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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1585

DATED 27-10-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petitions

Informing the inhabitants of Sivagangapeta in the Coimbatore Municipality that no will be received by Govt unless the petitions have first to the local authority in the matter.

BACK PAPERS.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2712M

From

Misc
Order No. 1585 Misc
27.10.99
Para 2 of the petition
rules.

The inhabitants of Suryanarayana
in the Coeandamunty
Flagg K.
No.

V.R.
24/10/99

26 + 99

Dated 12-10-99

Received 16-10-99

Registered 17-10-99

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

The petitioners do
24/10/99

Praying that
for reasons stated they may
be exempted from the
water tax recently levied
in the municipality.

2/24/10/99

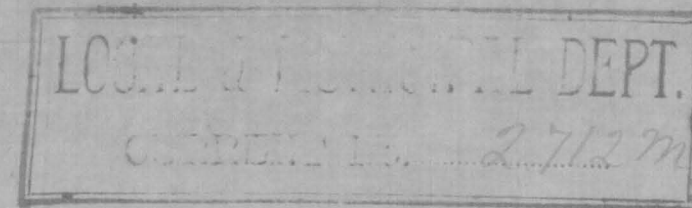
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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
14	395	m	18-3-77
14	146	m	3-2-77

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.



To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Municipal and Local Department.

SIR,
The memorial of the undersigned tax payers and inhabitants of Suryarowpetta,
a village of the Pittapur Estate included in the Municipality of Cocanada.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:—

*In the matter of water-tax very recently assessed on houses
and lands in Suryarowpetta.*

I. That, with the sanction of the Honorable Government of Madras stated
in G. O. (Municipal), No. 395 dated 18th March last, the Municipality of Cocanada
has, a few days ago, issued and served upon the owners of houses and lands in
Suryarowpetta bills for payment of a water-rate at 1½ per cent. on the annual
rental of the said lands &c., for the year 1899-1900;

II. That the Municipality might be justified in assessing the said water-rate
upon properties in the *Cocanada Town* (as distinguished from its suburbs and
villages attached to it) and its suburbs, which have been long complaining of want
of good drinking-water, but that the Municipality's treatment of Suryarowpetta in
the same manner is quite unjustifiable and inequitable for the following reasons,
viz:—

- Suryarowpetta has been a distinct and a separate village from the town
of Cocanada and the late Rajah of Pittapur, R. V. M. G. Rama Rao
Bahadur having founded it (Suryarowpetta), and, named it after the
name of his father, (Rajah Suryarow) he, at the request of the inha-
bitants of the village, caused a big tank dug up in the year 1878 at a
cost of about Rs. 15,000; which was hence forward called "The
Rajah's Tank" and abundantly supplied the Godavari water brought
into it to the said inhabitants (the memorialists), who have had,
therefore, no necessity for pipe-water;
- That, if the Rajah's Tank had been allowed to remain in the condition
in which it had been from the year 1878 to the year 1897, and, if
another tank had been dug up elsewhere for the "Water Works of
Cocanada," your memorialists would never have been compelled to
pay for pipe-water as is now the case;
- That, about the year 1896, the inhabitants of Suryarowpetta sent a
collective petition to Your Honorable Government objecting to the
conversion of the Rajah's Tank into a Reservoir required for the
"Water Works of Cocanada" to which no reply was given, but, that,
against the wishes of the Suryarowpetta people, the Rajah's Tank
was in 1898 converted into a huge reservoir and the convenience of
the poor villagers was thus interfered with;
- That, even now, your memorialists would be satisfied with the ordinary
Godavari water that may flow into the New Reservoir if filtered water
cannot be supplied free to them and are not able to pay a water-rate
as most of these villagers are poor people;

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II. That the Municipality might be justified in assessing the said water-rate
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(e) That, just in the same way as anicut canal water is supplied free of tax to usual wet lands in several districts, where enjoyment of water from natural sources was obstructed by irrigation works newly introduced by Government, drinking water may be supplied to your petitioners by some means or other when the Municipality deprived your memorialists of the only tank, of which they had had an uninterrupted enjoyment for 20 years.

III. That your humble memorialists leave it to the Honorable Government to decide whether the Municipality ought to make a permanent exemption or an exemption for a reasonable length of time from the Water-rate in favor of these memorialists in consideration of their (the Municipality's) annexation of the "Rajah's Tank" whereby they saved an expense of digging, viz., Rs. 15,000.

IV. And that the Municipality might perhaps plead that on a few occasions it spent some money for the repairs of the tank, but, that the simple answer thereto is that the money therefor came from the rate payers' hands, your memorialists having formed a section of those rate-payers.

Your memorialists, therefore, pray that His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to take this memorial into his kind consideration, and order an enquiry by the Collector, Godavari District as to the statements made by your memorialists in relation to the Rajah's Tank and, after receipt of his report, to exempt the rate-payers of Suryarowpett permanently, or, for a sufficiently long time from the water-rate now assessed by the Municipality, or, pass such other orders as His Excellency may think fit.

They also pray that pending the final orders of the Honorable Government the Municipality may be directed not to levy the water-rate.

For which act of kindness your memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray

Your humble memorialists,
the following rate-payers :—

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CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DIET

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