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7th June 1867.*

No. 115. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 31st May 1867, No. 56:—

I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, a Memorial from some of the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Tellicherry, praying that the Jenm of three Parambas (noted in the margin) may not be sold, together with a Memorandum thereon by Mr. Ballard.

1. Theruvatakandi Paramba.
2. Do. Kadiulla Paramba.
3. Challi Palli Paramba.

Petition from the Roman Catholic community of Tellicherry, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Tellicherry, 29th December 1866.

1. In obedience to your Excellency's order, communicated through the Collector of Malabar, Mr. Ballard, to Reverend Father Coelho, Roman Catholic Vicar of this place, with reference to an address presented by his Reverence on our behalf to your Excellency while lately at Tellicherry, we the undersigned Roman Catholic community of Tellicherry, beg most respectfully to submit this Memorial, humbly trusting that our prayer may meet with the favourable consideration of Government.

1. Theruvatakandi Paramba.
2. Do. Kadiulla Paramba.
3. Challi Palli Paramba.

2. With due deference we beg to represent that the three small gardens, noted marginally, are the only religious endowments held by our Church from time immemorial, and the slender

income accruing therefrom is hardly sufficient for its internal economy and the maintenance of its Priest, who receives no pay whatever.

3. These gardens were lately declared as Government Jenm, and in accordance with the existing rules for the sale of escheats, the Church has now been called upon to pay down the sum of Rupees 600, as the price fixed thereon.

4. The Church has been in a destitute condition ever since the abolition of the late Provincial Court, when the best part of its parishioners were scattered over different places, so that its present ordinary expense itself is met with extreme difficulty.

5. Added to the above, there is the small Chapel at Challi, half a mile from the town, standing in urgent need of repair, which will cost at least 400 Rupees. If this building is neglected, we fear that it will ere long become a mass of ruins. Such being the state of the Church affairs, we are really at a loss how to meet the Government demand (Rupees 600) above adverted to, especially at this time of distress.

6. Under the foregoing circumstances, we humbly beg that the Government will be pleased to order the remission of the amount charged for the three gardens, and also, if possible, sanction a small sum for the repair of the Chapel at Challi, a village containing about 200 Christians, most part of whom are composed of fishermen in very poor circumstances. For which act of grace your Excellency's petitioners will ever pray.

Memorandum by Mr. BALLARD, on a Memorial presented by certain Roman Catholic inhabitants of Tellicherry, to His Excellency the Governor in Council.

1. A Memorandum was sent in by me to the Private Secretary on the subject of a previous address to the Right Honourable the Governor, which had been referred to me for report.

2. Under the instructions conveyed by the Private Secretary, the Reverend Mr. Coelho was requested by me to make his representations officially, for submission to Government.

3. It is herewith submitted.

4. The sites of the Fort Church School, &c., as well as the site of this Challi Chapel, belong to Government. In the Escheat settlement I have ordered the proprietary right not to be sold (as it might inconvenience the occupants to pay up the money). The places will be considered public property, as long as they are applied to their present purposes.

The memorial was read and referred to the Committee.

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5. A doubtful Government claim on another garden, the proceeds of which are carried to the Roman Catholic Institutions, was not urged.
6. The request contained in the present Memorial is that the price of the Government proprietary right in the three gardens named should not be demanded from the petitioners, as if the Escheat settlement is applied to these gardens would be the case.
7. The price of the three gardens, according to the moderate escheat valuations, is Rs. 632.
8. It is for Government to decide whether this claim is to be waived or not. If the occupants are allowed to remain in possession without purchase, it is much the same as if Government gave Rupees 632 towards the Roman Catholic Institution.
9. The Challi Chapel is kept up by the Roman Catholic community for the fishermen who live in the neighbourhood. Mr. Coelho is the Priest of the Challi and Fort Chapels.
10. The Fort School was established, I understand, in 1859. The attendance of late has averaged about 100 boys, of whom a little more than half are Roman Catholics.
11. The School is supported by the Christian Brotherhood and voluntary subscriptions, amounting to about Rupees 20 monthly. Two Brothers are masters, and entertain a third stipendiary master. The Christian Brotherhood is a religious educational society in Paris, and this society supplies the two Brothers above said with food and raiment, also with school books, maps, &c., for retail to the boys at cost price.
12. The School has never received Government aid. Mr. Garthwaite, Deputy Inspector of Schools, offered, I believe, some time ago, to recommend the school for a grant-in-aid on the usual conditions, but the Bishop, I believe, objected to the one requiring the education to be entirely secular.
13. I understand a grant-in-aid would now be accepted, and if the usual conditions are assented to, I think it might be arranged through the Educational Department with advantage.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. HANNYNGTON,
Acting Collector.

No. 116.

ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1867, No. 1,294.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government authorize the Collector to deal with these lands as in the parallel case of the Basle Missionaries' land in the Cherakul talook, viz., to leave the question of the sale of the Jenm right in abeyance till such time as it may suit the convenience of the Roman Catholic congregation interested to make the purchase.
2. The Government do not admit the correctness of Mr. Ballard's opinion, that the above concession is equivalent to a gift of the value of the Jenm right by Government.
3. The case should have been submitted to Government through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
.. the Revenue Board.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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I enclose
 you a letter from the
 Collector of Malabar to
 the Chief Secretary to Govt.
 dated 3rd May 1874 &c &c.

Dec: 14-34/53

Story "June 18y and 1/3."

Memo attached to

on the stone altar-

10 June 1961

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