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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th February 1864.*

No. 87. Read the following letter from ANDRA RAJUNAH, an inhabitant of Cottacottah, Narasapatam Talook, Vizagapatam District, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th November 1863 :—

RESPECTED SIR,

I humbly and respectfully beg to submit the accompanying Memorial to His Excellency the Secretary of State for India in Council, and to request that the Government will be pleased to forward it to that authority in due course.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1864, No. 207.

Ordered that the Memorial received with the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Home Authorities, and that an intimation of the same be given to the Memorialist.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Duplicate.

14 December 1865

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF ANDRA RAU-
JUNAH, AN INHABITANT OF COTHACOT-
TAH, NARASAPATAM TALOOK, OF THE
COLLECTORATE OF VIZAGAPATAM, IN
THE MAHERAS PRESIDENCY.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

With due respect and submission your memorialist begs to forward this hum-
ble Memorial in the hope that it will meet with as favorable a consideration as can
be given in accordance with the rules of justice.

Your Memorialist's forefathers down to the life time of his own father conti-
nued to enjoy for a long time both before and after the assumption of the
country by the British certain Enam Lands situated in the abovementioned Talook.
Subjoined are 2 statements shewing the particulars of these lands.

Names of villages.	Extent.	Original Grantee.	Name of the Donar.	When obtained.
Cunchoocomara	Wet 6 Acres.....	Andra Atchenah....	Vutchavoy Thimma- jugaputhy Dava Ma- harauzoo Zamindar of Peddapoorum.	About 230 years ago.
Juggemapettah	Wet 2 do.	Andra Rajunah....	The Village Cammo- mity.	About 110 years ago.
Camarole.....	Wet 2 do.	Andra Vencanah....	Do.	Do.

Names of villages.	Extent.		By whom purchased.	From whom purchased.	When purchased.	Amount of purchase.
Cottacotah.	Dry 4 ...	Wet 2 ...	Andra Camarauzoo.	M. Somumma.	In 1819.....	Rs. 42 8 0.
Ditto.	Dry 8 ...	Wet 6 ...	Andra Venkutrazoo.	C. Seetunna Pun- tooloo.	About 50 years ago.	Rs. 150 0 0.

N. B.—(2.) Rajunah is the son of (1) Atchenah.

(3.) Vencunah is the son of Atchenah's brother Baupanah.

(4.) & (5.) Camarauzoo and Venkutrazoo are the sons (3) Vencunah.

From these Statements, it will be observed that the brother of your Memorialist's great grand-father, named Atchenah, obtained first 6 Acres of Wet Land as an Enam from the Zemindar of Peddapooram about 230 years ago, that subsequent to him, his son Rajanah and his nephew Venannah obtained other 4 Acres of Wet Land Enams from the communities of the Villages in which they are situated, and that your Memorialist's father Camarazoo and uncle Venkatarazoo latterly obtained by purchase 20 more Acres of dry and wet land from 2 individuals to whom they had been given as Enams.

In the days of old Zemindars who continued to pay their Peshkash to the Nizam of Hyderabad, it was their acknowledged practice not only with them but also with the village communities under their control to make grants of land as bhattavurthy Enam to poor Bramins for the sake of their maintenance, with full right vested in the Grantee to mortgage, sell, or otherwise dispose of them. In accordance with this time-honored practice, your Memorialist's forefathers obtained 10 Acres of Enam Land and purchased 20 others for their personal benefit, the enjoyment of these lands having been an uninterrupted one till 5 years after the death of your Memorialist's father, which occurred in 1852. In this year the Tasildar having reported to Mr. Collector Smallett the nature of the title under which the Enams were held from time immemorial by the family to which your Memorialist belongs, that gentleman was pleased to take no exception to it, but on the contrary allowed your Memorialist to enjoy the Enam Lands in question as the legal heir and representative of his deceased father. In the year 1848, the Board of Revenue issued a Circular to all Collectors regarding the treatment of lapsed Enams and caused a Notification to be published throughout the Districts, prohibiting from and after the date of its announcement the alienation by the then holders of all Enam Lands granted for the personal benefit of the family to which they belonged. This Circular and its accompanying Notification did not at all affect the enjoyment of the lands by your Memorialist and his father for a period of 9 years after the said notification took effect. On Mr. Smollett's leaving the District, he submitted a report to the Board of Revenue, of the contents of which your Memorialist is utterly ignorant, and the only result he your Memorialist experienced was that in the year 1858, the lands were confiscated by Government during the time of Mr. Collector Reade, who succeeded Mr. Smollett, your Memorialist begs leave to repeat that it is still a secret to him under what colour of justice the confiscation was made. Your Memorialist addressed Mr. Reade, however, on this subject and that gentleman was pleased to make a recommendation to the Board of Revenue in your Memorialist's favor in regard only to 10 Acres of Land out of 30, thus excluding the remaining

20 obtained by your Memorialist's family through purchase. Your Memorialist begs here to observe that this purchase of 20 Acres was made long before the announcement of the Board's Notification above alluded to and the lands were also enjoyed by the family for 9 years after it, thus rendering it impossible to cause the Board's Notification to have a retrospective effect in your Memorialist's case. It does not, therefore appear to your Memorialist on what grounds Mr. Reade considered my title to the said 20 Acres of the Enam Lands as invalid. Partial as Mr. Reade's recommendation was, it met with a favorable consideration by the Board of Revenue, and your Memorialist was allowed under their sanction the enjoyment of 10 Acres of Enam Lands 8 months after their confiscation had been made. This happy restoration was not however of long duration. To your memorialist's great misfortune, the lands were again confiscated a month and a half after their restoration. In the meantime the Board of Revenue having reported to Government the circumstances under which the restoration of 10 Acres had been made, the Government was pleased not to approve of it but to order its immediate annulment. It is equally a secret to your Memorialist what impossibility the Government found to sanction your Memorialist's enjoyments of the lands held from time immemorial by the family to which he belongs. In regard to the injustice thus rendered to his cause, Your memorialist successively addressed again the Collector, the Board of Revenue, and the Government, and also the Enam Commissioner; but all in vain, no authority opening its eyes to the nature of the claims of your memorialist to the said Enam Lands.

It is also a fact that innumerable cases quite similar to your Memorialist's in character have been disposed of by the Enam Commissioner's Department by allowing the Enam Lands to be enjoyed by their legal owners on the payment of an annual quit rent fixed thereon and there seems no reason, therefore, why your Memorialist's Lands should be confiscated by Government without allowing him a similar enjoyment of them on the payment of a Jody or quit rent.

Under these circumstances, your memorialist humbly and respectfully requests that your Excellency may be pleased to take your memorialist's poor case into favorable consideration and to afford him simple justice uncharitably denied to him by the Local Government.

For which act of charity,

Yours Memorialist as in duty bound,

SHALL EVER PRAY.

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TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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I beg to remain,

Respected Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

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