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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th August 1866.*

No. 62. Read the following:—

To J. SHAW, Esq., F. R. C. S.,

Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Madras.

The humble petition of V. RUNGA-
CHARRY, N. MOONESAWMY NAI-
DOO, and A. VENCATASAWMYCHET-
TY, Contractors for the supply of Civil
Hospitals,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your petitioners tendered for supply to the Civil Hospitals in August 1865, and their tender was accepted in preference to others, from the fact of their prices being found favorable to Government.

2. That the said prices fixed by them have been comparatively almost on a par with the market rate, on which, moreover, *two per cent. discount* is made, as the contract, instead of one year, was, at the request of the petitioners, executed to *three years*, during which period they had hoped that the return would be somewhat remunerative to them.

3. That, although from the commencement of the contract, the prices have been rising from time to time, yet they continue to supply the articles of unexceptionable quality, to the satisfaction of the Medical Officers.

4. That, while matters were thus threatening, the scarcity has now arrived to such a degree, that the rates are greatly increased in every item, by which your petitioners, from the commencement of the contract up to the present moment, have already suffered the heavy loss of nearly Rupees 3000, so that they are not placed in an enviable position.

5. That from the nature of the present season, *it is not possible to supply milk at the tendered rate* for the Civil Hospitals, by reason of the weather not affording good pasture for the cattle; that, furthermore, the prevailing disease of cholera in the interior is a great obstacle to cattle being brought into Madras, and yet your petitioners continue without any interruption, at a considerable pecuniary loss to themselves, in duly fulfilling the term of their contract.

6. That your petitioners do not wish to draw any invidious distinction between one department and another; but under present circumstances, they are forced to submit that the prices offered by them, compared with those at which similar articles are supplied by the Commissariat Department, will be found to be less, and, that your Honor may judge of this fact, your petitioners beg leave respectfully to enclose a Memorandum of a few of the articles in which they are great sufferers.

7. That, from the aspect of the coming threatened famine, worse than the past, there is no probability of any improvement for some time, so that it is not possible for your petitioners to express the hardship of their case.

8. That your petitioners firmly believe on the benignity of a just Government ever distinguished for its liberality; that the present noble Ruler has expressed in his Lordship's first Durbar that the well-being of the people will be cared for; that

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the impoverishment and ruin of your petitioners are inevitable, unless their rates are altered to the present market standard; that it is your Honor alone who can soothe the severe distresses to which they are subjected; and feeling confident that this prayer will be granted, your petitioners humbly submit your Honor will be graciously pleased to take into favorable consideration the hardship of their case, by making such arrangement as your Honor may think proper, with the view to alleviate them from their present embarrassed condition, for which they shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

(Signed) V. RUNGACHARRY.

MADRAS,
25th July 1866.

(") N. MOONESAWMY NAIDOO.

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Comparative Memorandum of prices.

Articles.	Price of petitioners.			Commissariat price.			Present market price.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Bread... ..lb...	0	2	0	0	2	7	0	2	8
Butter... ..	0	9	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
Milk... ..Imperial pint.	0	1	0	0	1	11	0	1	10
Rice... ..lb...	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	1	2
Hoppers... ..	0	1	4	...	...	...	0	1	8
Ghee... ..	0	6	8	...	...	...	0	9	0
Sugar, white... ..	0	2	8	0	3	3	0	3	0
Chickens... ..No.	0	2	6	0	3	0	0	3	0
Eggs... ..	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	4
Lamp oil... ..Measure...	0	8	0	0	13	0	0	11	0

(Signed) V. RUNGACHARRY.

MADRAS,
25th July 1866.

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MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded for the favorable consideration of Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
26th July 1866.

(Signed) J. SHAW,

Offg. Prinl. Inspr. General, M. D.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1866, No. 792.

The Government are not prepared to sanction any departure from the terms of the contract referred to in this petition.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
for communication to the petitioners.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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