Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2468

DATED 14th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Withholding memorial addressed to the Govt: of India by C-P Rama Patter, late Sub Inspector of Salt + Abkari Dept:, Erode under rule 3(7) of Sec: III of the Q. of S pted 1st rules.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3846.

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Order Misc No. 2468 of 14th May 97.

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From C. P. Ramaswamy Potter, Late Sub-Inspector of Salt & Abkari Dept., Erode

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SUBJECT.

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PETITION

TO

REVENUE DEPT

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
4 MAY 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

THE EARL OF ELGIN,

P.C., G.M.S.I., G.M.I.E., L.L.D.,

Viceroy and Governor-General of India,

SIMLA.

Through the Government of Madras.

The humble Petition of C. P. RAMA PATTER, Late Sub-Inspector Salt and Abkari Revenue, Erode Circle, Madras Presidency.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the Petitioner humbly begs leave to approach Your Lordship with this appeal Petition against the order of the Madras Government No. 4056 Mis: dated 10th October 1896 declining to restore Petitioner to his appointment from which he was dismissed by the Deputy Commissioner in his Proceedings dated 29th November 1895 for the following reasons :—

2. That the Petitioner was till the 3rd January 1896 employed as Sub Inspector in the Salt and Abkari Department, Madras Presidency.

He was entertained in the Salt Department in 1888, as Sub Inspector on Rs. 30, and was posted to the Palghat Circle, whence he was transferred to the Tiruchengode Range of the Salem Circle in June 1892. Till March 1895, he was allowed to work in Tiruchengode Range during which period he did hard and good work, shewed large ~~increase~~ increase of Revenue (Vide statement below) and earned two promotions Viz. to Rs 40 in April 1893 and to Rs 50 in December 1894.

Tiruchengode Range.

No. of cases detected from June 1892 to March 1895 } upwards of 500

Years.	Shop Rent Rs.	Tree Tax Rs.
1891—92	2670	2934½
1892—93	3096	4100
1893—94	5451	5435½
1894—95	8418 for 5 months Oct. 1st 1894 to March 3, 1895	3584½

That Your Lordship will be pleased to observe that the above statement speaks for itself and that during Petitioner's time the increase in Toddy Revenue is 200 % *i. e.* the Revenue has trebled itself.

3. That early in March 1895, 68 cases of illicit tapping were reported by the T. T. Assisstant Inspector Mr. Whitchchurch which were alleged to have been detected by him all at 1 P. M. on the 6th March 1895 in Molipalli a village in Petitioner's Range. On the very next day *i e* before the cases were even reported Petitioner was transferred to a different Range and early in January 1896 he was dismissed from the service by the Deputy Commissioner on the ground that he had neglected to detect the 68 cases alleged to have been detected by Mr. Whitchchurch on the 6th March 1895. His appeals to the Board of Revenue and to the Government of Madras were unsuccessful.

4. That the Petitioner craves permission to submit that if Your Lordship will be graciously pleased to vouchsafe a careful and indulgent perusal to Exhibit D (printed copy of Petitioner's appeal to Madras Government) and the records mentioned therein Your Lordship will be pleased to observe how early in March 1895 on account of strong ill-feeling against the Petitioner, the prominent members of the Molipalli detection party conspired together to bring Petitioner to trouble; how the Assistant Inspector purposely kept back Petitioner at Macdonald's Choultry (a place 25 miles distant from the scene of the alleged offence) on the 6th March

when he took care to take with him Petty Officer Vedantachari who then stood transferred from the Range on Petitioner's report against him; how the Maniyanur shopkeeper's alleged Petition giving information about these cases was all a myth as will be clear from the several occurrence reports which shew no outside information; how on going to Molipalli on the morning of the 6th March 1895 no tappers were found in the tope; how the Assistant Inspector returned disappointed stationing the party at Molipalli to work against the Petitioner; how by the aid of the Local Village Munsiff the party was able to secure the tappers and to bail them only on the 7th evening; how subsequently the Exhibits to be sent to the Police in Form P. 6. were prepared and signed by a Sub Inspector *for* Assistant Inspector in his absence though the former was not legally warranted to do so; how the empty pots alone alleged to have been seized were taken to the Police station only 8 miles distant not earlier than the 8th idem; how no toddy nor implements were taken to the Police station—the absence of which tends to create suspicion in connection with the whole affair; how the Assistant Inspector by misrepresenting facts to the Inspector secured the instantaneous transfer of the Petitioner to a distant Range; how the Assistant Inspector took care to submit the occurrence reports and other connected papers to the Inspector only after the Petitioner had left the Range; how the Petitioner's earnest appeal to the Inspector that to meet the ends of justice the cases must not be inquired into by the Assistant Inspector but should be inquired into by the Inspector alone, was disregarded by the latter apparently owing to the influence of the former; how the cases were subsequently transferred to the Assistant Inspector himself for inquiry though if the cases had been real the Assistant Inspector would have charged them then and there as is provided in the Act and as is the

practice in the Department; how in the subsequent preliminary inquiry before the Assistant Inspector a new turn was given to the evidence in the cases; how subsequently in the evidence recorded in the trial by the Magistrate, various kinds of perjuries, contradictions, discrepancies, suppression of facts &c. &c. were resorted to by the prosecution witneses to secure convictions at any cost; how owing to the ignorance and poverty of the accused they were not able to defend themselves properly; how the Petitioner was not allowed an opportunity to watch the trial of the cases before the Magistrate though the result of the cases was subsequently used to his detriment; how owing to the want of care and discretion on the part of the Magistrate in eliciting truth and sifting evidence, the weakness displayed by him in not putting Assistant Inspector on oath and the undue weight he gave to the prosecution evidence he began to convict one after another; how subsequently losing all hope of getting justice from the Magistrate the tappers began to admit offences under inducements of lighter fines being inflicted on them, the inducements being so very powerful as to make them admit even in absconded cases that they were arrested in the tope; how prior to his dismissal the Petitioner was not served with a copy of the charges against him, in conformity with the Government of India Resolution No. 2290 dated 3rd Dec: 1883 and how due and sufficient weight was not given to his past career, hard and good work and consequent promotions in the Department before summarily dismissing him from the service—which he had served for over 7 long years without any blemish.

5. That in result Your Lordship's unfortunate Petitioner respectfully begs leave to submit that from the foregoing Your Lordship will be graciously pleased to observe that the Petitioner has throughout discharged his duties faithfully and honestly, that he is really innocent in the

matter of the alleged 68 cases and that it is inequitable and unjust that the result of the cases should be utilized against him as the trial took place behind his back and as he had had thus no opportunity of watching the proceedings therein.

6. That he therefore humbly prays that in the fullness of your sympathy, in the largeness of your heart, in the equitableness of your mind and in the wisdom of your statesmanship Your Lordship will be graciously pleased to direct the restoration of the Petitioner to his appointment.

For which act of kindness and charity the Petitioner shall ever pray God to give Your Lordship long life and every happiness.

ENCLOSURES.

A. Deputy Commissioner's order directing Petitioner's dismissal.
B. Petitioner's appeal Petition to the Board of Revenue.
C. B. P. No. 1036 Mis. dated 9th March 1896.
D. Petitioner's appeal Petition to the Government of Madras.
E. G. O. No. 4056. Mis. dated 10th October 1896.

C. P. Rama Patter
1st May 1897

residing in
The Palace of
His Highness The Rajah of
Kollengode
Via Palghaut
Malabar Dt

FROM

C. P. RAMA PATTER,
Late Sub-Inspector,
Salt and Abkari Revenue,
Erode Circle,
MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE VICEROY AND
THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA
IN COUNCIL
CALCUTTA.

THROUGH

THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 15th May 1897.

Enclosures 5.

SUBJECT.

Appealing against the order of the Madras Govt. No. 4056 Mis. dated 10th October 1896 declining to restore Petitiner to his appointment from which he was dismissed by the Dy. Commissioner, Salt and Abkari Revenue, Central Division, Madras Presidency, in his Proceedings dated 29th November 1895.

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