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Mr. H. G. Turner & the Vizianagram Cotton Mills.

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, dated 188 , No. MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

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Vizianagram.
CURRENT NO. 1904 Pub:
April 20th 87.

To.

The Honorable,
The chief Secretary,
To the Government of
Fort St George.

Sir,

Para I. In continuation of my letter dated "uncertain," I have the honor to forward for the consideration of His Excellency, the Governor in Council the following original letters. from Mr A. W. Turner, with Copies of my replies thereto Viz.
one copy of my letter, dated 14th Febry.
one original from A. W Turner dated 15th February.
one copy of my letter dated 16th February
one original from A. W Turner dated 19th Feb
one copy of my letter dated 19th February
one copy of my letter dated 16th April
one original dated 17th April,
from A W Turner.

Para 2. I beg respectfully to bring to the notice of His Excellency, that this correspondence, together with the letters already submitted fully prove

First That Mr A. W. Turner, taking an
Para 2. Contd. unfair advantage, of his relationship to the Collector, and chief Magistrate of the District, has treated me with the greatest injustice and now refuses to settle accounts with me,

Second. his proposals to settle matters through the Vakeel, of His Highness the Mahah Raja of Vizianagram is plainly an evasion of his duty to me, as my official Superior, and Agent, and manager, of the Cotton Mill Concern, moreover I have been Continually, harassed during the past six months from the following people acting on Mr Turners behalf.

First from the Collector, and Magistrate
Second the Deputy Tahsildar and Sub Magistrate
Thirdly the Dewan to His Highness the Mahah Raja.
Fourthly. the Vakeel to His Highness and nothing has Come of it.

Para 3. It must also be evident, to His Ex-
1st -cellency, that had not the Collec
and Magistrate, taken an und
advantage of his Official posi
to obstruct my work - there woul

and his brother the agent and — Manager.

2nd By taking an undue advantage of his relationship to the agent and Manager. I was Suspended from duty because I would not agree to the Collectors proposals, for a reduction of my Salary, and had it not been for this interference, the building of the mill would now have been Completed.

Para 4 I am informed that I have a strong and legal claim, against the Collector for Substantial damages, but before taking proceedings of this nature, and having already appealed to His Excellency in Council for justice and redress, I shall respectfully await a reply to this and my previous Communication. and as it is reported that the Collector and Majistrate is likely soon to leave the District, I beg to request the favour of an early reply, to my appeal to His Excellencies Sense of Justice, and shall feel much oblidged if a competent officer is accounts, and relieve me from further responsibility.

Para 5 Finally I beg to add that Mr Surren has not paid me, any salary since August last, although I have had full charge of the mills up to date and this I consider very hard, as he still receives his salary of — 1,000 Rupees for doing really nothing for the benefit of the mill.

Para 6 I do not think it is known to his Excellency, that in addition to the Collector's brother, A. W. Surren: — Making an income out of the Capital, Subscribed for the mill; there is now another brother, Mr James Surren, in London, being paid for, Sending out Machinery, building materials, all this I believe, to be in opposition to the Collector's Covenant, and the orders of the Secretary of State; So that should I be Compelled to bring the Settlement of my accounts, before a public tribuna the result will probably be a great publi Scandal.

postal date 15th February 87 }
date of letter (written) mentioned }

I have the honor to be
Your Excellencie
Most Humble Serv
Thomas R Jeff,
Engineer.
In charge of Cotton Mill

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[illegible] and [illegible] me from further
responsibility.

Finally I beg to add that the [illegible]
has not paid me my salary since
August last, although I have [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] the delay of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for the [illegible] of the mill.

[illegible] I desired that this [illegible]
Excellency, that in addition to the
Collector, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for the mill, [illegible]
[illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible]
and machinery, building materials, [illegible]
the [illegible] in opposition to
the Collector, Government and the [illegible]
of the Secretary of State, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I have the honour [illegible]
Your Excellency's
Most Humble Servant
[illegible]

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a true Copy.

To

A. W. Turner Esqr.

Sir.

Herewith the enclosed details of expenditures, and receipts, of Cotton Mill Buildings, I am pleased to know of your arrival here, and trust that you will at once, settle my claim as against yourself, I not having received my salary since August last 1886.

Awaiting your reply.

dated 14th February 1887 }
Vizianagram }

I remain.
Dear Sir.
Yours faithfully,
S. R. Jeffery.

a true copy

To

A. W. Turner Esqr.

Sir,

In answer to yours of yesterday I think like yourself, it ought quickly, and it might be, as all the accounts are in English, so that you can come and check them with me.

I have no gentlemen, who I could ask, to act for me, and I most strongly object to the Dewan, or any of his relations, interfering in the matter, as the agreement, was made between you and myself, the settlement is easy made, simply pay me, and take the books, I can give you a sworn affidavit that the items are correct and the contract notes are all legal documents, being all legal Government Stamped

I remain,

Dear Sir.

Yours Faithfully.

J. R. Jeffery.

Engineer.

Cantonment.
16th February 1887

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a true copy.

To

A. W. Turner Esqr.

Dear Sir.

In reference to your letter of this date, I beg to state that I am most anxious to come to an immediate settlement with you, for the expenditure incurred by me, on the Cotton Mill Buildings, in your letter of the 15th you proposed sending the Ameen of Vizianagram to Audit my accounts under the instructions, of the Dewan Sahib, the Dewan's knowledge of English is exceedingly slight, and the Ameen has no knowledge of anything but Telugu, and therefore it was impossible for me to act in concert with these gentlemen, and as you informed me that you suspended me, to please the Dewan. I regret that you should nominate him to transact business with me, as I am convinced he will give all trouble, and annoyance that he can, I very much regret you have not complied with my proposition, to audit my accounts yourself - and that you have again left

T. P. O.

the Station, without anything, whatever being
done as a Settlement, you propose to Sen
an accountant, who understands English
to go through the accounts, on your be
-half, I accept this proposal with alacr
but I cannot afford to pay an accountan
to act for me. I shall therefore perso
-ally Conduct the audit myself, I be-
lieve I have now complied with all your
instructions & beg to remind you that
I have received no salary since
August 1886. Whatever salary I may
have received from His esteemed Hig
-ness, or from any other source since t
date, does not vitiate my agreement with
you personally, in regard to the Cotton Mill
Concern, and I therefore request you
will be so good, as to give me an as
rance, that as soon as my accoun
are audited by your nominee I shall
be paid my arrears of salary, accordin
to my agreement with you, and as you
suspended me, without a just or legal cau
I therefore not only claim my full salar
up to the date of my relief, but two mon
additional salary in Lieu of notice an
as you have personally, expressed your
satisfaction, with the work executed un
-der my superintendance. I request you wi
favor me with a Certificate, to that effect
before any masonry, is built over my work
save any dispute in the future

19th February 1887.
Vizianagram.

I remain
dear sir
Yours faithfully
S. R. Jfery Engineer

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a true copy.

To

A. W. Turner Esq.

Dear Sir.

I have the honor to inform you, that I sent you by registered letter, which you duly received, as I have the Post Office receipt to prove it, but I am sorry to say, that you have not had the Courtesy, to answer the said letter, and also a previous one sent by me to you, I will thank you to inform me, whether you now intend to settle these Cotton mill accounts, or not, as I am desirous of a settlement, and payment of my wages, that are now in arrears.

I remain.

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully.

J. R. Jeffery.

Engineer.

in charge of Cotton Mill Build.

16th april 1887.

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(Intd.) C.W.T

Vizianagram 10
April 17th, 1887.

Mr. Jeffrey.

Sir.
I refuse to have any further correspondence with you and refer you to Mr. Jaganadha Row Pantulu, Vakil to H.H. the Maharaja, to whom all your letters have been handed.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) A.W. Turner

Memo

At the time Mr. Turner wrote this he knew that the Vakil had gone from the district

(Initialed) T.R.J.

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Vizianagram
Feby 19th.

Mr. Jeffrey.

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 16th & regret you have not complied with the arrangement I made for the settlement of your accounts on the 15th. They must be properly audited in the usual business way and I have requested the Dewan Saheb to appoint an Accountant who understands English. If you still refuse to comply with my request of the 15th I regret that I shall have to take steps to enforce a settlement of your accounts.

Yours faithfully.
(Signed) A.W. Turner.

Send them to me. (Intd) A.W.T

Vizianagram
February 15th, 1887

Mr. Jeffery.

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday's date enclosing accounts. I think the best way to settle everything will be to appoint two accountants to audit your accounts, the Dewan Sahib appointing one and you appointing the other - the audit to be carried out in your house and in your presence. As soon as you have your vouchers & receipts in order and have an accountant ready, please inform the Dewan and he will send the Ameen to represent him. The sooner you can get this done the better. I am told that you have been drawing Rs 250/- per month from the Palace from Oct. 1st. I shall be glad to know whether this is correct or not.

Yours faithfully
Sd A. W. Turner.

I believe you still have some letters & instructions relating to the building which I sent you and others from Manchester which you have not returned. I shall feel obliged if you would send them to me.

(Intd) A. W. T

purchased
by Mr James Turner for Desp
the machinery & whether he
is Mr H G D's brother or other re

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DEPARTMENT.

**From** T. R. Jeffery. Engineer.
Vizianagram.

**No.**

**Dated** 20th April }
**Received** 3rd May. } 87.
**Enclosures** – Six.

## SUBJECT.

Reg: his claims in connection with Cotton Mill buildings. Vizianagram.

For the Chief Secretary

or orders:—

To Mr. Jeffrey's claims gainst A.W. Turner the answer presume will be that already iven. But attention is drawn the statement that A.W.T. is till drawing "his salary" of Rs 1000 a month. If so, his connection with the Mills can hardly have entirely ceased, as H. Co. Turner has assured Govt. The matter appears likely to take an unpleasant turn.

J.C.

Mr Turner wrote:– "Jeffrey's connection "with the ~~scheme~~ building came to an end & "with it my brother's . . . . My brother's "future connection with the under-"taking will be confined to corre-"spondence about the machinery wh. "he is responsible for".

I think he may be asked

1. What salary was agreed to be paid to Mr A.W.T.; whether ~~any~~ it or any part of it has been paid since Jeffrey's dismissal wh. brought his connection with the building to a close; whether any & what salary is still payable

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Mr H.G. Turner & the Vizianagram Cotton Mills.

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Collector's Office,
Vizagapatam
22nd May 1887

No. 1128.

From
H.G. Turner Esquire,
Collector of Vizagapatam.

To
The Honorable H.E. Stokes,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O. 28th April 1887 No. 618.

2. In the second paragraph of that G.O. these words appear:–

"Yet he (i.e. myself) permitted his brother in April and May 1886 to undertake responsibilities in connection with the Company and expressed surprise when the objections of Government were reiterated."

3. On this is founded the censure that I disregarded the wishes of Government in April and May 1886 and that my transfer from this District might well have followed such dereliction of duty.

4. But I respectfully beg to draw your attention to the fact that this disregard of the wishes of Government in April and May 1886 is now charged to me for the first

ture, and that I have not had an oppor-
tunity of submitting any defence of my
public conduct on that occasion.

In your D.O. of the 9th March 1887. You
required me to submit an explanation of
the occurrences of September-October, and,
except in a passing remark referring to my
brother's position in May 1886 as enabling
him to make contracts &c to last for two
years (vide penultimate paragraph), my
attention was not directed specially to the
transactions of April-May. In my reply,
I did not, on that account, enter into any
detail of my action at that period. And
this is what I now crave permission to do
leaving it then to Government to decide —
whether, after all, my conduct was such
as to call for such serious notice as removal
from the District.

6. I beg in the first place to submit my
explanation as to why I expressed surprise.
I regret that I cannot find a copy of the letter
in which I made that remark. It was dated
23rd May 1886, and Mr. Webster called my
attention to the phrase in his letter to me
dated 18th June 1886. If you will refer to
my reply to that letter dated 28th idem, it
will be at once plain to you that the surprise
I expressed was not engendered by the identity

The assertion that such permission was given is not consistent with Mr. Webster's note of 26 April 86.
H.L.S

of the wishes of Government as expressed in
June 1885 and in May 1886, but to the diver
-gence of the latter letter from the verbal per
-mission to come to this district which
Mr. Webster had given to my brother in
April 1886.

7. The assertion that I permitted my brothe
to undertake new responsibilities here in Apri
and May 1886, may, I think, be contraste
to my advantage with the following stateme
of facts. My brother returned here with the
abovementioned assurance from Mr. Webst
in April, and immediately on his return
I wrote to Mr. Webster (see my letter dated
17th April) to ask in what light Government
regarded the employment of my brother here,
so that there might be no misunderstanding,
for I said if Government looked upon his
being here as prejudicial to my staying in
the District " I shall have to desire my
brother to forego the undertaking".

8. Mr. Webster replied to this on the 5th
May and I received his letter on the 15th
idem. I sent it on immediately to my
brother (he had gone to Visianagram) with
this endorsement which is now before me:-

"Dear F. There is an upset of your plans.
Tell H.A. I am very sorry for it but it
can't be helped. I will do what I can to

help in building the Mill, and who knows whether after all I may not be off ere long. Anyway I shall leave the District next March. Yrs Ever (Sd) H.G.T. 13/5." (The last sentence referred to a project I then had of going home on furlough this year). It is, I submit, quite plain from this that immediately I received Mr. Webster's letter, I desired my brother to quit his plans.

9. While this correspondence was going on, my brother was at Vizianagram. I must here state that at the beginning of April, one Mr Jackson arrived here from England, sent out by my brother to erect the Mills, but this man behaved very badly on his arrival here, and bolted to Bombay where he had the offer of a better appointment. Therefore when Mr. A.W. Turner arrived at Vizianagram he found everything sixes and sevens, and he, with the concurrence of the MahaRajah made the arrangements with Mr. Jeffrey that the Government know of. I knew nothing of Mr Jeffrey who was in the employment of the MahaRajah as a Mechanical Engineer, and I did not know of the arrangement until it was completed. When my brother returned from Vizianagram to Waltair after having received the endorsed letter

letter as above explained, I was, I admit weak in not vetoing the plan at once an in allowing it to stand pending further reference to Government. What the result of that reference was and how I proceed to enforce obedience to the order of Governmen thereon is already known to His Excellency in Council.

10. I submit that my only fault in April-May lay in allowing the Vizianagra arrangements to stand pending further reference to Government, and whether the indulgence thus shown my brother was sufficient to have justified my removal from the District is what, I now respectfully submit, may be reconsidered by the light of the new facts I have now placed before you.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.
H.G. Turner
Collector

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

OOTACAMUND,

Despd 14/5/87

13 May 1887.

Dear Turner.

In your letter of the 26 March 1887, regarding your brothers connection with the Vizianagaram Cotton Mills you wrote. "Jeffreys connection with the building came to an end, and with it my brother's." & again. "My brothers connection with the undertaking will

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be confined to correspondence about the machinery which he is responsible for."

I am now directed to ask you to ~~reply~~ furnish Govt. as soon as possible with information on the following points

1. What salary was agreed to be paid to Mr. A W Turner; whether it or any part of it has been paid since Jeffrey's dismissal which brought ~~his~~ your brother's connection with the building to a close; & whether any & if any what

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salary is still payable to him?

2. Whether any profit is gained by Mr James Turner for purchasing or despatching the machinery & whether Mr James Turner is your brother or other relation?

Yours truly

H. L. Stokes

H. G. Turner Esq. } Despd 14/5/87

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the inconsistency between A W T's alleged account of what Webster said with Mr Turner's own letter of 17 April; & we also have Mr Webster's own note.

It is however but fair to say that Mr Turner's last letter, d/ 6th June, gives a decidedly better turn to the whole business For it seems now that A.W.T. never completed the contract with Jeffrey & that he has not been paid anything since his return from England

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13 June

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Public DEPARTMENT

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

VIZAGAPATAM.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.
Ootacamund

Dated 29nd
Received 31 } May 1887.

No. 1128

CHIEF SECRETARY 31 MAY 87 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ENCLOSURES. — None.

SUBJECT.

Submitting explanation on the subject of Mr. A.W. Turner's transactions in April and May 1886 in connection with the Vizianagram Cotton Mill Company, and requesting a reconsideration of the Censure passed in G.O. 28 April 1887 No. 618.

For the Chief Secretary

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For orders:—

Mr. Turner might be told that his brother's account of the interview with Mr. Webster is not consistent with a note dated 26 April which Mr. W. put on record.

Also Mr. A.W. Turner's letter of the 17th April says nothing of such assurance as is alleged to have been given, & is exactly consistent with Mr. Webster's note.

H.C.

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Perhaps it would be better to await Mr. Turner's reply to D.O. 13 May 1887 before answering this. Such reply cannot be long delayed.

W.E.

Seen 2/6

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The suggestion of the Chief Secy in the 1st note above may I think be approved.

In my first note on this subject, dated last April, I pointed out

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DEPARTMENT.

D.O. No. 247

**From** H. G. Turner Esqre

No.

**Dated** 30th May/87
**Received** 4 June/87
**Enclosures**

SUBJECT.

Re question of salary which his brother, Mr. A. W. Turner, drew in connection with the Mills

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To

His Excellency,
The Chief Secretary,
to
The Govt. of Fort St George.

Sir.

In continuation to my previous letters of February 15th, I would desire to inform your Excellency, that through pressure of the Collector, I have been requested by His Highness to leave my service, under the Mah ah Raja, although a few days previous, I was informed by His Highness that I should be retained, as long as I liked to stay and should never be discharged, I being now out of employ, & am proceeding to Calcutta,

P. T. O.

26/5/87

Dear Sir

In forwarding a copy of a D. O. I have received from Govt. relating to the terms of my brother's engagement with the Cotton Mills, I shall be much obliged by your giving me information on the following points:—

What salary was agreed to be paid to Mr. A. W. Turner after his return from England in April 1886?

For how long was it paid?

Will you please examine the accounts and give me an answer to the above questions?

Is any salary being paid to him now?

Respecting the reference to Mrs. James Turner, please state with whom you (or Mr. Ripley) are now in

correspondence

correspondence regarding the machinery ordered at home by Mr. A. W. Turner. I believe that the money sent home to pay for the machinery has been deposited in Ransoms Bank in the joint names of Mr. James Turner & the Agent for the machinery as a measure of precaution.

Is there any entry in the accounts of any money having been paid either to Mr. James Turner or to any one else on account of commission for purchasing or despatching the machinery?

Yours faithfully

(Signed) H.G. Turner.

To
The Secretary of the Northern }
Circars Cotton Mills Company }

(True Copy).

H. G. Turner

Vizianagram
30/5/87.

Honoured Sir,

With reference to your honours letter dated 26th May, I beg to state that no agreement was subsisting between Mr. A. W. Turner and Cotton Mill Company since April 1886 - for payment of any amount either in the shape of salary or otherwise. Nor was anything paid to him.

There exists no agreement to pay him any thing. Nor is any thing payable to him.

Mr. Ripley of Bimlipatam is now in direct correspondence with the firm in England which has undertaken to supply us the machinery.

As our engagement with the above firm in England is to ship the machinery direct to Bimlipatam neither Mr. James Turner nor any other is to get any profit for either purchase or despatch of the machinery.

As

As a measure of precaution to prevent the manager of the firm utilizing the amount without our permission. We have deposited £ 4000 in the joint names of Mr. James Turner and Mr. Walker - but Mr. James Turner gets no profit for this.

I beg to remain
Honored Sir,
Your honors most obedient servt.
(signed) D. Jagannadharow.
Secretary to Northern Circars Spinning
Company.

(True Copy)
A G Turner

× The question in the D.O. of 13 May was not so limited.

HG

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Waltair
6th June 1887

Dear Stokes,

I now forward for the information of Government copies of my letter to the Secretary of the Mills requesting replies on the questions you put to me and of his answer thereto. With reference to the first point, he states that no agreement re-× garding salary has been made since April 1886, that nothing has been paid to my brother and that nothing is now payable to him, that Mr. Ripley (Merchant of Bimlipatam) is now in direct communication with the Home Agent who is employed to purchase and despatch the machinery. You will observe that there is no allusion to the salary of Rs. 150 which I touched on in my D.O. to you of the 30th ultimo. I am therefore unable to throw any light on that point without reference to my brother (now in Travancore); but if Government desire it of me, I will write to him for information.

Regarding the Second question, the answer is, as I foreshadowed in my note of the 30th. My brother James Turner has nothing to do with ordering or despatching the machinery and derives no profit therefrom.

I permit myself the remark that the questions you have now put me are founded on what is to me an anonymity. I do not know who my traducer is. I do not know how his indictment is framed, or on what information his charges are based. You direct me to reply to categorical questions without showing me the context. Had I been able to interview you, I think that Government would not have withheld this information, which it is usual to supply whenever the conduct of a public officer is called in question. – I submit that Officers at a distance are entitled to equal consideration.

I submit another point. You require me to answer "Very early" "as soon as possible". I do not know what need there is for this precipitancy. – By follow-

-ing your instructions as to expedition, I answered the first letter of the 9th March without referring to those who know more about this business than I do, i.e., the MahaRajah, my brother and the Secretary of the Mills. I find now that I have done my brother an injustice when I stated in my letter of March 26th that he betrayed no alacrity in handing over the control of the building after having received the Government Order dated 17 June 1886 No. 1263. In point of fact, he wrote to the Secretary on the 8th July, sending on that order and saying that as Government would not permit him to return to Vizianagram, the agreement must be made between the Company or their Agent and Mr. Jeffrey, and had the Secretary done this: or if Jeffrey had consented to work under the Company, my brother's connection with the building would have ceased in July instead of in October. This also disposes of your surmise that A.W. Turner seems to have entered into a two-years' contract with Jeffrey in May 1886. There was no contract signed, though it was discuſsed, and it was G.O. dated 17-6-86 that prevented its ratification. Jeffrey's assertion that there was a contract is untrue.

Your insistance on an immediate reply, has now again prevented me, as I should like to have done, from communicating on this question of salary with my brother, before placing this reply before you.

Yours Sincerely,

H. G. Turner.

Vizag^m. 19th May.

+ I asked [illegible]

My dear Stokes.

I have a letter from Wolfe Murray
dated 10th from Ooty, in which he says
you will give him 3 weeks extension
of leave if I have no objection. I can
continue to do his work till the end of
June. Elcoin wants to be off about the
20th, I believe, but I can put the
General Duty in charge of his Div^n.
Of course this is only a fair weather ar-
-rangement. If we have a row with
the Sowras (of which there was an
inkling, but which is now deemed un-
-likely) I must have assistance.

× Wolfe Murray also tells me that you
asked many questions about the Cotton
Mills.

I enclose a copy of my last letter to Mehta Rajib & his reply (which please return). Had I known that Govt. declines to permit me to give active aid to the enterprise (even if when my brother has retired from connection with it) I would have seen the mills at the bottom of the Bay of Bengal before I in any way advocated their erection.

To my unaided judgment such enterprises are of the first importance, in the very foremost rank of the Public duties of Public officers, in the same line with bridges, roads hospitals and other aims at civilization. I should like to see every Collector in the Presidency ex officio Director of enterprises such as these, encouraging the Natives to invest their money in something else but land mortgages or in loans on jewels or on personal security at exorbitant interest. In former days every ryot in this District grew his patch of cotton, but now Manchester goods & Bombay twist (for which the District pays over 12 lakhs per annum) have deprived him of this source of agricultural profit. I don't care what the Free Traders say, but for a poor country, the first thing is to keep its Silver in it; and not to have to go to foreign markets for the bare necessaries of life. I suppose there is no country in the world that makes towards civilization that has so few factories as an Indian District. Here I have 2½ millions of people depending almost wholly on agriculture. They are all as poor as Job. without any store of wealth to buy food should their crops fail, or become insufficient – That they are insufficient (quâ the plains where there are 1¾ millions of people) is ~~[illegible]~~ manifest enough, & were it not for Jeypore, we should have scarcity here two years out of four. Hence my anxiety to open out Jeypore. But that country can only be brought under cultivation by money sent into it from the plains; & if we send our coin across the sea to pay for cotton goods, so much the less is there to send inland across the mountains.

You say, let the Natives start these things themselves. Have they started any thing themselves? Schools, roads, hospitals, indigo, sugar cane, coffee, tea &c &c, have all been intro-duced by Englishmen, official & unofficial. There are few or of the latter class here, no men of capital at all (except the [illegible]) & during 20 years I have known the District there has not been ~~one~~ any attempt made to utilize ~~the~~ its abundant labour ~~of~~ in any industrial work. I say therefore that Govt. ought to systematically encourage these things. Yours sincerely

R. G. Turner.

Copy 2/12/57,

My dear Maharajah

I have now received an order of Govt. relating to the employment of my brother in business in this District; in which they say that they will refrain from removing me on this occasion, but that if my brother has anything to do with the Mills, beyond the responsibilities attaching to the ordering of the machinery, they will at once gazette me to some other District

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This being so, I have no doubt that you will be so good as to refrain from offering my brother employment in any duty of business while I am in the District. I make this request with the less reluctance because you have already suggested that I should write to you in this strain if the reply from Govt. pointed to the necessity for such measures.

&c &c &c

(Sd.) H. G. Turner

and best regards

I remain

ever yours very sincerely

Ananda Gajapathy

Fort
Vizianagaram
May 15.
1887

As to Mr Jeffry. I was telling him & also others that it was not on account of any one else, but on account of his rashness alone further prolongation of his engagement with the Ray is to be curtailed forthwith.

i.e. the [illegible] will [illegible]

Hoping you are enjoying the very best health & with respectful compliments, view of the matter, I will of course abide by it & will take no further steps until I should be able to inform you personally my views of the matter & learn the pleasure of the Govt thereon, which I trust will take place soon; for the Mill-Company has suffered some loss already on account of unforeseen difficulties owing to the want of Mr Turner's supervision on the spot; but however I hope things will take a better turn soon.

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[illegible] 18/07

My dear Mr Turner

In answer to your kind letter of the 12th Inst I beg you to permit me to say that it was with much concern & regret I learned the view taken by the Govt regarding the Cotton Mills.

As I am ignorant

of there being any rule
of Govt which interferes
with individual rights
of persons other than
Govt employees in entering
into any transactions
of General welfare,
2, with the consent
of the other partners
sought for the co-
operation & valuable
assistance of Mr Swan
in connection with
the Mill project

as he knows a
great deal more
of this most useful
subject than any
body else in the
District; but as the
Govt unlike in Mr.
Minchin's time, when, while
Mr. G. J. Minchin was the ~~the~~
Collector & Magistrate of the District
yet my father employed Mr.
C. H. Minchin as Joint Manager
of this samsthanam;
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Where I would desire that your Excellency will forward my letter, now in your Excellenc care.

I have the honor &c

Dear Sir.

Your Humble Servant

Thomas R Jeffery

Late Engineer, Builder

to His Highness the
Maah Rajah of Vizianagram.

Future address.

Thomas R. Jeffery.
C/o W. Grimble.
Police office.
Lall Bazaar,
Calcutta.

2nd June 1887.
Cantonment.
Vizianianagram.

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Public CURRENT NO. 2453

DEPARTMENT.

**From** T. R. Jeffery.
Late Engineer to
H.H. the Maharajah
of Vizianagram

No.

**Dated** 2nd } June '87
**Received** 11th }

**Enclosures**

SUBJECT.

Reg: his former letter praying to be retained in his post. No. 1

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1. C. No 1904. Mr. Jeffery's petition, w
D.O. 13 May 1887 to Mr. H.C.
2. C. No. 2297. Letter from Mr. Turner dat
22 May 1887. No. 1128.
3. D.O from Mr. Turner dated 29 May 1887.
forwarding letters to & from the Maha
rajah.
4. D.O. from Do. dated 30 May 1887.
5. D.O. from Do. dated. 6th June 1887.
6. C. No. 2453. Further petition from Mr.
Jeffery.

For orders.

Yes

The answer to Mr. Jeffery will be, I submit, the same as before given. Vide note on C. No. 1904. The second petition shows that the Maharaja has got rid of him.

Mr. H.C. Turner's replies as to his brother's present connecti with the works are satisfa It is to be observed, howeve that they are limited to the period since April 188 the question put as to

Mr Turner has answered all that I wanted to know & his replies are quite satisfactory. He sd. be told that we asked the questions because Jeffrey alleged that A.W.T. was still drawing 1000 a month &c &c. As to 2297 see thereon
13 June

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lary drawn by A W Turner
t having been so limited.
submit that Mr. Turner
may be told why Govt.
asked him their last question.

As to C. No. 2297, please
see note on the back of it.

W.C.S.
11/6.

Mr. H. G. Turner
The Vizianagaram Cotton
Mills

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22nd June 1887

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Despatched with copy
of D.O. 23rd May 1886.
22/6/87

My dear Turner

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter 22 May 1887 No. 1128, and of your demi officials, 19th & 30th May & 6th June.

In the first of these you explain that the reason you expressed surprise in your letter of the 28th June 1886 was the divergence of ~~the~~ Mr. Webster's letter of the 18th June from the verbal permission given by him to your brother to proceed to Vizagapatam. On this subject I am to say that your brother must have been mistaken as his account of the interview is entirely inconsistent with a note by Mr. Webster dated 26th [illegible] which ~~Mr. W. sent~~ is on re

21 June

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In it he states that he merely told your brother to put his request in writing. I am also to point out that your letter dated 17th April written after the interview makes no allusion to ~~says nothing of~~ any such assurance as is said to have been given and is entirely consistent with Mr. Webster's note. I enclose a copy of your letter of 23 May 1886 as you have not kept one.

As to the questions put to you in my letter of the 13th ult. I am to explain that they were based on an assertion in a further petition from Jeffery in which he alleged that your brother had been was still in receipt of a salary from the

Cotton Mills ~~Company~~ of Rs1000 per mensem. Your replies are entirely satisfactory to the G. in C.; and I am to add that your last letter dated 6th June, which shows that your brother never completed the contract with Jeffery and that he has received no remuneration from the Company since his return from England, gives a decidedly better ~~turn~~ complexion to the whole business. Jeffery has been told that Govt. see no reason to interfere in any way in his favour & leave him to his legal remedies.

+ W.S.

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With reference to your opinion that it is the duty of Collectors to do all they can to promote industrial enterprises such as the Mills in question, I am to state that in a district like Vizagapatam, and in connection with such a Zemindar as Vizianagram it is necessary that the Collector should be very careful how he interferes in such matters.

Over.

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Endt. on Jeffrey's petn.
dated 22 June/87 No. 866

The Govt. have made further enquiry as to Petitioner's allegations, and find no reason to interfere in his favour. He is referred to the endt. on his petns. dated 30 Oct. & Feb last.
The original enclosures will be returned to him.

Rev. J. R. Jeffery } Despo
with 3 Encls. } 22/6/87
of Pub. Corr. 1904/87