declined to allow the grant of any assistance towards paying his debts. At the same time the Ceylon Govt requested to be informed if Tyagasinhala Raja had recourse either to the Insolvent Act or to a composition in order to clear himself from his creditors. The present petition is the reply to this request.

4. Tyagasinhala Raja's debts, according to the statements furnished by him amount to Rs.9689 and the interest thereon to Rs.2378-2-9, which brings the total liabilities

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all my debts are paid by
the Govt. I have paid
Rs. 50 a month & changed
my interest to 10% & now
I am paying Rs. 100 a month
I have paid Rs. 1000 of my
debts & I am now paying
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At the same time the Ceylon Govt

X I don't see what can be
done. I say that the Govt. took
Rs. 50 a month & changed
his interest to 10% & now
1/3 year before the loan could
be paid off: the Govt. would
not have paid out Rs. 50
as he would be paying nearly half
his income. As regards his
life insurance it depends
upon what office he is in.

I know Tyagasinhala Raja both personally
and by reputation. I have spent much
time in considering his case, and I come
to the conclusion that it is a hopeless one.
I do not think the Ceylon Govt. will
consent to free him from debt
by paying the amount of composition
which it is said his creditors will accept.
But I consider that it would be right to
put the matter before the Ceylon Govt.

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The Ceylon Govt refused the request - See 80600 P
15.9.96
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liabilities up to Rs.12067 -2-9. Tyagasinhala Raja places them at Rs.12267-2-9. The extra Rs.200 which is not accounted for, probably represents interest on the Rs.1000 he owes to Narayanaswami Nayudu. He has effected ^{state} ~~that~~ a composition with his creditors who are willing to receive Rs.8370 in satisfaction of their claims. If the loan asked for be granted the petitioner is willing to repay it with or without interest in whatever way the Government deems fit. He is further prepared to mortgage with Government his life insurance policy for Rs.3000, until the loan is repaid.

5 It seems very doubtful whether the petition should, in face of the previous correspondence, be forwarded to the Ceylon Government. Tyagasinhala Raja has not ^{actually} compounded with his creditors ~~that~~ ^{is no debt drawn up} nor has he sought the benefit of the Insolvent Act. The present petition is merely another appeal to the Ceylon Government for pecuniary help which has been already refused very decidedly. Tyagasinhala Raja does not want to "dupe his creditors" he says, but, whatever his wishes in the matter may be, it is rather late in the day for him to take up this line: his best course is apparently

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to take the benefit of the Act: he will have got rid of difficulties which he does not
3/7/96

Kandyan pensioner Tyagasimhala.

Raja

1. E. The Governor

(FOR ORDERS)

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[24.]
500-12-12-95.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 821

of 1896, dated 9-6-96, from the Govt. Agent, Tanjore.

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ORDER. No 435 D 9. July 1896

The petition will be forwarded to
the Ceylon Govt.
(from orders)

The Govt. Agent, Tanjore (9) Despa

15/7/96

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Letter No 436.

To

The Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary
Colombo.

Despa
15/7/96 with petition & two enclos.

Sir,

Adverting to the correspondence
ending with your letter of the 15th Nov.
1895, in which you requested that the
Ceylon Govt. might be informed if
Kandian pensioner, Tyagasimhala Raja,
sought the benefit of the Insolvent Act,
or effected a composition with his creditors
I am directed to forward the accompanying
petition

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petition D. 6-3-96 with its enclosure from
that pensioner.

It will be observed that in the
statement submitted by Jayasimhala
Raja, his debts are placed at Rs 9,689
and the interest thereon at Rs 2,378, total
Rs 12,067; the difference Rs 200 between
this and the total Rs 12,267 as brought out
by the petitioner probably represents interest
on the Rs 1000 he owes to Narayanaswami
Nayudu. Jayasimhala Raja states that
his creditors are willing to receive Rs 8370
in satisfaction of their claims and prays
for a loan of Rs 8000 in order to enable
him to effect this composition. If the
loan be granted, he is willing to repay
it with or without interest in whatever
way the Govt. may deem fit and is further
prepared to mortgage with Govt. his life
insurance policy for Rs 3000 until the
loan is repaid.

I have &c.
/ From Orders/

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7.7.96

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ENCLOSURES TO C. No. _____

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

with petition & 5 enclos
to Ceylon

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