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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th November 1877, No. 3,250.

Read the following paper:—

No. 145. From VADAPULLY VENKATARAMAYYA, late Sheristadar of Bezvada Taluq, Kistna District, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bezvada, 11th September 1877.

I BEG most respectfully to request your Honor will be pleased to direct the transmission of the enclosed printed memorial to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorial from VADAPULLY VENKATARAMAYYA, late Taluq Sheristadar of Bezvada, Kistna District, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council, London, dated 10th September 1877.

THAT your Lordship's memorialist most respectfully begs to submit his appeal against the decision of the Madras Government unjustly confirming those of the Revenue Board and local authorities reducing your Lordship's memorialist from the post of Taluq Sheristadar to a Revenue Inspector.

That though the facts connected with his most palpable and unfortunate case are given in his memorialist most respectfully begs to submit his appeal against the decision of the Madras Government unjustly confirming those of the Revenue Board and local authorities reducing your Lordship's memorialist from the post of Taluq Sheristadar to a Revenue Inspector. case, with a fervent hope that the local authorities submitted herewith, still your Lordship's memorialist most respectfully begs to submit his appeal against the decision of the Madras Government unjustly confirming those of the Revenue Board and local authorities reducing your Lordship's memorialist from the post of Taluq Sheristadar to a Revenue Inspector. richly deserves, will be done to him.

3. That he was reduced to the post of Revenue Inspector on some vague and groundless charges preferred against your memorialist by the Acting General Deputy Collector, one K. Soobbarayadu Garu, which will be summed up below for your Lordship's information and favorable consideration.

MEMORIALIST'S DEFENCE.

4. That there are no corrections in the day-book without initials. An examination of the day-book is the best evidence to prove the fact.

5. That owing to the sanctioned allotment of the duties of each Gumastah in the taluq having been widely departed from by the orders of the Tahsildar, the frequent changes among the Gumastahs, and the transferred Gumastahs being new to the work, the accounts were allowed to fall into arrears inevitably for a week. This fact your memorialist brought to the notice of the Tahsildar then and there, and represented that it would be very difficult to get the work done by the new hands. That new books having been opened from 1st April, and the first week's work having been allowed to fall in arrears, the blank books could neither be examined nor initialled by the memorialist.

2nd.—That the entries in the Averages Nos. 3 and 4 of Appendix C were allowed to fall in arrears from the 1st up to 7th April 1876, and then they do not appear to have ever been examined or initialled by your memorialist.

6. That the accounts Nos. 5 and 6 having been taken away by the Tahsildar on circuit to keep himself informed of the dues from each ryot, your memorialist was unable to have the collections posted in the accounts till they were returned, and that they contained no corrections without being initialled.

3rd.—That the collections during March were not posted in Nos. 5 and 6 accounts of Appendix C, and that they do not appear to have been either examined or initialled.

7. That the account No. 7 was prepared in the prescribed form with slight alterations in the arrangement of items as ordered by previous settling officers, a fact which can best be proved by an examination of accounts of the previous faslis. This practice exists long before your memorialist joined the taluq.

4th.—That the account No. 7 was not prepared in the form given in the Manual.

8. That he produced an English translation of an authenticated Telugu copy of Hookum No. 1,035, of 19th June 1873, from the Head Assistant Collector to the Tahsildar of Nandigama, in paragraph 8 of which it is said clearly that there is no reason to blame the Sheristadar. That shows the accounts at Nandigama were not kept badly.

9. That your memorialist was transferred to Bezwada at his own request, as it will be evident from the following copy of the Head Assistant Collector's endorsement on his application for transfer: "recommendation: That a transfer should be made as he desires."

10. That a ryot appealed against your memorialist's proceedings in the sale of the attached property before the Head Assistant Collector, who confirmed your memorialist's proceedings, which upon a special appeal was also confirmed by the same Collector, that this record in his office would prove the fact beyond doubt, and that therefore your memorialist's proceedings are not irregular.

(a) That your petitioner admitted before the Collector that there were some corrections without initials, while in his appeal petition he said that there were none such.

11. Your memorialist being asked before, had no opportunity of looking into the day-books, admitted the probability of there being corrections without initials, but on really looking into the day-books found none.

12. That an inspection of day-books shows clearly how new in these duties was the Gumastah deputed for the work; that the frequent calls of the Gumastahs under your memorialist to other different duties, such as arranging records in the Head Assistant Collector's office, caused the arrears of work which was reduced to best possible extent by your petitioner having devoted his both morning and evening hours; that your petitioner having brought the facts as they stand to the notice of the Tahsildar, then and there, there remains nothing to be done by your petitioner for efficient discharge of his duty.

13. That a perusal of the annexed copies of testimonials given by Messrs. Melville and contrary how trustworthy your memorialist is, and that, save the malicious report of the Deputy Collector, there is nothing in the records to question the straightforwardness and sterling principles of your memorialist.

14. It is true that your memorialist did not pass the Criminal Test. That Mr. Thornhill appointed him as Taluq Sheristadar. That on Accountant-General declining to pass his pay, Mr. Wilson explained that the Sheristadar having had to do only Revenue work he need not pass the test in question. That the Accountant-General was satisfied with this explanation and passed his pay. That the late Mr. Boswell specially wrote to Government about your memorialist in strong terms and got him invested with magisterial powers. That these facts were entirely ignored in the Collector's report.

15. That, as already submitted, both the Honorable Board and Government refused to interfere in memorialist's behalf. That in conclusion your Lordship's memorialist most humbly begs to submit that a patient perusal of the papers connected with his case will no doubt convince your Lordship in Council that the memorialist has been very harshly dealt with.

16. That his service under Government is twenty-four years, the greater portion of which were spent in inferior grades. So your memorialist has got a year more to serve to entitle him to a third pension.

17. That it will be superfluous for the memorialist to represent that the Deputy Collector, who is your memorialist's bitter enemy, brought all these troubles on him to serve a relative of his. The grossest partiality with which even the meagre enquiry was instituted is too plain to be explained. Your Lordship's memorialist, under these circumstances, begs to crave the indulgent consideration of your Grace in Council, as to whether the charges brought against him have been established, whether the motive imputed to him has been well founded, whether the local authorities have exhibited a *prima facie* case warranting degradation of a public servant of long standing whose character was not brought to play until now, whether it is safe for superior authorities to act upon opinions forged without sufficient data, and whether sound public policy would justify the upholding of decision made from pure prejudice and not supported by tangible facts; and humbly solicits that your Lordship be pleased to cancel the order appealed against, and direct the authorities in the East to restore your memorialist to the place he has long held and from which he was unjustly removed.

For this act of charity your Lordship's memorialist shall, in duty bound, ever pray.

Extract from the Service Register of Unconvenanted Servants.

Vadapalli Venkataramiah has been for more than a year Sheristadar of Nandigama Taluq, where he has given satisfaction. Speaks and writes English well. Has passed, and is a candidate for promotion. I have not seen enough of him to speak with confidence, but all I know is favorable. He is industrious and well up in Revenue work.

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Head Asst. Collector.

7th June 1869.

(True Extract.)

KISTNA DISTRICT,
18th May 1870.

W. F. GRAHAME,
Acting Head Asst. Collector.

Venkataramiah, Revenue Javabnavis of the Nandigama Taluq, was for a month or six weeks in my Cutcherry, and during that time he satisfied me that I appointed him Income Tax Clerk, but as the Board of Revenue refused to sanction a Clerk for this Head Assistant Collector's Office, he lost the appointment. I shall be glad to hear of his being promoted, as he bears a very good character, and is an intelligent, hardworking man.

BEZWADA,
1st November 1867.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Head Assistant Collector.

No. 146.

ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1877, No. 3,250.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and that peti-

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Petition Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
INDIA IN COUNCIL
LONDON.

The humble Memorial of Vadapalli Ven-
cataramiah, late Taluq Sheristadar of Bezvada
Kistna District.

MOST HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Lordship's Memorialist most respectfully begs to submit his appeal against the decision of the Madras Government unjustly confirming those of the Revenue Board and Local authorities reducing your Lordship's Memorialist from the Post of Taluq Sheristadar to a Revenue Inspector.

2. That though the facts connected with his most palpable and unfortunate case are given in full exten so in the Petitions addressed to Local authorities submitted herewith, still your Lordship's Memorialist most respectfully begs to give here under a brief and succinct account of his case with a fervent hope that the justice which the Local authorities denied and which his case richly deserves will be done to him.

3. That he was reduced to the Post of Revenue Inspector on some vague and groundless charges preferred against your Memorialist by the Acting General Deputy Collector one K. Soobbarayadu Garu which will be summed up below for your Lordship's information and favourable consideration.

MEMORIALIST'S DEFENCE.

4. That there are no corrections in the Day Book without initials. An examination of the Day Book is the best evidence to prove the fact.

1st Charge—That your Memorialist omitted to initial some corrections in the day book.

5. That owing to the sanctioned allotment of the duties of each Gumastah in the Taluq having been widely departed from by the orders of the Tahsildar, the frequent charges among the Gumastahs, and the transferred Gumastahs being new to the work, the accounts were allowed to fall into arrears inevitably for a week. This fact your Memorialist brought to the notice of the Tahsildar then and there and represented that it would be very difficult to get the work done by the new hands. That new books having been opened from 1st April and the first week's work having been allowed to fall in arrears the blank books could neither be examined nor initialled by the Memorialist.

6. That the accounts Nos. 5 and 6 having been taken away by the Tahsildar on circuit to keep himself informed of the dues from each ryot, your Memorialist was unable to have the collections posted in the accounts till they were returned and that they contained no corrections without being initialled.

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To

The Right Honorable the
Secretary of State for
India in Council
LONDON

Dated 10th September 1899
Despatched 11th September 1899

SUBJECT

Brings to notice the injustice done to him, and prays for reason noted within his restoration to the post of Taluq Sheristadar.

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13. That a perusal of the annexed Copies of Testimonials given by Messrs. Melville and Stuart and other Local officers show on the contrary how trustworthy your Memorialist is, and that save the malicious report of the Deputy Collector, there is nothing in the records to question the straightforwardness and sterling principles of your Memorialist.

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Head Asst. Collector.
(True Extract)
W. J. GRAHAM,
Acting Head Asst. Collector.

Kitna District
Head Assistant Collectors Office, Nandigama Taluq.
18th May 1870.

Venkataramiah Revenue Javabnavis of the Nandigama Taluq was for a month or six weeks in my Office and during that time he satisfied me that I appointed him Income Tax clerk but as the Board of Revenue refused to sanction a clerk for this Head Assistant Collector's Office he lost the appointment. I shall be glad to hear of his being promoted as he bears a very good character and is an intelligent hard working man.

(Signed.) R. J. MELWILL,
Head Assistant Collector

Bezwada
1st November 1867.

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16. That his service under Government is 24 years the greater portion of which were spent in inferior grades. So your Memorialist has got a year more to serve to entitle him to a 3rd pension.

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For this act of charity your Lordships Memorialist

I beg to remain honoured Sir,
Your most obedient and
humble servant

V. Venkataramayya
Late Taluq Sheristadar of Bezwada

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To

The Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, C. S. G.

Chief Secretary to Government,

Madras.

Most Respected Sir

I beg most respectfully to request your Honor will be pleased to direct the transmission of the enclosed printed Memorial to the Right Honorable the Secretary of state for India.

I beg to remain,
Most respected Sir.

Your most obedient Servant.

Bergawada

11th September 1877

Vadapully Venkataramunna
Lairi Sivastaden of Barora
Talook R. D.

To

The Right Honorable the
Secretary of State for
India in Council
LONDON

Despatched 11th September 1877

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SUBJECT

Brings to notice the injustice done to him, and prays for reason noted within his restoration to the post of Taluk Sheristadar.

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Petitions

2812 of 1877 of 8th Oct 1877
Recd 13th — — —

to the Secretary of State
for India, praying
for the restoration
this former post, &
requests that it may
be transmitted to its
address.

Government of Madras

Rev. DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2812 of 1877

From V. Vincateramayya

Occupation, Christian
Village, 15-11-77 W. 3250.

Talook Bezwada.

District Krishna

Dated 8th 7

Received 13th 8

Oct 1877
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ABSTRACT.

We forward a Memorial
presented by V. Vincateramayya
who was lately the Christian
Sub-Magistrate of the Bezwada
Taluk in the Krishna Dist.
2 - The Memorialist Complains

Prop of Govt. 15 Nov 1877
W. 3250.

15-11-77 W. 3250

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Enstr. of 12-6-77

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Petition

No 2812 of 1877 of 8th Oct 1877
Recd 13th

Simon V. Vincatramayya,
late Sheristadar of Bezwoode
Taluk, Kistna Dist.

Resubmits, after
duly authenticating by his
signature, his Memorial to
the Secretary of St. of India,
praying for petitioner's resto-
ration to his former post,
and requests that it may be
transmitted, to its address.

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Ordered that the Memorial
be forwarded to the Secretary of
State, and that petitioner be
informed of its despatch.

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To Petition Dated 23-1-77
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To The Most Honble the
Secretary of State for India

My Lord Moray.

We forward a Memorial
presented by V. Vincatramayya
who was lately the Sheristadar
Sub-Magistrate of the Bezwoode
Taluk in the Kistna Dist.
2- The Memorialist complains

Prop of Govt 15 Nov 1877
No 3250

of his reduction to the post
+ salary first class Revenue
Inspector and the
Circumstances which
led to it are fully detailed in
a letter from the Collector of
the District which will be found
in the enclosed Copy of the
Revenue Board's Misc: Pro-
ceedings, N^o 5687 dated 19th Apr
1877.

3. It will be seen that
the Memorialist had formerly
held the post of Taluk Sheristad
in another Taluk & had been
transferred to Bezwada for having
"made a sale of ryots property
for arrears illegally" & for
fraudulent. His transfer
seems to have had little
effect as a warning, for at Be-
wada it was found that certain
of the accounts for whose pre-
paration he was responsible
were very irregularly kept and

the Collector finding that,
besides being practically ineffi-
cient, he had not passed the
tests usually required of Taluk
Sheristadars, degraded him to
the post of Revenue Inspector.
4. We considered the Collector's
action to have been fully
justified and we have now no
recommendation to make
on behalf of the Memorialist.

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Memorandum

No 75

Letter to the Mosh. St.

The Secretary of State

of 20 November 77

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Forwarding a
memorial from V. Venkateswara
Late Minister of Bogara
in Nishna D. praying for
restoration to his former
post. & informing
of its disposal.

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Government of Madras.

RECEIVED DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2598 of 1877.

From V. Venkatarami
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Talook Bezawada

District Krishna No 3250

Dated 11th Sept 1877
Received 15th Sept 1877

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ABSTRACT

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Returned to the Memorialist with
reference to Rule No. IX, below.

Extract from Rules for Memorials ad-
dressed to Her Majesty's Government.

RULE IX. Memorials may be transmit-
ted either in manuscript or in print, but must,
with all accompanying documents, be properly
authenticated by the signature of the Memo-
rialist on each sheet.

28/9/77. P. D. J. J. J.
Under Secy. to Govt.

The above orders have
been duly attended to

Vadapully Venkatarami
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Late Christa
- dar of Bezawada
8. Oct. 1877
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