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REVENUE DEI[PART]TMENT.

READ—Petition from RAJA SUGUTUR IMM[ADI] Y SENKER RAYAL YASAVUN[TA] BAHADUR, C.I.E., Zemindar of [Kala]núr, in the North Arcot District, to His Excellency the Right Hono[rable] the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated 30th January 1885.

ABSTRACT.—Praying that his memorial asking [for] reduction of peshkash be forwarded to the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 17th March 1885, No. 334, Re[venue].

Land Revenue, No. 34.

Ordered that the memorial be fo[rwa]rded to the Government of India a[nd] the memorialist be informed of its d[es]patch.

(True Ext[ract])

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE.

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MARCH.

Memorial

from the Zemindar of Punganúr, North Arcot district, praying for a reduction of the peshkash fixed upon his estate, ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

LETTER from—

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for the consideration of the Government of India, the enclosed memorial from the Zemindar of Punganúr, in the North Arcot district, praying for a reduction of the peshkash fixed upon his estate.

Land Revenue, No. 35.

2. The first settlement, after the British occupation, made with regard to this estate was effected in 1802, when after receipt of a report upon the resources of the estate by Colonel Munro, the Madras Government directed that the revenues of the estate should be collected on behalf of Government by the Poligar, who received an allowance of 20 per cent. on the collections for his trouble. This arrangement continued until 1815, when the Government decided, subject to the approval of the Court of Directors, to grant the estate to the Poligar upon a permanent sanad, the peshkash being fixed at Rs. 63,000, or two-thirds of the average gross receipts under the decennial rent then just expired. This proposed arrangement was however disallowed by the Court of Directors, who ordered that at the close of the term of the decennial lease granted in 1811 upon a rent of Rs. 63,000 per annum, the question should be again taken into consideration. In 1825, on the expiry of the lease, the arrangement which had existed from 1802 to 1815 was revived and continued in force until 1835. In 1833, the Madras Government again proposed to grant a permanent sanad to the holder of the estate, the peshkash upon which was to commence at Rs. 51,000 per annum, to be gradually raised until it should reach Rs. 63,000 per annum. The Court of Directors, however, again declined to permit any permanent arrangement, but sanctioned the grant of the estate upon the terms proposed by the Madras Government for twenty years. In 1853, upon the expiry of that period, a lease at the full amount of Rs. 63,000 was granted for five years. This period terminated in 1858, when the Government proposed the grant of a permanent sanad upon the original peshkash of Rs. 63,000, which arrangement was finally sanctioned.

See Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1879, No. 3057.
G.O., dated 8th December 1879, No. 4245.

G.O., dated 9th November 1859, No. 1526.

G.O., dated 9th November 1859, No. 1526.
Letter to Secretary of State, dated 9th November 1859, No. 64.

3. The main contention of the Zemindar in the enclosed memorial is to the effect that, although the peshkash upon his estate was originally calculated in 1814 upon the basis of the survey assessment made in 1805 by Colonel Munro, no reduction in the sum fixed has ever been granted to meet the reductions in that assessment which were carried out in 1825 to the extent of 30 and 25 per cent. upon all lands in the estate.

4. The reductions granted in 18 by Sir Thomas Munro, when Governor of Madras, were fully discussed in the correspondence which passed between the Government and the Board of Revenue, and the Government and the Court of Directors in 1832-33, when the terms upon which the estate of Punganúr should in tion. The Government admitting that the been granted had reduced the assets of the shkash it was necessary to take into account es of the estate from improved and increased a that the whole amount of peshkash, now shown above, gradually. The whole subject ourt of Directors in their despatch No. 1 of orders upon the subject to this Government. on of assessment made in 1825 upon the lands ount previous to the grant of sanction to the tate in 1833, and there seems no reason now

To Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1832, No. 26.
Letter to England, 29th October 1833, No. 18.
Despatch from Court of Directors, No. 1 of 1835.
Proceedings of Court of Directors, No. 4 of 1833.

future be treated were under consi reductions in the assessment which h Zemindari, observed that in fixing the the probable improvement in the reso cultivation, and it was from this rea charged, was not imposed at once but, was fully discussed by the Honorabl 1835, in which they conveyed their fi It is clear from the above that the reduc included in the estate was taken into a arrangements made with regard to the for reopening the question.

5. With reference to the further q cial condition of the Zemindari, any sp that His Excellency in Council called after due consideration determined that tion in the peshkash payable by the submitted by the Board of Revenue, annual receipts for ten years previous had not exceeded 60 per cent. of the gr 1881, No. 357, Revenue, communicated 19th March 1881, No. 4737).

stion whether, considering the present finan- al relief is now called for, I am directed to say r information upon this point in 1879, and here were no grounds for making any reduc- nemorialist. In the report which was then was clearly shown that, taking the average the famine, the peshkash upon the Zemindari s revenue of the estate (G.O., 23rd February the Government of India with letter, dated

6. Since the famine the memorialis repayment of Rs. 26,000-8-0, the balan for relief purposes, has been waived, and of the peshkash have been remitted. no recommendation to offer in behalf of has been treated with great liberality. The of the loan granted to him during the famine ccumulated arrears, amounting to Rs. 47,403, m directed to say that the Government have he memorialist.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17*th March* 1885.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of Fort St. George.

Issued

Read. *Encl.*

Letter, 17th March 1885, No. 335.

MARCH.

Forwarding a memorial from the Zemindar of Punganúr, North Arcot district, praying for a reduction of the peshkash fixed upon his estate.

THE ZEMINDAR OF POONGANOOR

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.

The humble memorialist
of Rajah Sugatoor Immadi
Sankara Rayal Yasovant
Bahadur, C. I. E. Zemindar
of Punganoor in the North
Arcot District.

Most Respectfully sheweth.

That your memorialist respectfully
begs to request that your Excellency
in Council will be pleased to
submit the enclosed printed appeal
memorial with the several enclosures
to his Lordship the Viceroy and

the Governor-General of India in
Council for his kind consideration
and orders.

For which act of Justice and kindness,
your humble memorialist as in duty bound
will every pray.

Punganoor
Dated 31 jan. 1885

Yadoonunt Bahadur, C. I. E.,
Zemindar of Punganoor.

Land Revenue 34

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(1885)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

R. P. No. 210.

No 2008

From Raja Lingaker
Lunnidy Sunker
Royal Zamindar
Bush
C.I.E.

Occupation Zemindar &c

Village

Taluk Pungamoor

District N. Arcot

Dated 30 Jan 1885

Received 10 Feb 1885

Enclosures 5

SUBJECT.

Praying that his memorial asking for reduction of peishkush be forwarded to the Government of India

For

With an Order

C. 2-3-85. Sent to Govt 13-3-85
R. 6-3-85. R. 16-3-85.

G.O. No 334

Ordered that the memorial be forwarded to the Govt of India and the memorialist be informed of its despatch.

MMB
26/2.

17-3-85

25/2/1

Land Revenue 35.

51 copies sent to Govt. on 26-3-85.

Revenue Dept.

1. Petition from Zamindar of Pungamur praying for reduction of peishkush fixed upon his estate.

2. Rt. No 335 dated 30th Jan 1885.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the consideration of the Government of India, the enclosed Memorial from the Zemindar of Pungamur in the N. Arcot District, praying for a reduction of the Peishkush fixed upon his estate.

2. The first settlement, after the British occupation, made with regard to this estate was effected in 1802, when after the receipt of a report upon the resources of the estate by Col Munro, the Madras Government directed that the revenues of the estate should be collected on behalf of Government, by the Palegar, who received an allowance of 20 per cent of the collections for his trouble. This Arrangement continued until 1815, when the Government decided, subject to the approval of the Court of Directors, to grant to the

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Sec. Proc. Bd. of Rev.
29. Oct 79.
No 3057.

G.O. 4245. 8th Dec 79.

Estate to the Palegar upon a
permanent Sanad, the Jeshkash
being fixed at ₹ 63.000, or
two thirds of the average gross
receipts under the Decennial
Lease then just expired. The
proposed arrangement was
however disallowed by the Ct
of Directors, who ordered that
at the close of the term of the
decennial lease granted in 1814
the question should be again
taken into consideration. In
1825 on the expiry of the lease
the arrangement which had
existed from 1802 to 1815 was
revived and continued in force
until the 1835. In 1833 the
Madras Government again proposed
to grant a permanent Sanad
to the holder of the Estate, the
Jeshkash upon which was to
commence at ₹ 57.000 per
annum, to be gradually raised

G.O. 9th Nov. 59.
No 1526.

upon a Jesh of ₹ 63.000
per annum,

until it should reach ₹ 63.000
per annum. The Court of
Directors however again declined
to permit any permanent
Arrangement, but sanctioned the
Grant of the Estate upon the terms
proposed by the Madras Government
for twenty years. On 1853 upon
the expiry of that period a Lease at
the full amount of ₹ 63.000 was
Granted for five years, this period
terminated in 1858, when the
proposed Government, the Grant of a permanent
Sanad upon the original Jeshkash
of ₹ 63.000, which arrangement
was finally sanctioned.

G.O. 9th Nov. 59. No 1526.

Letter to S. of S. 9 Nov. 59.
No 64.

3. The main contention of the
Zemindar in the enclosed memorial
is to the effect that, although the
Jeshkash upon his Estate was
originally calculated in 1814 upon
the basis of the survey afterwards
made in 1805 by Col Munro,
No reduction in the sum fixed

has ever been granted, to meet the reductions in that assessment which were carried out in 1825 to the extent of 30 & 25 per cent upon all lands in the Estate.

4. The reductions granted in 1825 by Sir Thomas Munro, when Governor of Madras, were fully discussed in the correspondence which passed between the Govt and the Bd of Rev and the Government and the Court of Directors in 1832-3, when the terms upon which the Estate of Pittapuram should in future be held were under consideration. The Government admitting that the reductions in the assessment which had been granted had reduced the assets of the Zemindari, observed that in fixing the Peishkash it was necessary to take into account the subsequent improvements in the resources of

To Bd of Rev. No 26.
10th Jany 32:

Letter to England.
29th Oct 1833 No 18.

Desp. from Ct Directors
No 1. of 1835.

Rec'd Govt Bd Directors. 4. of 1833
answered.

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the Estate from improved and increased cultivation, and it was from this reason that the whole amount of Peishkash now charged was not imposed at once but, as shown above, gradually. The whole subject was fully discussed by the Board Court of Directors in their despatch No 1 of 1835, in which they conveyed their final orders upon the subject to this Government — from the date that the reduction of 1825 is clear. That the reduction of assessment made in 1825 upon the lands included in the Estate was taken into account previous to the grant of sanction to the arrangements made with regard to the Estate in 1833, and there seems no reason now for reopening the question.

6. With reference to the further question whether, considering the present financial condition of the Zemindari any special

relief is now called for, I am directed to say that His Ex in Council called for information upon this point in 1879, and after due consideration determined that there were no grounds for making any reduction in the peshkash payable by the Memorialist. In the report which was then submitted by the Board of Revenue, it was clearly shown that taking the average annual receipts for 10 years previous to the famine the peshkash upon the Zemindari had not exceeded 60 p.c. of the gross revenue of the Estate. [G.O. 23 Feb 81. No 357. Rev. Communicated to the Govt of India with letter d. 19th March 81. No 4737.]

6. Since the famine the Memorialist has been treated with great liberality. The repayment of ₹26,000-0-0. the balance of the loan granted to him during the famine for relief purposes has been waived, and accumulated arrears amounting to ₹47.403. of the peshkash have been remitted. I am directed to say that the Government have no recommendation to offer in behalf of the Memorialist

He has appealed unto Caesar & unto Caesar he must go—now do I see without care one can decide for him. If his prayer had been for some more amusement perhaps he might have managed to find it for he is a good man & has I apprehend a great struggle to make under such circumstances, but a medical report of that kind would, I am sure, not be happier who prefer the higher mental & moral development he must look for the same. He must take the consequences of his own conduct—& get I suppose—Railway MP March 15/85

W.C. 26/2
17-3-85

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