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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th September 1860.

No. 315. Read the following letter from MAHALINGA PILLAY and SUBBU PILLAY, late Trustees of Swetaramiya Eeswara Swamy Pagoda in the Tanjore District, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department dated — August 1860 :—

SIR,

We respectfully beg to submit triplicate copies of a Memorial addressed by us to the Secretary of State for India, relative to our being unjustly ousted out of our Office of Trustees to the Swetaramiya Eeswara Swamy Pagoda, and humbly request your Honor will be pleased to forward the Memorial to that august authority.

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1860, No. 1,639.

The Government decline to forward this Memorial as requested. The case has been dealt with by the Collector and the Board of Revenue under Regulation VII of 1817, and if the Memorialists are dissatisfied they have their remedy in an appeal to the Courts of Law under Section 14 of the same Regulation. The Secretary of State does not interfere in Judicial matters.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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On the 2nd July 1809 Mr Greafell, acting Collector of Tanjore passed an order dismissing two out of the three warden of the Swadarumaya Iswara swami Devastanam of Terazendadu.

The names of the three were -

1 Iyavien
2 Mahalinga Pillai
3 Subri Pillai

The two latter were dismissed, for forming a party against and quarrelling with the first warden: for disagreeing with the raiyats of the Pagoda lands: for refusing to sign or receive the pattas in conjunction with the first warden: all which acts tended to disturbance and impeded the Circar business.

The Collector on appeal (12 August 1809) confirmed their dismissal,

as it was well known to him that the dismissed wardens were quarrelsome, and had neither obeyed the orders of the late Collector Mr Phillips, nor of the sub-collector who had thus punished them.

The Board of Revenue (16th 1859) refused to disturb the decision of the lower authorities: and the Government (16th 29 June 1860) saw no cause for interference, but referred the ex-wardens to the Civil Courts, for a remedy, if so disposed.

The ex-wardens have now appealed to the Secretary of State. They state that the father of the first memorialist (Mahalinga Pillai) was formerly the sole

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Trustee of the Pagoda, and that he had endowed it with lands of the annual value of Rs. 2200: that on the relinquishment by Gore of connection with such institutions, they, the two memorialists, together with their opponent Tyagesa, were elected trustees: that this individual was opposed to them from the commencement, and endeavoured to bring the affairs of the temple into disrepute: that in 1854, he was made Peshkar, and got his brother appointed trustee (in his place apparently): that this brother was dismissed in 1856 for certain irregularities stated: that subsequently he was dismissed from his Peshkarship and obtained the Trusteeship again, but was dismissed in 1858 by Mr Phillips

for habitually keeping in arrears
the Govt Revenue and the Patwa
Swaminathayan.

The villages which had been
under this Management
were then made over to the Hereng-
jiallo, and they were held respon-
sible for the Govt Revenue. By an
Order of 8th March 1807 the Mohan-
dhoodee was also directed to
deduct from their shares
the amount of Revenue
and to credit the Circar
for the same out of those
sums which might be
from time to time
claimed by
the Peishwa.

Some further enquiry
will be required as it is probable that
a portion has been thus deducted

Fort St George 6/9/00

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No. 1815.

From Mahalinga Pilley and Subbu Pilley late Trustees of Seetarama Swami Pagoda in the Tanjore Dist.

Dated
Recd. 29th } August 1860
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Submits in Tripli:cate a Memorial to the Home Govt. relating to their removal from the Office of Trustees.

No. 1039
The Government decline to forward this Memorial as requested. The case has been dealt with by the Collector and the Board of Revenue under Regulation VII of 1817, and if the Memorialists are dissatisfied they have their remedy in an appeal to the Courts of Law under Section XIV of the same Regulation. The Secretary of State does not interfere in Judi:cial matters.

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Fort St. Geo.
18 Sept. 1860.
Copy to Subbu Pillay &c with Regd. encl. in [illegible] No. 14

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With an order