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G.O., No. 618

DATED 24th March 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing Swamma Pitchiah of Padavu Atmakur Taluk, Nellore Dt. that the Govt. cannot interfere in the matter of the village munsif office of the above mentioned village.

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CURRENT No. 2526

Petition of the Inhabitants of Kandukur Taluk - in Council Madras

Rp 24/3/97

From Swarna Pitchiah of Peduru, Atmakur Taluk. Nellore Dt.

Order R. No. 618 dt 24th March 97.

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The petr is informed that the Govt cannot interfere in the matter.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to reconsider the orders of Govt on his petition regarding the office of Village munsiff.

Note

The petition is dated 17-3-97.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

His Excellency The Governor-in-council, Madras.

This is a representation of Swarna Pitchiah of Paderu to reconsider Government endorsement No 98 of 1897 dated 20-1-97.

Most humbly sheweth:—

The petitioner was registered Munsiff of Paderu, Atmakur Taluk during the revision of village establishment in the year 1879, but owing to his not entering on his duties as he was then a minor. His maternal uncle, Mallapaiah, who was living undivided with the petitioner, was discharging the Munsiff's duties as his Gumastah or proxy.

2 ——— Subsequently another revision was agreed to be made in the village establishments on a uniform scale with other districts. Consequently, a small village Gollapalli situated near Paderu was clubbed with Paderu for the purpose of village establishment and individuals at the discretion of the Deputy Collector of Atmakur, elected for the village offices of the combined village. This was done in October 1896. In this selection, the petitioner and his proxy were removed, and the Gollapally Munsiff was confirmed for the joint village.

3 ——— Against this selection, the

petitioner appealed to the Collector. Mr. Le Fanu declined to interfere in the matter. The petitioner then put forth his grounds for interference in a more detail to the Collector. But Mr. Le Fanu was not there in the district. The Ag. Collector did not reconsider as a matter of respect the order having been passed previously by the permanent Collector. The only alternative then left to the petitioner was to apply to Higher Authorities, viz, Board and Government for redress. This he has done, but not going on merits and Considering the injustice rendered by the deputy Collector in the first instance and the Collector afterwards in not dealing with the full particulars in the matter, the Board as well as Government passed usual endorsement that no appeal lies to Board and Government under Section 23 of Act III of 1895 (vide endorsements submitted herewith).

4 — The petitioner does not deny that there is a Section in Act III of 1895 relieving Board & Government of hearing appeals in the matter of appointments to village offices which are in the opinion of those authorities insignificant and deserving consideration of the District authorities alone. But what he troubles the Government is to Consider whether those District authorities —

stretched their hand of justice in the Case of the petitioner. The Government was established for looking to the safety and prestige of the people in the whole Presidency. When the poor petitioner is clamouring that injustice was done to him at the hands of the District authorities, the mere reference to Section 23 of the Act is not a sufficient application to satisfy his grievances. He now requests the Honorable Government to overlook that Section and enter into the merits of the petitioner's representations as a Special Case and do him justice in regard to the office of Village Munsiff which has been in the family of the petitioner from the beginning of the British Administration.

5—— The following are the grounds in favour of the petitioner:—

(a) The act above referred to does not take away the claim of minors to succession to the Village office fallen vacant by demise &c of the office-holder (vide section 10— clause 5—).

(b) When such concession is given

to ordinary appointments, is the petitioner who was nominated to the post prior to revision to be deprived of the appointment simply because Gollapally was clubbed with Paderu a big village?

(c) Is the petitioner not entitled at least for the registry to the Munsiffs office as was already done in the revision of 1879?

(d) The rules of Government prescribe clearly concession to the registered holders to enter on the duties attached to the offices within 3 years after majority. In the case of the petitioner he was stated as only aged 20; & thus he had more one year at his disposal.

(e) The petitioner submitted his sample of Hand-writing to both Government and Board of Revenue and represented that he was ready to take up his duties, and that if he was not found equal to his duties, he might be permitted to have his old proxy.

(f) In conclusion, the petitioner appeals for the mercy of Government in his case, and requests that his registry for the Munsiff's Office in the year 1879 may not be disturbed, and that the present Deputy Collector, who is not the same Officer as the one that did the revision work, be required to consider the efficiency of the petitioner and allow him to take charge of the duties within 3 years after his attaining majority. For which act of Kindness and charity, the petitioner shall, as in duty bound, ever pray for your Excellency's long life and prosperity

The petitioner begs to remain
Most respected Sir,
Your Excellency's most humble
Servant,

dated
17th March
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