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No. 75. From RAJAH VASSEREDDI VENCATA LUTCHMI AMMAH GAURU, mother and guardian of RAJAH VASSEREDDI VENCATA LUTCHMI NARASIMHA NAIDOO, Bahadoor, Munna Sultan of Kistna District, to His Excellency the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, dated Madras, 8th May 1875.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

THE petitioner prays your Excellency to forward the enclosed petition and its enclosures to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

For which act of kindness your petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

THE humble Petition of RAJAH VASSEREDDI VENCATA LUTCHMI GAURU, mother and guardian of RAJAH VASSEREDDI VENCATA LUTCHMI NARASIMHA NAIDOO, Bahadoor, Munna Sultan of Kistna District, to His Excellency the Right Honorable THOMAS GEORGE BARING, BARON NORTHBROOK OF STRATTON, Viceroy and Governor-General in Council of Fort William, Calcutta, dated Madras, 8th May 1875.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

THAT when the petitioner's family estate, styled "The Vassereddi Estate," in the Kistna District was resumed by Government, certain amount of allowances was granted on behalf of Government in lieu of the same to be distributed among the members of the family.

That there were both male and female members of the family at the time who enjoyed the grant; that, on account of the demise of the male members, their personal representatives enjoyed the respective allowances without any stoppage or deduction, and that of the original recipients, two widowed ladies, Rungammah Gauru and Parwathammah Gauru, the mother and paternal grandmother, respectively, of the petitioner's husband, died in 1873 and 1874, and that the petitioner applied for the continuation of both the allowances

That it appears that the Board of Revenue, on the recommendation of the Collector of the district, has reported to the Madras Government for the continuation of one of the same to your petitioner's minor son, and the other to a third party; but the said Government only recommended the claim of the other party for Rs 150, but nothing to your petitioner and her son.

That your Excellency's petitioner begs to bring the following, among other circumstances, to your Lordship's merciful consideration in disposing of this matter:—

(1) It is admitted by the authorities that the sons of Ramanatha Baboo have no right to inherit any allowance on the ground that your petitioner's minor son was in receipt of a liberal allowance, namely, what was allowed to his father, the petitioner's husband, during his lifetime But the other party not being in receipt of any allowance out of what was allowed to their father, except Rs. 150, which was allowed to their mother, the Madras Government resolved to recommend Rs. 150 for the sons, which, it appears, is now pending before your Excellency in Council.

(2,) The allowance granted to Ramanatha Baboo not being in lieu of any property resumed, was, in nature, a mere compassionate allowance and not inheritable, and the Government continued a portion to the widow without conferring anything on the sons.

(3) The lapse in question being what was allowed to the immediate members of the petitioner's family, but the petitioner's family is entitled to compassionate consideration

(4.) While the petitioner's husband was alive, he, as well as his mother, was in receipt of separate allowances. Now the petitioner's son is in receipt of the allowance granted to her husband, and the petitioner is without any, the mother's being one of the lapses now under report

Ramanatha Baboo, whose sons the claimants are, was repeatedly pronounced to be the usurper, whose frauds and malpractices ruined petitioner's family and its resources, the ill savings of which his sons still are in possession for their livelihood. The petitioner begs to enclose a printed copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Board of Revenue, in which the claims of the petitioner's family are detailed, and to the extent which they suffered by the fraud of the usurper Ramanatha Baboo.

These Proceedings formed the basis of your Excellency's recommendation to the Secretary of State for India for the continuance of the allowance to the petitioner's son in 1873, which was accordingly granted

(6) The allowances in question are in nature of hereditary grants, being what made in lieu of landed property resumed by Government. It is, therefore, wrong to treat as personal, and unnecessary now to create them hereditary.

(7) These grants formed parts of the amount originally set apart in return by Government to be allowed for the members of the Vassereddi family in lieu of the resumption, and on the principle of the recent ruling on the subject they became at once hereditary This is further evidenced from the circumstance that the allowance of the male members being to this day enjoyed by their heirs are personal representatives

(8) The petitioner and her minor son is admitted by the authorities to be the chief and the sole heir or legal representative of the deceased ladies, and therefore it is undisputed that no third party can inherit anything belonging to them or their family.

(9) It is admitted by the authorities, including the Board of Revenue, that Ramanatha Baboo and his son (for one of whom one out of the two allowances in question is recommended) do not legally belong to the Vassereddi family It appears that the Board of Revenue even now consider that the adoption of Ramanatha Baboo being declared invalid by the highest judicial authorities, his sons have no legal claims to the allowance of Parwathammah Gauru.

(10) The compassionate personal grant allowed to Ramanatha Baboo by Government in 1848 after the decree of the Privy Council, which disinherited him of all his title to the Vassereddi Estate, was of a separate and independent creation, and which only lasted to the period of his life, and in half alone continued to his widow, but ignoring the title of his two sons to any portion, though they are superior legal representatives under the Hindu Law. This allowance is enjoyed by the widow in preference to the sons up to this day, now nearly seventeen years

(11) The questions for the sons of Ramanatha Baboo to inherit any portion of his allowance or those belonging to the members of the Vassereddi family was several times mooted before the authorities, but was always negatived; it is, therefore, wrong to suppose now to the contrary

(12) It is highly improbable to suppose now that any portion of the estate resumed by Government was formed of any that for which Ramanatha Baboo was entitled. In such a case, it is not likely for so many years Ramanatha Baboo and his heirs would have remained quiet without asking for any compensation, while they were otherwise pursuing their claims before the authorities for even a continuance of the compassionate allowance

(13) The truth is that the only estate which was resumed by the Government was that well-known one distinguished as the "Vassereddi Estate" in the Northern Circars, the ancestral property of the noble family of the same name There could be no self-acquisition of the Zemindar Venkatadri Naidoo, and even if such a thing existed, it being sufficiently clear that it did not survive the long and protracted litigation which ensued on his death as to be resumed by Government. The only property resumed by Government was the estate of the "Vassereddi family, of which the petitioner's husband was declared to be the sole heir by the decree of Her Majesty in Council.

(14) The petitioner encloses a copy of each of the petitions she addressed to the lower authorities in the matter, that it might meet your Excellency's kind perusal

That it is, therefore, humbly prayed that your Lordship will kindly take all the circumstances into your kind consideration, and give her justice in mercy, being a poor widow encumbered with the education and bringing up of a minor son to be received and recognised by the intelligent public as the head of her once-renowned but now fallen family

(True Copy)

(Signed) A MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government

Rrd. F R Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
8th June 1875.

No. 76.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am directed to forward the accompanying memorial presented by Venkata Lakshmi Amma, mother of Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Naidoo, the present head of the Vasireddi family.

2. This memorial has reference to the case brought to the notice of the Government of India in the letter marginally noted, and the writer's object appears to be rather to prejudice that case than to gain any substantial advantage for herself or her adopted son.

11th March 1875, No 404.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council, I am to state, considered that sufficient had been done for memorialist in the continuance to her adopted son of the full pension enjoyed by her late husband, and, therefore, made no recommendation on her or her adopted son's behalf.

Secretary of State's despatch, No. 13, dated 26th June 1873.

See G O., 11th March 1875, No. 403.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd F. R Bantleman.

Financial (1875) Department.

Government of Fort St. George.

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Forwarding a memorial from Vencata Lakshmi Amma, mother of Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Naidoo, the present head of the Vasireddi family, Kistna District, requesting the continuance of the allowance of her deceased mother-in-law to her or to her minor son; and intimating that no recommendation was made on her or her adopted son's behalf, because it was considered by this Government that sufficient had been done for the memorialist by the continuance to her adopted son of the full pension enjoyed by her late husband.

To

His Excellency the Governor
in Council of Fort Saint
George

The humble Petition of Rajah
Vasireddi Venkatadri Chanda Rammu
Sawroo, mother and guardian
of Rajah Venkata
Lakshmi Narasimha Yachendra
Bahadoor Jumma Sultan Garu
Kistna District

Most respectfully sheweth

The Petitioner prays Your
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Madras Royapettah
High Road Door
No. 54
8th May 1875

For which act of kindness
Your Petitioner as in duty
bound shall ever pray

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Rajah Vasireddi Venkatadri Chanda Rammah
Ammah

To

H. E. THE RIGHT HON'BLE THOMAS GEORGE BARING,
BARON NORTHBROOK OF STRATTON,
Viceroy and Governor General
in Council of Fort William,
CALCUTTA.

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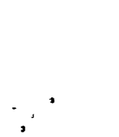
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ROYAPETTAH,
High Road, Door No. 51,
Madras

(Signed) RAJAH VASSIREDDI, VENCATA LUTCHMA UMMAH GAUROO.

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Memorial praying the continuance of the allowance of her deceased father-in-law & for her minority.

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Government of Madras.

Rev DEPARTMENT.

Petition No 1204 of 1875.

From Rajah Vaseereddi Venkata Lutchmma Ammagaru, the

Occupation mother and guardian of Rajah Vaseereddi Venkata Lutchmi Narasimha

Village. Naidoo Bahadoor

Taluk/ Maana Sultan

District. of Krishna, Ambassa.

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ABSTRACT.

Prays to forward to the Govt of India, the enclosed Memorial

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Revenue Department.

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Sec. of State Despatch
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