

Revenue Department

No 358

Dated 18—3—1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d March 1859.

No. 41. Read the following Petition from the Zamindár of Vencatagiri; to the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, G. C. B., Governor and President in Council, Fort Saint George; dated Vencatagerry, 10th January 1859.

My LORD,

In respectfully submitting the accompanying Memorial, in triplicate, I beg your Lordship will be so good as to transmit the same to the Home Authorities, with your Lordship's kind support and favorable recommendation.

May I further beg to request, that your Lordship will be graciously pleased, to cause all communications on this subject to my address, to be forwarded under cover to my authorized Agent Anamallay Chetty, Cashier, at the office of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., of Madras.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 358; dated 18th March 1859.

The Government observe that a similar Memorial to the one recorded above was referred for the report of the Board of Revenue on 4th April 1823. And the Board having pointed out in their reply that the payments to which the Zamindár objected, were made on account of certain lands and villages held by him exclusively of the Zamindári Proper (and which in consequence, had not been taken into consideration by the special Committee when they fixed the Zamindár's Peshcush at Pagodas 1,11,058) the Government on 8th July 1823 recorded their opinion that the claim put forward was wholly unfounded. The present Government fully concur in this view of the case, and the Zamindár's Memorial will be sent to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with the expression of their opinion to that effect.

2. Should the Home Authorities concur, the Zamindár will be given the option of continuing the payments as heretofore, or of resigning compactly situated lands with an equivalent rental.

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

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Zamindár of Vencatagiri

To
The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State for India
London

The humble Memorial of
Talagoty Banarayachama
Kaidar Bahadur Zemindar
of Venkatagerry -

Humbly Sheweth,
That your Memorialist
is the descendant of the Munsibdars of
the Decan the former aristocracy
of the Country who like the ancient
feudal lords of England possessed
and exercised much influence and
authority and were expected to and
did contribute according to their means
to the security and well being of the
Empire, supporting large military
Establishments and making common
cause with the Sovereign in upholding
the prestige of the ruling power. That
your Memorialist's ancestors were
Munsibdars of Venkatagerry in
the

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the Zillah of Nellore and rendered
signal Service to the Nabob of the
Carnatic to whom they were subservient
in effectually defending their
Country from becoming a prey to the
attacks of foreign invaders foremost
among whom were Hyderally, the
Mahrattas and Pindaries, and your
Memorialists Grandfather had been
some time in possession, when in
July 1792 a treaty having been
entered into between the British
Government and Mahomed Ally
Khan then Nabob of the Carnatic
your Memorialists Grandfather
was declared no longer dependant
on the said Nabob but was made
subject exclusively to the British
Government.

That it is hardly
necessary to recall to the recollection
of your Lordships that at
the period of the aforesaid transfer
the Country was by no means in a
peaceful state. It was engaged in
the war with Hyderally a war it

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is not too much to say, which but for
the firm position maintained by your
Memorialists Grandfather who placed
his Treasury and his men at the
disposal of the British, would have
proved irretrievably disastrous to the
English power if it did not altogether
subvert it, and it was at this critical
juncture that your Memorialists
Grandfather rendered signal Service
to the state by disdainfully rejecting
all the overtures to an alliance with
him made by Hyderally, his
alluring promises and inducements
and remaining steadfast in his
attachment to the British Authority,
and your Memorialist alludes to these
circumstances as entitling him to a
kind and patient hearing, and he
is persuaded that as the impartial
administration of Justice is the ruling
characteristic of your Lordships,
his long endurance of grievances against
which he now prays will not be looked
upon as barring him from a favorable
consideration of his prayer.

That from and for several years
after

after the conclusion of the treaty afore-
said your Memorialists Grand father
paid to the British Government
the following sums exclusive of the
Annual Pish Cash on his Zemindary
Pagodas 21673.0.0

To the Collector of Buckelapah
on account of Nuzzirs Roofsoms
Tanjore Difference of Exchange - 4411.15.9^{3/8}
To the Collector of Nellore on
account of Roofsoms Muns
nacavalie Marasand Enams - 2200.0.0
To the Collector of Guntur
on account of Roofsoms - 550.38.25^{3/8}
To the Collector of Nellore
on account of Dasayr
Roofsoms - 110.0.0
7278.0.36

In addition to which your
Memorialists Grand father had to
support a large Military Establish-
ment for the protection of the state.

That in the year 1802 the
Government of the East India Company
having determined to
take upon itself the exclusive main-
tenance of the troops, the war having
been concluded and no further necessity
existing

existing for the Military assistance
therefore rendered the Munsulass
were relieved from the Military service
which was commuted to an augmenta-
tion of their Pish Cash and on the 24th
August of that year a Summul was
granted to your Memorialists Grand
father according to the terms of which
all the payments for which your
Memorialists Grand father was liable
were fixed at the consolidated sum
of Pagodas 11058 to be paid annually
and for ever free of Nuzzirs, and
every other incidental tribute never
liable to change under any circumstances
and was thereafter declared to be the
permanent annual demand of
Government on the Venkatagerry
Zemindary.

That the Military service
having been so commuted and the
permanent demand fixed as aforesaid
your Memorialists Grand father found
shortly afterwards to his great surprise
that the circle officers, whether
misunderstanding or misconstruing
the terms of the Summul had no
intention

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intention of exempting him from the four
payments named above consisting of
Nuzzers Roofrooms &c^{ca} amounting to Pagodas
7278: 8: 36 and he accordingly in September
1802 only a month after the Summul was
granted, addressed a letter to the Right
Honorable Lord Clive ^{the} then Governor of Fort
St. George, complaining of the intended
exaction which the Summul did not
authorize, and pointing out to his Lordship
that all the land he enjoyed was included
in his Summul, but no reply being re-
ceived by him to that letter in December
of the same year, while thanking his
Lordship for the public testimony borne
to his fidelity and allegiance in the
presentation to him of valuable gifts
by the Government called his Lordship's
attention to his former address and the
matter was referred for inquiry to the
Collector of the Western Pollums of
which the Venkatagerry Zemindari
formed a portion - The Collector reported
that the lands on which the payments
were taken had become mixed with that
of the Circar and could not be distin-
guished, but he recommended that in
consideration of this circumstance your
Memorialists

Memorialists Grand father was entitled
to the exemption prayed for -

That this report of the Collector was
not acted upon and the subject was de-
ferred for further consideration no
abatement of the payments being allowed
notwithstanding that the correspondence
between the Collector and the Government
showed that your Memorialists Grand
father was not at all liable a proceed-
ing which would not have taken place
as your Memorialist imagines had the
point been favorable to the Government.

That for the next twenty years on
account of the lingering illness and
death of your Memorialists Grand father,
and the long minority of his son your
Memorialists father, the question was not
agitated except that several petitions
attended with no result were submitted
to the Collector, till at length early in
the year 1823 your Memorialists father
having attained his majority a letter
was presented by him to the Government
of Fort St. George urging his claim to
exemption and stating that he did not
hold at that time and had never held
since the date of the Summul, any other
lands

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lands than those included in the Zemindary
of Venkatagerry, and as such was the case,
the Pish Cash in the said Zemindary
having been and being then regularly
paid by him it was an act of justice
due to him to exempt him from the
other payments to which he was held
liable. The presentation of this letter
did not fulfil expectation. Instead
of ascertaining how far your Memo-
rialists father was correct in his
representation that he held no lands
other than those enclosed in his Sumud,
the Government referred to the papers
that had passed on the subject twenty
years previously, and left the matter
where they found it without vouchsafing
any relief to your Memorialists father.

That from that year up to the
present time for reasons akin to those
that had operated before your Memo-
rialists father's claim was left in abeyance
that is to say although frequently laid
before the authorities in the shape of
petitions and personal representations
to the Collectors it was never pressed
with

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with any definite result so that from the
date of the Sumud up to this day your
Memorialists Grand father and father
before him, and your Memorialist now
have paid and is paying the large sum
annually of Pagodas 7278: 8: 35 without
the enjoyment of a single advantage which
can compensate for this heavy tax on his
resources. He has never enjoyed a
single acre of land other than the
estates embraced in the Zemindary
and for which he pays the large sum
annually of Pagodas 11058 and yet
he is liable for a payment of Pagodas
7278: 8: 35 on no pretence whatever and
without deriving any corresponding
benefit, the Sumud distinctly stating
that his Pish Cash freed him from
every other payment whatsoever including
Nuggers and Roffoms under which
latter head the exactions of which he
complains were made.

That Confiding in the justice which
has marked your treatment of the people
of this land your Memorialist approaches
your Lordship with his prayer
and

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and begs humbly to state that he holds no land that is not included in his demand and as his Peish Cash on this account is regularly paid by him your Memorialist begs to be exempted from the payment of Pagodas 7278. 8. 35 now unjustly exacted from him.

He has respectfully to urge that the long continuance of the grievance is by no means attributable to laxity or indifference on his part, or on the part of his father & Grandfather they having brought the matter repeatedly under the consideration of the authorities but solely to the neglect of the latter, who deferred it from time to time, and came to no definite conclusion although assured by the Collector that the Complaint was well founded as the correspondence on the subject will clearly establish and which said temporising was submitted to by your Memorialist's ancestors in humble reliance on the justice of your Lordship, which sooner or later would be exercised on their behalf, and it is in the same dependence on this principle that your Memorialist prefers his claim in the confident hope that

that it will be carefully considered and that his ready payment of the demand from year to year altogether with the object of securing your good opinion of him which any resistance would have undoubtedly forfeited, will not be looked upon as giving him no right to the exemption asked for at this distance of time.

And your Memorialist begs to state that during the time the land assessment of Southern India was being fixed in 1802, while the Southern Poligars became refractory and rising in arms greatly embarrassed the measures of the State those of the Western Poligars among whom was your Memorialist's Grandfather acquiesced in the new arrangements which were greatly facilitated by their cheerful submission to the alterations then carried out, and if no other consideration weighs with your Lordship as entitling him to a kind & favorable hearing, he humbly begs that the services of his ancestors during a crisis fraught with imminent danger to the British Power may by the means of procuring for him the redress for which he now prays

Henry
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తన పేరిట
వందలకు
విశేషము

Jemindar of Venkatapur

prays and your Memorialist as in duty
bound will

ever pray.

రాజీవేలుగారి కుమారుడు
వేంకటాగారి కుమారుడు
వేంకటాగారి కుమారుడు

Jemundary of Venkataghar

Venkataghar
10th Jan 1859

From Valloogoty
Conveyance
Said to be
Jemundary of
Venkataghar -
Received
With an Envelope
in duplicate

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To

The Right Honorable
Lord Harris G. C. B.
Governor & President in Council
Port St. George.

My Lord,

In respectfully submitting
the accompanying Memorial in triplicate,
I beg your Lordship will be so good
as to transmit the same to the Home
authorities, with your Lordship's kind
support & favorable recommendation.

May I further beg to request,
that your Lordship will be graciously
pleased, to cause all communications
on this subject to my address, to be
forwarded under cover to my authorized
agent, Anamallay Chetty, Cashier,
at the Office of Mr. B. Subbuthal
of Madras -

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient Humble Servant

రాజీవేలుగారి కుమారుడు
వేంకటాగారి కుమారుడు
వేంకటాగారి కుమారుడు

Jemundary of Venkataghar

Venkataghar
10th January 1859

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Memorandum

Enter ⁱⁿ R.D.

any order in N.Y.
on the subject or
any correspondence
and any order
for R. C. B. S.
J. P. Roberts

No. 358

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 18th March 1859

Read the following
Memorial from the Fami-
dar of Venkatagiri.

Here enter 10th January 1859

The Government
observe that a similar
Memorial to the one
recorded above was re-
ferred for the report of
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made on account of
certain lands and village
held

[Signature]

[Signature]

dated 2^d June/23

Copy of L.H.O. to C.
of 21st March 1859, 1859.

Revenue 1859 Regd.
to Gov 22 March.

No. 182.

From the Zamindar of
Venkatagiri.

Dated 10th January &

Feb 2^d February 1859.

3. Encl.

No. 358: 18 March 1859

Requesting the
transmission to the
Home Authorities of his
Memorial for asking for
his relief from certain
payments.

Wm. S. England,
Home Office,
London 21st March 1859.

23rd July 1872
27th Aug 1872
28th Aug 1872
29th Aug 1872

held by him exclusively
of the Zamindar's property
(and which in consequence
had not been con-
sidered by the special Committee
when they fixed the
Zamindar's Peshkash at
Pagodas 11,058) the Govern-
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Zamindar will be given
the option of continuing
the payments as heretofore,
or resigning compactly
situated lands with an
Equivalent rental.

W.H.
March 5.

Rev Dept

No

Extract from the Memo of Consultation
under date the February 1857.

Read the following letter from the
Laminadar of Venkatagiri

/here enter

At

Praying for the transmission of
a Memorial to the R. & the
Secretary of State for India
with a view to have him pay
a certain payment of
Rs. 7278.8.35

This appears to be an
old case!!

The Laminadar is
clearly held in payment
of an interest due to him
as per the - & the rate

ERC 8 July 1823

No 419

Any sum is stated to be
for lands or elsewhere - which
the Laminadar claims he has
not held - while the R. &
Committee at the time refused
to have declined further investigation

The Gov observe that this very
claim was put forward by
the Laminadar in 1823,
and rejected by Gov as wholly
unfounded; This decision
having been communica-
ted to the Hon Ch of Di-
rectors, was approved in
Para 11 of the Compy letter

87th page of 17 Jan 1827

2 The R.A. the f in C involves
Consequently to return the address
to the Memorialist with an inti-
mation that ^{being} ~~it~~ is a mere reca-
pitation of a complaint for-
merly decided & without
foundation, ~~and~~ ^{it} cannot be forwarded to England

3 It will be included in the
next return of Memorials not
transmitted to England as
containing no new matter

W.A.

Feb 2.

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The General
is paying money
to the State & success
to be able to see
he should be
in the future
this pay must
It is quite clear that
the money paid is
altogether in the
of his pocket

It does not
feel the same
even before
the house
as before - to the order
of the late ^{Count} in regard
to second publication
to the effect of
2/ly to the

will

1 The Venkataswami Zamindar complains that he has for many years been compelled to pay a sum of star Pagodas 7278-8-35 over and above his Peshkash and requests to be relieved from such payment.

2 He brought forward the same request in his letter to Government dated 14th February 1823. This was referred to the Board of Revenue for report by Sir Thomas Munro's Government. In their reply dated 2nd June 1823 the Board quoted a report from Mr Stratton to the Special Committee dated 14th July 1801. From this it appeared that the Zamindar was subject to an annual payment of 2000 Pagodas through the Amildar at Ongole, in commutation of certain Kowali Eriams which were situated within the limits of the Northern Districts of the Zamindar.

These

14th April 1823.

23 July 27th 5th March 1812

These Liams formed the remuneration of one Rāmbhadrā Rāj (apparently a Mān Kavalgar) but were resumed by the Nawab of the Carnatic on account of the Kavalgar having fallen into disgrace. On such resumption the Nawab son of mīr had of course to collect the Government share of the revenue in the resumed villages. These as before said were situated within the Venkatagiri limits, and such collection caused inconvenience to the Venkatagiri Zamindar. On a representation therefore from that individual the Nawab made over the resumed Liams to him in consideration of a yearly payment of Pagodas 2000. of similar process was gone through with respect to other Liams which were made over in consideration of a yearly payment of Pagodas 500-12. And a sum

Pags.
2000-12
500
3972-12
6473-8

* i.e. separate from that of the Zamindar proper.

Good for

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of 3972-12 was further paid as a separate Beshkash for a portion of the Morella Pergana a portion of which was under the Amil of Cannara but the remainder under the Zamindar.

These payments were not taken into account by the Special Committee when they formed the permanent settlement of the Venkatagiri estate, and ^{were} not included in his Beshkash of Star Pagodas 111,018. The lands on which the payments are due form no part of the Zamindar's and are not included in the Land-i-milkiyat istimrar. This is expressly stated by the Special Committee in their report to Govt. dated 24th September 1802 para 4.

2 In their order of 8th July 1823 (signed by Sir Thomas Munro) the Government recorded their opinion that the Zamindar's claim was wholly unfounded. This decision was

was approved by the Honorable Court of Directors.

If the Zamindar now declines to pay, it will be perfectly fair to give him the option of resigning compactly situated villages with a *Barj* equal to the payment objected to and to hold the rest as his Zamindari proper; for the case may be generally put as follows.

In the early days of the Govt of the Nawabs of the Carnatic a certain number of villages situated in the then Angole and Illore Parganas were granted to an individual who afterwards came to be styled the Tankotagiri Poligar, in consideration of military services, & a certain *Peshkash*. When the British assumed the country they took into consideration the *Peshkash* paid hitherto by the Zamindar to the Nawabs, and his former military services,

services, and fix his future Tribute at Star Pagodas 11,058. But in fixing this they do not take into consideration the revenue derived by the Zamindar from other lands which were granted to him for his own convenience for a separate payment, on grounds wholly irrespective of those for which the villages composing the Zamindari proper were originally granted to him; neither do they take into consideration a portion of another Pargana which he held separate from his Zamindari. The Zamindar continues to hold ^{all} these villages on a certain fixed rent.

where is this found. It appears as far as I have been able to find out to be pure assumption. This means holding other lands out side his former charge. The plea is not heard.

His request to hold these without paying for them, merely because they are situated within the external limits of his Zamindari proper, on which and on which alone a fixed rent of Pagodas 11,058 is payable is obvious by preposterous.

The only point to be noted is that they are properly said to be side it, hence the dispute is not heard.

is that the sum accounted for by the special Committee Pagoda is 6473 is less than that which the Revenue is clear has to pay. But the general argument does not appear to be affected by the fact for the payments are all made in the November days and it is fair to suppose that they must have originated in a way similar to those detailed above.

Wishes to help
lands - under
paying for them
that he pays the
* started at Star Pagoda
7272 in former Memo:
= 7278 in the present
one.
Pags.
7272
6473
799 say 800
equal to Rs. 2500

M.H.
Feb 18.

This explanation appears quite satisfactory - the option should be given to the Zemindar. I think - after stating the various reasons fully. This would look better than a short appeal to favour his memorial - which would probably attract attention & call for further investigation.

I concur in this view

level
money & holds
of that admitted
to be within the
limit of his
grantee duty I
would send the
Memorial to the
R.B. report

I am not sure that he does not
show that he does not
show that he does not

It seems quite clear from the Report of the Court that the lands granted on permanent settlements are wholly distinct from those previously enjoyed by the Zamindars as Paltan who is all he was under the Ward 11/6

Copy in a Letter to E.
17th March 1859 No. 9.

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Revenue 1859 Dept.
D^{to} Cons 22nd March.

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Extract of Cons.

D^{to} 18th March 59.

From Rajah Valogty Comara
Yachanda Naidoo Bahadur Ge.
- mindan of Venkatacharya - Melore
D^{to} 24th June 59 C. S. 1381. in
Cons. 16th Augt/59 M. No. 415

From D^{to} D^{to} 15th Decr/56 C. S. 3044,
in No. 26 Decr/56 No. 15.

From D^{to} D^{to} 1st May 1860 C. S. 1382 in No.

Transmitting Memorial
from the Zamindar of Venkatacharya
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payments, expressing their opinion
that the claim put forward by the
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