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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th April 1873.

No. 32. Read the following petition from P. STREENEVASSA PILLAY, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 10th March 1873:—

WITH reference to an endorsement of this Government, dated 10th January 1871, I humbly beg leave to forward herewith enclosing a memorial, with four enclosures, to the direction of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India in Council, East India House, London, against the said endorsement of the late Governor Lord Napier for overlooking decided order of this Government No. 475 of 1838, which I beg you will be graciously pleased to lay the said memorial before the Governor in Council for submitting to said authority, and pray that you will be pleased to recommending of resuming three villages in question for the advantage of Government, also requests to derive usual compensation as well as employment.

For which act of kindness shall ever pray for your long life, health, and prosperity.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Petition from P. STREENEVASSA PILLAY, Curnum Mirassidar of the village of Keelakatoo, Sydapet Taluq, Zillah of Chingleput, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India in Council, East India House, London, dated 10th March 1873.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

WITH reference to an endorsement of the Madras Government, dated 10th January 1871, No. 2,628 of 1871, your memorialist beg most respectfully to bring the following circumstances to your Excellency's notice. That the following three villages, viz., Keelakatoo, Clattoor, and Porundawakum in the Sydapet Taluq, Chingleput District, should be escheated to Government on the following grounds:—It is not known when and by whom it was originally bestowed. There is no document to show on whom it was granted, for what purpose, and for how many lives. At present the heirs of Annajee Row and Shashagery Row are in the improper enjoyment of them as Shrotriem, whereas they were included among Government during the Mahomedan rule, and were registered as such on the assumption of the same by the British Government.

In consequence of which my late uncle, one Alapaukum Appa Pillay, in the year 1838, in presenting petitions to the then Collector, Revenue Board, and Government, when inquiry was made, then the Right Honourable the Governor in Council passed an order directing the Board of Revenue to submit report on the deaths of then holders of the said three villages in view to resuming them. This will be seen from the enclosed original order of Government, signed by then Chief Secretary, Chamier, Esq., dated Fort St. George, No. 475 of 1838, 17th September 1838, marked B.

In the year 1838, there were two holders of the said villages, viz., Annajee Row and Shashagery Row; the former of whom died in the year 1840, and the latter in the year 1861.

The deaths were kept secret, and were not reported from Collector as required to the Board of Revenue, in consequence of the relatives of the deceased who being in the Collector's Cutcherry managed to keep the truth concealed from the notice of the Collector.

Your memorialist, therefore, presented several petitions, from the year 1869, to Lord Napier, the late Governor of Madras, stating the deceits of the subordinates of the Collector's Cutcherry of the Chingleput District for neglecting to bring the said matters to the notice, and for not resuming the said three villages for the advantage of Government, also desired and claimed as to grant him the indulgence of due compensation as your memorialist exhibited profits towards the Government. He is, as he understands, entitled to some compensation, as he is person who disclosed the fact.

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That His Excellency the late Governor Lord Napier was not at all made acquainted with the former order of Government No. 475, in consequence of which His Excellency did not take into consideration the merits of the case, nor called for an explanation from the Collector regarding it. Why and how happened that no report was made to Government on the death of the late proprietors as required by Government, or by whom it was cancelled or set aside. It was only desired that present Collector should, in ordinary manner, report the accuracy of your memorialist's statement, which will be seen from the enclosed endorsement No. 1,088 of 1869, Fort St. George, 27th May 1869, marked C.

That at the same time the present Collector of Chingleput District merely reported to Government declaring that the villages in question were noticed at the settlement of the Inam Commissioner, and blaming your memorialist for not having brought it to the earlier notice of the Inam Commissioner regarding these villages in question, and also remarked that your memorialist was not entitled to a reward, as he is a hereditary village-office as Curnum. Accordingly the above endorsement marked A was granted to your memorialist.

That your memorialist begs to submit the following particulars for the just consideration of your Excellency. The Collector had no right to include these three villages with other Shrotriem villages of the Chingleput District. He overlooked the previous order of the Government regarding the subject, and though the matter was cancelled by his subordinates, yet the Collector himself being held responsible person, as per instruction received by Government.

Your memorialist was not at all bound to report the matters to him in time, he not having been ordered to do so a special Takeed by the Collector, and therefore he is not to be blamed for not doing so.

Your memorialist further begs leave to inform your Excellency that he has disclosed the truth for the advantage of Government in hope of deriving some compensation which indulgence is granted by the Regulation and Circular Order of the Board of Revenue, he, as soon as he obtained, became acquainted with the facts by tracing the said original order of Government, he was enabled to produce the necessary evidence which he would have done on his returning from up-countries having been on service in the Commissariat Department, accompany- ing troops which will be testified by the enclosed endorsement No. 1,554 of 1869, dated 30th June 1869, marked D.

And, moreover, your memorialist begs leave to inform your Excellency that it is generally known to every body that a number of Government servants obtained rewards in several instances in case of benefiting the Government in this Presidency. While it is so, how is it possible for Government to state in their endorsements that your memorialist not entitled to a reward from his being a hereditary of the village Curnum.

And he further begs leave to bring to your Excellency's notice that the Collector still continues to withhold the document in question, and did not trace it out in his office records, and the nature of which would never have been known unless your memorialist had brought forward it to the notice of Government.

The Collector naturally guided by the misinterpretation of his subordinates, and makes reports in every respects accordingly, who always behave and act in a deceitful manner.

In consequence of which your Excellency will be graciously pleased to make a satisfactory inquiries in reference to the order of Government No. 475 of 1838, and pass an order directing the resumption of the three villages to be made, also grant him the favour to derive the usual compensation including for the amount of the income of those villages in dispute from the time of the death of the late proprietors and to recovering it from their heirs, which may be done by the sequestration of their landed properties in the Zillah of Chingleput, Madura, and Tinnevely. requests, your memorialist beseech your Excellency to grant him a recommendation to Government to favour him with a suitable employment in the Collector's Department till the time he is liable to serve, till his life for his having produced the said original order in question, in preservation, which was still concealed amongst the records of the Collector's Cutcherry. Also that a

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letter should be addressed to the Madras Government to settle the matter accordingly cancelling the settlement of the Inam Commissioner from their register books.

For doing the act of kindness shall ever pray for your Excellency's long life, health, and prosperity.

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1873, No. 393.

Miscellaneous.

PETITIONER is informed that his memorial has been transmitted as requested.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Petition Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1870.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH JULY 1870, No. 4,966.

Received

Encl.

JULY.

No. 4,966.

Record—for giving information regarding condemnation of death of holders of certain Shrotriams in Madras District, by relatives of deceased parties,—Collector's report on Government Petitions, Nos 1,088 and 1,532 of 1869 and 346 of 1870, claiming, submitted to Government; and that officer requested to report who is responsible for omission of two of these Petitions from his Office Register.

With order 9/7/1870

Order then 17th October 1870.

Pass 4 of the Board's Proceedings is approved and the Govt request that the ballot report when received may be submitted to them.

2. As the Stations have been enfranchised the holders cannot now be disturbed in their possession.

3. The pete has brought to light an important error but as his information came to late to be of use and as he appears to be a hereditary village officer he is not in a position to expect reward. The collector will however intimate to him the satisfaction of Govt at the decided error adopted by him.

Signed A. W.

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W. Hudson Esq
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

The humble Petition of Ptheenewapa Pellaymow
residing in the House Door No 37 Poyana and Mody Street
Poddorhanki Pettah Black Town enclaves

Most Honoured Sir

With reference to an Endorsement of the Government
dated 10 January 1871. I humbly beg leave to forward here with
enclosing a Memorial with 2 Enclosures to the Selection
of His Excellency The Right Honourable the Secretary of States,
for India in Council, East India House, London against the said
Endorsement of the late Governor Lord Napier Esq for overlooking
decided order of this Government, of 15th of 1838 -

Which I beg you will be graciously pleased to lay
the said Memorial before the Governor in Council for his settling
to said authority, and pray that you will be pleased to recommend
of recommending 3 allages in question for the advantage of four also
requests to derive usual Compensation as well as Employment

For which act of kindness shall be ever ready for
your long life Health and Prosperity
I remain

Most Honoured Sir
Your most Obedient & Humble Servant
Ptheenewapa Pellaymow residing in the
House Door No 37 Poyana and Mody
Poddorhanki Pettah Black Town
M. M.

Adm
10 M.

Memorial has been
sent to George
April 1833

Wm. H. H. H.
Oct 1833.

1. The Union Dispatches 1833, 1834, 1835

Rev. 1873: Sept
No. 849.

From

P. Sreenivasa Pillay
residing at door No. 37
Perryana Woodilly Street
Black Town - Madras

Dated 10th } March 1873.
Recd. 22nd }
C-4.

Forwarding a memorial
with 4 enclosures for trans-
mission to the Secy of State.

No. 32-33

With an Order.
No. 393-5 April/73

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