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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition. Informing the Shopkeepers, Robertson's Square, Manipalpet that Govt cannot interfere as requested by them regarding the rents paid by them for their godowns.

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On Her Majesty's Service only.

No. M 566 by

To

B. Norayudu and other shop keepers
Robertson's square
Mazulipatam
Kistna Dist

Amuluc
Clerk.



*I have this the 18th do not know
as to local matter. The Petitioners want to fees charged
to traders can't result will be a closure
of stalls a then probably the
Municipal Council will
rescind the order. It
has been a case for
some time. I am
By order
Private Secretary*

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From

M. A. Sime Esquire Sec.
Private Secretary to

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matter.

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to 2nd 59.

Godowns &c may
be handed.

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Robertson's square
Masulipatam
District*

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To

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Order No. 566
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The Government cannot
interfere as requested by the
petitioners.

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From

M. A. Siva Squire
Private Secretary
to the Governor

No.

Dated 6th April 1899.

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Note - Under Section 194 (1) of
the Act, the power to fix the rates
of rents to be levied in the markets
rests exclusively with the municipal
committee.

I am sorry to hear that the J.C.M. do
not know the facts of the case. The
petitioners state that the rates are more
than the traders can pay. The
municipal committee will be a close
question. The result will be a closure of
the market. The petitioners state that
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SUBJECT.

I transfer a petition dated
25 March 1899 from the
Shop-keepers, Robertson's
Square, Masulipatam,
praying that the rents
paid by them for their
godowns be not be en-
hanced.

By order

M. A. Siva Squire
Private Secretary

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J. M. To

His Excellency
The Governor of Fort St
George, Madras.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
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The most humble Memorial of the petty
shop keepers carrying on trade in Robert-
son's square, Manipalnam.

May it please your Excellency.

Your Excellency's humble petitioners

have been carrying on trade in the godowns
and thatched sheds in Robertson's square for the
last 20 years and even more.

2 The rates formerly used to be Rs 2 per godown
and annas 5 per tatty. Then the latter was
raised to 10 as and to one rupee per tatty.
These rates Rs 2 and Rs 1 respectively continued
to exist for 12 years and then they were raised
to Rs 3 and 2 respectively. These rates have been
charged for the last 5 years.

3. Petitioners humbly submit that, whenever
Market was leased out to private persons,
the same rates only were allowed to be le-
vied by the lease-holders.

4 In accordance with the long prevailing custom
the Council notified in the Victoria District
 Gazetteer dated 4th March 1899 that lease-holders
should bid subject to the rates of rent allowed

to be levied from the petitioners; but the Court was afterwards pleased to remove the said restriction with a view to raise bids to a high Amount.

5. The petitioners humbly beg to submit that Municipal Councils have been established by Government with a view to provide comfort and convenience to the public and that such views should be the guiding principles of the Municipal Councils also.
6. The above resolution, the petitioners submit, is against such principles and public policy and both equity and justice require its immediate removal from the proceedings of the Council.
7. Under the said resolution, one Mahomed Shah Khan Sahib took up the market - as the last bidder and has begun to rack-rent the godowns and talties in a very unreasonable fashion and the rents have thus been raised to even Rs 12 per godown and Rs 6 per taltie - i.e. 4 and 3 times the former rates respectively.
8. As an argument may be suggested against the petitioners stating that - if the rates were high, petitioners may remove themselves to another place, the petitioners submit that there are no godowns available in the market besides those now occupied by

them and that the Council may not be pleased to grant license to new bazars if opened by private parties. Further the traders will be obliged by change of their shops to lose their usual customers and thus be subjected to great loss of profit.

9. Petitioners cannot even discontinue their trade, for they have almost invariably borrowed money from the Sowcars on the good will of their business and the stoppage of their trade would occasion their actual ruin as they would be unable to collect monies already advanced by them to the producers of the food-stuffs. The petitioners would then be left to the mercy of the Sowcars who will only sue them in Court and bring about their total ruin.

10. The petitioners are thus left to the tender mercy of the lease-holder and they can never say nay to any exorbitant demand made by him. Many of the traders are therefore compelled to yield to the rack-renting lease-holder even $\frac{3}{4}$ of their profits and this is actually proved by the fact that the largest trader among the petitioners does not, as a fact, get

more than Rs 16 per month.

11. The petitioners most humbly submit that to allow lease-holders thus to place the humble traders under the screw and press as much out of them as possible is quite against all principles of good Government.

Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that the above representations may be considered and full justice be meted out to the suffering hundreds ^{ordering the Municipality to cancel} by ~~cancelling~~ the present resolution & ^{to restore} restoring things to their old order.

The petitioners most respectfully beg to remain

25-3-99.

May it please Your Excellency

Your Excellency's most humble and dutiful servants.

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