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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 19—5— 1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 121. Read the following Petition from LINGAM VENKATA RÁU and LINGAM RÁJESWARA RÁU, sons of the late LINGAM JAGANNADA RÁU, proprietor of certain exempted lands in the District of Ganjam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ganjam, 15th March 1860 :—

That your humble Petitioners most humbly enclose three Memorials according to your endorsment, No. 4,014, dated 30th November 1859, to the Secretary of State for India, London and that they pray that you may be pleased to move His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward it to the said Secretary of State.

That your humble Petitioners remain with due respects, your most obedient and humble servants.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1860, No. 811.

Ordered that the Memorial submitted with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Home Authorities, and that intimation of its despatch be given to Petitioner.

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

To

Sir Charles Wood K.C.B.

Secretary of state for India

London

The humble memorial of Singam Venkatarow and Singam Rajaswara=row sons of the late Singam Jaggun=nathrow proprietor of certain Enam lands in the Province of Ganjam in Madras.

Most humbly Sheweth

That your excellency's memorialists late father acquired by purchase and gift the following pieces of exempted lands.

1 ——— a tope measuring 2 acres acquired by gift from Chapa Eavens to your excellency's humble memorialists grand father in the year 1807. This is assessed with a quit rent of Rs 1 2/16.

2 ——— a piece of land measuring acres 9 1/2 purchased by your excellency's humble memorialists late father on the 30th January 1834 for Rs 360 = Lbs 36.

3 ——— a piece of land measuring acres 12 1/4 purchased by your excellency's humble memorialists late father on the 25th April 1837 for Rs 715 = Lbs 71 1/2

4 ——— a small hamlet under a village called Silagam; the hamlet measuring acres 10 1/4 purchased in two

different lots, acres 9 7 by your excellency's humble memo=
=rialists late father and acres 7 by your excellency's first
humble memorialist, the first on the 21st July 1841
for Rs 1476 = £bs 147 8 12 and the other on the 2nd march
1852 for Rs 250 = £bs 25. This last purchase was in an
auction held by a Court of Judicature.

That the aggregate income from these lands to your
excellency's humble memorialists was Rs 300 = or
£bs 30 per annum.

That on the death of your humble memorialists
father, all these Enam lands were reported upon
in 1853 by the local officers with reference to the
now suspended Lapse Enam rules.

That this report was first received by the late Com=
=missioner in the Northern Circars and was afterwards
submitted to Government for their orders.

That the Govt in their orders under date the 30th
September 1857 para 16 pass orders for the resumption
of the hamlet (No 4 above alluded to) on the ground
that the original grant was in one Village while the
enjoyment was in another. The fact that the Village
which is said to be the original grant remains subject
to full rent payable to the state remains undisputed, as
shewing that so long as both are not enjoyed as ....
enams it does not matter whether the present enjoyment
is on the original grant or in its substitute. It has also
been shewn that the present Village has extended over
a long series of years thus establishing among other

circumstances a prescriptive right on behalf your excellency's
humble memorialists whose ancestor purchased the extent
now resumed from them for a large sum of money, nor is
the grant itself of a recent date the first grant hav=
=ing been made in Hijiri 1135. The rules which the
present benevolent Governor of Madras Sir Charles
Trevelyan has issued in regard to the Enams of this
Presidency, follow a liberal policy and if it be ul=
=timately decided that the grant was for maintenance
your excellency's humble memorialists are willing to
submit to the operation of those rules. The entire
unconditional resumption of the whole enams is very
harsh to your excellency's humble memorialists whose
ruin it has wrought as they have no other means of
livelihood.

That the next case is (2 above alluded to) treated of
in the 6th para of the above orders of Govt. The only
ground assigned for its resumption is that it is a service
enam. It is true that the original holders of the Enam
were Choplars but it was no where shewn nor proved
that the enam which your excellency's humble
memorialists late father purchased from the repre=
=sentatives of the original grantee was granted to him
for my service. Even with regard to this Enam the
liberal policy of Sir Charles Trevelyan Candle followed
should be ultimately decided that this is a service
Enam.

That your Excellency's humble memorialists most
humbly take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the orders
of Govt in the above two cases but as they have not been
able to obtain Copies of the orders in regard to the other
two Cases (1 and 2 above alluded to) they beg to advert
to them with reference to the Copies of title deeds in
their possession for the originals were received by the
local authorities & not returned to them.

That the second of the remaining two Enams is another
part of the Enam to which the order in the 6th para
of the E. M. C. above alluded to refers. This has been
continued to your excellency's humble memorialists
mother - an old woman for her life. Your Excellency's
humble memorialists most humbly pray that the
same policy may be adopted in regard to it also, that
is, that if it should be ultimately decided to be a
service Enam it may be treated according to Sir
Charles Trevelyan's rules in regard to alienated old
Service Enams.

That lastly the first is an Enam granted to the grand
father of your Excellency's humble memorialists for
the purpose of making a tope of it. The grant being
old it dating from 1807. There now stands a tope
upon it planted by your Excellency's humble memorial-
ists. This was also been resumed on the ground that
the grantee had no power to make alienations. As
the grant itself is of trifling extent and as its date is now
more than 50 years the limit fixed by Sir Charles Trevelyan
your excellency's most humble memorialists most humb-
bly pray, that they may be allowed the benefit of the
new rules in regard to this Enam also.

That in conclusion your excellency's most humble
memorialists most humbly pray that your
excellency may be pleased to view the above
case in a favourable light and pass orders for the
restoration of resumed Enams to your Excellency's humble
memorialists with the money which has been
collected from them from the date of their resump-
tion under the plea that the income of it being their
full assessment.

That for the act of this benevolence your excellency's
humble memorialists will offer their prayers for
the prosperity of Her that Gracious Majesty the
Queen Victoria, Empress of England and India.

Conjeeram Chellapore
15th March - 1860

Singaram Venkatarow
Langam Reddy Servants

No 811.

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Fort St. George
19th May 1860.