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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 895	Press Mis.
164-165	
Dated 31. 5. 1860	

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No. 164. Read the following Petition from Rangaswámi Mudali, the late Karanam of the village of Virúpátchipuram, in Valangimán Táluq. Combaconum, now residing at Mylapore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq. Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 27th March 1860:—

I beg the favor of your kindly submitting the enclosures, Queen's Appeal, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for their favorable consideration and for despatching the same for the august and auspicious consideration of Her Most Gracious Majesty, for which favor I shall in duty bound be thankful to your honor.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1860, No. 895.

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

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

Most Gracious Majesty

PETITION DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The ——— Deputy Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department has the honor to request the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to forward to this Office for reference the Report from the Collector of Tanjore dated ——— 185—, adverted to in the Board's Endorsement dated 4 Nov 59 on Petition No. 2325 of 1859.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14 Jany 1860.

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To

THE ——— SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

R 1026/60.

Copy pr a Letter to Engd
Dy 2d a June 1860 No 56

Recd 8th Aug 1860
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To

Her Most Gracious Majesty

Queen Victoria

By the Grace of God Sovereign of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and the British Dominions a Broad -

The very humble Appeal Petition of Ranga Sany Mudly late Grauam Curnum of Tirupawtchie poram wo Valaja man Valaj of Combaconum -

May it plras Your Majesty with Auspicious Consideration

That your Mighty Majesty's Appellant presumes with sanguine Hope to lay His Sore grievance before Your Gracious Majesty with doubtless apparance of meeting with Auspicious Protection through a poor helpless being as any who may be in higher post in Service or in Sphere - Your August Majesty possess that smiling towards Your Majesty's poor Subjects as that towards the rich nearly Equalizing the Compassion of God who Sheds His Blessings to all alike in making the Sun to Shed His Light and Heat over all and Sends the rain in their due Seasons without distinctions of persons

That the Matter of Grievance of Your August Majesty's Appellant is confined within the narrow limits of

That Appellant and one Sirtarayer were Defendants in a Suit that originated by their Obedience in Executing the Public Orders issued by their Authorities the Defendants as such applied to the Authorities for Certain documents that were in their favor to Establish their right of performance and exonerate themselves from the said Charge and those documents in Search Seems to have been missing in the Taluq Cutcherry Records

under

under proper Guards.

That owing to which loss the Sub Collector thought it Expedient perniciously raised a suspicion that the said documents called for by Your August Majesty's Appellant must have been taken away by appellant for the purpose of Clearing himself of Charges shown therein Against him. This the Sub Collector frivolously advanced without giving Consideration to. had those said documents been Against Appellants, he would not have applied for them, but the Opponants would have done so. because they were Against them they had not applied for them. While so. the Sub Collector adds, though he was the Gramam Curnum of Another Village and no proof appears to Establish of his having done it, the Suspects of Appellant Having Obtained them throng a third person, though the third person is not a relative of appellant still from being of the Moodelliar Caste he might have Obtained them through him; without giving a thought that the whole Country in Short as well as in the Service are nearly Moodelliars. Notwithstanding One is a Stranger to Another and Destinctions are in Moodelliar Castes and this distinction is Prejudiciously upheld in the Nation, Whereby to Accuse an Innocent person Causelessly to his Prejudice and to have him dismissed from Public Service which he held for a quarter of a Century on such a Supposition is as Your Mighty Majesty may perceive to be Odiously Wrong. Your Gracious Majesty's Appellant Suspects the said lost Documents might have been removed from the Records of the Cutcherry by the Authorities themselves as in them, Show the Fault to lie On the Authorities themselves, to screen themselves from Detection, And to Accuse and Ruin the Character and Circumstance of One and his Family is very great Injustice. Of such grievances to whom are they to Appeal to, for Redress but to the Parent Sovereign of the Subjects, for which reason alone, Appellant Submits this Appeal to the Foot Stool of the Throne of Compassion, for taking his grievance into the Auspicious Consideration of Your August Majesty, and prays Orders appellant to be restored to his Employment and the Arrears of his pay be disbursed to him.

For which Gracious Orders Appellant shall in duty bound Ever Pray.

The Inclosures are 2 Orders of the Sub Collector on the matter of his discharge The other 3 Orders on appeal 1st. from the Collector 1 from the Board of Revenue and 1 from Government, all of which are grossly erroneous.

27th. March 1860

Yr. Mst. Faithfully

Endorsement on Board Petition No. 2325 of 1859.

1 Petitioner appeals from an order of the Sub: Collector and which was also confirmed by the late Collector, dismissing him from the Office of Vuttum Curnum, on suspicion of having concealed certain public documents.

2 The facts of the case which led to Petitioner's dismissal were as follows.

3 In the year 1857, one Soobba Row applied to the Sub: Collector for copies of certain documents on the records of the Rev: Department for the purpose of filing them in a Civil Suit, and in which he (Soobba Row) was Defr; on search, however, being made, the documents were not forthcoming. Enquiries were therefore instituted as to the cause of their disappearance; during which it was elicited, that Petitioner was himself a Defr in the Civil Suit referred to, and as such had a personal interest in suppressing them, which by means of his Office, he had opportunities of doing.

4 This suit, it must be observed, had arisen out of a dispute which had previously

previously taken place in 1852, regarding the right of possession to certain landed property in the village noted in the margin, and in which the Petitioner as Cirkar Curnum, had, by orders of the Tahsildar Soobba Row, (the other Defts.), harvested and secured the produce of the lands in dispute. It was in reference to this transaction, that the Civil suit had been instituted, and the responsibility of the proceedings thus adopted, being the point at issue between Soobba Row and Petitioner, the former sought to exonerate himself by shewing that his order was based upon the representation of certain facts by Petitioner (the Curnum), and it was with this view that he applied for copies of the documents which consisted of 2 Reports addressed by the Curnum in the case in question and which ought to have been on the Talook record, and one of the several orders issued by the Tahsildar which ought to have been on the Curnum's office record. These documents were missing, and it so happened, that

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that the corresponding copy of the latter and which ought to have been in the Talook record, was also missing at the same time; while two more orders which Petitioner had received from the Tahsildar, and which were favorable to his cause, were forthcoming and had further — in violation of the rule in force in such cases, been filed in the Court by Petitioner himself without leave or authority.

5 Besides this, Petitioner's conduct in the original Revenue case, had been most severely commented upon by the then Sub: Collector, Mr Grant, as being unfair to the party who became Plaintiff in the subsequent Civil suit and as being strongly indicative of oppression.

6 These circumstances constituted in the Sub: Collector's opinion, a strong presumption, that Petitioner with the privity of the Asst. Royasagar who had charge of the Talook records, made away with such of the documents connected with the case

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in question, as were adverse to his cause,
and he was accordingly dismissed on
the 31st May 1858.-

13th October 1859
Tullamore

Collector.-

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Forwarded to the
Collector for report
by Endorsement with
reference to the late
Collector's Endorsement
of 27th December 1858.-

(Com'd Offices
For the Treasury
2nd Sept. 1859.)

By order

Collector's Report
13th October 1859

Subscriber

Transmitted for Report to the
21st January 1860

By order of the Lords
Com'rs of Treasury

2325 of 1859

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of Harvey concealed a document which is favourable thereto and which he could not conceal, the Record Dept being as a distress and well secured and valuable property and restoration

Reed. 19. 9. 67.

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Inst. 4684 of 1859 Reg.
No 2325 of 1859
2 Iram Ramgasawmy
Moodelly late Curnum
of Veroopatchy Poonum
in Valunghyman Talook
in the District of
Tanjore.—
Dated 30th
Reed 4 Augt 1859
with 2 Exs.
2
Inst. 1094 of 1860.
Appeals against the
ends and order of the
Collr: staying - suspending and dismissing him from
situation on a charge

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Reg.

1859

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No. 4884 of 1857

No. 1

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No. 109 of 1856

COLLECTOR & D. MAGISTRATE, SARAN

No. 2325

27-12-56

in question, as were adverse to his cause

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1860

№ 4684 of 1859.

5 The Government decline to reverse the Collectors decision.—

Fort St. George 17th Feby 1860.

By Order

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Dy: Secy: to Govt.

№ 4684 of 1859

From Rungasaumy Mudali the late Curnum of the Village of Verupantchypurum in Valungiman Talug Combaconum now residing at Mylapore—

Rec'd 12th Dec. 1859

R 2626/60

In № 10940 of 1860

With 4 enclosures.

Complains of his removal from office by the Collector, encloses the Endorsements of the Collector and the Board of Revenue and prays that his case may be properly enquired into and he be restored to his Curnumship.

R 31st March 1860

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Taken into consideration

Valungiman.

Read Argee № 613 dated 24th instant submitted by you together with the Enclosures thereof.

It is clearly evident by the 2 Argees addressed by you on the 10th & 31st December last with regard to the missing of 3 documents namely 2 Reports made by Rungasamy Moodelly the late Curnum of Malyatheval Vattum with regard to the dispute between Karoopayeruttencadan and Vaboogonadoo pillay regarding the right of occupancy of certain Lands in the Village of Malaperumbedoo 1852 and Taken into consideration by you on the subject, that the said Curnum Rungasamy Moodelly in order to get rid himself from his liability in a suit which had been brought against him in the aforesaid dispute to the possession

of the aforesaid 3 Documents which are of a
nature to establish the said claim against
him -

On considering the circumstance of the
usurpation of the said 2 Reports, sent by the
said Curumm to the said Collector, from the Colony
Records, and of the exigencies wherein the Letters,
issued from the Collector on the 1st of the said
2 Reports, was Entered, it appears to me, beyond
suspicion, that some one of the Collector Servants
who may have in charge of the Records and
who was acquainted with the affairs of the
Cutchery, such as the Rayesum who had
charges of the Records at that time, ought
to have handed the said Documents ones to
the said Curumm -

Although proofs are not adduced
that such persons handed over the said
Documents, and that such persons were in
charge of the Records at that time, yet,
on considering the circumstance of the writing
of the few leafs both before and after the 4
leafs,

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leafs wherein the Letters issued on the 16th
17th March 1852 were Entered, and which are
in writing, being the handwriting of Pounde
Moodelly the present Assistant of Benevieses
Jonahmenis; and of the said Pounde Moodelly
being the assistant of the Rayesum both at
the time the said Letters was issued, and until
the month of August 1852; of his having at
different times held the said Rayesum
his assistant situations, and was acquainted
with Records thoroughly, although several
persons came into the said two situations
at several times; and his being the same
caste with the said Kurumm Rengasamy
Moodelly, he might be in some way
related to him; although the relationship
between them were not proved, it appears
to me, beyond all suspicion, that the said
Pounoosamy Moodelly would have assisted the
said Kurumm in his duties

Moreover it appears that the
bundle
his Kurumm has handed them in

Wm Taylor

Bundles containing the Reports returned
by the Curnums of the Districts from the
1st of July to December 1852 is also
lost with the said Documents. The
responsibility therefore would not be thrown on the
the said Ramanoo Moodelly in those as also
along concerned in the Record. It also to be
suspected that the 2d of the said 2 Reports
would have been with the bundle now lost.

Hence the said Ramanoo Moodelly
being a suspected party it appears not proper
to keep him any longer in the Circar
situation. No doubt the said Curnum
Rengasamy Moodelly the present Curnum
of Verospatchy pooram who is already suspended
in the matter aforesaid, being a Circar
servant would have perused such Documents
which are in his favor, and destroyed them
which he apprehended him, to defend a Civil
action laid against him. Moreover it
appears by the Tareed No. 136 Dated 1st
October 1852 from the Huzoor, that
this Hurnum had practiced fraud in the
the dispute between the two individuals
who are parties in the suit to defend which
the said Hurnum had done the said service
In the said Tareed severe observations has
been made regarding the conduct of the said
Hurnum.

As it is clearly evident that the
Hurnum who is guilty of the charge
aforesaid is not fit restore to the said
Circar duty dismissed the said Curnum
Rengasamy Moodelly and the Assistant
Jemadeenis Ramanoo Moodelly; you should
remove the names of the said servants
from the Paramuthy list, from the 1st
July 1858 and return the arrears of amount
of payment of the said Rengasamy Moodelly
for the time he was suspended, to the
Huzoor.

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Documents Enclosed in your Abzee, are
hereunto returned.

31st May 1858. Signed Carroll
Sub-Collector.

True copy
pd/ Carroll Sub-Collector.

Translation

The Arzee No 330 dated 1st December, last giving copies of certain Enclosures, addressed by you after Subbarayalu, Muniyappan and the others in the Arzee from the Honorable the Governor in your Arzee No 284 dated 17th November last, intimating that the 2 Reports made by Ramasamy Ayyan late Shanbogue of Maligai Medal Vattam and the present Shanbogue of Virapatchi Vattam and the order of the Zillah Court of the Documents required by Subbarayan the late Zillahdar of this Taluk, for production in a suit before the District Munsiff of Valangiman, instituted by Karuppayeruttan Goundan residing in the Village of Malupperry of the said Taluk, wherein the said Subbarayan is admitted as Supplemental Defendant, are not to be found in the Records and considered.

As in this matter, the acts of the said Shanbogue appearing to be fraudulent and

Memorial of Messrs Latter & Co.
Copy of Petition &c
Forwarded 1st June 1860 No. 55.

From Ramaswamy
Mudali the late Head
of the Village of Mad
praises on Palmyra
Tax Commissioners
receiving as Mydah

Date 24 May
R.O. 16th "
Mudali

Forwarded
Head Assistant
to the Revenue Board
to the request
and to be returned
Fort St. George
with the Assessor's

No 64 of 1865.

No 895-31st May

William order

18th May 1860

No 895

Ordered that the Memorial submitted with the foregoing Letter, be forwarded to the Same Government: and that intimation of its despatch be given to Petitioner-

Fort St George
31st May 1860

W Mallett

R.O. 4-6-60