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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th March 1872.*

No. 190. Read the following Petition from S. SUNGIAH, late Village Munsif of Guntoor, to the Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, Madras, dated Guntoor, 22nd November 1871:—

I HAVE the honour to request you will have the goodness to forward the petition, which is herewith enclosed, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, London, with your kind recommendation, and the Honourable Government please to recommend to the Collector to restore my post as Vempatee Ramanah and Sankara Veerabudriah.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorial from S. SUNGIAH, late Village Munsif of Guntoor, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, London, dated 22nd November 1871.

SHEWETH,

THAT your petitioner having been charged with criminal misappropriation of a heifer and with having abetted such misappropriation was sentenced by the Joint-Magistrate of the Kistna District to two years' imprisonment.

That on appeal the Session Court of Guntoor relieved your petitioner of the connection on these charges, but considering that he had been guilty of omitting to furnish information of his brother's (1st prisoner's) misdoing, sentenced your petitioner to three months' simple imprisonment.

That on further appeal to the High Court their Lordships the Judges, on the 9th March 1869, were pleased to reverse the sentence, and unlikely to acquit your petitioner of all guilt both as respects the charges themselves as well as of his obligation, in his capacity of Village Munsif to look out for the owner and send the calf to the pound, his omission to do so not being an offence within Section 17d of the Penal Code.

That an application to the Sub-Collector be restored to his situation, that office remitted to give the order to restore him. That your petitioner thereupon petitioned the Collector, who, in proceedings of the 12th May 1869, after reciting the substance of what your petitioner has above set forth, refused to allow your petitioner to resume his duties for the following reasons:—

First, that the Tahsildar had reported that your petitioner's conduct was notoriously bad; and, secondly, that the Sub-Collector had made two statements which are deliberate falsehoods, namely, (a) that the Sub-Collector had refused to give him an endorsement declining to restore him to office; (b), that the Sub-Collector had threatened to strike him.

That your petitioner would observe that the first ground of dismissal is a complete new charge which your petitioner has never had opportunity of meeting, and having been brought forward by the Tahsildar, who is the Sub-Magistrate who conducted the preliminary proceedings against your petitioner in the criminal case, indicates the mortification he has experienced by the acquittal of your Petitioner of all guilt. Your petitioner, therefore, respectfully submits that he ought not to have been deprived of his office on this ground without having had an opportunity afforded him of proving its want of foundation. That your petitioner could get no written answer to his application from the Sub-Collector, the Joint Magistrate, whose sentence the High Court had reversed, and when he requested one was told to go away.

That your petitioner's statement that he could not obtain the Sub-Collector's order is substantially correct; but he regrets that he used such strong language in his petition to the Collector as that the Sub-Collector had threatened to strike him. For the use of such language your petitioner humbly entreats the pardon of your Honourable the Secretary of State for India, and prays that the punishment he has hitherto undergone by having been disgraced by being placed on trial on a charge of which he was not guilty, by the degradation he has suffered by simple

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imprisonment for three months, and by the loss he has sustained by the deprivation of the emoluments of his office since November last may be considered sufficient for the use of this incautious expression.

The Government, the Board of Revenue, the Collector, the Sub-Collector, the Tahsildar did not inquire properly my poor case and also my conduct. This Munsif's post since my forefathers is mine, and also large family by inquiring the great ryots and merchants. In conclusion, your petitioner prays that he may be allowed to resume his office, and that the emoluments which have accrued since the first date of his imprisonment may be paid to him.

Please to recommend to the Honourable Government. I presented a petition to Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, London, on the 6th May 1871; did not get any order till this time, and also the Honourable Lord favoured posts to the Vempatee Ramanah and Sankara Veerabudria, etc.

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1872, No. 461.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the Memorial, received with the foregoing petition, be transmitted to the Secretary of State, and

that the Memorialist be informed of its despatch.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

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Ordered that the Memorial,
received with the foregoing petition,
be transmitted to the Secretary of
State, and that the Memorialist be
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16th March 1872

To the Collector of the 19th March

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warded to the
said authority with
the recommendation
of this Government for
restoration to his
former post

Refer

Revenue 1872
Government of Madras,

DEPARTMENT

No. 532.

Petition No. 2381 of 1871

From S. Singiah village
a Nondist of

Occupation.

No. 1461 - 16 March 1872

Village.

Talook. Guntur

District. Krishna

Dated 22nd 3 November 1871

Received 28th

Enclosure 1

Abstract.

Prays that the
enclosed Memorial
addressed to the
Right Honorable the
the Secretary of State
for India may be
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