Revenue (189/) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1856
Confidential No 420 A
DATED 17 March 91

[Despatch Abstract.]

Referring to the Hon'ble the Advocate General for favour of remarks certain papers relating to Diwan Bahadur S. Rajaram Rao

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(1891.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2094.

ABSTRACT.

From Mr. C. S. Crole
ag. 3rd member
Bd of Rev

Dated 12th march 1891.

Received 14th

Enclosures 18.

No.

SUBJECT.

Submitting report on the case of Dewan Bahadur I. Rajaram Rao.

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ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Confidential

Mr. Crole to be deputed, by D.O instructions, to proceed to Madura as soon as possible ~~and to~~ for the purpose of Enquiring and Reporting as to the correctness of information which has reached Govt. to the effect that Diwan Bahadur Raja Ram Row, Manager of the Ramnad Zamindar has accepted a present of a lakh of rupees & a village from the Zamindar on his attaining his majority.

Ms
24 Feb.

D.O sent in the above terms.

Cly
24/2/9.

FOR ORDERS.

Madura

Confidential

GENERAL OF MADRAS
17 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

5-5-91.

My dear Mr. Price,

7.3.91. RD 7/3.

Will you kindly give me instructions in the following circumstances

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

[illegible] Mr. Turner
[illegible] confidential corr

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[illegible] reply is to
[illegible] to Mr. Turner
[illegible] instructed to
[illegible] Turner any
[illegible] the enquiry
[illegible] to Mr. Coole
[illegible] exact copy
[illegible] instructions
[illegible] me in
[illegible] . See Con.
[illegible] confidential corr.
[illegible] 7/3 dated 24 Feb.

Telegr

At Hrs. Mts. by ..... At MADRAS

G. W. Allen and Co.—No. 179T—8-2-90—20,00,000.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. Telegram from Raja Ram Row - Dewan Bahadur.

From

Dated 4th inst. 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

Is to what reply is to be given. It is presumed that Govt. will await Mr Crole's report & will not comply with Rajaram Rows request.

Yes. & add that if public inquiry is therefore deemed necessary all usual privileges will be accorded.

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Cl 4/3

Telegram sent accordingly.

At Hrs. Mts. by ..... At MADRAS

G. W. Allen and Co.—No. 179T—8-2-90—20,00,000.

FOR ORDERS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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FOR ORDERS

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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of Govt under which
Mr. Coole is acting, may
The furnished with a
copy and he given
instructions as to my
position in relation to
Mr. Coole and the ensuing
he is conducting?
4. Dewan Bahadoor
Raja Ram Row is a
native gentleman of
considerable rank.
He has hitherto enjoyed
the confidence of Govt.
He has, I am informed,

positively denied the charges alleged
against him, desires to be confronted
with his accusers whoever they
may be, and that his trial, if trial
it be, may be publicly conducted.
5. Under these circumstances am I
justified in handing, may and every
paper demanded from me by Mr.
Coole quite [illegible] & Mr.

Sent to LN.

At MADRAS

Bonga Ram Rao? Knowing Madurai as I do, and knowing that Rs. Rs is Environmental, by letters enemies who will stick at nothing, it would appear but fair that the Engineering should be public. Kindly obtain instructions for me in the matter.

Yrs. Sincerely

E. Turner.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. Do from Mr Turner in Confidential Corr

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

"I don't think there was any Dy. receipt to Mr Turner intimation of Mr Cole's mission. He surely knows that Mr C. is a member of the Board of Revenue this official superior

HCS 7 Mar

Send Mr Turner a copy of the Confid. Do. to be sent to Mr Turner & tell him that Mr C. is to make a preliminary inquiry to see if there is any case for a formal one & that Mr T. must give him all assistance in his a member of the Board & of letters have any papers of Mtrs he asks for. J.H.S. 7/3

As to what reply is to be sent to Mr Turner I was not instructed to give Mr Turner any notice of the Enquiry. My letter to Mr Cole was an exact copy of the instructions handed to me in Council. See Confidential corr. dated 26 Feb.

Sent to LN.

At

MADRAS

Mr Cole is a member of the Board of Revenue & as such can call for any papers he pleases. Mr Turner has nothing to do with the manner in which Mr Cole conducts the engineering.

CL
7/3

Recd. from LN.

Sent to LN.

MADRAS

FOR ORDERS.

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Cst 18/3

Order No III

GOVERNMENT OF ... 18 MAR

Code Class.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number.

To (Office)

From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person)

From (Person)

(2)

his agent Madras to pay if not paid yet as I am interested in the case so far as the money is concerned I have deemed it not improper to address you direct on this -

(1)

d. from LN. Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to LN. At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

W. Allen and Co.—No. 179T—8-2-90—20,00,000.

MADRAS 17-3-91

FOR ORDERS.

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Code Class. DP

Cst 17/3 3

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. 07473 Monthly Number.

To (Office) Madras

From (Office) Ramnad

Words. 1/3 Day. 17 Hour. 10 Minute. 30 Official Instructions. defd

To (Person) C. S. Crole Esqre. C. S. 3rd member of the board of Revenue Chepauk.

From (Person) The Setupati

Chetty here I refused see him he sends word money ready for hundi and that money has not yet been demanded by Government I beg humbly to suggest that money should be received by Government as that would be most important Evidence as long as money is not received the chetty may retract his statements he further says he will telegraph

64 Word Form.

Recd. from LN. Sent to LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by At MADRAS 17-3-9 Telegraph Master.

G. W. Allen and Co.—No. 179T—8-2-90—20,00,000.

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Revenue Board Office,
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
17 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

17 March 1891.
4.50 p.m.

My dear Sutton.

Enclosed telegram, just received from Ramnad Zemindar, relates to the Hundi for Rs 67,000 enclosed in my report on Rajaram Rao's case.

Yours sincerely
C.S. Crole

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. D.O. from Mr Cole enclosing Telegram from the Rajahmundry

From

Dated Zemindar 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

The Zemindar suggests that the Hundi given by the Chetti for Rs 67000 being a portion of the Lakh alleged to be held by him on account of Raja Rama Rao should be presented for payment. The papers have this

Already done Cah 18/3

I think the Hundi Rs. 2 ~~of~~ cashed at once JHG

1873/91.

It ought certainly to be cashed. I believe it is with the papers. Yes it should be made over to the Acct Genl for immediate realization. JHG 18 Mar

At Trs. Mts. by

Gaiecoulan Stm Pg Co.—N 272 C—12 8 90 28 00 000.

Day been received
back from H.E. the
Governor who agrees
to the course suggested
by the Honble Mr Stokes.
Accordingly the question
whether a criminal
prosecution will be
has been referred to the
Advocate General &
all the papers including
the Hundi have
already been trans
mitted to him.
I do not myself see

how the case will
be strengthened by
cashing the Hundi;
The fact that it
has been given coupled
with the deposition
showing on what ac
count it was drawn
seems sufficient to
render any retracta
tion by the Chetty
futile.

C.L.
17/3

At Hrs. Mts. by
Gele onlan Stm Pg Co.—N 272 C—18 8 00 28 00 000.

FOR ORDERS.

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At Trs. Mts. by
Gelo.onlan Sim Pg Co.—N 272 C—12 8 [illegible] 28 [illegible]

FOR ORDERS.

Code Class. Dp

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Month Number

To (Office) Madras

From (Office) Ramnad

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
6	17	20	40	Dfd

To (Person) The Hunble H. E. Stokes C. S. C. S. I. Senior member of Council Nungambaukum

From (Person) The Setu

Rajaram rao has this d
sent the following teleg
to ramasawmy chetty who
here rajarams telegram is
mylapore whole amount due
me by you should be
direct to me within a
if you pay the same or
to anybody without my
~~you~~ order in writing I
you notice that I will
you responsible for the
and interest

Recd. from LN. At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to LN. At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegr

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Gale: onlan Sim Pg Co.—N 272 C—18 8 90 28 00 000.

MADRAS 18-3-91

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras
18 March 91.

Dear Gulton

I enclose a telegram from Ramnad. Perhaps it had better be sent to Cook pro-remarks. If the statement is true the telegram would be an important piece of evidence and we can of course get hold of the original, if it is wanted. Meanwhile I hope you have done the needful about cashing the Chetty's hundi.

Yours sincerely

H. E. Stokes

Keep — Willjet hold of the telegram if necessary. Ulo 19 Jan

Revenue Board Office, 4
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS,

18 March 1891.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

My dear Galton

In reply to your note enclosing telegram, which I return, it seems as if Rajaram Row has been advised to put a bold front to the case and fight it. The defence must be that the money is his private property and not derived from the Zemindar, or

else that he was with-
in his rights in taking
it. The latter is opposed
to his deposition given be-
fore me, no doubt. But he
will not hesitate to say
that he was confused or
make some other excuse.
As to its being his own
private property legiti-
mately acquired, the
evidence seems to be
strongly the other way.
In any case, as observed
by the Hon Mr Stokes,

the telegram, the accu-
racy of which may be
accepted I think, is
important as an ad-
mission of a transaction
with the Chetti, simi-
lar to that under in-
vestigation. Its charact-
er alone will now re-
main to be decided.

Yours sincerely

C. S. Croll

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Order No III.

Dated 8th November 1889.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Of the Rs 3,80,000 received by me from the Madura Treasury, and Rs 50,000 from the Branch Treasury Ramnad, making a total of Rs 4,30,000 according to the letter of the Collector of Madura, No A, dated 29th October 1889, I send to the Estate Treasury Rs 1,10,000 (One lakh and ten thousand) and have retained the balance of Rs 3,20,000 for the payment of my mother's debt and other sundry expenses.

The Estate chittah will be opened with this Rs 1,10,000 (One lakh and ten thousand)

(Signed) Sri Bhaskara Setupathi
Zamindar

(True Copy)

6 Confidential

No. 117,
H. & Co.

Bank of Madras,

Madras, 19 March 1891

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To

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Rec'd 18.3.91 Esl

Camp Permagudy.
12th March 1891.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

My dear Sir,

I herewith send you a copy of my order No III in the order Book as desired.

The petition of my brother to appoint a receiver was I find argued in March 1890 & the final order was passed on 22nd March.

Rec'd 18.3.91 Esl

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The Kural text that the Chetty telegraphed to me was-

"பொய்ம்மையும் வாய்மை யிடத்த புரை தீர்ந்த நன்மை பயக்கு மெனின்."

Translation — A lie may be considered a truth, if by that lie a person can have unblemished benefit."

"Falsehood may take the place of truthful word
If blessing, free from fault, it can afford" (Pope)

The Sacred Kurral Book I. Chapter XXX, Stanza 292.

by the Rev. G. W. Pope.

Thus, I have furnished you with the three points which you desired to know & am directly off to Ramnad.

Trusting Mr. Venkatasawmy Naidu handed over my letters to you & Mrs. Crole,

I remain
as ever
Yours most devotedly
Rajah Sir Bhavkara Setupati

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Revenue Board Office,
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS,
17 March 1891

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

My dear Sallon.

The enclosed, received this morning from the Zemindar, contains information which he was unable to supply when he made his statement before me in Madura.

The copy of the order supplies internal evidence of the truth of

the allegation that it was dictated by Raja Ram Row, for it makes the Zemindar acknowledge that he kept back Rs 3,20,000 for his "ex.. penses", whereas the accounts and the evidence of the Cashkeeper show clearly that Rs 10,000 of the above sum was not retained by the Zemindar at all, but that it went into Rajaram Row's keeping in the Estate Treasury, and was carried to credit on 9th Nov. (vide depositions referred to)

Yours sincerely

Cs Cole

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. DO from Mr. Cole

From

Dated 18 March 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

This will be filed with the record. When it comes back, I do not appear necessary to send it on to the Advocate General.

JHC
18/3/91
Secs. 19 mar.

CL
18/3

FOR ORDERS.

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6 Confidential

No. 117,
H. & Co.

Bank of Madras,

Madras, 19 March 1891

HH

To

The Accountant General,
To the Government of Madras,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter $\frac{2D}{153}$ of 18 Inst. I have the honor to intimate that the Hoondie for Rs 6840/- on M. A. K. R. Somasoondrum Chetty forwarded therewith has been presented at the place of business of the Drawee, who was absent, his Gomasta said "the Drawee is expected back shortly, I will then report it to him and he will send the money to the Bank." We retain the bill and will present it again tomorrow for payment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

[illegible]
Secretary & Treasurer

MG

Accountant General's Office,
Fort Saint George, MADRAS,
the of 189

20/3/81. 6

My dear Galton

Crombie likes enclosed contains the latest information I have received as to the hundi.

Yours ever,

Constantine

This took from me to raise the question. but I suppose the legality

of Gov. Alling hold to
What represents the
alleged bribe has
been considered?

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. D.O. from the Lieut General.

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

I see nothing illegal in Govt receiving the money voluntarily tendered - Of course they will have to deal with Raja Ram Rao hereafter. CG 20/3

Nothing - The money belongs to the Zemindar of Ramnad & is voluntarily amended by his agent or banker to Govt who are responsible to the Zemr. No one else can raise the question of the legality of our receiving it & he won't - 21/3 [illegible]

HCS 21 Mar

FOR ORDERS.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 117.
H. & Co.

Confidential

Bank of Madras,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
21 MAR 91
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Madras, 20 March 1891

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To

The Accountant General,
To the Government of Madras,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In continuation of my confidential letter No 44 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you that the Drawee M. A. K. R. Somasundram chetty called at the Bank and stated before me that he refuses payment of the Hoondie as he has been instructed by the Drawer not to pay as the Hoondie was given under a mistake.

The Hoondie is herewith returned

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Secretary & Treasurer

Accountant General's Office,
Fort Saint George, MADRAS,
the of 21/3 189

My dear Galton.

I return the Hoonde & translation with a letter from the Secretary of the Bank of Madras which will show that payment has been refused.

Yours sincerely.

J. Rankin

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No.

Do from Mr Bendlows
Enclosing letter from
Secy Bank of Madras

From

Dated 189 .

I think we must wait for the Advocate General's opinion. I don't see at any rate how the Chetty can be prosecuted as an abettor. He was a mere stakeholder. His a fortiori the hundi was not cashed at once. [illegible]

FOR ORDERS.

We had better see on the Hundi if it is possible to do so. At any rate we can prosecute the Chetti for abetting the taking of a bribe by Raja Ram Rao & this Ch. I think, be done.

22/3/91 [illegible]

It will be seen that payment of the Hundi has been refused, on the ground that it was given by mistake.

[illegible]
21/3.

List of papers.

1. Telegram from Raja Ram Row, with note for orders. dy 4. 3. 91.
2. D.o. from Mr. Turner dy 5. 3. 91, with note for orders.
3. Telegram from the Zemindar of Ramnad dy 17-3-91, to Mr. Crole
   D.o. from Mr. Crole dy 17. 3. 91.
   & a note for orders.
4. Telegram from the Zemindar of Ramnad ~~to the Hon. Mr. Stokes~~ dy 17.3.91
   D.o. from the Hon. Mr. Stokes dy 18.3.91.
   D.o. from Mr. Crole dy 18. 3. 91.
5. D.o. from the Zemindar of Ramnad to Mr. Crole dy 12. 3. 91, with 1 enclo.
   D.o. from Mr. Crole dy 18. 3. 91.
   & a note for orders.
6. Letter from the Bank of Madras to the Accountant General dy 19. 3. 91.
   Letter from the A.G. to Rev. Secy. dy 20. 3. 91.
   & note for orders.
7. Letter from the Bank of Madras to A.G. dy 20. 3. 91.
   Letter from A.G. to Rev. Secy. dy 21. 3. 91.
   & note for orders.

1st Deposition

Raja Rama Row.

Dewan of Ramnad. I deny emphatically that I have received, directly or indirectly, any money from the Zemindar of Ramnad at any time or that I have received, directly or indirectly, an assignment of any village from him.

Given before me 4. 3. 91

C.S.C.R.R.

2nd Deposit

2nd Deposition

Ramaswami Chetti of Devikotta.

When the Zemindari was handed over to the Zemindar by the Court of wards his mother owed me 3½ (three and a half) lakhs of rupees. On this account the Zemindar paid me 2 (two) lakhs and executed a document for a lakh and a half. On the 5th, 6th or 7th November 1889 I received under the Zemindar's orders, from Kesavaswami Iyer, his gumastah, the above two lakhs out of the sum he received from the District Treasury at Madura. I was not at Madura then. The amount was therefore paid to my Agent. I was then at Ramnad. Besides this my Agent at Madura also received from the above Kesavaswami Iyer 110000 (one lakh and ten thousand) rupees. This sum was made up of 30000 (thirty thousand) rupees sent by Rajaram Rao by hundi and 80000 (eighty thousand) rupees paid by Kesavaswami Iyer himself. When I was at Ramnad the Zemindar told me that out of this sum of 110000 (one lakh and ten thousand) I should keep 100000 (one lakh) for Rajaram Rao and 10000 for myself. This was said in the presence of Rajaram Rao. Out of the 100000 (one lakh) ordered to be kept by me for

Rajaram Row. 30000 Rupees were paid to him at Madura some time after. But this payment is not entered in my accounts. The receipt of the above one lakh of rupees is however shown in my accounts. As Rajaram Row desired me not to credit the sum in my accounts in his name the credit is shown in the name of a b-Cou: I do not remember whether it was in currency notes or in cash that I paid the 30,000 (thirty thousand) rupees to Rajaram Row in Madura. I have transactions to the extent of many lakhs in a year. Besides the above 30,000 (thirty thousand) rupees Rajaram Row has received from me 6 (six) or 7 (seven) thousand rupees. There are entries in my accounts to show this.

The village of Sithanore granted to Rajaram Row is entered in the deed executed in my name along with the villages granted to me. The village has been under my supervision. I have, however, no claim of any kind for it. I have not, until now submitted any accounts of receipts and charges relating to this village. I must, however, hand over the village to Rajaram Row if he should ask for it. As of the 3½ (three and-a-half) lakhs which the Zemindar's mother owed me, I have received from the Zemindar 2 lakhs ~~from~~ and a document for the remaining 1½ (one and a half) lakh, I have executed a document to the effect that she has been freed from her indebtedness to me. The lakh of rupees I was ordered to keep for Rajaram Row has nothing to do with the 3½ (three and-a-half) lakhs above referred to.

All that is written above is true.

2nd Deponent

இராமசாமிசெட்டி - தேவக்கோட்டை.

ஜமீந்தார் ~~[illegible]~~ கோர்ட்ஆப்
வார்ட்ஸ் விருந்து ~~[illegible]~~ ஜமீந்தாரியை ஒப்
புக்கொண்டபாலத்தில் ₹ 3½ லட்சம்
கொடுக்கவேண்டியிருந்தது. அதற்காக
2 (இரண்டு) லட்சத்துபாய் ஜமீந்தா
ர் செலுத்தினார். 1½ (ஒன்றரை) லட்ச
துபாய்க்கு தஸ்தாவேஜு எழுதிக்கொடு
த்தார். 1889 ஆம் நவம்பர் மீ 5, 6 அல்லது
7 தேதியில் ஜமீந்தாரின் உத்திரவின் பேரி
ல் அவர் துமாஸ்தா கேசவசாமி அய்யரிட
த்திலிருந்து மதுரை ஜில்லாக ஜாஜூவிலி
ருந்து வாங்கின தொகையில் இரண்டு ல
ட்சத்துபாய் பெற்றுக்கொண்டேன்.
நான் இவ்விடத்திலில் லை ஆகையால்
என் காரியஸ்தரிடம் இந்தத்தகை செலு
த்தப்பட்டது. நான் அப்பொழுது
இராமநாதபுரத்திலிருந்தேன். மேற்சொ
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என் காரியஸ்தர் ஜமீந்தார் கேறட்கு
மாஸ்தா கேசவசாமி அய்யரிடத்திலி
ருந்து இராஜராமராயரிடத்திலிருந்து உண்டியு
ந்த ~~[illegible]~~ நாயிரம் துபாயும் அத்துடன்
கூடி கேசவசாமி அய்யரிடத்திலிருந்து
என் ~~[illegible]~~ நாயிரம் துபாயும் ஆகமொத்தம்
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வைத்துக் கொள்ளும்படி ஜமீந்தார் தான்
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து. ஆனால் இதை ஒப்புக்கொண்டதாக ஆக்கி
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துபாய் வாங்கியிருக்கிறார். அதற்கு என் கணக்
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கிராமங்களுடன் கூட ஒரே தரம் தான் வேறில்
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விசாரணையில் தான் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் ஏனத்த அது விஷயமாய் ஒரு பாத்தியமுமில்லை. இந்த கிராம விஷயமாய் நான் இது வரைக்கும் வரவு சிலவு முதலான கணக்குகளொன்றும் கொடுக்கவில்லை. ஆனால் இராஜா இராமராயர் இந்த கிராமத்தைக் கேட்டால் நான் ஒப்புவித்து விடவேண்டியது தான்.

நான் வாங்கிக் கொண்ட 2 (இரண்டு) லட்சமுபாய்க்கும் நான் வாங்கியிருக்கிற லட்சத்து ஐம்பது நாயிரம் நோட்டும் ஆக லட்சம் முன்னாலாயும் பெற்றுக் கொண்டதினாலே இராஜாவின் தாயாரின் பேரில் இருந்த பாத்தியதை தீங்கிவிட்டதாக விடுதலை பத்திரம் எழுதிக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன். இராஜா ராமராயருக்கு நான் வாங்கிக் கொண்ட லட்சமுபாய்க்கும் இந்த மூன்றாலை லட்சத்துக்கும் ஒருசம்பந்தமில்லை.

மேல் எழுதியிருக்கிற சங்கதிகள் முழுதும் உண்மை.

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Given before me this 7th March 1891 at Madura.

C. S. Tolle
of 3rd Member
Board of Revenue

5th Deposition

3rd Deponent

Bashakarasami Sétupati

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a similar sum paid by the Chetti to Mr. Creighton, the Court of Wards Tutor, under my orders. These sums left a balance of Rs 90,000 at Madura to make a sum of one lac due to the Dewastanam funds. So Rajarama Rao remitted Rs 30,000 to Kesavasami at Madura out of the Rs 50,000 received at Ramnad in order to make up one lac, which thereupon remitted to the [illegible] Bank at Tuticorin.

I was minor inspecting [illegible] with Raja Ram Row, [illegible] of Wards' Manager, shortly took charge, he recommended me to make a grant [illegible] village worth some [illegible] to Ramasami [illegible] Rs 12,0[illegible] he had done [illegible] my mi[illegible]

Rajah Sir Bhaskara Sethupati

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which the Chetti told me my father intended to give him, when he died. The bond recites a consideration of Rs 10,000 but this was false. I supplied that money. It was merely a blind in order to give the transaction the appearance of validity. The consideration was inserted under the advice of the Hon. V. Bashyam Ayyangar. A village called Chittanur was included in the document referred to. This was to be held for Rajarama Rao to whom I had granted it at the request of the Chetti. The latter had told me (after he had obtained my consent to the grant to him) that Rajarama Rao wanted a lac of rupees ~~& a village~~ and that I [illegible] a village in addition to the lac ought to give ~~them~~ [illegible] on account of his services in managing the Estate during my minority. When I met Rajarama Rao 20 days ago at Madura he explained that he had asked for this lac as the c

Rajah Sharkana Setupati

quivalent of the difference between the salary which he had received as manager, and what the Court of Wards would have had to pay, if the manager had been a Covenanted Officer. He further stated that in this view, the remuneration was not illegal. In subsequent conversations with me — even up to last night — he has never dared to deny the receipt of the lac of rupees & the grant of the village. But he has told me that he will deny it to Govt. & fight it out to the last. Rajaram Row received one present of a jewel, for his grand son, in July 1888 from my mother. This is entered as for R. Mo. (Rajah daughter Rayar Magal (Pillai)) jewel in the Manavarti accounts. Ramasami Chetti told me yesterday that he had disclosed the truth regarding the above transactions to the Ag. 3rd Member of the Board of Revenue.

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I should have stated that when I assumed charge of the Zemindari, the Chitta was opened with a balance at credit of Rs 10,000 only. A day or two afterwards another Rs 10,000 was entered as received from the Ramnad Taluq. The truth is that this was the balance of the above mentioned Rs 50,000 which was in Raja Ram Rao's hands. Only a remittance list came into the Zemindari Office. The money which it referred was paid to by the Dewan to the Chetti who then paid it into the Treasury as the consideration for the villages granted to him. All this was done by the Dewan.

The next day after I took charge I wrote in the "Order Book" an order that the Estate Chitta should be opened with Rs 10,000 as I had kept for my own use Rs 3,20,000 — Another order recites that the remaining lac being Devastanam property, should be

invested in the Tuticorin Bank. Both orders were written at the dictation of Raja Rama Row the Dewan.

Rajah M Bhaskara Setupati

In the Petition for the appointment of a Receiver for the Zemin dari pending the disposal of the Suit for partition brought by my brother against me, I was cited as a witness for the purpose of proving my extravagance. This was in May last. Ramasami Chetti wrote to me that I Mr. Norton, Counsel for my brother would probably ask me about the lac of rupees given to Rajaram Row but that I must save him by denying it. I replied that if I were put on my oath I could not deny it so they had better exert themselves to get my evidence dispensed with. He then telegraphed to me a verse from the "Kural"

5th Deponent

& the effect that it is lawful to save a friend, even by giving false evidence. I replied by wire to try their very best to get my evidence dispensed with. Eventually a compromise was effected & I was not called, extravagance being admitted by my Counsel the Hon. Bashyam Ayyangar, and Rs 60000 half the nett annual income in dispute was deposited in Court.

The telegram & letter referred to above were destroyed as desired by Ramasami Chetti.

Rajah M Bhaskara Setupati

Given before me this 11th March 1891

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5th Deponent

4th Deponent

S. Samanayyar

Am Private Secretary to the Zemindar of Ramnad. I know of every sum which is brought into Manavarti expenditure. The one rateth lac out of the Rs 4,30,000 made over to the Estate by the Court of Wards never came into the private accounts of the Zemindar. It really represented payments to Mr. Creighton & Rajaram Row. On the occasion of some ill feeling between the latter & Ramasami Chetti regarding the appt. to the Dewastanam of one Kristina Row, Ramasami disclosed to me that he held for the Dewan one lac of rupees which he had obtained for him. He mentioned this as showing that the Dewan had treated him ungratefully. — L Samanayyar
Private secretary to the Zemindar

Given before me this 9th March 1891
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5th Deposition

S. Kesavaswami Iyer, Zemindar's Head Clerk

I have been in the service of the Zemindar for the last 25 years. In the beginning of November 1889, I came from Ramnad to Madura under Zemindar's orders. I brought a letter from the Zemindar to the Deputy Collector for the purpose of receiving payment of the money that was outstanding to the credit of the Zemindari at the time of its assumption from the Court of Wards. 50000 (fifty thousand) Rupees having been sent direct to the Branch Treasury at Ramnad, I received only Rs 380000 (three lakhs and eighty thousand). Under orders of the Zemindar I handed over this sum to Ramaswami Chetty's Shop for safe custody. I also told him (Ramaswami Chetty) under Zemindar's orders ~~ordr~~ to credit two lakhs of this sum against the debt of the Zemindar's mother to him. On the 5th of November the Assistant Dewan telegraphed to me to wait until further orders. I replied to him by wire that I was waiting for orders. On the 7th the Dewan telegraphed to me and asked me how much money I had received and directed me to reply by wire ~~by wire~~. I wired to him immediately to say that I had received Rs 380,000. The Dewan's telegram to me was addressed to Ramaswami Chetty's Shop. On the 8th I received the Tar (produced)

enclosing a hundi for Rs 30,000 (thirty thousand) payable to me. The Takid ordered me to take this Rs 30,000 (thirty thousand) and Rs 70,000 (seventy thousand) from the amount received from the Dt Treasury and to take and pay the lakh thus made up to the Branch Bank at Tuticorin. A letter to the Bank Agent ~~[illegible]~~ was also enclosed in the takid. I accordingly took the amount, one lakh, paid it into the Bank, obtained a receipt and came away. When I returned from Tuticorin I was suffering from fever. On my return to Madura I saw Ramasami Chettys agents and asked them what I should say to the Zemindar about the remaining sum, 110,000 ~~Rs~~ (one lakh and ten thousand) rupees. They handed me a note to the Zemindar to say that they have got the amount.

I now produce the two telegrams and the takid I received from the Dewan. I know only so much.

(Signed) S. Kesavasami Iyer.

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5th Deponent

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S. Késavaswami Iyer's Statement

6th Deponent

S. V. Késava Iyengar, Head Clerk, Manovirty Office, Ramnad Zemindari.

I produce Manovirty Accounts from the 9th November to 18th December 1889. All receipts and charges between these dates are shown in it. The sum of Rs 320,000 received from the Treasury on the assumption of the Zemindari by the Zemindar is not entered in this Chittah. Between the dates above mentioned there is no other kind of receipt in this Chittah except Rs 16,667 credited to this account on the 9th November according to the Zemindar's dittam, Rs 2,500 subsequently received from Ayan and the two borrowings from Ramaswami Chetti aggregating to Rs 4,500.

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6th Deposition

C.S.O. Chetty, Karaiyar, Madras, Merchant and Money lender, residing at Madras.

1889 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

7th Deponent

M. Sanniadha Pillai, Huzur Cash Keeper, Ramnad Zemindari.

I produce the Ayan Chittah of the Zemindari from the date of its assumption from the Court of Wards. The first entry is on the 8th November 1889. It opens with a receipt of Rs 110017-8-0 (one lakh and ten thousand and seventeen and annas eight). After deducting from this one lakh sent to the Interior Bank on account of Devasthanam the balance is Rs 10017-8-0 (ten thousand and seventeen and annas eight). The Dewan has signed the account for this date. On the 9th November a receipt of Rs 10,000 (ten thousand) is shown on account of a remittance from the Ramnad Taluk Treasury. But no money was actually received. The reason for this is as follows:- On the 8th November I brought to the notice of the Dewan that there was in the ~~ex~~ Treasury an excess of Rs 10,000. to which he said he would tell me about it the next day. On the next day 9th November, a remittance (in papers) for Rs 10,000 (ten thousand) came and the Dewan directed me to show the excess amount of Rs 10,000 as a receipt on that account. This amount was credited to the head of Sivagi Jumma and not to Land Revenue of the Taluk. It was however, understood* to be a

* By whom?

receipt on account of a Nazzar (present) from Ramasami Chettiar

/Signed/ M. Sanmuttha Pillai
Cash Keeper,
Ramnad Samastanam.

7th Document

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From (Station) Ramnad

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To (Person) Resavasami ayyar Al Ar Shop Annan Samadi Street

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N Subramania Pillay

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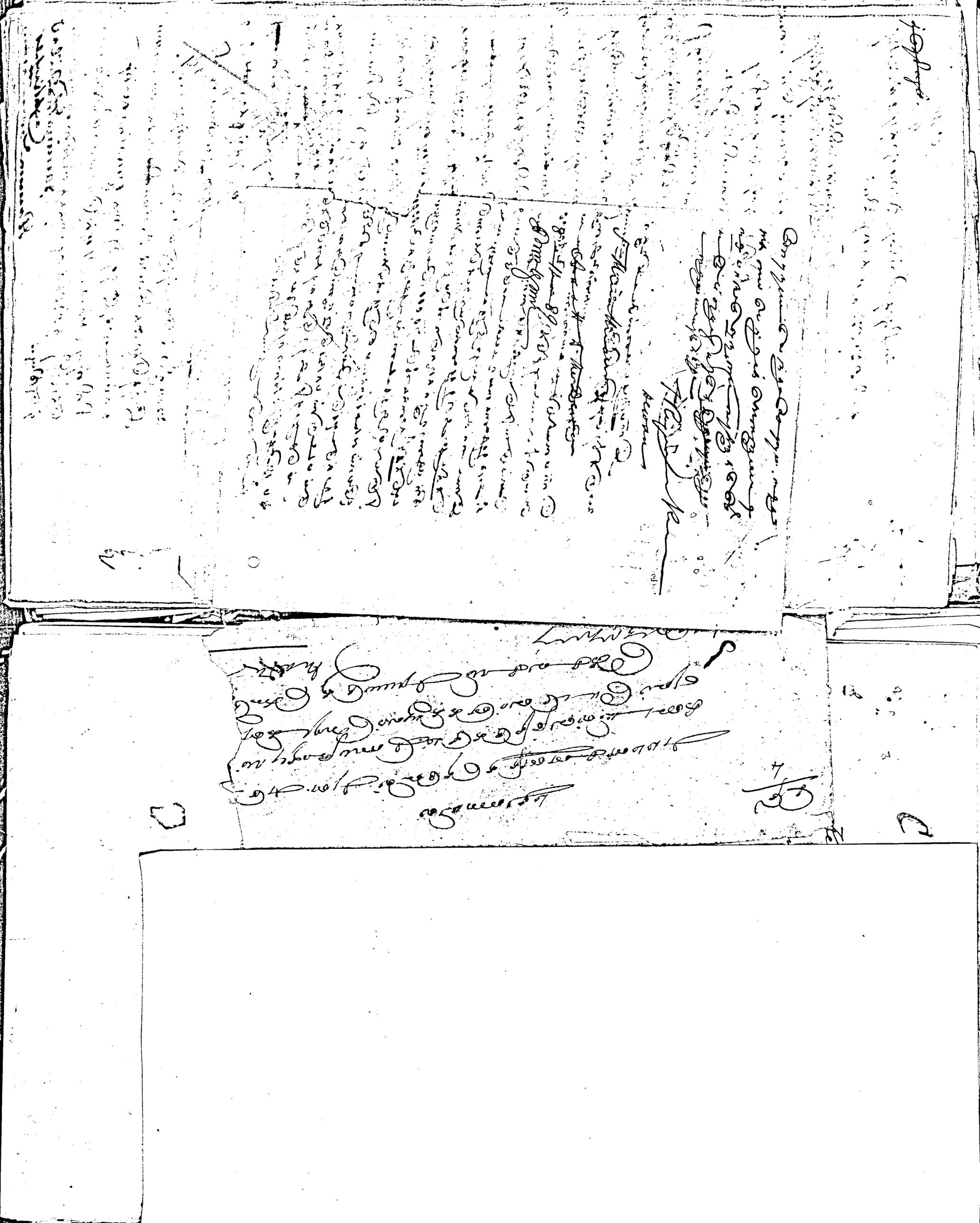

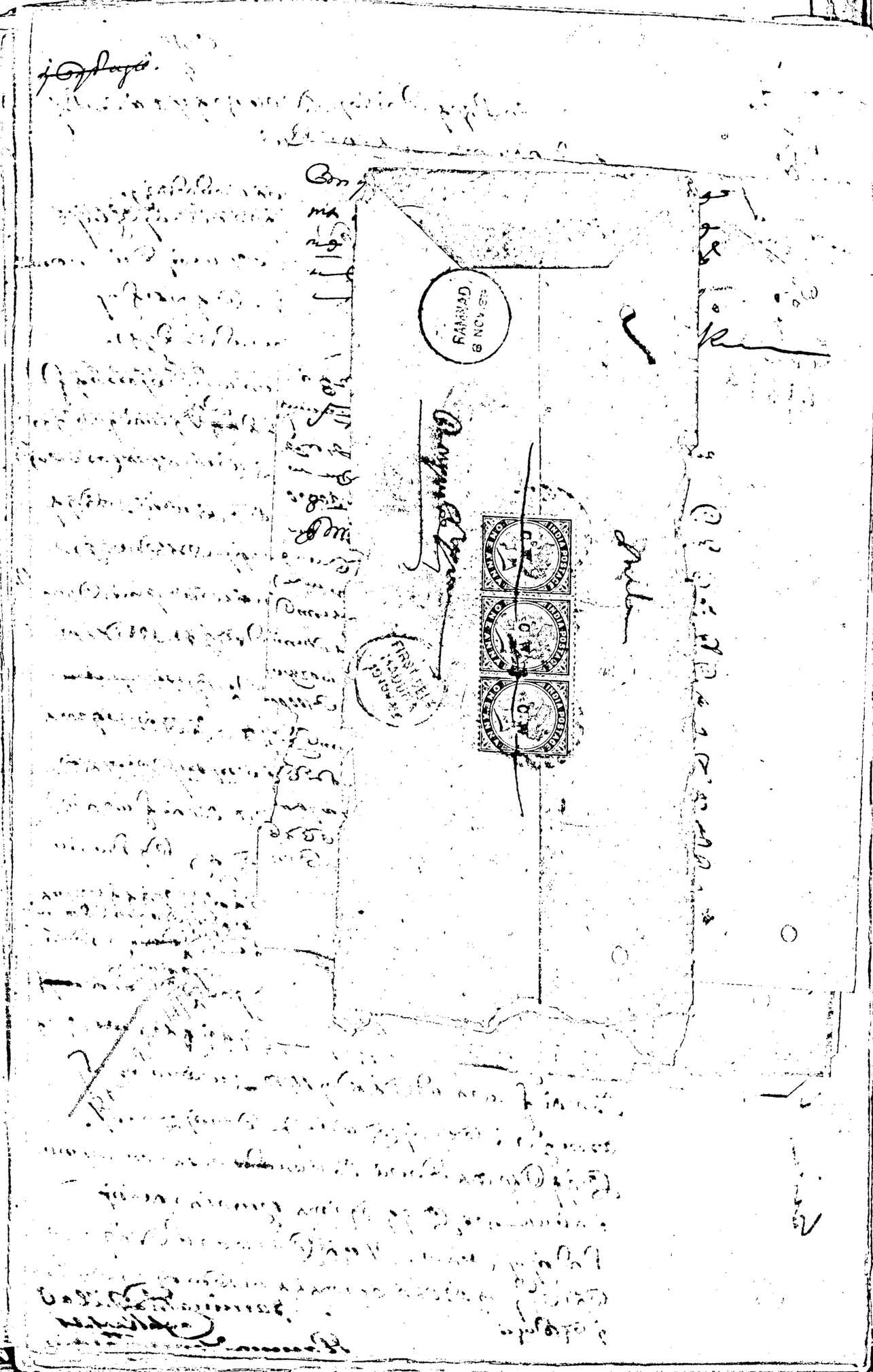

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Késavaswami Iyer Huzur Vernacular Head Clerk,
Ramnadhapuram Estate.

Herewith is sent endorsed to be paid to you a hundi for Rs 30,000 (thirty thousand) issued in our name by A.L.A.R. Ramasami Chetti of Devakotta. You should receive this, add thereto Rs 70,000 (seventy thousand) from the sum received from the Madura District Treasury, take the lakh thus made up, go to Tuticorin, pay the sum to the Agent of the Madras Bank there, obtain a receipt for it and report to us. You should also return immediately. A letter to the Bank Agent requesting him to receive the sum is enclosed herein.

(Signed) T. Rajaram Rau
Dewan

(Signed)

Asstt to the Dewan

(True translation)

Dewan's Order to Kesavaswami Iyer.

Translation of

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Ayan Chittah of receipts and Expenditure of the Huzur Treasury of the Ramnadhapuram Zemindari.

From 8th November 1889 to 10th March 1890.

Month and Date	Items	Receipt Rs	A	P	Expenditure Rs	A	P
8th November 1889	As per Order No. 1 of 8th November 1889. Out of the sum of Rs 430000 ordered to be made over to the Zemindar in the Collector's letter to the Treasury Deputy Collector communicated with the former's footnote No. 3800 dated October 22, 1889, the amount received from the Madura District Treasury through Kesavaswami Iyer the Estate Head Clerk as per his telegram dated 7th November is Rs 380000 - and the amount received this day from the Branch Treasury at Ramnad as per cheque of the Treasury Deputy Collector dated 5th November 1889, No 105 is Rs 50000 - Total Rs 430000 - Of this sum the receipt ordered to be shown as per Maharajah's written order of this day No. 3 in the Huzur Order Book, in which it is ~~mentioned~~ stated that Rs 320000 have been utilized by the Maharajah and that the balance Rs 110000 should be shown as receipt in the Estate Treasury Chittah, is	110000					
	Of the amount ordered to be paid into the Madras Bank on account of Devastanam as per Order No 4 in the Order Book the sum understood to be with the Head Clerk Kesavaswami Iyer at Madura is Rs 70000						
	The amount paid to Othamana Chettiar on the receipt of A. L. A. R. Ramaswami Chettiar of Devakottai for the latter having issued						

Revenue Board Office,
(Separate Revenue),
On Circuit, Camp Madura
9th March, 1891.

To
M. R. Ry
A. L. A. R. Ramasami
Chettiyar avl

Sir,

I understand that you are prepared to produce the money received by you from the Zemindar of Ramnad on account of Rajaram Row. You are therefore requested to pay it into the Treasury of the Collector of Madura this day, and to inform

Arjun Chettiar

Madras

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Revenue Board Office,

me of your having done so.

I am

Yours obediently

(Signed) C. S. Cole.

(True Copy)

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Revenue Board Office,
(Separate Revenue),
On Circuit, Lamp Madura
9th March, 1891.

Dear Mr. Turner

I have directed Ramasami Chetti to pay into the Treasury the money held by him on account of Rajaram Row, it being represented to me that he wishes to do so. I shall be obliged therefore by your issuing the necessary directions to your T.D.C to receive and hold it to the

order of Government, if tendered

Yours sincerely
(Signed) C.S. Crole

To
E. Turner Esqr C.S.
Collector

(True Copy)

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Madura
9-8-91

Honoured Sir;

Your favour to hand

I am ready to pay off, if you order me to do so, the amount I have stated in my deposition to be with me. In the event of your ordering me to pay, I respectfully request that I may be given time till the 18th

Yours obediently
[Signed] Ramaswami Chetti

(True translation)

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To

Dewan Bahadur Rajarama
Row Avl.

Sir. ~~My~~ The information required has been practically all ~~practically~~ collected. If you still desire, as you did on Wednesday last, to see me again for the purpose of rendering any explanations which you may be in a position to afford, I shall be ready to receive you at 9 a.m. tomorrow, 10th inst.

Yours obediently
C.S.L. Roh

Camp, Madura
9th March 1891

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The 3d member. Board of Revenue

Most Respected Sir,

I have received your honor's kind letter of yesterday's date and humbly beg to offer your goodness my hearty thanks for it.

The information has been obtained in my absence and I know nothing of it. I am very much disheartened and not now in a position to afford my explanation.

I beg to remain
most respected Sir
Your most obedt. Servt
T Rajaram Rao

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Madura
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Honoured Sir,

In reply to my letter of yesterday I was sent a message by my peon that I should pay into the Huzur Treasury at Madura the amount therein mentioned. As I find it hard to get the amount here and thus comply with your request I beg to enclose herein a hundi payable at Madras for the principal and interest aggregating Rs 68040 due by me.

Your obedient
(Signed) Ramaswami Chetti

(True translation)

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Accountant General
to the Government of Madras.

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~~FOR THE BANK OF MADRAS~~
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~~PRO: SECRETARY & TREASURER~~

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Personal Hundi from A.L.A.R. Ramaswami Chetti of Madura shop dated 9th March 1891 payable to the Government of Madras or order.

This may be presented to M.U.K. Somasundram Chetti at Madras and the amount Rs 68040, made up of Rs 63,000 principal and Rs 5040 interest thereon at the rate of 1 per cent per month, now remaining with me after deducting the sum paid to Rajaram Row out of the one lac of Rupees given me by the Zemindar of Ramnad for the above named Rajaram Row. may be received.

(Signed) Ramasami Chetti

(True translation)

Connected with
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Camp Madura
12th March 1891.

From

C. S. Crole Esqre
Ag Third Member of the
Board of Revenue,
Madras.

To

C. A. Galton Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, in obedience to the direction contained in your Demi-official letter of the 24th ultimo (Confidential), I arrived in Madura on the 2nd instant in view to enquiring as to the correctness of certain information which had reached Government against Dewan Bahádur Raja Rama Row, the Dewan of the Zemindari of Ramnad.

2. The charges are two:—

(a) that he received an illegal gratification of one lac of rupees from the Zemindar when the latter attained his majority.

(b) that on the same occasion he obtained the grant of a village.

3. I regret to report that the charges are true.

4. On arrival at Madura I saw Mr. Turner the Collector, who stated that he had not heard

of 3½ lacs of rupees, with the connivance of Rajaram Row. He had obtained a favourable lease of the same villages (except one) from the late father of the Zemindari, who was deeply involved. The property which the minor Zemindar then agreed to grant, and subsequently did actually make over to the Chetti on excessively favourably terms, is worth over 2½ lacs of rupees. In order to cause the transaction to wear an aspect of legality, a consideration of Rupees 10,000 was entered in the bond, on the advice of the Honourable Bhashyam Aiyangar. Government will observe, from the evidence and the accounts submitted herewith, that the consideration was fraudulent, the Rupees 10,000 having been paid, not by the Chetti, but by the Zemindar, through the fraud of Rajaram Row, vide evidence of Cash Keeper (7th witness). The bond is not in evidence, but its existence is not in dispute.

10. The Chetti having thus secured his object through the good offices of Rajaram Row, proceeded to obtain for Rajaram Row a share of the plunder. He represented that something substantial ought to be done for the latter, as a reward for his services during the Zemindar's minority, and Rajaram Row eventually agreed to accept a lac of rupees and a village, both of which were to be delivered to, and nominally held by, the Chetti. The latter in his deposition as 2nd witness expressly admits this.

11. The village is named Chittamur. It was included

included in the formal assignment to the Chetti.

12. The lac of rupees was received by the Chetti in the manner presently to be described. As Rajaram Row denied to me that this money belonged to him, I directed the Chetti, who admitted his liability, to pay it into the Collector's Treasury to the credit of Government. On the plea that the ready money is not at once available, he has sent me the Hundi (K) in favour of the Madras Government. The amount of this Hundi is Rupees 68,040. This is made up of principal Rupees 63,000, and interest to date at the rate of 6 per cent. The Chetti asserts that he has disbursed to Rajaram Row Rupees 30,000, which does not appear in his accounts, and various sums, aggregating Rupees 7,000, which do. Hence the deduction he has made. This feature of the case will be noticed lower down.

13. The manner in which the lac of rupees was obtained by Rajaram Row was this. The Zemindari Head Clerk, Kesavasami Aiyar, (5th witness) received in silver Rupees 380,000 from the Collector's Treasury at Madura on the 6th and 7th November 1889. The balance of Rupees 50,000, required to make up the total amount due, viz, Rupees 430,000, was paid out of the Government Branch Treasury at Ramnad. The above Rupees 380,000 was at once deposited by Kesava-

-sami Aiyar in the "Shop" of Ramasami Chetti at Madura. Two lacs of rupees were credited towards the liquidation of the debt contracted by the young Zemindar's mother. The Zemindar executed a bond for the balance, viz, 1½ lacs. One lac of the remainder was carried to credit of Rajaram Row, and Rupees 10,000 was entered as repayment of the loan of that sum by the Chetti for the dancers made to Mr. Creighton. The Chetti (2nd witness) deposes to these facts. So does the Zemindar. Both assert that Rajaram Row had full knowledge of what was being done. The balance remaining at Madura was thus reduced to Rupees 70,000, and one lac had to be credited to Temple Funds. After two telegrams, one of which Rajaram Row enquired of the Clerk the exact amount remaining, Rajaram Row issued the order marked with which he sent a Hundi for Rupees 30,000, to make up one lac. He also enclosed a letter to be presented to the Branch Bank at Tuticorin, in which the Clerk was directed to pay the money. This order is important, as showing that Rajaram Row was quite well aware how the money had been disposed of at Madura, a fact of which he disclaimed all knowledge to me.

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14. He had obtained, in the Order Book at Ramnad, an order from the Zemindar, which the latter asserts that Rajaram Row himself dictated, to the effect that Rupees 320,000 was appropriated for

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for Palace expenses. The "Cayan Chittah" of the Zemindari (copy enclosed marked D) opened with a credit entry of Rupees 110,000. It is scarcely worth while to remind Government that an official of Rajaram Row's large experience could not possibly have made such an entry by mistake. He was bound to pass the whole of the receipts through his books. Moreover, considering that the lac of Rupees remitted to the Tuticorin Bank, stood on precisely the same footing as the Rupees 320,000 which was omitted, there must have been some cogent reason for treating the latter sum in an exceptional manner. The Manoarthi, or Palace, accounts, which if there was nothing wrong ought to have shown the sums withheld, are silent. I have examined them. There is no entry of it.

15. It is plain that it was the Dewan's clear duty to advise the young Zemindar to clear off the debt of 3½ lacs contracted by his mother as far as funds permitted. Instead of doing so, he took a lac out of these funds for himself, which was, in effect, lent back to the Zemindar at 12 per cent under the bond for Rupees 150,000 referred to above.

16. Even the Credit entry, with which the Zemindari Accounts opened, involved a fraud. Rajaram Row had in his Treasury, at that moment, Rupees 20,000, and not Rupees 10,000 only; so the entry should have been Rupees 120,000, vide evidence of the Cash Keeper, who explains how Rajaram Row allowed Ramasami Chetti to possess himself

of Rupees 10,000 remitted from the Ramnad Talug Treasury, and used the extra Rupees 10,000 in the Zemindari Treasury to take the place of the intercepted remittance of that amount from the Talug. This was the device employed to make the Zemindar pay the consideration money recited in the deed of assignment of the villages to the Chetti.

17. The object with which the lac of rupees belonging to the Temple (Dévastanam Funds) was allowed to pass through the accounts appears to have been to prepare in advance a specious answer to any future enquiry as to a bribe of a lac of rupees having been given to the Dewan, should any such rumour get abroad. The amounts were identical, and, if only the Zemindar and the Chetti maintained silence, the entry might be hoped to afford a conclusive explanation of how such a rumour had arisen. No other reason suggests itself for what, under the circumstances, was otherwise a meaningless farce.

18. I have indicated above that, while Ramasami Chetti has plainly confessed to being the Stakeholder of a lac of rupees for the Dewan, he claims to have paid away to the latter the sum of Rupees 37,000. This Chetti's character is notorious in the Madura District, and his share in the transactions above set forth fully supports it. Although a man of great wealth, his word is worth nothing unless corroborated by unimpeacheable testimony

testimony. His admission of the receipt of a lac of rupees is supported by the Zemindar's statement, by the accounts, by the fact of his now refunding a portion, and by all the probabilities* of the case. When he made that admission the Zemindar had not rescinded the grant of the villages, and it is easy to understand how his desire to ingratiate himself with the Zemindar was assisted by his fear of being prosecuted as an abettor of an offence under Sections 161, Indian Penal Code. But when he states that he has actually paid away Rs 37,000, Rs 30,000 of which does not appear in his accounts, I am bound to say that no reliance ought to be placed on his assertion. He deposes that the lac is credited to Rajaram Row under the fictitious initials of கா-வே (Kāna Vēna), but he could afford no explanation of his alleged omission to debit the Rs 30,000 to the same initials, except that Rajaram Row had asked him not to make any entry. Nor can he explain why it should be unobjectionable to enter against the same initials debits, which aggregate according to him Rupees 7,000.

19. He may be trying to save something from the wreck for Rajaram Row, but on the contrary his conduct towards him makes this hardly likely. Again he might be suspected of trying to cheat both parties out of the amount,

were it not that he frankly admits his liability for it. Like all his class he, doubtless, keeps two sets of accounts – one true and the other false – and it may be, that there is some foundation for the popular reports which are current, and which reached the Zemindar 6 or 7 months ago, to the effect that the sum in question reached another official, who had discovered Rajaram Row's misdeed a few weeks after it was committed. This is the period at which the payment is alleged by the Chetti to have been made. But in the absence of any evidence, and in face of the obdurate professions of ignorance on the part of the Chetti, it does not seem necessary to trouble Government with a recital of the vague rumours which have reached me. The incident is without doubt a mystery, but the Chetti is certainly responsible for a sum, the disbursement of which he admits that he is unable to prove.

20. When Rajaram Row appeared before me on the 4th instant, and denied *in toto* the truth of the information which had reached Government, he objected to my holding any enquiry into his conduct unless it were public and he were represented by Counsel. I referred this request, but I consented to let him see what had been stated or discovered against him, after my enquiries had been concluded, on condition that he

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committed his explanation of any points, which might tell against him, to writing there and then. To this he expressed his entire assent. Accordingly, I wrote to him on the 9th, requesting his attendance at my camp on the 10th idem. At the last moment, he declined the offer, on the ground of being too much "disheartened". I had not thought it either fair or expedient to submit Rajaram Row to a detailed examination in the first instance. I am not, therefore, in a position to judge how far, if at all, Rajaram Row may be able to alter the complexion of the evidence now submitted to Government. But I fear that it is only too certain, owing to the nature of that evidence, that any attempt, seriously to assail it, would be in vain.

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21. Assuming this to be so, it is obvious that his connivance at the Zemindar's mother involving herself during the minority, to the extent of 3½ lacs of rupees, was a most serious dereliction of duty. None could have entered the Palace without his knowledge. Again, his advising the Zemindar, while still a minor, to alienate a considerable portion of his property, to the same money lender who had involved his mother, was a breach of the trust committed to him by Government. These offences were seriously aggravated

aggravated, when he accepted a lac of rupees and a village from an inexperienced young man, whom he had been specially appointed by Government to keep straight. His fault became inexcusable, when he practically lent back the lac of rupees to the Zemindar at 12 per cent; while the debt of the mother remained unliquidated.

22. Once placed in this way at the mercy of the Chetti, Rajaram Row's power to protect the interests of the Zemindar, his master, was gone. He was compelled to silently acquiesce in any folly, and every extravagance, which the Chetti might instigate. As a fact, the latter practically assumed the control of the financial affairs of the Zemindars, he lent the Zemindar money for his open handed and thoughtless extravagances, he financed his litigation with his brother on the most outrageous scale, and, while the Zemindar's personal expenses were really trifling, Rajaram Row busied himself in impregnating Government Officers and others with the idea that the Zemindar was hopelessly extravagant and beyond the reach of good influences. Tales of his profligacy and insane profusion were also sedulously propogated in Madras.

23. For instance, only a week or two before my arrival

arrival in Madura, Rajaram Row had been falsely complaining to the Collector that he was at his wits end to satisfy the Zemindar's demands for money and that he had remitted Rupees 50,000 to meet the expenses in Madras. At that moment, the Zemindar was raising a loan from the Commercial Bank, in order to free himself from Rajaram Row and Chetti, and Rajaram Row had to admit to me that the remittances to Madras did not exceed Rupees 6,000 or 7,000, the Zemindar's settled monthly allowance being over Rupees 16,000.

24. The above are the facts as far as I have been able to ascertain them.

25. A list of documents is subjoined.

1. Deposition of Rajaram Row
2. " of A. L. A. R. Ramasami Chetti of Devakotta (with translation)
3. " of Bashkarasami Setupati, Zemindar of Ramnad
4. " of S. Samana Ayyar, Private Secretary to the Zemindar
5. " of S. Kesavaswami Ayyar, Zemindar's Head Clerk (with translation)
6. " of S. V. Kesava Iyengar, Head Clerk Manoravthy Office (with translation)
7. " of M. Saminadha Pillai, Huzur Cash Keeper (with translation)

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A. Telegram from S. Meenakshisundramayyar to Kesavaswami Ayyar

B. do — from the Dewan to — do —

C. Tamil order from the Dewan to — do — (with translation)

D. Translation of the Ayan Chittah of Receipts and Disbursements of the Huzur Treasury of the Ramnad Zemindari for the 8th and 9th November 1889.

E. Letter dated 9th instant from Comr. to A.L.A.R. Ramaswami Chetti

F. Letter dated 9th instant from Comr. to Mr. E. Turner, Collector

G. Letter dated 9th instant from A.L.A.R. Ramaswami Chetti to Comr. (with translation)

H. Letter to Dewan Bahadur Rajaram Row dated the 9th instant

I. Letter from — do — dated the 10th instant.

J. Letter dated the 10th instant from A.L.A.R. Ramaswami Chetti (with translation)

K. Hundi from A.L.A.R. Ramaswami Chetti dated 9th instant for Rupees 68,040.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

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Ag Third Member, Board of Revenue

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 2094. Confd. no 14

Letter from Mr. Crole
dated 12 March 91

From

Dated 18 .

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Crole's report & its enclosures disclose a very strong prima facie case agt. Raja Ram Roy. There is nothing for it but to order his criminal prosecution, or his trial by a Commt. under Act 37 of 50 - I prefer the former course.

This is another case which exemplifies the seeming hopelessness of improving the native character by education. Here is a man of great ability whom the Govt. was seen weary of honouring, promoting him rapidly, treating him exceptionally in the matter of allowances while acting as Manager of the Ramnad estate, & creating him a Devan Bahadur! who has no more compunction about taking an enormous bribe & betraying his trust in the most shameless manner than the veriest peon! And these are the men, & the class of men, in whose favour the rights

The above contains Mr. Crole's report regarding his enquiry into the conduct of Diwan Bahadur T. Raja Ram Roy. The report is full and clear and does not require any comment from me. -

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of Englishmen as citizens of the same empire, & therefore entitled to at least equal treatment, are set aside!

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P.S. The Hon: Bashyam Ayengar seems to have been 'particeps criminis' in something like a fraud, but he is not a Govt. servant, being merely a lawyer, a Brahmin, and a Member of the Legislative Council — in either of which capacities he is probably beyond our reach if he did wrong — while he may not have done so as he may have been deceived as to the facts on which he gave advice. At any rate we have not heard what he has to say in the matter & there are always 2 sides to a question.

There is undoubtedly a very strong primâ facie case. The first thing to be done is to wire to the Collector of Madura to intimate to Raja Ram Row, who is still a public servant, that he is placed under suspension pending further orders.

The next thing I think is to refer the papers to the Advocate General for opinion whether a criminal prosecution will lie. Mr. Cole seems to be of opinion that Raja Ram Row has committed an offence under Sec 161. I.P.C. & and accepted an illegal gratification. I doubt. It is true the section speaks of reward for doing an official act. That the gratification was other than legal remuneration, there is no doubt. (See Explanation to the section) It may be that Raja Ram Row's acts & general conduct of business as manager under the court of Wards were official acts, but I am not quite sure. In the reference to the Advocate General Raja Ram Row's position in the Estate & public service should be very clearly set out, & he should be asked whether assuming the facts set out in Mr. Cole's report, R.R. conduct amounts to an offence under Sec 461, & whether on the evidence collected he would advise a criminal prosecution. Failing that, on what charges should he be arraigned before a Commission under the Act of 1850.

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16/3/91 I think the Hon. Mr. Stokes suggests the right course to be pursued now — the other points can be gone into afterwards

connected with
G.O. No. 1856 dt 17.3.91

FOR ORDERS.

Mr Crole's report regarding Dewan Bahadur T. Raja Ram Row.

1. The Honble Mr. Garstin
2. The Honble Mr. ~~Grose~~ Stoker CSS
3. H.E. The Govr.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Letter from C.S. Crole Esq. C.S. ag. third member of the Board of Revenue, dt 12th March 91.

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Paid full.

G.O. dated 19th March 1891 & 1856 mis

The foregoing papers will be referred to the Honble the Advocate General for an expression of his opinion as to whether, assuming the facts set out in Mr. Crole's report to be established the conduct of Dewan Bahadur T. Raja Ram Row amounts to an offence under sec 161 of the Indian Penal Code and whether on the evidence collected he would advise a criminal prosecution.

2. That the present of a lakh of rupees and a village was a gratification other than legal remuneration there appears to be no doubt, looking to the explanation of the phrase "legal remuneration" given in the section but it admits of question whether the gratification can be regarded as a reward for an official act. — Raja Ram Rao's status was this. He was a Deputy Collector in the service of Govt in 1880 when his services were placed at the disposal of the Court of Wards for the post of Manager of the Ramnad Estate

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When the young Zemindar attained his majority in 1889 he asked that he might be allowed to retain the services of Raja Ram Rao for a time with a view to his continuing to manage the property and sanction was accorded for ~~his transfer to the~~ the loan of his services to the Zemindar for a period of two years. — The question of the applicability of the section appears to turn upon whether Raja Ram Rao's acts and general conduct of business as Manager of the Ramnad Estate under the Court of Wards were official acts.

G.O.D. 10 Sept/89 nos 770 + 771 and 23 Nov/89 no 994.

3. In the event of the Honble the Advocate General being of opinion that a criminal prosecution is not ~~advisable~~ expedient

he is requested to advise as to the charges on which T. Raja Ram Rao should be arraigned before a Commissioner under Act XXXVII of 1850.

4. A very early reply to this reference is requested.

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Order referring T. Raja Ram Rao's case to the Advocate General

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