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30th January 1874.*

No. 281. Read the following petition from A. DORASAWMY IYER, late Curnum of Kothavasal, in the Perumbaloor Taluq, Trichinopoly District, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras, dated Arcalore, 31st October 1873 :—

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the humble representator was unfortunately dismissed from Curnum office, and that it is his misfortune that he has lost his legality both in his petitions to the Honourable Board and Government, but, as he believes in good faith that he has good grounds, and has reasons to be relieved out of the charges and restored to his office, he begs to be allowed to ask for justice even the greater authority, and that has prepared the accompanying memorial (three copies) to be submitted to His Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.T., Secretary of State for India, with the hopes of being rendered justice to him.

2. The humble representator, therefore, with the greatest respect, prays that your Excellency will be pleased to have his memorial forwarded to His Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.T., Secretary of State for India, and to favour him with the order that will be passed on his memorial.

3. May it please your Excellency for which act of benevolence and charity the representator shall ever pray to the Almighty.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T.,
Secretary of State for India, London,
&c., &c., &c.

THE humble, etc., Memorial of A. DORASAWMY
IYER, late Curnum of Kothavasal, in the
Perumbaloor Taluq, Trichinopoly District, in the
Presidency of Madras.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

First.—The humble memorialist was dismissed from his Curnum office by the Deputy-Collector in contradiction to the report of the Tahsildar, who, on due inquiry, had found the memorialist innocent of the charges laid against him. The decision of the Deputy-Collector (translated) and that of the Collector (translated), to whom your memorialist appealed, and the copies of Board's and Government's endorsement are appended to this memorial. The charges in these decisions against him are three, and are as follow :—

Second.—The first charge is that the memorialist received as bribe the sum of 5 Rs. from one Coolandavaloo Oodean for showing the limits of a piece of land of 34 square feet, paying a tax of 9 Annas belonging to him, and that the memorialist, receiving the said sum from him, failed to point out the limits of the land.

(a.)—The Tahsildar found that the land in question is always in the uninterrupted possession of the complainant, and the witnesses he brought forward were two individuals who owed the memorialist a grudge for having increased the rate of assessment on their lands, but the Deputy-Collector rejected these proofs, and has found the memorialist guilty, which is very unjust.

Third.—The second charge is that your Lordship's memorialist had wrongfully obtained a Rajenamah for the lands belonging to one Veerappa Oodean, and defrauded him of his lands.

(a.)—The memorialist begs to state that the lands relinquished by Veerappa Oodean is still in the possession of another individual as reported by the officer who inspected the spot, but not in the enjoyment of Veerappa Oodean, as observed by the Deputy-Collector and Tahsildar; from which

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fact it clearly appears that the Rajenamah was tendered by Veerappa Oodean voluntarily of his own accord, and, moreover, no Veerappa Oodean complained in this case, as stated in the decision.

Fourth—The third charge is that one Soobooroya Oodean complained stating that the memorialist had taken certain lands from the villagers and appropriated them for his own use, and that he had employed threats to compel those villagers to do work for himself, and that he had exacted excess assessment from others to make up the deficiency of assessment due on his own lands.

(a.)—The Deputy-Collector observes that, although the other charges were not proved against the memorialist, the fact of there being a putta in his name is alone sufficient to prove his guilt; but the memorialist, on the other hand, begs to state that he possesses neither land nor a putta in his name.

Fifth.—The memorialist's uncle held this post for about sixty years under Regulation XXIX. of 1802 of Madras Code, who, on retiring from his service, was succeeded by his brother who, in his turn, was succeeded by the memorialist; thus his family has discharged the duties of this office for the last seventy years with the greatest diligence and utmost fidelity, but unfortunately at present is dismissed, and left destitute of the slightest means of procuring even the most ordinary aliments of life. Your memorialist begs to state that he would have taken an earlier opportunity of fighting for justice, but he was prevented from doing so because he was suffering for a long time from fever, and was in the village of Arealoor, and not till lately was he enabled to look after any of his affairs.

Sixth.—The memorialist begs to state that the Madras Board of Revenue and the Government have merely overlooked his petitions, and have given him the empty endorsements that they declined to interfere.

Therefore, the memorialist, with the greatest respect and most humble submission, begs your Lordship will be pleased to take all these things seriously into kind consideration, and render justice to one destitute of every earthly assistance and comforts. Your Lordship's keen sense of justice and vast amount of generosity and grace of well-known and wide spread fame encourages your Lordship's memorialist with the hopes of justice being rendered to him, and feeds him with the ardent expectation of being pronounced innocent and restitution to his Curnum office.

May it please your Lordship for which act of charity and kindness the memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray to the Almighty.

No. 282.

ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1874, No. 145.

Miscellaneous.

PETITIONER is informed that his memorial has been received, and will be forwarded to the Secretary of State as requested.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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and it is usual for them to pay the revenue without knowing the place; while such is the case, why could not the petitioner have tried to know the place which is not under his cultivation. Therefore your writing me on the subject is thus very unsatisfactory and at the enquiry too the witnesses do not so much differ as you said and the conduct, of the Curavum when taken into notice, leads me to an amount of truth.

2nd In the petition No 207, One Verappa Odian when asked the Curavum to write out Rajee-nama for No 46 of his patta land containing 6 acres 63 cents that it may be admitted in the following Fusli on account of Daul excess revenue of the 78th Fusli; the Curavum setting that No. aside, entered into the Rajee-nama two others No 46 and 49 dry land which also go by the same name and are numbers of his Amasha patta and thus deceived him. Although the said lands are the Amasha of the petitioner, the Curavum says that they are not under his cultivation and therefore asked the Curavum to prepare Rajee-nama for the same; but by a deep look-out of the examiner, it is known that they are under his Amasha cultivation by his report. It is said in the No 2633 of 70. In No 2968 Petition.

petition that the Curvanum, to bring these lands into the pattah of one whom he likes, brought the two letters into the tillage accounts without marking the name of the person leaving space for the same; if the letters be examined instantly, the truth would be known. You wrote to me that the name was marked in the said account without giving a detail account of the person whose name goes in the pattah at the Frushi.

Considering these things, I understand that you did not examine deeply and merely wrote to me that the lands might be brought into the petitioner's pattah. Thinking over these states of things, I cannot help arriving at a conclusion that these deceipts were practised solely by the Curvanum and therefore want to know instantly whose name is marked in the tillage accounts and whose name in the pattah goes.

3rd In the petition No 208, it is said that the lands of the family of the petitioner Subbraya Odian were taken away by the Curvanum and were brought into his own pattah, and the subjects were used by the Curvanum to cultivate his ground for nothing and an higher revenue was demanded from them to substitute the excess for his own.
No 2633 of 170th Div 1908th Pattah

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pattah. Leaving the said charges not evident, it is quite sufficient to judge since the Curanum did not pay even a pie for an amount of Rs 40-12-6 of his pattah that he actually collects an excess revenue from some and a less collection from some others and you have very often ordered him to do according to the accounts but he did not obey your orders.

Finally as his character is bad, he is dismissed from his service and another fit for duty ought to be recommended.

The No 207 Rajzenama was returned.

26 June 1871.

(Signed) Mohamed Esuf
Deputy-Collector.
Gyppur

Recd 2633 of 70.

Gyppur
Recd 2968 of 73

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Extract from the decision of the Collector
of Trichinopoly for the Appeal petition pre-
sented by Doorasawmy Iyer a late-
Curami of Kothaval village in the
Perambalore Taluque Trichinopoly
District

Appeal No 35 of 1871.

To the petitioner.

Your appeal petition was observed
and its reference was, when taken into consideration.
I come to a very clear conclusion that you
received Rs 5 from Colundavaloo Odyan for show-
ing a number of "pattah" lands, that when "Pera-
ppa Odian" asked to prepare a Rajinama for Daul
excess revenue of his pattah, you with a motive of
deceits, included in it a Rajinama for two other
numbers of his named pattah; and you being the
owner for the pattah of your brother's Vagirahs de-
tained the whole amount of revenue of the said land
till this enquiry was made.

Therefore the decision of the Deputy Collector
is quite just with regard to you and I could not
interfere with and change the decision.

13th September 1871.

(Signed) W. J. Whiteside
As Collector.

By V. 2633 871
In R. 2633 871 J. J. J. J. J.

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Board of Revenue ^{8/145}
Madras.

Petition Department.

Petition No 653 of 1872.

The Board approve the
petitioner's dismissal and
reject this Appeal.

By Order
(Signed) H. E. Stokes.

Ap. Sub-secretary.

Revenue
Board Office

Madras.

22nd May 1872

Invited for perusal 2633 of 1872
J. J. J. J. J.

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Board of Revenue.
Madras.

Petition Department.
No 955 of 1873

Petitioner is referred to the
Board's Endorsement on
his petition No 653 of 1872.

By Order
(Signed) H. Goodrich
Acting Sub-secretary.

Revenue Board Office
Madras.

In No 725 of 1873.
Signed & sealed 2633 of 23.

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Government of Madras. 10
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Docket }
Endorsement } On No. 1491 of 1872.

The Government
decline to interfere

By order
(Signed) J. C. Munro

Under Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

16th November 1872.

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His Excellency the Right
Honorable Lord Hobart the
Governor of Madras

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My Lord

The humble representation
of Dassanayya Iyer later
Kurnam of Pottavol in
the Ponnaihaloor Taluk
Tanjavoor District

Most respectfully sheweth

That the humble
Representator was unfortunately dis-
- missed from Kurnam office and that
it is his misfortune that he has lost
his legal battle in his petitions to
the Honorable Board and Government.
but as he believes in good faith that
he has good grounds and has reasons
to be relieved out of the charges and res-
- tored to his office, he begs to be allowed
to ask for justice even the speaker

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Authority and that has prepared the
accompanying memorial (3 copies)
to be submitted to His Grace the Duke
of Argyll & Secretary of State for India
with the hopes of being rendered justice
to him.

The humble representation
therefore ^{with} the greatest respect that your
Excellency ^{will} be pleased to have
his memorial forwarded to His
Grace the Duke of Argyll &
Secretary of State for India and to favor
him with the order that will be
passed on his memorial.

May it please your Excellency
for which act of benevolence and
kindness the representative shall
ever pray to the Almighty.

31st October 1873 } J. Gordon Murray
A. Macdonald.

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His Grace the Duke of Argyll
H. F. Secretary of State for India
London

My Lord Duke

The humble, &c. Memorial
of A. Dorabaiy Lya, late
Kurnam of Jethowal,
in the Peshawar District,
in the Presidency of Madras

Most humbly sheweth

1st The humble
Memorialist was dismissed from his
Kurnam office by the Dy Collector in
contradiction to the report of the
Tahildar who on due enquiry had
found the Memorialist innocent of
the charges laid against him. The
decision of the Dy Collector (translated)
and that of the Collector (translated) to
whom your Memorialist appealed
and the copies of Resolutions and Government
dtd 2633 of 77. *[Signature]*

Memorandum
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Memorandum is forwarded that the
Memorial has been received
and is forwarded to the
Secretary of State as requested.

30 January 1874

[Signature]

Indorsements are appended to this
memorial. The charges in these doc-
uments against him are three and are
as follows.

1st — The first charge is that
the Memorialist received as ~~for the sum~~
of 5 rupees from one Coolundavalas
= Oodan for showing the limits of a
piece of land of 3 1/2 square feet paying
a tax of 9 annas belonging to him &
that the Memorialist receiving the sum
from him failed to point
out the limits of the land.

2^d — The 2^d charge is that
that the land in question is always in
the uninterrupted possession of the
Campalamin and the witnesses he
brought forward were two individuals
who owed the Memorialist a grudge
for having increased the rate of
assessment on their lands but
by Collector rejected their proofs
has found the Memorialist guilty
which is very unjust.

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 The 2nd charge
 is that your Lord ship's Immortalist
 successfully obtained a Rajinam for
 the lands belonging to one Verappa oddean
 and defrauded him of his lands.

The Immortalist
 says to state that the lands relinquished by
 Verappa oddean is still in the possession
 of another individual as reported by the
 Officers who inspected the right hand
 in the enjoyment of Verappa oddean
 as claimed by the Dy. Collector and District
 appears that the original
 tendered by Verappa oddean voluntarily
 of his own accord and moreover
 no Verappa oddean complaint
 is in this case as stated in the
 decision.

The 3rd charge
 is that one Subbaraya appears
 complaining stating that the Immortalist
 seized and taken certain lands
 from the Village and appropriated
 them for his own use and that

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no. a Patent in his name.

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The Memorial
= list's uncle held this post for
about 60 years under regulation
29 of 1802 of Madras Code who on
retiring from his service was
succeeded by his son-in-law in his
then was succeeded by the same
= list thus his family has discharged
the duties of this office for the last
70 years with the greatest diligence
and utmost fidelity but unfortunately
on 29th of July 1873 he died at 2633 A.D. J. G. S. S. S.

duly signed.

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Government of Madras,
Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. *2968* of 1873.

From *Dorasingh Iyer*

Occupation. *late curmm*
of

Village. *Kothavasal*

Talook. *Perambaloor*

District. *Trichinopoly*

Dated *11th* } *December 1873*

Received *13th* }
19th Jan'y 74.

Enclosures. *20*

Abstract.

G.O. N^o 145-30 Jan'y 74.

Submits for

transmission the
accompanying remissal
to the Secretary of State
with orders

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