

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No.

690 *by*

DATED

4th May 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Negapatam - Nagore Railway
Extension*

Ordered that the petitioners be informed
by the Collector of Tanjore that the final
alignment of the proposed — avoids
the building belonging to S. Mahammad
Ghouse.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

From S. Muhammed Ghose
Manager of
Kegapattam

Forwarded to H for favour of report
as to whether application has been made
for the acquisition of the site for varying purposes

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No.

Dated 10th August 1897.

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Kegapatan - Napore railway.

Requesting that his
building near the light house
may not be demolished in
connection with the ———

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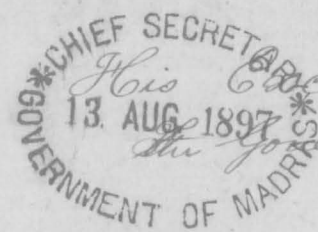
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Nagapattam
10th August 1897.

To



His Excellency the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council Fort Saint George
Madras.

The humble petition of S. Mahomed
Ghouse Maicayer of Nagapattam
most respectfully sheweth:-

That the petitioner owns a building at Nagapattam
near the beach a few yards north of the light house
and some yards to the west of the proposed railway
line between Nagapattam and Nagore and that the building
consists of two portions one a mosque (a place of worship
of the Mahomedan Community) and the other, a verandah
around the mosque which has been intended and used
as a rest house for and by the large number of labourers
on the beach, travellers, pilgrims, boatmen, and passengers
of all classes. This is the only building in the vast sandy
plain which serves the above purpose and as protection
against sun and rain, the only other shed being under the
lock and key of the Customs authorities; that an adequate
description of the extent of the use, serviceableness and
importance of the building cannot be given and will have
to be realized only on a working day of the Customs and
Port office. That this building has stood and served the
noble purposes of religion and public charity for over a century.

2. Last year about this time some local authorities
proposed to the Collector Tanjore District the demolition
of the building for this simple reason that it was a good
site for the erection of go-downs for storing dutiable goods.
The collector at the time Mr. Moberly with Mr. Andrews on
personally seeing the building and its use, and its connection
with religious and charitable purposes and on hearing the
petitioner and the general public who presented a Mahazar
against the proposal, being satisfied that there was no
absolute necessity for the acquisition of the land occupied
by the building, there being Government land not far
off to the south of the light house where the go-downs
might be erected if necessary with no less advantage
and which was also selected by the Public Works Dept
for the purpose, ordered that the building should not be
interfered with and that the religious rights and feelings
of the public should be respected on which the
proposal

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The petitioner prays, therefore, your Excellency in Council will be kindly pleased to consider favourably the noble purposes of religion and public convenience connected with the building and spare the feelings and rights of the general public and the mahomedan community in particular by protecting the building against the attacks of a few unprincipled men to meet the ends of their whim and fancy

Your Excellency's most obedient & loyal
 servant
~~As by rule of the~~ *James Oglethorpe*
 Petitioner

ENG. No. 2 TO E. R. C. No. 3707 OF 1897
 LETTER No. 855 OF 23. 8. 97
 FROM A

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8512

From The Mahomedan and other Residents of Negapatam

Order

Z. W.

Has not this letter be transferred to the Printing Branch for which it is obviously intended. There is no use in complicating things by dealing with the case in both branches.

FMS
 30/8/97

ER

This has been handed over to our Branch by the Chief Secretariat.

Asst. collector report
 FMS
 31/8

T.P.

Then why does it note a Dept. letter below "transf. to W. for signature"?
 FMS 21/8/97

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Negapatam - Nagore Railway.

Submitting petition requesting that a building near the beach may not be interfered with in connection with the

ER. Please the P.W. Officer to the Chief Secretary. The P.W. Officer is raising in the Dept. what order from the Asst. collector report.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Fort Saint George,
MADRAS.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE the undersigned mahomedan and other classes of people residing in Negapatam most respectfully beg to bring to your Excellency's notice that there is a building at Negapatam near the beach a few yards north of the light house and some yards west of the proposed railway line between Negapatam and Nagore. This building consists of two portions one a mosque (*i. e.* a place of worship of the mahomedan community) and the other a choultry in the verandah alround the mosque which has been intended as a rest house for the large number of travellers, labourers pilgrims, boat-men and passengers of all classes and so used and as a protection against sun and rain in the vast sandy plain where there is but one other shed which is of no use to the people being under the lock and key of the Customs authorities. The extent of the use and serviceableness and the consequent importance of the building and the inconvenience and hardship the people will be put to in its absence has to be realized on a personal inspection only as no adequate description of the same can be given.

Having said so much of the use and importance and the convenience the general public enjoy in its existence, we now beg leave to state that about this time of the last year a proposal was made for the acquisition of the land by Government and demolition of the building with a view to have go-downs erected in the site for storing dutiable goods. On our representation to the collector at the time how the building was an important one in point of religion and serviceableness of a public charitable purpose and how the acquisition of the building and the land was not one of an absolute necessity there being enough of Government land close by, which was selected for the purpose by the D. P. W., and where the go-downs, if necessary might be erected with no less advantage, Mr. Moberly the then collector with Mr. Andrews ordered that in the absence of necessity the building should not be interfered with and the religious feelings and rights of the people should not be disrespected and disturbed. The proposal was again vetoed by Mr. G. Stokes on personal inspection.

We regret to bring to your Excellency's notice that we understand a petition has again been presented to your Excellency and the Railway agent by some ill-willed persons evidently opposed to public charitable purposes recommending the demolition of the building in connection with the proposed Negapatam-Nagore Railway, though the line which has been already plotted by the Chief Engineer of the South Indian Railway lies far away from the buildings.

In conclusion we pray your Excellency in-Council will be kindly pleased to order the non-interference with the building which has stood more than a century serving two very noble purposes viz. religion and public charity and thus spare our feelings and rights.

For which act of kindness and charity we the undersigned petitioners shall ever pray and beg to remain.

Your Excellency's most obedient and loyal subjects and servants.

reg. or mixed line
 H. Thompson
 and about 400 more signatures 7/64

மகாகனம் பொருந்திய ஆலோசனை சபையிலுள்ள மதரால்
கவர்னர் துரையவர்கள் சமூகத்திற்கு.

நாகப்பட்டணத்தில் வசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறவர்களும் அடியிற் கையொப்பம் வைத்திருக்கிறவர்களுமான மகம்மதியர்களும் இதர ஜாதிஜனங்களுமாகிய நாங்கள் கனம் கவர்னர் துரையவர்கள் ஆலோசனை சபைக்கு தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிற தென்னவென்றால் :— நாகப்பட்டணத்தில் கடற்கரையோரத்தில் தீபஸ்தம்பத்திற்குவடக்கே சொல்பதூரத்திலும் நாகப்பட்டணத்திலிருந்து நாகூருக்குப் போட உத்தேசித்திருக்கிற ரெயில்வே லயனுக்குமேற்கே கொஞ்சதூரத்திலும் ஒருகட்டம் இருக்கிறது. அதில்முகம்மதியர்கள் தொழும்பள்ளிவாசலும், அகன்றமணல்பாட்டல், வெளியில்வெயிலில் சிரமப்பட்டுவரும் கூலிக்காரர்கள், பிரயாணிகள், போட்டு வேலைக்காரர்கள், யாத்திரைக்காரர்கள் அதாவது முசாபர்கள் ஆகியவர்கள் இன்ப்பாரவும், சாப்பாடு, தீனி முதலானது செய்துகொள்ளவும் வீடுவாசல் இன்றி யாத்திரையாகவரும் முசாபர்களுக்கு இராக்காலங்களில் படுக்கவும் உபயோகப்படும்படியாக கட்டியதும் அந்தப்படி உபயோகப்பட்டும் வருகிற தாழ்வாரம் அந்தப் பள்ளிவாசலைச் சுற்றிலும் இருக்கிறது இதைத் தவிர ஜனங்களுக்கு உபயோகப்படக்கூடிய கட்டிடம் வேறொன்றும் அந்தப் பக்கத்தில் கிடையாது. ஏனென்றால் இருக்கிற ஒரு கட்டிடத்தை கஸ்டம்ஸ் ஆபீசு அதிகாரிகள் பூட்டிவைத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள், ஷே. கட்டிடம் எவ்வளவு உபயோகமுள்ளதாயிருக்கிறது என்கிற சங்கதியும் அது இல்லாமல் போனால் ஜனங்கள் எவ்வளவு கஷ்டப்படுவார்கள் என்பதையும் சொல்லிமுடியாது ஆனதினால் கஸ்டம் ஆபீசு போர்ட்டு ஆபீசுகளில் வேலை நடக்கும் நாளில் ஷே. கட்டிடத்தை நேரில் பார்த்தால் தான் தெரியும்.

இவ்வளவு விசேஷமான கட்டிடத்தை சர்க்காரில் வாங்கவும் இதை இடித்துவிட்டு அந்த இடத்தில் தீர்வை போடவேண்டிய சாக்குகளை வைப்பதற்காக கிட்டங்கிகள் கட்டவும் சென்ற வருடம் இந்த நாட்களில் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. அப்போது தஞ்சாவூர் பெரிய கலெக்டர் துரையவர்கள் நேரில்வந்து பார்த்தார். அந்த காலத்தில் நாங்கள் இருந்து அந்த கட்டிடத்தில் பள்ளிவாசலும் சத்திரமும் சேர்த்திருக்கிறதென்றும் வெகு ஜனங்களுக்கு உபகாரமாய் இருக்கிறதென்றும் கிட்டங்கிகள் கட்டுவதற்கு அதற்கு சமீபத்தில் சர்க்காரைச் சேர்த்த இடமே இருக்கிறதென்றும் அந்த இடத்தில் சௌகரியக்குறை வன்னியில் கிட்டங்கிகள் கட்டலாமென்றும் இஞ்சினீர் டிபார்ட்டுமெண்டாரும் அந்த இடத்தையே தெரிந்து எடுத்தார்களென்றும் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டதின் பேரில் அப்போது கலெக்டராய் இருந்த மகா-நா-நா-ஸ்ரீ மோபர்லி துரையவர்களும் ஆண்டுநூல் துரையவர்களும் அந்த கட்டிடம் விஷயமாய் பிரவேசிக்கக் கூடாதென்றும் ஜனங்களுடைய மதாபிமானத்தையும் பாத்தியத்தையும் கவனிக்கவேண்டுமென்றும் உத்திரவு கொடுத்தார். அதன் பின் மகா-நா-நா-ஸ்ரீ ஜி. ஸ்டோக்ஸ் துரையவர்களும் அப்படியே அந்த ஆலோசனையைத் தள்ளிவிட்டார்.

இப்போது மறுபடியும் மதத்துக்கும் தர்ம காரியங்களுக்கும் விரோதமான கெட்ட நினைப்புள்ள யாரோ சிலர் நாகப்பட்டணம் நாகூர் ரெயில்வே போடிகிற விஷயமாய் அந்த கட்டிடத்தை இடித்துவிடவேண்டுமென்று கனம் கவர்னர் துரையவர்கள் ஆலோசனை சபைக்கும் ரெயில்வே கம்பேனி ஏஜண்டிக்கும் பெட்டிஷன் கொடுத்திருப்பதாய் வதந்தியால் தெரிகிறது. இவ்வளவுக்கும் அந்த லயன் போடிகிற இடமானது ஷே. கட்டிடத்திற்கு ரொம்ப தூரம் கிழக்கில் இருக்கிறது. இது ரெயில்வே கம்பேனி சீப் இஞ்சினீர் துரையவர்கள் அடித்திருக்கும் முனையைப் பார்த்தால் தெரியும்.

ஆகையினாலே கனம் கவர்னர் துரையவர்கள் ஆலோசனை சபையார் தயவுசெய்து ஷே. கட்டிடம் 100-ஐவிடத்திற்கு அதிகமாய் மதம், பரோபகாரம் என்னும் இரண்டு உத்தமொரியங்களுக்கு இடமாயிருந்திருக்கிற சங்கதியையும் அதற்கு கெடுதல் வருமானால் ஜனங்களுடைய மதத்துக்கும் பாத்தியத்துக்கும் குறைவுவரும் என்கிற சங்கதியையும் ஆலோசனை செய்து ஷே. கட்டிடத்தைக் காப்பாற்றுவீர்களென்று வணக்கமாய்க் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளும்,

தங்கள்,

தாழ்மையும், வணக்கமுமுள்ள பிரஜைகள்.

[Handwritten signatures and text in Tamil script]

South Indian Railway.

Copy of a letter, No. G190, dated 29th July 1897
from J. P. James Esquire, Port Officer, President L & Dues Committee
to the Agent, South Indian Railway.

Sir,

With reference to the deputation which met you this morning, I am desired by the Landing & Shipping Dues Committee to lay their views before you on paper. They desire that the alignment where it runs across their land should be a few feet further west, where the deputation pointed out to you, for the following reasons. It would leave more room for the Customs House godowns which Government proposes to erect, well as obviating the necessity of the removal of the Meteorological shed; it would not interfere so much with the landing and shipping of cargo at the ramp, and it would be further away from the passenger shed. There is a very large passenger traffic at this port which amounts to from 5000 to 7000, per month, and it would be difficult to keep them off the line when they come for shipment as the present proposed line would run close to the shed. The idea that by moving it further west it would interfere with a religious building may be put aside altogether, as the only building

AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY.
23rd August 1897.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter No. 853
of 23-8-1897. M. S. S.

(True copy)
W. H. G. Esquire
for Agent.

South Indian Railway.

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building interfered with, is used for old Marine stores &c; I also forward for your information a copy of G.O. No. 1311 dated 1st September 1880 from which it will appear that a notice of one year must be given before a meteorological station is removed and I presume you would have to communicate with the Meteorological Reporter to Government, Madras.

x copy put up -

AGENT'S OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY.
23rd August 1897.

Accompaniment to the Agent's letter No. 853
of 23-8-1897. M.S.

(True copy)
W. H. Greenfield
for Agent.

ENG. NO. 1 TO E. R. C. NO. 3707 OF 1007.
 LETTER NO. 853 d 23. 8. 97
 FROM #

No. 855

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

Trichinopoly, 23rd August 1897.

From

THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

PWC No 8512 attached, not yet disposed of.
Refer apparently to the same building.

Sir,

Serial 43

With reference to your endorsement, No. 2693 dated 18th August 1897 (the accompaniment to which is herewith returned) I have the honor to inform you that the possible interference with the building belonging to S. Mohammed Gouse Maricarayer of Negapatam originated with objections raised by the Port Officer, Negapatam and local merchants to the alignment originally proposed for the Nagore extension. The line as first staked out was taken nearer to the sea in order to avoid the building in question, and this location was approved by the Presidency Port Officer and the Chief Engineer. Last month however on the occasion of the visit of the Consulting Engineer and myself to Negapatam we were met by representatives of the shipping and mercantile community who objected to the alignment of the proposed railway on the grounds that the grain storage site near the light-house would be divided and that the working of the boat-ramp would be impeded. They desired that the railway might be taken as near to the road as possible and if it is ultimately decided to accede to this request it will be necessary to demolish the building owned by S. Mohammed Gouse. In this connection I have been addressed by the Port Officer on behalf of the Negapatam Landing and Shipping dues Committee, a copy of which letter I herewith enclose. I do not think the objections raised to the original alignment are very forcible as the line will be the level and very little interference will be caused to the free use of the

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the storage ground. I also do not think the objections in connection with the boat ramp need be seriously considered. So far as this railway is concerned either route can be followed and I would suggest that the matter be settled by Government. I may mention that the Collector of Tanjore has been asked by the Chief Engineer for his opinion as to whether Mohammed Ghouse's shed should be avoided, and his views on the question are awaited.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
A. S. Murray.
Capt R. E.
Agent

2 Enclosures.

M. S. D.

Transfer papers to be for disposal with remark that either alignment will suit the railway and ask to be informed which is finally decided on. The further communication from Collector will be sent on receipt No. This is a Railway branch case. Await Collector's report 7/10/97 30/8/97

From
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
Trichinopoly.
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.
Dated
Received
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Agent, S. I. R.

Dr.
Please say if A may be asked for the Collector's report promised in his letter No. 855 of 23rd August 1897.

939 Reply No. 319, dated 11.4.98

Re.
31/3/98
No I think the alignment has now been finally settled
M. S. D. 31/3

The memorials passed with view a formal disposal. say if any matter to make sure current section.
M. S. D. 31/3/98

The with ref to your letter No. 855 d 23/8/97 than the to require whether the alignment of the Myapalan - Myson extension finally adopted avoids the building belonging to S. Muhammad son. I presume that the opinion of the Collector of Tanjore has been obtained

M. S. D. 31/3/98

Despatched on 1/5/98

Subject.

No. 3/9

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 11th April 1898.

From

The AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

In reply to your letter N^o 56
1st April 1898, I have the honor to inform
you that the final alignment of the Nagore
Extension avoids the building belonging to
S. Mahomed Gose. The collector of Tanjore
has, I understand, not replied to the reference
made to him, but as the building will be
avoided there is no need to press for an
answer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedient Servant,
A. D. G. Shelley.
Captain R.R.

M. S. S.

Agent.

Draft of G.O. reading the two petitions & the
intermediate correspondence, and asking that the petitioners
be informed of the result. The final alignment of the
proposed Railway between Nagore and the building
belonging to S. M. Gose. The draft G.O. together with
the set of papers referring to it, will go to the Secy. for
Construction. When this particular lot of papers will all
be put into one G.O. cover, and filed in the Secretariat, a
memo referring to this fact and the No. 424 being recorded on the E.R. file cover 7/8/98 18/4/98

To Secretary

The P.W. D (By Branch) apparently wants to know the Channel by which the order may be communicated to the petrs. There appears to be no objection to the procedure adopted in the draft order.

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29-4-98

The order seems to be in form. There is no need to send it thro A.D. & By R.

S/S

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To S.W. Railway no

same

JM

4/5/98

From
THE AGENT,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly,
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.
Dated
Received
No.
189
ENCLOSURE.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Plw Current No. 8141 of 1897, dated 16.8.97, from S. Muhammad Ghore of Negapatam.
" " " 8512 " 1897, " 25.8.97, " The M^r Residents of Negapatam.
ERs " " 3707 " 1897, " 26.8.97, " Agent S. I. R.
Letter to Agent S. I. R. No 939 of 1-4-98.
ERs C N. 1714 " 1898 " 11-4-98 " Agent S. I. R.

ORDER.

No 690 Rg dated 4/5/98

The petitioners will be informed by the Collector^{of Tanjore} that the final alignment of the proposed Railway extension to Koyore avoids the building belonging to S. Mahomed Ghore.

YRS
19/4/98

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The Secy to Public Revenue Dept for counter initials.

The Collector of Tanjore
Despatched on 14/5/98

I do not know the date this order is made as I have not seen the Board of Revenue on whether the order is made to be issued to the Board under the name of the Collector. The Secy will doubtless counter the draft if necessary.

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