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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1520 Press Mis.

691-692

Dated 31 st May 1869

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 691. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1869, No. 2,183 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1868, No. 275.

WITH reference to the Board's Endorsement, dated 3rd September last, on Petition No. 50 of 1868, addressed to Government by Manstee Mumundy Chockay Goud, the Poligar of Shulagherry, in the Oossoor Talook, I have the honor to enclose the copy of a report received from the Sub-Collector on the subject.

2. Petitioner seeks to obtain a Sunnud-i-Milkeut Istimrar for his Polliem which is now held by him on no settled tenure. In disposing of my letter to Board on the same subject, under date the 18th December 1867, No. 310, the Board, in their Proceedings of the 20th February 1868, No. 1,249, stated that the Order of Government cannot be carried into effect in regard to the Shulagherry Poliput, as the Poligar consented only to receive the Sunnud on a condition which could not be complied with. He now withdraws this condition, and asks for the issue of a Sunnud unconditionally. I see no objection to the petitioner's request being complied with.

3. There remains the other request of the Poligar for consideration—namely, the granting of a Khilat with the Sunnud, in consideration of alleged services rendered to the State by his ancestors. The Poliput is no doubt an ancient one, but as stated by the Sub-Collector there is neither tradition nor record of any services whatever having been rendered. All that my records show, as regards the history of this Poliput, is as follows :—" The Ankusagherry family acquired the Polliem of " Manstee 724 years ago, or in the year 1808 of Solivana, which they held for 301 " years, at which time the Polliems of Ankusagherry and Shulagherry were annexed " to that of Manstee, and all three were possessed by this family for 269 years, when " Manstee was taken from them ; the other two remained in their possession for 88 " years, when Shulagherry was conferred by Hyder on a younger branch of the " Manstee family, and the two Polliems of Shulagherry and Ankusagherry have been " held separately since that period, or for 72 years. Manstee was never restored, " and is at present included in the Mysore territories"—*Vide* paragraph 4, letter to Board, 14th August 1822, No. 54. I understand that it is usual in North Arcot to give shawls with the Istimrar Sunnud ; but this course does not appear to have ever been adopted when granting Sunnuds for estates in this district under Regulation XXV. of 1802. I do not, however, see any particular objection to the grant of a Khilat, provided the Poligar is prepared to pay the Nuzzerana prescribed in the Supreme Government's letter, embodied in the Board's Proceedings of the 18th July 1867, No. 4,549. The Poligar hitherto held the Poliput at the will of the Government, and the issue of a permanent Sunnud is tantamount, I take it, to making the estate entailed property. The estate would appear to fall under the description mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Board's letter to Government of the 4th October 1867, No. 6,347.

4. I take this opportunity to draw the Board's attention to paragraph 4 of the form of the Sunnud. As it at present runs, the personal property of the owner of an estate could only be attached, but not sold till after the estate itself is attached

and sold. I do not see the object of this. The attachment and sale of an estate is a very tedious process. In nine out of ten cases the estate has to be divided; so that a part only may be sold, and the preparation of the necessary accounts takes no little time and trouble, in consequence of the irregular manner in which the Muttahdar's accounts are generally kept. The law for enforcing Curnums to render the required accounts is also very defective as the Board are aware. I therefore respectfully beg to submit that if the clause in question is so altered as to leave the attachment and *sale* of the personal property in the first instance to the discretion of the Collector, it will not only save a vast amount of trouble, but will also tend to facilitate, in a great measure, the speedy collection of the revenue due from permanently settled estates which are not a few in this district.

5. The Peishcush of the Shulagherry Poliput is Rupees 4,818-4-7.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem, dated Oossoor, 11th November 1868, No. 691.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a petition, presented to me in accordance with the Endorsement of the Board of Revenue on petition to Government No. 1,423 of 1868, by the Poligar of Shulagherry, stating that he withdraws all the conditions on which he formerly asked that a permanent Sunnud might be granted; requesting that one may now be issued; and begging that, as a favor and in consideration of valuable services which he alleges that his ancestors rendered to the British Government, the honor of a Khilat may be bestowed upon him.

2. The correspondence which has previously taken place on this subject will be found in the Proceedings of the Board marginally noted. The Poligar having now withdrawn the conditions which the Board formerly considered rendered the entertainment of his request for a permanent Sunnud unadvisable, I see no further reasons for refusing to comply with it.

Dated 14th June 1867, No. 3,655.
„ 9th Aug. „ „ 5,095.

3. As regards the Poligar's petition for the bestowal of a Khilat, I see no particular objection to granting it. As far as I can learn from the enquiries which I have made, Khilats have never been conferred upon any of the Poligars of this division; but this is merely hearsay. I am not aware that the Poligars of Shulagherry ever rendered the British Government any noteworthy services in war or otherwise. If they did, there is no traditional and, as far as I know, no written record of them.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Petition.

IN their Proceedings, dated the 20th February 1868, No. 1,249, the Board informed Government that the Poligar of Shulagherry refused to take a permanent Sunnud except on an inadmissible condition.

2. The Poligar has now withdrawn the condition, and the Board recommend the issue of a Sunnud in his favor.

3. He still asks that a Khilat may be granted to him at the time the Sunnud is placed in his hands, on the ground that he belongs "to an ancient and aristocratic family," and that his ancestors rendered good service to the State. This is a point entirely for the consideration of Government.

4. In paragraph 4 of his letter, the Collector argues that the terms of paragraph 4 of the Sunnud form require that the land of a defaulting proprietor should be sold in the first instance, and states his opinion that the clause should be altered so as to leave it to the Collector's discretion whether he will first sell land or personal property.

5. As doubts have arisen before as to the effect of this passage, the attention of the Advocate-General, to whom the Sunnud form has been referred, might be specially called to this point.

No. 692. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1869, No. 1,520.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government accordingly resolve to issue a Sunnud to the Poligar of Shulagherry.

2. They consider that the Poligar has not furnished sufficient grounds for the bestowal on him of a Khilat.

3. The Board should refer the points alluded to in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings to the Advocate-General, and on receipt of Mr. Norton's opinion, should submit the revised form of Sunnud for the approval of Government without further delay.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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1/7/68

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council.
Fort Saint George.
Madras.

The humble petition of
Maatee Mummdi Chokia
Gavd, Poligar of Shoolagherri
Oosoor Taluq: District of Salem.

Humbly Sheweth,

That Petitioner solicited your Excellency in Council to confer on him a permanent Summud for his Pollam of Shalagherri, but in consequence of his asserting certain claims to which he feels himself rightfully intitled his request was not complied with, the issue of a Summud being postponed to the next succession.

That Petitioner is willing to leave the acknowledgement of said claim entirely to the discretion of Government and to receive a Summud unconditionally, on the terms as those conferred on the western Poligars

of

From Asst Collr Salem 11 Aug 1/67
Con 28 Aug.

of Calastry, Venkata gherry, and Naggerri, to any of whom Petitioner is not of less degree either by birth or rank. In fact, his ancestry is of far more ancient date than any of the Zemindars above-mentioned, his ancestors having been Military Chieftains under the native Rajahs of a very remote period. Further, his immediate predecessors rendered the most valuable and highly meritorious services to the British Authorities during the Mysore War which were then duly appreciated and acknowledged

Petitioner humbly solicits that Your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to take his request into favorable Consideration and pass an order that a permanent Sunnud may be granted him, and that on its issue a Military garb and Suitable accoutrement may at the same time be bestowed on him

And Petitioner as in duty bound

Shall Ever Pray

29th June 1865

No 1423 of 1865.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue

By Order

Fort St George
16th July 1865.

Acting Under Secretary to Govt.

To The Hon'ble Colonel
Commanding the Forces
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to transmit herewith a Petition addressed to His Excellency by Venkata Gherry Naggerri Calastry Zemindar of Kalastry, and to request that you will be pleased to report for the information of Government whether the Petitioner is entitled to the grant of a Military Garb and Accoutrement which he solicits.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
By Order
J. Brandt
Dep. Sec. to Govt.

Fort St George
30th June 1865

No 1423
From Lieut Colonel Burn
Commanding Nellore Division
Dated 29th June 1865
Received 5th July 1865
Transferred to Board of Revenue
5th July 1865
Answered 7th July 1865
Copy forwarded to Collector of Nellore
for information
7th July 1865
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for information
7th July 1865

Rev.l " Department

" 8th Jan.y 1870

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 31st May 1869.

Read the following

Pro: of the Bd. of Revenue.

Recommending to sanction the issue of a Summd of Perma. nent Settlement to the Poligar of Shulagherry in Salem Dist., and to call the special atten. tion of the Advocate General to paras 4 of Summd-form regard. ing sale of property of a de. faulting proprietor in view to its being modified.

(P.C. 2d April 69 No. 2186)

1 The Government accordingly resolve to issue a Summd to the Po. ligar of Shulagherry.

2 They consider that

That the Poligar has
not furnished sufficient
grounds for the bestowal
or him of a Khilat.

3 The Board should
refer the points alluded
to in para 5 of their
Proceedings to the Ad-
vocate General, and
on receipt of his opinion should submit
the revised form of
Summud for the approval
of Government without
further delay.

14 To the Bd of Rev.

Hall,