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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 33. Read the following letter from Mr. G. F. FISCHER; to H. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Salem 27th June 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed I beg to submit, for the consideration and decision of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a correspondence which I have had with the Board of Revenue on the subject of what I conceive to be an act of gross oppression on the part of the Sub-Collector of Madura towards me.

Since I complained to the Board my Goomastah reports that the Sub-Collector has added insult to injury, and not only dismissed the Nattamagar who had communicated with me on the subject of the Saltpetre mounds, but has declared in open Cutcherry at the time of Jummabundy when giving Puttahs to all the village Nattamagars, Curnums, Thoties, Thundulcaren and others that he would serve them in the same way if they acted like the Nattamagar Pitchoovien and assisted the merchant.

I make this appeal to his Lordship in Council, because I can get the Board to take no notice of my applications to them.

The enclosures will show how I consider myself aggrieved.

The avowed pretence of the Sub-Collector for thus taking away the saltpetre mounds and giving them to the Moneagar, was to benefit the Public revenue; but that this was a false pretence is apparent on the face of it. The saltpetre from those mounds paid much more to Government as duty than the Moneagar will as kist; the real object was to gratify a pique he has against me.

But be it from public zeal or private pique, the Sub-Collector has, I respectfully submit, been guilty of an act of wanton spoliation and oppression, and of abuse of authority to effect it.

If the Sub-Collector can treat an European in this way, how may he not be expected to treat Natives, and I make bold to say that it is acts of this sort that create disaffection to the Government. I have a large stake in the country, I have many lacs of Rupees invested in lands and factories and in trade. I am deeply interested in and desire the stability and prosperity of Government, so I trust his Lordship in Council will grant me the redress and protection I consider myself entitled to against one of the subordinates of Government.

Extract from an Urzee from the Goomastah to Messrs. FISCHER & Co., at Dindigul.

"Palaneandy Monegaron son of Balasamoodrum Moottien is enclosing with hedge all the "saltpetre mounds which he seized and levelled. The Sub-Collector not only personally gave "him orders for doing so, but strictly ordered the Tasildar before going away to have hedge put "and the land made available and given for cultivation. Moreover, he had up the Balasamoo- "drum Nattamagar Pitchoovien, and said to him, because you have been guilty of writing to a "merchant you are hereby dismissed the Company's service, and will not again be employed as "long as their flags last, and gave him his Sunned of dismissal and declared publicly in the "Jummabundy Cutcherry, at the time of giving Puttahs, so that it might be known to all the "village Nattamagars, Curnums, Thoties, Thundulcarons and others, that they would be served "in the same way if they did likewise and assisted, and the Tasildar taking advantage of this is "doing all the mischief he can to our business."

(Signed) G. F. FISCHER.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.

Complaint from certain Coppooliars of Vathumputty in the Iyempully talook to the Joint Magistrate of Madura.

The petitioners state that they have been in possession of certain Porumboke lands to the East of the Balasamoothrum village in said talook and have raised thittoos thereon manufactur-

ed Saltpetre and gained livelihood from the time of the Carnatic Princes to the present day, and that these Ooppoo thittoos were their prescriptive right as much as the Nunjah and Poonjah which the ryots cultivated were theirs and descended from father to son as property and was saleable, and for the last 30 years these thittoos have been pledged to Mr. Fischer of Salem in security for advances made to them from year to year, and they are responsible for the arrears on them. That while it was so, on hearing on the 8th Margali that the late Nattamay the Moneagar Pulluniandy, a turbulent character who is under security for misconduct and false complaint was taking possession of these Ooppoo thittoos and levelling them for the purpose of including them in his garden, petitioners went and protested against it and tried to put a stop to it, but in vain. That they thereon complained to the police peon of the place and he went and forbad it, but that the Monegar set them and the police at defiance and not only abused them but threatened to beat them, that this was not only reported to the head of the police of the talook by the police peont but that petitioners themselves gave in a complaint about it on the 22d December 1856, but the influence of the rich Monegar was such that neither report nor complaint was attended to, that therefore petitioners make this appeal and pray for redress.

ENDORSEMENT.

In the matter of this complaint the Acting Joint Magistrate sees no reasons for his interfering; nor that the petitioners have any right to the land on which they say they manufacture Saltpetre, and although they may pay duty to Government for the article produced on the said land, yet cannot it be said that the right to the land belongs to them, nor does it appear that they do pay duty on said article, and they hold the said lands because the Circar have not interfered to prevent their doing so, nor did they get possession with the permission of the circar, therefore whenever the Circar wants this they may take possession of it. In matter of this complaint, it must be supposed that the said land was taken away and given to another, because the Circar wanted it as how because the Defendant the Monegar Palaniandy interfering with the land, the Cicar thereby got more for it and by taking rent for it from him the Circar right is established.

Be it known,
(Signed) J. R. COCKERELL.

DINDIGUL,
22nd April 1857.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. F. FISCHER.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Mr. G. F. FISCHER; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 12th May 1857.

SIR,

Enclosed I beg to submit an original letter from my Goomastah at Palany to my Manager at Errode and sent in to me by him.

The letter represents the Sub-Collector of Madura to have given an order to level all the Ooppoo Thittoos in the Balasamoodrum village, and the Ooppiliars if they wish to form other Ooppoo Thittoos in Perumboke lands, since the Circar derived no profits from the Ooppiliars.

Howmuch the Sub-Collector is mistaken, that the Circar derives no profit from the Ooppiliars, I need not point out to the Board. I trust the Board will acknowledge the reasonableness of my request which is to arrest the aggressive act of the Sub-Collector, till the question he raises can be finally tried and settled and comply with it, when I inform them that the lands now about to be seized upon by the Sub-Collector have been in possession of the Ooppiliars from time immemorial and have been mortgaged to me for the last 34 years, and that his depriving us of them will subject me to a heavy loss as much of the Saltpetre required to complete my contracts has to come from those Thittoos.

This aggression has long been desired by the ryots, but Mr. Parker for many years and Mr. Blackburn before him have protested the Ooppiliars against their more powerful and influential neighbours.

To suppose the Ooppiliars as unprofitable to the Circar is a very false notion, for the duty upon Saltpetre is very considerable and the Ooppiliars value the spot in question as ancestral property and being peculiarly productive of the nefia.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. F. FISCHER.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From Mr. G. F. FISCHER; to J. D. SIM, ESQ., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras; dated 18th May 1857.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 11th Instant and the letter from my Goomastah therewith submitted; enclosed I beg to submit the order of the Sub-Collector Cockerell of Madura alluded to in the said letter of the Goomastah which has since come to hand.

The doctrines and principles enunciated in this order of Mr. Cockerell is monstrous, viz. that because the calling of the Ooppooliars were not immediately profitable to Government, the land on which they followed that calling and which had been in their possession from time immemorial, and which was originally Parumboke and had only been rendered valuable by their following their calling upon it might be taken from them and given to those who will pay something for it immediately, the said acts being profitable to Government, and that the Ooppooliars must fish for themselves.

Comments are superfluous, and I trust it is only necessary to bring the order of Mr. Sub-Collector Cockerell to the notice of the Board to obtain its revocation. Though the Ooppooliars pay nothing to Government for that land, yet does produce raised in it pay a heavy duty to Government at the Port of Madras.

The head of Police of Iyempoolly talook made enquiry and took despositions in regard to the original complaint of the Ooppooliars, but no decision was passed that we knew of, and all mention of this is suppressed.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. F. FISCHER.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 701; dated 14th July 1857.

Ordered that the above letter be referred to the Board of Revenue for early consideration. It would appear that Mr. Fischer has already addressed the Board but failed to obtain a reply.

2. Government will be glad to be informed of the result of the present reference.

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

Extract from the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated the 5th May 1757

To

H. Forbes Esqr

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Fort Saint George

Dated the 29th April 57

Sir,

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27th June 1787. Deputy Principal Sheristadar
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Cous 14 July 20 1/7-57
No 1438 - 1857 F. 781

From Mr. G. S.
Fischer of Salem

Dated 27 June 1857

Wishes 3 Encl. Papers Lost -
Rec'd 7 July 1857
S.C.R. 701 - 14 July

Appeals to Govt against
what he considers
a wanton act of
oppression and injus-
tice on the part of
the Acting Collector.

Copy to the Bd of Inv.
14 July 1857 -

No 33.

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No 5 Star

Complaint from certain Poppo[illegible] of Vorthu
= putty in the Jagirdary Talloak to the Joint
Magistrate of Jaffna

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Let it known

(signed) J R Cockerell

Dindigul
22d April 1857.

(True Copy)
Wrisden.

No. 8

To

The Director Engineer

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Enclosed I beg to submit an original letter from my Joomadah at Calamy to my Manager at Erode & sent in to me by him.

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Principal Appellant
Appeal Petition
No 8 to the Board's Proceedings
Dated 23rd January 1857
Entered in Register
Page 22nd April 55

Recd 18th March 1857

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9th May 1854.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
J. Weston

Enclosure
Translation of Letter from the Sub Collector of Dindigul dated 12th May 1854

To
J. D. Lim Esqr
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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Fredk Price

W Fischer.

Original Report
received by the
Secretary to the Bd
of Revenue
16th Augt. 1859

Recd 16th Augt 1859

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No 701

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 11th July 1859

Read the following letter
from Wm. G. T. Fischer Esq
of Salem & Madura.

Here enter No dated
June 27. 1859.

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3 Copies to the Bd of Rev
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Contract Clerks Office
Dublin 18th July 1794

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Dublin 18th July 1794

Sir

I have the honor to enclose
herewith a Copy of a Letter
from Mr Hamilton Rowan
dated the 12th Instant
addressed to the Board
of Stamp Duties

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Gregg

The Secretary
Board of Stamp Duties

Dublin 18th July 1794

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The Secretary
Board of Stamp Duties

No 33794.

Referring to the Bd
a Petition & Complaint from
Mr G. F. Trevelyan of
Grove Hampton near Mitchelstown
County of Tipperary Collector
of Cellular Linen

c/ Lucy R10