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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT

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From

To.

His Excellency the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council
Madras.

The humble mahazar of the undersigned
individuals being the residents of Shangach-
madam & villages attached to Pambur
Firka Madura District,

Most respectfully sheweth-

That petitioners beg most respect-
fully to invite your Excellency's kind attention
to their petition Submitted on the 3rd Nov^r
1883 & the order there on dated 14th Nov^r 1883
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
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the pilgrims that resort to it - It is
positive injury done to the inhabitants
to deprive them of the means of liveli-
hood & their dwelling houses and gardens
the result of years labours, at the expence
of large amount 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 expence and the 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

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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 to the residents of the
Island, but on the contrary, it will
subject them to no less than a famine,
until such time as the people find
means to make up the loss by emigrat-
ing 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

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 & place them beyond their reach.
 6. That petitioners humbly beg to point out
 that rather than depriving the poor Shan-
 gachimadam people of their houses &
 topes & other fertile pieces of land, it
 would be infinitely better 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.

7. Under these circumstances the
 petitioners

petitioners humbly pray that your
 Excellency will be graciously pleased
 to order diversion of the channel in a
 way that will least affect the poor
 inhabitants of Shangachimadam.
 Copy of the original Tamil Petition
 herewith forwarded.

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

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 " 742 W d/7.3.83
 " 3229 W d/14.4.83.

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 Satukaruppan, Chinnatambur
and others, dated 3rd November 1883.

Abstract - Bring to notice that the cutting of the proposed Ship Canal through Pameewaram will divide the Island into two portions, and that the influx of sea-waters will cause damage 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 Pameewaram is ever given effect to, the circumstances brought to notice in their petition will receive consideration.

(True Extract)

To the petitioners
 " Marine Department
 " Revenue Department
 " Superintending Engineer,
 Sixth circle.

(Signed) C. Mwen
 Major, R. E.,
 Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Ed A.F. Goodall.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Petition from Setu Karuppan, Chinna-tambi and others
dated 24th January 1887.

Petitioners will be referred
to endorsement No 3229 W
dated 14th November 1883.

2. The Government are
not aware that the canal
is likely to be commenced
shortly, nor that the line
it is to take has been
decided on.

To The Petitioners

See
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From

No.

Dated

Received

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

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Please see the reply
given in G.O. No 3229 W
of 14.11.83 to a somewhat
similar appeal made
by the petitioners in 1883.

You have probably
seen the site of the proposed
canal. Channel Survey
know how the case
stands.

For orders.

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Endorse.

Petitioners will be referred
to endorsement No 3229 W
dated 14 Nov 83.

2. The Govt are not aware that the
canal is likely to be commenced
shortly, nor that the line it is to
take has been decided on.

To The Petitioners
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3/2/87.