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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 21st July 1857.

No. 13. Read the following Petition.

To the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George.

The humble memorial of Rajah Manekarow
Jungunarow, Zemindar of Rapully in the Guntoor
District, dated Rapully 19th January 1857.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH.

With due deference and profound respect your Memorialist craves leave to enclose a memorial in triplicate addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors, setting forth the injustice done to him in resuming the Zemindary of Rapully enjoyed by your Memorialist and his ancestors from several generations without making him any permanent or suitable provision for the support of his family; and asking such redress as may be deemed just.

Your Memorialist respectfully craves that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will in due course forward his humble representation to the Honorable the Court of Directors with his kind recommendation; for which act your Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 717; dated 17th July 1857.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the above address be forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that intimation of its despatch be made to the Memorialist.

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

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To The Honorable the Court of Directors.
of the East India Company.
The humble memorial of Rajah. Manekarow
Jungnarow Zemindar of Rapully in the
Guntoor District.

Respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialist in bringing his humble
case before the Honorable Court of Directors begs to state that he is Rajah
Manekarow Jungnarow Zemindar of Rapully in the Guntoor District,
a district inherited for a long time by his ancestors, and which he had held
under the Vizian's Government for many years before the Northern Circars
became a province of the East India Company.

2. That in 1802 the Permanent Settlement was introduced into the District
of Guntoor on which occasion the resources of Rapully were valued at Rs. 1,38,798
and deducting Rs. 46,261. Rs. for expenses of Management the Government
Pisheesh was fixed at Rs. 92,538 in perpetuity. This valuation was exceedingly
high but nevertheless the Pisheesh was paid without failure up to the year
1827 when on the death of your memorialist's father, the Estate was taken under
management on behalf of your memorialist then a minor and placed under the
administration of the Court of Wards.

3. That at the date of your memorialist's father's demise there was not
only no arrears of Pisheesh due on the Rapully Estate but a sum of Rs.
1,31,865 in Cash was then in hand, but so unsuccessful was the administration
under the Collector that in the year 1831, when the management of the Court
of Wards terminated the whole of this money had been appropriated by
the Government and a very large balance had been accumulated against
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to Zemindar through the measures of the Officers of Government but not
brought your memorialists misconduct or neglect.

Your memorialist would here state that in the year 1833 the District
of Guntur was visited by a famine, and that a pestilence followed on the next
season, reducing the resources of the Zemindary to such an extent that the Collec-
tor was only able to credit the Government Treasury with Rs. 22515 in lieu
of the Pishchash of Rs. 92528 as fixed upon it originally in 1814. The
estate so deteriorated, and with its productive resources so diminished was then
made over in 1836 to your memorialist; the Rs. 15150 Rs. which his father had left in
with having been swept into the Treasury by the Government Officials.

As the Taluk was then impoverished and was thus quite incapable
of producing the tribute fixed in 1802, the Collector of Guntur was
pleased to inform your memorialist that the management would be entrusted
to him conditionally, and that he should be only required to pay, as Pishchash
the collections actually made after deducting the charges of the management
under this arrangement pending a reconsideration and review of the Pishchash
your memorialist held the Zemindary in trust from 1836 up to 1842. In the last
year your memorialist made greatly enhanced payment towards the discharge
of the Pishchash having paid in the last year of his administration the sum
of Rs. 65,400 into the Government Treasury.

6. In 1843 the Collector of Guntur, Mr. H. Stokes apparently in
pursuance of orders received from England, took charge of the Zemindary of
Rasubbly in person. He did not register the estate on the pretext that the
management during the few years it had been entrusted to your memorialist
had been extravagant. The Collector requested that the permanent Cowlie
should be delivered up to him, agreeable to an Ammamah marked A
dated 17th January 1843 Copy of which is annexed to this address. In
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the counterpart Waranamah executed by your memorialist copy of which marked B is also forwarded the assumption was expressly stated to be temporary and the officers of Government pledged themselves that the Zemindary would be restored when after a term of years, its actual value should have been ascertained and that a Pishewah would be fixed in perpetuity in accordance with its ascertained productiveness.

7. Subsequent to this three years afterwards the Collector although the Rapully Estate was under his entire control during that period, thought fit to advertise the Estate for sale your memorialist at that time had full reliance on the justice and the good faith of the Government, but nevertheless he addressed the authorities in Guntoor to know what was meant. In reply he was assured that the sale was merely nominal and that the Government promise to restore the Estate eventually would be honorably fulfilled. Copy of this document signed by the Collector of date the 9th June 1816 is given in the appendix and marked C.

8. In 1816 Mr. Elliot came to Guntoor as Commissioner. That gentleman had a very great aversion to all Zemindars and this is an aversion and he affected a great regard at that time for Circar administration accordingly with a view to benefit and aggrandize the Government he framed a very delusive report the contents of which were never officially communicated to your memorialist. It was understood however that he attributed all the disasters that had befallen in the District of Guntoor to the maladministration and profusion of the Zemindars. They it is understood were charged with embezzlement, the concoction of false accounts, and with profligate expenditure in every way to the loss of the Circar and to the impoverishment of the ryots. This it is understood was the indictment against the landholders generally. What was urged against your memorialist

memorialist individually he knows not. No public accusation was made against him and he was never heard in his defence.

Your memorialist emphatically denies that he mismanaged his Zemindary during the few years he was in possession of it. To show that he did not do so, he began to state, that from July 1815 in which year your memorialist held the Talook, up to July 1822 viz. 7 years, a sum of about Rs. 1,81,070 Rs. exclusive of the expenses of the management and of the sum necessary for his decent maintenance was paid by him on account of Pishch. During the above period, Pachoor a neighbouring Talook under the Collector's administration the Government Pishch of which was fixed at Rs. 1,14,010 the Collection was made by the Collector. It is quite clear from this fact alone which cannot be controverted or denied, that your memorialist paid to the Government Treasury a large proportion of Pishch for Rapully than the Collector was enabled to realize on account of Pishch from a much larger adjoining estate, with all the resources of that Officer's Command.

In the end however the Collector sent an Amaynamah on the 29th June 1829 stating that your Honorable Company had on the removal of the particulars of Mr. Elliot's unjust report above adverted to, been pleased to send a dispatch dated 31st January 1829, the address of Government and lying the conditions of the agreement which had been entered into in the year 1812 and again renewed in 1816. He stated that even the larger allowances for your memorialist's support which Mr. Elliot had recommended to be given were ordered to be withheld and would not be granted.

The whole of the Zemindary land in the District of Guntur were thus taken by Government into their own hands and what has been the result although the Rapully Talook which belonged to your memorialist had been thus under the management of the Collector from 1815 to 1822.

justly 1200 viz. 12 years at 100 Rs per annum of 120000 Rs. 5
ment Pishchik fixed in 1802. intends to show that the Pishchik was at
first fixed in your memorialist's Talook much higher than was just and it
proves also that the resources of the Zemindary had not been wasted by your
memorialist.

Your memorialist had the possession of his Talook only for 8 years
during which time he lived soberly and managed the affairs of his Talook
very carefully and creditably. It was in the power of the Collectors or the
in charge of the District to have ejected him at any time or in any other manner
the then authorities. Messrs. Bruce & Co. were however satisfied with his diligent
and good conduct towards the ryots, as he, during the above 8 years made the
collections of the Talook gradually year by year more productive agreeably
to the obligations which he had voluntarily undertaken which circumstances
might have been reported to the higher authorities.

13. Your memorialist feels the usage he was met with on this occasion
that he has been unjustly treated and that a gross breach of faith has been
committed in his case. He has been deprived of the patrimony bequeathed
to him by his ancestors on the pretext that he or they were extravagant and
extraneous the truth of which allegation your memorialist denies. His father
lived creditably and paid his tribute faithfully notwithstanding its pressure
his resources. When he died he left behind him cash in hand to the extent of
110,150 Rs. that was proof of his usefulness and not of extravagance. Your
memorialist unfortunately was made a ward of Government under whose office
he was not only of his father's savings but turned adrift in 1835 with
out a rupee and added with an estate so mismanaged by the Collectors
that that same year he collected 22813 Rs out of 92,528 Rs of Government
and his own management.

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Copy of the Amrajitnamah. Marked A referred to in para b.
 Translation of an Amrajitnamah sent by the Collector of Guntur to the
 Zemindar of Rapully dated 6 January 1843. 6 K
 As you have expressed to day your concurrence in person regarding the order
 of the Honorable Court of Directors directing that your Zemindary Talook
 should be placed temporarily (for a short time) under Government possession
 agreeably to the terms intimated to you, you should send your agreement with
 your signature according to the enclosed form so that it may reach by tomorrow.
 If there is any hindrance to send the Demand I can be you should inform
 where it is and you must proceed in your duty of sending it within 8 days.
 If you do not send by tomorrow the agreement signed by you according to
 the enclosed form you will be considered as one that disobeyed the orders. you
 are distinctly know that the same will be reported to the Board of Revenue.
 (True Copy) (Signed) W. L. L. L.
 Collector

Copy of a Bararnamah. Marked B referred to in para b.
 Translation of a Bararnamah given by Rajah Maheshwar Jagananna
 Zemindar of Rapully to the Collector of Guntur in January 1843.
 I have fully comprehended the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors
 conveyed in the extract of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 21st
 November 1842 directing the temporary assumption of my Zemindary for
 a definite period made known to me by the Collector. In conformity to the
 orders therein given I hereby make over the whole of my right and title of
 the said Zemindary to Government on a condition that a sufficient allowance
 would be granted to me and that the Zemindary will be restored to me.

At the following

Most humbly sheweth

memorialist craves his
Honorable Court of Directors
resuming the Zemindary of
his ancestors from several
or suitable provision for the
as may be deemed just

Yours
Honorable the Governor
representation to the
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shall ever pray.

Rasully, in Guntur District
19th January 1857

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Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George. KV

humble memorial of Rajah
Monckeyar Junganarow Zemindar
of Rasully in the Guntur District.
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Monckeyar Junganarow

The Signature of Rajah
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 of its despatch to be made to the memorialist.

B. J.

For. Secy. Genl.
 18th July 1857

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From Rajah
 Mammichurin Jangam
 Gammalar of Rapulthy
 in Guntur. A. R.

Dated 19th January 1857
 Recd. 24th
 With 3 enclosures

Forwarding for transmission
 to the Honorable Court of
 Directors in triplicate
 the following for the injustice
 done to him in resuming the
 ministry of Rapulthy in Guntur
 enjoyed by him & his ancestors for
 several generations, without making
 of permanent or suitable provision
 for the support of himself & his
 family & asking such redress
 may be deemed just.

With an Order