

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 234. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th May 1871, No. 2,032:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 17th April 1871, No. 227.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Government, dated 20th ultimo, No. 490, Revenue Department, I have the honour to forward translation of a khat, dated 10th instant, No. 14, received from the Zemindar of Kalastri, objecting, for reasons therein specified, to the partial or complete transfer of his estate to the Chingleput District.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Translation of Khat No. 14 of the 10th April 1871 from the Zemindar of Kalastri to the Acting Collector of North Arcot.

We have received your khat of the 30th March 1871, and learnt the contents thereof.

In this khat we are required to communicate, with reference to Government Order, Miscellaneous No. 269, dated 20th March 1871, our opinion as early as practicable in regard to the transfer of either only a portion of our Zemindary, as proposed by Mr. Thornhill, or to the transfer of the entire Zemindary, as proposed by Government, to the Chingleput District.

2. We have not as yet been clearly informed of what Mr. Thornhill's proposals are, but we learn that it was suggested to transfer a considerable portion of the taluq of Cachinadu of our Zemindary to Satyavedu Division of Chingleput District, some villages to Trivellore Taluq, and others to Solurpett Division in Nellore District, and to do away with the division of Maderpak, and amalgamate the same with the Satyavedu Division, thereby to effect a saving to Government.

3. In like manner the Collectors of North Arcot and Chingleput having, on a former occasion, made proposals for the transfer of our entire Zemindary to Madras District, we represented that such a measure would tend to cause trouble to us, and the Government thereupon approved of our representations, and directed in their Order, No. 2,010, of the 7th November 1863, that our Zemindary should continue as usual in the North Arcot District alone.

4. From the time our Zemindary came under the Government management in the year 1792 until now, i.e., since 80 years, it having been in the North Arcot District alone, we and our ryots felt it a great ease, and the exercise of the authority of Government and its safety are not in any way affected. This being the case, the trouble and annoyance to which we, as well as our ryots, will be exposed by the transfer to the Chingleput District, of either only a portion as at present proposed by Mr. Thornhill or the whole of our Zemindary as suggested by Government, are beyond all expression. We have in person clearly represented to you the same when you came to Kalastri on the 30th September 1870. We have also before this addressed petitions to Board and to Government, setting forth only the objections against the proposals of Mr. Thornhill. In proof of this we herein enclose a spare copy of the petition which we addressed to Government on 21st January 1870 for your perusal.

5. We have now obliged to resolve again to lay before the Government for their consideration, through your channel, certain inconveniences which we have experienced, resulting from the proposed transfer of a portion or the whole as suggested by Mr. Thornhill or Government of our Zemindary from North Arcot to Chingleput.

6. The office of the European officer exercising Revenue and Magisterial jurisdiction over this Zemindary, though at present stationed at Raneepet, 3 miles distant from the railway station, still we learn that it is to be removed to Arconum which is far nearer to it. The distance from the villages lying in the extremity of Kuchivedu and Kalastri of our Zemindary to any place on the line of railway from the railway station at Trivellore to that at Tripatti is not more than 20 or 24

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miles, and the railway 3rd-class passengers' fare we have to pay in going to Arconum either from Tripatti or Trivellore is not more than the small amount of 10 Annas, which can be easily paid.

7. If, as proposed by Government, Satyavedu should be fixed upon hereafter as the head-quarters of a European officer, it will be 50 miles from the town of Kalastri and 70 or 80 miles from the northern villages of Kalastri Talook, lying on the frontier of the Zemindary of Venkatagherri in Nellore. We will then have to travel a foot to Satyavedu by long journeys through the most frightful paths leading through thick jungly and mountainous tracts which have not been provided with proper roads, exposing ourselves to the injuries from the wild beasts and thieves. If we were to go to Satyavedu by rail, we have got to walk over a distance of 20 or 25 miles from our homes before we get into the train, and then we have to alight at Puthur or Trivellore. Thence again to walk over a distance of 25 or 30 miles, and then reach our destination. Besides, during the rainy weather, the rivers and pools that we have to cross in our way, while walking over the aforesaid distances, not having been bridged, it will be hardly possible for us to cross them, and therefore a delay of some days will occur. We have to undergo twice the amount of difficulty in resorting to a station which is further off than the head-quarter Office, stationed at Arconum, which is the centre of the railway, by paying a larger amount of railway fare.

8. Although only a few villages in Kuchivedu Talook are near to Satyavedu, still most of the other villages of the talook are too far from it, and have not the benefit of the railway.

9. The parties and witnesses in cases triable by the Session Court will have instead of easily going to the Sessions Court at Chittoor, which is 60 miles off Kalastri and 70 or 80 miles from the frontier villages, to proceed to the Session Court at Chingleput, a distance of 100 or 120 miles, through certain towns with much difficulty.

10. The Civil Court and the Offices of the Collector and Superintendent of Police in North Arcot District being all stationed at Chittoor, it is very easy to file Revenue and Civil, Original and Appeal suits; to send for records in evidence at their pleasure from one office to another, only at a cost of 4 Annas, for the service of processes; and to obtain justice.

11. But in Chingleput District the Collector's Office is stationed at Sydapet, the Police Superintendent's Office at Saint Thomas' Mount, and the Civil Court at Chingleput. So the parties aggrieved by the decisions of one Court not having time to go to other tribunals, suffer much trouble and annoyance. If, at the request of the parties, records are to be sent for in evidence from the Civil Court to the Collector's Office, and *vice versa*, the Record-keepers charge 20 or 24 Rs. a time for the same.

12. Almost all the accounts and correspondence and other records connected with this Zemindary since 1792 are in the Collector's Office and Civil Court at Chittoor, as also the records of other Zemindaries of this kind. If this Zemindary should now be transferred to the Chingleput District, it would be impossible to search for and forward all the old records thither, and the Record-keeper at Chittoor charges 40 Rs. a time to send the records of this Zillah to be produced as evidence in cases in Chingleput. Besides the Courts will not entertain applications to send for records from distances unless they are presented a month prior.

13. We have undergone expenses as set forth above in sending for records from Sydapet and from your Office, as evidence in Original Suit No. 11 of 1869 on the file of the Civil Court of Chingleput, and our poor ryots not being in like manner able to procure the material papers in support of their cases by undergoing such expenses, will have to lose their cases before the tribunals of Chingleput.

14. It is prayed that the Government, who seek to save a very small amount by amalgamating Maderpak with Satyavedu, will fully and favourably consider the very many troubles and inconveniences which we and our ryots will for ever be put to by such a transfer.

15. We therefore beg to submit that the transfer of either only a portion as proposed by Mr. Thornhill, or of the entire Zemindary as suggested by Government, being, under the circumstances, set forth above—one by which we and our ryots will be put to considerable loss and inconvenience—we are quite averse to such a measure, and we request that you will forward a translation

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of this our khat to Government, with your recommendation to allow the continuance of our Zemindary in the district of North Arcot alone, as it has been from time immemorial.

(Signed) RAJA THAMARA KUMARA VENKATAPPA NAIDOO, BAHADUR VARU.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, 20th March 1871, No. 490.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1871, No. 1,084.

Miscellaneous.

In view of the numerous objections so strongly urged by the Zemindar of Kalastri against any transfer to Chingleput of the two talooks of his estate which are now, and have been for seventy years, attached to North Arcot, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that matters shall remain as they are, at all events for the present.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1084

Read Pro. Bd. Res. No. 2032

8/15th Aug/71

In view of the numerous objections so strongly urged by the Zamindar of Kalasbi against any transfer to Chingleput of the two taluqs of his Estate which are now, & have been for ~~seventy~~ seventy years attached to North Arcot, the Govt. is pleased to direct that matters shall remain as they are, at all events for the present.

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