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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1878, No. 947.

Read the following paper:—

No. 265. Petition from J. APPA RAO PANTULU, Arrack Contractor of the Palnad and Narsarowpet Taluqs, of the Kistna District, to His Grace the Governor in Council, Ootacamund, dated Masulipatam, 29th May 1878, No. 8.

1. JULURU APPA RAO PANTULU, Arrack Contractor of the Palnad and Narsarowpet Taluqs, of the Kistna District, most submissively beg to enclose my appeal petition, with six enclosures, to the Government of India, in obedience to their Proceedings (enclosed), No. 3,523, dated 8th October 1877; and to request that it may be forwarded on to the India Government.

2. I further solicit that your Grace be pleased to send back to me the enclosed Proceedings with the endorsement on this petition.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Petition from JULURU APPA RAO PANTULU, Arrack Contractor of the Palnad and Narsarowpet Taluqs in the Kistna District, Southern India, to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council of India, dated Masulipatam, 29th May 1878.

MOST SUBMISSIVELY SHEWETH,

THAT the appearance of famine in the district was coeval with the commencement of his lease of the above taluqs; that he then and there, *i.e.*, on 21st December 1876, petitioned the Collector asking for an extension of his lease for ten years, including Faslis 1286-87 in case remission could not be granted; that the Collector satisfying himself after inquiry, both personally and through his subordinates, that the complaint of loss was true, endorsed the above petition, on 19th April 1877, to the effect that he would recommend extension for three more years of his lease as regards the Narsarowpet Taluq alone, in spite of the fact that there was loss in both the taluqs. That the petitioner sent in a reply, to the above endorsement, on 26th April 1877, to the effect that extension be recommended for both the taluqs under his lease or his lease be cancelled and the taluqs taken under Government management since they, lying close to the famine-stricken districts of Kurnool, Bellary, and Cuddapah, had likewise been greatly stricken by famine. That thereupon the Collector gave an endorsement on 10th August 1877 to say that the Board would not sanction the extension as recommended by him. Since the Board, in their Proceedings, No. 3,042, dated 27th June 1877, stated that no remission would be granted, nor the term of lease extended, as the latter course would preclude the introduction of any changes in the Abkari administration of the district, and that some such concession would be shown as keeping in abeyance the collections of arrears till a future date on sufficient security being furnished, Mr. Lemah did not try to obtain the petitioner remission. When matters were at this stage, petitioner appealed to the Board on 29th August 1877, when he sent up copy of his appeal petition to your Excellency; thereupon Proceedings, No. 3,528, dated 8th October 1877, were held that if dissatisfied with the orders of the local Government petitioner should submit his appeal to the India Government through the local Government.

2. In obedience to the above Proceedings petitioner begs to lay before the India Government the following circumstances.

3. The Board of Revenue referred the petition to the Collector for report as to the petitioner's claim for remission. Had Mr. Lemah, who recommended extension of lease, having been convinced of the accuracy of the loss sustained by the petitioner, been the Collector when the appeal was referred, he would have obtained the petitioner remission. The then Collector Mr. Wilson stating that he was not directed by the Board to inquire into and report, sent up the petition back with a covering letter as he had no knowledge of the previous famine state of the country. Petitioner immediately submitted petition, No. 2,824, to the Board, requesting them to order a full inquiry into the petitioner's case, and to call for a fresh report or to dispose of the petitioner's claim for remission after perusing the General Duty Deputy Collector's letter to the Collector on the subject, and the Collector's report to the Board thereupon; but they

would not do so and gave an endorsement on 11th January 1878, that no remission would be granted. Thereupon petitioner presented his appeal on 17th February 1878 to the local Government who without diving into the matter gave an endorsement on 7th May 1878 that they would not interfere.

4. It will thus be seen that petitioner received final order from the Collector eight months after he petitioned him; that he received an endorsement from the Board five months after the appeal was presented to the Board; and that three months after the appeal was filed in the Government Office petitioner was given an endorsement and that before any final order was passed nearly a year and four months elapsed, by which petitioner was prevented from laying this matter before the India Government earlier than this.

5. In the adjoining famine-stricken districts of Kurnool, Bellary, and Cuddapah, the Board of Revenue granted remission to the Abkari contractors for Fasli 1286 to the amounts specified in the margin, and ordered the arrears of Fasli 1287 to be kept in abeyance (*vide* marginal Proceedings of the Board of Revenue), and petitioner is at a loss to know why the Board refused remission to him who rented out the bordering taluqs of Palnad and Narsarowpet, when both the Collector of the district and the Divisional Officer certified that the loss was real. One instance will do to show that the taluqs in question suffered from famine equally with the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, and Cuddapah, viz., that when this district has been leased out again this year for three faslis from Fasli-1288 to 1290, the taluqs under the petitioner's contract fetched nearly three-fifths of the sum of the petitioner's rent Rs. 9,700. Petitioner's lease of the taluqs extended over a period of twenty-two months from September 1876. The amount of his rental is, in round numbers, Rs. 28,608 in all, and the cost of establishment for the two taluqs during the above period is Rs. 2,700, total amount the petitioner must make out from the rent is Rs. 31,308.

6. Of this sum petitioner managed with great difficulty to collect from the sub-renters, &c., Rs. 12,417 up to the end of March last, and the amount paid by the petitioner out of his own pocket is Rs. 6,537 including the deposit of Rs. 3,887 made at the commencement. There still remains a net arrear of Rs. 9,653 due by the petitioner to Government. The amount yet to be recovered from the sub-renters is Rs. 10,000. The balances outstanding both against the petitioner and the sub-renters remained in arrear solely for famine and for no other cause. For the same cause the taluqs could not have been sub-rented even up to the amount of the rental. As regards the amount due by the sub-renters petitioner's impression is that it is quite impossible to collect any thing from them, and his rough estimate has been that with all his efforts he can collect a fourth of the outstanding arrear from the sub-renters; but since the taluqs were taken under Government management from 1st April last the collections have been a little more than a thousand rupees, and petitioner believes that a similar sum can be collected during the remaining period. Deducting these two thousand rupees, petitioner still owes to Government Rs. 7,653, which, together with Rs. 6,537, paid by petitioner out of his own pocket, results in a total loss of Rs. 14,190 to the petitioner.

7. Petitioner, therefore, begs to enclose for your Excellency's perusal the papers noted in margin, and requests that the papers mentioned in the annexed list be sent for and read along with those enclosed above and with those submitted with petition of 31st August 1877, so that your Excellency may come to the conclusion that petitioner's claim is just and reasonable, and may issue orders to the local Government to consider petitioner's case and grant him remission of his loss.

For this act of justice petitioner will ever, as in duty bound, pray.

List of papers to be sent for—

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| 2 | General Duty Deputy Collector's reports, Nos. 80 and 117 of 1877, to the Collector on the subject of the petitioner's loss. |
| 1 | Board's Proceedings, No. 3,042, dated 27th June 1877, embodying Collector's report on the subject. |
| 1 | Board's Proceedings, No. 310, dated 5th February 1878. |
| 1 | Do. " 600, " 5th March 1878: |
| 1 | Do. " 804, " 23rd " " |
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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 8th October 1877, No. 3,523.

Read a petition, dated 31st August 1877, from Mr. JULURU APPA RAO, Arrack Contractor of the Narsarowpet and Palnad Taluqs, Kistna District, Madras, regarding the loss sustained by him in consequence of the famine.

ORDER.—Ordered that the petitioner be informed that the Government of India cannot interfere in the matter in its present stage, and that he should await the orders of the local Government. Should he, however, desire to appeal against those orders when they issue, he must submit his appeal through the local Government.

(Signed) E. J. SINKINSON,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(True Copies.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
21st June 1878.

No. 947.

No. 266.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No. 26.
Abkari.

SIR,—I am directed to forward the accompanying Memorial from one J. Appa Rao, lately Arrack Contractor for certain taluqs in the Kistna District.

2. The Memorialist prays for the remission of a portion of his rent, but the Board of Revenue to whom he first applied saw no reason to grant such an indulgence, and the Government declined to interfere.

3. Copy of the Board's Proceedings is forwarded herewith, and it will be seen that an extension of the limit within which his rent should be paid was granted to him in common with other renters.

Dated 27th June 1877, No. 3,042.
" 30th Aug. " " 4,039.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Agriculture (1878) Department.

Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 21st June 1878.

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My dear Sir,
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His Grace the Governor in Council,
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Most Honored Sir,

I, Julara Appalarao Pantulu, Anack contractor of the Palnad and Narasapur Taluqs of the Krishna District, most submissively beg to enclose my appeal petition with 6 enclosures to the Government of India in obedience to their Proceedings (enclosed) no 3523 dated 8th October 1877 and to request that it may be forwarded on to the India Government.

I further solicit that your Grace be pleased to send back to me the enclosed Proceedings with the endorsement on this petition.

I beg to remain
 Most Honored Sir
 your most obedient servant

[Signature]
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Masulipatam }
 29th May 1878

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Government of India
Ministerial Department
Sindia, the 8th October 1877

Read a petition dated 31st August 1877,
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of the Narasaraopeta and Polavu
Taluka Krishna District Madras, regarding
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J. J. J. J.
Officiating Under Secretary
to the Government of India

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To His Excellency
The Governor-General in Council of India.

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Most Submissively Sheweth,
That the appearance of famine in the District was coeval
with the commencement of his lease of the above Taluqs;
that he then and there i.e., on 21st December 1876 petitioned
the Collector asking for an extension of his lease for 10 years
including Fashies 1286-87 in case remission could not be
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26th April 1877 to the effect that extension be recommended
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When matters were at this stage, petitioner appealed to the Board on 29th August 1877, where he sent a copy of his appeal petition, to Your Excellency, thereupon Proceedings no 3523 dated 8th October 1877 were held that if dissatisfied with the orders of the Local Govt. petitioner should submit his appeal to the India Govt. through the Local Govt.

In obedience to the above Proceedings Petitioner begs to lay before the India Govt. the following circumstances.

The Board of Revenue referred the petition to the Collector for report as to the petitioner's claim for remission. Had Mr. Leman who recommended extension of lease, having been convinced of the accuracy of the loss sustained by the petitioner, been the Collector when the appeal was referred, he would have obtained the petitioner remission.

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The then Collector Mr. Wilson stating that he was not directed by the Board to enquire into and report, sent up the petition back with a covering letter as he had no knowledge of the previous famine state of the Country. Petitioner immediately submitted petition No 2624 to the Board requesting them to order a full enquiry into the petitioner's case & to call for a fresh report on to dispose of the petitioner's claim for remission after perusing the General Duty & Collector's letter to the Collector on the subject & the Collector's report to the Board thereupon; but they would not do so and gave an endorsement on 11th January 1878 that no remission would be granted. Thereupon petitioner presented an appeal on 17th Feb 1878 to the Local Govt. who without diving into the matter gave an endorsement on 7th May 1878 that they would not interfere.

It will thus be seen that petitioner received final order from the Collector 8 months after he petitioned him; that he received an endorsement from the Board 5 months after the appeal was presented to the Board; & that 3 months after the appeal was filed in the Govt. Office petitioner was given an endorsement that before any final order was passed nearly a year and 4 months elapsed, by which petitioner was prevented from laying this matter before the India Govt. earlier than this.

In the adjoining Famine-stricken Districts of Kurnul, Bellary, & Cuddapah the Board of Revenue granted remission to the Akhary Contractors for 7 1286 to the amounts specified in the margins & ordered the arrears of 7. 1287 to be kept in abeyance, (Vide marginal Proceedings of the Board of Revenue), & petitioner is at a loss to know why the Board refused remission to him who rented out the bordering Taluqs of Palnad & Navarunpet, when both the Collector of the District & the Divisional Officer certified that the crop was real. One instance will do to show that the Taluqs in question suffered from famine equally with the Districts of Kurnul, Bellary & Cuddapah - viz. that when this District has been rented out again this year for 3 fardars from 7 1288 to 1290 the Taluqs under the petitioner's contract fetched nearly $\frac{3}{5}$ of the sum of the petitioner's rent - Rs 9700. Petitioner's lease of the Taluqs extended over a period of 22 months from September 1876. The amount of this rental is in round numbers Rs 28608 in all & the cost of establishment for the two Taluqs during the above period is Rs 2700: total amount the petitioner must make out from the rent is Rs 31308.

Of this sum Petitioner managed with great difficulty to collect from the subrenters i.e. Rs 12417 up to the end of March last and the amount paid by the petitioner out of his own pocket is Rs 6537 including the deposit of Rs 3887 made at the commencement. There still remains a net arrear of Rs 9653 due by the petitioner to Govt. The amount yet to be recovered from the subrenters

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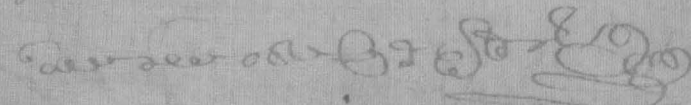
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Petitioner therefore begs to enclose for your Excellency's perusal the papers noted in the margin^x and requests that the papers mentioned in the annexed list be sent for and read along with those enclosed above, so that your excellency may come to the conclusion that petitioner's claim is just and reasonable and may issue orders to the Local Govt. to consider petitioner's case & grant him remission of his loss.

For this act of Justice,
 Petitioner will ever, as
 in duty bound, pray.
 Petitioner begs to remain,
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Masulipatam
29 May 1878

Most Honoured Sir
Your most obedient servant

Birnie Contractor.

List of papers to be sent for

2. General Entry by Collector's report No. 802 dated 11th June 1877
to the Collector on the subject of the Petitioner's loss.
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embodying Collector's report on the subject.
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THE DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 1178 of 1878.

From J. A. Rao
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Village Talook, Puntala & Sava
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ABSTRACT.

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