

Political (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 445

Dated 16th July 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PUDUKKOTTAI STATE PRISONER ATTA ULLAH KHAN.

Requesting the Political Agent, Pudukkottai, to give early effect to G.O. No. 310, Political, dated 21st May 1896, regarding the deportation of-----.

Current No. 931

Polt DEPARTMENT.

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From

Attanulla Khan

Padukhottai

The petitioner is ^{apparently} still in
Padukhottai. The following order
will be submitted for
approval:-

Order *N^o 445. D. 16 July 1896.*

The Political Agent, Padukhottai,
will be requested to give
early effect to go. N^o 310 PSE
D. 21 May 1896.

No. -

Dated 8.

Received 12.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting orders for release
from unlawful confinement in the
Padukhottai prison and payment
of money due to him from the State.

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Mr. Agent, Padukhottai. (P)
Dy. Police (P)

21-7-96

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His Excellency The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council of
Fort St. George

The humble memorial of Athavalladha
the most unfortunate State Prisoner in the Native State
of Pondicherry, attached to the Presidency of Madras
May it please Your Excellency

With the full hope that Your Excellency may be
graciously pleased to take into deliberate consideration
the most unjust and oppressive treatment dealt out
Your Excellency's unfortunate and pitiable
by the Pondicherry State and administered by
Simple justice which has been unlawfully
him for the last so many years, Your
humble memorialist respectfully solicits,
to lay his grievances at Your Excellency's

Your Excellency's memorialist has been made
a State Prisoner in Pondicherry for the last 15 years
and has been undergoing all sorts of miseries and
sufferings in jail, for no offence at all of his Excellency
that he demanded the re-payment of a heavy
debt due to him (about Rs. 75000) by His late
Highness the Maha Raja of this State.

He begs to submit herewith a short history of his
pitiable case which will plainly convince Your
Excellency of the gross injustice dealt out to him.

In the year 1872 His late Highness Raja Rama
Chandra Jondras Bahadur, Mahadaya of

Rudikoh, who had a great deal of dealings with Your Excellency's Memorialist (a respectable merchant of Kabul, dealing in Benares and Cashmere clothing) executed on settlement of all prior accounts a document to the Memorialist for the sum of Rs 73133-10-8.

This debt remained unpaid for a very long time. Subsequently when arrangements were made during the time of Mr. Pennington, Political Agent for the satisfaction of His late Highness' debts, Memorialist was asked if he would accept Rs 35000 in total satisfaction of his debt. Memorialist declined, as it was not even a moiety of his dues and the amount remained in deposit in the State Treasury.

At this stage there was a decree passed against him by the Civil Court of Rudikoh in favour of his brother's widow for a sum of Rs 9000 and the decree was satisfied by the State out of the Rs 35000 offered to the Memorialist which he accepted.

Then a decree passed against Memorialist for Rs 35000 out of the said amount, it is evident that the said amount was looked upon by the State authorities as the property of the Memorialist, if such there was not the slightest reason for the State to satisfy that decree.

Many years passed subsequently without either the said amount being paid or any arrangement made for the discharge of his dues.

His difficulties increasing, he was put to the necessity of making pressing demands on His late Highness and the result was that he was made a prisoner and consigned to strict confinement in jail.

To give a color to the action of the State authorities it was represented that Memorialist threatened to attempt at the life of His late Highness. There was no regular accusation against him to that effect, no explanation was demanded of him & no regular trial. All those rules of justice ordinarily observed by British Courts were entirely set aside in his case, but all on a sudden came the terrible blow.

It is for Your Excellency to judge of the value of such a representation, when a single man like the Memorialist, removed from his country by thousands of miles with not one soul known to him in these parts, is alleged to have threatened to attempt at the life of His late Highness, especially when he is aware of His Highness' enormous power and strong militia.

He humbly submits that ever since his incarceration, he has been representing his grievances before Government, but to no avail.

But during the time of Mr. L. C. Miller, Political Agent, Memorialist was asked if he would receive either Rs 2000 in a lump or Rs 25 per mensem and leave the State, to which he replied he had not the slightest objection to leave the State for ever, but only requested that either the sum of Rs 35000 already offered to him may be paid to him minus the amount paid for the satisfaction of the decree against Memorialist, or any equitable arrangement made with him for the discharge of his debt.

No arrangement has yet been made, but he is
only suffering in grief in jail, deprived of the society
of his wife and children and his friends and
relations.

He therefore most humbly prays that Your
Excellency may be graciously pleased to make
some equitable arrangement for the discharge
of his debt, relieve him from the hardships of
jail and allow him to go back to his native home.

For which act of charity, he shall as in duty
bound, ever pray.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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