

Political (1897) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 110

Dated 19. 2. 97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that the State prisoner Atta Ullah Khan in the district of Kistna be reminded of the warning conveyed in G.O. No. 867 of 1896 that if he gave trouble he would be deported to Afghanistan, and stating that his family, if willing, may be sent to join him in Kistna.

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Political
Judicial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 166



Mr. the Governor

From

The District Magistrate
Kistna

Order
His

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Dated 21st January 1897

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SUBJECT

Mr. Kistna (Q)

Submitting petition
presented by Atta,

Note

Atta Kistna Khan was permitted
to reside in Kistna under police
surveillance under go. no 667 P.M.
622-9-96 - A full history of the
man will be found in go. no 385A-
386 P.M. 917-6-95

Ullah Khan, State
Business for such
orders as the Government
deems fit to pass

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OF THE
COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE,
MASULIPATAM,
KISTNA DISTRICT.

21st January 1897.

FROM,



J. N. Atkinson Esquire
Collector, Kistna District.

TO,

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit
herewith a petition presented by the
State Prisoner Atta Ullah Khan,
whose detention under Police surveillance
was ordered in Government order no 667
Political dated 22nd September 1896,
for such orders as the Government
may deem fit to pass.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

For District Magistrate

27-1-97

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To
The Government of Madras.
Through the Collector Kistna
Maulipatam

Political Petition

The humble petition of Atta
Ulla Khan, state prisoner, residing
now in Maulipatam.

May it please your Excellency,

With the sincere hope that justice
will be done by your Excellency's
Government, I humbly beg to
approach your Excellency with
my tale of woe and misery.

2. I was once a respectable
merchant of Kandahar dealing
extensively in valuable Benares
and Kashmiri clothing and
jewellery used mostly by Indian
nobles. To my great mis-
fortune, I sold on credit, a very
large amount of my goods
to His Highness the late
Maharaja of Pudukotta and
after various settlements, he
executed a bond to me on
12th April 1872 for Rs 73183-10-8
promising to pay interest at
12 per cent per annum.

3 His Highness the late Maharaja offered to pay me about \$50,000 in entire satisfaction of the loan, but I declined to accept it as I myself am a merchant trading on borrowed Capital and as I believed - and yet believe - the State to be solvent. As I continued to press for the payment of my money, His late Highness, probably through the evil advice of the ministers, all at once put me under Police Guard and I have been dubbed with the name "State Prisoner" and have been going under that name for the last 18 years.

4. I am now aged 51 and have a wife and three children now living in Pudukottai. For the last 18 years I have not been allowed to go to house or live with my family and was even put into the common jail for a time. I was given \$45 per month from the time I was arrested.

5. Thus from the high position of a palace merchant, I have now become a wretched prisoner - lost my position, my money, family life, name.

even my dear children and above
all, what men prize most
Liberty.

6. While in imprisonment
I was offered various Sums
from Rs 7713. to Rs 35,000, in
liquidation of my debt,
but I declined to take the
money. The Pudukkotta State
and its officials seem to have
tried to compel me by im-
prisonment and other in-
flictions to accept lower
amounts than the Sum due
but I would not and could
not for the already stated.

7 I am an inoffensive
foreigner and as such under
the charitable Law of Nations
and therefore I fully trust
that justice will be done
by the Honoured and Honourable
British Flag, now that I am
under it for the last month
or more.

8 All I wish to know is
as to my Status.

(a) Why am I called State
Prisoner, when I was not
charged with or tried for
any State offence or any
offence? It is sometimes
stated

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Stated that I annoyed His late
Highness: but I was never tried
by any Court. How long have
I to suffer this disgrace and
murder of justice?

(b) I am given some money
every month. The interest on
the loan comes to far more
than what is paid. The State
is certainly rich enough
to pay me all at once and
why is it not paid so that
I may at least discharge
my debt as we have no
limitation in our Country

(c) Under what condition
have I been handed over
to the Government of the
Just Empress and whom
should I ask the repayment
of my loan?

10. I do not believe that
can be any part of the
unjust punishment in-
flicted on me that I sh
be kept in ignorance
my Status. I know full
well that the British Flag
cannot bear to have un-
der it tyranny and torture
without cause.

* info from 2 of Aquila
letter in 80.730 held 127-2-96

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" I therefore humbly pray
that my grievances may be
redressed and that I may be
restored to my family and
property after instituting,
if necessary, a thorough
inquiry. I appeal to your
Excellency in the name of
God, Truth and Justice.

I beg to remain
Your Excellency's
most humble servant
J. F. 965

an unfortunate "State
Prisoner" of the Puducott
State under British Flag.

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Political DEPARTMENT

C. No. 186

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

State Prisoner Atta Ullah Khan
petition for redress of grievances

FOR ORDERS.

* vide his statement on page
2 of G.O. 667996 (A)

* vide his letter in
G.O. 750 Pold/27-E-96 C



The history of Atta Ullah
Khan is given in letter N° 381
Pold/17-6-95.
From G.O. 667 Pold/22-9-96
it will be seen that he was
permitted (at his own request)
to reside in the Kistna District
where he has relatives, but
under strict police surveillance.
Subsequently the Political
Agent, Maddurkottai reported
that petitioner, ^{who is about to be moved to Kistna} denied having
made the request to be
sent to the Kistna District
having any relations there.
Mr. Butler, however, added
that the police had in-
formed him that Atta Ullah
Khan's wife & children

in the Berwada Taluk & that
the Dm of Kistna had been
told of this.

In the present current
the prisoner prays for a
redress of his grievances.
This matter cannot, it
is submitted, be
reopened now. But it
is observed that he asks
to be restored to his family
with whom, he states, he
has not been allowed to
live for the last 10 years.

This, if true, is not
quite understood. Does
the fact of his being under
police surveillance prevent
his family from living
with him?

It is quite clear that
his relations were allowed
to visit him. For in 1887
Govt informed Aisha Bi,
his reputed sister, that
it was unaware of
any prohibition against
her seeing him.

* vide para 9 of letter 386 Pol
17-6-95

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FOR ORDERS.

Please see also para (D)
it is stated that prisoner's meals
were cooked at home & brought to him
by a servant or some member of his
family. This part of his petition
would seem to be added merely
ad misericordiam.

appear from para 25 of
letter 386 of 17-6-95, that
his son was with him.

There would appear
to be no objection to his
family being permitted
to live with Attah Ullah
Khan in the Kistna Dis-
trict. But from the use
of the expression "restored
to his family" it is apparent
that what he asks for is
to be released and
allowed to return to
Puddukkottai.

Orders are solicited
as to whether the papers
may be recorded
or whether petⁿ may be told that there is
C.O. No objection to him, relations joining
8/2/97 him with his father & son

The man is a standing nuisance. He was warned that if he gave trouble he would be deported to Afghanistan. It is submitted that his family may be sent to him at Kandahar (if they are willing to join him) the State paying the expense of their and that he be again warned that if he does not remain quiet he will be sent over to Afghanistan.

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Understand that this Atta Ullah Khan has at his own free will, and that as long as he does this, the order of deportation under Sec. 3 of Act III of 1964 is held in abeyance. He should be reminded of this and his family should be sent to join him under the conditions set forth in the Chief Sec's note of 11.2.97.

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100-28-10-96

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 186

of 189 , dated 21 July, from D. M., Kistna.

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" 189 , " , "

ORDER

N^o 110 of 19. 2 - 97.

Atta Ullah Khan was permitted to reside in the Kistna district under police surveillance at his own request and the order of deportation to Afghanistan ^{as has been} ~~was~~ held in abeyance ^{only} during his good behaviour. He should ^{also} be reminded of the warning conveyed in G.O. No. 667 Pol. of 22^d Sept. 1896.

2. Atta Ullah Khan's family (if willing) may be sent to join him in the Kistna district (if it is willing to do so) and the Pudukkottai darbar should be advised to pay the expense ^{incurred there} ~~in doing so~~ The Political Agent, Pudukkottai will take the necessary action in the matter.

D. M., Kistna (C)

pol. agent, Pudukkottai (A. J. et al.)

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