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Memorial

Passing orders on the _____ from
by the inhabitants
of Vriddhachalam & Kallakurichi talukhs, South
Arcot District praying for the construction
of a Railway line from Porto-Novo to Salem.

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To

His Excellency

SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK,

G. C. M. G.

&c. &c. &c.,

Governor of Madras in Council.

The humble memorial of the following
inhabitants of Vridhachellam and Kalla-
kurichy Taluqs in the South Arcot District

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,

That Vridhachellam and Kallakurichy are Taluqs situated far interior
in the District of South Arcot.

2. That Vridhachellam is a place of great renown in point of sanctity being
called Vriddhakasi, and is held in higher veneration than Benares in religious point
of view. Annually in the month of February and March an important festival is
celebrated in honor of Sri Vriddhagiri Eswara Swami, of that place and pilgrims
from different parts of the District if not from the Presidency, visit the shrine on that
occasion.

3. That in a commercial point of view it is not backward. The largest area of
the Taluq consists of dry lands and the greatest quantity of ground nut produce for
which the South Arcot District is particularly noted is exported from this Taluq as also
a considerable quantity of cotton from Tittagudy and the western portion of the
Taluq.

4. That Vridhachellam is considerably far in the interior, the nearest Railway
Station being either Porto-Novo or Chidambaram which is at a distance of about
30 miles. The nearest Railway Station to Kallakurichy is Tirukoilur which is 28 miles
from Kallakurichy.

5. That almost all the dry produce i. e. horsegram, doll, maize, kambu, etc.
is exported from the Kallakurichy Taluq. There are many Palayems in that Taluq
a major portion of the District consists of dry fields. It is not backward in commerce
a large quantity of paddy also being sent to Salem via. Athur which is 30 miles from
Kallakurichy.

6. That on account of this long distance the journey to the Railway Stations
is very tedious and in many instances attended with attacks by robbers and other
desperate characters who infest these portions of the District.

7. That despite the several inconveniences, the exportation of the above produce
is carried on a very large scale. In a majority of instances groundnut and other
produce have to be brought to the Taluq Stations from long distances prior to their

being sent to Railway Stations from these places. Thus it will be clearly seen that these produce has to travel considerably a long distance before being booked. The roads in the interior are seldom good and this adds to the already existing difficulties.

8. The opening of a Railway line from Porto-Novo to Salem via. Vridhachellam and Kallakurichy touching other important centres will not only facilitate traffic by being a source of material income to the company but will also materially relieve the sufferings of the people and tend to their comfort, convenience and gain.

9. Advantages of a Railway line cannot be overestimated. It is unfortunate that these two Taluqs alone of this District for no fault of theirs should not have the benefit of a Railway line while the other six sister Taluqs have that peculiar advantage.

10. That the opening of a line from Port-Novo to Salem which your humble memorialists understand has been preliminarily surveyed, is indispensable. That your humble memorialists are further given to understand that this line has been sanctioned in the Budget but the work deferred in expectation of famine as a Famine Relief work.

11. That if this is a fact it is submitted that time has now come for opening the line as a Relief work as famine has already made its appearance in some parts of these two Taluqs and is likely to spread though out the Taluqs to do considerable havoc. The standing crops in some parts of the Taluqs have failed and many a poor ryot has been rendered hopeless. The opening of a line will afford considerable relief to ryots who are virtually in the firm grip of famine.

12. That your humble memorialists further understand that to combat Famine some measures have been suggested by the Revenue Department and if that is so, your humble memorialists most respectfully submit that nothing will do more good or afford great relief to the people than the opening of a line as suggested above.

The memorialists humbly pray that Your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to order the construction of a line from Porto-Novo to Salem.

For which act of kindness of charity we the humble memorialists shall as in duty bound ever pray.

We most humbly beg to remain

Your Excellency's most obedient servants

V. V. Arun Kumar
Pleader.

P. V. Arun Kumar
Pleader.

24 March 98
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Temple trustee &
Sala Board member

Chidambaram

President & chairman

of the Vridhachellam
Union & S. Board member
Chidambaram

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A. Vukatawawawa Nigen
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J. Duraiswami Pillai
of Pondicherry & Mysore
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