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Madras
Bill to amend Act VIII of 1865
(Rent Recovery Act)

According to the remarks, memorial from
the Madras Landholders' association
requesting that the ——— introduced
by the Honble. Mr. V. Bhasiyam
at C. & D. Bhasiyam
Aiyangar, and may be passed into law
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NOVEMBER.

Bill to amend Madras Act VIII of 1865 (Recovery of Rent).

Recording, with remark, memorial from the Madras Landholders' Association requesting that the —, introduced by the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur V. Bhashyam Aiyangar Avargal, C.I.E., may be passed into law.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Memorial from the Madras Landholders' Association, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, dated Madras, 26th October 1899.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That the Association, while thanking the Government for its intention to reform the present Rent Laws, which are very much needed in the interest of all parties concerned, begs to point out the evils and hardships experienced in the collection of the rent under the present laws which require the urgent attention of the Honourable Legislative Council. They are—

(a) By the present laws the condition of annual exchange of patta and muchilika is compulsory for the recovery of rent. This entails considerable hardship and inconvenience in the preparation and tender of patts before the close of the fasli year, particularly in large estates. As long as the occupancy and terms of a holding are not disputed, the condition of annual exchange of patta and muchilika is superfluous and involves a needless waste of labour and worry and a fruitful source of litigation. As long as the same terms of a patta continue without variance for a number of years, there is no legal necessity for the exchange during this period.

(b) One of the greatest difficulty experienced in the collection is the great facility with which a tenant is enabled to defraud his landlord of his just rents by transferring his holding by sale or mortgage without notice to the landlord, whether the transfer is fraudulent or *bona fide*. Not only the rent from the tenant is lost by the transfer of the holding, but also before the landholder could find the transferee, several faslis may expire, and for want of tender of patta during the faslis the rents as well as the rights for rents are irrecoverably lost.

That the main provisions of the small Bill introduced by the Hon'ble Mr. V. Bhashyam Aiyangar to amend the Rent Recovery Act VIII of 1865 will secure fully the urgently-needed remedy. There can be no difference of opinion as to these provisions and their salutary effect.

That it is the earnest prayer of the Association that the abovementioned Bill may be passed into law without any loss of time considering the urgency of the reform, as it would likely take a long time before the elaborate Land Bill passes through several stages and becomes law.

For which act of justice, the memorialists will ever pray.

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(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council.

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