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9th April 1861.

No. 39. Read the following letter from Messrs. P. APPASAWMY PILLAY and Co., to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 26th March 1861.

We beg to forward the accompanying Petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council, and to beg you will be pleased to lay the same before His Excellency at your convenience.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, FORT SAINT GEORGE.

The humble Petition of P. APPASAWMY PILLAY
and Co. of Madras Merchants.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioners purchased on speculation in the year 1855, 300 barrels of Sulphur, which was conveyed to Madras from Pondicherry per French Ship "Nappean," in the month of October 1855.

That your Petitioners disposed of a portion of the above to the Commissary General, and other vendors of the article during 1855-56.

That your Petitioners subsequently in 1857, were necessitated to stay sales, consequent to the prohibitory order of Government against vendition of the article.

That your Petitioners of their own accord in 1857 brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Police the fact of their possession of the article on sale.

That your Petitioners continued suffering loss from want of power to effect sales, and did on two several occasions in the year 1859, represent to Government the hardship they were in consequence labouring under, and how that further delay would eventually render their cost price a total loss by the accumulation of interest on the outlay meeting the principal, in addition to import duty and other incidental charges incurred. That thereupon Government were pleased to authorize the sale being resumed, to persons approved of by the Commissioner of Police, by which means your Petitioners were enabled to dispose of a small quantity, only, from over-caution on the part of the above Officer, and thus on the whole, the loss to them has at length become considerable.

That upon the "Arms' Act" coming into operation, your Petitioners indulged the hope that further loss to them would cease, and they would under licence, be free to sell off the quantity with them, viz., 111 candies, 2 maunds and 9 lbs., for which power your Petitioners applied to the Commissioner of Police, but in place of receiving the same, their godowns were summarily sealed and they directed to remove the article out of town, to a place to be approved of by the Commissioner under apprehension of danger being entertained by him, by their being in the town, but which your Petitioners with due deference to that Officer's judgment, submit to be a far fetched conclusion as regards Sulphur, an article which has been vended and alway kept in the town by wholesale dealers and retailers without it ever having been known to have caused accident or considered to be fraught with danger, while Gun powder and spirituous liquors which may be considered at all times susceptible of danger, are being freely kept in the town, abounding more or less at the various shops and sold under licence. The removal therefore of your Petitioners' Sulphur from the town they submit to be quite secondary of danger, if at all, and only calculated to attend your Petitioners with unnecessary expense and inconvenience and adding to their loss.

That your Petitioners consider themselves harshly dealt with, especially as they themselves reported their possession of the article to the Commissioner, and never attempted to secrete or to dispose of them clandestinely.

That your Petitioners confess that the Deputy Commissioner was good enough to propose the stowage of the Sulphur at the Powder Mills, free of rent to them, but declined to be responsible or to obtain responsibility for any deficit occurring at the Powder Mills, to which your Petitioners could not assent without risking their property to loss, they therefore beg, if it be ruled by Government for the removal in question out of town, that your Excellency in Council would be graciously pleased to grant them permission to re-ship the goods to Pondicherry; and further that in consideration of the loss they have unavoidably sustained by the stoppage of the

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sale at the instance of Government, that they may be allowed, as a special case to recover draw-back duty on the quantity of re-shipment, or on Government resolving to purchase the article from them at the Market value for the Public Service, your Petitioners will be happily relieved from giving all further trouble. For which act of liberality your Petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

MADRAS,
26th March 1861.

(Signed) P. APPASAWMY PILLAY & Co.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1861, No. 470.

Messrs. Appasawmy Pillay and Co. are informed that they cannot be permitted to re-export their Sulphur to Pondicherry or to any place on the Continent of India British or Foreign.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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