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G.O., No. 456

Dated 22nd July 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PAMPALAIYAR CHANNEL CONVENTION.

Requesting the Special Agent, South Arcot, to inform the authorities at Pondicherry that, in view of their delay in complying with the terms of the----of 1888, he proposes to recommend to the Madras Government that it should take immediate action under Article X of the Convention.

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Political Department.

From

The Collector of

South Arcot.

To

The Chief Secretary

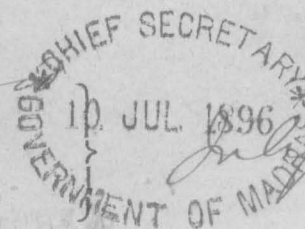
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Soliciting orders in re
the Pambear channel
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with the French Govern-
ment on the 8th August 1888

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South Arcot.

No: 2051
18th May 1896.

Special Agent's Office
Cuddalore
18th May 1896.

From,

h.w. Dance Esquire
of Special Agent
Cuddalore.

To,

His Excellency
Messieurs L. Vivod,
Governor of the French settle-
ments in India
Pondicherry.

Your Excellency:

I have the honour to en-
close a copy of a petition present-
ed to me by the ryots of Chinna
Papasamudram in the Villuppu-
tam taluk.

2. I request that your Excellency
will be pleased to inform me
whether your Excellency's honours
has taken any mea-
sures to carry out the works
arranged for by the Convention
dated 8th August 1888 in re-
gard to the Vainbairan Chan-
nel

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to you, Monsieur le Collecteur,
to suspend all decision till
January next so that this
meeting may in the meantime
be commenced to deliberate on
the disposal to be given to the
Convention of 8th August 1888.

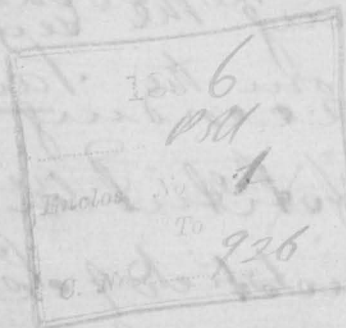
Please accept &c.
Signed L. Girod.
Governor.

/ True translation/.

at Calcutta
For Special Agent.

3rd July 1896

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SOUTH ARCOT.

CURRENT No. 926

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

NO. 320.

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Date 23rd July 1896

FROM

A. E. Castleman Esquire

COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Political DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to request
the favour of the order of Govern-
ment in re the Pambear Channel
Convention entered into with the
French Government.

2. To make the position clear
a brief resumé of the previous
history of the case seems neces-
sary.

3. A proposal for the excavation
of a channel from the Pambear
for the irrigation of the French
Aldees in the District of Pondi-
cherry was first made by the
French Government in the year

1867.

1867. The proposal then made was to excavate the channel at the common cost of the two Govern-
ments. It was declined, as ex-
perience of the working of a chan-
nel dug under similar con-
ditions viz: the Vikravandi Channel,
had not been encouraging.

The subject was reopened in
1882 by the French Government
but the Government of Madras
negatived the proposal on the ground
that the character of the water—
supply available in the Pambear
for the English Ryots who had a
prescriptive right to it did not
justify any interference for
the purpose of a Channel project.

In 1885 the French Govern-
ment again returned to the subject
by moving the Home Government,
with the result that the Chief
Engineer to the Madras Govern-
ment was ordered to visit the
locality, confer with the French
Authorities and submit a re-
port.

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Lapland
from Madras.

G.O. No 325 I. 7.
13 April 1883

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En 1884 the
Govt. addressed the
Govt of Madras in the
subject G.O. No 564 J.
27.6.84 J.

B Letter from
the Consul of France of
18th June 85 to H.M.
Durand Esq on page 3
of G.O. 564-5 of 17.8.85

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" 864 Part of 23.5.88.
" 431 " of 28.6.88.
" 461 " of 17.7.88
" 572 " of 18.8.88

hi G.O. 572 Part of 18 August
1888.

J

Art I

Art II

Article VII

port on the subject.

On the report of the Chief
Engineer, the Special Agent South
Arcot was directed to draw up
a convention in conference
with the French Authorities
This was done after much
trouble and correspondence
and a convention was exe-
cuted on 8th August 1888.

The main head of the
Convention may be briefly
summarised as follows:—

(A) The French Government wa-
to be allowed to dig a channel
from the Pambear, provision
being made in the dam (to
be constructed by them) for
the irrigation of English land
on both banks of the river
below the dam.

(B) The English Government wa-
be allowed to dig at its
own cost a branch Channel
from the French Channel to
supply the tanks of Chinnai.
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4. Papa Samundram and Peria Papa
Samundram Villages in ~~Uppala~~
~~Allypuzam~~
~~Challem~~ Taluk

(C) On Condition of this branch <sup>Articles VIII
and IX</sup> Channel being allowed, the English Government was to relinquish the project of supplying the above mentioned tanks by a Channel from the Pambear directly above the dam to be constructed by the French Government, and was not to construct any dam in the Pambear between the existing dam of Melpadi and the projected dam about 4 miles further down.

(d) & after the lapse of 4 years ^{Art. I} from the execution of the convention, the French Government had not seriously undertaken the excavation of the projected dam Channel, the English Government was at liberty to take up again the question of supplying the tanks of Peria and Chinnat Papasamundram by the Sekangalodai or by the Pambear.

Pambear.

5. The convention having been executed on the 8th August 1888, the period allowed under the last article above-mentioned expired on the 8th August 1892; but neither before that date nor subsequently does the French Government appear to have taken any steps towards complying with the terms of the convention. It was reminded of the matter first on 17-9-'92, again on 22-6-'94 and for the third time on 6-5-'96. The last reminder copy of which is submitted has elicited reply No: 122 dated 11th ultimo from His Excellency Monsieur L. Girod, the present Governor of the French Establishments in India, a translation of which is submitted for perusal. It is to the effect that before giving us any decisive answer, the General Council

Council of Pondicherry has to be convened and consulted as to the disposal of the piece to be ceded. His Excellency therefore asks that the decision may be suspended till January next.

It is for Government to decide whether this request should be acceded to or whether the French Government should not be held bound by the terms of the Convention already entered into.

6. The ryots of Chinatapasa-mudram village, one of the villages situated by the branch channel intended to be constructed by the British authorities from the proposed French channel, are pressing for the early construction of a channel to supply their tank. As their case deserves consideration the favour of early action is solicited.

I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant

W. G. G. G.
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favour of Council. initials

Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 926.

Pambayar Channel Convention

H. E. the Governor & Co.

FOR ORDERS.

The convention regarding the Pambayar channel which was executed and ratified in August 1888 is contained in G.O. No. 572 Political of 16th August 1888.

The Spl. Agent's letter gives a clear précis of the case and the references have been marked in the margin.

The period of four years within which the French Govt. was to "seriously undertake" the excavation of the channel (article I of the Convention) expired nearly four years ago and it seems a pity that the Spl. Agent did not address Govt. immediately after its expiry or, at all events, when he found ^{that} his first reminder, of 16th 17 Sept 1892, to H. E. the Govt. was disregarded.

The excuse now put forward by the Pondicherry Govt. for further delay in this matter is, it is subd., flimsy. The Council General could easily have been consulted ere this. Eight years is a long time to deliberate over the execution of a work which H.E. the Gov. of the French Settlements ~~agreed~~ had already agreed to.

The action of the French Govt. ^{in this instance} is of the same obnoxiousness as it has shown in dealing with other matters - e.g. the Calicut Loge, Make boundaries - and it is submitted that either of two courses should be taken:-

(i) The Special Agent should inform the French authorities that in view of their delay in dealing with this matter he proposes to recommend to His ^{Govt.} ~~Govt.~~ that it should take immediate action under § 5 of the Convention or (ii) a strong letter of remonstrance should be sent by this Govt. to the Pondicherry Govt. pointing out the clearly defined terms of the Convention, ~~and~~ expressing surprise at the delay on the part of the French authorities

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

Speedily

in carrying out its promises, and asking for an early assurance that the French Govt. intend to ^{carry out its part of} ~~abide by~~ the convention, and intimating that in the event of such an assurance not being forthcoming this Govt. proposes to take immediate action under the terms of the convention.

C.S. 16.7.96 This is the usual sort of thing. I submit that it would be desirable to try (i) first - though it is not likely to be successful; it will ^{give?} this Govt. an opportunity of making its previous loges more marked as there has been a very great delay in sending this matter up and no reason for it has been assigned.

Rued B.

C.S. 17/7/96

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The Special Agent should inform the French authorities at Pondicherry that in view of their delay in dealing with the matter he proposes to recommend to the Madras Govt. that it should take immediate action under article 5 of the Convention ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{Orders} ~~Orders~~

C.S. 21.7.96

22/7/96

I agree. Let course No 1 be tried.

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JG 21/7/96

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Sh. Agt. S. Arundel (V) 24/7. 27/7. 28/7.

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