

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	534	Press Mis.
Dated	19. 4.	1859.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 19th April 1859.

No. 21. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1859, No. 1066.

Read letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 3d March 1859, No. 39.

(In Con. 7th March 1859, No. 936.)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government
In Con. 3d February 1859. with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 1st February 1859, No. 134, R. D.

2. It is scarcely necessary to repeat facts of the case. It will be sufficient to state briefly that of the Inam granted in 1807 to Subadar Custoor for eminent fidelity to the State, the whole was continued to the family until 1820 when on the death of the second of his two eldest sons

From Govt. 21st in Con. 28th February 1807, R. D.
To do. 4th March 1807.
From do. 14th in Dy. Con. 23d March 1807, R. D.
To do. 17th June 1808.
From do. 25th June in Con. 4th July 1808, R. D.

to whom after his own death it had been continued by the District Officers, a reference was made to the Board and as no Sunnud was forthcoming, or indeed appeared to have been issued while there was nothing in the correspondence that had passed at the time of the grant to shew whether it was intended to be hereditary or not, the Board considering that being for *personal* services by an individual, his family had already benefited to an extent uncalled for by the circumstances, recommended that two-thirds of the Inam should be continued as a life grant to the Subadar's surviving widow, and the whole resumed at her death.

3. This proposal was approved by Government and its modification was refused, when in 1844, on the death of the widow, the Board as then constituted as recommended that one-third of the Inam should be continued as a life grant to the present Petitioner Antony Mootoo the son of the original grantee.

From Govt. 4th in Con. 13th July 1820, No. 431, R. D.
To do. 6th May 1841.
From do. 13th in Con. 17th June 1844, No. 581, R. D.

4. It is greatly to be regretted that the reference that has now been made to the papers connected with the grant issued at the same time and for similar services under precisely similar circumstances to the Subadar Abdool Khader, as to the Subadar Custoor, did not take place at an earlier period.

5. It is perfectly evident from all the correspondence held in 1807, that the two grant were intended to be exactly alike in all respects except a slight difference in the extent of the land which is in no way explained, and it now appears from the Sunnud granted to Abdool Kader, copy of which is forwarded by Mr. Bird, that the Inam was conferred on "him and his heirs," "in perpetuity" and the land is now held in six shares by his one surviving son, and five grand-children.

6. The non-issue of a similar Sunnud in Subadar Custoor's case may possibly have resulted from the delay that took place in selecting and making over the land in Tinnevely. It is evident that it was intended to prepare one, as information was requested for the special purpose.

7. Under these circumstances the Board cannot doubt that it was the original intention of Government that the grant to Subadar Custoor should similarly be continued to his heirs in perpetuity, and they beg leave therefore to recommend that the Acting Collector of Tinnevely be authorized to restore to the Petitioner Antony Mootoo, the 40 Cawnies of Nunjah land of which the Inam consisted, and that a Sunnud be now issued making the grant heritable by the direct lineal descendants of Subadar Custoor, in perpetuity.

8. The Board would also point out that one-third of the Inam was resumed in 1820, and the whole in 1844, and in consideration of the hardship which the Petitioner has undergone through the long denial of his just claims they would further recommend that the Acting Col-

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lector be directed to disburse to Antony Moottoo the whole proceeds of the Inam which have been carried to the credit of Government during the 15 years that have elapsed since his mother's death.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 22.

ORDER THEREON, No. 534; dated 14th April 1859.

In 1807 two grants of 50 and 40 Cawnies of Nunjah land respectively were made to Abdool Kader and Soobadar Custoor for eminent fidelity to the State during the Vellore mutiny.

2. The descendants of Abdool Kader are now in the enjoyment of their 50 Cawnies in the Trichinopoly District, but the Inam conferred on the latter was partly resumed in 1820 and totally in 1844.

3. "No Sunnud" is the reason assigned for this resumption, and Petitioner after bringing his case before the Collector and the Board, without receiving any favorable order, finally decided on memorializing the Home Authorities. The Government however resolved that Petitioner's claim should be re-considered before the transmission of his Memorial to the late Honorable Court of Directors, and the opinion of the Revenue Board in Petitioner's favor is the result.

4. It is quite clear from an examination of the original papers that the two grants were intended to be made on precisely similar terms; and the Sunnud held by Abdool Kader's descendants shows that his Inam was conferred "on him and his heirs in perpetuity." Government therefore concur in the opinion now formed by the Board. They direct therefore that the forty Cawnies of land originally granted to the Memorialist be restored to him, and that the whole proceeds of the Inam since 1844 as also the proceeds of the portion resumed in 1820, be paid to him with interest at 5 per cent. The Board will report for information the amount payable under this order.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Order of Government on the Memorial
of Anthony Mottu Son of Subadar Custrony
residing at Timmivelly dated 12th August 1858.

The Government direct
~~therefore~~ that the forty
Cawnies of land originally
granted to the Memori-
alist be restored to him
and that the whole pro-
ceeds of the Inam since
1844 as also the proceeds of
the portion resumed in 1820,
be paid to him with interest
at 5 Per Cent.

Fort St George
14th April 1859

By order
W. H. Lind
Ag^t & Sec^y to Gov^t

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 534.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th April 1859.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

*Submitting a letter from the Collector of [Trichi-
nopoly, affording information with regard to
the Inam conferred on Subadar Abdool Khader
similar in character to that granted to Subadar
Custoory and his descendants in Tinnevely;
with the Board's recommendation that the
grant conferred on the latter be continued to
Petitioner Antony Moottoo his son, and a
Sunnud issued making it heritable in per-
petuity by the direct lineal descendants of the
original grantee.]*

(Here enter 28th March 1859, No. 1066.)

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(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Inam Commissioner.

To petitioner.

Exd. H. M. Elliot.

To Member of the Revenue Board.

for for for

Madras.

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Respectfully Sheweth,

The humble address of Antony
moothoo son of late Custory
Subadar of 2^d Battalion
18th Regt. N.I. resident of
Calacaudoo attached to the
Rangoony Talook in the
District of Tinnevely.

That in consequence of the recent precarious
state of your humble Petitioner's father named
Custory was a Subadar in the 2^d Batta 18th Regt. N.I.
when the Regt. was Garrisoned at Pondicherry some meeting
was took place in his corps at its move by there
at Vellore likewise in the Battalion 5th Regt. having
understood conspiracy shuddered at such cruel propo.
and then your Petitioner Father & Abdul Kader Subedar
of the said 5th Regt. N.I. unanimously encourage to give
information to their superiors about & proved
it to their satisfaction.

That the Gentlemen ascertained the truth
took precautions to frustrate the operations of the
conspirators in order to reward the two Subadars
of their honest and capacity loyalty Colonel Lobbage
gave information about it to the Governor in
Council laid them the proposal of granting them
several Cawnies of Grant & ground Mangalands. It was

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Dated 14 April 59

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then referred your honours Governor & Commander in
chief Board of Revenue by whom the grant was ultimately
confirmed Accordingly your humble Petitioner father
received a grant 40 Cawnies of Mungaland at Calacaudor
in the district of Sinnerivelly.

And the said Abdulcauder Subedar obtained the
same ground in the district of Trichipoly they also
received their salaries as full Pension. That after
the year of 1812 your humble Petitioner father died
at the same district and your humble Petitioner mother
of Annasal. Savarial Meela also Marial Francis
and also possessed the said grant and ground income
of Munga lands enjoyed having paid your humble Petitioner
parties and without any objection.

That your humble Petitioner Father of Custody
Subedar had 6 children are of Paternal Father
and Maternal Mother and by their qualities
of the children named of

1. Born. Female of Savarial she is live
2. Born. Male Meela the year of 1814 he is dead
3. Born. Male also the year of 1816 he is dead
4. Born. Female Marial the year 1842 she is dead
5. Born. Your humble Petitioner Anthony mother.
6. Born. Male Francis the year of 1849 he is dead.

Under such circumstances that your humble
Petitioner most humbly begs your Goodness to take
into your deep consideration and the Collector
mentioned your humble Petitioner address of the
Endorsement. That your humble poor Petitioner
Father of Custody Subedar had 2 sons and the youngest
son died and the subject of your humble Petitioner
mother

The President and members of the Honorable
the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George
Madras

The humble Petition of Anthony Moolle
Legal son of Casteray Subadar of the 1st
Battalion 18th Regiment & residing
at Calicut attached to the Mysore
Sulook, Sinnerally
Most respectfully sheweth

That for the great faithfulness
and loyalty of your humble petitioner's father
& about Casteray Subadar of the 1st Battalion
5th Regiment an inhabitant of Trichinopoly mani-
fested in their revealing and proving & thus pre-
venting the plot from being carried into execution
of a most secret conspiracy which was ready
to break out by the Battalion when in garrison
at Gundecore against their colonel and other
English military officers, just as it was the case
in some other places, a Grant of 40 Canies of Rungel
Land, in addition to full pension to the end of their
lives, was in A.D. 1809, under the sanction of the Govt.

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bestowed on each of them in their native places
is in the District of Trichinopoly for the
said Abdul Cauder and in that of Sinnerelly
for your humble petitioners father, with intent
that they and their descendants after them might
live happy under the Honorable Company and
that the Grant be a lasting monument and a
stimulus to the natives employed in Military affairs
Accordingly the Grant was in your humble
petitioners fathers enjoyment till A.D. 1812, and
on his death, his elder brothers being aged enough
at the time, enjoyed the same for the space of 8 years
and departed this life, when your humble Petitioner
being a small boy and his mother an old female the
then Collector entertaining various opinions as to
the grant, from an artful fraudulent Verger of the
Sahildar wrote a letter to your honors, without
any previous enquiry to ascertain the truth of the
contents of the Verger and without giving to the
said family any information of the matter, and
left such an impression in the minds of your
honors as to issue an order to the Collector to
resume $\frac{1}{3}$ for Government and to continue the
other $\frac{2}{3}$ of the said Manuim in the enjoyment of
the unfortunate family; and accordingly after
the enjoyment thereof for a long time your humble
petitioners mother breathed her last and it was

Antony Quodlloo

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to the 22 of November

20th November

at 8.30 of 1856

in the 1st of 1854

Referred to the letter

for enquiry & action, if

necessary.

Revenue and Office

of the 1st of 1854

1st of December 1854

by order

of the 1st of 1854

Secretary

Antony No 507 of 1853.

to 22 of 1854. A

St. James Quodlloo

son of the 1st of 1854

in the 1st of 1854

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then in Petitioners for a year & afterwards resumed
an account of Government to the great surprise and
great want & misery of the said family. Since when
I submitted several petitions on the subject to the
Collector and to the higher authorities but have
profited nothing at all have in attentive perusal
of the document given by the Government and an
impartial consideration of the fact that the Grand
sons of said Abdul Cauder Soobadar are now in full
enjoyment of the Manicim or Grant in Suckinopoly bea-
towed on the Soobadar just as on your humble Petition-
ers father for the very same faithful services, on the
very same date, although the Soobadar & his wife
have already breathed their last will fully convince
your honors of your humble petitioners hereditary right
& that of others connected with the family to the enjoy-
ment of the Grant made to their father and your humble
petitioner and the others are greatly distressed for want
of even the necessaries of life from their failure to obtain
justice which is greatly to be attributed to the artfully
made berry of the Tahsildar above referred to. And your
humble petitioners petition presented in person to your
honors on the 20th of Novr 1849 was returned with an en-
dorsement requiring the Collector to enquire into the
case & report about it to your honors but he notwithstanding
has without any enquiry endorsed the petition
that your humble petitioners could have no favorable
answer as to the subject of the Manicim now of the Grants
made at the same time by the very same Government for the

very same act to differ from the person a grant is in hereditary
any of them & the other is under resumption for nothing
at all which has rendered the posterity of one & the other
extreme want & misery.

Under these circumstances your humble
petitioner very humbly craves your honors to be pleased
under Regulation V of A.D. 1831 to authorize the petition
Court to call for the documents given at the same time
in A.D. 1807 by the Government as to the grants in
question & for all the proceedings in that case &
both of the Collector of Richeesopoly & of that Sinnerully
& to pass a righteous judgment on an attentive &
close perusal and consideration thereof.

For which act of charity justice
and benevolence Petitioner shall ever pray

(signed) C. M. J. (of Richeesopoly)

N.B. The endorsement above referred to of the
Collector of Sinnerully is herewith submitted
for the consideration of your honors.

12th March

1853

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by him to the state, in 1853
 was very much resumed
 praying for consideration
 and orders.

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 War of 1812
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 Dated 12.6.8
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Submitting to the
 Encl. relative to the
 subject of the former
 petition stating that
 the Grant of Land made
 at his father's account
 of the services rendered

Patterson is
 referred to the Collyer
 Court dated 6th March
 1850 submitted with
 the petition
 Recd. B. Office
 Forth George
 8th June 1853
 By order
 (Signed)

The Right Honorable George Francis
 Robert Lora Harris, Governor in Council
 Fort St. George

The respectful appeal Petition
 of Anthanasios P. son of
 Custory Subadar late of 2nd
 Battalion 18th Regiment N. I.
 & his wife Annasial
 Sheweth,
 That for their eminent fidelity to
 the Company in giving information regarding
 a most extensive conspiracy, which threatened
 to subvert the Company's empire in the east,
 which information enabled the then authorities
 to avert the impending calamity, for such their
 fidelity the Govt. was pleased in 1807 to grant
 to Subadar Abdul Kader 1st Bn. 5th Regt.
 N. I. & to Subadar Custory 2nd Bn. 18th Regt.
 N. I. certain portions of land in Tuckinopoly
 to the 1st and in Tuckinopoly to the 2nd in
 recognition for the support of their families.
 That the Subadars enjoyed said
 lands during their lives and after their

deaths. Abdulkaders family are enjoying
his but in the case of Subadar Buxtoary
on his death, which happened in 1802. 2 of
his eldest sons enjoyed his Manniem in
succession, & on the death of the 2^d of these
the Collector in 1820 at the instigation of
some evil disposed persons interfered
and raised the question whether the grant
was hereditary or not & whether the lands
ought not to be resumed. Some discussion
took place and the Board recommended
11th May 1820 that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Manniem be
continued to the family during the life of
the widow & accordingly Paltahs were issued
for $\frac{2}{3}$ of lands in her name, and they continued
so in her name to this day.

That on your Petrs fathers death
his family consisted of his widow, two elder Brothers
and two elder sisters. Your Petrs & younger
Brother who were infants & consequently
they took no part in what was then going
on.

That on your Petrs fathers death his
two elder brothers enjoyed the Manniem in
succession; & on the death of the last of them

your Pet^r being very young advantage was
taken of the circumstance, & the Maunism
was interfered with & 2/3 was granted to his
mother, and the other 1/3 remained & on his
mother's death in 1843 the Collector resumed
the 2/3 of the Maunism given for their
livelihood & left your Pet^r & his Brother
and sisters destitute.

That your Pet^r submits that
such act was not only repugnant to justice
but a breach of faith by Gov^t with the
family of one who rendered them great and
good service, and cruel in the extreme as they
reduced that family to destitution at a time
they most required their consideration and
support. What would be your Lordships
feeling and the feelings of your Council if
the Subadar could rise from his grave and
come to the door of your Council chamber
and present his beggared children and ask
you if this is the way the noble and generous
souls who composed the Government of 1807
when the empire was tottering in the breach

of destruction intended the children of one
of those who saved it should be treated

Whatever may be the cruel
calculation of Collectors and Board of Revenue
your Petr. relies upon the magnanimity of
your Lordship, the descendant of one of those
who know India in danger and the
value of services rendered at such a time
not to subscribe to such heartless policy

The Subadar Abdul Kader's family
still enjoy the Maunam granted to that
Subadar which was simultaneous
with the grant to your Petitioner's
father and of precisely of the same
nature, and lately the Government
ordered the pension granted to Salakar
Subadar Major Khadur Khan of the
28th Regiment R. I. shall be continued
to his family. Petitioner trusts your
Lordship in Council will permit
no invidious distinction to be made
between

between the families of those Subadars
and your Petr. father but allow his family
to enjoy their fathers maunies.

and your Petr. shall as
in duty bound ever pray

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Petitioner's last application for redress
to the Board and their endorsement are
herewith submitted.

19th August 1856.

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Col. H. H. H.

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No 2029 of 1856.

Endorsement.

In No 3051 of 1856.

Some days ago the Petitioner appeared enquiring verbally, if any letter had been received from Mr Frischer; he was answered in the negative. Petitioner again appeared with a letter sent to him by Mr Frischer, & copy of one purporting to have been addressed by Mr Frischer to the Collector. On searching the records, a letter signed by the Petitioner himself & not bearing the signature of Mr Frischer was found. As the matter of the Petition appears, on a reference to the records, to have been finally decided by the late Collector & the Board of Revenue on the 6th March 1850 & 11th June 1853, respectively, no further interference by the Collector appears necessary; & the Collr does not consider himself authorized to transmit these papers again to the Board of Revenue.

+ 3 Petitions
Nos 2250 of 1849,
507 of 1853 and
1023 of 1856,
& copy of
correspondence.

The various papers received with the Petitioner's letter dated 2nd October, & the letter of Mr Frischer to his address, with its enclosure, now produced by him

him, are herewith returned.

Sincerely,
25th November
1856.

Signed J. H. Allen
Collector

Anthony Snodgrass

Indorsement

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25th Nov / 56.

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J. H. Allen

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J. H. Allen

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To G. N. Taylor Esquire

Deputy Secretary to Govt

Sir

I had the honor to address a Petition
to Government under date the 19th August 1856.

This Petition received by the following
Endorsements.

" No 1823 of 1856

Collectors No 75

From

Anthony Insollor 3rd Son of Custory
Sookadar late of the 2nd Battalion 18th Regt

N.I. and his wife Inerasiah in Sinnerally

Dated 19th

Received by T. 22nd

August 1856

3 Enclosures

No 346

Stating that for certain services
rendered to the State by his late father,
a grant of land in Serramaniam was
bestowed for his family benefit in the
District of Sinnerally; that on the death

death of his father the land reverted
to his 2 eldest sons & on their decease
it was ruled by the Board of Revenue that
 $\frac{2}{3}$ only of the Maunim should be contained
to the family during the life time of his
Mother, & the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ to be resumed
& that on her death even $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Maunim
accorded to her was likewise resumed. Prays
that under the circumstances stated his
family may be allowed to enjoy their father's
Maunim

25.8/56

Signed

Not legible

Transferred to the Chief Secretary
to Government

Government House

25 " August 1856

By Order

Sgt

Not legible

Military Secretary

Returned under Para 3 of the
Petition Rules Petr should prefer his request
through the Collector & Board of Revenue

Sgt

G. H. Taylor

A.D. Secretary

According to the last Endorsement
Signed by you I addressed the following
letter enclosing all my papers to the Collr

of Tinnevely

To J. Silver Esquire

Collector of Tinnevely

Sir I had the honor to address a Petition
by Government under date the 19th August
last, appealing against certain orders of
a predecessor of yours & the Board of Revenue
on my case & accompanied the same with
those original orders. This Petition has
now been sent back to me with the following
Endorsement "Returned under Para 3 of
the Petition Rules. Petitioner should prefer
his request through the Collector & Board
of Revenue"

Accordingly in obedience to the
Orders of Government I beg to send my
Petition to Government through you & the
Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Signed G. J. Fischer

(True Copy)

To

I have the honor to be

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6th March 1858.

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Chas. H. Johnson

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Govt have decided upon the amount
of Pension which is to be allowed to the
widow & family of Custory Subadar.

Trinacally } I have the honor to be
Trincanoy. }
25th October 1820 } Your most obed^t serv^t

(Signed) J.R. Middleton
(A true copy) Collector
(No 436)

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your Secretary's letter of
the 11th ultimo (216) and to state that the
Governor and Council approve and
sanction the arrangements therein
recommended with respect to the man-
nium granted in 1807 to the family of
Subadar Custory in the Colanada
Talook of Trinacally.

Fort St. George } I have the honor to be
4th July 1820 }
(Signed) J. Hill
(No 216) Sect^y to Govt

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt

Para 1st - I am directed by the Board
of Revenue to request that you will

Lay before the Right Honorable the
Governor and Council, the ac-
companying Correspondence with
the late Collector in Trinacally on the
subject of a mannum granted in the
year 1807 to Custory Subadar of the 2^d
Batalion 18th Regiment

In history 40 Canons of Tinjay
land in the Village of Calacand in the
Province of Trinacelly. on the Subadar
in question it was not specified, whe-
ther the grant was to be hereditary or not
and it appears that the land had been
held by the Subadar and his two el-
dest sons in succession on the death of
the latter, the Collector not finding autho-
rity, any authority for continuing
the mannum, applied to the Board
for instructions, whether he should re-
sume it or not. The Board in reply
stated that the continuance of the land
in the possession of the Subadar's sons
was irregular, and directed that it
shall be immediately resumed, but
as it appeared from the Collector's letter
that out of this grant the late Subadar
had erected, substantially a Roman
Catholic Church, which was before only
a temporary building, and that the
expenses of this Church have been and
are now entirely supported by this
Mannum. They observed, that if
the Congregation who attended the Church

were numerous, I had rather means
of supporting them would if necessary
recomm and, that a portion of the land
should be annexed to the institution
under the General control of the Coll^y.

3^d The congregation consisting of
only 12 men and 11 women, and there
being no more resident in the Village
in Coll^y is not of opinion that any part
of the mainum, should be continued
for the purpose above alluded to.

4th The Coll^y however considering
that the land was originally granted
in acct of the faithful services of the
Ruhadar and that the lands be re-
sumed from a state of affluence to one
of absolute poverty has suggested the
propriety of conferring a Pension of the
family in the event of the resumption
of the whole of the mainum, being de-
termined on.

5th Under an impression that the
continuance of a portion of the land
would be more agreeable to the family
than the grant of a small pension
the Board has leave to recommend
that 2 thirds of the mainum be con-
tinued to the family during the life
of the widow and that the family be
informed that on her death
should be resumed in acct of Govt
I have the Honor to be
Sir

Fort St George } I have the Honor to be
11th May 1820 } Sir

Your most obedient servt
(signed) P. Clark, Secretary

(True copy) P. Clark, Secy

(True copy) J. R. Woodleston -

(True Copy) Collector

To
The Collector of Tinnevely

I am directed to forward to you the
enclosed Extract the resolution of coun-
cil with transcript of a minute of the
Commander in Chief, referred to there-
in, and to acquaint you that the land
proposed to be granted to Ruhadar Gov-
tment in the District of Tinnevely
consists of 40 Canies of Mangah which
you are accordingly directed to select
for the purpose furnishing the informa-
tion to the necessary preparation of a
summe

I am Sir
Fort St George. Your most obed^t servt
20th March 1807. (signed) W. W. W. W.
(Ex^d) (signed) W. W. W. W. Secy
Appt Secy

Extract from the minutes of the right Honorable
the Governor in Council the Military Dept.
Dated 18 Feb 1807.

Minute of the Commander in Chief
In consequence of the resolution
of the Board to Bestow on Ruhadar Abdul

Cander of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment
of Mahoe. Infantry and Subadar (Sis-
tory of the 2 Battalion of the 18th Regiment
N.I. in reward for their zeal and fidelity
on a recent occasion at Mundy droy
sum of the favour of Govt. I have
endeavored to ascertain the Colones.
Cappay the mode in which the ap-
probation of the Govt. might be most
satisfactorily manifested to those officers
I now submit Colonel Cappay's reply.
such as the rank of Cornet and desert
which Subadar Adid Cander is
desirous to attain in his present
in the service, and could not in his
half be granted without giving rise
to discontent in others. I recommended
that the Grants of Land be given by that
officer near Trichinopoly. The Suba-
dar Cander in the Trichinopoly District
may be allotted to them.

The resolutions of the Board
to reward these officers being anterior
to that of the 10th Nov. I have not hesitated
to recommend a grant of Land in re-
ward for their services, altho by the
determination of the latter date such
grants except in particular cases are considered
as liable to objection. True copy.
Signed D. Pradack
17 February 1807 Lieut. Col.

Resolved that Instructions be fur-
nished to the Board of Revenue for
Granting if practicable to the Subad-
mission in the foregoing Minute the
lands generally requested by them
in the Trichinopoly and Minicudy
District.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) W. Wayte.

(24th Dec. 1798)

Secretary.

Appt. Sect.

(A true Extract)

24th June 1816.

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By order of the
Board of Revenue
J. B. P. 1816

To

Mr. Norman Esqr
Deputy Secretary to Government
Revenue and Judicial Department
Fort Saint George

With reference to your endorsement of the
24th December last on my letter to your
predecessor or in office of the 11th of the same
month, I now beg to submit the collector
endorsement of the 6th March 1850 therein
called for and with it the B. Board's
endorsement of the 3rd June 1853 and the
present Collector's endorsement of the 25th
November 1856 as also my original petition
to the Governor in Council of the 19th August 1856
with Copies of Documents and my original
letter to your predecessor of the 11th December 1856
and I entreat you to bring my poor case
to the favorable consideration of Govt
as early as possible

17th May 1857.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obt and humble
servant

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lands granted for good
service, & his father.

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No 2690 of 1557.

Anthony Mootoo -

Letter - G

to the Deputy Secy to

Government -

17th May 1857.

No 1304 of 157.

Call's No 60.

Son of Anthony Mootoo

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of the 1st of 1857.

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Station is referred

to the Endorsement

of the letter which is

in accordance with the

previous order of

Government.

of the 1st of 1857.

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To
The Right Honorable Francis Robert
Lord Harris - Governor & President
in Council.

Fort St George
My Lord,

My father was Soubadar of the 2^d
Battalion 18th Regiment N.I. & rendered
eminent services to Govt & was reward-
ed with an Enam of 40 Gawnies of land
in the Village of Hulla Kadoo in this Dis-
trict. & he enjoyed the same during his
life (which was short after the grant
of the Enams) & his two eldest sons
after him in succession. On the death
of the last of them altho there were my-
self & other children & his widow left
behind yet were the lands seized by the
Revenue authorities with the intent of
appropriation but the same being resis-
ted by the widow a compromise was
made with her that if she would be
quite she should have $2\frac{1}{2}$ of said lands
during

during her life & in her helplessness
with myself & the other survivors being
young. She submitted to the spoliation
of her family, fearing worse consequences
if she continued to resist. My mother
died in 1843 & myself & the rest of her
family enjoyed the said 2/3 of the lands
for 2 or 3 years. when they were sequestered
& appropriated by Govt. Being left
entirely destitute, we appealed to Govt
thru all its grades against the injus-
tice which has rendered us so & after
being bandied from one authority to
another for several years. we have at
length recd the heartless repulse from
one of the secretaries of Govt contained
in the following words.

"Pete is referred to the endorse-
ment of the Collo which is in accordance
with the previous orders of Govt."

(signed) W. Browne

The substance of the endorse-
ment referred to is that the thing was
done by the orders of the Board of Reve-
nue & it is dated 6th March 1850.

As I cant bring myself to believe
that such an act of cruel injustice could
have emanated from or be known to or
received the sanction of your Lordship
the son of a soldier & the friend of a
soldier yourself. I humbly venture to
appeal to yourself direct & to submit
copies of my ~~last~~ ^{last} letters to your
Secretary & to crave justice & relief - the
other papers in my case shall also be
submitted if needs be.

My father risked his life to save
this Presidency from the calamities from
which the Presidency of Bengal is at this
present time suffering. & surely the gift
of 40 banies of lands was no very great
reward for such great & good service. &
it could never have been intended to an-
=nal such gift as has been done as soon
as the old man to whom it was made
was dead. similar gifts in other Districts
have differently been construed & dealt
with the heirs of the grantees still
enjoy them.

I have the honor to be
my Lord

Streevilypootore

November 1857

your Lordships most obedt
& humble servant.

To The Honorable The Court of Directors

The humble Petition of
Anthony Mootoo.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Petitioner's
late father Custoomy Soobadar was
formerly Soobadar of the 10th Regiment
of Madras Native Infantry.

When the mutiny at
Vellore broke out, the 10th Regt and the
11th Battalion of the 5th Regt N.I. was
quartered at Hundidroog. Abdul Kadar
was the Soobadar of that Battalion.

A conspiracy was formed
among the Sepoys of these two Corps
but those two faithful men, Abdul-
Kadar & your Petitioner's father, revealed the
secret to their officers; and perhaps
by this act of fidelity saved the
British Empire in India; for had the
mutiny at Vellore spread to other corps,
it

Anthony Mootoo

Petition. H

To the Governor

Madras 1857

July 9th 1857
July 3rd 1857

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It is impossible to say what might have been the results. The events of the past year however show how vitally important it was to check the spread of mutiny at the outset.

For this act the grateful Government of the day granted to each of the Loobadars 40 Cawnies of land in their native Countries; to Abdul Kadur in Trichinopoly; to your Pet's father in Sinnerelly.

The grand children of the Loobadar, Abdul Kadur enjoy the grant to the present day. Your Pet. has been deprived of his father's land & turned out a beggar on the face of the Earth.

From 1849 he has been going the weary round of petitioning the various authorities for the enjoyment of the grant. He has applied to Collector, Revenue Board & Government; he has been referred from one office to another, but finally his Petition has been rejected & he left without redress.

Recent events of the present rebellion ~~however~~ however have inspired him

him with courage to make one more²³
effort at obtaining justice; he now
rises from the silent despair in which
he had settled down: and he claims at
the hands of your Honorable Court a
recognition of the policy & justice of
replacing him in the granted land.

It never could have been the
intention of the Government of the day,
he respectfully submits, to reward such
signal service as that of your Pet^r's father
with a mere temporary grant. Rather
it may safely be presumed the land was
awarded as a lasting testimonial to all
people of the fruits & consequences of
fidelity - a token which should be
conspicuous & to which the Government
could itself appeal.

What a tower of strength at the
present moment would be the spectacle
of your Pet^r in peaceful possession of the
gift of the Government which should "last
as long as the Sun & moon endured"; what
would not the Sepoys quartered in the
neighbourhood reflect on, if they saw the
tangible results of fidelity of the father
in

in the enjoyment of his children? What must
the wavering, what even the staunchest
think when they see the son turned adrift,
and the land, bestowed on his father, coldly
& with singular narrowness of view, taken
away from him? Yet so it is: On the death
of your Petr's father in 1812 the grant was
enjoyed by your Petr's two elder brothers,
for a space of eight years, when they two died.

Your Petr was then a youth of tender
age, unable to protect his rights or claim
them. His mother was an aged woman
& little able to maintain her own or her
infants' case; and under these circumstances
on some representations by the Collector
of the day, & a correspondence between
that officer & the Revenue Board an order
issued to cut off $\frac{1}{3}$ of the grant even from
the widow, & on her death to stop the
enjoyment altogether!

Upon what ground this was
done your Petr knows not, & has never
been able to find out, though he has
earnestly besought the authorities to
have all the papers connected with the

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appears by his Indorsement. (copy of which accompanies).

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Your Petr. thereupon again submitted his Petition to Government on the 11th December 1856. copy accompanies.

This Petition was "returned on the 24th December under para 3 of the Petition rules for the production of the Collector's Indorsement dated 6th March 1850, & any other orders that may be in Petr's possession".

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On the 17th May your Petr. again addressed the Government forwarding the copy of Indorsement. (copy of his letter to the Deputy Secretary to Gov^t in the Revenue & Judicial Department accompanies). On this his Petition was returned with the following Indorsement by Mr. Norman, the Deputy Secretary to Government. Copy accompanies.

"Petr. is referred to the Indorsement of the Collector which is in accordance with the previous orders of Government."

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Thereupon your Petr. once more and on the 4th November 1857 addressed his Petition to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. copy accompanies.

So this he has not been favored with the

the honor of any reply.

Your Pet^r has gone into this detail to show that he has not slept upon his rights or that he is now incited to stir up a stale claim by the opportuneness of events & their singular aptness to & bearing upon his individual grievance.

The weary search for justice dragged on through years, must satisfy your Honorable Court that your Petitioner has exhausted hope in this Country. He does but afford a specimen of the fate of thousands of Pet^{rs}, it is true; men who after wasting a life time in presenting Memorials & being referred to this or that authority who declines to interfere, or this or that Endorsement alternately succumbs to the impossibility of obtaining redress: and he admits fully & freely that it is the curious coincidence of the times and his Case that has induced him to lay his case before your Honorable Court.

He has no grant to produce.

He is not aware indeed if any ever issued. His father acted in the confidence which the Natives have in the Government, its Justice & its liberality. He took the gift in the spirit in which he conceived it

the honor of any reply.

the grant sought for produced & examined.
But he believes that the Collector was
moved to act by the artful representations
of the Jafildar, & that the fact that your
Petr's father was a Roman Catholic, and
had made over a small piece of land to
the Catholic Chapel, was at the bottom
of the enmity of which he is now the
victim.

On the death of your Petitioner's
mother in 1846, the land was resumed by
& on behalf of Government, & your Petr
cast forth a beggar. Since that time
he has been petitioning for justice.

First he petitioned the Collector
of the District. Then on 20th November 1849
he petitioned the Revenue Board. (Copy
of which accompanies.) By the Board
he was referred to the Collector, who gave
the following endorsement.

"Endorsement to the Petitioner."

"In regard to the 100 Cawies of Grain
land possessed & enjoyed by your father, on
reporting it to the Board after his death,
they ordered in July 1820 2/3^d to be paid
to

to your mother to be enjoyed by her during her
life & then to be stopt. According to which
your mother enjoyed 2/3^d during her life
& then it was stopt according to the aforesaid
order; therefore no order will be given about
it."

Sincerely } / signed C. J. Bird
6th March 1850. } Acting Collector.

On the 12th March 1853 he again
petitioned the Revenue Board (copy of ⁺B
which accompanies) & obtained only the
following endorsement.

"Pet^r is referred to the Collector's
Endorsement dated 6th March 1850 submitted
with this Petition. 10th June 1853."

Your Pet^r on the 19th August
1856 petitioned the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council (copy of which ⁺C
accompanies)

This Petition was "returned
under para 3 of the Petition rules. Pet^r
should prefer his request through the
Collector & the Board of Revenue." (copy ⁺D
accompanies)

Your Pet^r thereupon addressed
the Collector on the 2nd October 1856.
but the Collector refused to interfere as
appears

to your mother to be enjoyed by her during her

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it was offered: he would not insult the donors by requiring a security for its permanence.

Your Petr has already submitted that it never could have been the intention of the Government of the day to have given any other grant than one in perpetuity. The fact that the grand children of Abdulkadur are enjoying the grant in Trichinopoly shows what was the true intention of the Government. Your Petr & his family have had a different measure served out to them by the accident of being in another District, and under another Collector where different councils prevailed, & perhaps in fact to his family being Roman Catholics.

If the intention of the Government was to grant the land in perpetuity, its resumption was a breach of faith; if it was not the intention, still it is surely reasonable that the children of the man who did the State such inestimable service should reap the fruits of his fidelity: and even the grand children of the other Dostadar are permitted so to do: and finally your Petr humbly prays your Honorable Court to consider whether

whether taking all the circumstances of
the case, your Honorable Court will not
be pleased to order that whatever may
have been the intention of the Govt. of
the day, & whatever may have been the
line pursued hitherto towards him in
respect to the general policy of
resumption, his may be a special case
& the grant shall be issued in perpetuity
to the heirs of the faithful Subadar as a
monument to his memory, a reward to his
posterity, an incitement to the Army and
an example to the Empire at large.

Sincerely } And your Petitioner shall
12th August } as in duty bound ever pray.
1850. } + *Subadar*
Subadar

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*James Henry
Belmont 3rd*

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 14th April, 1859.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

/ Here enter 28th March 1859 No 66 /

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In 1807 two grants
of 50 and 40 Gannies of Nanjal
lands respectively were made to
Abdool Kader and Soobadar
Custory for eminent fidelity to
the state during the Vellore
mutiny.

2. The descendants of
Abdool Kader are now in the
enjoyment of their 50 Gannies
in the Trichinopoly district,
but the Inam conferred on the
latter was partly resumed in
1820 and totally in 1844.

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"No Sumrud" is the reason assigned for this re-
 -sumption and Pet^r after
 bringing his case before the
 Collector and the Board, without
 receiving any favorable order,
 finally decided on memorializing
 the Home authorities. The
 Government however resolved
 that petitioners' claim should
 be reconsidered before the trans-
 -mission of his Memorial to the
 late Honorable Court of Directors,
 and the opinion of the Revenue
 Board in petitioners' favor was
 the result.

4 It is quite clear
 from an examination of the
 original papers that the two
 grants were intended to be
 made on precisely similar
 terms; and the Sumrud held
 by Abdool Kader's descendants
 shows that his Inam was
 conferred

"No Summed" is the

conferred "on him and his heirs
in perpetuity." Government
therefore concurs in the opinion
now formed by the Board.
They direct therefore that the
forty Cawnies of land originally
granted to the Memorialist be
restored to him, and that the
whole proceeds of the Inam
since 1844 as also the proceeds
of the portion resumed in 1820,
be paid to him with interest
at 5 per Cent. The Board
will report for information
the amount payable under
this order. *JA*

3 Copies to the Secy of Revenue Dated 16th 44
1 — " — Inam Commr " "
1 — " — Secy. Dep. " "

JA

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Contract. Lines of Cons.
JH 2nd April 1859.

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From the Board of Cons. 8th June
1859 No 1187 in Cons 1856 June

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Ordering for repairs
of the 10th Company of Land
originally granted to the
Protonotaries & their heirs
to be returned to him and the
whole proceeds of the same
since 1844 as also the pro-
ceeds of the portion resumed
in 1820 to be paid to him with
interest at 5 per cent. The
Board to report the amount
payable under this order.

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6th April 1812