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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd August 1877, No. 2,429.

Read the following paper:—

No. 42. Petition from VEERASAWMY NAICKEN, late Peon, Sea Customs Office, Paumben, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated Paumben, 8th March 1877.

MOST HUMBLY SHOWETH,—That your Excellency's memorialist was employed in the Sea Customs Office in the capacity of peon at the Paumben Port on a salary of Rs. 6 per mensem, and, for the most part of long service of about forty years, is induced humbly to bring the following circumstances in connection with his unjust and summary dismissal by the Deputy Collector then in charge of that department from the service, 29th March 1874, in the ardent hope that your Excellency may thereupon be pleased to take such action as would, to some extent at least, secure for him the right and privilege of a fair inquiry into his sad and unfortunate case, whereby your Excellency's memorialist may be reinstated in his former capacity as peon, should the circumstances of his summary dismissal and arbitrary manner with which a hasty conviction was formed of his supposed guilt and the dismissal meted out to him prove to be true.

2. That owing to some ill-will between the memorialist and another in the service that a charge of extorting the sum of 6 Annas from two of the emigrants out of 700 men who landed at the port of Paumben was preferred against the memorialist, and the mere coincidence of some cash having been found in his possession was considered by the Deputy Collector in charge as proof positive of the alleged offence and was dismissed, and that without allowing him a chance of inquiry either departmentally or before a Court of justice.

3. That your Excellency's memorialist, feeling that he was harshly and unjustly dealt with, and being confident of his innocence to the charge, addressed the Heads of his Department of the district, with a view of obtaining full and satisfactory treatment, but his request was not complied with.

4. That your memorialist, finding thereby that his endeavour to obtain satisfaction had been thwarted, addressed the Madras Government under full belief that his humble prayer will be heard, but unfortunately the request met with no satisfactory results. His application was returned covered by a Tamil memorandum to the effect that if the memorialist wished to be heard, he should submit fresh facts. What these fresh facts meant your Excellency's memorialist is verily at a loss to conjecture.

5. That your Excellency's memorialist, shortly after his dismissal from the service, travelled to Madras at a considerable expense, in order to lay his unjust treatment before the late Lord Napier, the then Governor of Madras; but unfortunately the Government of Madras having been removed to the Hills temporarily, the memorialist had to return to his country in consequence of insufficient funds to prosecute his journey to the Hills, although he was very anxious to do so.

6. That your Excellency's memorialist most respectfully submits to impress upon the consideration of your Excellency of the manifold difficulties and extreme hardship men in the position of the memorialist are placed in obtaining satisfaction when they are harshly treated, or even dismissed from service with impunity, and the fact how very dangerous, nay delicate, is the task of memorializing the Chief

Ruler of India, as your exalted position is, without incurring the displeasure of the several Heads of the Department in a train, who will not condescend to hear the humble prayer of an aggrieved party as your memorialist, merely on account of his insignificant position as the memorialist was. Alas! How different will be the results were the aggrieved party be an Officer or Deputy Collector I only respectfully submit to your Excellency.

7. That your Excellency's memorialist's father also was in the same department for about thirty years; never a charge of any kind was preferred against him, and your Excellency's memorialist having succeeded him, transacted his sphere of the duties with care, honesty, and punctuality for a space of about forty years, and now to be charged with the present one is indeed very painful and revolting, not only to the memorialist but to the whole line of his relations. The thought of this disgrace alone had prompted your Excellency's memorialist to undergo any trouble in order to establish the guiltlessness of his conduct.

8. That your Excellency's memorialist, having thus far endeavoured to show how unjustly he was dismissed from the service without even allowing him an opportunity of an impartial inquiry of a chance of confronting the parties who were instrumental in concurring at the charge against the memorialist, and the difficulties and hardship attending in effecting a fair and impartial inquiry or any sort of satisfaction or redress, implores that your Excellency would be pleased to direct a full inquiry into the case, and be pleased to order his reinstatement if found innocent, or allow him any gratuity in consideration of his long service, or allow his son, who is capable of conducting the duties of your memorialist as a peon, in the employ instead.

9. That owing to the famine throughout the Madura District your memorialist and his large family, consisting of a wife and five children, are left utterly destitute to struggle against the famine and its unpleasant results.

And your memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

P.S.—Documents necessary to prove some facts stated above are herein enclosed for perusal.

No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1877, No. 2,439.

Miscellaneous.

THE memorial will be forwarded with the remark that this Government have no recommendation to make in petitioner's favor.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Petition Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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 REVENUE.

THE PETITION DEPARTMENT.

Dated August 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. Sent August 1877, No. 2430.

AUGUST.

No. 42-43.

*Memorial from Veeraswamy Naidu, late
 Peon on the Establishment of the Sea Customs
 of Pondicherry, Madras District. Ordering the
 Government for reimbursement to be forwarded to the
 Government of India with the remark that this
 Government have no recommendation to make in
 his favor.*

Praying and recommending to be referred to the Government of India with the remark that this Government have no recommendation to make in his favor.

for transmission to the Govt of India, in accordance with their order, represents that the enquiry into the offence brought against him was insufficient, that his conviction was premature & that his dismissal was unjust.

Prays, therefore, once more that the Govt may fully enquire into his case & order his reinstatement in his former position consideration of his long service of 40 years.

N. 42.

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Government of Madras.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 1672 of 1877.

From Veerasingh Saichen

3-8-77 No. 2439.

Occupation Late Ron in the establishment of the Sea Customs of

Village Pamban Port

Talook

District Madras

Dated 28th May

Received 7th June 1877

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ABSTRACT.

Submitting the accompanying memorial and its enclosures for

The Governor General of India
and its Dependencies.
Calcutta.

The Humble Memorial of the undersigned Late Ron in the Establishment of the Sea Customs at the Pamban Port in the Madras District of the Madras Presidency

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Pittman (Rev) D. Kato

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