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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1496 Press ~~Misc.~~

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No. 39. Read the following Petition from G. F. FISCHER, Esq.; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 30th September 1859.

I beg to complain to Government of and to crave its interposition in a case which I conceive to be a gross abuse of authority on the part of the Collector of Madura.

Yesterday on a rumour reaching me that the Collector had the day before kicked up a great row in his Cutcherry in consequence of being called upon to answer some anonymous petition and that he had made very free with my name, and had ordered that no Cutcherry servant should go to my house or hold any communication with me or any one belonging to me, under pain of his severest displeasure and dismissal. I was the only person against whom the order was given which made it the more marked and offensive. I immediately wrote to Mr. Clarke to know if the rumour was true and on what grounds he had given the order, that I might meet any charges against me.

Receiving an unsatisfactory answer I called on the Collector and in the course of the conversation we had he admitted that he had been biased by insinuations that I was concerned in the anonymous petitions against him and by information that four of his servants, whom he named,* were in the habits of constantly visiting me of an evening and giving me information of all that passed in the Cutcherry, and added that copies of important documents were constantly going out of the Cutcherry, and that he was resolved to put a stop to it, and that to that end he had given the said order.

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Ramasamy Iyer, Magistrate Moonshee.
Causinada Row, English Writer, and Dorasamy Iyer, Acting Sheristadar Sub-Division.

I declared the insinuation and the information both false and base, that I knew nothing of the anonymous petitions till they came back and were spoken of by himself and others, and that only one of the four persons he had mentioned had to the best of my recollection called upon me since he came as Collector and that that was in the middle of the day and merely on a complementary visit, and I added that the insinuation and information were used to poison his mind to serve a party purpose, and demanded the names of my accusers and wished to be confronted with them that I might have the opportunity of showing the falseness of the charges against me by investigation and the facts it would elicit, and I asked for the revocation of the order so tyrannical to the Public servants and so unjust and injurious to me.

The Collector expressed himself glad to receive my denials and said he was bound to believe me but refused to name or confront my accusers with me or to revoke his order against me. Therefore do I appeal to His Excellency the Governor in Council for that justice and redress which is denied me by the Collector.

P. S.—One of Mr. Clarke's reasons for refusing to give the names of my accusers and to confront them with me was that that would shut the door to his receiving secret information.

And one of the charges against me was that I was preparing a petition to the Government for Sakapa Chetty. I admitted it, but said it was no anonymous petition but a petition to be signed by Sakapa Chetty and presented by me to the Collector himself for transmission to the Government. It was in a case which Mr. Fondclair had induced the Collector most illegally to take up and most unjustly to conduct against that great merchant and which was intended to ruin him and nigh did so. Once he was charged with perjury and another time with forgery, on both occasions falsely, and was ordered to be committed to Jail, which had it been done would have made an outcaste of him for life. Bail that he offered was refused and I had to become bail for him to save him from perdition. I was Vakeel for the man and consequently was preparing the appeal petition for him, but he has by intimidation been induced to put a stop to it.

This explanation is necessary rightly to understand the charge against me, as also the proceedings that I complain of.

I open this letter to enclose copy of a letter which I have thought necessary and proper to write to the Board of Revenue in consequence of information that I received since writing the above.

From G. F. FISCHER, Esq.; to the President and Members of the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Madura, 30th September 1859.

I have just been given to understand that the Collector has secretly written to you against me, nor is that the only thing he has done against me, all has been attempted to be done in an underhand and secret manner, but "murder will out." My object in addressing you at present is to request, that whatever the Collector has written to you about against me, I may be afforded an opportunity of seeing and answering before you form any judgment upon it.

To show you how unjustifiably I have been attacked and how completely Mr. Clarke is led away by Mr. Fondclair, I think it right to send you copy of a letter that I have this day addressed the Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 40. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; to G. F. FISCHER, Esq., Madura; dated 4th November 1859, No. 1496.

Your letter of the 30th September addressed to the Chief Secretary has been laid before Government; and I am instructed to inform you in reply that it does not appear to them that their interference is called for in the matter.

2. I am directed to add that the expressions occurring in the early part of your letter, "the Collector kicked up a great row in his Cutcherry," is of a character neither usual nor respectful in a Memorial addressed to Government.

To

T. Pycroft Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George.

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Madura
30th September
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Collector of Madura V 50 6

Nº 3799 of 1859

From G. F. Fischer
residing at Madura

Dated 30th Sept.
Rec. 13th October 59
With 1 enclosure

Mr Fischer should,
I think, be informed
that we see no
reason to interfere -
It might also
be observed that
the expression in the
early part of his
petition "The
"collector kicked

"up a great row in his butchery", is neither
usual, nor respectful in a Memorial
addressed to the Government

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21 Oct 59

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Thought necessary and proper to
write to the Board of Revenue in
consequence of information that
Fischer was visiting the abovesaid

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W Nicolson

To The Assistant Secretary
to the Board of Revenue
&c &c &c
Fort St George

Gentlemen

I have been directed by
the Collector of Madura to
transmit to you the accompanying
petition of [illegible] Pillay
and to state that the Collector
has been unable to ascertain
the truth of the allegations
contained therein - All has been
done as directed in an undersigned
dated 13th Octr to the
Head Assistant
Sub Collector
who has been requested
to report upon the subject
of the petition, that
you may be furnished
with the information
required by the Board
of Revenue in its proceedings
of the 10th Instant -

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]
Collector

Revenue 1859 Dept.
Pro of Govt 10th November
No 2041
From G. F. Fischer Esq
Madura
Dated 13th October 1859
Rec'd 4th November
1 Enclo:
Complaining that the
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that no Kachery Servant
should go to his house or
hold any communica-
tion with him or any one
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No 1149 - 4th November

Copy to the Bd of Rev
Fort St George
4 Nov 1859

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Madura
30th September
1859.

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Gentlemen.
Your most Obedient Servant.
(signed) G. F. Fischer

(True copy)
Wirdnam

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No 1496

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Fort St. Geo: 4th November 1859.

I have &c
(signed) J. A. [illegible]

To Copies: Board of Revenue
Collector of Madura

for information.

Revenue 1850 Sept 15th
Pro: of Govt 18th November
& 1496-

To G. F. Fischer Esq.
Madeira-

Dated 14th November 1850.

Com-G. F. Fischer Esq. & 21st
October/50 C. No. 2052 in Pro:
disposed of in the Petition Depositt

Declining to interfere
in the matter of Mr. Fischer's
complaint against the
Collector of Madeira-

No 39 & 40-