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28. Mar 1868

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS
OF MILAPORE, ONE OF THE SUBURBS OF
MADRAS.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH

That hearing of the projected junction of the Southern Canal with the Northern one by the excavation of a cut through the heart of Mylapore, your Petitioners hasten to lay before your Lordship in Council, the evils that are likely to result from such a measure in the assured hope of their representations meeting with favorable consideration.

That your Petitioners are fully alive to the numerous advantages that are likely to follow in various ways in completing and perfecting the present canal communication, and they beg to offer their warmest thanks for the measure, though at the same time, they venture to suggest a slight modification in the actual carrying out of the plan which, they trust, will secure all the intended advantages, while at the same time saving your Petitioners from the loss and evils which now stare them in the face.

That your Lordship's residence in Madras has been sufficient to give you an idea of the relative importance of the various parts of the Presidency Town. It is therefore needless for your Petitioners to give a lengthened description of Mylapore. It is admitted to be by far the best part of the Town, so much so, that people from other parts of the Town usually resort to it as a place of health, and respectable people coming from ^{the} country almost always fix their residence there. It is besides too well known to require any proof that the inhabitants of Triplicane, Royapett, and other places carry fresh water for drinking purposes from the wells and tanks of Mylapore.

That your Petitioners refer your Lordship to Official Records to show that Mylapore comprises within its area some of the best lands in the Presidency, in which not only Paddy, but the most valuable garden products are grown for the Presidency market. A large amount of capital is sunk in these lands, and they are the only means of support to a large and increasing population of farmers and labourers. The value of this property may be judged of when it is stated that an acre of land will, in its present state fetch at any time on an average Rs. 1,000 in the open market and there are upwards of 4,500 acres comprised in the Mylapore limits.

That if a canal were excavated in the heart of Mylapore, your Petitioners apprehend, in the first place, that it would have the effect of draining the tanks and wells on which they now depend for their supply of water. If it do not produce this result, your Petitioners fear that the salt water of the canal is sure to corrupt the springs to such an extent as to make the tanks and wells completely brackish. As a proof of this your Petitioners need only refer your Lordship to the effects produced upon Black Town, Chintadripett and other places by the excavation of Cochrane Canal many years ago, and upon the wells in Black Town by the recent drainage works.

That your Lordship perhaps may liberally pass over the loss of Government Revenue that the measure is calculated to produce, but your Petitioners respectfully submit that the majority of the inhabitants will feel a very great hardship by being deprived of the only means of livelihood they have, and of the good water which now contributes so much to the health of the inhabitants and makes the place so attractive in a sanitary point of view.

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To the Junction Canal Committee
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not only readily but the most valuable articles abundant with little expense or trouble. Lumber fresh water which the inhabitants (especially the Poles) make early for drink. It is surprising that if a canoe is seen, it is often the heart of the explorer's position is ascertained that it is not of frame the other of obtaining the tanks of wells & the cultivation of the canal would be much the better to make the land & wells completely ~~from~~ ^{independent}.

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