

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 827

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234-235

Dated

21-4-1865.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st April 1865.*

No. 234. Read the following Petition from P. S. AUROOMOOGATHA MOODELLY, SOOBAROYA MOODELLY, and others, Salt Manufacturers of Pyanore and Cadambady, in the Madras District, to the Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th March 1865 :—

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioners respectfully beg that your Honor will be pleased to move His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to submit the enclosed Appeal (in triplicate) for the favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, for which they shall ever pray.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1865, No. 827.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Salt.

Ordered that the Memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and that Petitioners be informed that it has been so forwarded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Director has given orders to stop it
That the area of the salt-manufactory*

Duplicate
To the Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

The humble petition of Runga Charry
and others the salt Ryots of Pyanir and
Cudumbady in the Madras District
Humbly show

That our salt pans in the said village
were formed about 200 years ago and since that time
we spent large sums of money for the improvement
of the pans every year are manufactured superior salt
according to the order of the curkar that in the year 1863
the Collector without ^{any} reason issued an order not to
manufacture salt in our pans that we are in
in great debts owing to the above mentioned expen-
diture and also owing to the pans having been purchased
at the high rate price of Rupees 500-700 (Cawney)
In the month of January last an

an establishment for the said pans have also been sanctioned according to Mr Pelly's scale that the establishment is not sent there as the manufacture of salt is not carried on there.

The Collector who gave order for the manufacture of salt in adjacent pans which are for inferior to our in quality did not give order for the manufacture of salt in our pans which is situated in the middle.

As to the fitness of our pans we beg to refer your Honorable Board to Mr J. Clarke one of the members of the Board who inspected the said pans.

In addition to the troubles we have been suffering from debts the Kirhar Collector from us the charges incurred for excavating a Canal to the Pans that while it is so the Govt unjustly stopped the manufacture of salt in our Pans.

We hear that the Collector intend to give order to open new pans in Kathon under these circumstances we humbly request your Honorable Board to send for peruse the records connected with the establishment and retainment of our Pans and to issue orders for the manufacture of salt in our Pans instead of opening new Pans in Kathon as above said.

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19th February 1864. Pungol Harry

to permit them to manu-
facture Salt as usual

in their village

Petitioners are inform-

ed that the subject of

the Petition is now un-

der the consideration of

Government

By order

(Sd/-) R A Dabell

Sub Secretary

Revenue Board

Cherapah

31 March 1864

Collector No 161/64

No 624 of 1864

From Runga Chariy and

others Salt Ryots of

Pyamit & Gudumbady

in Madras District

Dated 19th February 1864

Returned 25th February 1864

Prung to notice

the loss they sustain by

being prohibited from

manufacturing Salt in

their pans and state

that the Collector has

issued Order to open

new pans in Rattoor.

Pray for orders

to the Collector to permit

Sir The Right Honorable

Secretary of State for India

in Council

The humble Petition of

Honored Sir

It respectfully

to bring to your notice that we were

entirely very well off by manu-

facturing Salt in the town of

Cherapah

Government

without

confidence of English Government

I have not a daily food and
 clothing by the City
 Office Order therefore we having
 your favor for two or three
 days with our families
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 ny inquiry and reply but apply
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 as to travelling expenses
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 to get for food as Mr. Ellis like

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 to grant orders as for
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 and pray that he
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 upon your hands as
 and we must
 of your honor long life
 and Mary the Virgin
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 5th April 1864

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April 1864
District
Letter
April 1864

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to the

The Right Honorable Sir W. Davidson B. C. A.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

The humble Petition of the Salt-mine

facturers of Pyramis & Undermbody in the

Th. M. Sheweth Madras District

That your Petitioners ancestors of the

above village manufactures salt for the last upward

of 200 years, as Maniuns or Inams and which was

continued uninterrupted until the system of government

under which they were allowed the same privilege

as other manufacturers of salt.

appropriated to the 15 Sept 1871. The same expended con-

considerable sums of money besides having purchased the p.

at the high rate of 500- or 1,000 Rs. per Canine

That in the January 1864 when the

Honorable Mr Pelly sanctioned his read scheme for

the manufacture of salt in the various villages he dis-

not omit those of Prairie & Cudumheady into which

however the the collector has given orders to stop it

That the area of the salt-manufactory

is 120. Carums that the ground is a great deal above the level than all the other manufacturers that in this ground salt can be manufactured on all seasons that in the month of December during the heavy monsoon the manufacture could be carried on with perfect success whereas the other villages cannot be compared to it that more over the salt produced in these villages has always been of a superior quality and the grains exactly of the size required

That your Petitioners further try to submit that they do not know for which reason these have been pronounced inadmissible but they respectfully beg leave to state that in this case only the opinion of the Honorable Mr. Ellis is opposed to it whereas Mr. J. L. Clarke who has appointed as a special salt Commissioner and a superior officer in this matter inspected the said villages expressed himself that they are fully fit for the manufacture of salt & observed that he will bring the subject to favourable consideration that Mr. A. Smith the Dy. Collector is an experienced Officer and there is no doubt his opinion if consulted will be in favour of the villages in question

That other grounds very inferior and ineligible to them on the north are allowed to carry on the manufacture they feel that their case should not

not come under the favourable consideration of the Honorable Board

That by having stopped the manufacture of salt in the Pyanur Pans there is a diminution of the revenue while on the other hand the villagers have very materially been reduced in their pecuniary circumstances so much so that most of them have been obliged to leave their homes in starvation to seek livelihood elsewhere

That according to the Honorable Mr. Pelly's scheme it was proposed that a new road should be made from these villages to Chingalput to facilitate the transit of salt & altho the road has not been constructed owing to the Collectors order stop the manufacture of salt there yet it could be conveyed to Homes garden by the Canal and also to the Madras Cottar to which the northern and southern Canals are to be connected

That lands in Covelong as exchange for those in Pyanur being so low it is utterly out of the question to manufacture salt there until March when the moisture of the ground will give in but by this time the other manufacturers will distress them

That for your Petitioners to avail of Cotton village will not at all be convenient owing to their number being so great and they having live in

in the Pyanur villages for very many years where they have their own houses and otherwise entwined

That under these circumstances your Petitioners entreat that your Honorable Government will be pleased to issue orders for the reestablishment of the Pyanur salt manufacture that as this is the season to commence operations they beseech early and favorable orders for which your Petitioners shall as in duty bound

Madras
9th January 1865
P. Arumoga Moodelly
and others salt

Deputy Saunmy
Pillay Street
Manufacturers

30th Jan 1865
P. Arumoga Moodelly
Deputy Saunmy
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Manufacturers

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Manufacturers

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To

The Right Honorable
Sir C. Wood Bart
Secretary of State for the Affairs of India
London

The humble petition of the
salt manufacturers of
Pyanur & Cadambady in the
Madras District

Most Humbly and Respectfully sheweth

That your petitioners ancestors have been salt manufacturers of the above village for the last upwards of 200 years (as Marimms and Enams and which was continued uninterruptedly until the system of Cro-dwarum was introduced under which they were allowed the same privilege as other manufacturers of salt.

That for the purpose of fertilizing the lands they expended considerable sums of money besides having paid for the pans so high a rate as 500 & 1000 Ropies per Cawnie.

That in January 1864 when the Honorable Mr. Pelly's new system was introduced for the manufacture of salt in the various villages Pyanur and Cadambady were included into which however the Collector gave orders to stop it.

That

That the area of the Salt manufactory in the said villages is 120 Caonies and it is a great deal above the level of the ground, which admits of the manufacture on all seasons as in December when it could be carried on here with success, the other villages cannot besides the production of a superior quality and the grains of the size required.

That why in these villages the manufacture was stopped it is not known to your Petitioners but they beg to observe that the isolated opposition of the Honourable Mr Ellis is counterbalanced by that of Mr J. Clark who was appointed Special Salt Commissioner for his superior knowledge; that Mr Smith the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt is also in favour of these villages.

That your Petitioners addressed to the Board of Revenue on the 19th February 1864 bringing to notice the loss they sustained being prohibited from manufacturing Salt in their Pans and the endorsement given on the 31st March is that "the Petitioners are informed that the subject of this Petition is now under the consideration of Government."

That on the 5th April last they addressed again, and their Petition was forwarded by the Board on the 20th Idem to the Collector for decision. who on the 25th of the same month gave the following endorsement "The pans at Pyanor were closed by the

order of Government the Collector cannot therefore grant Petitioners ditto as they request."

That on the 9th January 1865 they submitted their appeal to Government explaining fully that on the recommendation of the Honourable Mr Ellis the Salt Pans in their villages were abolished describing the superiority of their Pans in producing a greater quantity of salt of good quality than any other Pans and praying orders may be issued for the reestablishment of their Pans instead of those offered in exchange in other villages and the endorsement thereon No 21 date 30 Idem is that "the petitioners request cannot be complied with."

That aggrieved at this decision and left without other means of obtaining redress from authorities in this locality your Petitioners are compelled to intrude upon your time.

That by having stopped the manufacture of Salt in the Pyanor pans there is a diminution in the Revenue while on the other hand the importance of the village has been materially reduced and the pecuniary circumstances of the villagers so seriously affected that most of them are in starvation and others so unable to stand the consequences of hunger that they are quitting the place in despair to seek livelihood elsewhere.

That the Honourable Mr Pelly is highly

highly appreciated that he recommended a new road should be made thence -
Chingput to facilitate the transit of salt, that
this was not done since the prohibitory order of
the Collector for the manufacture of salt there
at all events Pomer's Garden which may be reached -
admits means for conveyance by the Canal and also to
the Madras Coast to which the Northern and Southern
canals are to be connected.

That the lands in Coimbatore offered in
exchange for those in Ponnore are so low as the manufac-
ture cannot be commenced until March by which
time other manufactures will distress them by their com-
petition.

That to avail of the Cotton villages your
Petitioners will be subjected to more loss than they can
bear as Ponnore being their villages for many years
with all the desired advantages to quit it now they will
have to lose much of their little property now possess-
ed by them.

That the Government will be no loser
by allowing your Petitioners the benefit of manufacturing
salt in Ponnore if it be so they submit that as subjects
and subjects of a paternal Government they will be
protected from the impending ruin, for which they
shall as duty bound.

Madras — Ever Dear
25th March 1865 } P. S. Aroomoogatha Moodelly
J. W. G. S. S.

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Forwards
John W. G.
P. S. Aroomoogatha
G. W. G. S. S.
the Salt manufacturers of Ponnore

[Faint, illegible handwritten text]

Dear Sir

We do it. Incomparable
of pleasure and Cadaver
in the Road District

Dr
H. Snowball the Secretary
of state
Dated 25th March 1865-
Received

Appending that these
 villages refused they engaged
 for up to one of 2500 persons
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 the collection prohibiting
 the manufacture of cloth
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 offered in exchange are
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 are already improving
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Ordered that the Memorial
be forwarded to the Secy of State, and
that Petitioners be informed that it
has been so forwarded.

Reported to England
of 22 August 1865. R. H. 8
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20th April 1865

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Pro. of Secy for W-950.
No 751 of 1865

From P. S. Nuroomoofatha
Drood, Loolunga Drood & others
Salt Manufacturers of
Gadambad in the Madras Dist.
now residing in Vepery, Loolay
Samy Allog Street, Door No 67
Madras.

D 25 March 65.

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Three Enclosures.

Enclosing herein a
Memorial in English.

Request to forward the same
for the favorable consid-
eration of the Right
Honorable the Secretary
of State for India.

W-877 20 April

With Orders