

APPENDIX - II

BOARD OF TRADE

COMMERCIAL

PROCEEDINGS

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Fort William the 18th July 1786 -

Mr. Fergusons observations on the argee delivered by the Gomostahs and Dulolls on the part (sic) of the Dutch Company in the aurung Santipore.

In the preamble they set forth -

“That after much time had elapsed arrived

“to begin their purchases, and that consequently

“they used all their endeavours to become successful “therein”.

This eviencens pretty strongly that they are now disappointed inpurchasing cloths which had been made with the company’s advances a practice very general of late, altho’ there is a standing order of this Government dated 29th April 1782 - strictly forbidding it, and which was notified throughout the aurung about four months ago.

Mr. Beanland who is at present heudencis having sent a peon for Roggoo mannee as stated in the argee. The cause in this the company’s weavers for these last four months have not delivered above one quarter part of the usual quantity of cloths for the investment, alltho these is not one of them but what has advances in hand for two or three pieces. It was therefore found necessary to station peons to prevent them from working for other people. The

aprementioned Roggoo mannee being selected in making advances to the weavers was brought to the Factory by one of those peons, and Mr. Beanland acknowledges that he took a mootchulka from him not to take any more advances to the company's weavers, and for bid the other complaints doing it.

The Gomostah Khissore Sandel who is now employed under Mr. Beanland had the sole management of the Santipore auring on the part of the company many years and he insists that during his superintendship the company's weavers were not permitted to work for others people. A like complaint to the present was exhibited against him both by the French & Dutch during Mr. Verelests Government, and it was then resolved that those weavers who were wnrolled in the factory looks (sic) should be solely employed for the company, nor is it possible that any contractor would be success in the provision of an investment unless this rule is adhenced to - It is necessary to observe that those weavers have been constantly kept in employment by the company and therefore it can not be denied (sic) a hardship to make them contribute their labour to the company impreferece when necessity requires it - That the company withdraw their advances but for twelve months before this rivalship took place, there would have been a general complaint from the weavers that they were all starving, they would have pleased that from their infancy they had been taught no other manufactory than the companys assartment, and that their sole consistence depended thereon.

Not half of the weavers of Santipore are employed by the Company, the rest worth for whom they please.

Calcutta 29th June 1786

John fergusson

7th The foregoing papers were sent in circulation by order of the
Circulated President with the following Minute; the proportion in which having
 been approved the necessary orders and Intimation were
accordingly sent to Mr. Bebb & Furgusson.

President's Propositions

& orders accordingly From the confusion existing at Santipore and
 the declaration from Mr. Furgusson of the
difficulties he experinces in completing the arguments made with Mr. Crofles
for the last year's judgement as well as performing his offers for the present, it
is to be apprehended that the company may be disappointed in the timely
provision of the small quantity of goods tendered from the aung which are
much less than what is required and as it is incumbent on the Board to use
evrey means for the presentations of the investment which so valuable an aung
yearlds (sic). The president proposes that a Civil Servent be immediately deputed
to enquired in to the causes of the refractory disposition testified by the weavers
into the compaints made by the french and dutch regarding that aung, to use
his endeavours for the accommodation of the present disturbances and to inform
to the Board of his opinion of the competency of the aung to furchish the
provision required from thence for the present season.

The president further moves that Mr. John Bebb be deputed on this service
that the secretary furchishe him with copies of the papers now in circulation as
well as any other on the records which may tend to assist the business of his
deputation. That Mr. Furgusson be informed of his deputation.

7th July

R. Kennaway.

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APPENDIX - III

BOARD OF TRADE

COMMERCIAL

PROCEEDINGS

3rd January - 28th Feby 1801

Fort William the 3r^d February 1801 -

Read the following translations of Petitions from sundry weavers of the Soonabarrya Aurung a Dependency of the Santipore Factory :

Translation of 1 st Petition from Soonabarrya Aurung	Translation of a Pition from the weavers of the Soonaberrya aurung to the Board of Trade dated - received the 9th Jany. 1801.
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We have all along been employed in weaving cloths upon advances from the Hon'ble Company agreeable to their Musters, and our cloths have been always priged on the said Musters and received. In this manner receiving, advances, weaving and delivering cloths at the factory, we were comfortably maintaining ourselves, together with our families. For the last six or seven years, a person on behalf of Seebram Sandyaul, named Ram mohun Lahorry has been Gomastah at the Noboneah Factory under the above aurung who has taken a perquisite of one Rupee upon every piece of cloth advanced for at eight or nine Rupees, and also a Rupee upon each piece for which sixteen or eighteen Rupees are advanced, making a perquisite of two Rupees upon every two pieces of cloth, which is deducted from the advance before it is paid. It complaint is made to the Head Gomastah Sandyal, he prevents our representattions reaching the Resident, and harrasses by putting us off from time to time, and we are under the necessity of delivering cloths agreeable to the prescIbid qualities, to the Gomasth at Noboneah the under factory, who

sorts and receives them, after which Shandyal the Head Gomostah at the Soonabarrya Factory and Panchoo Jawchondars changed the descriptions of the cloth, and prije them as Cloths of the third, fourth and fifth letters which causes a loss of three of four Rupees on each piece.

The delivery of Cloths is inserted in our tickets, three ot four months after the dispatch of the cloth from Sonabarrah, to Calcutta and any loss which results from the conclusive prising is placed to our debit, which loss not leave us the prime cost of our thread. In this manner we and our families are reduced to great distress.

The cash keeper at the Head factory, Shandyal takes a perquisite of one Rupee, upon the advance given for every piece of Fine cloth; again when we deliver the same at the public Factory the Head Gomostah Shibram Sandyaul and Panchoo Jawchonedaur examine the cloths and receive them in our presence, but afterwards when they under them in our Tickets they enter them a letter lower than their qualities, and cause us to loss the differenced. In this manner all the different sorts of Cloths we deliver, are brought to account in our Tickets, a letter lower than their value, by which we loss an anah in every Rupee. When we ask Sandyal, why he has entered our cloths a letter lower than their value. He says, that the weavers of every Factory allow him the difference, of one gradation as a ferquinte (sic), and that we must also pay it, and that if we object we shall not receive any advances. In this manner he unjustly with holds one anna in every Rupee on the advances made to us. He makes a difference of one letter to us in the different Cloths that he despatches to Calcutta; if we were aware of the particulars of the delvery at Calcutta, we should be able to set forth the loss he accassions (sic) to the Hon'ble Company.

Half of anna in the Rupee is deducted by him under the head of Croperage (sic), we do not know what pieces of Rupee Shandyal Receives from

Government, for the advances, but he pays us in money on which we sustain a loss of One or to anna, in every Rupee. If the weavers to avoid these Oppressions move to other places, it will be detrimental to the Public Business. We therefore pray that the Board will be pleased to Summon the Noboneah Gomastah Ram mohon Lahorry, cash keeper & Bhyrub Sandyal and Panchoo and the Head Gomastah Seebram Sandyal and render us Justice, and we will prove the respective charges.

Signed

Goloke Nandy, Teloke Daloll, Preebo Ram Daas, Prellhand Dey, Sonatun Dey, Ramkeeshore Dey, Joynarayin Dey, Ram Lochun Daas, Gour Daas, Contook Daas, Gopenant Daas, Dataram Nandy, Poraun Detto, Coonjooram Daas, Calypersand Daas, Radhakrishno Daas, Juggernant Daas, Ramlochun Das, Poteeram Nundy, Joogul Nundy, Nosheeram Car, Goury Daas, Govindram Daas, Ramjoy Daas, Ramdhun Nundy, Shaym Nundy, Krishna Nandy, Totaram Nundy, Rammohun Nundy, Bhogoraum Nundy, Benud Dutto, Nilmony Nundy, Pawchoo Nundy, Kerparam Daas, Detaram Daas, Bancharam Daas, Nemy Dutto, Boloram Cur & others.

A true translation

W. C. Blaquiere

T. B. T.

Translation

Translation
of 2^d. Petition from
Sonaberiah aurung

Translation of a Pitition of Sonaberreah weavers to
the Board of Trade Dated 26th January received
13th january 1801.

We have been in the Hon^rble Company's employ a

long time and delivered cloths agreeable to the advances made us which were appraised on Musters and received. For these last six or seven years, Jogomohun Chowdhary the Gomastah and Ramanund Bhadoory; the cash keeper of the under Factory at Monohurgunge, have taken a perquisite of one Rupee upon every eight or nine Rupees of the advance made us, before they will pay the money; when we have wave cloths of the sort, for which we have received advances, deliver them to the Gomastah of the under Factory, who examines and receives them, after which Seebram Sandayl and Pawchoo Jawchondaur in concert together, change all the descriptions of the cloths in our absence at Sonabarea, prije them as third, fourth and fifth letter, and after dispatching the same to Calcutta put down the prijing in our Tickets. In this manner they cause us a loss of three or four Rupees per piece.

The deduct half anah out of every Rupee as brocherage; we do not know what species of money they receive from Government, but when their is Batta on Gold Mohurs, they pay us in that Coin, and when there is a premium of Gold Mohurs they give us Rupees of all descriptions, deficient one anah or or one anah and a half each, where by we suffer heavy losses. Labouring under all these oppressions we are going to ruin, we therefore pray that the Board will be pleased to summ on the Head Gomastah Seebram Sandayl, Pawchoo Jawchondaur, Jogomohun Chowdhury the Gomastah and the cash keeper Ramanund Bhaudoory and grant us redress -

Signed

Noyan Cur, Pritram Dutto, Shodharang Dutto, Roghornat Daas, Ramhurry Daas, Thacoorram Cur, Bhacut Daas, Boidde Noth Dutto, Chohharam Cur, Ramcaunto Daas, Bancharam Daas, Gungaram Daas, Crassiram Cur, Horakrishno Daas, Ramnarain Cur, Bancharam Seidaur (sic), Conny Dutto, Ramai Cur, Krishnopersand Dutto, Joychaund Daas, Ramnarain Ditto, Dataram Daas,

Ramsoondore Cur, Krishno Daas, Bancharan Daas, Bhojoram Cur, Ramhurry Nundy, Neeloo Daas, Peritram Daas, Ramjoy Shick, Sudanund Daas, Bhirub Daas, Niloo Daas, Dishtedhur Cur, Gorachaund Daas, Surbressar Daas, Conun Daas, Ramai Daas, Ramdhun Cur, Poleram Daas, Purraun Cur, Haran Cur, Doyaram Cur.

All Inhabitants of
Monohur Gunge &..

A true Translation

W. C. Blaquiere

T. B. T.

Translation
of 3^d. Petition from
Sonabarria
weavers

Translation of a Pition from the weavers of the
Sonabareas Aurung to the Board of Trade Dated 28th
January received 30th january 1801.

We have for a long time been employed by the Hon^{ble} Company and delivered cloths agreeable to the advances made us, which were sorted and taken upon Musters. For the last six or seven years, Ramjibun Bhaudoory Gomastah, and Bissonoth Surcaur Cashkeeper of the renders, Factory shatballcah (sic) and Ramkishore Dalaul first take a perquisite of one Rupee upon every eight or nine Rupees of the advance at the under factory, before they will give us the money, and we deliver cloths to the Gomostah at the under Factory agreeable to the descriptions for which we have received advance, adn the Gomostah receives them, after having examined and approved them, after which Seebram Sandayl and Pawchoo Jawchondarr in concert together change all the descriptions of our cloths at Sonabareh in our absence, and take them under the third, fourth & fifth letters, & having dispatched the

same to the presidency, enter the prising in our Tickets. In this manner they cause us to suffer a loss of three or four Rupees for each piece of cloth.

Bhyrub Sandayal the Cashkeeper at the factory takes a perquisite of one one Rupee upon the advance made for fine cloths before he will give us the advance Money, & the Head Gomostah Sibram Sandayl & Pawchoo Jawchondar being connected prige the said cloths a letter inferrior to their real quality & enter them as such in our Tickets.

They take half an anna upon every Rupee as Brokerage, we do not know what speceis of money they receive from Government, but when there is Batta on Gold Mohurs they pay us in that Coin & when the reverse they give us all sort of Rupees deficient one anna or one anna & a half each where by we suffer heavy losses.

Through all these means we poor people are being suined, we therefore pray that the Board will Summon Seebram Sandayl, Bhyrub Sandayl, Pawchoo Jawchondaur, Ramjibun Bhawdoory, Bissonaut Sircar & Ramkisore Dalaul and render us Justiced.

Signed

Shafulram Cur, Anandyram Daas, Rammohun Gojy, Horihnomungul Cur, Ramnarain Daas, Docory Ditto, Nety Dalaul, Shafulram Gojy, Dipchundro Daas, Jahoordaas Daas, Ramchundro Booraguey, Ramkrishore Daas, Ramsoondore Dutto, Beerchond Daas, Ramjoy Daas, Kabolram Daas, Noboo Carregar, Hotoo Carregur, and Rashaye Carregur.

A true Translation

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Ordered that the original Petitions be reffered to the Resident at Santipore, and that he be desired to state whether any Representations of the kind and in such

case to inform the Board, of the Proceedings held by him upon them.

Ex William (sic)

John Haldane

- Gaynard

Wt. Euerntnee (sic)

Grederly (sic)

APPENDIX - IV

THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BRITISH ESTABLISHMENTS AT SANTIPUR

- 1) John Princep - Kuthial (1783)
- 2) John Bebb - Kuthial (1784)
- 3) Edward Flecher - Kuthial (22nd July 1787-1801)
- 4) Thomas Twinning - Assistant (4th Feb, 1793 – 29th March, 1798)
- 5) Henry William Drodge - Assistant (1st May, 1796 – 1st March, 1800)
- 6) Dorjey Chester - Principal Assistant (23rd June 1801 – 8th August, 1804)
- 7) Thomas Abraham - Deputy Secretary - export warehouse – 11th June 1802 - 12th april, 1804)
- 8) 8) John William Packston-Kuthial (12th April 1804 – 1809)
- 9) Archbold George James Todd-Assistant (9th August 1804 – 16th August 1808)
- 10) Charles Bailley- Kuthial (26th Jan 1809 – 25th Dececeember 1811)
- 11) John Shan- Assistant (21st May, 1811 – 6th June, 1814)
- 12) John Nathaniel Silly – Kuthial (26th Jan 1812 – 31st Jan 1813)
- 13) William Richard Burton Bennett- Kuthial (1st Jan 1813 – 10th March 1815)
- 14) Edward Barnett – Assistant Kuthial (11th March 1815 – 28th March 1817)
- 15) Edward Margribanks – Assistant Kuthial (12th Jan 1815 – 29th March 1817)
- Edward Margribanks – Kuthial (30th Mar 1817 – 16th Sept 1819)
- Edward Margribanks – Kuthial (13th Nov 1820 – April 1831)
- 16) John Dick – Assistant Kuthial (10th April 1822 – 1823)
- 17) Henry Sleith – Temporary Kuthial (28th Dec 1830 – June 1833)
- 18) Charles Chichelly Hide – Temporary Kuthial (April, 1831 – April, 1832)