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G.O., No. 561

DATED 18th March '97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition from J. Alwanah Kotte Guli
Inspector of Salt & Alkali Works, Cumbura
Circle praying for a reconsideration of
his case disposed of under para 5(2) of
Pet. Rules.

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SUBJECT

In answer to a petition of 6th
March 1897 from S. Mervish,
late Sub-Inspector of Police, Cum-
mun. Const., Kurnool. He praying
for a re-consideration of his case
for clemency shown to him.

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To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., Kt., G.C.I.E.,

Governor & President-in-Council

of Fort St. George,

MADRAS.

Through the Private Secretary

(Through the Honorable the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue).

The humble review petition of T. ALWARIAH,
residing at Madras, late Sub-Inspector of
Salt and Abkari Revenue, Cumbum Circle,
Kurnool District.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the memorialist was in January 1894 a Sub-Inspector of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Cumbum Circle, Kurnool District, in the Presidency of Madras, on a salary of Rs. 60, and had been in the said Department of service for a period of over 16 years.

2. That during the said period he conscientiously believes he had given more than usual satisfaction to his official superiors (*vide* Enclosures B. and C.) and he obtained promotion so lately as 1892.

3. That in January 1894 he was dismissed the service under order of the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, dated 22nd Idem.

4. That the fault which the memorialist has been found guilty of is that in his diary (Enc. D) submitted for the week ending 9th December 1893, a misstatement appears that he visited 2 villages which he had not visited.

5. That the memorialist made no sort of attempt to deny the inaccuracy of the entry, but honestly at the very outset admitted it was a mistake, and his explanation was that the entry was by oversight copied from a programme he had sketched out for his guidance before he started on his visits for the day.

6. That his case is stated at length in his petitions to the Honorable the Board of Revenue and Government (*vide* Enclosures J. and L.) but without success (*vide* Enclosures K. and M. respectively).

7. That the memorialist begs to state that Sub-Inspectors of Salt and Abkari Revenue are not entitled to batta or travelling allowance though they may inspect any number of villages and that the memorialist cannot therefore be said to have had any fraudulent motive in making the entry, but that he most solemnly declares that it is only an innocent mistake.

8. That the memorialist likewise humbly ventures to point out that the Honorable the Board of Revenue also falls, to his misfortune, into the error of supposing in effect that his explanation aforesaid regarding the said mistake of entry is an after-thought on the ground that when suddenly called upon personally without any previous intimation to explain the inaccurate entry, he stated to the Assistant Commissioner who questioned him that he *could not account for it*, for the memorialist humbly *submits* that that could be the honest and conscientious answer that one in his then position could give, without hazarding a guess, until he could *find out* by looking into his papers or thinking over the matter or otherwise *how* he had been *led into the mistake*. It need hardly be stated that in all cases of this kind, and as it invariably obtains in the Department, some previous intimation should be given of the charge laid before obtaining explanation, and if such regular procedure had been adopted, what the Honorable Board erroneously conceives to be an inconsistency but is *not really* one, would never have appeared in the explanation.

9. That the memorialist prays that he may not be understood as denying culpability altogether on his part, but, unequivocally admitting the same, as he has all along done, he ventures to submit that it is so venial, as may appear from its nature and from *much graver* cases of misconduct discovered and comparatively excused in the same Department of service that the punishment awarded to him is out of all proportion to his transgression. Here, your memorialist begs to bring to Your Excellency's notice the punishment which the memorialist understands has been inflicted in the undermentioned cases which are of far more serious nature.

(a). One S. Govindu Chetty formerly a Sub-Inspector in the Salt and Abkari Department was charged with overstorage of Salt (which means considerable loss of money to Government) in 1877 or 1878 when he was Assistant Superintendent in Factory Establishment. He was first dismissed and subsequently on a re-consideration re-instated by the Board of Revenue.

(b). Again, in 1888 or 1889 when he was Sub-Inspector in Bellary Circle a report was made against him by the Inspector Mr. Miransirali Sahib, containing charges of *misappropriation of reward money and sending in false diaries*, and the memorialist understands that the Sub-Inspector was thereupon so leniently dealt with that only an order of suspension for two or three months was passed in his case by the higher authorities, whereas the humble memorialist, though found fault with for the first time and for a clerical mistake, has been so severely dealt with.

(c). The memorialist also understands that it is only recently that one Mr. Mitchell, Assistant Inspector in the Salt and Abkari Department, submitted a false diary, an offence similar to that of Your Excellency's memorialist but he was only reduced to the next grade. Your Excellency's memorialist humbly begs to mention here that Assistant Inspectors when they go out on tour of inspection are entitled to travelling allowance. But, Sub-Inspectors to which class Your Excellency's memorialist belonged are not entitled to batta or travelling allowance under the rules. Consequently Your Excellency's memorialist could not have made false entries with the intention of defrauding Government of the travelling allowance.

(d). The memorialist also understands that a Sub-Registrar, or Registrar, a graduate, put in a false Travelling Allowance Bill for which he was fined Rs. 10.

(e.) That further he has not been brought up to any other work but pen and paper, and with this unmerited stigma in his character he is unable to go and seek for employment elsewhere; he deeply regrets therefore that the effects of the undeservedly severe order of dismissal will in short expose the humble petitioner and his family to extreme misery and poverty.

10. That before he was taken into the Salt and Abkari Department by the Honorable Mr. Bliss, Your Excellency's memorialist was employed as a Ledger-Keeper in the well known firm of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., Madras, and the reputation which he established there may be understood from the testimonial granted by them (*vide* Enclosure A). Had he remained there by this time he would have been drawing a salary of more than 100 Rs. a month, whereas the punishment now inflicted on him, is by one stroke, ignores a long period of arduous and honest service, and consigns him to practical ruin by subjecting him to forfeiture of pension and thereby depriving him and his family of means of livelihood at a time of his life when he cannot seek another calling, leaving alone the fact that with the stigma cast upon his character by the authority to whose service he devoted the best part of his life, he can hardly apply for employment any where.

11. That the memorialist, earnestly and with all the solicitude that a poor ruined man can put forth, appeals to Your Excellency-in-Council for a generous re-consideration of his case and for a meed of that characteristic justice which every subject of her Majesty's rule hopefully and confidently expects to have eventually, (though for a time it may fail him) seeing that for a very small dereliction he has been visited with a crushing penalty, and that the loss of pay which he has sustained from February 1894 (amounting to over Rs. ~~1,200~~ ^{1,500}) is more than adequate to his small offence, and that his restoration to service will only save a faithful servant of unblemished record for 16 years and his family from an unhappy wreck.

12. ~~That the memorialist submitted his appeal petition to your Excellency in Council in July 1894, but unfortunately it was not~~
 For which act of charity and justice Your Excellency's humble memorialist shall, as in duty bound,
 MADRAS, ~~January 1895~~ ^{January 1897} favorably considered, vide G.O. No 3703 mis. (Encl. M.)
 Copy enclosed: and in June 1896, he submitted a review petition to Your Excellency in Council. This was not also favorably dealt with. Vide G.O. No 2690 mis. Copy enclosed (Encl. O.).
 He now most respectfully begs to submit this petition with the hope that Your Excellency will show some mercy on the poor unfortunate and ruined memorialist and save him and his family from starvation.
 For which act of clemency the memorialist shall, as in duty bound,

Ever pray.

T. Alvariah

Late Sub-Inspector of Salt & Abk. Rev.

March 6, 1897.

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