

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3053.

DATED 20th July 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Govt. regret ~~its~~ ^{its} inability
to accord sanction for the institution
of certain Criminal Proceedings by magistrates
V. P. Ramalingam Pillai.

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CURRENT No. 4

From The Board of Revenue, L.R.
Madras.

For: Ref: No. 273

Dated 24. June 98.

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Submitting, with remarks, to Govt. for
orders letter from the Collector of
Tinnevely, requesting to obtain
Govt. sanction permitting Ranger
V. P. Ramalingam Pillai to institute
Criminal Proceedings against
one Kuppa Rajah for defamatory
Attack, ~~at his own expense.~~

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Endorsement

Reference: - Letter B.C. Govt. No. 219
30.5.98
from the Collector of Minicoy.
No. 4631 of 97-98 -

Forwarded.

The people of Rajapalham are notorious for either intimidating forest subordinates by false charges or for bribing them to overlook forest offences. In the present case Kuppen Raja, an always a very troublesome and litigious individual, has evidently been trying the former of these two methods of procedure and I consider in these circumstances it is advisable that an example be made of him; the application of the D. Forest Officer for sanction has therefore my support.

C. M. Macdonald
Collector of Minicoy } Ag. Conservator of Forests

7.6.98.
13.5.98

Madras, 24th June 1898.

READ— endorsement of C.E. Brasier Esquire, Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, No. 4631 of 97-98 dated 7th June 1898 on letter from A.W.B. Higgins Esquire, Collector of Tinnevely Dist. Ver. No. 217 of 97-98 dated 30th May 1898.

Reference No. 273 dated 24th June 1898.

Submitted to Government for orders.

2. It would appear that in February last, the District Forest Officer Tinnevely received a petition from one Kuppa Rajah of Rajapalayam, Srivilliputhur Taluk, containing statements defamatory of Ranger Ramalingam Pillai. The petitioner alleged that since his refusal to comply with the Ranger's request for an illegal gratification in the shape of money, in return for certain official favours, the latter had been trying to concoct cases against him. He added that there had been illicit felling in the Srivilliputhur Range with the connivance of the Ranger.

3. Kuppa Rajah is reported to be an influential and wealthy ryot who was freely committing forest offences during the time of Ranger Malaya Pillai whose services were recently dispensed with. Ranger Ramalingam Pillai who

character, the petition will be
unnoticed and will be a
natural death. A few words
of the D.F.O or the Divisional
officer to Kuppia Rajah would probably
stop all ~~an~~ annoyance.

(Ind) H.E.M.

7.7.98

H.M.

I doubt think the Ranger
should get the authority he asks.
The prosecution w^d cost him
a lot of money, & however
true the accusation may be,
it seems extremely doubtful
whether it w^d end in a
conviction. The Ranger may
rest content in the good
opinion of his superiors, or
in his own honest dis-
charge of his duty.

S/P
14/7/98

To the Under Secy

Please see Draft G.O.

submitted below for approval

By

1/8/98

11/11/98

I quite agree. The Ranger
w^d probably spend all his
savings or get into debt
over this business & fail
into the bargain. He w^d
have to accomplish the
difficult task of proving
a negative. No doubt Kuppia
Rajah's witnesses can't prove
his ~~own~~ charge, but their
failure won't prove that
the charge was false.

The Ranger should rest
satisfied that his superiors
discredit the charges & have
confidence in his integrity.

11/11/98

SP
20/7/98

B.O. for Refce No 2738 24.6.98
(C- No 4631)

G.O. No. 3053 of 20th July 1898

The Govt regrets to
be unable to accord the necessary
sanction for the institution of
criminal proceedings by Ranger
V.P. Ramalingam Pillai as proposed.
~~Such a prosecution would prove
him to be untrustworthy
and however true the accusation
may be it is extremely doubtful
whether it would end in a
conviction.~~ The Ranger should
rest satisfied that his superiors
discredit the charges and have
expressed their confidence in his integrity in
the matter. Allis

19.7.98
S/P

The Board of Revenue (L.R.) & Co.
with encls.

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