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Local and Municipal(Legislative) Department.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Forwarding a memorial from S.N.Nair.

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L. No. 1382/19-1.

Station Camp-Mattupatti, *Dated the* 15th March 1920.

From (Name) H.L.Braidwood Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Political Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a memorial from S.N. Nair. The memorialist is the person who addressed a petition to Government direct and which was forwarded to me for disposal with Endorsement No.2445-1 Public (Political) dated 22nd November 1919. That memorial was forwarded to the Darbar who sent it on to the Commissioner of Police for disposal. The Darbar in its reply brought to my notice an objectionable "open letter" written by the memorialist in the issue of the Malabar Advocate dated 17th January 1920:

please see at flag H

pp 7-9 infra

I submit a copy of the letter.

2. The statements made by the memorialist with regard to the services rendered by him during the war have not been authenticated either by original papers or copies thereof. For this reason and for the reason that he published the open letter, it seems to me that the memorialist should be informed that no notice will be taken of his memorial.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J R Brantwood

Resident.

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BRITISH RESIDENT'S OFFICE
RECEIVED
5 MAR 1920
TRAVANCORE & COCHIN

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To,

H[illegible] Excellency The Right Honorable

BARON WILLINGDON, G.C.I.E., G.B.E.,

&c., &c., &c.,

Governor of Madras.

Through the Resident of Travancore

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I, the undersigned Mr. S. N. Nair (now doctor), beg most respectfully to submit the following few lines for your Excellency's perusal:—

1. That the memorialist is a Native of Punalur in Travancore State. There are about 4,000,000 of inhabitants in the State, and at present over 13,000 Malayalees (men of Travancore, Cochin and Malabar) are attached to His Imperial Majesty's Indian Army, and out of which the petitioner was the first man who volunteered to serve at the Front from this side of the Presidency. The Memorialist was serving at the Front in France and Flanders in 1914-15 under the command of Major General G. A. Cookson, of the 3rd Lahore Division Infantry. The petitioner is the only son of the soil who possesses "The 1914-15 Star" for meritorious service at the Front in France and Flanders.

2. That the memorialist was appointed on 28th October 1916, as a Recruiting Officer to the 2nd Q. V. O. S. & M., and he was the Pioneer Nair Recruiting Officer who ever visited Travancore State. Most of the 13,000 Malayalees mentioned above are enrolled after the Petitioner's Recruiting Travels and speeches in the West Coast, and therefore he has reason to believe that the fruits of his pioneer sowing were reaped out by those who followed him in the same sphere of activity.

3. That recently the Government of India has issued a "G. O." requesting the local Durbars and all the District Collectors to make proper arrangements to improve the position of discharged and disabled Military servants and the kith and kin of deceased soldiers, etc.

4. That in Bhopal, Gwalior, Bikanir, Patiala, Kapurthala, Nabha and many other native states in Northern India, the wives, children and near relatives of deceased soldiers are allowed pension and free education. *Puduval* and *Porampoku* lands are leased free of tax, in favour of discharged Military men there. Whenever there is a vacancy under those durbars, the first chance is given to field-returned men, and provided the applicant is able to fulfil the conditions required for appointment, the first selection is also made among the military servants.

5. That in Travancore State, no such arrangements seem to have been made to improve the present poor condition of Field-returned men. For example, the petitioner may be permitted to mention:—

> (a) *Recently, when there were six vacancies in Travancore Police Department, the memorialist himself applied for one, stating that he was prepared to fulfil all the conditions required for appointment in that Department; but the Commissioner of Police replied that he "cannot allow even a menial's place under him." This is a Department where there are hundreds of common uneducated men appointed on higher ranks; hence the reply given is not only a disgrace to the petitioner, but also it clearly points out the unwillingness of Travancore officials to entertain poor soldiers in Government offices.*

(b) *That many a Field-returned man applied for* **Puduval** *and* **Porampoku** *lands here, but not an inch of land was leased in favour of such men. The memorialist himself applied for 30 acres of land at Elampal in Punalur to the Tahsildar of Punalur in November 1916, and for an acre of land at Asramom to the Dewan Pishkar of Quilon in November 1919, and for an acre of land at Kottakkakom to the Tahsildar of Quilon in November 1919; but the two former officers not even acknowledged the receipt of the petition, while the latter gave a negative reply without inspecting the land in question. The 30 acres of land mentioned in this para were afterwards leased to a Syrian Christian who, of course, was lucky enough to please the officials at Punalur Taluq office.*

6. That the petitioner applied both for *Puduval* land and for appointment, to His Honour The Dewan of Travancore *thrice*, and the Chief Secretary *once*, and The Resident of Travancore *twice*, but to no good. Having no reply from the State Officials, the memorialist petitioned to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George on 13th November 1919, to His Excellency the Viceroy of India (*through the Personal Assistant to the Military Secretary*) on 19th October and 9th December 1919, and to the Adjutant General in India on the 16th December 1919. Although all the European gentlemen have acknowledged the receipt of the petition in due time, yet no improvement seems to have been made here in Travancore State beyond the creation of a Committee called "*The Soldiers' Committee*", composed of a stationary merchant, two legal practitioners, and five (pensioned and non-pensioned) State officials. To speak the truth, none except the President of the said Committee have any practical idea of a soldier's life in the real active field, and further the Committee members also have not even seen a soldier in active dress, and therefore one can easily foretell the good results expected from such a Committee. It would have been advantageous to the poor soldiers, had there been one or two Field-Returned men also on the above Committee.

7. That, in conclusion, the memorialist begs to request the favour of your Excellency to order the local Durbar:—

(i) *To consider the claims of poor disabled and discharged soldiers,—men who had spent years under thundering cannon shells, shrilling shrapnels and bullets, in incessant rain, in waist-deep mud, in extremely cold weather, eating all the while Marcony ration with Bully Beef with an occasional sip of Jamaica Red,—when making Government appointments and leasing* **Puduval** *and* **Porampoku** *lands.*

(ii) *The Government of Travancore may kindly be asked to state the reason for not appointing the memorialist when he was prepared to fullfil all the conditions required for appointment in the Travancore Police Department.*

(iii) *The Durbar may also be requested to explain the reason for not leasing the 30 acres of land at Elampal first applied for by a field servant, and why after some months, the same plot of land was given to one Syrian Christian, whose profession is, "after leasing vast areas of Forest lands together, to sell them to foreigners, making intermediate profit."*

(iv) *The Local Durbar may kindly be requested to submit an account of beneficial arrangements made by them in order to better the position of discharged soldiers in Travancore State.*

(v) *It is further suggested that the Durbar may be asked to submit an account of petitions received for* (1) *appointments,* (2) **Puduval** *and* **Porampoku** *lands, from discharged Military servants, and to state how many such petitions were favourably disposed of.*

I beg to remain,

29th *February, 1920.*

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

S. N. Nair

From:—
Dr. S. N. NAIR,
RAMACHANDRAPURAM,
PUDUKOTAH STATE,
Via—**TRICHINOPOLY.**

St. J. I. S. Press, Trichy.—1920.

An open letter.

To

H. E. The Dewan of Travancore.

May it please Your Excellency,

In the last Anglo-German War, which is now concluded in Peace there were many Indian soldiers, and a considerable portion of them were enlisted from the West Coast. All these soldiers were grouped into combatant or non-combatant Armies. The combatants are to serve till life for pension, while the others are trained to work for a specified period only. Relatives of both these sets are entitled to certain allowances if any one of them meet with an accident during Field or Sea Service.

Recently when the administration of Mesopotamia was handed over to the British Government, a set of young men were enlisted into the army, to assist the Army administration there, and these men were previously trained from six weeks to three months in the special Overseas Training School, temporarily established at Saidapet, before being posted to their respective duties in overseas' dominions.

I learn from Government of India publication that now there are over thirteen thousand Malayalees in the Indian Army, and out of the above number, a selected few were posted to the Real Firing Line and those who did meritorious service during field service were rewarded amply without caste or race prejudice in the course of making war gifts and bonuses to British Soldiers. His Imperial Majesty's War Office was kind enough to extend their natural sympathy towards their Indian comrades and the relatives and descendents of such men. Circumstantially, every Indian soldier, who is attached to an Indian Regimental Establishment, is entitled to all the benefits thereof. Recently the Government of India has issued a "G.O." inviting the attention of the Local Darbars and the District Collectors, to make proper arrangements to improve the status of discharged and disabled military employees and their kith and kin. In Gwalior, Bikaneer, Bhopal

Bhopal, Kapirtala, Pattiala and Nabha, and in many other Native States in Northern India, Puduval lands are leased free of tax in favour of returned soldiers and their relatives. Free Secondary Education is allowed to the sons and relatives of such men. When there are places vacant under those Durbars and if there be any application from Military men, the first selection is made for them.

The war office has also sanctioned a special Medal called the "Star" for those who have completed an year's service at the Front in France and Flanders, Gallipalli, Suez Canal, or Persian Gulf; and any soldier who has worked less or more than an year ~~if~~ is not entitled to one or more of such medals. We have about 4 millions of inhabitants in Travancore State and over 13,000 Keraleeyars in the Indian Army and out of which the writer of this letter is the only son of the soil who obtained the "King's 1914-15 Star" for meritorious services in the Firing Line in France and Flanders. Such being the solid fact, nothing seems to have been done to save the position of discharged military men in Travancore State.

On the 19th June 1919 when I had an interview at Bhaktivilas, Your Excellency expressed that I may try to join Travancore State Service; and accordingly, recently when there ~~xxx~~ were six vacancies in the Travancore Police Department I applied for one, but the Commissioner of Police, who could understand the real endeavours of a soldier, at first half willingly consented to entertain me in the office, but in his final order directed me to go to the Durbar Physician for an appointment in my own line. Now, there are medical men in India who having obtained University Diplomas are employed in other walks of life than the Medical and probably Your Excellency might be able to find examples in Travancore. In this connection, I may be permitted to say that I am a better Judge of my taste than the Commissioner who has cast out my

special taste from a half-sheet foolscap paper. Puduval and Purampoke lands are not leased in Travancore in favour of discharged military men. In Nov. 1916, I applied for a small hill between Vettikkavalai and Thampal in Punalore and in Nov. 1919 for an acre of land in Asramam to the Diwan Peishkar of Quilon and for a few cents of land at Kottakkakam to the Tahsildar at Quilon. But the present official etiquette does not seem to permit the two former officers even to acknowledge receipt of the petition, while the latter had the courage to issue a negative answer without visiting the land.

All these Travancore official "Thamashas" taught me to forward the present state of affairs to the higher authorities and to the Press for information, and I believe I am the cause of calling for an account of Puduval lands leased in favour of discharged soldiers in Travancore by the Government of Madras, and also the creation of the Soldiers' Committee at Trivandrum.

Will Your Excellency be pleased to inform the writer, if claims of men of his position who have spent years under thundering cannon shells, shrilling sharpnells and bullets, in incessant rain, in knee-deep mud, in extreme cold season, eating all the while marconi ration with bully beef with an occasional sip of Jamicca" Red are not worth considering---then whom do the Darbar mean to help?.

It is a pity that I wrote to Your Excellency more than thrice, and to the Chief Secretary once, but no answer, and hence I am ~~completed~~ compelled to pen all these facts to the Press for your perusal. Please, excuse the trouble.

I beg etc.,
Sd/- Dr.S.N.Nair,

Karunagapalli,
17-5-1095.

(True copy)

Resident.

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11 The Madras Mail d 18-3-20

WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM DR. S. N. Nair—who says he was the first man in Travancore to volunteer to serve at the front and claims to have put in meritorious service in France and Flanders in 1914-15, for which he has received the 1914-15 Star and also as a recruiting officer,—a petition to H.E. the Governor of Madras in Council complaining of the treatment accorded him by the Travancore Government. He says he endeavoured to get an appointment under that Government, but without success. He also states that the good intentions of the Durbar are being set at nought in the matter of granting lands to those who have returned from active service. It is possible that the allegations in this memorial may be due to a too liberal appraisement of the services rendered and a too grudging appreciation of the action that theDurbar is taking. We cannot believe that the claims of any ex soldier of H. H. the Maharajah's subjects which can be verified will be rejected. In the matter of employment, the Government have a right to select suitable men for suitable posts, and as regards the grant of lands, this obviously is a matter that cannot be settled out of hand. Claims have to be scrutinised, and much preliminary business settled before the awards can be made. We understand from reports that we have received from Travancore that this is being done. A certain amount of delay in some cases is inevitable, but time is going on and speedier action certainly seems necessary. As regards the personal merits of the memorialist, these ought not to be difficult to ascertain, and, if proved, we feel sure that the Travancore Government will also see to it that he is suitably rewarded, either with an appointment or by the grant of land under the Government scheme. Delay and hardship in the re-employment of returned soldiers and officers is taking place everywhere, especially in England, where we are afraid there is much disappointment in store for large numbers of returnedo fficers and men. This is cold confort, we are aware, but it is difficult in matters of this kind to make performance keep pace with promises, or what are taken to have been promises.

To the Supdt.
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Submitted.

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11 Justice d 19 3 20

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WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE petition submitted to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. S. N. NAIR of Travancore who says that 13,000 Malayalees from Travancore, Cochin and Malabar are now attached to the British Army and that he himself had served at the Front in France and Flanders in 1914-15 and obtained "the 1914-15 Star" for service. His complaint is that on his return to Travancore he could get nothing under the Travancore Government. We see from the preliminary list of questions to be put at the meeting of the Madras Legislative Council to be held on the 29th instant, that the HON'BLE KHAN BAHADUR A. T. G. AHMAD TAMBI MARAKKAYAR SAHIB has the following interpellation: "Is it a fact that one DR. S. N. NAIR, ex-recruiting officer to the II. Q. V. O. S. and M. of the Travancore State has submitted a memorial setting forth the grievances of the field returned men?" We shall wait for the Madras Government's reply.

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Memo: 1006-1 d/20-3-20

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(~~[illegible]~~) p 3 ants

With reference to his letter no L 1382/19-1 d 15. 3. 1920. the Resident in Travancore & Cochin is informed that the Honble Khan Bahadur Ahmad Thambi Marakkayar Sahib Bahadur proposes to ask at the next meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on 29-3-20 whether Doctor S. N. Nair has submitted a memorial setting forth the grievances of the field returned men. ~~The Govt~~

The Resident is accordingly requested to report for the information of Govt what he knows about doctor S. N. Nair and also ~~of~~ ~~whether~~ is regard to the allegation that returned Soldiers generally are not receiving much Consideration in Travancore.

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The Resident in Travancore
& Cochin.

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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

Sect. II-8-6,001-25-9-18.

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From Dr S. N. Nair L.M.&S.

Received 23. 3. 1920. Registered 2~~4~~-3— 1920.

Dr. S. N. Nair L.M.S.

THE MAJOR PHARMACY
CHEMISTS & DRUGGISTS,
AND
DEALERS IN
PATENT MEDICINES
ETC. ETC. ETC.

Railway Station: ARUNTANGI, S. I. R.
RAMACHANDRAPURAM,
PUDUKOTAH STATE.

18-3-1920

The Secretary
Revenue Deptt.
Govt. of Madras.

SECRETARIAT
23 MAR 20
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Sir,

In reply to a memorial addressed to H. E. The Governor of Madras dated the 23rd and 29th Feb 1920, I am directed to communicate to your office to obtain further information and therefore may I beg to request your favour to let me know the final result of the said memorial?

I shall thank you for an early reply, as I ~~am~~ want to communicate the final result to some Honorable members of the Imperial and Madras Councils for interpellation.

Your obediently

S. N. Nair

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It is understood that the is one for Current ~~[illegible]~~ Rev. Spl. (war) Section

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Re: S.N.Nair's memorial.

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ENCLOSURES.
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~~R.O.C.~~ L. No. 1382/19.

Station Trivandrum , *Dated the* 24th March 1920.

From (Name) H.L.Braidwood Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Resident in Travancore and Cochin

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Revenue (Spl. war) Department.

Sir,

p.12 cf.

Reference Memorandum 1006-1 Revenue (Special-War) Department dated 20th March 1920, I have the honour to reply as follows :—

vide C.F. in [illegible] file ~~in political~~
p3 ante

The S.N.Nair referred to submitted a memorial which was forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government with my No. 1382/19-1 on 15th March 1920. It deals with the treatment by the Travancore Darbar of men who have returned from Field Service and in particular with the refusal of the Darbar to appoint the memorialist as a Sub-Inspector of Police or to grant any of his applications for land.

2. I know practically nothing of S.N.Nair beyond what he says of himself in the various petitions he has written. These contain a very favourable account~~s~~ of his services in the war, but I cannot say how far they are in accordance with fact. Some of the details seem to me suspicious: he says he was granted the King's 1914-15 Star* for "meritorious work in the firing line". He may have been granted the star, but not for the reason he gives, as the star is given for mere presence~~s~~ in a "theatre of war". He also says he was "Recruiting Officer to the 2nd Q.V.O.S.& M in 1916-17." I believe that persons of his status are not likely to be appointed as recruiting officer, though he may have been employed on some form of recruiting duty. He applied to the Commissioner of Travancore Police (Mr. Cunningham) for a post as Sub-Inspector. Mr. Cunningham was not favourably impressed, and refused his application recommending him to apply in the Medical department, as he says he is a doctor. He has written an "open letter" to the Diwan, which the latter considered objectionable: I submitted a copy to the Chief Secretary with my 1382/19-1 dated 15th March 1920.

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3. There is reason to believe that discharged sepoys find difficulty in getting their claims granted by the Darbar. The reason is partly that they sometimes apply for positions for which they are not really qualified and when applying for land that they sometimes ask for land which is not available for assignment. One of the Tahsildars says that he has had 5 applications and was obliged to refuse all of them as the land ~~assigned~~ applied for was reserved for communal or forest purposes. There are however probably some sound claims also which have not been met. I have already asked the Darbars for a statement of the action taken with regard to applications from discharged soldiers and can better tell the extent to which their claims are being met when I receive the reply of the Travancore Darbar. The Diwan has issued repeated orders that they are to be favourably considered, but, though I have no definite information yet I think it possible that too few men have received what they have been led to expect as their due: at the same time the reason

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in some cases is certainly that they ask for what cannot be given them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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For Resident.

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Memo. ~~1151W-1 d/ 30.3.20~~

With reference to his letter dated the 18th instant Doctor S. N. Nair, is informed that his memorial ~~re~~ regarding the grievances of the field returned men of the Travancore State has been forwarded to the Travancore Soldiers Committee which has been specially constituted to look after the interests of Ex-army men and their dependents. Any further Communications on the subject should be addressed to that Committee ~~who will. the Govt have no doubt, will bestow proper attention to them~~

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Copy to the Chairman,
Travancore Soldiers Committee,
The Resident in Travancore.

Dr S. N. Nair,
Ramachandrapuram
Pudukkottai State

memo out

1006W-4 G 8.4.20

Memo. ~~1151W-2 d/ 30.3.20~~

With reference to his L No 1382/19 letter dated the 24th ins

pp 14-16 Cf

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the Resident in Travancore
& Cochin is informed
that his further Communication
regarding the extent to which
Claims of the ex army men
for preferential treatment
in the matter of land grants
and Employment are met
by the Travancore Durbar, is awaited

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To

The Resident in
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Secretary to Govt. of Madras
Revenue Special Deptt.
Madras.

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memorial dated the
Feb. 20 and forwarded
our office under
No. 855 P of 8-3-1920.

As the claims of we the 13000 Field Returned Malayalees are not taken to consideration I desire to bring the facts to the notice of the House of Parliament in order to save ourselves from starvation & therefore I request your favoure for a definite answer at an early date.

I beg to remain, Sir,
your Most obedient servant
S. N. Nair

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Rev. Spl. Dept

Submitted for perusal. The reply (memo: 1006 W-3 d/ 8.4.20) despatched to S. N. Nair is at page 17 supra

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Subject. 17

Land grants to ex-army men and sepoys now in service.

ENCLOSURES.
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L. No. 1382/19-3.

Station Camp-Mattupatti , Dated the 1st May 1920

From (Name) H.L.Braidwood Esquire I.C.S.,

(Designation) Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Revenue (Special) Department.

Sir,

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With reference to Government Memorandum No.1006 W-4 dated 8th instant, I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter from the Diwan of Travancore No.L.R.2882 dated 9th April and of its enclosure on the subject of land grants to ex-army men and sepoys now in service.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H L Braidwood
Resident.

Rev(Sp) War Dept

Sent for perusal. The papers may now be recorded.

T.S.P.
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D.O.Letter from the Diwan of Travancore to the Resident in
Travancore and Cochin, No.L.R.2882/1240 of 17 dated 9th April 19

With reference to your D.O.No.546/20, dated the 14th February 1920, I write to inform you that, from the returns relating to the registry of lands in the names of recruits and other soldiers of the Indian Army, received from all the Taluk Offices of the State (except one), it is seen that, up to the 12th February 1920, 225 applications have been received, of which 126 applications have been disposed of and 99 are pending final disposal. One application alone has been granted and 6.65 acres of land registered in the Quilon taluk. The reasons for the rejection of the remaining applications are given in the statement appended. The statement will show that registries in most cases could not be effected as lands that were applied for by the applicants were not available for registry and could not thus be ~~xxxx~~ assigned. Nevertheless I am issuing stringent orders to the Division Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, to accord, wherever possible, special consideration to applications from recruits, and also to insist on all pending applications being looked into closely and disposed of promptly.

Grounds for rejection.	Number of applications rejected.
1. The lands applied for were either registered holdings or under the occupation and enjoyment of others.	26
2. The lands applied for were included in Forest, Fuel or Grazing Reserves	53
3. The applications were for the registry of tank or other poramboke or Devaswom land which could not be registered.	13
4. No land was specified in the application or lands were not available in the locality specified.	17
5. Applications was not made through the proper channels.	4
6. The application was subsequently withdrawn.	1
7. The applicants refused to pay tharavila or wanted the land free of tharavila and assessment.	11
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(True copies.)

J R Brantwood
2.5.20
Resident.

T.S.P.

L. & M. (iv) 8—1,500—3-3-19.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
14 MAR 1920
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QUESTION.—No. ~~7~~ 6 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 29th March 1920.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Public (War) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Questions in the Legislative Council. ~~Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due course.~~

2. The question has been admitted

L. A. C
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U.O. No. 8034, dated 14/3/20.

To

The Public (War) Department. with Q. No. 7

Rev (Spl) Dept.

A memorial was received from Dr. S. N. Nair setting forth the grievances of the field returned men and this was transferred to the Travancore Soldiers' Committee for disposal. A second copy of the memorial received from Dr. S. N. Nair will be found in lodged file No 81 dated 13-3-20. It will be seen from a perusal of that memorial that ~~the~~ it is intended more to ventilate personal

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greivances than to espouse the cause of the returned soldiers in General. The Travancore Soldiers' Committee was formed only in January 1920. The members composing it are mentioned at page 11 of Ofl 52 Rev Spl d 2.2-20. (G) The functions of the Committee are described ~~to~~ as being the same as those of the Madras Soldiers' Board. and cover questions of finding employment for discharged men and the grant of lands & other concessions to men who have rendered war service. There is no information as to why Dr S.N. Nair's applications for employment in the Police Dept & for the grant of land were rejected. The matter is however entirely for the Travancore Darbar & the Soldiers Committee which it has constituted to decide. The Govt can not it seems interfere in the matter. The Answer to the Question may be "Yes".

18.3.20

BWR.
17.3.20.

18.3.20

LWS
18.3.20

H.M. (War)

Answer approved.

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The man's experience under "shelling shrapnel" & "starving rations" seems to have driven him mad. But as he appears to have approached the Resident it might be as well to ask his opinion what he knows of him; & also if his allegation that returned soldiers generally are not receiving much consideration in Travancore.

19.3.20

LWS
19.3.20

Please despatch 2 copies of the answer approved by H.M. to Legislative and return file for further action.
VRS
19.3.20.

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19.3.20.

linked file.

The answer ~~to Legislative~~ has been despatched to the Legislative Dept. The Resident has already reported to Govt on the memorial in reply to an Endorsement from the Political Dept but the report does not contain information on the points mentioned by H.M. A draft memo is submitted for approval.

BMR.
20.3.20.

20.3.20

p 3 cf.

Issued as memo 1006-1 d 20-3-20.

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
23 MAR 1920
MADRAS GOVT.

The Departments of the Secretariat concerned may be informed u.c. that parts of the undermentioned questions as specified below have been disallowed as being of a supplementary character or as suggesting a course of action and not containing merely a request for information. This information may be useful to the Departments as it is likely that the Additional Members would put these as supplementary questions at the meeting of the 29th March 1920:-

CURRENT NO.
~~3040~~ War
~~PUBLIC (Minor)~~

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Questions Nos.7(b), second part of 12, 31(b), 35(b), second part of 36(a) and (b), 37(b), 38(b), second part of 40(c), second part of 41, last part of 42, and last part of 49(c).

C.S.
22-3-20.

L.A.C.
22-3-20.
F.J.R.
23-3-20.

Local and Municipal (Legislative) U.O.No.900-1, dated 23rd March 1920.

To the Public (War) Department	with	Q.No.7.
,, L & M (Local)	,,	Q.Nos.12, 35~~(b)~~.
,, L & M (Municipal)	,,	12, 41.
,, Home (Education)	,,	12.
,, Home (Mis.)	,,	31.
,, Public (Reforms)	,,	36.
,, Revenue	,,	36, 37.
,, Public	,,	37, 38.
,, P.W. (Irrigation)	,,	40, 41.
,, L & M (Medical)	,,	42, 49.

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Subject - Memorial from S. N. Nagar (Pol. dept (Bl)

(Ct 638) from the R. T. , L No 1382/19-1 d 15.3.20

[This was subd. at the ... with Rev (Spl) file but as they wanted the file back at once it was removed & given to them. It is understood that that file will not be available until after the Legis Council]

It is understood from Rev (Spl) - War that there is a file in that dept. connected with a question to be asked in the Legislative Council on the 29th re: Mr. S. N. Nagar's memorial and the Resident has been asked to furnish further particulars about ~~him~~ the memorialist. Subd. that Rev (Spl) may be asked to forward that file to Pol as soon as the Resident's reply is received.

E.K.E.
29/3/20

Rev Spl.

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Pol. No. 638-1
29/3/20.

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p4 cf. From Dr S. N. Nair LMTS d ~~18~~ 18.3.20.

pp 5-7 cf. From the Resident in Travancore & Cochin No L1382/19 d 24.3.20.

p 4 cf. The memorialist may be informed with reference to his letter d 18.3.20 that the memorial ~~is under consideration~~ has been transferred to the Travancore Soldiers Committee.

The further communication promised by the Resident at A on page 6 cf. may be awaited. Draft memos are submitted. The file may be sent to Political for ~~perusal~~ acceptance.

With Political no.pt. No 638-1 d 29.3.20

BMR.
30.3.20

30.3.20

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30.3.20

Pub. Pol. u.o.

Pub Dept
(Bl)

CURRENT NO.
~~1588~~ 727
POLITICAL

Rgd. 30-3-20.

The drafts may be accepted in Pol. Rev (Spl) may be requested to ~~incorporate~~ combine the linked file [x] with ~~this~~ this file. There is now no need to deal with it separately.

Recd 1.4.20

x since amalgamated

30/3/20

Rev Spl

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Rev (Spl) Dept

For orders whether the draft may issue. The file will be combined after the draft issues.

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War 1245 / 1778 c.f.

[Memo: to the Resident in T & C, [illegible]
Ds 8-4-20]

p 19 c.f. [From Dr. S. N. Nair. Ds 8.4.20]

pp 20-21 c.f. (Cr. 1546) From the Resident in T & C.
L No 1382/(9-30) 1.5.20

The Resident's letter on pages 20-21 c.f. on the subject of land grants to ex-army men of the Travancore State is subd for perusal. The Darbar has issued instructions that applications from ex-army men sh. receive special consideration. No further action appears necessary in this case which may now be recorded.

p 21 c.f.

10.5.20

12.5.20

Go 182 d 17.5.20

Legislative Council
Question

Notes relating to a question asked and answer given in the Legislative Council d 29.3.20 regarding the grievances of field returned men - Recorded

NOTICES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORT ST. GEORGE, AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH 1920.

Public (War)

NOTICES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORT ST. GEORGE, AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH 1920.

War Ct 1704
21/5/20

Local and Municipal(Legislative) Deptt

Printed slips of questions and answers for the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th March 1920 are herewith forwarded to the departments concerned. Supplementary questions were put and answers given in respect of Qs.1, 2, 3 and 35. Copies of these will follow.

W.T.
15-5-1920.
E.V.
15-5-1920.

L. A. C.
17-5-1920.

To the departments of the Secretariat concerned with a copy of the list and 2 sets of questions and answers.

Legislative u.c. No.1240-1
18-5-1920.

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MADRAS GOVT

18-5-20

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