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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—With reference to clause 3
of the Revised Memorial Rules, I am
directed to forward, for transmission to

the Secretary of State, a Memorial to His Grace's address from C. Jagganadharow
Gopaulrow, in which he prays that the talook formerly held as a Zemindary by his
adoptive family should be rented to him for a term of years.

2. This Government have no hesitation in recommending that Memorialist's
prayer be rejected. He is in needy circumstances, and the certain result would
be the impoverishment of the ryots and the arrest of improvements.

3. Memorialist's case has already received thorough investigation at the hands
of this Government, and his claims have
been more than once negatived by the
Home Government, as will be seen on
reference to the marginally noted papers,
copies of which are herewith forwarded.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 2 of 1864,
dated 21st June.

„ from „ „ 9th Dec. 1864, No. 63.
„ to „ „ 16th Nov. 1865, „ 60.
„ to „ „ 26th March 1866, „ 4.
„ from „ „ 16th July „ „ 22.

* To Govt. of India, 19th March 1853, No. 205.
From „ 29th April „ „ 1, 186,
Financial Department.

Memorialist's case was also brought to
the notice of the Government of India
in 1853,* when a pension of Rupees 300
per mensem was allowed him.

4. This Government have no desire to re-open the discussions on Memoria-
list's case, but on a re-consideration of the decision at which the Government, as
composed in 1866, arrived, they venture to express their opinion that he has been
treated with less liberality than the circumstances of the case would have justified.
The estate was originally granted for services rendered to the State, and it was
lost to the family by no misconduct or imprudence on the part of Memorialist.
A pension of Rupees 525 per mensem which Gopaulrow, Memorialist's uncle by
adoption, received, merged in the estate, and was lost with it. Under these circum-
stances, this Government submit that the increase of Memorialist's pension from
Rupees 300 to Rupees 500 per mensem would be an act of fitting generosity, and
I am directed to recommend this concession to the favourable consideration of the
Government of India.

5. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for his
Grace's information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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From Govt. Secy
20 Aug 1865 letter No 2092.

General 1870 Department

From Government of
Port St. George.

Dated 18th May.

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Forwardsing, for transmission to the Secretary
of State, a Memorial from C. Jayaramdas
Gopandrow, praying that the talook formerly held
by his family as a Zemindary be rented to him,
and, for the reasons stated, requesting that his
pension may be increased from Rupees 500 to
Rupees 700 per annum.

To
The Right Honorable the Secretary
of State for India.

May it please your Grace;

Your Memorialist most
respectfully begs to be excused for the
trouble he ventures to give to your Grace by
bringing to your Grace's kind consideration
the following circumstances, with a firm
belief that your Grace will kindly grant him
redress, and protect him.

1. That your Memorialist has had the
honour of addressing to Her Majesty's Govern-
ment two Memorials; one on the 19th April 1864
and the other on the 24th June 1865, stating
that his ancestors rendered meritorious
services to the State, that in consideration
of which the Government granted to them
a "Pension" or fixed allowance of Rs 120000
per annum, that his ancestor was appointed
as Chief Sheristadar to the Northern Circars
under the chief-in-council, that on the aboli-
tion of the said post, a monthly
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allowance of Rs 525, and also 52 Kutties of "Savaram" land and 11 Gardens, situated in the Villages attached to the Dera Purgamah, were granted to his great-grand father by the Government, and that Lord William Bentinck, the then Governor of Madras, having considered the said allowance insufficient to his family, granted to him the Taluk of Dera Purgamah, which was then under Government, fixing its actual Revenue at Rs 71,830-8-4; by excluding from Rs 78,130-8-4, the original Revenue of the estate the sum of Rs 6,300 per annum, on account of the ready money allowance which had already been granted at Rs 525 per mensem, and assessing a Pishchuk of Rs 47,887, and leaving a net income to him of Rs 23,943-8-4 per annum; and requesting that either the said Taluk may be restored to your Memorialist, or the monthly allowance of Rs 525, granted to his great-grand father prior to his acquisition of the Estate, as also the 52 Kutties of "Savaram" land situated in the Dera Purgamah, may be continued to him.

2. In reply to the said Memorials the Home Government issued orders, dated, respectively, the 9th December 1864 and 16th July 1865.

1866, stating that it was not convenient to restore the Taluk to your Memorialist; and that, as the local Government did not recommend the increase of the allowance, the same could not be taken into favorable consideration. If a reference be kindly made to the above mentioned Memorials addressed to Her Majesty's Government by the Memorialist, and to the petition addressed by him to the Board of Revenue on the 2nd September 1863, your Grace will clearly come to understand all the circumstances connected with his case.

3. Your Memorialist's father died in 1836, and, in consequence of your Memorialist having been a minor at that time, the Estate of Dera Purgamah was placed under the management of the Court of Wards, granting him a monthly allowance of Rs 365, until the expiration of his minority. Your Memorialist attained his majority in August 1850, and Messrs Porter & Lushington, the then Collectors of the late Masulipatam District, reported to the Commissioner of Northern Circars, under date the 3rd October 1850 and 14th February 1852 respectively, to the effect that the Purgamah may be restored to your Memorialist, on condition of his paying the arrears due thereon within 10 years. The Commissioner nevertheless, without making any enquiry as to

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to your Memorialists' capacity, to manage the Estate, submitted a report to Government on the 30th June 1852, recommending, the sale of the Taluq in auction. On the receipt of the said report, the Right Honorable Sir Henry Pottinger, the then Governor of Madras, minute on the 19th July 1852 to the effect, that full enquiry should be instituted as to your Memorialists' capability, or otherwise to manage the Taluq, and if found qualified, it be restored to him; but as the other Members of Government did not agree with his Excellency in that opinion, the Government, in 1852, ordered the sale of the Taluq in auction.

4. Thereupon Mr. Lushington, the Collector of the late Masulipatam District, again recommended to the Commissioner on the 16th September 1852, that full enquiry may be instituted as to your Memorialists' aptitude to manage the Estate, and it may be restored to him. He further suggested that on its being restored, if default be made by your Memorialist in payment of the Peishank, the Taluq may then be disposed of in auction, and thereby finally shut the door against his reclaiming it at any future period. But as the latter officers

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did not think it proper to recommend these suggestions to Government, the estate was actually sold, in auction in 1852. If a reference be kindly made to the said Report from Mr. Lushington to the Commissioner, your Grace will be fully convinced of the truth of all the facts connected with this case.

5. On your Memorialists subsequently applying to the Madras Government for continuance to him of the ready-money allowance of Rupees 525, which had been enjoyed by his great-grandfather prior to the grant of the Zemindary, and for the restoration of the 52 Kutties of "Savaram" land and the 11 Gardens, they were pleased to grant him an allowance of Rupees 300 per mensem, together with 3 Gardens. Your Memorialist presented a Petition to the Board of Revenue on the 2nd September 1863, and it was referred by them to the Collector of the Nistna District for enquiry and report. In his reply to the Board, dated 20th November 1863 Mr.

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Loord, the then collector, fully entered into the matter under reference and stated that it was highly inequitable to sell the Estate, after having it under the management of the Court of wards during your Memorialist's minority and before its restoration to him on his attaining his majority, and that the sale was, on that score, ab initio void in the eye of the Law, that your Memorialist is capable of managing the Estate efficiently, and the arrears thereon could have been, long before, cleared off, had the Salug been already restored to him, and, on these grounds, strongly recommended its restoration to your Memorialist. The Board of Revenue thereupon took the matter into their kind consideration, and, on the 22nd February 1864, recommended to Government the restoration of the Salug to your Memorialist, noticing at the same time the impropriety in having ordered the sale of the Estate, as recommended by the Commissioner.

On receipt of the above Proceedings of the Board, the Honorable Edward Mallby, the then Member of Council, Minuted in favour of enhancing your Memorialist's allowance. At the same time His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, the President in Council, stated in his minute that the Salug should be restored to your Memorialist.

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Memorialist on reduced Peishchuck, as it is extremely unjust to deprive him of his ancestral Estate without proper cause, and in this humane opinion of the noble Statesman, the Honorable Sir Patrick Grant, the then Commander-in-Chief and 2nd in Council, fully concurred. His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison was pleased to record another minute and also in March 1866, strongly to recommend to the Home authorities, respecting the continuance, to your Memorialist, of the increased allowance of 525 Rs. per annum.

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Notwithstanding all the foregoing recommendations of the Collectors of the District, the Board of Revenue, two of the Governors of this Presidency and of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in reference to the restoration, to your Memorialist, of the Salug of Devij Purganah and to the continuance to him of the increased allowance, as also to the restoration of the 52 Kutties of "Gavaram" land no justice whatever has as yet been done to him in any one of these cases, and if the aforementioned various records made in his case from time to time be called for and perused, the whole of this matter, and also your helpless Memorialist's claims to the Estate via &c., shall be perceived by your Grace in their true light. A great injustice, very great indeed, has been done to your Memorialist in your Grace's auspicious rule.

rule whilst he is in all respects, extremely loyal to the British Crown, and subject to your Grace's blessings though totally impoverished.

9 The remaining Eight Gardens planted by your Memorialist's ancestors in the said Devy Purganah, were first ordered by the Madras Government in 1857, to be rented to your Memorialist, but subsequently disposed of in auction, contrary to justice.

10 Moreover, during your Memorialist's minority, the chairs and all other valuable property that were in his houses, were forcibly taken possession of by the local authorities and sold. Notwithstanding all these injustices and oppression towards your Memorialist, he conducted himself most submissively to the authorities.

11 Even if your Grace will be pleased to sanction an increase to your Memorialist's allowance, in common with the allowance which was granted to Hanoodana Papayah Royaningari of Goodinadah - Taluq in the same District in proportion to the Peishcash paid by him, -

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your Memorialist will be satisfied to Rs 500 a month, with reference to the Peishcash fixed for his Taluq your Memorialist is fully sensible that, after all, the grant or denial of any of the above indulgences to him is absolutely left to your Grace's pleasure.

12 Now that your Memorialist and his family have been placed under the influence of very great hardship, owing to the inadequacy of the allowance of Rs 300 a month which has been granted to him by the Madras Government, your Memorialist most submissively prays that an average of the Collections of Revenue of the said Devy Purganah for 10 or 12 years, up to July 1878, may be taken, and thereby the total of the actual collections for one year may be arrived at, and from the latter sum, the

the yearly charges of Establishment
of the Purganah may be excluded,
and, on the net collections the
said Purganah may be granted to
your Memorialist for 10 or 20, or
for as many years as it may seem
meet to your Grace, until his long
pending claims to the restoration
to him of the Devi Zemindari,
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of "Savanam" lands in the Estate,
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by the same arrangement; and the
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managed by your Memorialist
during his tenure, may be seen
by your Grace in due course.

For which act of justice
and charity, your Memorialist
is in duty bound.

Yours Ever Pray

Mudras, { Signed Rajah Chandragoola Jag.
21st Aug^r 1869 } Sandharan

Gopandrow Bahadur, Zemindar
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