

Revenue (1897) Department.

ROUTINE SERIES.

G.O., No. 1320.

DATED 14th July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition from Sri Yellappa Bhanaji Ranaj
Zemindar of Jalumudi Estate, Godavari
Dt., disposed of under Para II (C. Rules)

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From

H. A. Sini Esq. J.C.S.
Ag. Private Secretary
to H.E. the Governor.

Order R No. 1320 of 14th July 97.

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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition dated 23rd June 1897 from Sri Zileadar Bhairaji Ramas, Zamindar of Jalamudi Estate, Godavari District praying that Tahsildars may be invested with powers in regard to the distribution of water.

/By order/

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PETITION

REVENUE DEPT

To His Excellency,

The Right
Honourable Sir Arthur Savelock.
G. C. I. & Governor in Council
Fort Saint George.
Madras.

Yours Excellency,

The humble
Memorial of Sri Gullalla Bhaskari
Ramas, ancient Samudhar of Tala-
meedi Etc. Va Meas median to Lorian
of Rajahmundry.

After the construction of the ancient
and the excavation of the Deltaic
canals, a watercess of Rs 4 per acre
was imposed upon Tirayate lands,
and dry lands converted into wet
subsequent to the introduction of the
irrigational canals— in the district
of Godavari. Owing to the heaviness of
taxation, the ryot has scarcely any
margin of profit for the livelihood of
himself and his family; much less
can he lay by anything to serve as
capital to lay out in the cultivation of
crops in the ensuing year. Further-
more, in the year 1898, the watercess
was suddenly raised from Rs 4 to Rs 5
per acre by an order of Government.

In spite of this additional burden,
it was only through an opportune rise
in prices, that the ryots were enabled
to pay the Government Revenue
during the last two years.

2. The subalterns in the Engineer depart-
ment are either natives or half-castes.
These subordinate officers do not ^{permitted} supply
a good supply of water in proper season,
while they let out a wasteful ^{excess} supply
out of season. At their sweet will and
pleasure, they order the removal of
longstanding sports from suitable
positions, notwithstanding that they
conduce to an easy circulation of water,
and fix them in positions of disadvantage,
where they serve no useful purpose. These
tyrannical transactions of these tiny
water-gods who demand constant pro-
pitiation, do not reach the ears of the
fair and just-minded European
Superiors, for the only information they
receive is through the false, rosy, co-
lored reports of these not over-scrupu-
lous subordinates. The heads of the
department do not frequently go down
on tours of inspection, and are thus
deprived of the benefits of immediate
personal acquaintance with the
hardships that weigh down the
distressed ryot.

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...the department, these underlings whose
...itching palms frequently stand in
...sore need of a adequate greasing, are
...fearlessly bent upon self-enrichment,
...and do not scruple to subject the poor
...and helpless ryot to petty tyrannies.
...The responsibility of Revenue collection
...rests with the Tahasildars, while they
...have no hand in the agency for the
...distribution of water, nor have they
...any powers of supervision over them.
...In your Excellency's memorialist's
...humble opinion, it is desirable that the
...power of immediate control, and the
...supervision be vested in the Tahasildars
...in the matter of granting spouts and
...the distribution of water, and this
...much needed reform, it is hoped, will
...remove this long standing grievance,
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...comfort of the ryot.

3. Far from the effective control and
immediate supervision of the heads of
the department, these underlings whose
itching palms frequently stand in
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4. In conclusion, your Excellency's
memorialist humbly prays that your
Excellency will be pleased to bestow a
kind consideration on his humble
representation, and to view with
favour his humble suggestion, that,
as a remedy against the undesirable
and oppressive state of affairs, that
obtains in the agency for the distri-
bution of water, the Tahasildars
who are responsible for the collection

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