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[Despatch Abstract.]

Endorsing para II. c Pet'n rules
on pet'n from Saifid Dawood of
Madras complaining of his dismissal
by the Prince of Arcot from the
post of Imam of the Wallajah
mosque.

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Endorsing para II of Petition
on Petition from Anantha Rama
Kakar, duly bearer of the late
Ethabara Daulah Bahadur, requesting
that his son Ghulam Abdul Qadir
Sahib may be directed to pay
him the arrears of salary due
to him & also to pay him his
monthly salary regularly.

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Madras
Mount Road
6th August 1896.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
10. AUG. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

His Excellency,

Sir Arthur Havelock

The humble petition of Syed Dawood,
Push Imam, Wallajah Mosque.
Triplicane!

Respectfully Sheweth:-

- I. That your memorialist, with due deference and humble submission, begs to bring the following few lines for your Excellency's kind consideration, feeling fully confident that your Excellency, after a careful consideration of the various points set forth in the memorial, will be pleased to direct measures in order to rid me of my present difficulties.
- II. That, about two years ago, the affairs between His Highness, the Prince of Arcot, and the Mutwalli of the Wallajah Mosque, became somewhat of a strained nature, in consequence of His Highness not conferring the post of Mutwalli upon the latter, who induced your humble memorialist to give up the side of His Highness, which your petitioner declined to do, as a faithful servant of the Nawab and all his illustrious ancestors; but upon this, the Mutwalli, intent upon bringing the Big Mosque under his control, had recourse to illegal measures, hired the service of some of the rowdies of Triplicane, to raise a skirmish in the precincts of the Mosque at the time of prayers and put up his own man as the Imam of the Mosque - a statement which can be readily verified on reference to the Records of the Commissioner of Police, who, for a fortnight or so, had the Mosque guarded by Police Constables & an Inspector.
- III. That your memorialist who has been the Imam of the said Mosque from the days of the late lamented Ghulam Ghouse Khan, the Prince of Arcot - afraid of a quarrel in the precincts of the said place, did not put his claim forward, & soon after was favoured with a mandate from His Highness, the present Prince, not to enter the Mosque, because of the Mutwalli's mischievous intent, & also a promise of a regular payment, which promise, your memorialist begs to add, was duly fulfilled.

IV. That, even after an understanding was effected on certain terms between his highness & the Mutawalli, your memorialist continued to receive his monthly stipend very regularly; but shortly afterwards, the Nawab changed his mind and intimated to your memorialist to apply for pay to the Mutawalli, to whom all the affairs relating to Mosques are consigned - who refuses to grant any place or allowance, on the ground of your memorialist not having espoused his side, when he first appealed to him. Your memorialist would here add that the orders issued from the Nawab have not been productive of any result & must apparently have been consigned to the waste-paper box.

I. In conclusion, your memorialist begs to point out that this state of affairs is going on for the last 18 months & numerous petitions have been addressed to his highness as well as the Mutawalli; but without the desired result. Your memorialist is a man of a family composed of five sons, three of them being ladies & one, a boy of tender years, who can not be expected to lend a helping hand to your memorialist at the present moment. Your memorialist might add that he has put in a service of 57 years, as the Imam (priest) of the Big Mosque, which might lead your Excellency to form an idea as to his age, which stands in the way of his taking to any work. Belonging to a respectable family & a house of priests, in his declining years and deprived of the only means of livelihood, he has led a life of practical destitution for the past 18 months; and finding all his prayers to the Nawab, who though a man of heart, does not see his way to support an aged adherent of his family, who brought ^{on} ~~about~~ this ruin upon himself by his devotion and obedience to his highness, and to the Mutawalli; producing no results, Your memorialist has taken the liberty to approach your Excellency, requesting due inquiries into the matter & satisfying yourself as to the truth of the statements contained in the petition, adopt measures which will save a respectable man from leading a life of penury, and ensure a destitute family of the means of livelihood.

For which Act of Grace & Charity, your petitioner shall, as in duty bound, Ever Pray.

(Signed) Syed Sawood,
Peish Imam, Wallajah Mosque,
Mount Road,
Madras.

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From,

Syed Sawood

Peish Imam,

Wallajah Mooghe,

Triplicane.

Dated 6th

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Subject.

Complaining against
his dismissal from the post of
Imam (priest) of the Wallajah
mos-que, by the Prince of Arcot.

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