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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st November 1865.

No. 355. Read the following letter from VELANKY JAGANNATHA ROW, and S[illegible]A ROW of Tiruvúr, Kistna District, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 12th August 1865:—

Agreeably to the endorsement made on my Memorial to Government, under date the 16th October last, I most respectfully beg leave to forward herewith a Memorial, in triplicate, to the address of the Secretary of State for India, which I sincerely trust that you will, after perusing, be kind enough to submit to His Excellency, and obtain for me a due redress.

No. 356. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1865, No. 2,846.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the Memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and that Petitioner be informed of its transmission.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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To

The Secretary of State
for [illegible]

London

The humble memorial of Rajah [illegible]
Juggannudhrow and his brother Rajah
Sura Row of Tiruvur the Zemidary of Imalavoy
and Murri Ghuttu in the Zillah
of Masulipatam. Kristna District

Humbly Showeth

That your Memorialists beg respectfully to [illegible] before you this petition by which you will understand that in consequence of going by Government order to apprehend some robbers we were confined in prison by the Mahamedan authorities and failing on account of this detention to pay the usual Kist we have lost our Zamindary.

1 The petition dated 19th of June 1840 was the first one forwarded to Government. No redress was obtained.

2 Secondly we presented to the Commissioner of the Northern Circars a petition marked B, This details the exertions made for Government

3 The petition marked C contains copies of petitions presented to different authorities as called for by Government.

4 A statement of our Circumstances together with public documents in support of it are now given. and they pray particular attention may be given to them.

5 Our attention to the order of the Collector and our diligence in apprehending some notorious & wicked rebels who with a mob of wicked savages were murdering many travellers in the jungles have

caused all our misfortunes.

6 By the endorsement of the Government an the petitions above mentioned, it appears that explanations were called for from the Board of Revenue, and that the Board of Revenue asked information from the Collector. But the particulars required not being specifically mentioned in the endorsement, your petitioners applied to the Collector for a Copy of the Government Correspondence an the Matter, and they were refused, had their request been complied with a more satisfactory answer might now be given.

7 The government decided against us unfavourably that Could not be received.

8 While the power of administering justice is vested with Government what a pity it is to say to a person who has performed many services "It is not in our power to grant your petition"!

The Government has not given us the least satisfaction with regard to the above mentioned order to go & apprehend the robbers, but after many petitions at last we were ordered to lay our case before the Secretary of State, if we wished"

9 "We consider it would be only justice were Government to remit the arrears of Kist due by us in return for the expenses we incurred in apprehending the robbers and the hardship we endured by Confinement in a Mahamedan prisons, but if this is denied, atleast only so much of our land should be attached as would cover the debt, in accordance with the terms specified in our title Deeds

10 In addition to the aforesaid injustice the Circar attached the whole of our estate for arrears of kist amounting to the small sum of Rs 900 odd which had fallen due during our absence on Government duty,

The estate, which under careful management would produce Rs. 10,000 Perannum, was kept under attachment for 5 years, during which time the arrears accumulated by negligence of the Managers,

An order was then issued that your petitioners should give security for the accumulated arrears and in default of this, that the Estate should be sold.

In accordance with this order security was given and two instalments were paid. About the same time the Nizam attached the whole of your petitioners land, as well as some other estates. Mr Gawson & Mr [illegible] were appointed Commissioners of the English

Government to enquire into this Matter. After due investigation these gentlemen made their report and released our lands which the Nizam had attached. This fact is on record in the Correspondence which then took place & it is to be found in the Collectors Kutcherry

It is clearly stated in the title deeds given to me that due Credit and remission will be allowed for all loss which may at any time occur by Government oppression or from damages received while on their service.

As soon as the Collector gave Notice of putting up our estate to public Auction for an alleged balance against us of Rs. 1400 your petitioners procured the required security and represented that the Money due would shortly be paid That the price of grain had fallen much; that no portion of the Ryots grain had been appropriated to our own use; and that the Ryots themselves offered to stand security to the Government for whatever Arrears were due,

Your petitioners requested the Collector to postpone the sale till the end of the year in order to gain time to sell our Cattle and other property and so pay off the balance. As the Collector refused to make any delay we requested time to sell any one of our villages by which means the debt would have been fully paid, This request He also refused and in A. D. 1842 our whole estate was sold of for a trifling debt which the sale of one village could easily have cleared off, and out of the purchase Money the sum to be paid for subsequent instal was deducted. The Money deposited in the Police Kutcherry has not been returned to me; Moreover the sum of Rs. 1400, due by the Ryots for that year was not Collected.

Oh What a Miserable thing it is that we suffer such unmercifulness after having suffered so many Calamities in the service of Government!!

At the same time it is our duty to inform the Governm that by some intrigue one G. Vetiah, a public pleader in the Provincial Court Northern Division became the purchaser of our estate at a very low price.

This disposal of an ancient zemindary is unlawful as opposed to the order of the Court of Sudder Adalut Section XX Regulation 26 1802.

Although we have been thus hardly reduced to poverty we still retain our faithfulness towards Government and our diligence in their service. When the Meeting took place in Bengal we [illegible] the Collector to attack & apprehend some of the rebels. To which the Collector with his own hand kindly acknowledged our good will, & declined our services for that object but informed us that He would take it well should we apprehend some prisoners who had broken away from jail.

Accordingly they went in search of these persons and made some rebels flee from jungles in these parts to distant parts of Hindustan.

Your petitioners hope that these circumstances will receive your honors favourable consideration, and that justice may be done us according to the promise given to all her subjects in her Majesty's proclamation on assuming the direct Government of this Country.

In conclusion we beg to represent that we are the descendants of the ancient Zemidar Rajah Velanky Venkatakristnarow and that our family from generation to generation has always served the Government well & faithfully.

Lastly your petitioners pray that the whole circumstances of our case may be reconsidered that account may be taken of the hardships we have suffered in the service of the Government and that your honor will be graciously pleased to restore our Zemindary, deducting from the proceeds the small sum of arrears which accumulated during our absence on the service of the Government.

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Justice being done they will waft up their prayers to the Almighty for the increased prosperity of the Government.

For which act of justice
they as in duty bound
Shall ever pray.

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Masulipatam
near Ellore
12th August 1865

No. 491 of 1865

1228 of 1864

No. 2832 of 1864

To

The Right Honourable the Governor
in Council &c. &c.

Fort Saint George

The humble Memorial of
Rajah Vellanki Jagannadha Rau
and his brother Surarau of
Tiruvur the Zemindary of
Jammulavoya and Medurichattur in the Zillah of Masulipatam
Kistna District

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Sheweth

That your Memorialists
beg respectfully to represent that
agreeably to the orders contained
in your Lordships endorsement on
our Memorial dated 15th March
1863 we have on the 23rd September
last

(True Copy)

Collector

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last, submitted the Copies required to be transmitted of the Correspondance Connected with the Subject therein alluded to but no redress or any reply whatsoever has been obtained upto this moment.

2 The Abstract of the documents hitherto submitted.

I Copy of the written order dated 29th December 1832 from the Assistant Magistrate E. Newberry Esqr of Masulipatam directing us to proceed in search of the notorious Murderers, plunderors, traitors named Amaránayakudu and Abalarázu who were Committing robberies killing and plundering the travellors and others on the Public roads and in villages &c with a Company of 400 men armed.

II Copy of the Arzee presented to the Collector of Masulipatam R. T. Porter Esqr dated 19th June 1844 requesting him to recommend for the restoration of our Taluks as we suffered several Embarrassments therein mentioned which occurred by our proceeding to apprehend the said notorious wicked individuals and not at all by our own negligence whatsoever.

III Copy of the Arzee presented to the late Commissioner Walter Elliot Esqr dated 10th April 1851 requesting him to cause to restore to us our Taluks as they were unjustly taken away from us in direct contrary to the several provisions of Regulation II of 1802 instead of putting few villages as it would answer the dim and standing balance the whole Taluk is taken away for the satisfaction of a small sum of 900 Rupees which fell in arrears owing to our having been absent in the State station as we went in search of those wicked traitors and murderors and in consequence of the severe famine then occurred in all parts of the Country.

3 We beg to represent that on the receipt of the aforesaid order No. 1 issued by the Assistant Magistrate desiring us to proceed and apprehend the murderors and plunderors, we have implicitly obeyed the said instructions and having marched with a sufficient armed men and with utmost difficult apprehended by success two or three months after we set out and delivered them to the Custody of the Duffadars of the General service of the Government upon which the Nizam's officers inflicted upon us as a crime that when we have not delivered those traitors to their custody as they have been apprehended in their

Territories

Territories and put us in a great severe miserable restraint and involved us into extreme distress, having suffered all these we by some way informed to the Magistrate of all of the troubles and of the whole matter passed on. That Magistrate about three or four months after this and after due enquiry having made wrote to Nizam's Government through the Resident to release us from that unlawful restraint, but Raja Chandulala Nizam's minister has not adhered to this but still more squized us much, we finding no any other refuge at last paid to that Rajar Chaundulala the presents and other extortions as they are asked to be paid and got rid of the confinement after becoming utterly destitute of all with the exception of our lives.

4 At the time we arrived at our station we become indebted to the Government of our Kists about 900 Rupees in consequence of our being absent from our station and from the severe famine then occurred in all parts of the Country in 1832, and lastly from our being much distressed by having expended to the effect of apprehending those wicked and

horrid

horrid murderors we were destitute even to get loans. This amount of arrears though of very little value as in light of recompence to the services we have undergone. The Circar without any glance of Countenance and favor zufted the whole of our Taluks in direct Contrary to the several provisions of the Regulation II of 1802 instead of zufting some property of the estate an adequate to the said arrears of Kists that could answer the purpose, and also the Circar has been utterly unfavorable without any clemency shown, as prescribed in the minutes of Consultation dated 6th May 1831 in which it is said that some reward should be granted to those who has sacrificed some service to the Government.

5 We beg to solicit of the repeated injustice done towards us that if any of the villages of our Moota or Taluk be exposed to public sale as prescribed in the Condelene Estimirai Putta or as said in the Regulations, in so doing of course there will be left back some villages to our livelihood, after recovering the

balance

balance then become due instead of following that mode, the whole of our Taluks were zufted and kept them under immediate management of the Government for about five years without particular notice being taken for its repairing &c and accumulated the arrears to a great amount and then brought to public sale when one intriguing person late pleader of the Provincial Court of Masulipatam purchased it by some contrivance or other to a cheap rate in contrary to the circular order that Public servants are not allowed to purchase any articles or any part of land of Zemindaries in Public sale and that if it be brought to notice it must be forfeited Thus prescribed in Regulation VI of 1832. We are from a time immemorial serving the Honorable Government and merited their favor. besides these all above our late father Raja Vellanky Venkatakrishnarow exerted much and has shown great service in the matters of the following cruel and wicked murderors and traitors of that time Vizt. Gundapally Venkayya

Tammayya

Tammirazu Goorty Chelmanayaka Konzala Venkatarow, Ramanarazu Kristnamarazu &c. This was well known to Mr Russool then majistrate of that zillah. This matter had been reported by that authority to the Government and it is recorded in that office, yet more we together with our father went with the Head Police of Masulipatam who had been deputed to search and apprehend the aforesaid traitors who had murdered the Head of Police named Lanka Sethayya of Seruvoor in our Taluk. We exercised a clime exertions and by traces apprehended those notorious traitors. and one Arutha Raja Naik who had committed many murders and wounded several of the military forces that had been ordered to go and search that party. In this matter we have been much in expences and our expendature as well as our exertions in this matter all will be exhabited by the record now laid at that Cutcherry if enquired into. For better instance of our being much inclined to exercise our exertions and our comming forward to attack with those of the intrigues of Namashek may be known by the endorsement of the Collector of Masulipatam Mr Knox on the arzee we submitted to him soliciting that we are ready to proceed against sedition occured in the Northern Hindustan. he then expressed on that his satisfaction for the brave shown in it.

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6 We likewise beg to represent that we remain trusting the orders advertized in the papers at the Congratulation of Her Majesty enthroaning the Honourable Throne at Home and we are sorry that no justice has been done to us agreeably to that promised proclamation made known in public.

7 We at last most respectfully beg your Lordship in Council that you will be graciously pleased to bring the whole of our bewailing circumstances and the apparent injustice done to us into consideration and then to disturb the unjust sale of the Taluk and restore us our Taluk with such instructions

instructions as may appear proper.

And your Petitioners are as in duty bound Shall ever pray

Ellore
27th April
1864

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In Nr 2569/68.

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In No. 2491 of 1865. In No. 2832 of 1864

Order of Government on the Petition from V. Jagannatha Row Zamindar of Jamalavayi and Meduragatta of Kistna District No. 2569 of 1863.

"It is out of the power of the Government to entertain the Petitioner's application." (By Order)

Fort Saint George (signed) C. G. Master
28th June 1864. Dy Secretary to Govt.

To The Board of Revenue for information with reference to their Proceedings dated 15th June 1864 No 3657.

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Revenue Board Office Communicated to the Collect
Madras.
5th July 1864.

(By Order)
(signed) R. A. Dalyell
Sub Secretary

To G. Thornhill Esq
Collector of Kistna Distt

(True Copy)

Collector

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The Right Honorable the Governor
in Council &c &c &c
Fort Saint George

The humble memorial of Raja
Pellanki Jagannatha Row and
his brother Sura Row of Irvina the
Zemindary of Sammulacongu and
Meduru Chattu in the Zillah of
Masulipatam, Kistna District

Allow

That your memorialists having implicitly attended to the kind instructions contained in your endorsement on their petition dated 15th May 1863 ordering therein to state particularly the whole circumstances passed thereupto they have submitted their statement within a small Compass as briefly as they can. That petition is numbered 428 of 1864 and has been forwarded on the 27th May 1864 to the Board of Revenue for explanation to their other petition No. 2569 of 1863 inclusively.

Your memorialists regret that they are utterly unaware of what the Board of Revenue informed the Government in their

their matters. If known to them more satisfactory explanation will be submitted.

At last to their great misery they observe by the late endorsement of the Government "That it is out of the powever of Government to entertain the petitioners' application"

Your petitioners most respectfully beg to state that they do not clearly understand what is meant by saying that "it is out of the powever of Government". Is it to apply to any others? If so, you will be pleased to point out to whom it to be complained of. Your memorialists know solely that their Government is alone and the image of Justice to hear into the matter of this description and administer justice to the parties injured and aggrieved. If the nature of this Complaint to be brought to the notice of the Home Authorities, they pray the Government will be graciously pleased to submit these with their favorable recommendations.

Begging many apologies & pardon the presumption they have taken to intrude with after all are they to be rewarded evil for good that is for the services they have sacrificed for the Government? The endorsements are herewith submitted for your perusal.

&c

In Conclusion they beg justice to be administered.

For which act of doing justice Your petitioners shall as in duty bound pray for ever to be

Your most obedient & humble Servants

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16th October 1862
Ellore

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No. 2832 of 1864.

Petitioners are referred to the decision already communicated to them. Should they wish to lay their case before the Secretary of State they are at liberty to do so by forwarding for transmission by Government a Memorial in triplicate.

By Order

Fort St. George
8th Novr. 1864.

J. Master
Under Secy. to Govt.

Translation of an Inayetnamah addressed to Valunky Surrarow Jagunnadarow Zamindars of the Purganah of Jamulavaya & Madaroo Ghuttoo in part by Mr E. Newbery Assistant Magistrate of the Zillah of Masulipatam -

Having been informed that many attacks & gang robberies are being committed on the Villages of Tervoor Taluq by one Obalarajoo the Son of Mullapaty Badrerajoo & the other Paunooguntee Amaronaikadoo becoming heads together of a mob of 400 men. I request that you will together with your army take the necessary steps to apprehend the above named 2 Ringleaders & make them over to the Head Police of the Taluq & also assisting him in his similar pursuits. I also intend to allow rewards to those that have captured them @ Rs 100

each. You are also bound by Istimerar
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-ing such notorious & wicked marauders.
I therefore in conclusion hope that
you will exert your utmost endeavours
in catching & making over those chiefs
to the Head Police of Tirvoor—

(Signed) E. Newbery
Apt. Magistrate

12th August 1865
Masulipatam

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(True Translation)

In No. 2491 of 1865.

No. 2846

Ordered that the memorial be for-
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21st. Novr. /65

14 Nov/65 R.D.

No. 355

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No. 3179

From Rajah Velugoty
Jaggannadh Row and his
other Rajah Sura Row
of Tiruvur, the Zemindary
of Jammulavoye and
Midera Ghattu in the
[illegible] of Masulipatam
Kistna District.

Dated 12th August 1865.
Recd { 4th
8th November

20 Enclosures.
No. 2846 21st Novr

With order

With reference to the endorse-
ment of Govt passed on his
[illegible] petition of 16th Octr
prays to forward the
[illegible] Memorial in
[illegible] to the Home Autho-
[illegible] to obtain a due redress for
&c.