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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT**

G.O. No. 2054 Press ~~Misc.~~

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Dated 17-12-1870 ~~19~~ .

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No. 342. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Simla, 20th July 1870, No. 2,092 :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 734, dated 18th May 1870, forwarding, for transmission to the Secretary of State for India, a Memorial from C. Jagganadha Row Gopaul Row, in which he prays that the taluq, formerly held as a Zemindari by his adoptive family, should be rented to him for a term of years.

2. The Government of Madras, while they do not support the prayer of the Memorialist, recommend that the pension now received by him, viz., Rupees 300 per mensem, may be increased to Rupees 500 per mensem.

3. In reply, I am to state that the case of the Memorialist has already been decided, after full consideration, both by the Government of Madras and the Secretary of State for India, not only as regards the Zemindari, but also the increased pension now recommended. The reasons now urged for increasing the pension were effectually disposed of in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the despatch, No. 4, dated 26th March 1866, from the Government of Madras to the Secretary of State, and looking "to the difficulties which must arise if matters of this class are to be "re-opened when nothing new or material to their merits can be put forward," as observed by the Honourable H. D. Phillips in his Minute of 1866, there appears to be no reason for re-opening the case.

4. For these reasons, the Governor-General in Council is unable to forward to the Secretary of State the Memorial in question, which is accordingly returned herewith.

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1870, No. 2,054.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that Memorialist be informed that the Supreme Government decline to transmit his Memorial to the Secretary of State.

2. Ordered also that the following letter be despatched :—

To the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

(Here enter, No. 42, dated 16th December 1870.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman:

RECEIVED
30 OCT 1869
India Office

To,

The Right Honorable the Secretary
of State for India.

May it please your Grace,

Your Memorialist most respectfully begs to be excused for the trouble he ventures to give to your Grace by bringing to your Graces kind consideration the following circumstances, with a firm belief that your Grace will kindly grant him redress, and protect him.

That your Memorialist has had the honor of addressing to Her Majesty's Government two memorials, one on the 19th April 1864, and the other on the 24th June 1865, stating that his ancestor rendered meritorious services to the State, that in consideration of which the Government granted to them a "Pension" or fixed allowance of Rs. 12000 per annum, that his ancestor was appointed Chief Secretary to the Portuguese Board under the Reign in Council, that on the abolition of the said post, a monthly allowance of Rs. 525 and also 52 Patties of

"Sourcoram" land and 11 Gardens, situate in the Villages attached to the Dévi Purgunah, were granted to his great-grandfather by the Government, and that Lord William Bentinck, the then Governor of Madras having considered the said allowance insufficient to his family, granted to him the Taliq of Dévi Purgunah, which was then under Government, paying to actual Revenue at Rs 71,530-8-11, by collecting from Rs 78,130-8-4, the original Revenue of the Estate, the sum of Rs 6300 per annum, on account of the Cawdy money Allowances which had already been granted at Rs 525 per annum, and agreeing as a Peishcush of Rs 47,887-8 leaving a net income to him of Rs 22943-8 per annum, and requesting that either the said Taliq may be restored to your Memorialist, or the Monthly allowance of Rs 525 granted to his great-grandfather prior to the acquisition of the Estate, and also the 52 Kattas of Sourcoram land situated in the Dévi Purgunah may be continued to him.

In reply to the said Memorials the Home Government issued orders, dated respectively the 2nd December 1824 and 16th July 1828, stating that it was not

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to restore the Taliq to your Memorialist, and that as the Local Government did not recommend the increase of the allowance, the same could not be taken into favorable consideration. If a reference be kindly made to the above mentioned Memorials addressed to Their Majesties Government by the Memorialist, and to the petition addressed by him to the Board of Revenue on the 2nd September 1863, your Grace will clearly come to understand all the Circumstances connected with his case.

3 Your Memorialist's father died in 1836, and, in consequence of your Memorialist having been a Minor at that time, the Estate of Dévi Purgunah was placed under the Management of the Court of Wards, granting him a Monthly allowance of Rs 365, until on the expiration of his Minority, Your Memorialist attained his Majority in August 1850, and Messrs Foster & Lethbridge, the then Collector of the Estate relinquished charge. Letters to the Commissioner of Northern Division under date the 3rd October 1850 and 4th February 1852 respectively, to the effect that the Estate may be restored to your Memorialist, were forwarded by the Collector, requesting the accounts due to Government might be rendered, without making any Proposal to your Memorialist Relative to Increase

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the Estate, submitted a report to Government on the 30th June 1852, recommending the sale of the Taluq in auction.- On the receipt of the said report, the Right Honorable Sir Henry Pottinger, the then Governor of Madras, &c minuted on the 19th July 1852 to the effect, that full enquiry should be instituted as to your Memorialists' Capability or otherwise to manage the Taluq, and, if found qualified, it should be restored to him, but as the other members of Government did not agree with his Excellency in that opinion, the Government, in 1852, ordered the sale of the Taluq &c in auction.-

4 Thereupon Mr Cushington, the Collector of the late Masulipatam District, again recommended to the Commissioner &c on the 15th September 1852, that full enquiry may be instituted as to your Memorialists' aptitude to manage the Estate, & it may be restored to him. He further suggested that, on it being restored, if default be made by your Memorialist in payment of the Pesh-cush, the Taluq may then be disposed of on Lease, and thereby finally shut the door against his reclaiming it at any &c future period.- But as the latter officer &c did

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not think it proper to recommend these suggestions to Government, the Estate was actually sold, in auction, in 1852.- If &c reference be kindly made to the said Report from Mr Cushington to the Commissioner, your Grace will be fully convinced of the truth of all the facts connected with this case.-

5 On your Memorialists subsequently applying to the Madras Government for continuance to him of the ready-money allowance of Rs 525, which had been enjoyed by his great-grandfather prior to the grant of the Zemindary, & for the restoration of the 52 Kuttles of "Savaram" land & the 11 Gardens, they were pleased to grant him an allowance of Rs 300 per mensem, together with 3 Gardens.- Your Memorialist presented a Petition to the Board of Revenue on the 2nd September 1863, and it was referred by them to the Collector of the Kistna District for enquiry and report.- In his reply to the Board, dated 20th November 1863, Mr Foord, the then Collector, fully &c entered into the matter under reference, and stated that it was highly inequitable to sell the Estate, after having it under the management of the Court of Wards &c during

[illegible] your Memorialist's property. Before
the restoration to him on his allowing the Mahal
and that the sale was on that score, altogether
void in the eye of the Law, that your Memorialist
last is explicit of incumbrances the Estate effec-
cually, and the account thereon could have long
long before, cleared off, had the Taluq remained
already restored to him, and, on these grounds,
strongly recommended its restoration to your
Memorialist. The Board of Revenue thereupon
and the matter into their kind consideration,
and on the 22nd February 1864, recommended
to Government the restoration of the Taluq
to your Memorialist, noticing at the same
time the embarrassed circumstances in which
of the Estate, as recommended by the Commissioner

On receipt of the above Proceedings
the Board, the Honorable Edward Maltby,
the then Member of Council, minuted in
favour of enlarging your Memorialist's
allowance. At the same time, His Excellency
Sir William Thomas Denison, the President
in Council, stated in his minute that the
Taluq should be restored to your Memorialist
unreduced Peishcush, as it is extremely unjust
to deprive him of his ancestral Estate without
higher value, and in this humane opinion
of

of the Noble Statesman, the Honorable Sir
Patrick Grant, the then Commander-in-Chief
and 2nd in Council, fully concurred.

7 His Excellency Sir William Thomas
Denison was pleased to record another
minute, and also, in March 1866, strongly
to recommend to the Home authorities, respect-
ing the continuance, to your Memorialist,
of the increased allowance of 525 Rs per mensem.

8 Notwithstanding all these
foregoing recommendations of the Collectors
of the District, the Board of Revenue, two
of the Governors of His Presidency, and of
His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief,
in reference to the restoration, to your Memo-
rialist, of the Taluq of Devi Purgunah,
and to the continuance to him of the incre-
allowance, and also to the restoration of
the 52 Kittles of "Nanaram" land, no justice
restoration had as yet been done to him in
any one of these cases, and of the aforemen-
tioned various records made in his case
from time to time be called for and perus
the merits of this matter, and also your
Memorialist claims to the Estate
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visible time light, a great injustice, very
great indeed, has been done to your Memo-
rialist in your Excel's previously rule [illegible]
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whilst he is, in all respects, exstremely loyal to the British Crown, and subject to your Graces blessings, though totally impoverished.-

9 The remaining Eight Gardens, planted by your Memorialists' ancestors in the said Dévi Purgunah, were first ordered by the Madras Government, in 1857, to be Rented to your Memorialist, but subsequently disposed of in auction, contrary to justice -

10 Moreover, during your Memorialists' minority, the Chairs and all other valuable property that were in his houses, were forcibly taken possession of by the local authorities, and sold.- Notwithstanding all these injustice & oppression towards your Memorialist, he conducted himself most submissively to the authorities -

11 Even if your Grace will be pleased to sanction an increase to your Memorialists' allowance, in common with the allowance which was granted to Ramoo-dana Pappayah Rayaringaroo of Goodi-madah Taluq in the same District in proportion to the Peishcush paid by him, your Raja by Ancestorous Gyarmulwar Bahadur

your Memorialist will be entitled to Rs 500 a Month, with reference to the Peishcush fixed for his Taluq - your Memorialist is fully sensible that, after all, the grant or denial of any of the above indulgences to him is absolutely left to your Graces pleasure -

12- Now that your Memorialist and his family have been placed under the influence of very great hardship, owing to the inadequacy of the allowance of Rs 300 a Month which has been granted to him by the Madras Government, your Memorialist most submissively prays that an average of the Collections of Revenue of the said Dévi Purgunah for 10 or 12 years, up to Fusly 1278, may be taken, and thereby the total of the actual collections for one year may be arrived at, and from the latter sum, the yearly charges of Establishments of the Purgunah may be excluded, and, on the net collections, the said Purgunah may be Rented to your Memorialist for 10 or 20, or for as many years as it may seem meet to your Grace, until his long-pending claims to the restoration to him of the Dévi Zemindary and the continuance of

of the allowance of Pr 525 a month, as also to the protection of the 52 Fifties of Tamarai Lands in the Estate, have been finally determined, & granted to him by your Grace. This being totally a new proposal, quite simple in itself, your Memorialist most humbly begs that this boon, at least, may be accorded to him by your Grace, in order to alleviate his present distress. If the Zemindary is to be leased to your Memorialist, as represented above, fixing such instalments for payment of its Peshcush to Government, he shall punctually abide by the same arrangements, and the mode, in which the Estate may be managed & by your Memorialist during his tenure, may be seen by your Grace on due enquiry.

For which act of justice &c &c your Memorialist &c &c in duty bound.

Madras, 24th August 1809.

Lucas Ewer Ray
Periah Vendrapoda Pugganadhaven
Lyfaccabrou Pakiadoo Tauvidoo
of Veerapurgunadapatam

Westbrook Sestrick

Revenue Department

Memo on No. 2973.

For Orders

This paper relates to the case of C. Jeggana Cheroun Gopaulroo, who in a Memorial to the Secretary of State dated 24th August 1869 prayed that the Talook (Deny-) estate in Flistuen District, formerly held as a Zemindary by his adoptive family should be rented to him for a term of years.

2 This Memorial was sent to the Government of India with letter dated 18th May 1870 No. 734 for transmission to the Secretary of

× In G.O. 18th May 1870 No. 733.

We have no alternative but to communicate to the Petitioner the decision of the Govt. of India.

L. Ord

And we have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servants

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with reference to the 2nd Para. of the letter of the 27th June.

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of State. In this letter the Government advises that Memorialists' prayer should be rejected; but on a reconsideration of the decision at which the Govt., as composed in 1866, arrived, and for reasons stated in para 4, they were in favor of Memorialists' pension of Rs. 300 sanctioned by the Government of India in 1853 being increased to Rs. 500 per annum, and they recommended this concession to the favorable consideration of that Government. A copy of the letter of 18th May 1870 above quoted

*To Govt of India 15th March 1853 No 295
From Do 29th April
No 1186 Fin. Dept.

*Despatch to England No 14 dated 2 May 1870.

quoted was forwarded* to the Secretary of State for his Grace's information.

3 The Govt of India now state in reply that the Memorialists' case has already been decided after full consideration both by this Govt and the Secretary of State not only as regards the pecuniary, but also the increased pension now recommended, and adverting especially to paras 5 and 6 of the Madras Government Despatch to the Secretary of State dated 26th March 1866 No 4 and to a Minute recorded by the Honorable B. D. Phillips

Phillips in 1866, they remark that there appears to be no reason for re-opening the case. The Government of India therefore decline to forward the Memorial which is returned. —

In G. O. 26th March 1866
No. 456 a.

Revenue Department

No. 2054.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 17th December 1870.

Read the following letter from the Under Secy to the Govt. of India.

Returning Memorial from Jaggannadaroo Gopaulrow- relating that the Govt. of India are unable to forward it to the Secy of State, for reasons assigned.

(M.G.O. 20th Dec/70 No. 2092)

Ordered that

Memorialist be informed that the Supreme Government decline to transmit his Memorial to the Secretary of State.

2 Ordered also that the following letter be despatched.

To

(Secret)

To

The Right Honorable

the Secy. of State for

India.

Secretary