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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Receiving Communication from S. R. R.
V. T. Doraiswamy Ayyar, Valavanur,
South Arcot district regarding the disposal
of - ground nut seeds & the starting
of soap and candle factories in
this Presidency -

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From *V. J. Faraswamy Aggar.*

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Subject.

Re-demand of ground - not used from America.

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Valavanur, South India,

Dated the 24th Feb^ry 1915.

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Honble Mr. A. G. Cardew. Madras

Ch. I.
Ady. Madras.

Highly Esteemed Sir,

I take the liberty of just writing
these few lines now, because you were so kind to me
the other day during the interview as to readily
suggest to me to see the Director of Industries there
about the demand of groundnut seeds from America
and do some business that way.

I straightaway went to Mr. Truster
I learnt from him that though there was demand
from America for more also the pretty large quantities
mentioned by you they (the American importers) had since
told him that they had when giving their original
quotation forgot to mention & take into account the
(inexorable) import duty of about 3 pias per bushel
the seeds which made their original quotation
of about 25 Rs. 70 Rs. Madras (already only a
little over half

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of the usual transmittal prices during the past few
some years) go down by about 8% per cent
of 500 lbs of seeds that is to about Rs 17, a price which
even without deducting the F.O.B. expenses & the
profits of the middle traders would not cover the
cost of production of the raw stuff.

Mr. Tussler further told me that at the
time he got quotations the freight was about
4.5 shillings per ton whereas it had since risen
to almost double that rate.

Business in these circumstances is
absolutely hopeless, and there is no denying
the fact that the Cochin district have
lost ^{the year} almost the full 5 Crores of Rupees (the value
of their ^{fruit seeds} exports per annum); not only this year
but so long as the war and its after effects
continue

Pray let me venture to state
also that if suitable arrangements ^{be} made

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by the State to prevent the export of oilseeds
to foreign countries by levying an export duty &
after thus ensuring a steady supply to a local
oil-demand, that ~~of~~ one or two soap & candle
factories which will serve as a permanent
& indispensable market for all the oil the Gov-
ernment could produce, then alone the
problem will get solved & one of the most
valuable commercial crops which ^{was} ~~was~~ a poor
to the overburdened Govt. could be saved from destruction.

And I venture to add that any money ^{the}
Govt. spends (no doubt with the best & most noble
of intentions) in installing this & that oil mill
at great costs ^{though for experimental purposes} ~~to establish one or two~~
~~proving it to be useless~~ cannot be called a
well spent item, for the problem ^{has} ~~is~~ not how
to produce oil & even produce oil, but
where

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to the market for the oil. that the several
Districts can readily produce ^{at few days notice} in thousands of tons
though in their own crude, but sufficiently cheap
for all practical purposes, methods.
I say this because highest authorities are reported
to have said that the oil produced in country
known checkkood is the best edible oil &
far superior to the oil which has passed
various iron & steel metals in the country
to mills. And in practice we get about
7 Rs more per catty of checkkoo oil ^{than} ~~the~~
which we get for iron press oil.

Again apologising for the liberty I have
taken in writing these few lines. My
excuse for the same being I a sense of
duty to express my gratitude for the kind
suggestions so kindly made. Yours sincerely
V. Doraiswami Aiyar

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Trade in groundnuts

From Mr. R. V. T. Duraiswami Aiyar 8.24.2.15

Register No. 516 A

To Special Officer

The petitioner draws attention to the hopeless condition of the groundnut trade ^{to solve the problem} and suggests (a) the levy of an "export" duty on oil-seeds and (b) "after thus ensuring a steady supply to a local oil demand, to start one or two soap and candle factories which will serve as a permanent and indispensable market for all the oil the Commaudel could produce." attention is in this connection invited to the correspondence in the linked file. ~~presented to the Commaudel and the Commaudel has not yet decided upon the matter.~~ It will be seen from the correspondence forwarded by the India Office that the prohibition of the export of oil seed cakes from France had ~~had~~ an adverse effect upon the oil-crushing industry in

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marseilles and that it would have resulted in the closure of marseilles to Indian groundnuts had not the situation been saved by the marseilles Chamber of Commerce obtaining ministerial sanction on 10.12.14 to export 2000 tons of seed-cake ^{per} a month during December 1914 & January 1915.

His Majesty's Consul-General had also, through His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, suggested to the Foreign Office the ^{importance of urging on the} necessity of renewing their sanction in order that Indian ground-nut trade may not suffer.

The Secy of State has since wired that the Foreign Office has been requested to address the French Govt. urgently on the subject.

In these circumstances, it is sub. that the petitioner's suggestion to levy an export-duty on the oil-seeds need not be considered.

The question of the erection of soap and candle factories is one for consideration in the Educ. Dep. and the file may, it is sub., be sent to that Dep.

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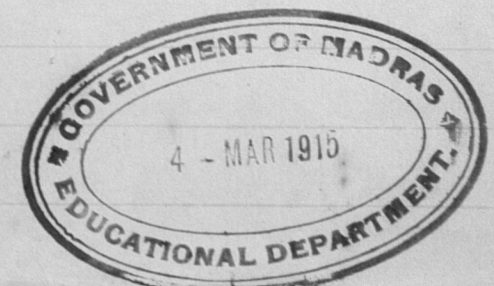
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In connection with the proposal to start oil experiments in this Presidency, Sir Frederick Nicholson suggested that a factory for the manufacture of soaps, tallow, glycerine & other products should be established by the State. This suggestion was not however accepted by the Govt. The Secretary of State's orders ~~in~~ in regard to the State pioneering of industries may not admit the establishment of factories for the manufacture of soaps & candles ~~etc~~ by the Govt. ~~These~~ Experiments in soap-making are however, carried on by the Oil Chemist, Mr. A. K. Menon, in the Fisheries Dept. It does not appear that any action can now be taken on the suggestions made in the current & it is for orders whether any reply should be sent to the petitioners. ~~Perhaps~~ it will be efficacious if the

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(for the oil industry
being printed
is ~~not~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~.)

(Lib on this subject
is with Secretary)

The current may, perhaps, be
simply ~~to go~~ ^{Recorded}, copy being
OK Communicated to Mr. Tressler.

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