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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st January 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 436. From the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, General, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Simla, the 16th October 1866, No. 1,592.

I am directed to draw your attention to the letter from this Office No. 865, dated 4th June last, and to request that the report therein called for may be submitted as quickly as possible.

No. 347. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1866.

Read Official Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 6th November 1866, No. 137.

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1. Communicated to the Collector of Malabar, who will return the Memorial forwarded to him with the Board's Proceedings of 22nd August 1866, No. 5,926.

2. The Board observe that the Memorial was returned to the Memorialists, through the Collector of Malabar, in accordance with the instructions contained in Government Order dated 17th August 1866, No. 2,123.

No. 438. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1866.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 14th December 1866, No. 321.

From Catholic Priests, &c., of Tangacherry, dated 10th March 1866.

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings dated 13th ultimo, No. 8,201, I have the honor to re-transmit the Memorial therein alluded to.

Forwarded to the Revenue Secretary to Government, with reference to his Memorandum dated 6th November 1866, No. 137.

(True Copy.)

Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21*st January* 1867.

No. 207.

No. 439.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

With reference to the Under Secretary's letter dated Simla, 4th June 1866, No. 865, I have the honor to inform you that the Memorialists were directed, in May 1866, to wait until orders had been passed in their case by the Collector, and then to appeal to the Board if dissatisfied with his decision.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Ord. S. T. Augustin.

No.

To

His Excellency the Right Hon.ble
Sir C.H.M. Lawrence Bart G.C.B & K.S.S
Viceroy and Governor General of India
Fort William

Memorial of the undersigned
Landholders Tenants Widows Orphans and
Layman Principal Freeholders and
Inhabitants of British Bengal humbly

Most humbly Sheweth

(1) That Memorialists for themselves as well as
for all others they most respectfully to offer for the kind Consideration
of your Lordship in Council that they have not received a single
word of redress from the Government of Fort St George for the
numerous & distressing oppressions practised by that Government against the
unwarrantable proceedure of a Deputy Collector who, having proceeded
to you as to this Territory, pursuant to the Government orders of 15th
May last, to make the limited Terms of the Government with a
view to give up the same to the Tranquebar Tenants, attempted to im-
=pose duties upon your Memorialists Freehold Property, & commenced acting
as to the Same

(2) That Memorialists hold Ancestors, having been Christ-
=ians, subject to a Heathen Dynasty, the Conquest of Portuguese
in the year 1535 encouraged them thus to negociate and succeed
the system tion of Portuguese Dominions and Fortification soon
this Locality, and that in acknowledgment thereto, the Portuguese
had granted the property in Questions as Freehold, and given
Conclusive Documents to that effect in Papers.

(3) That, although the Dutch succeeded Portuguese,
yet they have confirmed all the immunities granted to the
Memorialists, having in stock in stones registered and attested

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the Proprietary Rights of the Holders, as well as granted the waste Grounds together, in the same Terms.

That it being given upon discussing the Plans with the Capitulators, it had been Communicated by the Articles of the Treaty of Capitulation, entered into between the Dutch Governor, Sir Thomas Dundas, and Grandfather, of some of the Memorialists, and the British Envoy, Major Taylor, in which Act, dated the 19th October, 1795, "that Memorialists Property will be held sacred", and accordingly in all Judicial Decisions affecting the same, as much as demanded granted to the Memorialists, it has been Confirmed and invariably treated as Individual property by Government.

That it may further be observed, that the Confiscation had been supported by a Letter of Government of Jason alone alluded to, dated the 13th July 1822, in which upon between British Govt and Travancore Sircar, whereby only Feodal Fiefdoms appertaining to Government had been ceded unto the Sircar, which up to this day are under its administration and upon which the Govt at that time was bound; whereas the property in question, which being Freehold and in pacific possession of the Memorialists for a period upwards of 300 Years, Exempted from Govt Encroachment.

That from the foregoing and continued is bounded on three sides by it, and on the other side by Travancore Territory, without the least advantage of any Paddy land, River, Salt pans, Traffic, or that of a Port, a Comparatively speaking with other Countries. That the Majority of the Memorialists are Cast Indian, Helpless females, had it not been for the fatherly feeling of the Covenanted Sircar, they would have likely starved the Orphans of [illegible] at least one in twenty Years.

That under these Circumstances Memorialists flatter themselves with hope, that your Lordship in Council will feel Compassion on the unfortunate sufferers, whose distressed Circumstances and Miseries no language could fully convey, and thereby see fit to adopt Necessary measures to protect Memorialists from being themselves unjustly oppressed and bereft of their little Property, which is the dearest interests and only living of an important Class of Her Majesty's distressed subjects. For which act of Charity and Justice Memorialists

As in duty bound
shall ever pray.

[illegible]

Bangalore
10th March 1863

Rev. [illegible] Vicar Apostolic of Verapoly with 5 Natives
Vicar for the Bishop's Cathedral.

Widow Caroline A. Stella with 5 Daughters

widow with a Son & Daughter

Widow with a Son & Daughter

Widow Rosario on the Re-Census with 2 Sisters
Orphan A M Madre Deos

Orphan Ignacia Mathews with a Sister

Widow A M Fernandes

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Admiral 29 March/66

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21st Sept/67

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No 207.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Foreign Departt.

Sir,

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