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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 22—11— 1864.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd November 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 262. Petition from P. VURDIAH, late Writer in the Export Department of the Sea Customs Office, Madras, residing at Gungadara Covil Street, Pursewalkum, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government in the Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th September 1864.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That aggrieved at the decision arrived at by Government regarding the dismissal of your Petitioner from the Sea Customs Office, he begs leave to forward the enclosed Petition in triplicate, and to solicit that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in submitting it to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, will be graciously pleased to support the humble prayer of your Petitioner, for which he shall as in duty bound ever pray.

No. 263. Official Memorandum from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 7th November 1864, No. 962.

* Memorandum of Deputy Collector to Collector of Sea Customs, and the latter's order of dismissal, dated 1st December 1863.
Opinion of Advocate General, 18th December 1863.

The Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward to the Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, the papers* called for in his Memorandum of 13th October 1864, No. 151, connected with the dismissal of P. Vurdiah, a Clerk on the establishment of the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

(By Order,)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1864, No. 2,135.

Ordered that the Memorial and other papers received with the foregoing letters be forwarded to the Home Government, and that an intimation of the same be given to the Memorialist.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secertary to Government.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Customs.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Memo.

The Dy Collector has the honor to report to the acting Collector that Vurdiah a Clerk in the Export Department called at his Gardens this morning and solicited his influence to obtain promotion for him in the arrangements to be made consequent on the retirement of the Export Manager, offering money to do so. He believes the amount was 100 Rupees, a roll of paper with about 50 Rupees and some Bank Notes. The Clerk was desired to quit the premises immediately and told that his conduct would be reported.

/Signed/ E. S. Atkinson

1/12/63.

Vurdiah is dismissed from this date for offering money to Mr Atkinson.

/Signed/ J. H. Blair

Ag. Collector Sea Customs

Vurdiah admits having gone to Mr Atkinsons house, and asked him to use his influence with the Collector to get him promotion.

promotion. admits that he put his hand. Kerchief down but that he had no money in it. declares that he never put down any paper with money or bank notes at all. cannot explain why he should put his hand kerchief down.

/Signed/ J. H. Blair
Ag Collector Seacustoms.

/True Copies/

J. H. Blair
Collector Seacustoms.

Copy Opinion

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I am of opinion that it is not expedient for the Collector to prosecute the Clerk for his attempt to bribe Mr Atkinson. There is no moral doubt I think that the attempt to bribe was made, and the Rs 100. offered to Mr Atkinson, and therefore that the Clerk has been justly punished by dismissal a very severe punishment certainly for an old Government servant, of such long service as to nearly entitled to a Pension, but under the circumstances I think a very just punishment, and adequate to the offence. But my opinion as to the inexpediency of indicting the Clerk does not rest merely on the ground that he has been adequately punished. I think it undesireable for Government, or an officer in the high position of the Collector, to prefer such an indictment without at least a considerable probability of obtaining a Conviction. That probability in the present case is in my opinion very slight.

The sole evidence to support the charge would be Mr Atkinson's unsupported testimony. I say unsupported, for the gardener could only speak to the Clerk's presence and to Mr Atkinson's anger. both which are quite consistent with the

Clerk's

Copy with letter to Govt
of 22d November 1864 No 10
Subject Theft

Rec: 29/8/64.

Ans: 1/10/64.

Copies of the papers
referred to in the Collectors
endorsement of 22d October
on the Petition of Ram
Dyal.

Clerk's entire innocence - Mr. Atkinson would have to admit that the Clerk denied the charge, as soon as possible, in the most open and express terms, and upon plausible grounds - I refer here to what he said of Mr. A's high character, and the improbability therefore of one of his own underlings offering him a bribe - before a gardener too! A skilful cross examination might lead Mr. Atkinson into some slight inaccuracy, which would of course be strongly dwelt upon in the Prisoner's Counsel's address to the Jury, as well as the fact of the already severe punishment suffered by the Prisoner, and the Jury would be injured to give the Prisoner the benefit of the doubt which - it would be said - they might most properly entertain of his guilt, when testified too only by a man, who, it would be said, was in too great a passion to recollect accurately; and it might be suggested that the £100, if offered at all, were mean only as an acknowledgment of Mr. Atkinson's favorable answer - not as any bribe for any thing to be done in future.

On some of these grounds I think it most likely that the Prisoner would be acquitted - and if so, he might make out rather a strong case for restoration to his office, on the ground that after

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a fair trial he had been declared innocent of the offence though the Collector had been misled by Mr. Atkinson to think him guilty.

On these grounds I am of opinion that it is not expedient that the Collector should prosecute the Clerk for bribery -

(signed) T. Sydney Smyth
Adv. Genl

December 18/63.

True Copy
(signed) J. R. Boyson
Govt. Solr.

True Copy

J. M. Blair
Collector Sea Customs

W. Fox

Triplicate.

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To
F N Blair Esq
Acting Collector
Sea Customs
Madras.

The humble Petition of
P. Vurdiah, late Writer
Export Department

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner grieved at his summary dismissal from his post in the Export Department on the 1st instant, he begs leave respectfully and with all due deference to submit this his humble appeal for your honor's favorable consideration.

That your Petitioner has been employed in the Sea Custom House for the last 25 years, during which period he never had the fortune to obtain an increase to the 20 Rs. excepting on two or three occasions; that once he was placed on 25 Rs. permanently, but of which he was deprived at the time there was a modification in the Establishment, and 13 Rupees as an acting allowance for a few days.

That consequent on the leave granted to the Manager of the Export Department for one month, as your Petitioner was informed preparatory to his retiring on pension, he

trusted

Copy of a letter to Esq
dated 22 November 1872 No 10
Subject Rice

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waited on the Deputy Collector to solicit his intercession with your honor to render his position in the Department a little more desirable, in the belief that your Petitioner being known to him for many years, he would bring the case from personal knowledge.

That your Petitioner was painfully struck with inexpressible sorrow when it was brought to your honor's notice that he offered a bribe to the Deputy Collector, and in consequence of which, he was thrown out of his employ.

That your Petitioner with all humility solicits your kind reference to the fact, that the Deputy Collector is well known for his uprightness and that if your Petitioner did entertain the idea to resort to the alleged corruption, tho' he never contemplated it, or ever entered his head, the very circumstance of that gentleman's high character would have deterred him from making such an offer, and if he did, the only evidence that could be brought forward was to produce the bribery; that this circumstance is the more apparent by your Petitioner having heard that the subject matter of this, was taken for a judicial investigation, but the Police Officers not seeing a shred of evidence, it was declined to be entertained.

That your Petitioner, during the long period of his service, endeavoured at all times to attend to his duties with care and zeal, tho unfortunately for him, he was overlooked in all the arrangement made from time to time, yet his perseverance was never slackened, that he has a large family to support, and in these hard days his income is so inadequate, that the distress to which he is often reduced he can find no language to express, while in this deplorable condition, to be cut off from even that small income, starvation must necessarily follow, but depending upon the benignity and justice of your disposition he throws himself on your merciful consideration, imploring that you will be pleased to order his reinstatement, for which, not only himself, but he will teach every member of his family

Ever to pray,

7th December 1863

/ Sdy P. Vurdiah

To,

The Honble the President

& Members of the Board of Revenue

Madras

The humble Petition of P. Vurdiah

late Writer in the Export Department

of the Sea Custom Office

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner is reluctantly compelled to intrude upon the valuable moments of

of your Hon'ble Board, & in beseeching to be pardoned for the same, he entertains the humble hope of obtaining that redress which he sought in vain at the hands of that functionary by whom he was victimized by his summary dismissal from the Export Department on the 1st December 1863

That your Petitioner has been employed in the Sea Customs Office for 28 years, all the while on 20 Rupees, excepting on two or three occasions, once upon 25 Rupees per mensem, of which he was deprived a year after owing to a modification in the Establishment, on the second, upon 33 Rupees for a few days; and on the third, as Export Check Gate Keeper, without any compensation, tho' the salary attached to it is Rs 42, and which was recorded by the late Collector in the books of the Office.

That consequent on the leave granted to the Manager of the Department in which your Petitioner was employed, preparatory to his returning on pension, he called on the Deputy Collector at his Gardens & solicited his intercession with the Collector for his promotion, as the Deputy Collector being long in the Department over which the Collector was recently appointed.

That your Petitioner was painfully struck when he attended the Office that morning

to be ordered by the Acting Collector, that he was dismissed on the deposition of the Deputy Collector who believed the Petitioner brought him 100 Rs to offer as a bribe for his assistance

That your Petitioner's pay is but only 20 Rs per month for a series number of years and how can he be able to raise 100 Rs at one time? this amount besides being indeed insignificant to the high position which that gentleman occupies, if such an offer was to be made at all.

That your Petitioner unequivocally repudiated and solemnly denied the charge of bribery imputed to him, but the Collector disregarded his statement, that on this subject he addressed that gentleman on 3 occasions under dates 7th December 1863, as well as 16th & 22nd January 1864 but received no endorsement or reply to any of them.

That your Petitioner from the 1st December 1863 up to the present period waited that the Collector would have reconsidered the nature of the charge, based as it is upon mere belief, and afforded him relief, but his silence leaves him now no other alternative but to avail himself of the rules of dismissal of Uncovenanted Servants in which is provided "a right of appeal within three months."

That from the above statement, your Hon'ble Board will see that your Petitioner's dismissal was upon the ipsi dixit statement

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of the Deputy Collector, without full enquiry or proof in support of the accusation

That your Petitioner takes the liberty of bringing under consideration his services of 20 years, during which he never resorted to the abject alternative of offering a bribe for his promotion: tho' he has been frequently supersedes, that he refers for his unblemished character to the records of the Office that he discharged his duties with fidelity, attention & care without on any single occasion being absent from duty or fined for negligence, that it is more painful than he can express how he can part with the length of his services which he discharged to secure future prospects and eventually retire with credit and honor to his character, that he is without pay from the 1st of December 1863, that he has a large family to support, and to look for employment elsewhere, he can have no hopes by being utterly debarred by the rules of the Uncovenanted Service Examination, that he now throws himself upon the mercy of your Honble Board for a favorable consideration of his case by granting an order for his restoration, not as a matter of favor, but pure justice

for

for which he shall as in duty bound
Ever Pray
(Sd) P. Vurdiah

Madras
Purswalkum
1st February 1864

Forwarded to the Collector for disposal by Endorsement
By order
(Sd) J.W. Dalyell
Sct Secretary

Rev Bd Office
Chepauk
18th February 1864

Sea Custom House
Madras 24th February 1864

The Deputy Collector Mr Atkinson reported to me on the 1st December last that P. Vurdiah had offered him money at his house on the morning of that day for the purpose of using his influence with me to obtain promotion for him in the Office. Petitioner denied having done so, but believing Mr Atkinson's distinct statement of what had occurred, which there were no grounds whatever for doubting, I dismissed him. Copy of the D.C. Collectors' Memo on the subject and the statement made by the Petitioner to me, will be forwarded, if necessary.

(Sd) J.W. Blair
Ag: Collr Sea Customs

Endorsement

Endorsement on Petition № 414
of 1864.

Petitioner is referred to the Acting Collectors Endorsement dated 24th February of 1864

By order
J. H. Dalyell
Sect Secretary

Rev: Bd Office
Chepak
4th March 1864

To,

The Right Honorable
Sir W. J. Denison, K. C. B.
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The humble Petition of P. Vendiack
late Writer in the Export Deptt
of the Sea Customs Office
Madras.

Humbly Sheweth.

1 That in submitting this his humble appeal your Petitioner is animated with the confidence that it will be taken into such favorable consideration as the hardship of the case deserves, from a paternal Government distinguished

distinguished for its praiseworthy clemency and stern justice.

2. That your Petitioner was employed in the Sea Customs Office for 20 years all the while on 20 Rs per month excepting on 2 or 3 occasions when he had a trifling addition to his salary temporarily.

3. That as the Manager of the Export Department was preparing to retire on pension, your Petitioner waited on the Deputy Collector Mr Atkinson at his house on the morning of the 1st December last, to ask his intercession with the Collector to procure a promotion in the arrangement that may be made, as the Collector was then recently appointed

4. That to the misfortune of your Petitioner the Collector called him that day in the Office and asked if he offered a bribe to recommend him for the above purpose, on his denial Mr Atkinson came forward and supported the charge, that your Petitioner, without being allowed time to exonerate himself, he was ordered out of the room abruptly told that he was dismissed

5 That this took place by the Memo of the Deputy Collector being read to your Petitioner in which, as far as his memory can be taxed, that Gentleman states that 100 Rs which he believes consisted of 50 Rs in Cash and the rest in Bank Notes, rolled in a paper, was offered to him.

That

That so soon after your Petitioner was ordered to be dismissed on the 1st December last, Mr Atkinson took his own Mem[o] & the deposition of your Petitioner, went down stairs, engaged a Palinquin, and proceeded to the Police, to which place your Petitioner followed him, and the opinion of the Magistrate was that Mr Atkinson had no ground in having taken the step he did, since he did not cease endeavouring to ascertain in which light the Law viewed the case until the 7th December when your Petitioner addressed the Collector for redress, a Copy of the Petition marked A is herein enclosed, that two other Petitions were subsequently submitted dated 16th & 22 January 1864, but no notice whatever was taken of any of them.

7. That Mr Atkinson again sought the opinion of the Police where he met with a greater disappointment to criminate your Petitioner in the production of this petition above referred to, that the Government Solicitor was afterwards consulted in person and by an official communication, and here also the result was the reverse to what he expected.

8 That thus situated, your Petitioner submitted his grievances to the notice of the Board

Board of Revenue on the 1st February 1864 and to the Collectors endorsement obtained on that Petition, he was referred to, this Petition with the endorsement, in original, is herewith submitted marked B without any opinion or decision of the Board so that your Petitioner is totally in the dark as to what side of the question those gentlemen have arrived at.

9. That left without any other alternative your Petitioner is now compelled to trespass on your Excellency in Council in further elucidation of his present unfortunate & deplorable Condition

10. That it will be perceived that the Collector acted upon the ipse dixit of the Deputy Collector for he states that believing Mr Atkinsons distinct statement, your Petitioner was dismissed; that your Petitioner humbly submits that these distinct statements are nothing more than the belief of Mr Atkinson, as contained in his own Mem[o] of the 1st December last wherein he expresses himself distinctly that he believed the offer of bribe consisted in Cash and in Bank Notes, unsupported by any evidence whatever; that if Mr Atkinson had reason to be sure that your Petitioner brought a bribe and that he should be furnished he had the opportunity to bring home the accusation; for he has his house full of Servants, a call would

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have brought one or more of them on the spot instantaneously, or the people walking in the street, which was not distant from the place they were standing could have been called in to witness the 50 Rupees in Cash and 50 Rupees in Bank Notes to establish conclusively the charge by evidence, that such an idea did not strike his mind, cannot be urged as a plea for as a Deputy Collector, he cannot, your Petitioner presumes be ignorant of the necessity of such testimony to verify a charge so grave as bribery, that the omission of such a material evidence was enough for the Collector to protect your Petitioner; but it would be seen that he took the warm way the Deputy Collector made his statement, for granted, and if your Petitioner is to depend upon reports, it would appear, the Collector feels sorry in having deprived your Petitioner of his situation and is now without any remedy left in his own hands to palliate it.

That your Petitioner submits that if the original Minute of the Deputy Collector of 1st December last be perused, it will at once show, that his statement is without foundation that your Petitioner will not venture to say that Mr Atkinson was actuated by any malign

malign intentions to misstate facts, but there is room to surmise that it arose from a hasty supposition or belief or something else to the misfortune of your Petitioner, and there is no means now open to him to mend the palpable error unless Government is moved to interpose its benign authority for the cancelment of the above proceedings.

12 That the Deputy Collector has the advantage of his high position, but your Petitioner humbly submits that the Equitable Laws of British Government, make no difference in solemnity of declarations between the great and the poor, that your Petitioner as distinctly denied the charge as Mr Atkinson distinctly made it, that if then Mr Atkinson was left to make a garbled aperation afterwards merely to maintain what he had so unjustly laid to your Petitioner, it is respectfully submitted that your Petitioner will be allowed the benefit of the doubt arising therefrom, even taking the charge in a moral light, that your Petitioner served for 20 long years with creditable and unimpeachable Character that during the whole course of this period he was not on any single occasion fined or reprimanded for neglect of duty or on any other account, that though he has been repeatedly supersceded, it cannot be said that he ever descended to the abject means of having offered a bribe for promotion because his own merits, integrity & perseverance recommended him for it, that in his present

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advanced age, at a time nigh at hand for ob-
taining a pension the grievous hardship of being
dismissed and disgraced, is more than he
can bear, with a family who look upon him
for support, that in the most humble hope
taking all the circumstances of the case into
consideration, your Excellency in Council will
sympathize with your Petitioner, he respectfully
craves your Excellency in Council will be graciously
pleased, as a common act of justice, towards
an old and tried public servant to order his re-
storation - that should however the Collector
be called for further explanation, on his affidavit
it, your Petitioner entreats that a copy of it
may be furnished to him to give him an
opportunity of submitting his defence, before
Government shall finally dispose of the subject
matter of his appeal, as is usual in all cases
by law & equity.

And your Petitioner shall as in duty
bound

Ever Pray

Madras
22d June 1854

/ Sd/ P. Vurdiah

/ True Copies /
P Vurdiah

To,

The Right Honorable Sir C Wood Bt
Secy. of State for Indian Affairs
London.

The humble Petition of P. Vendiah
late Writer in the Export Dept of
the Sea Customs Office, Madras
residing at Gungadasa Coil Street
Purseiwalkum door No 287.

Humbly Sheweth,

1. That your Petitioner begs leave respectfully to submit transcript of documents noted in the margin & in soliciting your perusal of them he entertains the hope of obtaining that redress which he sought in vain from the local authorities.

To the Ag. Collr. Sea Customs 7th December 1863.

To the Board of Revenue 1st February 1864 with the Collector's endorsement & Board's order thereon 4th March 1864

To the Govt in Council 22 June with order thereon 9 July 1864.

2. That from the above papers your honor will perceive that your Petitioner was displaced from his post in the Sea Customs department on the 1st December 1862

3. That aggrieved at such a displacement your Petitioner appealed to the Collector & not being favored with a reply to 3 Petitions, he was compelled to trespass on the time of the Board of Revenue and the Local Government, the result of which has proved contrary to the expectation he entertained

4. That from the whole proceedings it will be observed that your Petitioners removal from Office was upon the ipsi dixit of the Deputy Collector, that your Petitioner offered him a bribe to procure his

influence

Enclosures in a Petition to the P. N. Secy. of State dated 25th September 1864

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influence with the Collector for a promotion, that notwithstanding all the opportunity offered by your Petitioner to prove his innocence he was dismissed

5. That your Petitioner begs to entreat your reference to his Petition to the Revenue Board as well as Government wherein he brought to notice the view taken by the Police, to which the Deputy Collector, carried his unkind feelings to bring him under a judicial, investigation and effecting infliction of a severer punishment than dismissal from Office, the subsequent communication with the Government Solicitor & the unsuccessful results of the both attempts.

6 That if the Collector has furnished the Deputy Collectors Memorandum alluded to in his endorsement dated 24th February 1845 to the Board, it would have at once proved that the charge of bribery was hypothetical, and by no means borne out by any evidence.

7. That your Petitioner humbly submits that if public servants are to be thrown on the mercy of such unsupported charges the employment in Government Offices, cannot with any propriety be safe that this opinion is not intended to apply to all the Government Offices for the subordinates therein employed enjoy encouragement & stern justice.

8. That your Petitioner with all due deference begs to submit that Mr Atkinson is an Uncovenanted Assistant, and your Petitioner belongs also to the Uncovenanted Service only as regards rank, the former is higher than the latter but nevertheless in point of trust & confidence your Petitioner presumes the Collector has drawn no line of demarkation which is verified by your Petitioner in the annual selection of the subordinates for the disposal of Export & Import Goods to a limited value, a discretionary power was given to him which he executed honestly & faithfully hence it is left to your Excellency to judge whether there is any difference in the equilibrium between the ipsi dixit of the Deputy Collector & the denial of your Petitioner.

9. That your Petitioner served in the Sea Customs Office for 20 Years; that he discharged his duties with unremitting attention & care without being absent one single day or of being reprimanded for dereliction of duty as many others have been; that, such was his perseverance; that the former Collectors have recorded their high opinion of your Petitioners regular attendance which is confirmed by the Collector having passed his Petition to the Board when it was referred on the present occasion for disposal

10. That your Petitioner has been now out of employ for the last 8 months and he is suffering all the vicissitudes of distress and difficulties in providing for a large family depending upon him for support; that he always

always maintained a character unimpeached that though in his post a wide door for corruption was open his honesty never descended to any abject means, that his present age is such that he cannot expect to be employed in a situation to begin the duties appertaining to it afresh, he therefore respectfully and with all due deference beseeches that you will be pleased in your merciful consideration to sympathize with the deplorable condition of your Petitioner so as to order his restoration with arrears or grant a pensionary aid from the 1st December last according to the existing pension regulations for which he shall as in duty bound

Madras
26th September 1864

Ever Pray
P Vurdiah

Rec'd 25th Oct 1864

No
From P Vurdiah
Late Writer in the Export Dept of Sea Customs Office
Madras
To
The Right Hon'ble Sir Geo. Grey Bart
Secretary of State
for India
&c &c &c

Rec'd:

Complaining that he was dismissed from the Sea Customs Office when the other depts of the Collectorate Establishment were transferred to the Port Office and praying that he may be restored to his former situation or granted a pension

Rec'd 22nd November 1864
Read 16th Jan 1865

Rev Depart

No 2135.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22d November 1864
Read the following Papers

From P Vurdiah, late Writer in the Export Dept of Sea Customs Office, Madras.
Submitting a Memorial in triplicate for transmission to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India.

(Here enter 26th Sept 1864)

Off. Mems from the Sub. Secy to the Board of Rev.
Forwarding certain papers connected with the dismissal of P Vurdiah, a clerk on the Estab.t of the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

(Here enter 7 Nov/64 No 962)

Ordered that the Memorial and other papers received with the foregoing letters be forwarded to the Home Government, and that an intimation of the same

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Copy in a Letter to Engd
of 22d Novr 1864 No 10
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Revenue 1864 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for 4 Nov.

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No. 262 to 264.