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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

14th February 1878, No. 233.

Read the following paper :—

No. 158. Petition from P. SIVARAMIAH, late Shroff of Ongole Taluq, Nellore District, Madras Presidency, to His Excellency the Secretary of State for India, dated Ongole, 9th September 1877.

MY LORD,—This is an appeal against the endorsement passed by the Governor in Council of Fort St. George on petition upholding the orders of the Board of Revenue and the Collector and declining to interfere on behalf of petitioner who was unjustly dismissed from post by the Sub-Collector.

As the Board and Government Petitions Nos. 2,483 and 854 contain all the cogent arguments whereby petitioner's dismissal will appear to your Lordship to be that petitioner has nothing more to request your Lordship than to refer to those petitions and their enclosures Nos. I to XV and render him justice, ordering his reinstatement into his former appointment of Head Shroff. The Sub-Collector took the whole action on an anonymous petition and dismissed petitioner on very meagre grounds. At the first trial which was conducted on May 4th, 1876, the complainants all failed to produce the accounts, which they had subsequently much occasion to fabricate suitably to their complaints and produce before the Sub-Collector, since he purposely allowed the trial to stand over for several weeks together in order to obtain such evidence for punishing petitioner. The Sub-Collector even accompanied his own Proceedings No. II with a special letter to the Collector, so that he might be biased against petitioner when the case should come on appeal before him, and so uphold his (Sub-Collector's) decision (*vide* the former part of the Sub-Collector's own judgment). Petitioner incurred the displeasure of the Sub-Collector in loudly counting the coins and irregularly placing the money purses in the chests once when he came to the treasury to examine the cash, and the Sub-Collector then punished him with fine. In memory of this displeasure, the Sub-Collector was unjustly led to rely upon the concocted documentary evidence of the complainants and dismissed him with fine. The Sub-Collector even declined to grant the petitioner certified copies of the complainants' depositions given at the first trial lest they might invalidate the merchants' cadjan accounts, solely upon which he relied in punishing the petitioner (*vide* the Sub-Collector's endorsement No. XII). According to the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act of 1871, the mere accounts are not sufficient to establish one's guilt in the absence of other trustworthy evidence. In the present case under appeal to your Lordship there was no other evidence at all to punish the petitioner than the accounts and the evidence of the five complainants, all of whom are petitioner's dreadful enemies, as shown in the Board's Petition XIV. This petitioner was unjustly dismissed with fine on very meagre grounds. If the Revenue Board and the Government had perused all the petitioner's record thoroughly and weighed the evidence on which he was dismissed, petitioner is sure that he would have been restored.

Petitioner wishes to add nothing more in this memorial, since all the grounds in his defence are contained in the Revenue Board and Government Petitions Nos. XIV and XV.

Petitioner now humbly requests your Lordship be graciously pleased to refer to the Board and Government Petitions Nos. XIV and XV for the grounds assigned in his defence and to peruse the whole record herein enclosed, weighing the falsity of the charges imputed to him, and issue instructions for petitioner's reinstatement and refund of fine.

No. 159.

ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1878, No. 233.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State and that petitioner be informed of its despatch.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Petition Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Govt. of 1878. Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The PETITION DEPARTMENT.

Dated February 11th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 14th February 1878, No. 233.

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FEBRUARY.
Nos. 158-159.

Memorial from P. [illegible]—[illegible] to the Secretary of State—praying to be restored to his office of Shroff of Ongole.

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Petition
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No. 647

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to the Chief
Secretary to
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Philip P. Hankin

Rev 3/584/78

for Srinivasa Row

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Government of Madras.

Rev DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 2583 of 1877.

From P. Seviatamiah
alias Siviah

Occupation late Head
Shroff of

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Village

Talook Ongole Rev 2/584/78

District Nellore

GO-14th ~~February~~/78 No. 233

Dated 9th } Sept 1877
Received 13th }

Memorial Rs. ½ & ½
Signed/W.B.G.

Enclosures. 27

Dated 22/9 Sept 22/9 Oct/Ex 27

ABSTRACT.

Prays for the transmission, to the Secretary of State for India, of the accompanying Memorial, praying for the reinstatement of the petitioner in his former post, & for the refund of the fine levied from him.

the Home Government
with your most Gracious
Lordship's observations
thereon

Quebec } Shall ever pray &c &c
9th Septemr
1777 } [illegible]

Signed [illegible]

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petitioner

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

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Extract from Rules for Memorials addressed to Her Majesty's Government.

RULE X. Memorials, together with their accompanying documents, should be in English. If the accompanying documents must necessarily be forwarded in the Vernacular, an English translation should be appended, which should be certified as genuine by the signature of the Memorialist.

22/9/77. A. B. [illegible]

As Under Secy. to Govt.

According to your's orders I signed each sheet and sent.

Signed

Pundity Sivaramya

petitioner

In No 1974/78

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To

His Grace the Duke of

Buckingham, the Governor

in Council of Fort St George

[illegible] of Pundits

[illegible], late Head Sheriff of

Ongole Taluq in Nellore District

Proc. 14-2-78/1150

My Lord.

Rev 4/5617/78

Petitioner most humbly

begs your Lordship to be

excused for submitting

herewith an appeal Petition

addressed to His Excellency

the Secretary of the State for

India with all its enclosures

I to XV for [illegible] transmission

No 1974/78

No. 2583 of /77.

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

Extract from Rules for Memorials addressed to Her Majesty's Government.

Rule IX. Memorials may be transmitted either in manuscript or in print, but must, with all accompanying documents, be properly authenticated by the signature of the Memorialist on each sheet.

22/9/77 14-33.

Under Secy. to Govt.

According to yours order I signed and sent on each sheet.

Signed.

pundity Sipayya
petitioner

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Reply from the village moonsiff of Coppolo D to the Sub Collr of Ongole

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Recd 14-2-58

With reference to the order No 1143 regarding the people of the village aforesaid, who may have changed the currency note, I have enquired into after all those who may have changed the notes in the taluq treasury - Audi Narain das, Coorapati Veerasamy, Pullupatoo Balaramurdoo, & Doobiah & Copolo Ramiah have respectively denied that they had ~~not~~ changed the notes, But Coorapatty Sasheiah

notes, chan to take treasury had ne given comm to the those notes -

List of those who have ped to which given Commission is village moonsiff forwarded -

(A true translation)

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A.S. Hardinie
Ag Sub Collector.

No 1143

Order sent by the Sub Collector of Nellore to the 10 Ten Village Moonsiffs of the Villages of

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3 Cottepatumm - - - - C
4 Coppaloo - - - - - D
5 Eatu Moockala - - - E
6 Paranamettah - - - F
7 Suntanootoolupadoo G
8 Lingungoonta - - - H
9 Mooteenootunapaudoo I
10 Ponthooroo - - - - J

under date the 3: June 1876

You will enquire into the persons who, during the last years, may have changed the Currency Notes into the treasury of the Ongole taluq and submit to the Hoozoor two lists one of those who may have given Commission to the Shroff & of those who may have not given it to the Shroff - You will cause the appearance before this Office of those who may have paid the Commission

In No 1970/18 Signed

In No 1111/18

J V D Hardinge
Actg Sub Collr

(a true translation)

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(Signed) J. V. D Hardinge
Ag Sub Collr

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(Sd) M. J.

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J V Hardinge
Ag Sub Collector

In No 197/78

Reply of the Village Moonsiff of Cothapetnum (C) to the Sub Collr of Nellore 5 June 1806 -

In obedience to the order of the Huzzoor No 1143 I have sent for the Ryots of the village alluded to. Two [illegible] of those who gave [illegible] Shroff & one who had not given it the Shroff, are herewith forwarded - I have forwarded the persons who paid the Commission to the Shroff to your office

1st List of 3 Ryots who gave Commission

2d List of 4 Do —— Who denied that they gave i[illegible]

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Ag Sub Collector.

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Reply from the village Moonsiff of [illegible]

B. to the Sub Coll^r 5^th June 1876 –

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I herewith send a list of 7 Ryots who states that they had changed the Currency notes in the taluq treasury, & that they had not paid any Commission to the taluq Sheriff at all, nor that the Sheriff had demanded them to pay him such commission – Another list of only Ryot K. Cavundarammiah is also sent – This Ryot says that when he changed note he paid Commission to the Sheriff –

(Signed) V Bungaroo Reddy

(a true translation)

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W. Hardin
Ag. Sub Collector

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Ag Sub Collector.

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To the Sub Collector of Nellore

Report of Munnedoora Veneatrayadoo village Moonsiff of Iroongaootoor

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In reference to the order No 1143 I have sent for the Ryots of my village & asked them if they had changed the currency notes in the taluq treasury, They stated that they had changed the currency notes in the same treasury, & that they had never given any Commission to the Shroff. A list of the same Ryots is forwar[illegible] but none having state[illegible] [illegible] therefore not sent in the list of such Ryots –

4 June 1876 – (Signed) M Veneatrayadoo
village Mff

The list of 4 Ryots omitted.

Upon these Ryots being examined that they changed currency notes but had never paid the commission at all

(Signed)
Pandity Sivayya
petitioner.

(Initd) M Veneatrayadoo

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Ag Sub Collector

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R.S. Hardin
Ag. Sub Collector.

M.N. 197/78

Reply from the village Mooroeff of Yaala moorekalah E 5th June 1826.

With reference to the Hoozoor order No 1143 I have enquired after the Royets of my Village abovementioned whether they have changed any Notes in the Colombo treasury — They state that they changed the Note but had never given any Commission to the Shroff. A list of 15 Royets Who had not given Commission to the Shroff is herewith forwarded —

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Reply of the Village Moonsiff of Peyanu-
mitta (F) to the Sub Collr 5 June 1876.

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With reference to the Huzoor order directing me to enquire after the Ryots of my Village Who may have changed the Currency Notes in the Ongole treasury I have to report that only Cheekiah Runguiah & Roseiah state that they had changed the notes, but had never given any Commission to the Shroff & that none had changed the such notes –

(marked) S Veeriah
Village Moonsiff

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M. Sardine
Ag. Sub Collector.

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Reply of the Village Moonsiff of the village Sunta Nootulapadoo (Co) to the Sub Collr 6th June 1876 –

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With reference to the Hoozoor order directing me to ascertain & report & submit a list of those who may have changed the currency notes in the Taluq treasury during the past two years I have to report that of the whole body of the Ryots of this village namely V Ramiah & 33 others have pleaded that they had never changed the Currency Notes at all, & that 7 Ry[illegible] this village –

(Signed) Ch Ramasamy
Village Moonsiff

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Ag Sub Collector

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…y of the village Moonsiff of the village of Lingumgoontah H. to the Sub Collector
4th June 1876 —

I have received the Hoozoor order No 1143 — the 3 Ryots named Tallore Seshiesetty, Lunka Dey, & Bazora Sashiah are the men who had changed the currency notes in the taluq treasury & who denied that they paid any commission to the taluq shroff —

(Signed) B Venkatnarasiah
Village Muff

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Ag. Sub Collector.

Reply of the village moonsiff of Iruvatinoortola haddoo ~~E~~ to the sub Collector 5. June 1876—

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I received the Hoozoor order No 1143.— The Ryots of this village who changed ~~the~~ Currency notes in the taluq treasury & who had never given Commission to the ~~[illegible]~~ off, are these

M Ramachendriah
M Lingiah
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notes & they stated that they had never given any Commission at all to any one—

(signed) G Collapah

(a true translation)

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Ag Sub Collector

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To His Excellency the Secretary of State for India

The humble Petition of P. Sivaramiah late Shroff of Ongole Taluq, Nellore District, Madras Presidency

My Lord,

This written appeal against the endorsement passed by the Governor in Council of [illegible] on petition upholding the [illegible] and declining to interfere on behalf of Petitioner who was unjustly dismissed from Post by the Sub Collector [illegible] which contain all the [illegible] whereby Petitioner's dismissal will appear to your Lordship to be most unjust. Petitioner has nothing more to request your Lordship than to refer to those Petitions [illegible] enclosures Nos I to XV and [illegible] ordering his reinstatement into his former appointment of Head Shroff [illegible] the Sub Collector

P. Sivaramiah petitioner

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Petitioner wishes to add nothing more [illegible] petitioner

in this memorial; [illegible]
his defence are contained in the
Board and Govt. Petitions
nos XXV & XXVI

Petitioner now humbly prays your
Lordships be graciously pleased to
refer to the Board ~~[illegible]~~ Govt. Petitions
nos 14 & 15 for the grounds assigned in
his defence and to peruse the whole record
herein enclosed weighing the falsity of the
charges imputed to him, and issue
instructions for Petitioner's reinstatement
and refund of fine.

And as in duty bound
Shall ever pray

~~Petitioner~~

(True copy)

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Memorial to the Secretary of State for India duly signed praying for restoration to office and refund of fine.

Government of Madras.

No. 561.

Rev DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 197 of 1878.

From P. Sivaramiah

Occupation late Sheristadar

S.O. No. 233-14 February 1878

Village

Talook Ongole

District Nellore

Dated 9th Septr 1877

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