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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st May 1880, No. 574.

READ AGAIN—

G.O., 11th December 1879, No. 2,255.

READ ALSO THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

Petition No. 656 of 1880, from the Arrack Renter of the Rajahmundry Taluk, dated 15th February 1880.

No. 150. From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Cocanada, 12th April 1880, No. 30.

REFERRING to Government endorsement, dated 25th ultimo, on the petition presented by the arrack renter of the Rajahmundry Taluk of 15th February last, No. 656, I beg to refer you to my letter, dated 1st October last, No. 67, embodied in G.O., dated 11th December last, No. 2,255, containing a full report on the subject.

2. The petitioner prays that he may be relieved of all responsibility of the Abkari farms of the Rajahmundry and other taluks that he has taken on rent, but this is altogether out of the question. I have no objection, however, to the Rajahmundry Taluk being sold again, but the Government have decided that the existing arrangements need not be disturbed.

The petition is returned herewith.

No. 151.

ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1880, No. 574.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.

Abkari.

THE Government gather that two out of the three years of the petitioner's lease will expire on the 30th proximo, and they will not object to the resale of the Rajahmundry Taluk (excluding Agency tract) from that date.

2. The petitioner will be referred to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Petition Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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May it please your Grace

| Statement A appended         | Amount for which each was rented | 1288, 89, 90, and the amount for which each was rented by him; an extract of the statement is given in the margin. The humble petitioner has partners in the Cocanada & Coringa divisions, some public, & some public private. He has one public partner by the name of Simeonant |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cocanada & Coringa (totally) | 25000                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ramachendrapur (totally)     | 12000                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BE (Cora) (totally)          | 27400                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Rajahmundry (Arack)          | 27050                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Total                        | 91450                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Stromi in Ellore taluz.

3. The towns of Raconada, Ellore, & Rajahmundry have been kept under the direct management of the petitioners, while the rest of the village in each talagana is divided & leased out to the cultivator. The figures in the margin show the marikam on the villages as per detailed statement enclosed marked

4 (a) Act VIII of 1865 empowers your Grace's humble petitioner to proceed against defaulters under the Abkari Act. This is the Act which the petitioner should first use in preference to an action in Civil Court. The course prescribed under the rent recovery Act is simpler and is attended with much less trouble, delay, and vexation, than that of a Civil Court suit; resort to the latter course is only preferable when the procedure under the Act does not meet with success. The procedure under the rent recovery Act was therefore begun by the petitioner and was carried to success in the case of defaulters of all the taluqs rented by the petitioner, except those lying in the Rumpu portion of the Rajahmundry Taluq for reasons which appear below. The Government demand against the petitioner in all the parts where he could properly use the Act, was being regularly paid in spite of the losses which the statement C shows to have been sustained by the petitioner. An abstract of the statement is given below.

| Taluqs      | Amount for which taluqs rented by the petitioner for 18 months from 1st July 1877 to 31st Dec 1877 | Collection during the period | Balance | The condition of the petitioner's contract with the Govt and the unsettled state of the taluqs prevent him from laying any claim for indulgence from your Grace in respect of these losses. |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Coconada    | 11400                                                                                              | 10117 8                      | 1282 6  | shown                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Rajahmundry | 12500                                                                                              | 10545 4 3                    | 2753 19 |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ellore      | 21250 3                                                                                            | 18152 2                      | 3098 33 |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Rajahmundry | 12414 6                                                                                            | 1227 3 3                     | 11187 3 |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Mundakota   | 2750 8                                                                                             | 5057 2                       | 4792 15 |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|             |                                                                                                    |                              | 50324 1 |                                                                                                                                                                                             |

- (b) The claim of your Grace's humble petitioner refers chiefly to remission for losses sustained by him on the tracts disturbed by the Rumpu rebellion. He will therefore proceed to detail the procedure taken by him for the recovery of arrears from the Rumpu sub-renters.
- (c) The petitioner's lease began from 1st March 1877; the Rumpu rebellion broke out in March 1877; no difficulty was experienced in the collection of rents before the Rumpu rising. Only Rs could be collected in the disturbed part from March to the end of December 1877.
- (d) On 10th April 1879 an endorsement was given by the Sub-Collector suspending the

the collection of Rs 1000 out of the demand against the Rumpu portion. The petitioner applied to the sub-collector that the whole of the demand against the disturbed part might be kept in abeyance. This request was granted on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1879. The action of the sub-collector and the fact that the remission was granted to the toddy contractor on the portion to which the petitioner's claim also refers led the petitioner to believe that similar remission would be granted to him; he therefore refrained from taking any action against the defaulters. The sub-collector also ordered the petitioner on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1879 not to take any steps against the defaulters in Rumpu.

(e) The collector on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1879 cancelled the sub-collector's order postponing the demand on the Rumpu. The petitioner therefore paid the arrears due by him according to the collector's order, and began to proceed against the subrenters to realize the arrears due to him. The first step taken by the petitioner under the act was an application of a warrant of arrest of 11 subrenters. The sub-collector to whom the application was made, gave an endorsement on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1879 to the effect that the effect uncertainty of his movements would not give him time to do anything with the matter, and he verbally told the petitioner that no proceedings under the act should be taken by the petitioner, because they would not be recognized by him.

(f) The property of the villages of Rumpu and Gokavaram defaulting subrenters noted in the margin, was attached for arrears. The amount due by the Rumpu subrenters was Rs 380-15-0, & that due by the Gokavaram sub-renter was Rs 343-7-0. Property worth Rs 24-5-0 was attached in the case of the first named defaulter, and property to the value of Rs 65-0 of the second named defaulter was also distrained. Attachment lists in these cases were sent by the petitioner to the sub-collector's office on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. Application for the sale of the said property was made on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. An order for sale of this property was issued. The temporary

25<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Collector in charge of taluk division in the 5<sup>th</sup> V.  
petitioner that no attachment should be made  
by him because he was trying to get remission  
and that no order for sale would be issued by him  
in respect of the property which might be detained  
detained by the petitioner. Subscribers were  
served with demand notices on the dates noted  
in the margin; but no property for seizure  
was forthcoming.

(9) The Collector and the Board of Revenue were  
in correspondence regarding remission to the  
petitioner and hopes of getting it were given  
him by the sub-collector and the Board, while  
the Collector suggested to the Board the cancellation  
of the contract; most of the villages of the Rumpu  
tract have been deserted by their inhabitants  
and property was either hidden or carried by  
its owners to places beyond the reach of the  
rebels with a view to protect it from theft.  
These circumstances and the fact of the  
local authorities not helping him in need  
of the act deterred him from further  
proceedings under the act than those  
described above; and the consequence is  
that the petitioner has been unable to get  
anything out of the demand against the  
disturbed parts. This state of things will  
continue so long as the rebellion lasts.

(10) The petitioner has learned that lands in  
parts affected by the disturbance were left  
uncultivated by their holders, and that the  
payment of the demand against them  
was withheld. The influence of the local  
officers armed with magisterial power  
could have no effect in the collection. Had  
the Govt been the managers of the Alkarry  
Revenue in the disturbed parts they would  
have sustained losses similar to those  
of the petitioner with all the better ad-  
vantages they had with regard to collec-  
tion than the petitioner. In these circum-  
stances how can the petitioner be expected

(1) its civil actions were taken because the people possessed no property and a resort to civil action would rather be a loss than gain.

6 Statement 2 shows that the petitioner pay to the

Government under the alkarry Contract  
Rs. 91450 a year; and that there was rather a  
loss of Rs 27458½ to the petitioner than profit on this  
contract.

7. The petitioner was Abkarry, painter of many of the taluqs of this District. For the last 8 years; in faslis 1282, 83, 84, he was the contractor of almost the whole of this district and paid to the Govt. at Rs 294,650 a year.

He was contractor of some of the taluqs of this taluk for faslis 1285, 86, 87 at an annual sum of Rs 85,150 Your Grace's humble petitioner has always been punctual in the payment of the rents in all these years and never laid himself open to the penalties prescribed by law for default of the payments. He has now a deposit of Rs 22862 in the Govt for the present contract.

8. The amount due by the petitioner on Rajahmundry taluq is Rs 12102½ and the amount deposited at the time of bid is Rs 6782½.

9. The procedure adopted by the local authorities in the realization of this arrear which only fell due on account of the petitioner's default will show that in spite of the petitioner's punctuality in payment of the revenue of an enormous amount, no consideration whatever was shown him and such steps were taken as caused the petitioner losses on every side.

10. As soon as the Govt order declining to grant remission according to the petitioner's proposal, was received by the Collector, a writ was issued against your Grace's humble petitioner. His household goods and other property were attached. The crops in river islets were also distrained. The abkarry farm of the Rajahmundry taluq was kept under attachment. Your Grace's petitioner prayed the Collector to stop the sale of property attached pending the grant of redress to the petitioner's grievances, but this request was not granted. These things exposed the petitioner to the public ridicule, loss of credit and reputation.

4 The riots of the isles whose crops were attached, & withheld payment and are ready to sue the petitioners for losses which they say they have sustained by the attachment of their crops. There is a considerable loss from this source. Your Grace's petitioners presented many petitions to the Collector in Rumpia business and no reply was given to any of them.

11. In Rancachendrapur taluk there is an arrear of Rs 1200, due to the Govt by the petitioners. The amount of deposit made at the time of the bid was Rs 300. The temporary Dy. Collector in charge of the subdivision proposed to the Collector that the taluk might be kept under the Govt management. The collector will probably sanction this proposal.

12 Your Grace's humble petitioners most humbly begs that all this abkarni affairs be withdrawn from his responsibility and that his previously sustained losses in consequence of the Rumpia Rising and the abkarni proceedings of the local authorities be remitted.

13 If your Grace thinks that this petition is in any way defective he may be cited to your Grace's presence by telegram to enable him to give the necessary information. The charge for the telegram will be borne by the petitioners.

The petitioners most humbly begs  
to remain,

your Grace,

Your most obedient servant,  
[Signature]

15<sup>th</sup> Feb 80 Rajahmundry [Signature] Vavilala Subrahmanyam  
[Signature]

Oct 25/3/80

Forwarded to the  
Council of Governors  
for their consideration

From the  
Vaidala Subrahmanya  
Sanyal  
to the  
Rajahmundry  
Government  
to the  
petition he has  
submitted by him  
and to the

to the  
The Government  
of the  
proceedings

Noted 15th Feb. 1880.

Received

with reference to your  
letter of the 15th inst. the  
Government has not yet  
received the information  
as required and has  
not yet been able to  
make any decision  
thereon and he will  
be relieved of the  
present critical

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I think Petitioner is  
fairly entitled to a  
remission in respect of  
top sustained by Sub-  
Commissioner as stated  
in that statement  
is confirmed - which  
I imagine from papers

His name is Mr  
Not generally

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Petition dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1880 from  
 V. Subramanya Somayagulu - Abkhari  
 Renter - Godavary District.

Praying for remission of Abkhari dues  
 on account of losses sustained by him

The taluqs rented by Petitioner with  
 the amount of rent of each, are as  
 follows. -

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Cocanada & Coringa (Joddy) | Rs 25,000 |
| Ramachendrapuram "         | 12,000    |
| Ellore                     | 27,400    |
| Rajahmundry (Awarak)       | 27,050    |

The towns of Cocanada, Ellore, and  
 Rajahmundry have been under the  
 direct management of Petitioner, while  
 the Villages have been sub-rented,  
 as under -

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 35 Villages of Cocanada | Rs - 76,00 |
| 125 " Ramachendrapuram  | 110,03     |
| 112 " Ellore            | 14,657     |
| 67 " Rajahmundry        | 17,858     |

Proceedings

were taken successfully under the Act  
against defaulters, and arrears recovered  
except from those in the Rumpu  
portion of the Rajahmundry taluq  
where he was prevented putting the Act  
in force by the Sub. Collector, and Dy. Collector  
of the division. The sub. Collectors per-  
mission was also obtained to abstain  
from any demand in the disturbed  
part of the taluq. From the other  
talugs out of a total demand of  
Rs 78,078 Rs 64,545 were collected, leaving  
a Balance due of Rs 13,532.

The total Govern<sup>t</sup> demand against the  
Petitioner was Rs 91,450, the estimated  
rent Rs 82,843, which thus fell short  
by Rs 8627, which added to the expenses  
of Collection, viz Rs 19,830, entailed a  
loss on petitioner of Rs 28,457.

Petitioner therefore prays that  
he be

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relieved of all responsibility<sup>3</sup>  
and that his losses brought  
about by the Rumpu rising  
and the procedure of the local  
authorities, be remitted —

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Petition

No 656 of 1880 D. 15 February 1881

Recd

From V. Subramanya Samaya-  
agala - abkhari Kenter, Godavari  
District.

The taluqs rented by P. S. with  
the amount of rent of each, are  
as follows: -

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Kocanada & Boriga (2000) | Rs 2500 |
| Ramachandrapuram "       | 1200    |
| Ellore                   | 27400   |
| Rajahmundry (arnack)     | 27050   |

For orders  
The Collector being  
asked to report on  
this refers to the  
papers in P. O. 11 Dec  
79 No 2255

The towns of Kocanada,  
Ellore and Rajahmundry have  
been under the direct ma-  
nagement of P. S. since, while  
the villages have been sub-  
rented, as follows: -

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| 35 Villages of Kocanada | Rs 7600 |
| 125 " Ramachandrapuram  | 11083   |
| 112 " Ellore            | 14657   |
| 67 " Rajahmundry        | 17850   |

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Revenue 1880-81  
Petition to the Department  
No 3032

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PETITION No. 656 of 1880.

From *V. Subramanyam some*  
*peasants,*

Occupation *Abkari Rent*

Village

Taluk

District *Cuddalore at*  
*Rajahmundry.*

Dated *15<sup>th</sup> February*

Received *24<sup>th</sup> March* } 1880.  
*Recd 20 May 80*

Enclosures.

ABSTRACT.

*Remission*

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R.D. 5-80  
H.C. 18-80  
R. 19-80

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Petition No 656 of 1880

Forwarded to the Collector  
of Cuddalore for report.

Fort St. George  
25<sup>th</sup> March 1880

*Under Secretary*  
*to Government.*

N<sup>o</sup> 30

Godavari District, 574  
Collector's Office, Cocanada, 17  
12<sup>th</sup> April 1880.

From,

W. S. Foster, Esq<sup>re</sup>,  
Collector,

Godavari District

To,

C. G. Master, Esq<sup>re</sup>,

Secretary to Government,  
Revenue Department,  
Cotakund...

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,  
Your most Obedient Servant,

W S Foster

Collector.

Ex M. H. H. H.  
C. J. H. H.

No 574. 21 May 1880

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*John Brown*

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The Collector

From, No 3035.

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