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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 16. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th January 1861, No. 238 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chittur, 21st December 1860, No. 306.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your foot-note of 28th ultimo, No. 5,542, appended to the Proceedings of Government, dated the 24th idem, No. 2,226, calling upon me to report as to the usual custom of the District in respect of the formalities and honors observed on the presentation of Istimrár Sanads in general, and in the case of the Punganúr family in particular.

2. The Zamíndárioť Punganúr originally belonged, as the Board are aware, to the District of Cuddapah, from which it was only transferred to this in 1856. The present Zamíndár succeeded to the Estate in 1847, since which no occasion has arisen for the observance of any of the complimentary ceremonies now solicited.

3. In order to ascertain the precise nature of the compliments paid on previous occasions of the kind to this particular family, I have examined the records connected with that Zamíndári, and gather from the correspondence noted in the margin, that on the succession of the present Zamíndár to the Estate, the honorary distinction of a Khillat composed of Koba, Surpaish, sword and appendages was conferred on him. The Zamíndár was at the same time requested to give me all particulars, and to forward any public papers he might have in which the honors, with which he now prays that the presentation of his Sanads may be accompanied, are recognised. Free translations of his answer to myself, and of a former letter addressed to him by the Collector of Cuddapah on his installation, are herewith enclosed.

From the Collector of Cuddapah to Board, dated 20th January 1847, No. 4.
From Board to Government, 11th February 1847, No. 98.
From Government, to Board, do. do. No. 273.
From Board to Collector of Cuddapah, dated 1st March 1847.

Mr. Cochrane's letter does not specify in detail all the presents which were comprised under the term Khillat, but they probably were the same, or very nearly the same as those particularized by the Zamíndár in his Khat to me.

4. In the Zamíndáris of Calástri and Cavetnagar, which have long been attached to this District, it has been usual to present Khillats on similar occasions. In 1854, when the present Zamíndár of Cavetnagar attained his majority, an honorary dress* embroidered with lace was presented to him.

* *Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 11th Sept. 1854.*

5. Each Zamíndári has its own peculiar observances on such occasions, and no general rule can be laid down which shall be applicable to all. Mr. Cochrane's letter, is, however, a sufficient guarantee that such formalities have been observed in the case of the Punganúr family, and I have, therefore, no hesitation in recommending that the Khillat applied for be presented on the occasion of the delivery to the Zamíndár of his Istimrár Sanad, and here I may observe that it has been laid down as a rule by the Supreme Government, that on the presentation of Khillats, Nazzars, equivalent in value should be required from the Zamíndárs, not only as an appropriate acknowledgment on their part of the compliment thus conveyed, but in order to cover the expense incurred in making it. The rule would seem to be applicable to the present case, and I beg, therefore, that I may be favored in due course with a Memorandum showing the particulars and cost of the Khillat which Government may decide to confer on the presentation of the Sanad.

Vide paragraph 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 21st April 1835 of the Supreme Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st *February* 1861.

In Cons. 26th November 1860, *No.* 6,145.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 24th November 1860, No. 2,226.

In Cons. 27th April 1835, *No.* 770.

2. As under the orders of the Government of India, communicated with Extract Minutes Consultation, 21st April 1835, the expenses attending the presentation of the Istimrár Sanad to the Punganúr Zamíndár will in fact be borne by the Zamíndár himself in the form of a Nazzirána to the British Government, the Board recommend that the ceremony may be performed in accordance with his wishes, as expressed in his letter, and that the cost of the Khillat, which Government may resolve upon conferring, may be intimated to the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1861, No. 264.

Resolved that the Sub-Treasurer be directed to furnish the articles enumerated in the margin* to the Board of Revenue, who will cause them to be presented through the Collector of North Arcot to the Zamíndár of Punganúr with the usual ceremony, on the occasion of delivering to him the Sanad directed in the Order of this date, No. 263. Mr. Balmain will furnish to the Board a Memorandum of the cost of the articles, in order that the amount of the Nazzirána to be received from the Zamíndár, under the Order of the Government of India, dated 30th March 1835, may be determined.

* *Koba.*
Surpaish.
Sword and appendages.

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

Literal translation.

A°. 192.

To

Raja Sugatur Mounadi Sankerrayel
Yesvunt Bahadur of Punganúr
Samstanam Vau. Vau.

From.

Cochrane Esquire
Collector of Cuddapa with
Salam.

I am quite well at Punganúr on 16th June 1847 and trust that you will inform me of your welfare - Conscious of the loyalty & good conduct which characterise your noble family the Government were anxious to transmit the administrative power of the Zamindari invested in your father Immadi Padda Chik Rarayel to you after his death - With this view your Mother Raniya Chinnamaji Sahib was appointed to discharge the functions of the Zemindari during your Minority - Now you reached full age I brought the circumstance to the notice of Government with a request that you do might be invested with the power over the Samsta-nam - As the Government have approved of my proposal & directed me to distribute on this occasion Ornamented cloths Sword, Kulat &c. as

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khillats I have this day enthroned you & conferred the khillats; and wish you success & glory in regularly conducting the affairs to the good & support of the Ryots & other people entrusted to your care at the same time paying to the circar the usual kist. The power of Head of Police in the Samstanam is also vested in you, the duties of which you will discharge under Regulations. What need is there of writing at large on the subject.

/Signed/ Cochrane

Collector

/Signed/ [illegible]

Acting Collector

Literal translation

To

J. D. Robinson Esqr.
Acting Collector of
North Arcot
&c &c &c

The Khat dated 9 December
1860 R.89 respectfully ad-
dressed by Sugatur Sunnad
Sunkarrayal Yeswanth
Bahadur, Zamindar of
Punganur.

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your Khat
dated 6th December 1860 R.55 calling
upon me to inform you of the particu-
lars of Khillat, and the other formali-
ties which are usually observed on the
occasion of granting the Istaniarai
Sanad which it is in contemplation
to issue to me, and to forward to the
Huzur Khats from the Collectors of
Cuddapah showing what Ceremonies
were usually observed on such occasions.
In accordance with the Khat, the
details of the things granted to me
by Wm Cochrane the then Collector

of

of Cuddapah on the occasion of raising me to the Thukth (throne) are particularized hereunder.

1 Sirapash (an ornament affixed to the turband) decorated with diamonds, Rubies, and emeralds -
1 Kalikattuge -
1 Bunch of pearls attached to Sirapash -
2 Epaulettes
1 English Tulwar or Sword with Scabbard, Belt &c.
1 English Dowlie or Lacework to be across the Chest -
1 Barkanpur Turband
1 Do Pataka or belt -
1 Mundeth or Lace band round the turband -
1 Kammarband or waist band -
1 Hubba or Loose Jacket -
1 Jaman or a pair of Loose trowsers -

The enclosed Khat dated 16th June 1847 No 122 was addressed to me by the Collector of Cuddapah distributing the above things and I hope that the same will be returned to me after your perusal. What need is there to write at length on the subject. -

(Signed) Sunkarayel

Acting Collector

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st February 1864.

Read the following
Progs: of the Board of Revenue

Submitting for information a letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot with the Board's recommendation that the ceremony attending the presentation of the Selimaram sanned to the Pungaroor Zemindar be performed in accordance with the Zemindar's wishes -

(Here enter 11th of January 1864 No 238)

Resolved that the Collector be directed to furnish the articles enumerated in the margin to the Dr of Revenue who will cause them to be presented through the Collector of North Arcot to the Zemindar of Pungunoor with the usual ceremony on the occasion of delivering to him the Summud recently ordered. The Board will furnish

furnish to the Bd
~~at the same time with~~
a Memo of the cost of the
articles under that the
amount of the Drafts
to be received from the
Commissary under the
order of the Sec. of War
of 30th March 1835 may be determined:
~~and to keep them that account~~

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dt 1st February/61.

Sub Treasurer to furnish certain articles to the Bd of Revenue for presentation to the Pun. Sangam Zamindar on the occasion of delivering to him the Sanad -

No 1647.

Copy m.a Letter to Engr
Dt 19th Apl 1861 Vol 57.

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