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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 20th to 26th August 1859.*

No. 6. Read the following Memorandum by D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Private Secretary to the Right Honorable the President, dated Government House, 18th August 1859.

Mr. Shubrick, Collector of Chingleput, a few days ago enquired of the Governor's Private Secretary, how it was that neither his Naib Sarishtadár, Varadáchári, nor his head writer and Accountant, Changanna, had been appointed to the grade of Deputy Collector, though their claims had been strongly pressed both by himself and the Board of Revenue.

2. He was informed in reply that His Excellency had heard from various quarters rumours of their want of integrity.

3. Mr. Shubrick said at once that he would vouch for these rumours being without foundation; that those against Changanna had probably been set on foot by Sám Ráo the late Head Sarishtadar, who was jealous of his subordinate's abilities and usefulness; while those to the detriment of Varadáchári would perhaps be found to emanate from Jayaráma Setti late Manager of the Revenue Department in the Government office and now Head Sarishtadár of the Board of Revenue, who, as he, Mr. Shubrick, had been informed and believed, had contracted vindictive feelings against Varadáchári on the latter having neglected or declined to use his official influence in the district on behalf of parties recommended to his notice by him, Jayaráma.

4. On being asked whether written evidence existed of Jayaráma having preferred such requests, Mr. Shubrick replied that there did, and he has now transmitted a large bundle of letters, twenty in number, all addressed to Varadáchári, in the English language, and in the hand of Jayaráma Setti.

5. These letters contain applications of two distinct kinds; one—which includes Nos. 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 17, for the entertainment or advancement in the public service of certain persons named by the writer; and the other—embracing the rest—for assistance to be afforded by Varadáchári, in his high official capacity of second Native servant in the district, to parties in whom Jayaráma is interested and who have petitions, in which litigation, more or less, is apprehended, pending in the Kachahri of the Collector.

6. Of the latter class, some extracts may be given. In No. 2, the writer, being prevented by urgent business “from coming over and speaking personally” (which shows by the way that many more requests may have been made of which no scriptory proof is adducible) introduces a relation of his own “who is anxious to give Durkhast to some salt pans at Covelong and to “keep some of his own” at another place.

7. No. 3 is not so open. The bearer is a respectable man “who is coming to you on some “business and I shall obliged to you to listen to what he says and render him such *reasonable* “assistance (a common phrase in these letters) as is in your power.” The nature of the particular business does not transpire, further than that “his success in the affair is likely to prove some- “what beneficial to a friend of mine in respect to some matter in another village.”

8. In No. 6 the bearer “is anxious to get his maniem puttah registered in his name at the “Jummaundy.” No. 7 is anxious for the early disposal of his claim for compensation on account of land taken up for salt; while No. 8, who was brought to Jayaráma's notice by a respectable friend of his, is desirous of “getting the puttah for his share in the village transferred “in his name from that of his father, but is afraid of some opposition on the part of one Peru- “mál Náyadu in that village who, it appears, now brings forward some claim” in opposition.

9. In No. 9 again the subject is kept dark. In No. 13, the friend is a Mírásídár who wants “to get his Puttah.” In No. 14 a Brahman is recommended, in respect to an application for the registering of two shares in a certain village. No. 16 is a question of succession to a Puttah. No. 18 is obscure. In No. 19 Jayaráma will thank the Naib Sarishtadár to see that early permission is accorded to the application of the bearer “recommended to me by a friend of mine” who has “presented a Darkhast for some Bunjer lands in his village.”

10. The last No. 20 is an application to see justice done to certain parties in a claim made by certain other parties to their Puttah lands.

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No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1859, No. 1124.

This is a memo. drawn up by the Private Secretary to the Honorable the President, and laid before Government by His Excellency. It gives the purport of a number of private notes, also laid before the Council, addressed by Jayarām Setti, Serishtadār of the Board of Revenue, to Varadāchārī, Naib Serishtadār of Chingleput District and details also the manner in which these papers came into His Excellency's hands. The notes are twenty in number, and are of two kinds; viz., eight recommend certain persons to be entertained or advanced in the public service; while the remaining twelve commend to the favour or good offices of Varadāchārī certain persons named, represented to have claims of various kinds to bring before the Collector.

2. Nothing positively criminal appears on the face of the notes, beyond the culpable interference with the course of justice involved in the second set. While strongly condemning such interference, the Governor in Council considers that by far the worst feature in the case is the large number of the notes, (being twenty in about two and a half year apparently, for in some the year is not given,) which seems to indicate an extensive system of influence established by Jayarām Setti.

3. The Governor in Council resolves to forward the memo. to the Board of Revenue together with the original notes, and to request them to administer a serious caution to their Serishtadār. They will inform him that the Government view his conduct with extreme displeasure, as quite unworthy of the high and confidential position which he holds; and that if after this warning he is again found engaging in the same kind of correspondence, he will be treated as disqualified for that post.

4. Adverting to the third paragraph of the memo. the Governor in Council resolves to inform Mr. Shubrick that he is certainly mistaken as to the source whence the information originated, which induced His Excellency to decide not to appoint either Varadāchārī or Chengannah to be Deputy Collector.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Proc. of the Madras Govt. 20th August 1859 No. 1124 P. 7

Read the following letter

(H. E. means of the
Pres. H. Sec.)

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3. The f. c. members
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-duct, he will be treated
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4. Adverting to the
third branch of the means,
the f. c. members & inform
Mr. Phillips that he is
certainly mistaken as to the
source whence the info-
-mation originated,
-namely ~~the~~ ^{induced H. E.} ~~the~~ ^{which} ~~the~~ ^{to decide}

Note: This has only
been given to the Court

Aug 20.

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Dated 20th Augt/59

From B. of Rev. 9/26th Augt/59
in Com. 2nd Sept/59. N. 36-37.

On the correspondence
between Sanyamma Setti,
Seristadar of the Board of
Revenue. to Vardachari, Seristadar
of Chingleput.

No. 647.