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DATED 11-8-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing Kattri Narayana-swami Raja Madras, that the Governor-in-Council does not interfere with the distribution of subordinate appointments, applications in regard to which should be submitted to heads of departments.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From The Collector of Madura

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Petitioner will be informed that the Govt. in Council does not interfere with the distribution of subordinate appts, applns. in regard to which should be submitted to Heads of depts

Dated 31st July 1897.

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SUBJECT

Submitting with remarks the petition of Kathi Narayanasami Raja applying for appointment in the Registration Department or elsewhere.

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Date 22.7.97

Thro' the Collector of Madura District.

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable,
Sir Arthur Havelock,
the Governor in Council,
Madras.

MADURA DISTRICT TREASURY
22 JUL 1897

The humble Petition of KATHI NARAYANASAWMI RAJA, *residing at Karuppatti, a village near Sholavandan, Madura District.*

MY LORD,

I am the grandson (by daughter) of one Nagama Naidu Raja step-brother of His late Majesty Vikrama Simhala Maharajah, last Gentu King of Kandy, Ceylon; was drawing a monthly pension from the Ceylon Government as one belonging to the Royal family of Kandy; and was in very good circumstances.

2. About the year 1873 the Ceylon Government compelled the Kandian Pensioners to receive in a lump commutation money equal to ten years' pay put together and thus relinquish their claims to monthly payments; and I was one of that unfortunate number. Soon after such disposal of these Pensioners followed the terrible Famine, that raged in this Presidency in 1876, 1877 and 1878; and the lump sum melted away from our hands; and we were all reduced to starvation and beggary

3. During Your Excellency's regime in Ceylon I sent a memorial on 27—4—95 praying that the Government should assist me in the education of my son and that I should be recommended to the Madras Government to employ me, as a clerk on Rs. 15 at least, in the Registration Department, or as an Ameen in the District Court, either in Madura or Tanjore District. And after your Excellency's arrival here, again on 10—2—96 I had to address the same Government through the Madras Government repeating the same prayers; which ended only in the help given by that Government for the education of my son.

4. In June 1896 I received from Madura Collector's Office a G. O. of the Madras Government No. 919 dated 28—5—96, transferring my prayer for an

appointment " to the Inspector-General of Registration with the request that in the special circumstances of the case he will consider the question of providing the Peititioner, if fit for the work, with the post of a copyist in his Department." And again in the course of the same month I received from the District Registrar, Madura, an endorsement No. 3520 dated 13—6—96, informing me " that I should appear in person before the undersigned on the 24th Instant (June) for being examined with reference to my application to Government for a clerk's post in this Department."

5. I appeared in person on the 24th June 1896, as directed, before the District Registrar, who examined me, gave me an application form to be filled up and forwarded the filled-up one to the higher authorities, but nothing has been heard of it afterwards up to date; and hence the necessity to address these lines to Your Excellency.

6. With reference to the abovesaid application I beg permission to bring to Your Excellency's notice that the work in the Registration Department chiefly consists of copying Tamil documents, that that Tamil I know to read and write well and can also copy an English paper though not able to compose in it originally, that many men of equal (if not inferior) calibre are working as copyists in that Department, and that, therefore, if employed as a copyist therein, I have no doubt, I will be fit for the work.

7. In this connection I crave Your Excellency's pardon to point out that just as the Mohomedans of this Presidency are helped by Government in a thousand ways, simply because they profess the creed of the class that once ruled this country, so I, as one belonging to the Royal family that ruled Ceylon before its occupation by the British, deserve equally to be helped by this Government. Of course this Government has been generous to us also and has employed some of my relations in the Public Service in spite of their small education, for instance Thiaga Simhala Raja and Sundararaja Raja both Sub-Registrars in Tanjore and this District respectively and so I beg that such a favour be shown to me also.

8. So long ago as 1869 Lord Napier, a former Governor of Madras, who knew very little of us except through some papers, placed before him, so sympathisingly of us says in his Minute,

> that the Kandian Exiles and Pensioners are now the representatives of misfortune, rather than of guilt, in our eyes and no doubt still more so in the eyes of the people of this country,
>
> that the support, awarded to this unfortunate class of persons, is so inadequate to their natural wants as to leave them in actual distress,

> that the victims of the past Revolutions of Ceylon ought not to exhibit before the eyes of the people of India a picture of parsimony and neglect on the part of the English authorities,
>
> that they should be maintained in comfort and not only in the present material comfort, but with some provisions for education and employment in order that their descendants may not be reduced to unavoidable beggary.

9. But with Your Excellency the case is quite different. As Governor of Ceylon Your Excellency had ample opportunities to know of our miseries and wants and did alleviate them also to some extent, though far away from us in Ceylon; but, now, as Governor of Madras, Your Excellency is near us to see and hear us in person and therefore I ventured to address these lines with the hope of certain relief.

10. Being a man of a large family of seven souls (myself, wife, three unmarried daughters and two sons) with no means of livelihood, though highly connected, I implore most earnestly Your Excellency will pity my hard case and as prayed above employ me in this or Tanjore District either as,

(1) a Copyist on Rs. 15 in the Registration Department, or

(2) an Ameen in the District Court, or

(3) some Vernacular Clerk or Accountant on Rs. 15 in the Collector's or any other Office.

For which act of charity and benevolence,
I shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Madura
22-7-97

Kathir Narayanasami Raja

~~submitted~~

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2. The petitioner is not fit for the appoint-
-ment of a Clerk or an Accountant in
the Collectorate.

3. His application for a post in the
Registration department was disposed
of in Government Order No: 589 Political
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V. Ware.
Collector
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Madura Collector's office
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