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G.O., No. 3179

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 No 317. Sd/2<sup>d</sup> April/96  
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Petition from the ryots cultivating under the Bellare Tank - Bellare District. d/13.3.86.  
From the Joint Secretary to H.E. the Governor (H.E. Indusment dated 15.3.86).

The petitioners are informed  
that the subject of their petition is  
still under the consideration of  
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To The Postmaster.  
 .. Super. Encl., Second Circle.  
 .. Chief Encl. for Inspection.

10/2/38

TO

His Excellency The Right Honorable  
Beilby Baron Wenlock G. C. I. E.,  
GOVERNOR OF FORT SAINT GEORGE,

**Madras.**

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned ryots cultivating under the Nellore Tank, respectfully beg to approach Your Excellency with this Memorial and pray that something may be done before Your Excellency's departure from these shores, to better our deplorable condition.

2. The Nellore Tank which is a large reservoir in the capital of the District and whose history can be traced back to 300 years, fell into disrepair some years back. The tank has not been getting its usual supply from the Pennar which is its main feeder, and in consequence we have been put to immense loss in crops. We have been crying hoarse through petitions these 14 years requesting the local authorities as well as those at the Presidency to improve the tank and thus better our wretched state. We at last came to understand that the question is before the Government, and we fully trusted that our cause is safe in Your Excellency's keeping. But as nothing has been known yet about it, and as we hear that Your Excellency is leaving these shores shortly, our fears have increased lest the question may fall out.

3. It is needless to recapitulate here the several stages through which the question of improving the tank has passed. The last stage of the question is briefly this. The tank is to be improved by bringing in a fresh supply channel from the southern flank of the Sangam Anicut. The work was estimated to cost about 2 lacs. The question then was whether it would pay to spend these 2 lacs on the work. An able Collector pointed out that the work will pay more than 8 per cent, as the project will command additional area, and as, from his experience, he was certain that land will be immediately taken up owing to great demand for it. The professional investigation showed that the Collector's estimate as regards additional irrigable area was not far from the mark, and that the project if sanctioned will surely pay. As regards availability of water in the Pennar to supply this project, there was not atom of doubt. With these recommendations in its favor, we were sure of sanction being accorded to the immediate carrying out of the work, but to our great misfortune it must be said that sanction of Government has not been accorded yet.

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4. The less said of our status as agriculturists the better. We beg to assure Your Excellency that we are a prey to poverty, and that we earn our bare livelihood by other means <sup>besides</sup> ~~than~~ agriculture. With our proverbial attachment to land we have been sticking up to it in the fond hope of realizing our dream of an improved supply to our tank, and thus bettering our position. We submit that bare justice has been denied to us.

5. We submit that the proposed project has several other considerations to recommend it for the favorable consideration of Government. It is invaluable as a famine protective work. By carrying out the project, some 10,000 acres will be added to the famine protected area of the Presidency.

6. It is a source of water supply to the 29,000 people inhabiting the Municipal town of Nellore. There will be no water in wells the moment the tank gets dry, and the inhabitants are put to not a little inconvenience for want of water for domestic use.

7. We may here mention one important feature in connection with this proposed project. At the prospect of the project being sanctioned, the whole of the available waste land which is likely to be benefited by the project, has been already applied for, and the competition is so keen that in all probability, if the land is sold, it will fetch a good sum which will go as a set off against the capital outlay.

8. Your Excellency's name has been handed to posterity in connection with several Irrigation and Railway projects carried out during your Excellency's term of office, and it is our singular misfortune that sanction is withheld for a project which, looked at from any stand point recommends itself for approval. We beg that Your Excellency will accord sanction to this work and add to the list of works sanctioned during Your Excellency's term, and thus earn the lasting gratitude of thousands of poverty-stricken ryots who are in a wretched and helpless state. If however, sanction has been accorded, we beg permission of Your Excellency to call the supply channel after Your Excellency's name.

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Dated 13 March 1896. }

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To  
The Private Secretary to His Excellency  
The Governor of Madras.

Tring R.

Sir,

15-3- The calls on your time just now  
must be many and we are not sure  
whether you will have time to look to  
our humble request. Herewith we  
submit a Memorial to His Excellency  
the Governor and it is our earnest  
request that you will be so kind as  
to place it in His Excellency's hands.

Our only recommendation to an ex-  
ceptional treatment is our ignorance  
of the Official world. We trust that  
you will pity our deplorable state  
after a perusal of the Memorial  
yourself, and help us by placing

it in his Excellency's hands.

We beg to remain  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.  
Y. Narasagla.

At 19 May 1860  
W. Percey had a fine  
Buckingham Palace  
Kyoto & Vittoria

Melrose }  
13 March 1896

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Petition from *Certain ryots*  
of *Nellore*.

DATED *13<sup>th</sup>* March 1896.

*Joint*  
TRANSFERRED to the *Chief* Secretary to  
*P.W.D. Irrigation Branch*  
Government for disposal.

(By Order.)

*Unauthenticated*  
Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Quincy*  
*15<sup>th</sup> March* 1896.

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(1896) DEPARTMENT.

From *C. J. Mac Carthy Secy C. S.*

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE

RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR,

To

*Joint*

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

*Irrigation Branch.*

Dated *15<sup>th</sup>* } *March* 1896

Received

ENCLOSURE. /

Subject.

TRANSFERS a petition from *certain ryots of*  
*Nellore* praying that sanction  
may be accorded to the  
repair of *Nellore Tank.*

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