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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 24 — 11 — 1859.

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Read again letter from the Board of Revenue dated 6th October 1859 No. 4037, recorded in Proceedings of Government 24th October 1859 No. 1432.

Read also the following papers.

No. 42. From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 2d November 1859, No. 499.

With reference to Proceedings of the Madras Government, 24th October 1859, I have the honor to state, that I called upon the Rajah of Vizianagrum for the information therein required, and have this day received his reply, acknowledging that the letter published in the Advertiser was a correct copy of one addressed by him to Mr. Reade.

2. The Rajah's original letter is enclosed, and the newspaper is herewith returned.

From the Maha Rajah of Vizianagrum; to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated Fort Vizianagrum, 1st November 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 494 and dated 31st ultimo, giving cover to three other papers as per margin, and in reply to state that, the letter published in the General Advertiser and Journal of Commerce and marked with red lines, had been written by me, and I need scarcely enter into any particulars as the letter speaks for itself.

1. *A letter from the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government.*
2. *Orders of Government thereon.*
3. *The General Advertiser and Journal of Commerce.*

The enclosures as per margin I hasten herewith to return.

No. 43. From Mr. C. W. READE, M. C. S; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 27th October 1859.

By the order of Government of the 24th instant, No. 1432, Revenue Department, I observe that Mr. Thornhill has been desired to ascertain from the Rajah of Vizianagrum whether he really wrote a letter dated the 9th November 1859, which appeared in the columns of the "Advertiser" sometime ago, the said letter being addressed to me.

2. I am at a loss to know how any copy of this letter reached the "Advertiser," and the circumstance as much annoyed me as it surprised me, though, it is true, I printed a few copies of this and other letters for my own use connected with the general defence of my conduct, and I presume one of these copies must have got into improper hands. I leave Madras for England to-day, and to enable the Government to act in the matter, should they desire it, I think it right to place them in possession of the original of the said letter, which I accordingly enclose, soliciting that I may at once be favored with an authenticated copy under your signature for submission with other original papers to the Secretary of State for India in company with my memorial. I also request a copy of this letter I am now writing.

3. It was never my intention t bring forward this matter further than I had done in my "memorandum" to Government of the 17th October 1857, which was founded on a conversation I had had with the Rajah shortly previous to the receipt of his letter. No one ever knew I preserved the letter, and having on arrival in the district declared to all the servants an amnesty for the past, I scrupulously held to that and sought only to suppress future corruption and misbehaviour. The Head Sarishtadár headed the Bramin faction against me, but I never once turned against him or even hinted at the matter to which this letter relates under the conditions already stated.

4. Personally I beg to disclaim every desire to bring forward the Head Sarishtadár on charges connected with the information furnished in this letter, and I beg that, in any proceedings which Government may feel it their duty to adopt, I may be absolved from any responsibility,

as, but for the accidental appearance of the letter, it is probable occasion would never have arisen for my making use of it, save to aid me in the preparation of my memorial to the Home authorities.

5. That the Head Sarishtadár is as corrupt as a man could well be, and that prior to my advent in the district, he had long exercised a most pernicious influence, not only over the Rajah but over others in the district, is very notorious, and personally I feel that had I not opposed and successfully checked his designs and practices, I should have been spared much of the trouble and anxiety that has so suddenly come upon me.

6. I am in possession of many other papers that would throw light on the doings in past years in Vizagapatam, but, as I said before, it was with the future not with the past I had to do, and the only use I made of the information in my hands, was to warn the public servants concerned, but in no case did I contemplate taking proceedings against them, being of opinion that it was neither fair nor honorable in consideration of my declared amnesty and of the peculiar circumstances which had so long favored the system of corruption and abuse.

From the Rajah of Vizianagrum ; to Mr. C. W. READE, M. C. S. dated 9th June 1857.

I have great pleasure in complying with your request to be furnished with the various items paid by me to your Sarishtadár. I believe I made a mistake in calling the annual sum paid to him 3,000, as I find, on reference to the accounts, it has been since 1854—4,000, up till *then* I had declined to pay, but could stand no longer, and Colonel Carpenter, who was full of such manœuvres, they got hold of who at length came and advised me to pay. The sum paid to your late manager was 3,000, but the Sarishtadár not only got Colonel Carpenter to press the matter but *himself* insisted on having *arrears* paid to him and got from me 8,000 to begin with!! I confess as the saying is that, "the giver is just as bad as the receiver," but, my dear Mr. Reade, what can I do, I could stand no longer with the Sarishtadár whose power naturally is much greater than mine. I *cannot* tell you the annoyance I had to put up with from your Sarishtadár or "the Vizagapatam leech!" I came here a stranger, and was not aware of his character and not up to the customs, and the Sarishtadár had VERY GREAT POWER with all the Collectors, and did just as he liked. Now it is different, and I am most grateful that good fortune has brought you here to befriend me and guide me. I should not wish this memorandum which I give you, to be produced in any way against the Sarishtadár at any time. He is a powerful and most cunning rogue, and might do me much injury and give me much annoyance, and can very easily order others to do it; in fact this is the way he always does it. I would wish what is past to be forgotten and in future by your *support* and guidance, I shall I hope not be so foolish as I have been with regard to such taxes. I have suffered *enough* in my mind ever since I came here till now to be a warning to me. The fact is, we are surrounded by intriguers and by *none more so* than Narsinga Row, or "the Bimlipatam Nana Saheb!" and D. Narain Rauze of Anundapooram village, who are the *chief* instruments of your Head Sarishtadár. These people are *day and night plotting* for power over me and my affairs *I assure you*, and now that you have come and shewn me friendship, for which I shall *ever* feel grateful, they are at their wits end for plots to annoy me. I have full proof of this, but as long as you are here and I have your *amiable support*, I can hardly think any schemes of their's will ever be successful. The business you have in hand is enough to suffocate any person, many many thanks for your kind promise to send the ———————— when you are more at leisure and also for so kindly promising to make official application and to accompany me on board the Man-of-War. I am still troubled much with cold and cough, which was the cause of my not answering, but as I have commenced the medicines which Mr. Blackwell has ordered, I hope soon to find relief. I have written back to Mr. Bloomfield, saying that "We *must* have the sky meeting to come off on the 12th of December, Saturday, because we shall not have Mr. Reade if we fix the meeting at the end of the month, as he told me he must be out on his tour then." I have not heard from him yet, but I can venture to say that that will be the time fixed. My sons offer their best salaams and love to you. Oh! how much I wish them to be with you and Mr. Armoue. I much doubt the Ranee agreeing to our proposal, and in that case I beseech you again and again to see the two

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boys not spoilt by her influence. Mr. Blackwell tells me that you expect Mrs. Reade soon, and I hope soon to hear this happy news.

No. 44. From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of Rajahmundry; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 4th November 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of your letter of the 29th ultimo, I lost no time in personally putting the question desired to D. Kristna Ráo. He at once denied the allegations, declaring that he never while Head Sarishtadár of Vizagapatam, which appointment he was holding before the Rajah returned to his country from Benares, received any money from the Rajah of Vizianagrum.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1859, No. 1600.

Paragraph 1. These papers relate to allegations of corruption against D. Kristna Ráo, late Head Sarishtadár of Vizagapatam and at present Deputy Collector of Rajahmundry, which appeared in a letter published in the Madras Advertiser, purporting to have been written by the Zemindar of Vizianagrum to Mr. C. W. Reade, the late Agent at Vizagapatam. The Zemindar admits having written the letter in question, and apparently maintains the truth of his statements. D. Kristna Ráo on the other hand denies the allegations.

2. Resolved that the papers be transmitted to Mr. Fane, appointed Collector and Agent of Vizagapatam, who will institute a searching enquiry into the matter, availing himself of all the trustworthy evidence written or oral, that may be obtainable, and taking the answer of the accused, in order to arrive at a correct judgment as to the facts of the case. The result of this enquiry will be promptly reported to Government by Mr. Fane for orders. D. Kristna Ráo will be directed to obey any summons that he may receive from him, and to answer all enquiries which he may put to him.

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

R. Cons. 31st Oct 1859 No. 15-16

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Pro: of Govt. 30th November.
From, No. 2053.

The Actg Agent
to the Govr
Vizagm
To.
The Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Dated 2d Nov
Recd 7th Do. } 1859

S. Ro
No. 1600-
24th Nov.

No. 499
Encl. 1.

Forwarding original
letter from the
Rajah acknowledg-
ing that his Letter
to Mr Reade
regarding the
late Storm
is correct.

Newspaper
returned.

Copy with Encl.
& Appendix sent
to Mr Fane
24 Nov 59

No 42.

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R. Com. 31st Oct. 1859 No. 10

Mr. Secretary Edwards
&c. &c. &c.
Singapore

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 31st ult. No. 10
transmitting the Commission
appointing me Consul for
Labuan & its dependencies.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Henry Keppel
Captain

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Sir Thos. Cochrane
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to
report for your information
that I have appointed
Mr. Consul Crookshank
to act as Consul for
Labuan & its dependencies
during my absence
in command of
Her Majesty's Ship
under my orders.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Henry Keppel
Captain

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Memo

In course of tracing up the
followers in this case it appears
some have been involved in much
difficulty.

In the first place there is only
the word of the Raja after the
word of the Ld Carisbrooke and
altho I place full reliance on the
former, it has been entirely suis
stained in this instance by Mr Reads
case and the accused will naturally
avail himself of that plea

In the next place the Raja made
a confidential com: to Mr Read
apparently with an understanding
that his information was not to
be brought forward publickly &
Mr Read pledged himself not
to do such

My dear Bourchier

I enclose
any ability to
officers & men
who left vessels
are to this claim
from Jan: 1st
D. Com: Lieut Read, who
joined a boat &

No. 51.

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FROM Rajahmundry TO Madras.

FROM Collector TO Sec^y to Govt

WORDS 14 & PREPAID, ~~REPETITION PAID~~.

Reply to yours of 29th October, sent on
Fourth Instant. party denied allegations.

Electric Telegraph Office,
Madras
Rec^d Nov^r 1859

C. S. Lowry
for Assistant in charge
E. T. Office Madras.

Despatched Oct 29/59

Madras
Oct 29/59

To the Collector

of

Rajamundry

Sir

The Raja of Vizianagram has stated both verbally & in writing, that for several years he paid D. Hostens Row when Head Serishtadar of Vizagapatam, four Thousand Rupees a year, besides eight Thousand Rupees in a ship sent to Pegu with, being the arrears of two years. This Assessment, the Raja states, were made in consequence of unceasing importunity, & from fear of Hostens Row's power, to get rid & of the annoyances

which I look to evidence from him.

2. D. Krishna Row having now been transferred to Rajamundry as a Dep. Collr., I am directed by the Hon.ble for. in Council to desire you to ask him personally whether he admits or denies the truth of the allegations above stated, & to report his answer by return of Post. No explanation is now required; but a simple answer, yes or no. The question may be put to Krishna Row either by yourself alone, or with the presence of a Gentleman appointed, as you may think best or first most convenient.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. D. Saunders
Sec. to Govt.

Madras, Oct 29/59.

To the Commissioner of Rajamundry

Rev Dept

No 1600.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 24th Novr 1859

Read again letter from the Board of Revenue dated 6 October /59 No 4037, recorded in Rev. of Govt 24 Octr /59 ch 432.

Read also the following Papers

From the Agent to the Governor - Vizagapatam

Forwards original letter from the Zemindar of Vizianagrum acknowledging that the letter regarding the late Head Shanstadar of Vizianagrum published in the Advertiser, as having been written by him to Mr Reade, was his (Here enter 2 Nov/59 ch 499)

From Mr C M Reade
M. C. S.

Enclosing the original of the letter published in the Advertiser (Here enter 27 Oct/59)

From the Collr of Rajahmundry

States that D. Krishna Rao denies having ever received any money from the Zemindar (Here enter 4 Nov/59)

Ordered, That these papers relate

late to allegations of corruption against D. Krishna Rao, late Head Sheristadar of Vizagapatam and at present Deputy Collector of Rajahmundry, which appeared in a letter published in the Madras Advertiser, purporting to have been written by the Zemindar of Vizianagrum to Mr C.W. Reade, the late Agent at Vizagapatam. The Zemindar admits having written the letter in question, and apparently maintains the truth of his statements. D. Krishna Rao on the other hand denies the allegations.

2. Resolved that the papers be transmitted to Mr Lane, appointed Collector and Agent of Vizagapatam, who will institute a searching enquiry into the matter, avoiding himself of all the trustworthy evidence written or oral, that may be obtainable, and taking the answer of the accused, in order to arrive at a correct judgment as to the facts of the case. The result of this enquiry will be promptly reported to Government by Mr Lane for orders. D. Krishna Rao will be directed to obey any summons that he may receive from him, and to answer all enquiries which he may put to him.

3. Mr Lane will also investigate the part stated to have been

been taken in the affair by Colonel, now Major General, Carpenter from whom we may seek any information respecting the case, which he may see reason to suppose that that Officer will be able to furnish.

1 Copy to the Collector Agent &c in Virginia as last sent with Enclos Dec 25
1 " " Coll[r] of Augustine Creek &c
1 " " Board of Revenue &c

[x] Sent to Mr Page at the Club.

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No. 1600.

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Dt 24th November 1859.

Telegram from Mr Fane. 21st Dec. 59.

Further Cons. 10th Jany 60. 1 to 5.

Papers relating to allegations of corruption against D. Kristna Rao, late Head Sarrishtadar of Vezagapatam to be referred to Mr Fane, appointed Coll.r & Agent, for inquiry & report.

Copy to the Mily Dept
2d Jany 1860 RT

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