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Palmaner,
22nd November 1895.

To

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

The humble memorial of the Subscribing inhabitants of Palmanér Village, in the North Arcot District.

Most Respectfully Sheweth :—

That the Government has sanctioned the proposal of the District Board, North Arcot, to form Palmanér into a major Union and to levy house-tax in it at the maximum rates was not known to the memorialists till it was published in the village by beat of tom-tom under orders of the Chairman, Palmanér Union, that house-tax should be paid from the 1st Proximo.

That the numbering of houses in the village having been commenced by the Union Establishment for the purpose of forming it into a major Union, about two months ago the memorialists petitioned the Presidents, Taluk and District Boards, representing to them their straitened circumstances and their inability to pay the house-tax.

They were under the impression that their humble prayer would renew favourable consideration of the Board and awaited favourable orders.

But to their sad misfortune they were not favored with any reply to their petition. The Chairman of the Union having published in the village the facts set forth in para. *supra*, they presented a petition to the President, District Board, on the subject on 7th October 1895. That officer was pleased to inform them in order No. $\frac{684}{10\text{-}10\text{-}95}$, that the Government having already passed orders for the levy of house-tax in the Palmanér village he could not interfere.

The chief objections for the constitution of a major Union are :—

That the Palmanér village is in the midst of hilly tract bounded on two sides by Western ghauts and is the head-quarters of the smallest Taluq in the District.

Most of the inhabitants depend on daily labour for their livelihood and some women on converting paddy into rice, some a few on agriculture and small number on petty merchandise.

In the whole village according to the recent numbering of houses, which was done at the will of the Union Establishment who assigned two or three numbers for houses situated in one compound was but 830 and odd. Of this number about 450 are mere huts similar to those occupied by Wooders of Madras, each worth about 3 or 4 Pagodas, 200 are mud terraced houses constructed with rough country wood at a cost of about Rs. 50 or 60 each, about 100 tiled houses and 5 terraced houses deserving to be classed under class I.

That there are only about 3,500 persons in the whole village and the hamlets of Palmanér being situated far away from the main village and being occupied by rude agricultural Ryots and not being fit for taxation was considered to be unfit for being included with Palmanér Union.

That most of the daily labourers of Palmanér village hitherto depended for their livelihood on manual labor in the Palmanér Distillery. This Distillery having of late been closed, most of the employés proceeded to Mysore Gold Mines to eke out their livelihood closing their houses.

That although the Government passed an order that all Unions should be made self-supporting it could not be presumed from this that the Government intended to include all villages which do not contain sufficient number of houses and population.

The point whether a village is fit to be made a major Union should be decided by the Local Boards but neither the Taluk Board nor the District Board represented to Government the real state of circumstances relating to this Palmanér village, *viz.*, that it contains about 830 houses including public offices, choultries, temples, &c., according to the numbers given by the Union Establishment and that it does not contain a population of 5,000 as provided in the Local Boards Act.

That the Government has not accorded special sanction for converting this Palmanér village into a major Union as provided in the Local Boards Act.

That the village of Palmanér was made a minor Union about 9 years ago under the Chairmanship of Mr. Devamboo, ever since attempts were made by the Union to convert the village into a major Union but were not successful as it does not fulfil any of the conditions. This proposal was finally given up when Mr. K. Kristna Row was Chairman and Mr. V. Runganatha Row was Sheristadar in charge of Palmanér Taluk.

That the village of Palmanér is not on a par with any of the major Unions hitherto made and in some of such Unions house-tax is being levied at half the maximum rates.

That the Memorialists regret to learn that the Government has not taken a lenient view of their poor circumstances and have not ordered half the maximum rates to be levied.

That the Petitioners are already overburdened with income-tax, cattle, &c., taxes and they are not in a position to pay house-tax.

That the levy of house-tax in this small Palmanér village is contrary to the provisions of the Local Boards Act.

That the President, District Board, is wrong in ordering the collection of tax at the maximum rates for the full term of the year though six months have expired.

It is therefore prayed that the Government will, after taking into consideration the foregoing circumstances, cancel the order passed for converting the village of Palmanér into a major Union.

For which act of generosity the Memorialists with their families shall ever be bound in duty to pray for your Excellency's long life and prosperity.

We beg to remain,
Your Excellency's most humble
Memorialists and residents of Palmanér,
A. V. SARMA.

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Praying that in the circumstances stated, Govt. may be pleased to cancel the order constituting their village into a Major Union.

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The Government sees no reason to reconsider its order, approving the levy of house tax in this case.

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