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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1169 Press Mis.

Dated 2nd September 1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 27th August to 2d September 1859.

No. 36. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated 26th August 1859, No. 3375.

With reference to the order of Government dated 20th instant, Revenue Department, No. 1124, I am directed to report, for the information of Government, that the Board have duly communicated to their Head Sheristadar, the sentiments and animadversion of Government regarding his numerous letters to Vurdachari, Naib Sheristadar of Chingleput, and have warned him as directed of the consequences of hereafter engaging in the same kind of correspondence.

Jeyaram Setti assures the Board that he had no improper motives in addressing Vurdachari, and regrets deeply that by inconsiderately yielding to the importunities of others, he has incurred the displeasure of Government. He is now fully sensible of the impropriety of this conduct, and is much concerned that he did not before view it in this light.

The Board direct me to submit Jeyaram Setti's explanation, and to state that they feel assured his error has been one of judgment, and that it will not be repeated. On no occasion has he attempted to convey to their minds an unfavorable impression of Vurdachari.

From S. JEYARAM, Head Sheristadar of the Board of Revenue; to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully beg you will be pleased to submit to His Excellency the Governor in Council this my explanation of the conduct which has called forth the very severe displeasure of Government as expressed their Proceedings of the 20th instant which you have communicated to me.

2. The correspondence with Vurdachari which is the subject of that order extends over a period of 3½ years. After I came to Madras I became acquainted with Vurdachari, and by occasional meetings people found out that I was a friend of his, and they began to trouble me either directly or through some respectable Natives to intercede in their behalf, and the custom of granting such simple recommendatory letters has been generally prevalent in the country that I found it hard to convince them that I was committing myself to anything that was wrong, nor did it occur to me objectionable. It will be observed that in many cases the recommendations were for employment, early issue of Puttahs already in possession, registry of Merassy shares purchased, early disposal of applications for compensation, or other ordinary cases, in which injustice cannot be inflicted on another.

3. Without entering into further particulars I beg to declare that in giving each and all of the letters my object was either to assist the poor and helpless people, to avoid being considered disobliging, or to get rid of men whom I found troubling me almost incessantly, and that I had no other motive whatever. In granting these letters I did not at all mean to use official influence, if I possessed any at all, and which I may say I did not possess, having always held ministerial situations. The possession I now occupy in the Board's office is also no doubt ministerial, but notwithstanding, I have discontinued the practice much though not altogether. It was always my impression that in giving the letters I acted as a private individual would do, they being in terms of friendship and equality with persons able to render assistance. In almost all these cases I was so indifferent as to the issue of the cases in which the persons recommended were concerned that I neither took further notice of them, nor found cause to be offended at my intercession not having been attended to, for if I did I should long ago have put an end to corresponding with the individual, for as he himself appears to say through Mr. Shubrick he has paid little or no attention to my recommendations. Whatever might have been my past view of the correspondence and interference, I now take the caution given by Government with gratitude, and I shall take care never to yield again to that misguided pity or misunderstood duty to friends, which has unfortunately led me away to an unpleasant extent in the writing of recommendatory letters.

4. With this explanation I humbly beg the Board will be pleased to desire Government to take my general character into consideration, and to modify the strong terms in which they have conveyed to me the caution, for the order as it stands has placed me under a great and inexpressible distress of mind and depression of spirits. It has always been my earnest desire and endeavour to serve Government with unblemished character, and the circumstances which have elicited the displeasure of Government have not, I solemnly assure you, proceeded from any improper motives. This misfortune which has befallen me in my official career I shall never forget, and for any expression in modification of the order of the 20th instant which Government may be pleased to make I shall ever feel grateful.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1859, No. 1169.

The Board of Revenue will inform Jayaram Setti, that, although the Government have thought it right to point out to him, in the order of the 20th instant, the serious error into which he had fallen in carrying on an extensive correspondence of the nature animadverted on, they have not withdrawn their confidence from him, and that they highly appreciate his zeal and ability.

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

To

The President & Burgesses of the

Board of Trustees

Gentlemen

Pursuant to the order of the Governor

I have the honour to transmit to You Gentlemen the Copy of a Letter which I have received from the Governor of Virginia, and am directed to request that You will call the Board together as soon as possible, in order that the Governor may be informed of the Sentiments of the Trustees upon the Subject of the 20th Section of the Act for erecting Towns

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I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant

J. Sevestre
Head Assistant Surgeon

Dated 1859

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No 1109

Transcript of the Minutes of Board of Revenue

Office Madras the 31st Augt 1859

Read the following Letter

to the Secretary

to the Board of Revenue

Fort St George 26th Augt 1859

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request you will lay before the Board of Revenue the accompanying Petition of Cavelly Venkata Lutchmiah Zemindar of Kalahasty

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) W. Ellis

Secretary to Government

Ordered that the Petition be transmitted to the Collector of Nellore for report

Ordered that the Secretary to Government be informed accordingly

Ordered that the Petitioner be informed that the Board will not receive any Petition from him except through the Collector of Nellore

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