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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 412. Read the following Petition from TALLAPRAGADA PEDDA RAMANNAH BAUPI RAJU, SARABAH RAJU and other Mocassahdars of Kondapál, in Tanuku Talook, Godavery District, to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, &c., &c., &c., dated Triplicane, Madras, 11th November 1863 :—

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

1. In our Petitions dated 20th August 1862 and 31st March 1863, we beg to state that we will annually pay the Government the sum of Rupees 1,432, which is in excess of the Settlement Sist now fixed thereon, viz., Rupees 1,339 by Rupees 93-4-7, and also the sum of Rupees 3,000, which is the amount of arrears settled by Mr. Fraser, the former Collector of Masulipatam, but your Honorable Government were not pleased to take the above Petitions into your favorable consideration, and restore to us the possession of our village.

2. We beg therefore, herewith, to enclose three copies of an appeal Petition addressed to the Secretary of State for India, together with its enclosures, for transmission to that functionary, and pray your Honorable Government may be pleased to forward the same with your own recommendation thereon, as this appears to us very much to the benefit of your Government.

For which act of kindness we as in duty bound shall ever pray.

No. 413. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1863, No. 2,371.

1. In the Memorial which accompanies the foregoing application Tallapragada Baparáz and others, formerly Mocassahdars of Kondapád, a village appertaining to the Pentapad Pergana, Tanuku Talook, Godavery District, pray the Secretary of State to reverse the order passed by this Government in 1856 resuming the village in question on account of arrears of quit-rent.

2. Before forwarding the Memorial to its destination the Government resolve to call upon the Collector of the Godavery District to report through the Board of Revenue on the statement in paragraph 11, that the former proprietors were not allowed the option of obtaining possession of the village on full assessment, as was authorized by G. O. 27th June 1856, No. 657.

3. Referring also to Board's Proceedings 27th January last, No. 514, the Government wish enquiry to be made as to the old assessment, Nunjah, Poonjah and Garden, and the Ayacut under each, as compared with the present settlement.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Collector of the Godavery District, with Memorial.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue department

No. 1

1. In the accompanying Memorial Sallapooda Rapáráz and others formerly Mocaddams of Kondapá a village appertaining to the Pentapad Circar, Samuka Sáluy, Godavery District, pray the Secy of State to reverse the order passed by this Govt in 1866 assessing the village in question on account of arrears of quit-rent.-

2. Kondapá was one of thirty-two villages held on favorable terms which, when the Indian balances in the old Masulipatam District were

being required, into by the Special Assistant Mr. Ballard, were reported as under attachment with a balance of quitrent due to Govt. aggregating to Rupees 1,60,107. This attachment it further appeared had been in force for many years back.—

From Mr. Ballard to Collector of Masulipatam 28th April 1855.—

3. The Govt. had previously determined that arears "outstanding "through poverty, neglect "or fraud" which might have accrued prior to Fasli 1259 / 1849 should be struck off except where fraud or evasion may be clearly apparent; and that of those of later date such as on enquiry might be found to be due to poverty, loss of, bad seasons &c. &c. —

× L. M. C. 31st March 1855, No. 381 P. 11.—

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should be remitted and that those caused by fraud, evasion, or contumacy, should be exacted.

E. M. C. 22nd August 1855 No. 971. P. 8.

4. Regarding the 32 villages above noticed the Govt. thought that further information was necessary. If they were under attachment for arrears they would not come under the consideration on which the remission of arrears of more than 5 years' standing was based because there had not been neglect or indifference on the part of Government. On the one hand if arrears had not accrued under management it would seem that the quitrent was not absolutely excessive; on the other

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if in ten or twenty years of management the former arrears had not been cleared off it might be doubted whether it was very light

5 In submitting the result of his enquiries about these villages Mr. Ballard divided them into two classes (1) those on which arrears (are) annually accumulating and (2) those which yield a surplus above their quit-rents. Regarding the latter he expressed his general opinion that "Government is neither "called on by motives of "justice or policy to relinquish the balances and "release the lands. The balances cannot be paid. "Resumption is therefore "recommended."

From Mr. Ballard to Coll.r of Masulipatam, dated 3d September 1855 No. 48.

6. The Kondapad Mokasa came under the latter class. Mr. Ballard's specific recommendation about it was as follows.

From Mr. Ballard to Collector of Masulipatam - dated 27th August 1855 No. 45. para 6.

"A balance of Rupees 12,692-8-1 on the lands on this Village. It was attached in fusly 1240, and so continued till fusly 1256, when it is said to have been placed under

under the Mocasadars
management till July 1259
but to have been again at-
tached in the latter years
Indeed from the first it
does not appear to have been
regularly released, & may be
sidered as having been under
attachment for about 25 yrs
The parties now claiming say
they will pay the quit-rents
future, but pray that the whole
balance may be written off.
For the last few years the Villag
has paid more than its quit-
rent, but after the long at-
tachment I see no call for
such extensive relinquishme
I recommend that the Villag
be resumed, and the balance
written off."

I the A.C. Coll.r of Mavalli
marked upon this case as fo.

Vide appendix H recorded
in G.O. 18 Jany 1856 No 63

G.O. 18 January 1856.
No. 63. para. 4.

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"The parties have appeared
"before me to protest against
"their course (viz, resumpt-
"tion). On being asked what
"they would pay of the old
"balance they declared their
"readiness to subscribe
"to any terms I might grant
"them in this respect, evi-
"dently anxious to get pos-
"session of the village at
"any cost. I would recom-
"mend their being called
"upon to pay 3000 Rupees
"in 10 years, besides the full
"quit rent and failing
"this would resume as
"Mr. Ballard suggests."

8 The Government
passed orders thereon in
these terms.

"This village has been
under attachment for
25 years, the balance
Rupees

(Respecting 12 & 2) ... equal
to two years' quit rent
and appears to be increas-
-ing. The Special Asst.
and recommends that this
village should be re-
-tained, and the balance
written off, but the
Acting Collector recom-
-mends that the village
should be released on
the parties agreeing to
pay 3100 18s of the balance
in two years. Before
passing orders on this
case, the Right Honor-
-able the Governor in Coun
-cil resolves to call for
information, whether
this village was granted
before the permanent
settlement or subse-
-quently, on which point
the reports are silent

From Commissioner
Northern Circars
28th April 1836, No 44

If it is a subsequent
grant it is entitled to
no consideration."

9. From the enquiries
made it appeared that
this village was entered
as a Mokasa previous
to the Permanent Settle-
-ment, though the Land
therein by whom it had
been conferred was not
forthcoming - The Collector
Mr. Lushington, who had
in the meantime returned
to the District, was averse
to the restoration of the
village as well with re-
-ference to the long pe-
-riod of attachment and
the heavy balances out-
-standing as to the in-
-creased value imparted to the land
by the improved Godavery
-ery irrigation - Mr. Gold-
-ingham, the Commission
-er Northern Circars
agreed with Mr. Lushing
-ton but suggested that

the land in this and other similar cases, might be restored, the Govt. assessment being fixed at 1/3 of the gross produce.

10. The Govt finally declined to accede to Mr. Fraser's proposition, which they considered to have been made without reference to any general principles, and they directed that the village should be resumed and the arrears written off, no reason for special indulgence being apparent in the case. As for the Commissioner's proposal to make over the land to the late Proprietors on an assessment fixed at one-third of the gross Produce, they saw no reason for making a difference between these and other lands in the District, but where the assessment was really too ha-

* 27th June 1856, No 657.
⊗ to restore the village on payment of 3,900 Rupees.

they authorized the following reduce it to that of similar land in the vicinity and then give the first refusal of it to the former holders.

11. Such is the history of the case as apparent from the records.

12. When the Memorialists recently petitioned Govt on the subject a report was called for and after receiving it the Revenue Board (No: 246 27th January 1863 No 514) the Govt finally declined to re-open the question.

16th March 1863

The Memorialists now allege that the indulgence of having their former villages placed in their possession on full assessment was never granted them & that as the arrears on the Mediavole Estate up to Fasli 1254 amounted in all to Rs 5,00,000, were

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cancelled, the arrears on their Mokassa are also virtually abrogated.-

14. They further submit that this Govt. must be oblivious of their own interests when they refuse Memorialists' offer to take the village on the original quitrent with a payment of 3,000 Rd. on account of arrears and at the same time allow it to be leased to the ordinary ryots for 93 Rd. less than the former favorable rent.-

15. In regard to this latter point it is observed from the Collector's letter recorded in Board's Pro. 27th January 1803 No. 514, that the new Settlement rates are 21 Rupees less than the old Kattubadi though the demand for Fasli 1271 amounted to Rd. 1,637 or Rd. 205 in excess of

Rd.
Jurda Settlement-1411
old Quit-rent 1432
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of the original quitrent. The new Settlement includes a waivedale of 61 Rd. Monthly.

16. The Statements made by Memorialists and referred to in para 13 of this Memo. do not appear to have been enquired into-indeed they were never put forward. Will it be necessary to send the papers back for further enquiry and report on these points? or should the Memorialists be at once forwarded home?

Rd. 1411
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I think it would be well to enquire whether Pallis were allowed the option of retaining the village at full assessment. At the same time enquiry should be made as to the old

Read Despatch

No 2871-

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24th December 1863.

Read the following Petition
from
Tallapragada Pedda Ra-
-mamah Bangaru Raju
Agraharadu Raju and other
Agraharadars of Koondapaud
Village Tamilian Taluq,
Godavery District-

Forwarding a Memorial, with a request that the same may be forwarded to the Secretary of State with the recommendation of this Govt-

(Here enter 11th November 63

In the Memorial which accompanies the foregoing application Tallapragada Bangaru and others formerly Inamdars of Koondapaud village appertaining to the Pendapad Turpuna Tamilian

Tamulee Zeelay, Godavery
District, pray the Secre-
tary of State, to receive
the order passed by this
Government on 1856, re-
moving the village, ex-
emption on account of
arrears of quit rent.

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rding the Memorial to the
declaration the Government
resolved to call upon the
Collector of the Godavery
District for a report thereon
the Board of Revenue
on the abatement inqui-
red that the former propo-
sals were not allowed
the option of obtaining
possession of the villa-
on full assessment as
were enhanced by the
27th June 1856 No. 657

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Referring also to
Board's Proceedings 27
January last No 514 the
Government finds enquiry
to be needed as to the old
assessment, extent of
Ryotwar & Garden, and the
adjacent under each, as
compared with the pre-
sent settlement.

Copies to the Board of Rev.
Dist. Collr
1 Collr of the Godavery Dist
with Mins

Copy marked to Engd
of 3rd February 65. No 5 Mad.

Revenue 1863 Dept.
No. of Govt for December.

No. 271.

From the Madras Govt.
Dated 24th December 1863.

Forwds Co. 1 Map of Mavelikara
Proceedings of Revenue Board dated 5th Novr 1863
Ditto Board of Revenue 8 September 1864
Co. 1 Map.

Memorial to the
(late) Government from
certain Pasupirangs and
others of Godaveri Distt,
forwarded to the Collector
for report on certain particulars.

No 42 to 43.