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Public Works.

Dated November 14th.

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Go. 14th Nov. 1883 to 3229. W.

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B. No. 568 Wd/25-2-87

Mamavaram Island

Passing orders on a petition
 regarding the results that
 will be produced if the
 proposed ship-canal
 across - be sanctioned.

To Petitioner

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With order

14th November 1883, No. 3229 W., Public Works

Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works

Read - the following paper: -

Petition from Letu karuppen, Ihuina Thumbi and
others, dated 2nd November 1883.

Abstract - Bring to notice that the cutting of the
proposed ship-canal through Rameswaram will
divide the Island into two portions, and that
the influx of sea-water will cause danger to life
and property, contaminate the water supply, and
ruin the pasturage, besides rendering the transit
of goods and passengers across the Island difficult.
Suggest that the excavation be made at one end
of the Island, either on the East or West side.

Order - Dated 14th November 1883. No. 3229 W., Public Works.

The petitioners will be informed that, if
the proposal to cut a canal through the Island
of Rameswaram is ever given effect to, the circum-
stances brought to notice in their petition will
receive consideration.

To the petitioners (True extract) (Signed) C. Warren
" Marine Department Major R. E.
" Revenue Department
" Superintending Engineer
Ed. H. Godall (True copy)
Spare to Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

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For which act of charity the
petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

31st January 1887.

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To.

19-2-87

J. O. Hasted Colonel R. E.
Chief Engineer P. W. &
Madras.

The humble petition of the undersigned in-
dividuals being the residents of Shangachi-
madam & villages attached to Pamban near
Madura District.

Most respectfully sheweth:-

That petitioners beg most respectfully
to invite your honor's kind attention to their
petition Submitted on the 3rd Nov. 1883 &
the order thereon dated 14th Nov. 83 to the effect
that the subject matter of the petition will
receive consideration, when the digging of the
Canal is ever brought to effect.

2. That Shangachimadam Village
is the place through which the canal is
proposed to be cut, in March next, and
as it is the only fertile portion of the Island
that supplies the necessaries of life to the
residents of the Island and the pilgrims
that resort to it - It is a positive injury
done to the inhabitants to deprive them of
the means of livelihood & their dwelling
houses and gardens, the result of year's
labours, at the expense of large amount
of money.

For the undersigned
J. O. Hasted

Of money.

3. That about 1000 persons living in the village will have to find quarters elsewhere, and it is scarcely necessary for them to submit that when the result of their labour grown generation to generation is summarily disposed of at one sweep in a moment, who will be responsible for the maintenance of their families, until such time as the original order of things are restored.
4. That lands around Shangachimadam are mere arid wastes which could only be converted to another Shangachimadam at a great expense and loss of time which the present generation with their limited means cannot hope to command. The small compensation that may be allowed for the lands taken up by the company is no equivalent for the labour spent on them, and years of anxiety with which they have watched their improvement. - Shangachimadam like the other parts of the Island, was a mere sandy soil, and it must be more imagined than said what should have been the labour spent on it to bring it up to its present fertile condition.
5. That if Shangachimadam were converted into a canal, petitioners would respectfully point out that it is no gain

gain to the residents of the Island, but on the contrary, it will subject them no less than a famine, until such time as the people find means to make up the loss by emigrating to other places where with the little they have got, they could procure lands that will readily yield them something to live upon. It is a vain imagination to hope to be profited by taking up other lands in the Island & improve them as Shotakal lands. Petitioners are as a class uneducated & too cowardly to speculate on trade & they humbly beg to submit that unless Government try to supply them with the necessaries of life which they have hitherto been getting from their own lands, they cannot hope to live in the Island. The communication between this and the surrounding places is so wretched that to procure the necessaries of life from those distant places will necessarily involve rise in prices and place them beyond their reach.

6. That petitioners humbly beg to point out that rather than depriving the poor Shangachimadam people of their houses & topes & other fertile pieces of land, it would be infinitely better the

the petitioners beg to submit to Cut the proposed channel a little to the East of Shangachimadam, which is uninhabited. The channel as at present proposed is a little too near to the Western end of the Island & it is apprehended that in Course of time that this piece of land will be ever washed upon by the action of the waves & the Island diminished greatly.

Y. Under these circumstances the petitioners
humbly pray that your honor will be gracious-
ly pleased to order diversion of the channel
in a way that will least affect the poor in-
habitants of Shaupachina dam. The copy
of the said order herewith forwarded &c.

For which act of charity the
petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

31st January 1887.

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