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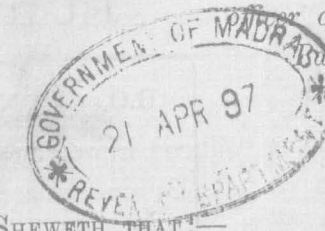
To

His Excellency The Right Honourable

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of S. RAMACHANDRA PILLAY, Petty Officer of Salt and Abkari Revenue, Mathur Party, Krishnagiri Circle, now on leave at Kaveripatnam, Krishnagiri Taluk, Salem District.



MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH THAT:—

This is an appeal on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue Department, Miscellaneous, No. 715, dated 12th February 1897, reducing the petitioner from 2nd grade Jemadar to 1st grade peon.

2. The petitioner most respectfully begs to state that he has put in a service of about 15 years in the Department and that by hard work and good detection of cases he secured gradual promotion from a Salt peon on Rs. 6 to the 2nd grade Jemadar on Rs. 12. His services in the Petty Officer's grade was nearly 8 years, and during the whole period of service he had given every satisfaction to his superiors.

3. The circumstances that led to the above punishment will be briefly stated thus:—While the petitioner was in charge of Bagalur Party in 1895, he had information that one Dasappa Naidu, Depôt agent, was fraudulently issuing arrack to shopkeepers in smaller quantities than that mentioned in the permits covering such transports and making incorrect entries in the permits. He had this information on the 15th November 1895. He, being afraid that the case might be hushed up, by the Depôt agent, (who is an influential man of the place), before this information was given to the Sub-Inspector of the Range, arrested the accused (in Crime Register No. 516 of 1895) and reported it to his Inspector. The defence set up was that the deficit was due to the spilling of arrack when the arrack was being measured in the Station House. But there was no such thing. The witnesses were the Station House officer and the Depôt agent's men who were all won over by the said Depôt agent. The peons who were with the petitioner when the arrest and measurement of arrack had taken place had all deposed that no arrack was spilt in measurement. The deficit quantity of arrack when measured was a gallon and a half. The petitioner respectfully submits that it is impossible to believe that such a large quantity could have been spilt in measurement. The Inspector to the petitioner's misfortune believed the evidence for defence and formed an opinion that the arrest was illegal; but however he recommended a temporary reduction of one grade for 3 months, in addition to pay the cost of arrack

alleged to be spilt. Mr. St. John, the then Assistant Commissioner, was of opinion, that the payment of the value of arrack alone will be sufficient. The petitioner according to above orders paid the cost. But unfortunately to the petitioner the present Assistant Commissioner mooted the matter again, after a lapse of about 3 months and passed an order reducing petitioner permanently from the 2nd grade Jemadar to 1st grade Duffadar. Thus the petitioner was subjected to two punishments at the same time.

4. On the above order the petitioner preferred an appeal to the Deputy Commissioner who declined to interfere with the orders passed by the Assistant Commissioner.

5. Thereupon, the petitioner preferred an appeal to the Board of Revenue. The Board unfortunately for the petitioner reduced him from the 1st grade Duffadar (on Rs. 10) to the 1st grade peon (on Rs. 8) on the ground that there are several entries against him in the Defaulter Sheet. The petitioner most respectfully begs to point out that he was reduced three grades in addition to pay a fine (cost of arrack). Virtually he was thus given four punishments for one and the same trivial offence alleged to have been committed.

6. The order of the Board inflicting on him double punishment when he was appealing against the double punishment inflicted on him by the Assistant Commissioner, is, the petitioner respectfully submits, unjust and unfair, in as much as the Board has not gone into the merits of the case in forming its resolutions, basing its reasons on the several entries in the Defaulter book against his name. The entries in the Defaulter book are not of so serious a nature, but were all wiped off by his subsequent good conduct long before the Board passed orders in his case; and as such, they should not have been taken into account at all when his appeal petition was reviewed by the Board. If the entries in the Defaulter book in conjunction with the present alleged offence were a sufficient reason to meet out such a serious punishment as reduction from the 2nd grade Jemadar to the 1st grade peon, the Assistant Commissioner in the first instance would have mooted the matter; and the absence of such a thing clearly shows that such a punishment was never contemplated by his immediate superiors who knew more of his conduct and work.

7. The petitioner respectfully begs to add that he has a large family solely depending on his pay.

8. In conclusion, the petitioner prays that his Excellency may be pleased to go through his pitiable case and protect him and his large family by cancelling the order of the Board inflicting on him four-fold punishment and restoring him to his former grade of 2nd grade Jemadar.

9. For this act of charity the petitioner shall ever pray.

Your Excellency's
most obedient and humble servant,

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