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# Revenue Department

## Minutes of Consultations

19th May 1857

Book No. 15-16

Order No. 451 dated 14th May 1857

பாதுகாப்புப் பிரிவு–1
செப்பனிடுபவர் பெயர் பா.விஜயகுமார்
செப்பனிடுவதற்கான
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செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள் 10/06
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No. 15. Read the following letter from L. FORBES, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George, 31st March 1857, No. 989.

SIR,

With reference to the concluding para. of Extract Minutes Consultation under date 8th January 1856, No. 19, Revenue Department, calling for information as to the nature of Desayee enams and the title whether hereditary or otherwise under which they are held, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the reports received in answer to a reference made to the various Collectors on the subject.

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| 998 | ,, Vizagapatam | 15th March in Con. | 17th June | 1856. |
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| 856 | ,, Masulipatam | 4th ,, ,, | 13th March | ,, |
| 472 | ,, Guntoor | 6th ,, ,, | 1 th Feb. | ,, |
| 1179 | ,, Nellore | 7th ,, ,, | 11th April | ,, |
| 1765 | ,, Cuddapah | 11th April ,, | 4th July | ,, |
| 1614 | ,, Bellary | 2d ,, ,, | 14th May | ,, |
| 1716 | ,, Karnool | 13th May ,, | 2d June | ,, |
| 487 | ,, Chingleput | 8th ,, ,, | 12th Feb. | ,, |
| 2926 | ,, N. Arcot | 28th July ,, | 2d Aug. | ,, |
| 483 | ,, S. Arcot | 8th ,, ,, | 12th Feb. | ,, |
| 518 | ,, Tanjore | 9th ,, ,, | 13th ,, | ,, |
| 502 | ,, Trichinopoly | 7th ,, ,, | 12th ,, | ,, |
| 517 | ,, Madura | 8th ,, ,, | 13th ,, | ,, |
| 683 | ,, Tinnevelly | 22d ,, ,, | 29th ,, | ,, |
| 1289 | ,, Coimbatore | 14th ,, ,, | 21st April | ,, |
| 593 | ,, Canara | 13th ,, ,, | 21st Feb* | ,, |
| 934 | ,, Malabar | 12th ,, ,, | 19th March | ,, |

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2. From these it appears that in the 12 Districts noted in the margin there are no Desayee or other enams of the description alluded to.

3. In South Arcot an "office" bearing the name Desayee for the settlement of caste disputes is common and is generally regarded as hereditary; the parties holding it being paid by the people, over whom they exercise jurisdiction; but this office is distinct from those immediately under consideration.

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*Nellore.*

7. There are a few Desayee enams in this District, but as the services in consideration of which they were originally granted have long since ceased to be rendered or required, the Collector is of opinion that they cannot be regarded as hereditary, but should be treated on lapse under the rules laid down in Extract Minutes Consultation of 23d December 1851, No. 1296, Revenue Department.

*C. O. B. R. Vol. 2 p. 42.*

*Cuddapah.*

8. In this District these enams have always been hereditary.

*Bellary.*

9. In the Bellary district there were 12 distinctions of office of the nature of those alluded to in the Extract Minutes Consultation under reply, and the lands formerly attached to them were of very considerable extent bearing an assessment of Rupees 95,572. The offices were abolished and the lands resumed after the assumption of the country by the British Government, but still portions of the enams under the denomination of the particular office to which they were attached are continued to the families of the incumbents for their subsistence. Colonel Munro in his Report (para. 3) of 25th August 1805 when speaking of the holders of Desayee enams remarked that "they "differed in no respect from the common Potails and Curnums of the villages, but in holding "a more extensive jurisdiction which was however in one respect inferior to theirs by being "held only during pleasure, while theirs was hereditary." The Collector is of opinion that hereditary right beyond what long possession gives cannot be maintained, and observes that these enams are of the same nature as those alluded to in para. 28 of the Honorable Court's letter of 12th February 1851, No. 2.

*In Con. 26th September 1805.*

*In from Govt. R. D. No. 804, 9th Aug. in Con. 15th Sept. 1851.*

*Kurnool.*

10. The Officiating Agent reports that until the final settlement of the Desayee or other enams in this district, no Enam is looked upon as hereditary. The most extensive enam of this description was resumed by order* of Government, a portion being allotted as a life maintenance to the three widows of the deceased holder two of whom are since dead.

**From Govt. 16th in Con. 25th Oct. 1849, No. 987 R. D.*

*North Arcot.*

11. In the North Arcot district certain lands are held as Desayee or shetty enams and comprize about 74 Cawnies, bearing an assessment of Rupees 420. The Collector is unable to state for what service these lands were granted; but thinks probably for the settlement of caste disputes. The parties possess no sunnuds or documents of any description, and the records afford no information as to whether or not the grants are hereditary. The Collector is of opinion that on the death of the present incumbents the Maniems should be resumed. He will be directed to submit a report regarding these alienations as lapses occur, with full explanation as to the origin and date of the Grant in each case so far as this information can be elicited at the present time.

12. In the letter from the Honorable Court above adverted to, it was held to be desirable that "as a general rule" emoluments in the shape of grants of land, when continued from motives of indulgence after the duties attached to them had ceased, should be commuted into life pensions. On further consideration of the subject and looking to the manner in which enams of the description in question have been treated in the Northern Circars and elsewhere, the Board are not of opinion that the favorable terms on which the lands in the present cases are held should be extended as a matter of right beyond the lives of the present holders. The lands in question will be thus liable to the full assessment on lapse; but in cases of long enjoyment and where the families interested will be exposed to great distress by the immediate imposition of the full assessment, some indulgence, such as the remission of a portion of the full amount of rent for a limited period, may be shewn.

13. With reference to para. 3 of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation under acknowledgment, the Collector of Bellary states† that the three enams, though entered in the survey accounts as Bhutwartee are in reality service enams. Such being their designation in two of the original documents (dated 1747 and 1757)

†*From Bellary 2d in Cons. 14th May 1856.*



mentioned in Col. 3 of No. 2 of the Tabular Reports, and that the priest's duties connected with the Narasimmasawmy Pagoda, in consideration of which the grant was made have been regularly performed.

14. The reply from Salem which has not yet been received will be laid before Government immediately on its receipt.

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, No. 451, dated 14th May 1857.

Para. 1. In passing orders upon the cases of lapsed enams submitted by the Collector of Bellary for the 2d quarter of 1855, Government, in Extract Minutes Consultation under date 8th January 1856, called for certain information regarding Dasaye enams. They required to know first, whether such grants were regarded as hereditary in Bellary, and how they were looked upon in other Districts, also a return of the amount of these enams in Bellary was called for, and the Board were requested to state their opinion generally, as to whether the hereditary claim could be maintained.

*No. 19.*

The letter above recorded contains an expression of the Board's sentiments on these points. When called upon for information respecting the number, extent, &c., of these enams in their districts, replies were forwarded by all the Collectors, except the Collector of Salem, in the last para. of their letter a promise is expressed by the Board to submit that officer's communication immediately on its receipt, if should be accompanied by an explanation of the delay. Fourteen months it is observed elapsed from the date of the Board's circular letter, to the despatch of the one under reply.

*Board's Circular letter to Collectors, dated 21st January 1856.*

*31st March 1857.*

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2. In 12 Districts (noted in the margin) no Dasaye enams exist, in South Arcot there is an office bearing the name for the settlement of caste disputes, but it is paid by the people themselves, and no rent free lands of any sort are attached to it.

*Board para. 4.*

3. In Ganjam, the Collector states there are Dasaye enams "formerly allotted for the performance of service which is not now required". They are looked upon as hereditary, and are now enjoyed by the families of the original grantees. The Collector recommends that they should lapse on the extinction of the family. The Government direct that all such grants be commuted for life Pensions, in accordance with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors quoted in the 12th para. of the Board's letter. The Collector will submit to Government a list of the persons who will be affected by this order, specifying their ages. When a grant is enjoyed in common by a family, the name of the head of the family should be given; and the present holders should be made to understand that the pensions for which the grants may be commuted will cease absolutely on their death.

*Despatch No. 2 of 1851, Revenue Department dated 12th February 1851, C. O. Bd. Revenue Vol. II. page 39, Note II.*

*Rajahmundry. Board para. 5.*

4. In Rajahmundry, it is stated that some grants of this nature formerly existed, but that after the permanent settlement they were resumed, and money allowances conferred upon the incumbents as life pensions. It is presumed that the whole of these have by this time lapsed; should any have been continued beyond the lives of the original incumbents, they should lapse finally on the death of the present recipients.

*Masulipatam. Board para. 6.*

5. Similar remarks apply, the Board state, to the Government lands in Masulipatam, and only one life pension of Rupees 52-8 now remains. But in the Zemindaries of that district the case is different. There, no interference was practicable at the time of the permanent settlement, as the estates in which the enams lay, were in the hands of the Zemindars; and on the gradual reversion of these estates to Government, the lands and villages have been in general continued to the then incumbents like other Mokhassahs and enams. Mr. Lushington enlarges upon the state of things in Masulipatam as regards these unauthorized alienations, and Government agree with him as to the probability of a large increase of the revenue taking place whenever an enquiry may be instituted. They do not anticipate having it in their power to detach an officer specially for this enquiry, but trust that no considerable period will elapse before they are in a position to set on foot the investigation of enam tenures generally throughout the Presidency. Meanwhile, the Revenue officers of the district will push the enquiry with as much energy as is compatible with the due discharge of their other duties.

*Nellore. Board para. 7.*

6. In Nellore, there are a few Dasaye enams. The services for which they were granted have long ceased to be either rendered or required; they will now be commuted to life pensions under the rules contained in the order of the Honorable Court above alluded to in para. 3. In all instances where the enam has passed out of the family of the original Grantee, the circumstances will be reported for the orders of Government. The Dasaye enams in Nellore are stated to be few, and the Collector will apparently have no difficulty in furnishing Government with a list of the incumbents, their ages, &c.

*Cuddapah. Board para. 8.*

7. In Cuddapah, the exact amount of these tenures is not known, and the Collector reports that they have always been considered hereditary. The services for which they were granted are never rendered; and Mr. Murray is mistaken in thinking that length of possession of a service enam the[illegible] the incumbent any thing but a life interest in the enam, and that only as a matter of grace and favor. The Collector's proposal to demand an equivalent for the privileges enjoyed is not noticed by the Board, and the Government entertain great doubts of the fitness of the Dasaye Enamdars to render the service which the Collector proposes to exact, or of the sufficiency of the enam to support the Goomastah whom Mr. Murray says might be employed. The Government consider that it would be preferable to carry into effect in Cuddapah also, the Honorable Court's orders already quoted in these proceedings; and to commute the Dasaye enams for life pensions, but before orders are passed on the question, the Board will be invited to report their opinion, whether difficulties would be likely to arise on the introduction of the measure into the Cuddapah District. The Board will be so good as to bear in mind the report made by the Collector of Bellary on these enams, and their own observation upon it. Bellary and Cuddapah having been ceded at the same time, and having, after their cession, formed one Collectorate under Colonel Munro, it is not clear why the Dasaye enam should be considered hereditary in the one district, while, regarding those that are still enjoyed in the other, it is affirmed that the hereditary principle cannot be maintained. The Board recommend that in Bellary the favorable service on which the enams are held shall cease at the death of the present holders, while in Cuddapah their hereditary nature is admitted without question. The Government would wish the Board, in reporting on the propriety of commuting the Cuddapah Dasaye enam for life pensions, to explain more fully than they now do, the grounds on which they apply to them a principle, different from that applied to similar enams in Bellary.

*Bellary. Board para. 9.*

8. In Bellary, the assessment of the lands formerly attached to Dasaye enams amounted to Rupees 95,572, but the lands were resumed after the cession of the Province. In spite of this however, portions of the enams, "under the denomination of the particular office to which "they were attached, were continued to the families of the incumbents for their subsistence." The Collector is of opinion that the hereditary principle cannot be maintained, and the Board "are not of opinion that the favorable terms on which these lands are held, should, in general, "be continued beyond the lives of the present holders." The Board will be so good as to



report on the propriety of commuting these enams for life pensions, when they report on the Dasayes of Cuddapah.

9. In para. 13 of their letter, the Board state that the 3 enams in Condurpy and Mulleyanoor, the continuation of which they recommended in November 23d 1855, and respecting the due performance of the service involved by the possession of which, the Government called for information in para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation of 8th January 1856, are really service enams, and that the service is still performed. Such being the case, the Governor in Council authorizes their continuance as recommended.

*Kurnool. Board para. 10.*

10. In Kurnool, Dasaye enams are not looked upon as hereditary, and if service is not performed by the incumbents, on which point the Board are silent, they should be commuted for life pensions.

*North Arcot. Board para. 11.*

11. In North Arcot, Dasaye enams, to the extent of 74 Cawnies, assessed at Rs. 420, exist. The Enamdars possess no sunnuds or documents of any description, and in no cases except one, is there any record of the purpose for which the grants were made. The Board have directed the Collector to make a report on each case as lapses occur. But under the circumstances stated, the Government are unable to see that the incumbents have any hereditary claim, or that any grounds exist for treating the Dasaye enams in Arcot, in a manner different from that in which the same description of lands are treated in all other Districts, and they direct that the present grants be commuted for life pensions, to cease absolutely at the death of the present holders.

12. In the exceptional case above noted, No. 38, in Mr. Whittingham's list, the enam is stated to have been granted for the assistance of the Monigar of the village in the collection of the Public Revenue. It is expressly stated that there are three other Monigars in the village, and that the service of the Enamdar is not required. Moreover, the present holder is a female, and only the daughter-in-law of the original grantee, by sex she is incapable of performing the duty for which the enam was granted, and, being a connection only, and not a relation of the grantee, she has no hereditary claim.

13. Respecting the actual performance of the service Mr. Whittingham's statement is contradictory; he says that the woman renders the required services through a Goomastah, and subsequently that the services are not required, and are not performed.

14. This enam therefore will be treated in the same manner as the others, a life pension being granted to the present holder as a matter of grace and favor.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
31st March, 1857.

No 15 Read the 7th April 1857

No. 989

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To,

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From Bellary 2nd & Cuddapah 11th Sept 1856.

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Rev: Board's Office,
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L. Forbes
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To,
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Recd 10th April 1857
15 Regd 187
23 Despd 187
8 Answd 187

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Rec'd 2 April
22 Sent to Board
Comp 1857 Vol 2 Page 1784
Replying to the enquiry
of Revenue Board as to the
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Revenue Dept.

No. 457

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 12th May ~~July~~ 1857.

Read the following

letter from the Acting Sub

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Here enter 31st March 1857

No 1989

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3. In Tanjore, the Collector states there are Dasaye Enams "formerly allotted" for the per- "formance of service which is not now

Board's para 4.

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"now required". They are looked upon as hereditary, and are now enjoyed by the families of the original grantees. The Collector recommends that they should lapse on the extinction of the family. The Government direct that all such grants be commuted for life Pensions, in accordance with the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors quoted in the 12th Para of the Board's letter. The Collector will submit to Government a list of the persons who

who will be affected by this order - specifying their ages. When a grant is enjoyed in common by a family, the name of the Head of the family should be given; and the present holders should be made to understand that the pensions for which the grants may be commuted will cease absolutely on their death.

4. In Rajahmundry it is stated that some grants of this nature formerly existed, but that

Rajahmundry Board para 5.

Masulipatam Board para 6.



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that after the permanent settlement they were resumed, and money allowances conferred upon the incumbents as life pensions. It is presumed that the whole of these have by this time lapsed - should any have been continued beyond the lives of the original incumbents, they should lapse finally on the death of the present recipients.

5. Similar remarks apply to the Board's state, to the Government lands in Masulipatam, and only one life pension of

of Rupees 52-8 now remains. But in the Zemindaries of that district the case is different. There, no interference were practicable at the time of the Permanent settlement, or the Estates in which the Enams lay, were in the hands of the Zemindars; and at the gradual reversion of these Estates to Government, the lands and Villages have been in general continued to the then incumbents like other Muckhasdars and Enamdars. Mr Stockington enlarges upon

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upon the state of things in Masulipatam as regards these unauthorized alienations, and Government agree with him as to the probability of a large increase of the Revenue taking place wherever an enquiry may be instituted. They do not anticipate having it in their power to detach an Officer specially for this enquiry, but trust that no considerable period will elapse before they are in a position to set on foot the investigation of Enam tenures

tenures generally throughout the Presidency. — Meanwhile the Revenue Officers of the district will push the enquiry with as much energy as is compatible with the due discharge of their other duties.

6 In Nellore — Nellore
there are a few Dawayo Enams. The services for which they were granted have long ceased to be either rendered or required; they will now be commuted to life pensions under the rules contained in the order of the Honorable Court above alluded

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alluded to in Para 5. In all instances where the Enam has passed out of the family of the original grantee, the circumstances will be reported for the orders of Government. The Dawayo Enams in Nellore are stated to be few and the Collector will apparently have no difficulty in furnishing Government with a list of the incumbents, their ages &c.

Cuddapah Board para 8.

7. In Cuddapah the exact amount of these tenures is not known

known, and the Collector reports that they have always been considered hereditary. The services for which they were granted are never rendered; and Mr Murray is mistaken in thinking that length of possession of a connected with office, which is discontinued, gives the incumbent any thing but a life interest in the Emolument, and that only as a matter of grace and favor. The Collectors proposal to demand an equivalent for the privileges enjoyed is



is not noticed by the Board; and the Government entertain great doubts of the fitness of the Dasaye Enamdars to render the service which the Collector proposes to expect, or of the sufficiency of the Enamdars to support the Tomasha which Mr Murray says might be employed. The Government consider that it would be preferable to carry into effect in Cuddapah also, the Honorable Courts orders already quoted in those proceedings;

and

and to commute the Deasy's Grants for life pensions, but before orders are passed on the question, the Board will be invited to report their opinion, whether difficulties would be likely to arise on the introduction of the measure into the Ballaarat District. The Board will be so good as to bear in mind the report made by the Collector of Bellary on these Grants, and their own observations upon it. Bellary and Ballaarat having been

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been ceded at the same time, and having, after their cession, formed one Collectorate under Colonel Munro, it is not clear, why the Deasy Grants should be considered hereditary in the one District, while, regarding those that are still enjoyed in the other, it is affirmed that the hereditary principle cannot be maintained. The Board recommend that in Bellary the favorable service on which the Grantees relied shall secure to the

the death of the present holders, while in Cuddapah their hereditary nature is admitted without question. The Government would wish the Board, in reporting on the propriety of commuting the Cuddapah Dasaye Enams, to explain more fully than they now do, the grounds on which they apply to them a principle, different from that applied to similar Enams in Bellary

8. In Bellary, the assessment of the lands formerly

Bellary Board Para 9.

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formerly attached to Dasaye Enams amounts but to Rupees 95,572, Both the lands were re-assessed after the cession of the Revenues. In spite of this however, portions of the Enams, "under the denomination of the particular "rice which they "were attached, were "continued to the fami-"lies of the incumbents "for their subsistence. The Collector is of opinion that the hereditary principle cannot be maintained, and the Board are not of opinion that

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"the favorable terms
"on which these Lands
"are held, should, in
"general, be continued
"beyond the lives of the
"present holders." The
Board will be so
good as to report on
the propriety of com-
-muting these Enams
for life pensions, when
they report on the
Durrayes of Cudalapah.

9. In Para 13 of
their letter the Board
state that the 3 Enamsin
Condunpy and Mulley-
-anoor; the continuation
of which they Board
recommended on
November 23. 1855, and
respecting

Kurnool
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respecting the due per-
-formance of the service
involved by the
possession of which,
the Government called
for information in
Para 2 of Extract from
Cons. of 8. January 1856,
are really service
Enams, and that the
service is still per-
-formed, I beg
the leave the Governor
in Council authorize
their continuance
as recommended.

10. In Kurnool
Durrayi Enams are
not looked upon as
hereditary, and if
service is not performed
by

by the incumbents, on
which point the
Board are silent, they
should be commuted
for life pensions.

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11. In North Arcot
Dasaya Enams, to the
extent of 74 Cawnies,
assessed at Rs. 420, ex-
ist. The Enamdars
propose no summons
or documents of any
description - and in
no ~~all~~ cases except one,
is there ~~in~~ any record of
the purpose for which
the grants were
made. The Board
have directed the Collec-
tor to make a report
on each case as cases
occur

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occur. But under the
circumstances stated, the
Govt are unable to see
that the incumbents have
any hereditary claim or
that any ground exist
for treating the dasaya
Enams in Arcot in a
manner different from that
in which the same des-
cription of lands are
treated in all other
Districts, and they direct
that the present grants
be commuted for life
pensions, to cease absol-
lutely at the death of
the present holders.

12. In the exceptional
case

case above no Ref. No 38
in Mr Whittinghams
list, the Inam is stated
to have been granted
for the assistance of
the Monigar of the
Village in the collection
of the Public revenue.
It is expressly stated that
there are three other
Monigars in the Village,
and that the service of
the Inamdar is not
required. Moreover the
present holder is a
female, and only the
daughter in-law of the
original grantee, by
sex she is incapable
of



of performing the duty
for which the Inam
was granted, and being
a connection only, and
not a relation of the
grantee, she has no
hereditary claim.

13. Respecting the
actual performance
of the service Mr.
Whittinghams statement
is contradictory; he says
that the Poligar renders
the required services
through a Goomastah,
and subsequently that
the services are not re-
quired, and are not
performed.

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This Enam therefore will be treated in the same manner as the others, a life pension being granted to the present holder as a matter of grace and favor.

W.M.

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