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To

His Excellency, Governor General in Council Calcutta.

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On account of three main causes thousands of rupees due to the Government as land revenue is gradually falling in irrecoverable arrears. The royts also are not benefited in the transaction. Some of the ryots are being reduced to bankruptcy unable to stand the costs of cultivation.

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(3) Some officers of the Engineering department fail to supply, in time, the new water in the canal to all the ryots taking into due consideration whether the lands are Inam or Jeroyiti. Nor do the officers of the department try to construct tunnels to remove stagnant water from the immersed fields; on the other hand the Government give strict injuctions to collect revenue without having regard to the difficulties and poverty of the ryots.

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(5) If the Government be pleased to carry out the following suggestions, there will scarcely be any remissions claimed " Ryots must be allowed to use the water in the canal before the 15th March for irrigating Inam lands; application for water must be accepted at any time; the Engineering department must notice whether a land is Inam or Jiroyiti and supply water accordingly; as for removing the stagnant water the Engineering department must make some arrangements but not throw that responsibility on the ryots.

(6) In conclusion I humbly pray that the Honorable Board be pleased to enquire into the matter and help the poor villagers.

I herein enclose a copy of my conduct certificates for perusal.

I humbly beg to remain,
Your most obedient servant.

L. Jermiah

NARASAPUR.
Dated 16-3- 1897.

Diamond Jubilee press Narsapur.

TRUE COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

CENSUS OF 1891

(1) This is to certify that L. Jermiah of Rustumbada gave his services gratuitously as an Enumerator at the Census of 1891 and by his careful attention to his duties greatly assited the officers of the Government.

Dated - 26 - 4 - 1891
NO: 77

(Signed) J. RAMAYYA.
Divisional officer

(2) The petitioner is a man of very good conduct. He has intelligence which can seldom be found in men of his class. He is deligent and attentirve.

Narsapur.
Dated 26 - 4 - 88

(Signed) P. PUNDARI KASHUDU.
Dy. Magistrate.

(3) L. Jermiah a native christian appeared as a Vakil in some cases on my file while I was Deputy Magistrate Narsapur D. : He always showed a very fair amount of knowledge of the criminal law and his conduct at the bar was exemplary. I wish there were more men of his stamp among the so called private Vakeels at Narsapur.

Narsapur 22 - 2 - 1892.

(Signed) J. RAMMAYYA.

(4) This is to certify that L. Jermiah practised as a private Vakeel before me while I was in charge of the Narsapur Dy. I am glad to see that he possesses good testimoniale. I found him intelligent & well behaved I wish him every success in life.

Narsapur 26-11 - 96

(Signed) C. H. VENKATACHELUM.
Dy. Collector on leave.

(5) L. Jermiah has been a private Vakeel in my court for the last about 2 years. He is very respectable, attentive & careful in his duties. He his well up in all the Acts. He is agriments, are very pointed sensible & reasonable. He does justice to his cliants. People have much confidence in him. He is very successful. He is much above all the men of his class. He fears God. I wish him success always.

30 - 9 - 1890.

(Signed) L. VENKATAKRISHNAYYA.
Shr: 2 nd class Magistrate

(6) L. Jermiah has been practisingas a Vakeel in my court upwards of 2 years. He knows well the Acts and orders He is a man of very good charactar. He is attentive & active. He pleads reasonably. He has given me entire satisfaction.

6 th november 1888 Narsapur

(Signed) P. V. L. NARSIMHAROW
Seacustom supt 3 rd class Magistrate

(7) Mr: L. Jermiah is one of the oldest Vakeels practising in all the Courts here. He is intelligent & bears a respectable charactor He has given me entire satisfaction in all the cases he appeared beform me.

Rajahmundry 3 rd Junuary 93

(Sd) N. KONDALA NAID.
Ag Dy Thasildar Yellavarm.

(8) I know Vakeel mr: L Jermiah for the last one year. He is the only native christian that practices in the several Magistratos courts at Narsapur. Though he is not, as he ought to have been a certified Pleader as I can sincerely and safely declare from what I know & learn of his fair knowledge of criminal law straight forwardness in his professional dealings & above all his pleasing conduct & principles,

Coringi 18 - 8 - 93

(Signed) V. PALLAYYA.
Supt. of Seacustoms

(9) I have known L. Jermiah a christian private Vakeel for the last three years. He is a respectable and intelligent person. He has a fair knowledge of Medical juris prudence probably gathered from the Telugu translation. I appreciate his cross examininga Madical witness in ordinary cases.

Narsapur 30th May 1895

(Signed) MOHAMED ISHACK.
Hospital Assistant.

(10) This is to certify that bearer Jermiah has served under me as Dry Rd maistry from July to October 1863 during which time I have found him a very industrious & hard working man and can stroungly recommend him to any person requiring his service.

Gongole 22 - 10 - 1863

(Signed) M. HARRIES.
A. S.

(11) This is to certify that L. Jermiah has been engaged as a mission agent about 12 years, and that he has proved very useful for itenarating work. He accompanied us on a longer tour through Bastor and Jeypore & was of very great assistance in making arrangements in all villages where we stopped. He is a smart & clever man and in that respect much above his class.

Rajahmundry. 26 th March 1888.

(Signed) H. C. SCHMIDT.

(12) This is to certify that L. Jermiah has accompanied us on over tour to Bostor & Jeypore. He has been most active in providing supplies & kulies & has been of very great service to us.

Koraput 7 - 2 - 82

(Signed) E. G. G. POLL.
(Signed) H. BOTHMAN.
Missionaries.

(13) This is to certify that L. Jermiah has been employed as a teacher in the Rajahmundry mission during the time that the undersigned had charge of the same & has given satisfaction to the Missionaries.

Rajahmundry 25 th January 1871

(Signed) C. F. HEYER.

L. JERMIAH.

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☞ N. B As the previous copy posted on the 15th instant contained some mistakes, the corrected copy is sent again.

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Narasapur, Godavari Dt.
Dated 17-3- 1897.

L Jermiah

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