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Read the following papers :—

No. 46. From SYED FUZLOOLAH KHADREE, Superintendent of the Tombs of the Mysore Family in Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 29th June 1870.

On the 11th September 1869 I addressed a petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council on the subject of the tombs of the Mysore family in Vellore and the endowments connected with the charges for the performance of ceremonies and the preservation of the structures connected therewith. After the lapse of nine months, that is, about the 14th of the present month, I was verbally informed by the Tahsildar of Vellore that Government had ordered the Sub-Collector to make all the repairs required to the structures in question and that a piece of land had been assigned, from the annual proceeds of which, estimated at Rupees 200, the future repairs are to be made hereafter and a guardian on a salary of Rupees 7 or 8 employed.

2. I would humbly and deferentially beg to state, as the Superintendent of the tombs, that if common bricklayer maistries are employed, to be paid for on contingent bill, the work will not be done with any degree of efficiency and durability; may I, therefore, humbly venture to take the liberty of suggesting that the work be given to the Government local Engineers, by whom it will be turned more satisfactorily ?

3. May I also venture to point out that I have been given to understand that it is intended to make only partial repairs to the buildings ? This, I submit, is not the intention of Government. It is, I believe, intended by His Excellency the Governor, who visited the tombs last year, to have the whole put into a thorough state of repair. The entrance gate requires to be set up entirely anew, the tank requires extensive repairs, and an upper roomed building for the convenience of respectable visitors will have to be thoroughly re-built.

4. With regard to the guardian of the tombs, I beg to state that I visit the tombs every day, and it appears, therefore, in my humble opinion, unnecessary to burden the income of the tombs with this charge. The land assigned for the future repairs is estimated to yield 200 Rupees annually, and if 84 or 96 Rupees be expended out of this very little will be left to meet the cost of the annual repairs.

5. No orders appear to have been passed respecting the restoration of the cash allowance of Rupees 100 which had been paid for half a century.

Referred, as regards the necessity of the appointment of a guardian to the tombs (paragraph 4), to the Acting Sub-Collector at Vellore for report.

OOTACAMUND, *18th July* 1870. (Signed) R. S. ELLIS, *Chief Secretary.*

No. 47. From the Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, in charge of the Stipend Pay Office at Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Vellore, 21st July 1870, No. 55.

With reference to your endorsement dated 18th instant on petition No. 223 from Syed Fuzloolah Khadree, Superintendent of the tombs of the Mysore family

in Vellore, I have the honour to inform you that I think it desirable that a resident guardian or gate-keeper should be appointed to have charge of the tombs, whose duty it would be to see that the place of sepulture is kept in due order and the tombs preserved from injury, and that the petitioner, as Superintendent, should only have the management of all religious ceremonies connected with the tombs. The petitioner is occasionally absent from Vellore, and the present state of the buildings connected with the tombs shows that they have not been properly looked after.

No. 48. From SYED FUZLOOLAH KHADREE, Superintendent of the Tombs of the Mysore Family at Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 24th July 1871.

I had some time ago presented a petition to Government, and again a reminder to you in the month of July in 1870 or thereabouts, praying that Government will be graciously pleased to grant an allowance for the maintenance of the tombs of Bukshee Begum, mother of the late Tippoo Sultan, at Vellore, the present income derived from the proceeds of the lands assigned for that purpose being quite inadequate to keep the tombs neat and in good order and to meet the necessary expenses of the servants' wages and lights, &c.

2. Under the orders of Government recently passed as to the assignment of lands, instead of cash to the religious endowments in several districts, all lands have been placed in charge of their respective managers; but nothing has as yet been done to the tombs alluded to above. I most humbly solicit as it [illegible] will be mercifully pleased to bring the matter to the favorable consideration of Government and obtain my object.

No. 49. From SYED FUZLOOLAH KHADREE, Superintendent of the Tombs of the Mysore Family at Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 10th May 1872.

On the 11th September 1869 I addressed a petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council on the subject of the tombs of the Mysore family at Vellore and the endowments connected with the charges for the performance of ceremonies and the preservation of the sepulchres and structures connected therewith.

2. After the lapse of nine months, that is, about the 14th June 1870, I was verbally informed by the Tahsildar of Vellore that Government had ordered the Sub-Collector to make all the repairs required to the structures in question and that a piece of land had been assigned, from the annual proceeds of which, estimated at Rupees 200, the future repairs are to be made hereafter and a guardian on a salary of Rupees 7 or 8 employed.

3. According to my wish the Tahsildar forwarded to the Government the number of that land which was selected by myself, and this belongs to Arguirmundy; but up to the present moment I did not receive the puttah of the land in question. Therefore I humbly beg that the Government will order for the puttah of the land in question.

4. With regard to the guardian of the tombs, I beg to state that, in my humble opinion, it is judicious to appoint a man on a lesser salary of Rupees 3 or 3½ than Rupees 7 or 8, for the land assigned for the future repairs is estimated to yield Rupees 200 annually, and if Rupees 84 or 96 be expended out of this very little will be left to meet the cost of annual repairs. If your Honour concur with my humble opinion and issue an order in accordance with it I will myself appoint a man on that salary.

5. All the lands assigned for the mosques and temples by the Government are done so at an increased rate of ten per cent., this being the duty for the Monegars for collecting the revenue. I humbly beg your Honour that the same orders will be issued with regard to the land in question, if not Rupees 20 will be deducted from the annual income.

No. 50. To THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St George.

The humble petition of SYED FUZLOOLAH KHADREE, Superintendent of the Tombs of the Mysore Family in Vellore.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,

That the petitioner addressed your Honour on the 10th instant in reference to the tombs of the Mysore family at Vellore, and that he had forwarded a petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council in September 1869 in connexion with the ceremonial performances and preservation of the structures in question.

2. That, after the lapse of nine months, that is, about the 14th June, he was verbally informed by the Tahsildar of Vellore that the Government had ordered the Sub-Collector to make all the repairs required to the structures in question, and that a piece of land had been assigned from the annual proceeds of which, estimated at Rupees 200, the future repairs are to be made hereafter and a guardian on a salary of Rupees 7 or 8 employed.

3. That at petitioner's request the Tahsildar of Vellore Taluq received and forwarded to Government the number of the land selected by the petitioner, which belongs to Arguirmundy; but no reply is received, and the puttah is not granted yet, therefore he humbly begs that your Honour will be pleased to issue the puttah of the lands in question.

4. That, in regard to the nomination of a guardian for 7 or 8 Rupees, is too expensive; 3 or 3½ Rupees a month will amply suffice, for if Rupees 84 or Rupees 96 be expended out of Rupees 200 very little will be left to meet the cost of annual repairs and ceremonies, and the petitioner will undertake to provide a competent person for that duty should your Honour be pleased to sanction it.

5. That all the lands assigned for the mosques and temples by the Government are done so at an increased rate of ten per cent., this being the duty for the Monegars for collecting the revenue. I humbly beg your Honour that the same orders will be issued with regard to the land in question, if not Rupees 20 will be deducted from the annual income.

6. That your petitioner takes the liberty to submit this memorial to your Honour through the Sub-Collector at Vellore, with a hope that his request for the

grant of the puttah putting him in possession of the aforesaid lands will be complied with, for which act of benevolence petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

VELLORE, *27th May* 1872. (Signed) صدقة نعل الله تاورے

Forwarded as requested by the petitioner, the Keeper of the tombs of the Mysore family.

VELLORE, *29th May* 1872. (Signed) JOHN KELSALL,
In charge, Stipend Pay Office

No. 51. From the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palmanair, 3rd August 1872, No. 33.

In paragraph 2 of the Order of Government dated 25th July 1870, No. 22[illegible] it is stated that the question regarding a fresh grant of land, with a view to a rental of about 500 Rupees being realized annually for the future maintenance and preservation of the buildings and tombs of Tippoo Sultan's family at Vellore and to defray other incidental expenses, will be separately disposed of. I have the honour to remind the Government that this question has not yet been definitively settled.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1872, No. 334.

The Governor in Council is pleased to sanction an assignment of land, to the annual value of Rupees 500, for the maintenance and preservation of the buildings and tombs of Tippoo Sultan's family at Vellore.

2. The Collector of North Arcot will take the necessary steps to acquire the land and report to Government whom he would appoint as guardian of the tombs.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to G[illegible]

To the Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Collector of North Arcot.

E.J. A. S. Rodgers.

Encl. to Govt. No. 2937 dated 31st Aug. 1872.

POLITICAL.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.,

Dated August, 26th.

Read.

G. O., 26th August 1872, No. 330.

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Sanctioning an assignment of land, to the annual value of Rupees 500, for the maintenance and preservation of the buildings and tombs at Tippoo Sultan's family at Vellore, and directing the Collector to take the necessary steps to assign the land and report whom he would appoint to superintend the tombs.