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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd February 1869.

No. 429. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department—Public,) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort William, 27th January 1869, No. 561 :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication No. 109, dated the 16th instant, and in reply to state that His Excellency the Governor General in Council sanctions the advance to the Chief of Vinchoor, on the terms specified, of the sum of Rupees 30,000, to be spent by him in the relief of the distress prevailing within his territory.

No. 563.

Copy of the correspondence forwarded to the Government of Fort St. George for information.

(Signed) E. C. BAYLEY,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 430. Order thereon, 23rd February 1869, No. 470.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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FEBRUARY.

Nos. 429-430.

Advance to the Chief of Vinchoor for the relief of distress in his Jaghire.—Correspondence from the Government of India on this subject, communicated to Board of Revenue.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay, in the General Department,—No. 108, *under date the* 16*th January* 1869.

READ the following:—

Memorandum from the Acting Revenue Commissioner, Southern Division, No. 2, dated 2nd January 1869, submitting a letter from the Collector of Ahmednuggur, with an application from the Chief of Vinchoor for the loan from Government of rupees thirty or forty thousand to be spent by him in the relief of the distress prevailing in his villages in consequence of the late unfavorable season; recommending the grant of the loan at 5 per cent. per annum, re-payable, with interest, in five annual instalments; and suggesting that the Government Solicitor be instructed to draw up the necessary bond.

RESOLUTION.—This correspondence should be forwarded to the Government of India, with a recommendation that a sum of Rupees 30,000 be advanced to the Chief of Vinchoor on the following terms:—

1*st.*—Loan to be paid off in five years at the rate of Rupees 6,000 per annum, plus interest at 5 per cent.

2*nd.*—In the event of any delay in the payment of these instalments, villages (to be specified in the bond) yielding an equivalent revenue to be attached, and the proceeds credited to Government until the debt, plus interest, be paid.

2. The Governor in Council considers that a Sirdar possessed of the means of the Chief of Vinchoor ought to have been in a position to meet, from his own resources, an emergency of this kind. As, however, it appears he is not, the application will be submitted, Government being reluctant, by refusing his request, to afford any excuse to the Chief for withholding relief.

(True Extract.)
F. S. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secy. to Govt., Bombay.

To the Revenue Commissioner, Southern Division.

No. 109.

FORWARDED to the Government of India, with a copy of the Acting Revenue Commissioner's memorandum and accompaniments.

From W. D'OYLY, Esquire, Collector of Ahmednuggur, to the Revenue Commissioner, Southern Division,—No. 3010, dated the 28th December 1868.

I HAVE the honor to forward an application from Oomdet-ool-Moolk Bahadoor Rughoonath Rao Vittal, C. S. I., Chief of Vinchoor, to the address of the Political Secretary to Government, which has been forwarded to me by the Extra First Assistant in charge of the Nassick Districts. It will be seen that the Chief asks for a loan of Rupees 30,000 or 40,000 from Government, which he proposes to expend in the relief of the inhabitants of his jagheer villages who are suffering from the late unfavorable season.

2. In forwarding the letter Mr. MacFarlan writes: "I strongly recommend that the request be complied with. His jagheer has suffered much from want of rain, and the money if spent, as it doubtless would be spent, in relief works would be well spent." I beg to add my own opinion that the loan should, if possible, be granted.

From OOMDETOOL MOOLK BAHADOOR RUGHOONATH RAO VITTAL, C. S. I., Chief of Vinchoor, to C. GONNE, Esquire, Political Secretary to Government of Bombay,—No. 17, dated Nassick, the 26th December 1868.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, owing to insufficient and unseasonable fall of the rain, the crops have failed this year; sufficient quantity of water has not collected so as to last throughout the year for necessary purposes; corn is becoming more and more dear, and consequently every one apprehends that dearth or famine of minor importance will prevail during the next three months from March to May. The whole of the Praut is thus circumstanced, and the villages of my estate are reduced to such miserable a plight that the inhabitants thereof are presently passing to wherever they like in search of food, being

unprovided with the means of support for themselves and their cattle. Whilst they are thus suffering from want of common necessaries, I cannot demand from them the assessment on account of the lands held by them. Even if I were to press them to pay it, it would be difficult for me to let out the lands next year. Hence I conclude that I shall not be able to collect this year the rent of the lands in my estate, except at the rate of ¼th or perhaps ⅛th per rupee.

In this state of scarcity and drought I must support the people inhabiting my jagheer and inam villages, as also the persons who have long faithfully served me, for I consider it to be my duty to do so; but owing to the gradual increase of my family, my purse exceedingly falls short of the sum of money required to offer the said support. For this reason, and for performing works of public utility, in order to prevent the people inhabiting my inam and jagheer villages from proceeding to commit crimes to maintain themselves (for it is probable they might, perhaps, do so for the sake of supporting themselves, their families, and their cattle,) by engaging them or by furnishing them with some employ or other, I require a large sum of money.

I therefore humbly and respectfully solicit that Government will be graciously pleased to advance me a loan of rupees (30,000 or 40,000) thirty or forty thousand, hoping that, as I have never before troubled them (Government) with such an entreaty, my prayer will not be unattended to, but meet with their kind and favorable consideration.

I promise to re-pay the above sum of rupees with reasonable interest within a fixed time, and I agree to pass a bond for it in the form which will be prescribed by Government.

I shall be much obliged by your sending an early reply hereto.

No. 2, dated Camp Dharwar, the 2nd January 1869.

SUBMITTED to Government, with a respectful suggestion that the Chief of Vinchoor's request for a loan of Rupees 30,000 or 40,000, a 5 per cent., be accorded on the terms specified; the re-payment to be made with interest in five annual instalments, which seems as much as the Chief could afford under even favorable circumstances to meet from his annual revenues.

2. The Government Solicitor might, it is suggested, draw up a bond for signature, containing the conditions desired to be imposed.

W. H. HAVELOCK,
Acting Revenue Commr., Southern Division.

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E-1 No. 563

Forwarding for information copy of correspondence with the Bombay Govt. regarding the grant of Rs. 20,000 to the Chief of Vinchoor to meet the prevailing distress in his villages.

No. 670. 28th July
With order