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G.O., No. 574M.

DATED 10-1-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition - Informing H. P. M. Pedrosa, Attorney,
Madrid that Government will receive petitions
only from principals.

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CURRENT No. 43131

From Mr. J. M. Pedraza
Medias

Order No. 10-1-98

The Government will
receive petitions only from principals.

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Petition returned
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Note

Please see para 4 of the Petition
Rules A, and go to 2542 B
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding petition from the
residents of Black Town praying
that in the circumstances
stated the General market may
not be removed from its
present locality.

Pedraza
Mr. Pedraza, Esq. 18/1/98

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Madras, 11th Dec

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

I respectfully beg to submit that the order of the Residents of Black Town, Madras, was sent to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor in Saint George; the President detained the Petition days and returned, with a letter, asking me to forward Petition direct to Government.

In forwarding the said Petition, Sir, will kindly lay it before His Excellency the Governor with your kind comment thereon, so that our people may not be deprived of their market and instance for nearly a century, and at the reach of Residents of Black Town

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant
Petitioners'

CHIEF SECRETARY
13 DEC 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

SIR A. E. HAVELOCK, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.,

GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL,

FORT SAINT GEORGE.

THROUGH THE PRESIDENT,

MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

TOWN OF MADRAS.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE RESIDENTS
OF BLACK TOWN, MADRAS.

SHEWETH,

That your Excellency's Petitioners beg leave most respectfully to submit the following for your Excellency's kind consideration and favorable order thereon, with the sanguine hope that your Excellency as the representative of Her Imperial Majesty the Queen-Empress of India will see justice done for the good of Her Gracious Majesty's subjects.

2. That the majority of your Excellency's Petitioners belong to the middle class, and their circumstances will not permit them to keep a carriage and other mode of conveyance to enable Petitioners to drive to a distance of over a mile and purchase their daily consumption.

3. That the General Market which is situate in the heart of the Town for long years, afforded facilities and was within easy reach of the people rich and poor, as also making it convenient for ship contractors and other merchants for Export and Import of commodities available both by sea and land, owing to the market's close vicinity to the sea.

4. That your Petitioners, several of whom are employees of Mercantile offices, whose attendance at their respective offices demand early arrangements for food.

5. That your Excellency's Petitioners with regret understand that this Market of long standing is to be removed to a distance of over a mile, on the site of the People's Park, and which is inadvisable and undesirable for more than one reason, the few among many reasons being the following:—

A. Sanitation.—B. Locality.—C. Convenience—and D. Practicability.

A. The objection to the Market on the site of the People's Park is that it is skirted by the Cooum, which of itself emits offensive miasma as also effluvia, especially, shortly before and during the rains, which would naturally taint vegetable and animal matter and effect the articles such as mutton, fish, &c., and fresh vegetables imported and exported.

B. Your Petitioners here humbly call your Excellency's attention to the unfavourable distance between Black Town, Royapooram and other places lying North of the proposed site, which is contained by the bulk of European, Eurasian, Hindu and Mahomedan communities, most of them being unable to defray cooly or conveyance.

C. It is more convenient for the shipping export, the present Market affording close route to the Beach, Black Town, Royapooram, Cassemode, &c.

D. Your Excellency may be aware how utterly impracticable it is when the heavy monsoons set in and the roads and streets leading up to the Park are one mass of jelly and slush, thereby preventing poor men from trudging it out so far or the menial servants of the offices of Government, Mercantile and Railway clerks have to find their way to a longer and more inconvenient journey, whereas the Fort that circuit our Road, Black Town and Royapooram feel it far more easily accessible as being nearer to the present Market.

6. That such of your Excellency's Petitioners who are Contractors of fresh Provisions to the vessels in the Roads will suffer very much and the vessels perhaps must sail before the Provisions reach them at the appointed hour.

7. That your Excellency's Petitioners beg to submit that if a Market is required for the convenience of gentlemen of standing, who could well afford to get a trap and send their Butlers for their daily Provisions, still Petitioners beg to ask why should they who are in ordinary circumstances be deprived of the Market which is at the reach of the hands of over thousands of poor people, but allow the old Market to remain in *statu quo* for the convenience of the middle class population irrespective of any arrangement of the proposed Market.

8. Petitioners most humbly beg your Excellency's merciful consideration and as the representative of Her Gracious Majesty, Queen-Empress of India, see justice done, so that your humble Petitioners may not be deprived of their market, which is in existence for almost a Century.

9. In granting Petitioners this boon so earnestly craved for, your Excellency's Government will ever be remembered with feelings of heartfelt gratitude by the anxious thousands of this portion of the City of Madras, and they will cherish the memory of Her Gracious Majesty's representative so graciously granted by your Excellency.

And your Petitioners shall, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

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