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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d June 1858.

No. 10. Read the following Petition from CARNALIA VALUNGAPOOLY Thaver, son of Valungapooly Thaver Ex-Zemindar of Chockumputty in the Tinnevelly District; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, &c. &c. &c.; dated Palamcottah, 23d May 1858.

HONORED SIR,

I had the honor to forward to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Memorial, in triplicate, for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors of the East India Company on the 26th April 1858, praying for the restoration to me of the Chockumputty estate; and, I have now the honor to transmit another, also in triplicate, and request you will be so good as to lay the same for the merciful consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that this also may be forwarded to the Honorable Court at an early opportunity.

It would appear that the Honorable the Court of Directors authorized the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to place me in possession of my estate, should the Government be of opinion that it would be a concession acceptable to the tenantry, provided I am capable of the proper discharge of the duties of a Zemindar, and that no injurious precedent will be established thereby, I would therefore most humbly and respectfully solicit the benevolent consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to the explanations I have offered in this my Memorial to the Honorable the Court of Directors on the points required by the Honorable Court's Despatch No. 7, dated 5th August 1857; whence it will be obvious to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the whole, or rather the majority, and most influential portion of the tenantry, have expressed their earnest desire that the estate should be restored; that I am fully capable of the discharge of the duties of a Zamindar; and that no injurious precedent is apprehended by the local officers, and I most fervently trust that on a re-consideration of the subject of the restoration of the Chockumputty estate to me, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be graciously pleased to extend their liberality to an unoffending individual, grievously injured, and deprived of his just rights and estate by the misrepresentations of former local authorities.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 832; dated 17th June 1858.

Ordered that the further Memorial received with the above address be forwarded to this Honorable Court of Directors, in continuation of letter No. 26, dated 3d June 1858.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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To

The Honorable Court of Directors
of the East India Company
London

The humble petition of Cassandra Palanjee
Coorg Thareen son of Palanjee Coorg Thareen
the Engraver of Calcutta

Humbly

Most Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner has presumed
to address your Honorable Court in humble
Confirmation of the Gracious Promises of
Reward & Encouragement to Persons
& a Letter from one of the Boards of the late Company
Shewing their preference for the Execution of their
Petitioner, and Praying that therefore your
Honorable Court, the old subsistance of
Rupees may be put in possession of Memorialist

2 That your Honorable Court

Memorialist that on the Petitioner intending to execute
serve the notice of the 19th excepting two persons
who never appeared before the Land Co
Collectors and not only had the 600 of the tenants
acknowledged that they had abided the Land
Award but the whole earnestly expressed their
willingness that your Memorialist should be restor-
ed, and that they preferred to be under the manage-
ment of your Memorialist rather than that of the
Collectorship Government Management. The
Petitioner refers to the Collector of Dinagepore's
Report of the Chuckwanpoor Villages a population
of 3582 persons were in favor of the Restoration of
your Memorialist. From the report of the Board
and several personal interviews which Mr Pierce
Collector had with the your Memorialist, he entire-
ly approved of Clemency that not only a large
proportion but nearly all the Ryots in the Chuckwanpoor
Villages have expressed their willingness that your
Memorialist should be reinstated adding that the
question of the Restoration of the Estate was under
consideration was widely known all over the District
that your Memorialist was powerless to oppose
any scheme to intimidate those who might be opposed
to him, and that not one single individual appeared
before

before Mr Pierce to protest against the
Restoration of the Estate would be accepted to the
prosperity of the tenants and that they do not desire
a reversion of the Lands of your Memorialist
regards the fairness of your Memorialist to encourage
the duties of a Zemindar Mr Pierce regarded that
he had had general correspondence with your Memorial-
ist in the course of the last two years that Memorialist
never had any participation in the evil conduct of
his father that he has generally borne the reputation
of a quiet inoffensive man and his character
in a far more those of other Zemindars in this
Province. In fact he must steadily performed
that your Memorialist might be restored and he
did not apprehend any injurious precedent being
established by the Memorialists Restoration and
recommended that if it should be decreed that the
Zemindaree is to be restored to the Memorialist he
would propose that the measure be carried into
from the commencement of next Fasly year

Further your Memorialist is informed
that the Government at Fort Saint George on
certain reasons urged by the Board of Revenue
have recommended that the Zemindaree should
be

[illegible] referred to your Memorialist and he therefore
[illegible] respectfully to submit for the liberal and
[illegible] consideration of your Honorable Court
the injustice of the Board's observations in the
Memorialist presently [illegible] to your Honorable Court
will be seen that not only has your Memorialist
been unjustly dealt with in the first instance
by the confiscation of his inheritance but that it
is now wantonly withheld from him on [illegible]
expenses not withstanding such were from the
very beginning condemned by the Supreme Court
of Justice and your Honorable Court's Resolution
is now attacked to

6 That your Memorialist would [illegible] humbly
to observe the grounds urged by the Board for their
refusal to restore Memorialist to his inheritance
an inheritance [illegible] from Memorialist for
[illegible] arrear of revenue although Mr Eden the Collector
of Grenada had expressed an opinion at the
time of the Confiscation of the Chateaubelair Estate
that it was not just to the son that he should
[illegible] the estate and that he was qualified from
intelligence to manage it.

7 In regard to the sentiment of the tenants
that it is their express wish that your Memorialist

[illegible] restored to the possession of the Estate
[illegible] that they are not satisfied but would
[illegible] communicated to them by the Board Consider Memorialist
[illegible] as their attorney to be [illegible]
[illegible] Memorialist begs leave to refer to
[illegible] Petition to your Honorable Court
[illegible] Petitioners to consider whether the
[illegible] Board of Revenue [illegible] evidence
[illegible] the first [illegible] and upon what grounds the Board
[illegible] expressed their declaration that such is not
the sentiment of the tenantry is inaccountable! The
Board further appeal to the enquiry entered by
Mr Stiner to ascertain the sentiments of the people
as [illegible] by no means to be considered
not by a European Officer but by the Caribbean
whose report cannot be regarded with equal confidence
seeing that no report of the intended restoration
of the estate had been extensively circulated before
the tenants would hesitate to swear the utmost
of their future influence by manifesting their enmity
in Resistance of your Honorable Court we refer your
that Freedmen and other native Caribbeans are
extensively employed in the Government of the
possessions of the Said [illegible] Company that the most

cannot be bypassed until the Same Confidence of the whole and all other proceedings connected by nature subsisting to do it you Memorialists Court to determine what is the sense of the Board's proceedings for altho' they do not distinctly state that your Memorialists Power is to expire or even intimate that no more is expected from them and not one single instance appeared before them to prove against the conduct of your Memorialists since your Memorialists have all obscure that the Orders of the Board in regard to the Settlement of the Estate

2.

Memorialists to discharge the duties of the Executorship

the Board declare that they are unable to regard the circumstance which attributed to the Memorialists as affording any guarantee for the future well being of the estate referring him to the decree of experience in the management of Executorships Estates. Look as to December 1834 when even in the letter to the Board referring to your Memorialists Letter of the 12th January of age and is therefore entitled

[illegible]

but as far as I could judge in this interview
I had with him he displayed a considerable
share of good sense and no ordinary degree
of intelligence" Dated 18th Mr Thomas the Clerk of
Tirunelly describes your Memorialist as a "quiet
& very mean living peaceably on his estate"
Mr Silver in his letter of 23d January 1858
stated "I have had several interviews with
him in the course of the last two years the petitioner
never had any participation in the evil courses"
of his father he has generally borne the reputation
of a quiet inoffensive man he is reliable & honest
to a reasonable extent but not more so than
other Zamindars in the Province Your Memorialist
is now about 46 years old and has devoted
a great part of his life to study is well
conversed with three Languages and has a
fair knowledge of English and your
Memorialist cannot but deeply regret that his
unfortunate debts should induce the Board
without even a personal knowledge of him to
declare him to be devoid of experience in the
management of his estates knowing for certain that
there are a number of Zamindars in the Madras
Presidency possessing property equal to and less than
the immediate many of whom are electors never
and even devoid of principle some female and
others youths and children to all of whom
the Board of Revenue has entrusted the management

of their respective Zamindaries and Inams
but in the case of your Memorialist the assertion
of the Board that he is devoid of experience
for the management of his estates is hardly supported
on the face of testimony already recorded as proof
your Memorialist alone adverted to as proved
by Robert Pycroft in the pay of the East India
Company and from the fact that your Memorialist
was a pensioner by right to the title of Zamindar

The Board further remark that from
your Memorialists own acknowledgment to
Mr Silver that he is indebted to the extent of
30000 Rupees and judgments from Mr Thompson
to the extent of the influence under which they
were obtained & the probability of his commencing
his examinations by pleading the insanity of his
Commissioner to the Collector that your Memorialist
was induced to solicit the Collector to allow Mr Silver
and the Government he had power to discharge
the duties without any may encroach on
the Revenue which he may derive on being
restored to his inheritance indeed the memorialist
himself admitted that the Government
not with the Collector's consent
being put in possession of the Zamindaries that
Mr Thompson's report asserted to by the Board
is not to be relied on for accuracy your
Memorialist

Memorialist had already submitted for the
consideration of your Honorable Court but the
Memorialist is not aware of any influence
under which he is likely to fall which the Board
incorrectly remark will induce him to pledge
the revenue of the Farmindare to his Creditors

The Board expressed their opinion
against the restoration of the estate to the
Memorialist as appearing at present open
to serious objections they observe that there are
many persons in this Presidency deservedly
circumstanced with the Memorialist and who
might with equal shew of justice claim to be
put in possession of estates which formerly
belonged to their ancestors That the Memorialist
has a hereditary no claim at all that the estate
in question become the property of Government
by the forfeiture of Cawnpore and the
restoration of the same to your Memorialists
The Board next with the feeling of certainty
and security now belonging to such rules
under the authority of Government That your
Memorialist begs most respectfully to take it
for the mature consideration of your Honorable
Court that the proceedings exhibited against the
Farmindare of Choitrumpatty are of such a nature
as have never been perpetrated under any
Government

and your Honorable Court are pleased
to remark in your despatch to the Board of
date 30th January 1828 that after a careful review
of the whole circumstances connected with the
attachment and sale of Choitrumpatty Farmindare
and the treatment of the Memorialists father by
Government your Honorable Court was of opinion
that the Charge seemed to the Magistrate subjects
had been proved and that the conduct of the
Indian Government had been unjustifiable and
highly reprehensible That it is well known here
as it must be to your Honorable Court as any other individual
that another Farmindare as any other individual
to that been so unjustly and severely dealt with
as your Memorialists father and himself too as
being unlawfully deprived of his undertaine to
the family since 1796 when Lord Robert Cunningham
secured the estate to the Ex Farmindare father become
he had a just and lawful claim to it and had
repeatedly shown in Gentle attachment to the
Company It will be apparent to your Honorable
Court that the serious objections started by
the Board in the restoration of Memorialists Estate
are unnecessary for when the measure of the Magistrate
Zemindary Commission had appointed the Commissioners
of

of Sherbet Government themselves took from the
Tenderers food service and thereby evaded
establishment to the Company Government and
received the thanks of the Government by Proclamation
and other documents issued by Mr Penny the
Commissioner of Tenasserim and for that act on the
part of the Zamindar taken under Government
Management for the space of ten years and
subsequently not only restored to that Province but
large arrears of revenue to the Government
forgiven The Zamindar of Mawan had for a
similar act been confiscated by the Government
the Zamindar himself imprisoned and the estate
again restored to the family besides the arrears
of Revenue due by the Zamindary & extensive
Cardamom Jungle and other had been given up
by the Government That the Memorialist has
absolutely no Claim to the estate and that the
estate become the property of Government by a
temporary purchase & enquiry urged by the Board
your Memorialist would humbly submit are the
most known Charges of usurpation which can
be imputed against the British Government
but under it your Memorialist fully believes your
Honorable Court will never countenance and
are to the fear entertained by the Board that the

Restoration

Restoration of the Memorialist to his existence will
tend to destroy the feelings of the certainly awakened
from encouraging to find Late Your Memorialist
has only to observe that the tenure of the Officer of
the Government should not be made a plea
against justice due to him when entrusted in
which other encumbrances are taken into consideration

The Government of Penang on submitting
the opinion of the Board of Revenue & Commissioner
Court expressed their concurrence in the objection
urged by the Local Officer Mr Thompson against
the restoration of the estate that to Lay the
Restoration of the estate that would be subjected on grounds
and suspicions as he had laid out Capital on
encouraging the estate under the belief that it had
been permanently assumed and would never
again be subjected to Zamindary Management
But not a single circumstance of the encouragement
Mr Thompson's estate had laid out any proof
Capital as urged by the Local Officer Mr Thompson
on which found alone your Honorable Court
in your Despatch dated 15th July 1840 authorised
the resumption of the Zamindary with the exception

to your Honorable Court from the assessee in that
accompanied the Memorial to your Honorable Court
on the 10th June last signed by 1500 Inhabt
of the Knocktemply estate praying for the restitution
of the same to your Memorialists for had any
assessment incurred any risk from the Memorialist
being assessed to his interference he would have
contested against it during the enquiry instituted
by the Superintendent of Revenue and also Talver
the Collector of Kinneilly and hence not a single
assessment was found to protest against
the Talver report it is to be expressed that
Notwithstanding had said out any Capital as fictitiously
stated by Mr Thompson indeed induced your
Honorable Court to yield to the measure enforced
by the local authorities That the assessments submitted
to Your Honorable Court from the Tenantry of same in
and that the statutory and most influential portion
of the tenantry have expressed their real sentiment
and wishes that your Memorialist should be restored
to his inheritance will be proved from Mr Talver
report and your Memorialist humbly trusts your
Honorable Court will see good grounds to comply with
the unanimous wishes of the tenantry on the Knocktemply
estate during the minority of your Memorialist

to

the next in succession of the family since there was
no male issue to succeed to the Knocktemply
Memorialist connected with the estate but
Memorialist is fully capable of discharging the
duties of Landlord that he is of a proper age and
possesses sufficient intelligence and ability to
as will be known to your Honorable Court from
the testimonies of Collectors who had personal
knowledge of the memorialist from the time the late
Landlord relinquished all right and title to the
Knocktemply estate in favour of his son your
Memorialist and not to any impression created
being established by Landlord himself but
which he in your Honorable Court
Memorialist will hereby
that nothing shall be wanting on
part to devote his best attendance to the interest
of the Country and tenantry and he pledges himself
to deserve the liberality of Government
in restoring to Memorialist the old inheritance
of his family which by a series of misfortunes
and wrongs operated by the local officers
Mr Thompson and concurred in by the Board
of Revenue but condemned by the Supreme
Government and your Honorable Court
will never cast to the family for an arrear of

[illegible] urgent your Memorialist at the time offered
to make good Prompt Payment
&c. And in the foregoing Premises your
Memorialist has no alternative but to cast
himself on the Mercy of your Honorable Court
to crave your favourable Consideration on his behalf
and the under Sheriff of the County of the Tobacco Coast
estate and restore your Memorialist to Possession
For which act of Kindness your
Memorialist shall as in duty bound ever pray.

Delaware
23rd May 1818

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From

Commodore Watkinson Esq. Master
Lieut. Watkinson Esq. Master
Commander of Northumberland
in the Downs 4th Dec.

To

Sir G. Pigott Bart.
Chief Secretary to
Government
&c. &c. &c.

Honored Sir,

I beg the favour to forward to the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council a Letter addressed
for transmission to the Honorable the Court
of Directors of the East India Company on the
26th Feb. 1858, praying for the restoration to me of
the Cho Kimpah estates, and, I have now the honor
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I have the Honor to be

Honored Sir

Your Most obedient and

very humble servant

Calcutta
23d May 1838

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Dy. to Court 22 June

No 853

From Carnatic Palan-
gapooly Thaver Sonjy
Palangapooly Thaver
the Zemindar of Shoo-
ranpatty in Tinnevelly -

Dated 23 May 1858
Recd 27

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Transmitting to the Honorable
Court a memorial in Tamil
and in continuation of his Letter
dated 26 April 1858 praying for
the restoration to him of the Shoo-
ranpatty Estate in Palamcottah
and offering explanation on
certain points of information
called for by the Honorable Court
from the Madras Government
in their Revenue Department
dated 17 March 1858 and
[illegible]

Recd 17 June 1858

No 832

Ordered that the petitio
memorial be forwarded to the Honora
Court of Directors in continuation
of Letter No 26 dated 3d June 1858.

Fort St. Geo
17th June 1858