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GO 31/8 dt 31 Aug 97 **From** Hasim Effendi Esqrs Ag Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

**Order issued** vide 45-51

The petitioner will be referred to G.O. No 5167 dated the 28th Nov 1892. in which he was informed that further Communications from him on the subject of his dismissal would not be noticed by Govt.

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**SUBJECT.**

Transfers a petition from C. Narahary Rao, late Taluq Sheristadar of Negapatam &c, praying that his case may be re-considered & he granted his pention.

(By order)

To the Petr with Encls dtd. 3-9-97

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In February 1886, the Petr was dismissed by Govt from the post of Taluk Sheristadar, Negapatam. for his complicity in ~~[illegible]~~ the Tanjore Remission

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permission frauds. His review petition was rejected after a careful Consideration in Go no 1530 dt 30.8.87. He then presented a memorial to the Secretary of State who also declined to interfere in his behalf. (Go no 4041 dt 1.7.89). A second memorial for a reconsideration of the Case was then presented to the Govt authority without Success (Go. 2372 dt 16.4.90). The petr subsequently Came up with a third memorial which was withheld and he was eventually told in Go no 5167 dt 28.11.92 — that no further Communication from him would be noticed.

Now again he asks for a reConsideration of his Case, and citing that less severe punishments have been Awarded in the Case of those concerned in the Negapatam Stamp defalcation Case.

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PETITION

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REVENUE DEPT

To

His Excellency

Sir Arthur Elibank Havelock,

*G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E.*

*Governor of Madras.*

The Humble Petition of C. NARAHARY RAO, late Taluk Sherastadar of Negapatam Taluk Tanjore District now residing at No. 85, Mottu Street Kumbakonam Tanjore District.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

1. That petitioner is an old man of sixty-three, who was cruelly dismissed by Government which he served faithfully and diligently for 33 years and 8 months, on the charge of being implicated in the Kist remission frauds of fasli 1294, as per G. O., (No. 122 dated 15-2-1886) which is herewith sent as enclosure No. 1.

2. That upon his dismissal, he submitted a petition to the Government of Madras (enclosure No. 9 copy enclosed), setting forth his reasons to prove the petitioner's innocence; but that these reasons were not, in the humble opinion of the petitioner, given that consideration and treatment, which British justice always accords to the cries of injured innocence; and that Government passed an order (enclosure No. 8 enclosed) only confirming their order No. 122.

3. That after this, petitioner wrote a memorial, and prayed the Madras Government to forward it to the then Secretary of State; but that they only returned the memorial with an endorsement (petition and endorsement contained in enclosure No. 19 enclosed), saying that His Excellency the Secretary of State would not interfere in the petitioner's behalf.

4. That afterwards on 12-9-1892, petitioner sent a review memorial (enclosure No. 21 enclosed) again to the Secretary of State, requesting the Madras Government to forward it to His Excellency; but the Madras Govern-

ment, by their endorsement No. 4247, (enclosure No. 20 enclosed), refused to comply with the petitioner's prayer, alleging that the memorial contained no new facts.

5. That again on 7-11-1892, petitioner sent an appeal memorial (enclosure No. 23 copy enclosed), to His Excellency the Secretary of State, humbly praying the Madras Government to forward it to that authority; and that again he only got back his appeal with an endorsement stating that the memorial contained no new facts, and that no notice whatever would be taken of any petition containing no new facts.

6. That petitioner's poverty, distress, and sense of injury, would not allow itself to be thus silenced; and he sent another memorial to the Secretary of State, on 19-12-1892, again praying the Madras Government to forward it to His Excellency but he only got back his appeal with a Government endorsement No. 393 (enclosure No. 25 enclosed.)

7. That petitioner has, herewith, sent for Your Excellency's most benign consideration, all the memorials, and petitions of the petitioner and the Government Orders thereon.

8. That, subsequent to the date of petitioner's dismissal under G. O's., Nos. 4247 and 5167 (enclosures 20 and 22 enclosed), there has happened in that very taluk of Negapatam, a gigantic swindle having for its purpose the fraudulent misappropriation of the money in the Government Treasury; and that, during the long period of the petitioner's tenure of office as Sherastadar, there never occurred the least act of the kind, owing to the petitioner's unfailing habit of looking into everything with his own eyes instead of trusting others; that his diligent and conscientious discharge of his very heavy duties as is well known to every officer in the district, was never taken into consideration by the Government, when they dismissed the petitioner, and refused him pension, for supposed failure in the remission work, which was something unconnected with his legitimate and proper duties.

9. That petitioner begs to bring before Your Excellency's notice, the striking contrast between the punishment given to deliberate plunderers of the Government Treasury on the one hand, and on the other hand, to a faithful guardian of the same for many years, who is charged with having dishonestly checked the remission accounts a work thrown on him, in addition to his heavy duties as Sherastadar; that in about seven years from the date of the petitioner's dismissal, great frauds on Government have been practised, in connection with the sale of stamps, amounting in all to about Rupees 30,000; that the perpetrator of this huge fraud is one Chinnaswamy Chetty, the head shroff of the Negapatam taluk; that he is now in Jail according to the Judgment passed on him at the Tanjore Sessions; that the taluk Sherastadars who succeeded petitioner, were unable to discover the practices of the Shroff, and that the officers connected with the Treasury had long believed in Chinnswamy Chetty, and practically entrusted to him their duties; that the punishment after



all, is that the officers concerned, should make up the amount from their own pockets, and that their pay should be partly withheld them till the amount of the defalcations is made up.

10. That petitioner humbly prays that his claims on the Government may be judged of in the light of these facts, and that Your Excellency may be pleased to consider how much greater and better, have, the services of the petitioner, been, compared with those of Chinnaswamy Chetty and his *confrers*, and alas! how much less his reward.

11. That petitioner humbly states that he had been a clerk in the Taluk Cutchery at Negapatam Taluk in the Tanjore District, for 14 years and 15 days from 16-6-1859 to 30-6-1866, that afterwards he had been Taluk Sherastadar in Nannilam Taluk in the same district, for 10 years from 1-7-1866 to the month of June 1876, and that afterwards he held the post of Sherastadar and other offices for 9 years and 8 months from the month of July 1876 to the month of February 1886, when he was dismissed; and that in all, he had loyally served the Government for a little above 33 years and 8½ months.

12. The duties of a sherastadar, those duties which your Excellency's humble petitioner discharged loyally, during the time of his Government service as a Sherastadar, were such as made him, work daily in the Taluk Cutchery itself, without stirring abroad.

These duties were:—

1.—The preparation of monthly account current.

2.—Cultivation and rain-fall accounts.

3.—D. C. B. reports and other returns which are to be submitted periodically, in due time.

4.—Stamp and monetary transactions involving great responsibility, and requiring much labour. These are:—

(*a*) Comparing village remittances with the accounts Nos. 3, 10, 11 and 12 of the Village Manual, and signing them as to their correctness.

(*b*) Comparing the daily Bank vouchers coming along with the Bank statement, with the chellan registers of the taluk, and with the statement itself.

(*c*) Daily checking of the ledgers of "receipts and charges."

(*d*) Issuing cheques on the bills submitted to the taluk.

(*e*) Checking and initialling as to correctness the deposit ledgers of Receipts and charges relating to civil criminal, and revenue depositors.

(*f*) Disbursing the pensions of civil and military pensioners, and signing, and initialling, as to their correctness.

(*g*) Checking the salary receipts of the village officials.

(*h*) Selling stamps to the stamp vendors, and keeping the necessary registers, ledgers, and accounts.

(*i*) Keeping accounts of the daily receipts and charges, and the daily checking of the balance on hand.

(*j*) By keeping the accounts of the receipts and charges of the large remittances of Salt, Railway, and Sea Customs offices, the work of keeping the accounts of the receipts and charges of the taluk itself is rendered heavier than elsewhere, especially as a Bank is established in the Negapatam Taluk.

5.—In addition to his already over-heavy duties, the duties of the Tasildar also devolved upon the petitioner, as the Tasildar was often on circuit.

As Your Excellency's humble petitioner did all these, and the other duties of a Sherastadar regularly, and without a flaw or a mistake, it happened that the petitioner had not time enough to go scrutinizing the remission accounts as he would otherwise have done. These facts are clearly stated in the 14th para of the petitioner's appeal to the Madras Government (enclosure No. 9.) The petitioner begs permission to say that the matter was not then fully considered by the Government, solely owing to the petitioner's misfortune, and to nothing else. The petitioner humbly hopes that he will not now fail to secure Justice, if the Government deigns to reconsider the 14th para of enclosure No. 9; and this reconsideration, he humbly hopes, has almost become a necessity owing to the stamp affair.

13. The petitioner respectfully urges that during the long period of 19 years he held the post of a taluk Sherastadar not the least error or fraud upon Government, either in the accounts or transactions of money and stamps had ever crept in owing to the petitioner's carefulness, and personal discharge of his duties without trusting to others and whereas in 7 years from the date of his dismissal, such a large amount as Rs. 30,000 has been swindled the Government. The petitioner begs permission to add that during his tenure of office at Negapatam, this same Chinnaswamy Chetty was employed as the deputy-shroff of the taluk, and owing to the petitioner's carefulness, and vigilance, no room was ever offered for either the deputy or the head shroff to practise fraud upon the Government.

14. In case the question how the petitioner, as a Sherastadar, was responsible for stamp or monetary affairs, should rise, the petitioner humbly begs your Excellency to carefully peruse what follows:—



In pursuance of G. O. 122 (Enclosure No. 1) ordering the petitioner's dismissal, the petitioner received on 3rd March 1886 from his honor the then Collector of Tanjore District, the Memo $\frac{\text{No. 737}}{\text{1-3-1886}}$ (enclosure No. 26 enclosed) ordering the petitioner to hand over his charges to the Tahsildar. Accordingly the petitioner handed over his charges to Mr. Sama Raoji the then Tashildar of the place, and got a receipt (signed by the gentleman). (The Enclosure No. 27 enclosed of the list of charges handed over to him). Thereon the petitioner wrote an Arji $\frac{\text{No. 24}}{\text{3-3-1886}}$ (enclosure No. 28 enclosed), to his honor the Collector of the Tanjore District, stating that the petitioner had handed over his charges to the Tashildar as ordered. The memo, the receipt and the arji, are herewith sent along with the other enclosures mentioned in the accompanying list for Your Excellency's kind and benign consideration.

In that list it is stated that the Tashildar received money, and stamps, as mentioned in the margin, from the petitioner. The petitioner humbly states that the value of these stamps coincides with that sent to the Treasury Deputy Collector's office, as the balance of the value of stamps for the month of February 1886 as mentioned in No. 6 of the accounts of receipts and charges, less the value of stamps sold to stampvendors on the 1st and 2nd dates of March 1886, and that the value of the stamps sold on the 2 dates has been entered into the accounts. The petitioner humbly begs to add, that if an order is sent to his Honor the Collector of the Tanjore District to ascertain whether the list is correct or not, and to check the list, then your Honor will be fully persuaded of the list being correct, and also that the transactions in money and Stamps form the chief duties of a Sherastadar.

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| " Bank chitta | 41 | 13 | 0 |
| " permanent advance chitta ... | 0 | 12 | 11 |
| " stock notes | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| " court fee labels .. | 3,814 | 4 | 0 |
| " court fee papers ... | 10,435 | 0 | 0 |
| " Nonjudicial papers ... | 7,070 | 6 | 0 |
| " Application forms ... | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| " Petition forms ... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| " copy papers | 575 | 0 | 0 |
| " Foreign Bill stamps ... | 603 | 15 | 0 |
| " receipt labels ... | 184 | 10 | 0 |
| " Hundi stamps ... | 1,434 | 10 | 0 |
| " Telegraph stamps ... | 2,293 | 6 | 0 |
| " Post labels | 2,644 | 8 | 6 |
| " Service labels ... | 467 | 2 | 6 |

15. The petitioner humbly states that, as he was very intent on his own duties, in order that there might not attach the least blame to him, he had not time enough, to go minutely scrutinizing the remission accounts; and begs leave to add that not a single pie of the loss to the Government by way of remission, in the remission case, was lost by the petitioner's carelessness, or negligence of his duties, and that the charge he is now blamed with, is at the least excusable. Finally, Your Excellency's most humble petitioner humbly prays that Your Excellency will be gracious enough to reconsider his case.

16. Once again the petitioner begs permission to state that the correctness of the list abovementioned in the 14th para. (of enclosure No. 27), may be found out by a G. O., to his Honor the Collector of the Tanjore District and adds that Your Excellency will learn thence, that the Sherastadar is responsible for stamp and monetary transactions, and the petitioner, if at all he failed, failed in the remission case, simply because he had not time enough to go scrutinizing the accounts, as he had been solely engaged upon his own all-absorbing duties, and that his repeated representations to the Government since 1886, were not without cause, and the petitioner had served the Government, for a long time loyally and arduously, but without any recompense for his labour, such as few others would have served.

17. Lastly the petitioner most humbly begs Your Excellency to peruse this and the accompanying enclosures, and do Justice (which Justice he has failed to secure hitherto), to the petitioner, now an old man of sixty three years of age, with a large and growing family but with little means to support them; and most humbly brings to Your Excellency's notice the fact that the petitioner had served the Government loyally for no less than 33 years and 8 months, without a recompense to his arduous labour, and at last was dismissed from it with shame and blame attached to him.

To be brief, the petitioner humbly begs Your Excellency to reconsider his case, and cancel the orders ordering the petitioner's dismissal, and restore him the pension from the date of his dismissal, which has been till now withheld from him.

For which act of Justice and mercy, Your Excellency's most humble petitioner and servant shall, in duty bound, ever pray for Your Excellency's welfare, long life, and prosperity.

Your Excellency's Most
humble petitioner requests to remain
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant.

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