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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2251 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 25 . 8 ~~19~~ 1868

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No. 390. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1868 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Periakolum, 18th June 1868, No. 913.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, a letter* which I have just received from the Zemindar of Ramnad, asking, as a special indulgence, that additional time may be extended to him for the payment of his Peishcush for the past year. The Zemindar's request is most strongly supported by Mr. McWatters, who embodies in his letter† (which I have now the honor to enclose) a statement of the present condition of the Zemindary, and a summary of the exceptional circumstances which have compelled the Zemindar to make the present application.

* Dated 6th June 1868, No. 3.

† 8th July 1868, No. 152.

2. The embarrassment under which the Zemindar is now laboring is, I trust, only temporary; and taking into account the value of his Estate, and the ultimate certainty of recovering the money, I have no hesitation in commending his request to the favorable consideration of Government.

From RAJA MUTUVIJAYA RAGANADA MUTURAMALINGA SATHUPATHY, Zemindar of Ramnad, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated Ramnad, 6th June 1868, No. 3.

1. I have the honor to inform you that there was very insufficient rain for the last three years in this Zemindary *in particular*, as it is the case with the Iyan, and this will become quite evident by references made to the actual income of those years, both in Iyan and in the different Zemindaries. In consequence of this, the ryots are quite unable to pay their rents for the last year as well as the present, being very much reduced in their condition, actually starving, that what they got this year scarcely sufficient to accommodate them.

2. The unfounded rumour that the Privy Council is about to pass an unfavorable decision about my adoption, led many of the ryots to carry away the produce lawfully belongs to the Zemindary, and am sorry to say has caused a serious injury in my financial condition.

3. As I had to fight out my way in law through the Government *in which I live and my Estate is situated*, my requesting now the Government, who dragged me through distant countries, and consequently caused me an enormous expense, to sanction me some time more to pay off the arrears of Peishcush, will, I doubt not, be taken as a proper ground for the exercise of their benevolence and liberality. I say this under the idea that the Government will take this fact, among others, into their serious consideration, and help me in my adverse circumstances, and besides the Zemindary being an extensive place, Puttas, &c., have not as yet been given to the ryots, which is another source of great inconvenience.

4. I once more venture, being aware of the previous communications on the subject, though I was not then concerned in the affair directly, to approach the Government with firm confidence with the condition that of the arrears of Peishcush, viz., Rupees 3,24,404-3-10, I will pay Rupees 1,00,000 in the last of this month, and of the remaining Rupees 2,24,404-3-10, I request to allow me to pay 1,00,000 on the next March, and the remainder in June.

5. In conclusion, I pray you will be pleased to recommend to Government of my present circumstances, and the condition of the Zemindary, and procure for me the required sanction. If the Government would allow me the privilege, of which I have not the least doubt, I should think that not the Privy Council but the Government has decreed the Zemindary in my favor, since there is no benefit of the judgment if Government were to take it to satisfy the demands, though it may be for a short period.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated Ramnad, 8th June 1868, No. 102.

1. I have been begged, as a favor, by the Zemindar of Ramnad, to forward the enclosed letter, requesting you to move the Government to grant him a year's time to pay up the greater part of the arrears of Peishcush due for the current Fusly.

2. The arrears amount to Rupees 3,24,404-3-10. Of this the Zemindar proposes to pay one lac immediately, and the remainder in two instalments in the months of March and April of the coming year (1869). The arrears of course bearing the usual interest.

3. Though the Government were certainly very decided on the last occasion they were troubled with this matter, I think there are at present very peculiar circumstances which crave their indulgence, and, therefore I venture to say a word in favor of the Zemindar's request.

4. The adoption suit which has been pending for several years has been almost the ruin of the Zemindary. Its result was greatly apprehended, and the consequence was that the Zemindary was managed in a most hopeless way for the last five or six years. No tanks were repaired, no settlements of revenue were made, and the kist that was collected was eaten up in law expenses. In fact, the Zemindary has never had a fair trial.

5. But things have now greatly altered. The adoption has been confirmed by the Privy Council, and a new and active Manager appointed to the Zemindary. The young Zemindar himself, I believe, is eager to do his best to improve the Zemindary, but unfortunately he finds himself so excessively in debt that his intentions however good are likely to be frustrated.

6. By the decree of the Privy Council, it will be necessary to pay immediately two lacs of Rupees to Kunjara Nachiar, respondent in the maintenance suit. It will take a lac at least to cover other law expenses, so that, including the current Fusly's arrears, the Zemindar owes at the present moment about six lacs of Rupees, exclusive of his private debts. It is hopeless to borrow this on short notice, and though the Government arrears should be the first call on the Zemindary, I think, under circumstances so peculiar, any clemency on the part of Government in deferring their claims, as requested, would be highly appreciated, especially as the young Zemindar himself has not been instrumental in any way in bringing things to such a pass, neither indeed has he ever had a trial in the management of the Zemindary.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue, through whom this application should have been submitted to Government.

26th June 1868. (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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1. The Board resolve to submit this letter for the orders of Government. In it the Collector forwards, with his support, an application from the Zemindar of Ramnad, that further time should be granted for the payment of the Peishcush for the past year.

2. In Government Order, dated the 31st July 1867, No. 1,750, the balance against the Estate of a lac of Rupees was allowed to remain outstanding till the 31st March 1868, on the distinct understanding that it was the last occasion on which any concession of the kind would be made.

3. It appears, however, that an arrear of Rupees 3,24,404 has now accumulated, and the Zemindar's proposal made on the 6th June is, that he should be allowed to pay a lac of this at the end of that month, and that the balance might be allowed to remain outstanding till March and June 1869.

4. In the face of the large liabilities of the Estate, the Board entertain no confidence in the realization of what is promised next year.

5. There are many claimants, and if priority of right is waived by Government, the Board fear it will only have the effect of securing earlier payment to other creditors.

6. The Board would therefore insist on the immediate satisfaction of the Government arrears.

No. 391. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1868, No. 2,251.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government observe that when the Order, under date 31st July 1867, adverted to by the Board was passed, the title of the present Zemindar of Ramnad to the Estate was uncertain, and the necessity for shewing further consideration was not apparent.

2. Since the date of that Order, the right of the Zemindar has been affirmed by the Privy Council, and he has entered into formal possession of his property. That property is, however, in an unfortunately encumbered position, owing, in part no doubt, to the act of Government in contesting the Zemindar's title, a course of action which the Government found themselves constrained to adopt on the recommendation of their legal advisers.

3. Under these circumstances, the Government are now disposed to treat the youthful Zemindar with every consideration and indulgence, and they accordingly resolve to request the Board of Revenue to instruct the Collector of Madura to put himself in communication with the Zemindar, and to inform him that the Government will be prepared to permit him to pay the arrears of tax now due, amounting to Rupees 3,24,404, in convenient instalments, provided that the Collector is satisfied that he in the meantime pursues an economical and orderly method of life, and on the understanding that should he fail to satisfy Mr. Arbuthnott on this point, the Government will at once proceed to recover the whole of the arrears due up to date.

4. The Government having in view the heavy and numerous claims upon the Estate, are of opinion that it might be very difficult for the Zemindar to carry out the proposals made by him in his letter to the Head Assistant Collector. They will accordingly be prepared to extend the instalments over a more lengthened period than that proposed, and authorize the Collector to receive Rupees 1,00,000 at once, Rupees 1,12,202 in March 1869, and Rupees 1,12,202 in March 1870.

5. When communicating these orders to the Collector, the Board will be good enough at the same time to call upon him for a detailed estimate of the rents of the Zemindary, and of the liabilities of the Zemindar so far as they can be ascertained, with some account of the young man's character and of the management

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25th August 1868.

of the Estate under the new agent, who it is believed has been recently appointed. They will also inform Mr. Arbuthnott that all communication with the Zemindar should, for the present, be carried out by his own Office, and not through that of the Head Assistant Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

Ramnad
8th June 1868.

No. 102

From,
George Mc Watters Esqre,
Actg Head Assistant Collector

To, J. Po. Arbuthnott Esqre,
Actg Collector of Madura

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claims as requested would be highly appreciated especially as the Young Zemindar himself has not been instrumental in any way in bringing things to such a pass - Neither indeed has he ever had a trial in the management of the Zemindary.

I have &c

(Signed) George Mc Waters
Ag Head Asst Collector

(True Copy)

A Sundaram
Ag Secretary

Capt Bangshaw
Coll Ramasawmy Atty

Revenue Department.

No.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 11th July 1868.

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that further time should be granted for
the payment of the Peshkush for the past
year.

In Government Order dated the
31st July 1867 No. 1750. the balance against
the Estate of a lackh of Rupees was
allowed to remain outstanding till the
31st March 1868 on the distinct understanding
that it was the last occasion on which
any concession of the kind would be made.

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of 324404 has now accumulated and the
Zemindar

Enc: in a letter
Rec. 23/4/68
From Board's Proc. dated 5th April 59
To the Collector
Madura.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Madras
Dated 18th June 1868.
No. 913.

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Letter dated 8th
June 1868 received
from the Acting
Collector
Ag. Genl. Dept.
No. 1585/68

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There are many claimants and if priority of right is waived by Government the Board fear it will only have the effect of securing earlier payment to other creditors.

The Board would therefore insist on the immediate satisfaction of the Government arrears.

(True Extract.)

A Sharpeyes
Actg Secretary.

To
The Actg Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
with copy of Collectors' letter
and its Enclosures.

Lgd A Sharpeyes
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Revenue 1868 Septr
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
No 2374

Dated 11th Sept 1868
Desp 11 } July 1868
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C. 3-V No 6

Submitting for orders of Govt letter from Collr of Madura containing application of Rammad zemindar for further time for payment of Peshkush for last year, and recommending that immediate satisfaction of Govt arrears be insisted on -

Council
S.C. No 2257. 25 Augt

Pro 31 July 1869 Re 609-610

Reported to England
Dy 6th Octr 1868 No 6 Land Rev

For Secretary

Re 390

16 July 68 R 20 Re 21 Augt 12

Revenue Department

Memo: on No. 2874

These Proceedings of the Board objecting to the Asst. Collector of Madura's recommendation that time should be allowed to the Zemindar of Ramnad for the payment of his peshcush, are circulated for, orders.

The Zemindar bases his request upon the difficulty he has experienced in collecting the rents of the Estate owing to his uncertain position, pending the decision of the suit

I think the Board's proposal is a reasonable one

suit regarding the validity of his adop-tion, and upon the expense he has been put to by these suits. He requests that he may be permitted to pay of the arrears due 1,00,000 at once (i.e. before 30th June last) 1,00,000 in March 1869, and the balance of Rs 1,24,404-3-10 in June 1869.

The Ag. Asst Collector supports the Zemin-dar's request (which he states to be as given above except that it

× In the Zemindar's letter it is stated as 10,000 Rs, but I find-ging this to be an error of the copyist in the Board's office.

it is proposed to pay the arrears in March and April 1869 instead of in March and June) and forces his recom-mendation upon the impoverished con-dition of the estate owing to the heavy Law expenses and charges which have been incurred during the last few years, and upon the fact that the Zemindar is

is now liable to a
further payment
on this account of
three laces.

The Ag Collector
strongly supports the
Ag Hd Ds Assistants
recommendation, but
the Board objects
on the ground that
when a postponement
of the payment of
last years tax was
permitted it was upon
the distinct understanding
that it was the last
occasion on which any
concession of the kind
would be made. The
Board also doubt the possibility of the
Zemindar

Zemindar fulfilling
his proposed engage-
ments bearing in
mind his heavy lia-
bilities in other
quarters, and they fear
that any postponement
of the Govt. demand
will merely have
the effect of securing
similar payment
to other creditors.

The Govern-
ment have sanctioned
a short delay in
the payment of
the instalment of
this January
in 1866 and 1867
but on these
occasions it was
solely

solely on the ground
of the season having
been exceptionally un-
favorable and on
the last occasion =
they made the
remark preferred by
the Board =

At the same
time it is a question
whether under the
circumstances now
urged, some con-
sideration should
not be shown to =
the young Zemindar,
whose right in the
estate has only just
been recognized by
the Priy Council.
The mode &c
when

when it is borne
in mind that the
late appeal to the
Privy Council,
which must have
put the Estate to =
considerable expense
was made by Govt.
The circumstances
under which the
litigation took
place are explained
in the Dispatch
of 27 March 1865
herewith put up,
as is also an un-
official report of
the last decree =
It will be observed
that Govt. have
throughout

throughout contested the validity of the Zemindar's adoption, under the belief that it was contrary to Hindoo Law, and that on the death of his adoptive Mother, the Estate should lapse to Govt: as an escheat. This view has now been declared to be incorrect by the Privy Council.

WD.

C.C. 2374/68

The Senior enunciated by the Board of Revenue with reference to the arrears due by the Estate of Ramnad ought to be viewed and his title as their part for the duty of the Board is to look steadily to the pecuniary interest of the Government. I agree, however, that with the my Colleagues in thinking that the government may adopt a more lenient course based on considerations of a more liberal nature.

The Zemindar of Ramnad is in a very peculiar position. He has been recently confirmed in the possession of his estate charged with a heavy amount of debt in part due to a prolonged and expensive litigation imposed upon him by the act of Govt. In disputing the title of the Zemindar the government rendered bound themselves to be pursuing their rights and there was a public interest in obtaining an authoritative final decision on the interesting point in the law of adoption involved in these proceedings. But the Government view the result with no regret or resentment and the last

Court of appeal having decided against them they are the first to welcome the Zemindar to his title and hopefully and they might in my opinion to do all they can to make his position easy, useful and secure.

The papers now before me do not contain a complete view of the financial position of the new proprietor. We know the amount of his debt to government, we are told that he has still got heavy liabilities to lawyers and large personal debts.

The debt to government amounts to Rs. 3.24.404 including the amount of Tax due for the Fusli ending on July 1st 1868. That is to say the Zemindar owes government one years tribute which ought to have been liquidated by successive instalments during the year.

Two lacks are stated to be due in virtue of the decision of the Privy Council to one of the Parties to the suit.

One lakh is necessary to cover Mofussil Law expenses.

The Private Debts of the Zemindar are not estimated by the writers but in the opinion of the Collector of the District, verbally imparted to me, they do not amount to less than seven lakhs.

We have thus a total amount of more than thirteen lakhs of debt weighing upon the Estate at the outset of the new proprietors tenure.

The gross amount of the rent of the Estate is stated by the Collector to be not less than eight lakhs in an average year with a product of rich development with the good seasons and good management.

The net rental ought to be seven lakhs allowing one lakh for the expense of management and the clear personal income of the Zemindar after subtracting the government tax ought to be

Rs. 3.75.596

We have therefore a debt of Rs 13.00.000 against an income of Rs. 3.75.596 and not one rupee more. The debt to be held at 12 t.c. The clear income of the Zemindar ought still to be Rs 2.19.596.

It may be feared however that the rents of the Estate will not be very

punctually & fully paid and that at present much of the debt is held at a heavier interest than 12 p.c. The Zemindar requires breathing time to put his affairs in order, to consolidate his ~~estate~~ debt and bring his tenants under control. The government more than any other creditor is able to extend a liberal indulgence to him and I trust that they will not be indisposed to do so.

The Zemindar proposes to liquidate his arrear of 3.24.404 in the following manner, 1 lakh at once, R. 1.12.202 in March 1869 and the same amount in April of the same year, paying, as may presume his current liabilities to government at the same time as they fall due.—

I apprehend that the promises of the Zemindar are sanguine. He will probably pay the promised lakh now and the sum stipulated in March 1869, but I fear the second remittance would not be forthcoming in the following month. New applications for delay would probably ensue. The Estate will hardly bear the payment of the current tax to govt, the payment of the interest on debt, the personal extenditure of the Lord, and

two lakhs besides in a single year. I think the government would act both literally and wisely in ~~simultaneously~~ stating to the Zemindar that they will accept the liquidation of his arrear in three payments, one lakh now, R. 1.12.202 in March 1869 and R. 1.12.202 in March 1870, subject however, to the report of the Collector that he pursues in the mean time an economical and orderly method of life, and reserving the right of govt should he not do so, to take all the legal measures to enforce summary payment.

To grant better terms to Zemindar than he asks for may seem a arrears ~~simerical~~ proceeding, but it is only apparently so for according to any other view we should grant him terms which he really can fulfill while those he asks for could only be ~~fulfilled at all~~ fulfilled by borrowing at usurous interest or by oppressing the ryots. This is of great importance

that the people of the Zemindary should be shared. They have been ruined by a succession of dry seasons and the Catholic Influences assure me that multitudes have emigrated to Ceylon & to Tanjore & have gone off in other directions.

I would at the same time call upon Mr. Watters for a detailed estimate of the rents of the Zemindary & of the Establishes of the Zemindar as far as they can be ascertained, with an account of the character of the Zemindar and of the management of the Estate under the new agent, who is stated to have been recently nominated. I hear that there is an intrigue to reinstate Poonerawy the former Manager, a brother of the Rajah who has plundered the property to a vast amount. Mr. Arbuthnot has informed me that on one occasion the Zemindar induced to give up the Estate & go altogether in consideration of a clear allowance of Rs. 7000. per mensem. If for desiring to acquire the Zemindary on such terms the govt. might in my opinion do all in their power to assist the new Proprietor with confidence, with a sense of duty, and a sense of self respect, but if he should renew the offer in another form and if he should manifest a real incapacity to redeem his position, the govt. might do a humane and judicious act in accepting the management of the Estate for a few years in the interest of the Zemindar, making him a fixed allowance.

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Ellenborough

There can be no doubt, one of the duties legally imposed on the Board of Revenue, to submit with their recommendation to the Govt., such propositions as their judgment may be calculated to augment & improve the resources of their Province. This principle, however, & that always been understood and practised, ordered, should be exercised with liberality towards farmers of revenue, Zemindars & Ryots, and in a manner not to act injuriously to the interests of either of them. In the case immediately under review, the Board might have gone much further in the exercise of their lawful power, than we see they have done. They might have denied the attachment of the Zemindary, their proceedings having fallen short of this extreme measure, although they were well disposed to be at the side of lenient treatment. But, I also think that they must have felt embarrassment with respect to the Kabuliat given by the Govt. for the year 1867, & pattas given for the year of the arrear of Baisheuk of the Zemindar required to discharge on the 31 March last. — Certainly will be an unusual measure, & prolong the period for acquitting himself of his arrears to the State which the Zemindar has himself solicited. He has, doubtless, not acted without consideration & advice, and although we may have doubts of the prudence of granting Zemindars of 25 Lakhs of Rupees the management of their affairs & their controul

of his magnificent Estate, a young man
junior to himself in years, we ought
to attend to the Jurisdiction only
which he has formally sought. -
At all events, before passing this limit of time
fixed by himself, we ought to consider to place
the 18th of Realmuir in respect of the liberal
views held by Lord [illegible] and denying them to about
the additional information & pointing to
which Mr Lordship the President's mind is
has pointed attention, & must then to con-
sider whether there may not be some in-
convenience in establishing so many liberal a
precedent. -
It occurs here on perusal of the papers,
that the Collector of this District has laid too
much stress on the report & opinion of the
young officer who is now acting Ad. assistant
and in habitual charge of the Ramnad
Estate. This Gentleman, Mr. McWatters, is a very
inexperienced Revenue Officer who has been only
a year in the Madura District, with an interval
of two years in the Country of 4 to 5 years. He can have
but very slender personal and practical knowledge
of the Collectorate & Estates entrusted
to his charge. His opinion should therefore
be received with great caution & deference.
I would order the security bonds & Estates
from the hands of the Asst. Asst and the 2d.
& 3 subordinate Clerks about him to whom it
does not properly & officially belong, and above
that all communication with the Zemindar on a point
of this kind under orders, be with the Collector
himself.

16 Aug 68

I think that in the Standing
Instructions warning contained
in the proceedings of Government
under date the 3rd July
last but in enquiries similar
to that now granted might
have to advert, the Zemindar's
present application should be
complied with. As I remarked
when the matter was under
discussion in Council on Tuesday
last, the Zemindar in
voluntarily changed his
last warning into favor
table of Virja Rajendra Nattama-
nadhaja (the present applicant)
& named & the Zemindary
then after a prolonged enquiry
& investigation in which last
with the strenuously opposed
by the Government has decided
just now affirmed by the

Surg. Comm. in consideration
of the above services pleads
of the High Court of Admiralty
against which the Commissioners
have appealed.

The Question again, and
how we should with justice
decide, that the Petitioners
under which he is at present
labouring, have partly
[illegible] the Surg. hopes entertains
in which he has been involved
in consequence of the opposition
offered by the first Petitioner
claim, and partly by the uncertainty which has
[illegible] by the tenancy as to the continuance of his title.
hitherto been entertained of
cannot but think that the
Commissioners is entitled to
[illegible] consideration
in the first and last [illegible]
which it cannot [illegible] at
that would probably be a
serious [illegible] of [illegible]

in order that he may receive
immediate payment of the
arrears of pensions, and
be able to [illegible]
employment

G. J. Cartwright

18th July 68

I can only repeat what I have
written the Admiralty and express
[illegible] but I think the reasons
for [illegible] which are not [illegible]
by the [illegible] of the petition, as stated
by Mr Cartwright, are [illegible] by
the papers connected with the case [illegible]
Mr Cartwright

19 July 68. WDH

Revenue Depart.t

No 2257.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 25th Augt 1868.

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(Here enter 11th July 1868) -

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Since the date of

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C.B. 2274/868.

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I remain that it is the very opposite to the Zemindar

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collector - They will accordingly be prepared to submit the instalments over a more lengthened period than that proposed, and authorize the Collector to receive 100,000 at once Rd 112202 in March 1869 and Rd 112202 in March 1870 -

When communicating these orders to the Collector the Board will be good enough at the same time to call upon him for a detailed estimate of the rents of the Lemindary and of the liabilities of the Lemindar so far as they can be ascertained, with some account of the young man's character and of the management of the estate under the new agent who it is believed has been recently appointed - They will also inform Mr. Arbuthnot that all communication with the Lemindar should for the present be carried out by his own official and not through that of the Head Assistant Collector -

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