

**MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.****Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1403

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5. 8. 1864

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
5th August 1864.*

No. 91. Read the following letter from ABDULAH MEYA SAHIB, Grandson of SHADI KHAN SAHIB, residing at Tinnevely, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tinnevely, 20th June 1864 :—

HONORABLE SIR,

I, Abdulah Meya Sahib, grandson of Shadi Khan Sahib deceased, residing at Tinnevely, most respectfully beg to enclose three copies of Memorial for submission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

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

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1864, No. 1,403.

**Miscellaneous.**

1. One copy of the Memorial received with the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Board of Revenue for report. It should be ascertained who the Memorialist is, and why he moves only now regarding a matter which has been disposed of so long.

2. The latest correspondence on the subject of Eitbar Khan's Choultries appears to be contained in the papers marginally noted. The only Petitions which can be traced in the Government Office, as coming from any one of Memorialist's name, were received in 1851 and 1858; the former, which prayed for the restoration of certain charitable grants, was returned for the endorsements of the subordinate authorities; the latter, complaining that his opponent had been appointed a Trustee in prejudice to his own claims, was rejected.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

*The humble Memorial of ABDULAH MEYAH SAHAIB the legal heir and grandson of SHATHEE KHAN SAHAIB, deceased, the late Ruler of Tinnevelly District, residing at Cusbah, Tinnevelly Taluq, of the said District.*

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

- 1st. That the said Shatheer Khan Sahaib otherwise called Mahommed Athebur Khan Sahaib, grandfather of the Memorialist having built five Public Choultries and two Mosques in the villages; noted in the margin, purchased some lands and obtained Manium lands with a view that his descendants may conduct the charities of the said Choultries and support themselves.
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|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 Choultry at Pundara Culum in Tinnevelly Taluq. |     |
| 1 Mosque at do.                                  | do. |
| 1 Choultry at Cottore                            | do. |
| 1 Do. at Edysamel Odatapedram Taluq.             |     |
| 1 Do. at Shotore Shotore Taluq.                  |     |
| 1 Mosque at do.                                  | do. |
| 1 Choultry at Ooslampetty                        | do. |

Out of the said estate your Memorialist's grandfather and afterwards his descendants continued to perform the above charities until 1807.

2nd. That as your Memorialist's ancestors were living in the Malabar Coast, one Ebrahim Khan alias Haul Athabur Khan, an illegitimate son of your Memorialist's grandfather, was conducting the affairs lastly. But in consequence of his mismanagement the Government have attached the whole property belonging to the Choultries and Mosques and conducted the management of the Choultry affairs, under their own Superintendence for 43 years (from 1807 to 1850) depositing the surplus fund every year.

3rd. That since 1850 the charity of giving food which was observed for several years, was discontinued alleging that it was unnecessary; and moreover an order was issued to dispose of at an auction, the cooking utensils of the Choultries. The sale proceeds of these as well as the income of the above property were carried to the credit of Government. But the amount received on account of Sawmy Bogam on lands rented in certain villages has been kept in deposit. Out of the sums credited to Government as above stated the Circar continue to perform certain charities to a small extent.

4th. That your Memorialist presented Petitions both to the Collector of the District, and to the Local Government representing the unfairness of the aforesaid order affecting the above Choultries in which were fed the poor, the blind and the lame, &c., and while the other charities appointed by his grandfather were conducted undisturbed and requesting them to put the surplus fund, the Choultries and the Villages in your Memorialist's possession under the provisions of Dhavustanum rules. The Government gave an Endorsement on the Petition that they cannot reverse their former order, dated 24th June, 1851.

5th. That while Inams and Yeomiahs (Pensions) granted to many by your Memorialist's grandfather are hereditarily allowed heretofore, the fact of withholding the Choultries, &c., above referred to, from the Memorialist, while he is allowed to conduct certain charities, namely Mhorum festivals and other Mosque affairs which had been instituted by Memorialist's grandfather, is left to the consideration of your Lordship.

6th. That the Choultries are in a very bad state the repairs not having been prosecuted, whenever it was necessary and will now require a large sum of money to undergo the repairs. The materials of the buildings in the fallen parts are carried away by any one for want of care. No care is taken to examine into the actual amount of Sawmy Bogum which in some villages is appropriated by the under farmers or tenants nor any measures adopted against the encroachments of the adjacent villagers upon the lands in question.

7th. That the Inam Commissioner who was lately appointed by Government to transact the affairs of maniums in this as well as in other Districts, did not still give up the lands to your Memorialist who is the lineal descendant of the said Shatheer Khan Sahaib, as per enclosed

copy of the Decree of the Civil Judge of Tinnevely. Your Memorialist most humbly begs leave to bring to your Lordship's notice, that the Government is not justified in crediting the Choultry property to the public Treasury on the mere plea, that the charities are unnecessary.

8th. That since the time the charities were put a stop to, the poor and helpless continue to come to your Memorialist begging alms, and he is obliged to give them little although he is unable to satisfy all their wants.

9th. That your Memorialist had submitted several Petitions to the Local Government complaining that the tenants in the above mentioned villages continue to mortgage to each others your Memorialist's lands as if they are their own property, and cut down the trees as they like and carry them away, and that they are also exerting their endeavours to appropriate the lands to themselves. But up to this time no favorable orders have been passed upon his (Memorialist) Petitions.

10th. That your Memorialist's right to the lands purchased at a very large sum, and allotted for charity purposes by his late grandfather is not in anyway to be objected to, in as much as there are Circar records satisfactorily establishing the right, and which fact the Government is not unaware of. The Government who in other cases allow the heirs of the holders of manium lands, to conduct charities and enjoy the lands, refused to grant the indulgence to your Memorialist.

11. That your Memorialist therefore most humbly prays your Lordship will be graciously pleased to take the above circumstances into favourable considerations and issue an order placing the aforesaid Choultries, the surplus fund and the villages in the possession of your humble Memorialist, and your humble Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

MADRAS.

ABDULAH MEYAH SAHAIB.

20<sup>th</sup> June  
1864.

To His Excellency Sir CHARLES WOOD, C. B.,  
Secretary of State for India.

SEAL

DECREE OF THE ZILLAH COURT OF TINNEVELLY.

ORIGINAL SUIT, No. 281 of 1848.

APPEAL SUIT, No. 37 of 1850.

Abdoollah Meeah Saib,

Nutter Khan, Appellant.

Versus,

Versus,

1. Nutter Khan.

Abdoollah Meeah Saib, Respondent.

2. Moottoocurpa Pillay.

3. Comarasamia Pillay.

Supplt. Defendant.

Soobramonia Pillay.

The Court therefore is of opinion that the Plaintiff as a lineal descendant of the common progenitor Shady Khan, and a person to whose character no similar objections appear applicable, possesses a superior right, and that no grounds exist for interference with the Original Decree, the Acting Civil Judge for the above reasons confirms the Original Decree, and dismisses the Appeal with costs.

(Signed) H. FRERE,  
Actg. Civil Judge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. H. WOODGATE,  
Civil Judge.

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The Honorable A. I. McIntosh Esq  
Chief Secretary to Government  
&c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

I, Abdul Wahid Sahib, grandson of  
Shahid Khan Sahib deceased, residing at Ferozepur,  
most respectfully beg to enclose 3 copies of  
Memorial for submission to the Right  
Honorable the Secretary of State for  
India.

For which act of kindness, as  
in duty bound, shall ever Pray

Sincerely  
20<sup>th</sup> June 1864

Yours Most Obedient Servant  
J. J. G. G. G. G. G.

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Memo on Retaliation - 1754 p. 67

Petitioner states that his Grandfather  
Shahzee Khan Sahib alias Diakhomand  
Attubar Khan Sahib built 5 Choudtries  
& 3 Mosques & purchased lands & obtained  
Mauzies towards these charities.  
One portion of the Mauzies so obtained were  
devoted to the support of the Choudtries,  
another to the support of the Mosques,  
another to feeding the poor. While

From N. Coll:  
Hepburn -  
18 January 1873

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15 January 1883)

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This man (the friend of the Sultan) it appears was a Longdar under the Nabor, and obtained from him a grant of certain lands at favourable rates, for the establishment of Churches & Mosques. At some of the stages between Indiana & Timorweli, at that time a decayed and desagregated road, numerous numbers of Yomaks were paid out of the fund to provide for the people.

When either of them died he; and then ceased  
his successors in the long service appointed  
managers or to them Choulters, & from  
time to time, but they did not remain in  
his family:

his family:  
4. In this condition they were found by  
Mr. Livingston, who continued ~~there~~ to  
manage them, till a Cider Runner as  
also his brother Daniel & Cochran until  
he & his Mohammed came forward, stating

1370-24 from 1857 to 1892 -  
the same authority

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fully defined by the

Charles Ford.

Delivered to England

2/28<sup>th</sup> October 1861 of 1860

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From Gloucester  
Mass. 2/1/1

House of Representatives

Wahlbeerdung

Annals.

Revised 1st 1/1 of 1866

Wm. C. C. C. C.

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~~SECRET~~ ~~paraphrase~~

Letter for Andrew

to the organ of vision

John D. & Brother

for every 500 mg  
S.C. 11003. 500mg

that he was the representative of of  
Sultan Khan & requesting the management  
of the above mentioned Charities, Mr. Cochrane  
granted his request as he was called of Law  
not of right; soon after Sultan Khan  
appeared and claimed as his true  
representatives and the decision of a  
Punchayat being in their favor the  
management was transferred to them.

But as many complaints were brought  
against them by the poor people dependant  
on the Charities that Mr. Cochrane was at  
length obliged to appoint an Ameen to  
a joint superintendence, the Ameen however  
refused to act with the Amicees & thus up  
all concern with the Charities; Administration  
was then again put into the Amicees hands  
as at first.

At this period Mr. Hepburn joined the  
Tinnivelli District; and in order  
that this fund might be managed with  
as little expense to it as possible he rented  
the lands at the same time as those of the  
rest of the province, and placed them under  
the superintendence of the District Servants.  
Writing to the Board on this subject he says  
"The nature of the Charity is such that  
the superintendence of it cannot be claimed  
of right by any person, but properly belong  
as arranged by its founder to the Govt."

In 1824 Allee Arhammed appealed to  
Govt on this subject, his appeal was rejected  
on the ground that it had already often been  
decided by the local authorities that he had

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Proc: Bd.  
8 May 57  
No 206

No valid claim to the possession of the  
charities, endowed entirely for charitable  
purposes, and not for private emolument.  
In 1851 the subject was again opened by the  
claim of A. Gomeran under this charity.  
The Board took the opportunity to report on  
the subject finally stating that the  
total original value of the lands in question  
was Rs 13932. Rs 1250 was only 8800.

Deducting some portions of land set aside  
granted to the Trustees of a Mosque & Pagoda  
the Bd recommended that the sum to the  
value of Rs 12482 "might" after the lapse of 45 yrs  
be incorporated with the Govt lands. And  
a scale was proposed for the maintenance  
of the Charities. Estimated by 1854 the  
total of all charges on the fund was 5543 panna  
being an increase of 250 Rs. panna  
over the cost of previous years.  
They proposed also to discontinue the sum  
of 2458 allowed for distribution of food  
rates a more than proportional addition  
being made to the Govt of Geomials & landry  
charges.

They also recommended the extinction of  
the allowance formerly granted to the  
peers. In their name also were reported  
certain sums granted for the celebration of the  
Dussehra festival.

The surplus fund of the Tinnivelli Am. Am. trust  
Rs 20989. It was proposed to expend in establishing  
a library.

1834

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20 Jan 1821  
1833

with reference  
to the charges of  
previous years

E. L. C. 21 Aug  
Oct 1857.  
No - 1043 -

8. Petitioner states that his ancestor purchased part of the lands in question but no mention of this is made in the records of Govt as he seems to comply in Para 10.

9. It appears that the petitioner is in receipt of an allowance from the fund, and as the Memorial seems only to wish to claim the management without advancing any pretensions to appropriate any portion or any intention to "support himself" ~~from the fund~~ out of them.

11. The Memorialist states that he has petitioned both the Collector

recd. for the coming in the  
Petition Department is one  
dated 30 September 1857 in which Petition  
12. The new one is

12. The Memorialist is  
possible a member of the  
family of the late Sir  
Khan but he is not the  
grandson of that indivi-  
dual recognized in 1857  
as the head of the surviving  
descendants. His name was  
"Haji" Khond Nattado  
Khan. Supposing there-  
fore that it is deter-  
mined to place the Choultrie  
in the possession  
of the family whose  
ancestor seems to have  
had some concern in  
the original institu-  
tion of the Choultrie.

it would by no means follow  
that this memorialist wd  
be interested in the matter.

13. But it appears clear that such a claim preferred by any member of the family would be preposterous. It is now fourteen years since final orders were passed nearly sixty years since the village's funds arising there from have been under the management of governments.

14. Under these circumstances is the Memorial  
to be sent home? If to  
prevent further representa-  
tions it is considered  
desirable to transmit it,  
2<sup>d</sup> it be advisable to ob-  
tain any information  
through the Board of  
Collectors relative to the  
Memorialist's position.

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15. A search has been made in the Record Office to ascertain if the question had ever been appealed home before. No memorial on the subject can however be discovered.

It seems true useful  
to preserve & submit to memory  
which are perfectly  
hooked and relate to  
her hand writing - The memorial  
had better be put in the  
report -

For Rules

A brief report was  
made to the President  
of the Board of Directors  
of the University of California  
at Berkeley, California, on  
the 10th of June, 1907.

I do not think  
it is possible  
to have a  
good  
man  
who is not  
a good  
man.

Memorandum on a memorial  
to Secretaries  
of Water

29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1884

N 1403.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.  
Under date the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1884.

Read the following ~~the~~  
~~letter~~ memorial from Abdulah  
Meyah Sahib, Grand son  
of Shadi Whan Sahib,  
residing at Tinnevely.

Enclosed herewith a duplicate  
petition for submission to the  
Right Hon. the Secy of States for India.  
Prays the same authority to issue  
an order to the Madras Govt to place  
the countries, the surplus land  
and the villages into his possession,  
of which he was unjustly deprived  
of by the Madras Govt.

One copy of the  
Memorial received with  
the foregoing letter will  
be forwarded to the Board  
of Revenue for report. It  
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and why he moves only  
now regarding a matter  
which has been disposed  
of so long.

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Reported to England  
of 10<sup>th</sup> October A.D. 1865  
24-1-07  
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Pro: of the Madras Govt.  
of 5<sup>th</sup> August/64.

Pro: of the Board of Rev. 18<sup>th</sup>  
July/65 C. A. 1995.

Forwarding to the Bd.  
of Revenue for report the  
Memorial from Abdulah  
Meyahabib.

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