

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

1st June 1858.

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Order No 704 of 29th May 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st June 1858.

No. 35. Read the following papers.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22d April 1858, No. 1419.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, In Consultation 22d April 1858. dated 19th March 1858.

(Here enter No. 118.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to their Endorsement on Petition No. 295 of 1858 and the Board's letter dated 18th February last, No. 649.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Sub-Secretary.

No. 36. From Curoonaliah Valungaye Pulic Thaver, son of the Ex-Zemindar of Chockumputty in the District of Tinnevely; to the Chief Secretary to the Government Fort Saint George; dated Chockumputty, 25th April 1858.

SIR,

Being informed that a further reference has been made to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Government on the subject of my restoration to the Zemindary of Chockumputty, I beg leave to transmit herewith a memorial in Triplicate offering further elucidations on the subject, which I most respectfully request that the Government will be pleased to forward to the Honorable Court by the first opportunity that may be most convenient to them.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, No. 704; dated 29th May 1858.

Ordered that the Memorial of C. Valungapooly Taver do lie on the table for the prescribed period of 20 days, and be then transmitted to the Honorable Court, with an intimation that the Government see nothing in the allegations now made by the Memorialist, to induce them to alter the opinion which they have already expressed in his case.

2. Ordered further that a translation of Petition No. 295 of 1858, be also forwarded by the same opportunity to the Honorable Court, as showing that there are parties opposed to, as well as in favor of, the restoration of the Estate to Memorialist.

3. Ordered also that intimation be made to C. Valungapooly Taver of the despatch of his Memorial to the Honorable Court.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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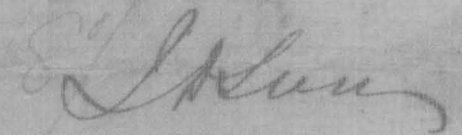
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No. 1419.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1858.

In Con. 22nd April 1858. Read letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated 19th March 1858.
(Here enter No. 118.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to their Endorsement on
Petition No. 205 of 1858 and the Board's letter dated 18th February last No. 649.
(A true Extract.)



Sub Secretary.

To

H. FORBES, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government R. D.*

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To
The Chief Secretary
to the Government
Fort St. George

Sir
Being informed that a further reference has been made to the Honorable Court of Directors by the Government on the subject of my restoration to the zemindary of Chockumpetty, I beg leave to transmit herewith a memorial in triplicate offering further elucidations on the subject which I most respectfully request that the Government will be pleased to forward to the Honorable Court by the first opportunity that may be most convenient to them.

I beg to remain
Sir

Your most obedient and
Humble servant

Finnevelly District
Chockumpetty
25th April 1858

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19 May 1858

To

The Honorable Court of Directors of the
East India Company.

The humble memorial of Curramat
Volungun, Pindie Shree, Son of
the Zemindar of Chockumpully, in
the District of Tanjore.

Humbly Sheweth

1st That your memorialist deeply regrets to
be under the painful necessity of again intruding on
your valuable time on the very subject which your
Honorable Court after a long and patient enquiry
and discussion, had finally decided, and to hear that
to his great misfortune a variety of objections has been
raised to carry that judicious and liberal decision into
execution, though the local officer presiding over the
District, has fully expressed his cordial opinion in favour
of it.

2nd That the Collector M^r. J. S. L. on the
receipt of the instructions of Government thro' the Board of
Revenue has, in the regular routine, instituted an enquiry
as to the genuineness of the address which accompanied your
memorialist's former Petition as well as to the sentiments of
the tenants in general, in case of the Chockumpully
Estate being restored to your memorialist. — The Agents
appearing before the Tahsildar, who has been deputed
for that purpose have not only affirmed as to the
genuineness of their former address, but also expressed

by a formal declaration their entire approbation and earnest desire as to the restoration of the Estate in question, showing at the same time the comfort and benefit they expect to derive by such a measure. The Tahsildar fully convincing of the real wishes of so large a body of population in 1852, who have signed the present address, recd it and submitted the same to the collector with his report. Mr. J. Selous however had it under consideration for upwards of a month, and finding that none appeared before him to urge objections against it, he had satisfied himself that it must have been the spontaneous act of the Ryots themselves, and after a personal interview with your memorialist & due enquiry about his merits &c. forwarded the same to the Board of Revenue, with his recommendation for the restoration of the Estate in question; but your memorialist is sorry to hear that it was avowed that the address having been taken by a native officer, it ought not to be relied on, though enquiries conducted by such an officer in similar matters were often approved of by authorities as authentic. Should there be any doubt as to the authenticity of the document in question, a further reference to the collector will at once clear it to the satisfaction of the authorities. In the absence of such a reference, the address must, in your memorialist's humble opinion, be considered to be conclusive. It is well known to the authorities that the Chockampetty inhabitants were always appealing to them for its restoration to the proprietor ever since the zemindary was

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was sequestered, so that it will be sufficient to show that the present one was given with their own accord, and not under any impression that the Estate was about to be restored to your memorialist as alleged.

3rd That Mr. J. Selous not having made any mention about the increase of allowance will be an additional proof that that Gentleman was decidedly of opinion that he (your memorialist) be reinstated in the zemindary.

4th That it was true your memorialist, with his usual frankness, admitted to Mr. J. Selous, that he was indebted to the extent of 30,000 Rupees, not with a view to prejudice himself, his own interests, but to make his protectors acquainted with the critical circumstances in which an ancient family is unfortunately placed. Your memorialist is very sorry that this confession should have proved fatal to his restoration. He however begs leave to explain here that the debt was accumulated since his father's time. Consequent on his sudden removal from the country and the immediate sequestration of his zemindary, combined with the destitution in which the family was unfortunately left without any remuneration for a considerable time, or from 1834 down to 1840. and moreover your memorialist having been young, he has been unable to clear it, though he was endeavouring to liquidate it as far as his means could afford.

He however is happy to say that when he is put on comparison with other Land holders, it will be proved that he is not so much involved in debt that he could not

not liquidate it without pledging the zemindary, which he has been long praying for. This assertion will on probation prove to be correct as far as it concerned the question.

5th That your memorialist humbly begs to submit that his case ought not to be compared with other zemindars whose property has lapsed to Government, and whose heirs have no right or title to successions. The sequestration of his zemindary was, it is well known to your Honorable Court, not made under any other circumstances than to retain it under Government by a nominal sale, with a view to show that his father had been dispossessed of it, and, at the same time, to recover the arrears then against it, but not to deprive him (memorialist) of the future enjoyment of it, as will be seen by Mr. Eden's letter of 19th December 1835.

6th That your Honorable Court having already had a full review of the case, and your memorialist having fully explained the several objections urged by the late Acting Collector Mr. Thompson, it would be quite unnecessary for him to recapitulate the same here, but earnestly hopes that any observations offered upon the authority of that Gentleman's violent letter, will not meet with the desired effect, as the Board of Revenue in their letter of 25th

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of 25th July 1839, commenting on Mr. Thompson's objections, were pleased to express that they see nothing new in his suggestions, and nothing therefore that should interfere with the order of Government as to restoration of your memorialist.

7th That Mr. Eden having in his former correspondence expressed his firm opinion, that it was but just to the Son (memorialist) that he should enjoy the Estate and that he was qualified from intelligence to manage it, it is earnestly hoped that the Honorable Court will consider that his subsequent recall of that recommendation must have been at the instigation of his intended successor Mr. Thompson.

8th Under these circumstances, your memorialist most humbly prays that the Honorable Court will be graciously pleased to take with reference to his former Petition, the several elucidations, just offered into their benevolent consideration and to pass such orders as may be requisite for the restoration of his ancient and inheritance property, in conformity with their judicious and impartial decision as expressed in their despatches of 9th May 1838 and 5th August 1839.

9th For this act of great justice your memorialist as in duty bound.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 29th May 1858.

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Read the following

papers.

Extract from the Proc. of the
Board of Revenue

Submitting a letter from
the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, reporting upon Petition
No. 295 of 1858. (Here enter 22nd April 1858
No. 1491)

From Caroonalick Valan-
gaya Palie Thaverson of
the Jemindars of Chockum-
putty in the Dist of Tinnevely.

Transmitting a memorial
in triplicate, offering further elu-
cidations on the subject of his
restoration to the Jemindary of
Chockumputty in Tinnevely, and
requesting that it may be
forwarded to the Honble Court
by the first opportunity. (Here enter 25th April 1858)

Ordered that the
Memorial

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No. 295 of 1858

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No. 36

From Caroonalick
Valangaya Palie Thaverson
of the Jemindars
of Chockumputty in the
District of Tinnevely.
Under date the 25th April 1858
No. 295 of 1858
Submitting a memorial
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have already expressed
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It is to be noted that the Memorial
of the Walpole family, Charles & George
of Bloomsbury, who have submitted to
the Honorable Court with an intention
to show that the Government are not
in the obligation now made, but
the Memorial is intended to show to
also the opinion which they have
already expressed in his case and
that submission he made to the
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