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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d June 1857.

Read the following letter.

No. 60. From M. Kistna Row late Tasildar in the Tanjore District; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated 15th April 1857.

SIR,

I beg to submit the enclosed memorial in Quadruplicate and to request you will be good enough to lay it before the Government, in order to its transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors; unless indeed the local Government will considerately undertake to investigate my case.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 628; dated 23d June 1857.

The case of M. Kistna Row having been finally disposed of by the Honorable Court of Directors in para. 25 of their despatch of the 3d February 1855, the Government must decline to forward a further appeal on the same subject containing no new matter.

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

To

J Pycroft Esquire.

Offices [illegible] Government

Sir.

I beg to submit the enclosed memorial in Quadruplicate and to request you will be good enough to lay it before the Government, in order to its transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors, unless it shall be your pleasure otherwise to undertake to investigate my Case.

15th April 1857.

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

[illegible]

Residence

Malleyan Village in the

Majavaram Division at

Tanjore.

No 628

The case of M. Kistnarow having been finally disposed of by the Honorable Court of Directors in para 25 of their despatch of the 3d February 1850, the Government must decline to forward a further appeal on the same subject containing no new matter.

Fort St. George
28th June 1854

Copy to M. Kistnarow late Tahsildar in the Tanjore Dist.

Disp 24th

No 60 & 61

Duplicate.

To

The Honorable the Court of Directors
of the East India Company

The humble Memorial
of M. Kristna Row
late Tasildar in the
Tanjore District.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist has once before addressed your Honorable Court under date the 18th October 1853 on the subject of his summary dismissal from the Public service, and had for answer that you deemed it not expedient to interfere in the business; but your Memorialist, notwithstanding the lapse of time, and the discouragements which your Memorialist's previous decision presents, would again beg to solicit the attention of your Honorable Court to this case, not so much for its individuality in which each of course he is deeply interested as for the example it furnishes of the administration of British justice in India.

Your Memorialist set forth the
Case

imputed Malversation and corruption have been long
commented on, but what those faults, if truth must
be spoken, are the creation of their superiors
and in most cases the necessary sequence attendi
the holding of Office.

To illustrate this by your memori
own Case.

He was first employed in the
Government service in 1826, as a Revenue Servan
and acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction
of his superiors. The numerous testimonials he
annexes will afford proof of his statement, if pr
there need be after 26 years of consecutive servi
and the approval which continuation in Offi
implies for up to 1852, your memorialist held
post with honor to himself and satisfaction
his superiors.

+ Torture Commissioner's Report.

The recent + investigation into the
mode of obtaining or recovering the revenue ma
have made your Honorable Court aware of
severe measures resorted to in some if not in
all districts, to realise the Government dues
Ryots more or less compliant accordi
to

case as per margin, has appeared to
British rules of procedure. because
he felt persuaded they would have
claimed with British hearts, but
result has had a natural tendenc
to impress him that for India
British principles mean as different
expect but yet he would fain
believe not so different as to deter
him from appealing to those ma
enjoined principles of right and
by which a nation of Britains
nation must or should ever —, —, loyalty & talent them
esent to the world and which admittedly constitu
er great national and moral power.

The fact of distance may remove this
your appellant from your sympathies and ban
back from the interest of his appeals this humbl
tion may likewise tend to the neglect of his
case, but your memorialist hereby respectfully
to acquaint your Honorable Court that his
voice in this instance echoes the sentiments of
many of your unexamined native servants, whose

imputed

* To this effect that he had been
reduced and summarily dismissed
by the Collector
the Bishop, on
an ex parte state
ment made to
the Board of
Revenue and
notwithstanding
his appeal for
redress, he was
not made
acquainted with
the charges alleg
against him or
afforded an opp
tunity to refute them

[illegible] reputation under discussion, and to bring your
Memorialist, in the event of his proved failure of
persuasion, into the discharge of the duties assigned
him, he could not prevail with himself to pass
the unauthorized and justly condemned means of
force or compulsion in the execution of his
The result was that he failed to satisfy in 1862
the then Collector Mr Bishop. He was dismissed.
The alleged grounds of his dismissal being slothfulness
in duty, and suspicion of the reception of bribes.
Your Memorialist would here beg
respectfully to submit to your Honorable Court
that taking the general native character into
consideration and the very high estimate his
country men have of caste employment, he, it
may be presumed, would not have readily
verified office unless indeed the felt responsibility
of higher obligation interfered with the discharge
of the duty assigned to him. Your Honorable
Court must be aware that the nature of the
charge brought against him is more generally
urged against her compeers.
Your Honorable Court is with compassion
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little actual knowledge of India may be induced
to start at the mention of a bribe and to accept as
fact the imputation of such a transaction when
attributed to any one of your Indian subjects but
if your Honorable Court does so your Honorable
Court will be allowing prejudice to take the place
of judgment. The character of your rule in India
the general enlightenment of the people and the
penalties attending abuse of Office have proved
effectual deterrent causes against such measures
Your memorialist did his duty fairly and hence
he failed, it is true, in meeting the expectations
of the Collector which expectations less uncompro-
-mising agents may hence realized, but he begs
respectfully to submit that no overt act of delin-
-quency can be charged against him and if, after
a service of 26 years he is to be sent a drift
on the world, neither age nor energy can be
him to seek a new means of livelihood.

Your Memorialist would respectfully
draw your Honorable Court's attention to the
loose and indefinite language in which Mr
Collector Bishop communicated his dismissal
and

will be considered and a fair award made,
either by the Honorable Court itself, or by
deputation to its servants in India to investig
and report upon the case.

Your Memorialist, firm in the
conviction of his innocence, submit this appeal
in confident belief that it will not be
disregarded or contemned and your Memorie
list will, as in duty bound,

Ever Pray

15th April
1857

In conclusion your Memorialist
would respectfully urge, that against summary
dismissals, the suit of which your Honorable
Court seem to have considered, the Order of the
Local Government of 15th May 1854 provides a
remedy. By that order no servant can be
dismissed unless definite charges are preferred
against him, and his defence considered. And in
your Memorialist's case, he would humbly beg
that as his dismissal was anterior to the Orde
such a tribunal may be afforded him or his restor
ation to office decreed on the occurrence of a
vacancy in the grade which he filled.

Upon the affections of the
enlightened population of India, your Honorable
Court must be assured that the stability of
your Government rests, and as one of a multitude
who have unmurmuringly borne domination,
your Memorialist begs earnestly to sue for
justice in the certain hope that his case
will

Translation of the Sunnud

P.S. - Dammenaa ...

Malleyaun Kristna Rau

As you have been appointed an Annuen to the Polygar Division, you should immediately proceed thither and prepare a Correct Pookka Account of each of the Ezara Villages thereof as are capable of yielding above 20 per 100 Cullums of Cuddapaz and Cotta produce for these current Fusly, and send the same to the Talook Cutcherry under the Signatures of the Curnum & Morasseedar: you should at the same time send a Report of the same to the Poosoor. If the Curnum & Morasseedar refuse to sign the Poollee account so prepared by you, you can get the necessary assistance from the people of that division to that effect, since you are responsible for the produce of those Villages: you should therefore cause the Cotta Cuddapaz produce to be thrashed and prepare the usual Poollee & Calana Lay accounts & send them to the Talook Cutcherry.

Moreover, if you can find out any thing beneficial to Circar & make a report of the true state of the same to me, you will raise to the Offices of Patcha of that Division -

Contents
31st October 1815 } Signed & Completed.

To Mr. Kristna Rau -

You have been hereby appointed Pymash Mussulla & furnished with 2 Rods one 33 feet & the other 16 feet for measuring Lands - I have also sent you a peon to wait upon you and a Vetty on to go with you measuring the Lands - A Brenador also has

10th June 1847

has been appointed to examine your measurement. He is furnished with a Hookemnamah & a list of the Villages now to be measured in the Seygalee Talook, in addition to the list in your possession. You can take a Copy of the said Hookemnamah, measure all the Villages therein named according to the list without departing from the existing Rules and prepare a correct account & Exhibit under your Signature. Payments will be continued to you & to the peons sent from the Circar Seygalee.

28th April 1827 } Signed Campbell

To
Mr. Khristna Row

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Teroonatheer Talook, & you should immediately join the station & conduct your duty carefully.

Canjeenagarum
27th August 1827 } Signed Campbell

To
Mr. Khristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of Teroonatheer Talook

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Puttaeeottah Talook, & you should go there immediately & producing the Summuds herewith coming to the Tassildar of that place, take charge of your duty there & perform it carefully.

Combaconum
14th July 828. } Signed Hinderoly

To

To
Mr. Khristna Row Paishcar of Swamemalay Division in the Talook of Combaconum.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Seygalee Talook on 30 Rs pay & you can go there & with the permission of the Tassildar perform the Dannustunnum & other affairs of Collecting money &c in Talook & other Divisions.

Mayoorum
24th October 1833. } Signed Montgomery

To Mr. Khristna Row
Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I have hereby appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Amul in the said Talook & you shall go to the Cutcha Talook of Paralam take charge of, & perform the affairs thereof carefully.

26th Novr 1836 }

To
Mr. Khristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of Paralam,

I have transferred you to the place of Deputy Tassildar of Seygalee & you can go there after completing the Roolee accounts of Paralam Village, & carefully conduct your duties there.

Mayoorum
31st April 1837 }

To Mr. Khristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of
Mayoorum

You are directed immediately to go to Paralam

10th June 1847 }

Paralam Talook & take charge from the Tassildar Krishna Rama of the Treasury accounts & very conduct the duties thereof until further order.

22nd October 1842 } (signed) Daniel

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To M. Christna Rama
Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I have confirmed you in the office of the Tassildar of this Talook, and I expect you will conduct your duties very carefully.

Combaconum
13th April 1843

To M. Christna Rama
Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I am highly satisfied to hear that you are performing your duty so carefully, as to cause no balance of Circar Rist or to suffer no cultivation to fall short in its usual course.

Immediately on receipt of this order you should deliver charge of your present office to the Deputy Tassildar & go to Sagamlee Talook where there is a large amount of Rist uncollected & the cultivation left in a disorderly state, and perform the Circar business there with much care & truth.

27th Septr 1844 } (signed) Montgomery

Combaconum

To M. Christna Rama
Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I have transferred you to the Nannelam Talook & you can give over charge of your present Office to your Deputy & go there and take charge of the treasury & other things therefrom the Head upon the permission of the Sub Collector & conduct your duty there very carefully.

Pattam
23rd Feby 1846 } (signed) S. M. Montgomery

To Christna Rama
Tassildar of Paralam Talook

I have transferred you to Nannelam Talook & Arasalamathan Pillay the Tassildar of that place to your Talook by way of exchange and you can give charge of your duty to him & take charge of his duties according to the order of the Collector.

Coottalam
27th Feby 1846 } (signed) Montgomary

To M. Christna Rama
Tassildar of Nannelam Talook

I have transferred you to the Talook of Colamanee & the Tassildar of that place to your Talook, & you can deliver over charge to him & go then & take charge of your duty there from the Deputy Tassildar and conduct your duty there carefully.

Cuddalore
16th June 1847 } Do

To

M. Kristna Row.

Tassildar of Cottalum.

I have transferred you to Tranquebar & you are to give charge of your present Office to Narrayana Rayer who was under the inspection as Tassildar of Trevalore, & go & join your new office in Tranquebar & conduct your duty carefully.

1st September 1852 } [signed] Bishop
Collector

To

M. Kristna Row

Tassildar of Tranquebar

As you have on several occasion been slothful and unexpert in discharge of your duty, & as there is a strong suspicion that you have been receiving bribes, I have removed you from Circar business and appointed to your place one Renga Iyengar to whom you can give charge of your Office as soon as he joins the station.

8th October 1852 } [signed] Bishop

Triplicate

To

The Honorable the Court of Directors
of the East India Company.

The humble Memorial of
M. Krishna Row late
Tassildar in the Tanjore
District.

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Memorialist by Petition
before addressed your Honorable Court under date the
18th October 1852 on the subject of his summary dismis-
sal from the Public Service, and had for answer that
you deemed it not expedient to interfere in the busi-
ness but your Memorialist, notwithstanding the lapse of
time, and the discouragement which your primary
decision presents, would again beg to solicit the
attention of your Honorable Court to this case,
not so much for its individuality in which of
course he is deeply interested, as for the exemplar it
furnishes of the administration of British justice
in India.

Your Memorialist set forth his case
to the effect as per Margin; He refers to British rules of
that

procedure - because he felt persuaded
they would have influence with British
ts, but the result has had a
rab tendency to impress him that
India British principles mean
different aspect, but yet he would
believe not so different as to deter
him from appealing to those very
principles of rights and
which a nation of Britains
nation must & should ever possess
them.
would and which admittedly constitute her
national and moral power.

The fact of distance may remove this
appellant from your sympathies and so
act from the interest of his appeal. His humble
ation may likewise tend to the neglect of his
, but your Memorialist begs respectfully to
aint your Honorable Court that his grievance in the
tance echoes the sentiments of many of your
covenanted native servants, whose imputed
deeds and corruptions have been largely commuted

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that he had been
reduced and eventually dismissed
by the Collector
Mr Bishop, on an
ex parte statement
made to the Board
of Revenue and
notwithstanding
his appeal for
redress, he was not
made acquainted
with the charges
alleged against him
& allowed an

on but rather pandering to it, to the detriment of
the creation of their superiors and in contravention
necessary safeguards attending the holding of Office.

To illustrate this by your Memorialist's own
Case.

He was first employed in the Government
service in 1826, as a Revenue Servant, and acquitted
himself to the entire satisfaction of his Superiors. The
numerous testimonials he annexes will afford proof of
his statement, & prove that there was after 26 years
consecutive service and the approval which continued
in Office and the [illegible] for upwards 26 years your Memo-
rialist held his post with honor to himself and
satisfaction to his Superiors.

* Torture Commissioners Report.

The recent investigation into the mode of
obtaining or recovering the revenue must have made
your Honorable Court aware of the severe measures
resorted to in some, if not in all Districts, to realize
the Government dues. Employés are more or less
compliant according to their position and moral
training and while your Memorialist used the
utmost of his powers of persuasion in the discharge
of the duties assigned him, he could not prevail
with himself, to resort to the unauthorized

pretty condemnable means of forcing or compulsion
the execution of this. The result was that he failed
to satisfy in 1852 the then Collector Mr. Bishop. He
was dismissed. The alleged grounds of his dismissal
being slothfulness in duty and suspicion of the recep
tion of bribes.

Your Memorialist would have beg
respectfully to submit to your Honorable Court t
that taking the general native character into consider
tion and the many high estimable his country men
of Certain employments, he, it may be presum
would have readily sacrificed office unless
to the felt responsibility of higher obligation
interfered with the discharge of the duty assigned
him. Your Honorable Court must be aware that
the reverse of the charge brought against him
more generally urged against her compeers.

Your Honorable Court with compas
sion for little acts of Honor & Justice of India, may
be induced to start at the mention of a bribe and
accept as fact the imputation of such a
crime when attributed to any one of your

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Indian subjects, but if your Honorable Court does
so your Honorable Court will be allowing prejudice
to take the place of judgment. The character of
your rules in India, the general enlightenment of
the people and the penalties attending abuse of
Office have proved effectual deterrent causes against
such measures. Your Memorialist did his duty fairly
and honestly. He failed, it is true, in meeting the
expectations of the Collector - which expectations less
uncompromising agents may have realized, but he
begs respectfully to submit that no overt act of delin-
-quency can be charged against him and if, after
a Service of 26 years, he is to be sent a drift on
the world, neither age nor energy can be left
him to seek a new means of livelihood.

Your Memorialist would respectfully
draw your Honorable Courts attention to the
loose and indefinite Language in which Mr.
Collector Bishop communicated his dismissal and
which will be found in his list of testimonials
the penultimate one.

In conclusion your Memorialist would
respectfully urge, that against summary dismissal

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the ruth of which your Honorable Court seems to have considered, the Order of the Local Government of 18th May 1854 provides a remedy. By that Order no servant can be dismissed unless definite charges are preferred against him, and his defence considered. And in your Memorialist's case, he presumed humbly beg, that altho his dismissal was anterior to the Order, such a trial may be afforded him or his restoration to office decreed on the occurrence of a vacancy in the grade which he filled.

Upon the affections of the enlightened population of India, your Honorable Court must be assured that the stability of your Government rests and as one of a multitude who have transmarine dominion, your Memorialist begs earnestly to sue for justice in the certain hope that his case will be considered and a fair award made, either by the Honorable Court itself or by deputation of its servants in India to investigate and report upon the case.

And your Memorialist, firm in the conviction of his innocence, submits this appeal, in confident belief that it will not be disregarded or contemned and your Memorialist will as in duty bound,

Ever Pray.

15th April 1857

Narayana

Translation of the Summons.

To Mutteyan Thristna Row.

As you have been appointed an Umeen to the Plyoor Division, you should immediately proceed thither and prepare a correct Pollee account of such of the Ezara Villages thereof as are capable of yielding above 20 per 100 Cullums of Cuddapoo and Carr produce for the current Fusly, and send the same to the Talook Cutcherry under the Signatures of the Curnum and Mirassedar - you should at the same time send a Report of the same to the Hoosoor - If the Curnum & Mirassedar refuse to sign the Pollee account so prepared by you, you can get the necessary assistance from the people of that division to that effect, since you are responsible for the produce of those Villages. You should therefore cause the Carr & Cadapoo produce to be threshed and prepare the usual Pollee & Calanday accounts & send them to the Talook Cutcherry.

Moreover, if you can find out any thing beneficial to Sircar & make a report of the true state of the same to me, you will be raised to the Office of Pasheca of that Division.

Commissioner's Cutcherry
31st October 1875. } [Signed] Campbell.

To

Mutteyan Thristna Row - You have been hereby appointed Pymash Moosuddee & furnished with 2 rods one 33 feet & the other 16 feet for measuring lands. I have also sent you a peon to wait upon you and a Vettyan to go with you measuring the lands. A Brecadar also has been appointed to examine your measurement - He is furnished with a Hookoomnamah & a list of the Villages now to be measured in the Sheyalee Talook in addition to the list in your possession - You can take a Copy of the said

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said Rookoonnamah & measure all the Villages therein named according to the Rite without departing from the existing Rules and prepare a correct account & send it under your signature. Payments will be continued to you & to the peons sent from the Cutcherry.

Seyalee
28th April 1827 } Signed/ Campbell.

To
Mr. Khristna Row.

I have appointed you Deputy Shanbogue of Terroonattee Talook, & you should immediately join the station & conduct your duty carefully.

Conjeeveram
27th August 1827 } Signed/ Campbell.

To Mr. Khristna Row Deputy Tassildar of Terroonattee Talook.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Cattoorcottah Talook, & you should go there immediately & producing the Summed herewith coming to the Tassildar of that place, take charge of your Duty there & perform it carefully.

Conjeeveram
14th July 1828. } Signed/ Hindersly.

To
Mr. Khristna Row Cash Keeper of Swamee Oodiay Division in the Talook of Conjeeveram.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Seegamulee Talook on 30 Rupees pay & you are to there & with the permission of the Head Tassildar perform the Duties thereof & the affairs of collecting money &c. in Valoor & other Divisions.

Mayooram
24th October 1833 } Signed/ Montgomery

To Mr. Khristna Row Tassildar of Puralam Talook. I have hereby appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Arnad in the said Talook & you should go to the Cushea Talook of Puralam & take charge of & perform the affairs thereof carefully.

Mayooram
26th Novr 1836 }

To Mr. Khristnaram Deputy Tassildar of Puralam.

I have transferred you to the place of Deputy Tassildar of Sayalee & you are to there after completing the Poolliee accounts of Varalaattee Village, & carefully conduct your duties there.

Mayooram
31st April 1837.

To Mr. Khristna Row Deeputy Tassildar of Mayooram.

You are directed immediately to go to Puralam Talook & take charge from the Tassildar Soma Row of the Treasury accounts &c conduct the duties thereof until further order.

27th October 1842. Signed Daniel

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To Mr Khristna Row Acting Tassildar of Parakoma Talook.

Khristna

I have confirmed you in the Office of the Tassildar of this Taluk, and I expect you will conduct your duties very carefully.

Combaconum
13th Apl 1843.

To
M. Kristna Rau Tassildar of
Paralam Taluk.

I am highly satisfied to hear that you are performing your duty so carefully as to cause no balance of Circar Rist or to suffer cultivation to fall short in its usual course.

Immediately on receipt of this order, you should deliver charge of your present Office to the Deputy Tassildar & go to Tegalee Taluk where there is a large amount of Rists uncollected & the cultivation left in a disorderly state, and perform the Circar business there with much care & trustworthiness.

27th Septr 1844.
Combaconum. (signed) Montgomery.

To
M. Kristna Rau Tassildar of Paralam
Taluk.

I have transferred you to the Nannilam Taluk & you can give over charge of your present Office to your Deputy & go there and take charge of the Treasury & other things thereof from the Cuzzeendar upon the permission of the Sub Collector & conduct your duty there very carefully.

Vellum
23d Febry
1846. (signed) S. H. Montgomery.

To

M. Kristna Rau
Tassildar of Paralam Taluk.

I have transferred you to Nannilam Taluk, & Arcotanatham Pillay the Tassildar of that place to your Taluk by way of exchange and you can give charge of your duty to him & take charge of his duty according to the order of the Collector.

Coottalum
27th Febry 1846. (signed) Montgomery.

To
M. Kristna Rau
Tassildar of Nannalam Taluk.

I have transferred you to the Taluk of Codaveasel & the Tassildar of that place to your Taluk, & you can deliver over charge to him & go then & take charge of your duty there from the Deputy Tassildar and conduct your duty there carefully.

Codekaray.
16th June 1847.

To
M. Kristna Rau
Tassildar of Coattalum.

I have transferred you to Tranquebar & you can give charge of your present Office to Narrayana Royer who was under the suspension as Tassildar of Keevalore, & go & join your new office in Tranquebar & conduct your duty carefully.

1st September 1852. (signed) Bishop Collector

To

M. Khristna Rowen

Cauvittay of Tranquebar.

As you have now several occasions been
stedfast & diligent in discharge of your duty
& as there is a strong suspicion that you have been
receiving bribes, I have removed you from Circar
business and appointed to your place one Renga
Iyengar to whom you are to give charge of your
Office as soon as he joins the station.

18th October
1832 } (Signed) Bishop

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Translation of the Sunnud.

To Mulloyen Khristna Rowen

As you have been appointed an Aumeen to the Polygar Division, you should immediately proceed thither and prepare a correct Pollee account of such of the Ezara Villages thereof as are capable of yielding above 20 per 100 Culloms of Cut Lapoo and Corr produce for the current Fusly, and send the Curnum same to the Talook Cutchery, under the Signatures of the Curnum and Morasseedar - you should at the same time send a Report of the same to the Hoodoor - If the Curnum & Morasseedars refuse to sign the Pollee account so prepared by you, you can get the necessary assistance from the people of that division to that effect, since you are responsible for the produce of those Villages - You should therefore cause the Corr & Cut Lapoo produce to be thrashed and prepare the usual Pollee Accounts & send them to the Talook Cutchery -

Moreover, if you can find out any thing beneficial to Circar & make a report of the true state of the same to me, you will be raised to the Office of Paskear of that division -

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31st October 1815 } (Signed) Campbell.

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Seyalee
28th Apl. 1837 } /Signed/ Campbell.

To
Mr. Kristna Row.
Thasildar of Tirouvalloor Talook.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Pattoocottah Talook, & you should go there immediately & producing the Sunnad herewith coming to the Tassildar of that place, take your charge of your duty there & performing it carefully.

Conjeevaram
11th July 1828 } /Signed/ Kindersly.

To
Mr. Kristna Row
Tassildar of Tirouvalloor Talook.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Seyalee Talook in addition to that lost in your possession. You can take a Copy of the said Hookoomnamah & measure all the Villages therein named according to the list without departing from the existing Rules and prepare a correct account & send it under your signature. Payments will be continued to you.

Seyalee
28th Apl. 1837 } /Signed/ Campbell.

To
Mr. Kristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of Tirouvalloor Talook.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Seyalee Talook in addition to that lost in your possession. You can take a Copy of the said Hookoomnamah & measure all the Villages therein named according to the list without departing from the existing Rules and prepare a correct account & send it under your signature. Payments will be continued to you.

Seyalee
28th Apl. 1837 } /Signed/ Campbell.

To
Mr. Kristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of Tirouvalloor Talook.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Pattoocottah Talook, & you should go there immediately & producing the Sunnad herewith coming to the Tassildar of that place, take your charge of your duty there & performing it carefully.

Conjeevaram
11th July 1828 } /Signed/ Kindersly.

To
Mr. Kristna Row Deputy Tassildar of Paralam Division in the Talook of Tiruvallore.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Seyalee Talook on 30 Rs. pay & you can go there & with the permission of the Head Tassildar perform the Sunnamah & other affairs of collecting money &c. in Valoor & other Divisions.

Arangoorum
4th October 1833 } /Signed/

To
Mr. Kristna Row Tassildar of Paralam Talook. I have hereby appointed you Deputy Tassildar in the said Talook & you should go to the Paralam Talook & take charge of & perform the affairs there carefully.

Arangoorum
26th Novr. 1836 }

To
Mr. Kristna Row Deputy Tassildar of Paralam.

I have transferred you to the place of Deputy Tassildar of Seyalee & you can go there after completing the Fasli accounts of Village &c. carefully conduct your duties there.

31st Apl. 1837.

To
Mr. Kristna Row Deputy Tassildar of Arangoorum.

you are directed immediately go to Paralam Talook & take charge from the Tassildar Varuma Row, of the Treasury accounts &c. conduct the duties

present Offices to
Tirruvoor

duties thereof until further order -
22nd October 1842 } Signed/

Taken

To M. Kristna Row Agt Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I have confirmed you in the Office of the Tassildar of this Talook, and I expect you will conduct your duties very carefully.

Combaconum
13th April 1843 }

To M. Kristna Row Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I am highly satisfied to hear that you are performing your duty so carefully as to have no balance of Circar Hist or to suffer cultivation to fall short in its usual course.

Immediately on receipt of this order, you should deliver charge of your present Office to the Deputy Tassildar & go to Cogalee Talook where there is a large amount of Hist uncollected & the cultivation left in a disorderly state, and perform the Circar business there with much care & truth.

27th Sept 1844 } Signed/ Montgomery.
Combaconum.

To M. Kristna Row
Tassildar of Paralam Talook.

I have transferred you to the Nannelam

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Talook & Arulanallum Pillay the Tassildar of that Place to your Talook by way of exchange and you can give charge of your duty to him & take charge of his at accordingly to the order of the Collector

Coottalum } Signed/ Montgomery.
27th Febry 1846 }

To M. Kristna Row
Tassildar of Nannelam Talook

I have transferred you to the Talook of Codavasal & the Tassildar of that place to your Talook, & you can deliver over charge to him & go then & take charge of your duty there from the Deputy Tassildar and conduct your duty there carefully.

Codakaray
16th June 1847 }

To M. Kristna Row
Tassildar of Coottalum.

I have transferred you to Kanguleen & you can give charge of your present Office to

Narrayena

Your appeal Rayer make means under the suspension as Tassildar of Kundaloor, & go & joine your new Office in Trongueber & conduct your duty carefully.

1st September 1852 } /signed/ Bishop

Collector

To

M. Krotna Row

Tassildar of Trongueber.

As you have on several occasion been slothful and unexcept in discharge of your duty & as there is a strong suspecision that you have been receiving bribes, I have removed you from Coiear business and appointed to your place one Renga Iyengar to whom you can give charge of your Office as soon as he joins the station -

18th October 1852 } /signed/ Bishop

Quadruplicate

To

The Honorable the Court of Directors of the East India Company

The humble Memorial of M. Krishna Row late Tassildar in the Tanjore District.

Humbly Shewith.

That your Memorialist has once before addressed your Honorable Court under date the 18th October 1852 on the subject of his summary dismissal from the Public Service; and had for answer that you deemed it not expedient to interfere in the hearings but your Memorialist, notwithstanding the lapse of time, and the discouragement which your primary answer, and the discouragement which your primary decision presents, unable again beg to solicit the attention of your Honorable Court to this case; not so much for its individuality in which of course he is deeply interested as for the example & precedent of the administration of British justice in India:

Your Memorialist therefore

case as per Margin. He referred to British rules of procedure, because he felt persuaded they would have influence with British hearts, but the result has had a contrary tendency to impress him that for India British principles wear a different aspect, but yet he would fain believe not so different as to deter him from appeal. he was not made acquainted with owing to these very recognised principles of right and wrong which a British or Britons elevation ought ever present to the mind, and which admittedly constitute her proudest and most sacred power.

To the effect that he had been reduced and eventually dismissed by the Collector Mr Bishop, on an ex parte Statement made to the Board of Revenue and notwithstanding his appeal for redress, the charges alleged against him or allowed an opportunity to refute

The facing distance may remove this your appellant from your sympathies, and retract from the interest of his appeal. He humbly hopes that your Memorialist has not been guilty of the neglect of duty charged against him, but your Memorialist begs respectfully to represent to your Honorable Court that his case in this instance echoes the sentiments of many of your unprotected native servants, whose imputed misdeeds and corruptions have been largely commented

on, but whose faults, if truth must be spoken, are the creation of their masters and in most cases the consequence attending the holding of Office

To illustrate this by your Memorialists own case.

He was first employed in the Government service in 1826, as a Revenue Servant, and acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of his Superiors. The numerous testimonials he annexes will afford proof of his Statement. If proof there need be after 26 years of consecutive service, and the approval which continuation in Office implies for up to 1852. Your Memorialist held his post with honor to himself and satisfaction to his Superiors.

+ Torture Commissioners Report.

The recent investigation into the mode of obtaining or receiving the Revenue must have made your Honorable Court aware of the severe measures resorted to in some, if not in all districts, to realize the Government dues. Employés are more or less competent according to disposition and the art training, and while your Memorialist used the utmost of his powers of persuasion in the discharge of the duties appointed him, he could not prevail with himself to resort to the unauthorized and

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...justly condemned in terms of force or compulsion in the
...exercise of trust. The result was that he failed to
...satisfy in 1852. He then Collector Mr. Bishop. He
...was dismissed. The alleged grounds of his dismissal
...being slothfulness in duty and connivance of the receipt
...of bribes.

Your Memorialist would here beg respectfully to submit to your Honorable Court that taking the general native character into consideration & the very high estimate his Country men have of their employment, &c, it may be presumed indeed the felt responsibility of higher obligation interfered with the discharge of the duty assigned him. Your Honorable Court must be aware that the reverse of the charge brought against him is more generally urged against his superiors.

Your Honorable Court with compulsorily little actual knowledge of India may be induced to start at the assertion of a broke and to accept as fact the imputation of such a transaction when attributed to any one of your Indian

Subjects,

subjects, but if your Honorable Court does so your Honorable Court will be allowing prejudice to take the place of judgment. The character of your Rules in India, the general enlightenment of the people and the frequent attending abuse of Office have proved effectual deterrent causes against such measures. Your Memorialist did his duty fairly and honestly. He failed, if in meeting the expectations of the Collector which expectations he could not compromising agents may have realized, but he begs respectfully to submit that no overt act of delinquency can be charged against him and if, after a service of 28 years, he is to be cast a drift on the world, neither age nor infirmity can be pleaded how to seek a new means of livelihood.

Your Memorialist would respectfully draw your Honorable Courts' attention to the loose and indefinite language in which Mr Collector Bishop communicated his dismissal and which will be found on his list of testimonials the penultimate one

In conclusion your Memorialist would respectfully urge, that against summary dismissals, the end of which your Honorable Court seems to have considered, the Order of the State Government of

of 2nd May 1864 provides a remedy. By that Order no
Servant can be dismissed unless definite charges are
preferred against him, and his defence considered. That
your Memorialists case he would humbly beg that
tho' his dismissal was anterior to the order, such a trial
may be afforded him or his restoration to Office denied on
the Occurrence of a vacancy in the grade which he filled.

Upon the affections of the enlightened popu-
lation of India, your Honorable Court must be aware that
the stability of your Government rests, and as one of a Multi-
tude who have unmurmuringly borne domination,
your Memorialist begs earnestly to sue for justice in the
confident hope that his case will be considered and a fur
Award made, either by the Honorable Court chiefly or by
Deputation to its Servants in India to investigate and
Report upon the case.

Your Memorialist, firm in the conviction
of his innocence, submits this appeal in confident belief
that it will not be disregarded or countenanced, and your
Memorialist will as in duty bound.

5th April
1857

Ever Pray.

Translation of the Summons.

To

Mulleyam Kristna Row.

As you have been appointed an Ameen to
the Polygar Division, you should immediately proceed
thither and prepare a correct Poolle account of such
of the Ezara Villages thereof as are capable of yielding
more 20 per 100 Candums of Cuddapoo and Corr produce
for the current fusly, and send the same to the Sa-
Faloob Cutcherry under the signatures of the
Curnum and Shirastedar. You should at the same
time send a Report of the same to the Hoosoor.
If the Curnam & Shirastedars refuse to sign the
Poolle accounts so prepared by you, you can get the
necessary assistance from the people of that division
to that effect, since you are responsible for
the produce of those Villages. You should therefore
cause the Corr & Cuddapoo produce to be threshed
and prepare the usual Poolle & Calonaday accounts
& send them to the Faloob Cutcherry.

Moreover if you can find out anything
beneficial to Circar & make a report of the true
state of the same to me, you will be raised to the
Office of Pattar of that Division.

Comleacoum
31st October 1845.

Signed/ Campbell.

For Mr. Kristna Row.

You have been hereby
appointed Pymash Shirastedar & furnished with
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2 rods one 33 feet & the other 16 feet for measuring Lands. I have also sent you a peon to wait upon you and a Vetty an to go with you measuring the Lands. A Breedar also has been appointed to examine your measurement. He is furnished with a Hookoommanah & a List of the Villages now to be measured in the Seeyalee Talook in addition to the List in your possession. You can take a Copy of the said Hookoommanah & measure all the Villages therein named according to the List without departing from the existing Rules and prepare a correct Account & send it under your Signature. Payments will be continued to you & to the peons sent from the Circar

Seeyalee
28th April 1827 } / Signed / Campbell.

To M. Kristna Row.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Teroovatteo Talook, & you should immediately join the Station & conduct your duty carefully.

Canjanagarum
27th August 1827 } / Signed / Campbell.

To M. Kristna Row Deputy Tassildar of Teroovatteo Talook.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Pattoocottah Talook, & you should go there immediately & producing the Sunnud herewith coming to the Tassildar of that place, take charge of your duty there & perform it carefully.

Combaconum
14th July 1828 } / Signed / Hinderstey.

To M. Kristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of Annance malay Division in the Talook of Combaconum.

I have appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Seeganlee Talook on 30 Rs pay & you can go there with the permission of the Head Tassildar perform the Dannabannum & the affairs of collecting money &c in Valoor & other Divisions.

Mayoorum
14th October 1833 } / Signed / Montgomery.

To M. Kristna Row
Tassildar of Paralam Talook

I have hereby appointed you Deputy Tassildar of Aoor in the said Talook & you should go to the Cutcha Talook of Paralam & take charge of, & perform the affairs thereof carefully.

Mayoorum
26th Novr 1836 }

To M. Kristna Row
Deputy Tassildar of Paralam

I have transferred you to the place of Deputy Tassild of Seganlee & you can go there after completing the Poolle accounts of Vaalasathoo Village, & carefully conduct your duties there.

Mayoorum
31st March 1837 }

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To M. Kristna Row

Deputy Tassildar of Manyoorum

You are directed immediately to go to Paralam Talook & take charge from the Tassildar Sama Row of the Treasury accounts &c & conduct the duties thereof until further order.

23rd October 1842 } /Signed/ Daniel

Taken.

To M. Kristna Row

Ag. Tassildar of Paralam Talook

I have confirmed you in the Office of the Tassildar of this Talook, and I expect you will conduct your duties very carefully.

Comleacoonum - }
13th April 1843 }

To

M. Kristna Row

Tassildar of Paralam Talook

I am highly satisfied to hear that you are performing your duty so carefully as to cause no balance of Circar Kist or to suffer cultivation to fall short in its usual course.

Immediately on receipt of this order, you should deliver charge of your present Office to the Deputy Tassildar & go to Segamlee Talook where there is a large amount of Kist uncollected & the cultivation left in a disorderly state, and perform the

the Circar business there with much care & truth.

Comleacoonum - }
27th Septr 1844 } /Signed/ Montgomery

To M. Kristna Row Tassildar of Paralam Talook

I have transferred you to the Kannelam Talook & you can give over charge of your present Office to your Deputy & go there and take charge of the Treasury & other things thereof from the Moosoomdar upon the permission of the Sub Collector & conduct your duty there very carefully.

Vellum -
23rd Febry } /Signed/ J. H. Montgomery
1846 }

To M. Kristna Row.

Tassildar of Paralam Talook

I have transferred you to Nunnelam Talook, & Arooloanatham Pillay the Tassildar of that place to your Talook by way of exchange and you can give charge of your duty to him & take charge of his & act according to the order of the Collector -

Coss Mauleum -
27th July 1846 } /Signed/ Montgomery

To M. Kristna Row,

Tassildar of Nunnelam Talook

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Do I have transferred you to the Talook of Coleroon & the Tassildar of that Talook to your Talook, & you can deliver over charge to him & go there & take charge of your duty there from the Deputy Tassildar and conduct your duty there carefully.

Cuddalore }
16th June 1847 }

To
M. Krishna Row
Tassildar of Coottalum.

I have transferred you to Tranquebar & you can give charge of your present office to Narrayana Royer who was under the suspension as Tassildar of Veeranaloor & go & join in your new office in Tranquebar & conduct your duty carefully

1st September }
1852 }

/Signed/ Bishop Collector

To
M. Krishna Row.
Tassildar of Tranquebar.

As you have on several occasion been slothful and unexpert in discharge of your duty & as there is a strong suspecision that you have been receiving bribes, I have removed you from Circar business and appointed to your place one Renga Iyengar to whom you can give charge of your Office as soon as he joins the station.

18th October }
1852 }

/Signed/ Bishop

Original

To
The Honorable the Court of Directors of the
East India Company.

The humble Memorial
of M. Krishna Row
late Tassildar in the
Tanjore District.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist has one
before addressed your Honorable Court under date the 18th
October 1852 on the subject of his summary dismissal
from the Public service, and had for answer that you
deemed it not expedient to interfere in the business; but
your Memorialist notwithstanding the lapse of time and
the discouragement which your primary decision presents
would again beg to solicit the attention of your Honora-
Court to this case, not so much for its individuality in
which of course he is deeply interested as for the exemplar
it furnishes of the administration of British justice in

Your Memorialist set forth his c
as per margin; He referred to Briti
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To the effect
that had been
reduced

...les of procedure - because he felt persuaded
...ey would have influence with British hearts
...at the result has had a natural tendency to
...press him that for India British principles
...ear a different aspect, but yet he would
...aim letters not so different as to deter him
...om appealing to those very recognised princi-
...les of right and wrong which a nation of
...Britains elevation must or should ever present
...the world and which admittedly constitute
...great national and moral power.

The fact of distance may remove
...is your appellant from your sympathies
...d so detract from the interest of his appeal.
...s humble position may likewise tend to the neglect of
...is case, but your Memorialist begs respectfully to acquaint
...our Honorable Court that this voice in this instance echoes
...sentiments of many of your uncovenanted native servants,
...hose imputed misdeeds and corruptions have been largely
...mented on, but whose faults, if truth must be spoken,
...the creation of their superiors and in most cases the
...ecessary sequence attending the holding of office -

To illustrate this by your Memorialist's own case -

He was first employed in the Government service
...86, as a Revenue servant, and acquitted himself to the

reduced and
...ceremonially dismissed by
the Collector
Mr Bishop,
on an ex parte
statement made
to the Board of
Revenue and
notwithstanding
his appeal for
redress, he was
not made
acquainted with
the charges
alleged against
him or allowed
an opportunity
to refute them.

the entire satisfaction of his superiors. The minutes of
...must be numerous and afford proof of his statement, if
proof there need be after 36 years of consecutive service and
the approval which continuation in office implies for
up to 1852, your Memorialist held his post with honor to
himself and satisfaction to his superiors.

A Section Commissioner's Report.

The recent investigation into the mode of obtaining
...ng the revenue must have made your Honorable
Court aware of the severe measures resorted to in some of
...ts in all districts, to realise the Government dues. Employ-
...are more or less compliant according to disposition and
moral training, and while your Memorialist used the
utmost of his powers of persuasion in the discharge of the
duties assigned him, he could not prevail with himself
to resort to the unauthorized and justly condemned means
of force or compulsion in the execution of duty. The
result was that he failed to satisfy in 1852 the then
Collector Mr Bishop. He was dismissed. The alleged
grounds of his dismissal being slothfulness in duty and
suspension of the reception of bribes.

Your Memorialist would here beg respectfully
to submit to your Honorable Court that taking the
general native character into consideration and the
high estimate his country men have of honor and
...ment, be it may be presumed, would not have re-
sacrificed office unless indeed the felt responsibility
his

higher obligation interfered with the discharge of the duty assigned to him. Your Honorable Court must be aware that the severest of the charges brought against him is more generally urged against his conduct.

Your Honorable Court with comparatively little actual knowledge of India may be inclined to start at the mention of a bribe and to accept as fact the imputation of such a transaction when attributed to any one of your Indian subjects, but if your Honorable Court does so, your Honorable Court will be allowing prejudice to take the place of judgment. The character of your rule in India, the general enlightenment of the people and the penalties attending abuses of office have proved effectual deterrent causes against such measures as your Memorialist did his duty fairly and honestly to curtail; it is true, in meeting the expectations of the Collector which expectations less uncompromising agents may have realized, but he begs respectfully to submit that no overt act of delinquency can be charged against him and that after a service of 26 years, he is to be sent a drift on the world, neither age nor energy can be left him to seek a new means of livelihood.

Your Memorialist would respectfully draw your Honorable Court's attention to the coarse and unfair language in which Mr. Assistant Bishop communicated his dismissal and in speech will be found on his list of testimonials the penultimate one.

In conclusion your Memorialist would respectfully urge, that against summary dismissals, the evil of which your Honorable Court seem to have considered the Order of the local Government of 15th May 1864 provides a remedy. By that order no servant can be dismissed unless definite charges are preferred against him, and his defence considered. And in your Memorialist's case, he would humbly beg that although his dismissal was anterior to the order, such a trial may be afforded him or his restoration to office decreed on the occurrence of a vacancy in the grade next

Upon the affections of the enlightened population of India, your Honorable Court must be assured that the stability of your Government rests, and as one of a multitude who have murmuringly borne domination, your Memorialist begs earnestly to sue for justice in the certain hope that his case will be considered and a fair award made, either by the Honorable Court itself or by deputation to its servants in India to investigate and report upon the case.

Your Memorialist, firm in the conviction of his innocence, submit this appeal, in confident belief

belief that it will not be disregarded or contemned.

and your Memorialist will as in duty bound.

Ever Pray

15th April

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