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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th May 1865.*

No. 209. Read the following Petition from RAJAH KANDRAGULA JAGAN-
NADA ROW GOPAUL ROW, BAHADOOR, Zemindar of the Deevae
Purguna, in the District of Kistna, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Go-
vernment, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Mylapoor, 3rd
May 1865:—

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialist very respectfully craves leave to bring the following
few lines to your honor's generous and kind notice, that he having been aggrieved
and dissatisfied with the unjust and unreasonable decision of Government, relative
to the restoration of his neither estate, hereditary and original pension of Rupees 525
a month, savaram lands, nor gardens, &c., he now re-submits his humble case with
a view that your honor will be good enough to move once more the Honorable
Government to review the accompanying papers, to re-consider the decision, and to
render justice. But should his Excellency in Council be of opinion that it is a
matter which rests with the higher authorities to decide, your Memorialist most
submissively desires that the accompanying appeal, three printed copies in number,
together with the accompaniments may be forwarded to the favorable consideration
and orders of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with such a favor-
able recommendation as his Excellency the Governor in Council may think deserv-
ing, in view to render justice to the Memorialist. For which act of charity your
Memorialist will ever be thankful.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1865, No. 990.

Miscellaneous.

Petitioner's claim having been already rejected by
the Secretary of State, in his reply, dated 9th December
1864, to Petitioner's former Memorial, which reply was
communicated to Petitioner through the Board of Revenue, in G. O., dated 23rd
January 1865, No. 100, Revenue Department, the Government decline to re-open
the question, or to transmit the present Memorial, which contains no new matter,
to the Home Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To Gopaul Row, Bahadoor.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

TO

THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES WOOD, BART.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF RAJAH KANDRAGULA
JAGANNADHA ROW GOPAL ROW BAHADUR,
ZEMINDAR OF THE PERGANAH OF DEVEE IN
THE DISTRICT OF KRISHNA.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That aggrieved by the proceedings of the local Government in depriving your memorialist not only of his Zemindary, but also of the original monthly pension of Rupees 525 and also of 52½ cutties of Inam lands and 8 gardens, in commutation of which the zemindary was conferred upon his ancestors, your Memorialist most humbly craves your excellency's patient attention to the following brief sketch of his case in the firm hope that your excellency will be graciously pleased to meet out that justice which was denied to him by the local Government.

That your memorialist's family is one of very great antiquity and respectability is clear from the fact that his ancestors in regular succession held the high and important Offices of Mazumdar and Sur Sherestadar under the Nizam's Government; and as such managed all the financial and confidential affairs in addition to being the channel of communication in all official affairs between H. H. the Nizam on one side, and the zemindars and other rich land owners on the other. In consideration of the valuable and responsible services of your memorialist's ancestors, Nizam conferred upon them under a Sannad Russums, Savarams, Inams and rent villages amounting in all to more than 30,000 pagodas or 1,20,000 Rupees per annum. Your memorialist submits that all these facts will be amply borne out by appendices I to VI.

That in 1764 when the Government of Fort Saint George were anxious to obtain, on rent, the circars of Ellore, Mustaphanaggur, Rajahmundry, Murtzanaggur, and Chicacole from Nizam Ali, unable to find a more trustworthy, respectable, and influential agent than your memorialist's great grandfather capable of fulfilling their object, they at once appealed to his services. Worthy of the unbounded confidence reposed in him, he accomplished their desired object and concluded the negotiations to the entire satisfaction of the Honorable Company; so much so that in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him, they confirmed the Nizam's sannad aforesaid by their Grant of the 5th May 1767 (Vide appendix II) wherein they observe that "in consideration of the great deference and respect we pay to the appointments of the said Nabob, and the good and faithful behavior of the said Rajah Srinivassa Jogi Pandit Bahadur," the Government of Fort Saint George confirmed and established him in the Offices of Muzumdar and Sur Sherestadar of the circar of Rajahmundry. Such grant was further confirmed by appendices IX to XI.

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That about 14 years after such repeated ratifications and recognitions, the Honorable Company in a manner neither becoming them, nor deserved by your memorialist's ancestor abolished in 1778, the hereditary offices of Muzumdar and Sur Sherestadar; but granted in their stead a money allowance of 10,000 pagodas or 40,000 Rupees per annum to Venkatarayalu Jogi Puntulu's brother, besides restoring to him the 52½ cutties of land consisting of Inams Savarams, and also gardens. After his demise, even this was resumed for reasons best known to the Honorable Company themselves. The court of Directors however subsequently granted a pension of 150 pagodas or 525 Rupees per mensem to the Memorialist's Elder grandfather Rajah Gopaul Row Bahadur.

That in 1806 however, the Government probably impressed with the harsh and inequitable treatment shewn to your memorialist's family, considering the signal and invaluable services formerly rendered granted to his elder grandfather Rajah Gopal Row Bahadur the Devee Zemindary under an Isthimiar Sannad on a permanent Beriz of star pagodas 13,682 or Rupees 47,887 in commutation of the pension of Rupees 525 per mensem. For the sake of clearness your memorialist submits in figures the result of this arrangement,—

The average value of Devee Purganah was estimated at Rupees.....	78,130	8	0
Deduct the annual pension Rupees.....	6,300	0	0
Leaving a balance of Rupees.....	71,830	8	0
The Zemindar's one third share therein is Rupees.....	23,943	8	0
Balance of Peishkush is Rupees.....	47,887	0	0

That even though the zemindar's share thereby granted fell short of a fourth of the income enjoyed by the family under the Nizam's rule viz Rupees 1,20,000 it was gratefully accepted and enjoyed by his family for 26 years after the issue of the Isthimiar sannad.

That in the wellknown and painful famine of 1832-33, your memorialist's father, like all other Zemindars, was unable to collect from the Ryots; and was therefore compelled to maintain himself by raising loans. Aware as the Government were of the disastrous effects of this universal famine and granting as they did extensive remissions to their Ryots, they held him responsible for an event over which he had no control, and sequestered the Zemindary for the trifling arrears of Rupees 22,000. The Zemindary remained in attachment till his death on the 16th May 1836; when your memorialist having been a minor of four years of age it was taken under the management of the court of Wards, and continued so for 14 years.

That during the management however of the court of Wards, the estate was encumbered with an arrear of Rupees 76,358-7-9; for which, as your Excellency will perceive, your memorialist cannot be justly and reasonably held responsible. On attaining his majority however, your memorialist applied to the local and higher authorities for the restoration of his Zemindary; but the local Government, influenced by the ungenerous and illiberal views of the commissioner to the Northern Circars, resumed the Zemindary,—an act which your Excellency will perceive was not at all consistent with reason and equity.

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That the following statement will exhibit the amount of hardship to which your memorialist has been subjected.

The Zemindar's ½ share was Rupees.....	23,943	8	0
Original pension included in the assets of the Zemindary at Rs. 525 per mensem Rupees...	6,300	0	0
Total Rupees.....	30,243	8	0

Net income of the Zemindary during 18 years circar management after deducting the Peish- kush Rupees.....	5,44,383	0	0
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From this amount the allowance and charges of establishment during the minority of your memorialist, at Rs. 6,500 per annum is Rs...	1,17,000	0	0
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This leaves a surplus of Rupees.....	4,27,383	0	0
Deduct again the arrears and loan Rupees...	1,22,960	4	2
The surplus will be.....	3,04,422	11	10

That your memorialist humbly submits that the zemindary either yielded or not the amount aforesaid. If it did yield it, he is in all justness and fairness entitled to a refund of the surplus Rupees 3,04,422-11-10 in addition to the restoration of his zemindary; but if it did not yield anything, it must be owing to the mismanagement of the Court of wards; and your memorialist could not be held answerable for it; and he should be entitled to the same results as if the estate were properly managed, and your Excellency will not be able to suggest a third alternative. But to his great misfortune and surprise he found himself deprived not only of the surplus, but also of the Zemindari itself and of his hereditary estate and 52½ Cutties of Inam lands, and 8 gardens, as also the original pension of Rs. 525 per mensem. Instead of all this, a life pension of Rupees 300 was conferred on him. He leaves your Excellency alone to judge of the justness of this measure. The Government has sold the estate for Rupees 25,000 while its annual Revenue alone amounts to Rupees 78,000 notwithstanding the admission of the Honorable Governor and Commissioner to the northern circars that the heavy arrears was the result of the mismanagement of the Government Officials; and notwithstanding your memorialists offer to liquidate it by annual instalments of Rupees 12,000. His representations and remonstrances were not at all attended to either by the local Government or the Honorable the Court of Directors. In regard to the savaram lands alluded to above, it will be observed from appendices XIV and XV which are Takeeds issued by the Collector to the Tasildar and guardian of the minor that, these lands are hereditary property enjoyed by the family of Petitioner from time immemorial, and when such is the case, is it proper or just to withhold these lands from memorialist?

That subsequent to the issue of Her Majesty's Proclamation however, at the instance of your memorialist, both the collector and the Board of Revenue under dates the 20th November 1863, and 22nd February 1864, respectively, recommended the restoration of the Zemindary as it was done in several cases; but the Government set aside the recommendation, on the simple ground that it was already decided otherwise by the court of Directors, as if an error once committed

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could not be rectified afterwards. The Zemindars of Chintalapudi Vantu, Neddadavole, Gudur, Chokkampatty, and several other estates, who lost their estates either for open acts of rebellion and violence, or for arrears brought on by their own misconduct were treated much more generously than your unfortunate memorialist, who was not at all to blame for the heavy arrears occasioned by the Government Officials; and who unlike the rest obtained the Zemindary partly in commutation of his ancient resources, and partly as reward of meritorious services. Your Excellency can easily form an idea of the hardship that your memorialist is reduced to, by a simple comparison of the beggarly pittance now allowed him, with the extensive resources at the command of his ancestors.

That in conclusion, your memorialist most humbly prays that your Excellency will, on a patient perusal of his memorial and appendices, and out of mercy to the gratuitous hardship and wretchedness to which your memorialist has been reduced, be graciously pleased,—1st. to direct the restoration of his Zemindary either unconditionally or upon the terms originally agreed to by him,—2dly. Or if this were impossible, to renew the original amount of pension viz: Rupee 525 per month which was deducted from the assets together with the 52½ Cattles of savarams, and garden lands besides a pension of a moiety of the income of the Zemindary,—3rdly. Or to grant such further or other relief as in the premises to your Excellency shall seem meet, considering the position, innocence, and the necessities of your memorialist on the one hand, and the duty and professions of Her Majesty to reward merit, and maintain the rights of all her subjects.

And for this act of justice, your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

MADRAS,

3rd May 1865.

APPENDIX XIV.

From
The Collector of Masulipatam.

To
*Davaloor Venkata Row,
Tahsildar of Sallapully Taluq.*

On the 17th November 1835 and the 23rd. of the current month the Zemindar of Devee Purgunnah Rajah, Kundregula, Gopala Row Jugganada Row Bahadur, wrote stating that previous to the granting of the Devee Purgunnah his ancestors enjoyed certain savaram &c. lands as surva inam; but said savaram lands were so enjoyed rent free up to Fusly 1243; that the present cirkars Zuft Amin is troubling him to pay cess on said lands; that in proof of said lands having been enjoyed heretofore rent free, he submits the account of the Avanigudda Taluq for Fusly 1194,* as also 4 statements of Kusbah, Avanigudda, Vrikanuru, Vishvanathapelli and Mudapankola of Fusly 1204 showing that

Lands cultivated by the Zemindar himself.

said inam and savaram lands have been seperated from other cultivated lands and enjoyed rent free and the register of the field boundaries of Machavaram for Fusly 1194; that the cess of the savaram lands Rupees 1,984-11-6 and deducting the proceeds of the garden lands realized by the cirkar, there is due according to measurement the excess amount of Rupees 399-8-6, making a total of Rupees 2,384, 4-0 and that you are troubling him to pay this amount for Fusly 1244.

On enquiring into this matter it appears from said accounts and from the depositions of the Kurmums of Purgunnah that the Zemindars ancestors enjoyed the 52 and odd cutties of savaram lands from along period rent free and kadeam garden lands on cuttubody tenure, and as up to Fusly 1243 said savaram lands were exempted from cess in the accounts and as the Zemindari is under temporary attachment on account of arrears of Peishcush. We have decided on the 30th November 1835 that the Zemindars own kummiethum, that is to say the cultivation of the savaram lands should not be entered in the Jumma Bundy accounts; that the shist for Fusly 1244 for the garden lands is Rupees 706-15 and their sale proceeds Rupees 307-7-0 as given in the accounts; the balance of Rupees 399-8 was appropriated towards the payment of the gardeners and as the Zemindar is unable to make this amount good, remission should be given him at the Jumma Bundy.

We have further directed that the said savaram lands should be entered in the accounts according to mamool. Year after year as deeming rent free with reference to the shist of Fusly 1245, garden lands proper, ready money and personal securities are to be taken from the Durkashdhar, and the kists are to be regularly collected from him. The Zemindar is not to be troubled for the above amount for Fusly 1244.

(Signed) J. C. Wroughton,
Collector.

(Signed) in Marratah Ramakristna Puntooloo,
Head Sheristadar.

(Signed) Tumalapullay Ramiah,
Sherista Madutgar.

(Signed) Rama Joghee,
Peishkar.

26th December 1835.

APPENDIX XV.

From *The Collector of Masulipatam.*

To *Goomadeethalu Venkata Reddy Puntooloo,
Guardian of the minor of the Devee Zemindari.*

With reference to your urzee dated 11th. September 1840 which was received on the 9th. of this month and numbered 46 soliciting that as during the minority of the late Rajah the proceeds of the savaram lands were not included in the zuff accounts, but the accounts were kept separately and the Tasildar remitted the amount of cess. That after the demise of the late Rajah and though from the day the savaram lands were zuffed in 1246, their shist was excluded from the village collections and the total collection of the Purgunnah still then amounts were included in the Jumwabundy accounts. That from this being done this will be included in the accounts current and will hereafter be destructive to the rights of the Zemindar, an order may be sent to the Tasildar that from the Jumwabundy of Fusly 1249 the proceeds of said savaram lands and the profit of the proceeds of the garden lands, after deducting the cirkar shist, should not be included in the Jumwabundy accounts that separate accounts should be kept and that the amount should be distinctly remitted.

Whilst the said minors estate was under the management of the court of Wards, there was but one total account current kept of the collections of the Taluq and of the savaram lands. It is therefore not proper to keep separate accounts for the savaram lands and the Taluq collections, consequently no alterations can be made in the accounts kept year after year from the period of attachment from Fusly 1246

Though the proceeds of the savaram lands are included in the accounts yet you need not entertain any doubts that there will be any objections raised hereafter regarding them since the particulars are entered in the accounts.

Masulipatam }
17th February 1841. }

(Signed) P. Grant,
Collector.

(Signed) Ramakichtum Puntooloo,
Head Sheristadar.

(Signed) Rama Joghee,
Peishkar

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Petitioner's claims having been already rejected by the Sec^y of State in his reply of 9th Dec^r 1864 to Petitioner's former Memorial - which reply was communicated to Petitioner thro' the Board of Rev. in G.O. of 23rd Jan^y 1865 No 100 P.D. the Govt decline to re-open the question, or to transmit the present Memorial which contained no new matter to the same Govt.

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J. J.
11th May 1865.

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From

Raja Kondragula
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 of Krishna

Dated 3rd 2nd May/65.
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