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No. 255. Read the following Petition from LUTCHMI DEVIAMMAL and M. CHUNDRASEGARA PILLAI, to the Military Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 9th December 1867 :—

1. We, the undersigned, humbly beg to be excused for the liberty we have now taken to intrude on your valuable time with the following few lines, stating our grievances at the measures taken by the Assistant Engineer, Mount Range, and the Officer Commanding Palaveram, to construct a Pensioner's cook-room, in the Cantonment of Palaveram, on a piece of land which is opposite to our shop, and is in our possession since about ten years. We have secured the same by building drains, &c. This spot is a portion of a narrow strip of land which extends towards east, and forms a front-yard of all other cloth bazaars on that direction. Our shop being in the same row, and having its gate on the same side, will become actually blocked up, if the intended cook-room be erected.

2. Lieutenant Dorward, Assistant Engineer, Mount Range, states "that it (cook-room) does not block up any shop, nor is it being built in front of any shop or bazaar. The spot selected is stated to be opposite to the dead wall of a house, in which two openings are pierced, which, together with the passage of 3½ feet left, between the cook-room and the house, will afford ample means for egress and ingress." He is entirely mistaken in forming such a view of the spot. There is neither a dead wall of a house, nor two openings in it. A glance over the subjoined sketch will show that the intended cook-room will actually block up our shop, as well as the other two adjacent to it, and prove, under many circumstances, inconvenient to the people, and particularly prejudicial to our interest. He says that a passage of 3½ feet broad is quite sufficient for egress and ingress. Here we beg to state that this narrow lane will neither afford free access to customers and other new buyers, nor admit a free circulation of air; and we fear after all that it will not only become a convenient privy for people in night times, but also a best shelter for the house-breakers by night. It is also marked in the sketch pieces of lands available for the room in question near the Choultry.

3. As the Engineer people have commenced the work, we humbly implore that you will be so good as to put an immediate stop to it, and order some one, who has no previous concern in the matter, to inspect the spot in question, and report upon the same.

4. Lastly, we humbly request you to take this matter into your humane consideration, and render justice to us who are very much aggrieved.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief, (Quarter Master General's Department,) for early report. It will be considered in the Public Works Department whether the work should not be stopped, pending the receipt of His Excellency's reply.

(Signed) C. S. ELLIOT, Major,
Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th December 1867.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th December 1867.

No. 256.

ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1867, No. 3,866.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 11.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who will communicate with the local Military authorities, and, if considered expedient, direct the stoppage of the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
„ Military Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Major General H. Marshall
Military Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Respected Sir,

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We beg to remain, Sir,
9 December 1867. Yours Sincerely Kutchmi Reviammal
— — — In Chundrappa Pillai

Reported to the Commander in Chief

Quartermaster

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Fort Saint George, Lt Col. Wm Major
10 December 1867 Off. by Secy to Government

To The Public Works Department.

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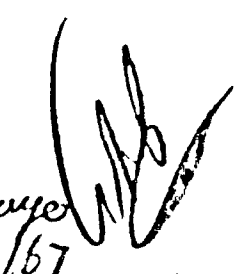
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W. B. D. W.

M. J. Dep. Fort St George
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From
The Secy to Genl
Military Dept

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Requesting that
it may be considered
in the Pr Dept whether
the erection of the
Prisoners' Cookroom
in the Cantonment of
Palawan should
be suspended pending
the receipt of the De
Miguel's report on the
Petition subd. of Lutehine & Co. in
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