

Revenue Department

No 426

Dated 30 — 3 — 1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st April 1859.

No. 71. Read the following Petition from Yagambra Chetty and Co.

To the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 28th March 1859.

MY LORD,

Permit us the liberty of intruding on your Lordship's most precious moments of business with these our humble lines, and beg your Lordship will forgive our boldness in thus addressing your Lordship with this our small epistle with a fervent hope of meeting your Lordship's favorable consideration.

We now beg to bring to your Lordship's kind notice that we have paid duty on sundry Goods landed from the Ship "Cornwallis" for which we have in our possession duty bills dated the 17th, 19th and 23d Instants, which said Goods the Collector of Sea Customs have also passed it out of the Custom House yard. We have to inform your Lordship that we have taken charge of a portion of the Goods on the 23d Instant, and delivered it to the Merchants with whom we have made arrangements after we were in possession of the duty bill for a trifle profit. We have been to the Custom House on the 24th Instant to take delivery of the remaining portion of our Goods, while in the act of removing our Goods from the Custom House yard we were prevented by the Collector's officers to not to remove it as the Goods are liable to be charged double duty, but we have refused paying a double duty on the Goods as the duty have been already paid and the Goods passed for delivery, and we have already made arrangements with the merchants and sold our Goods to them, if we are to receive any more Goods we are then liable for the double duty. We have said this and retired. We now beg to bring to your Lordship's kind notice that if the said Goods are not delivered to the merchants as agreed upon, they intend bringing an action against us for non-delivery in due course and for loss and damages.

We have further to bring to your Lordship's kind notice it is rumoured that the Act states that double duty will be levied on Goods from the 15th Instant, while being so, we humbly beg to inform your Lordship how could the Collector of Sea Customs pass and receive payments from us on the 17th, 19th and 23d Instant under old Tariff. Under these circumstances, we humbly solicit your Lordship will pass an order to the Collector to allow us to take charge of our goods now lying at the Custom House, and for the future Goods that we may receive we shall pay the double duty what the Government may order and levy. We now beg to hand your Lordship a Statement of our Goods as at foot and the duties paid on the different dates for your Lordship's perusal.

We once more beg of your Lordship will be so condescending as to pass an order to the Collector to allow us to take charge of our goods, for which act of kindness we shall ever acknowledge it with gratitude.

Landed per Ship "Cornwallis."

Madras 17th March 1859...	25 Bales Mule Twist.
Do. 19th do. do.	{ 1598 Cakes Spelter.
Do. 19th do. do.	{ 15 Iron Bottles Quick Silver.
Do. 19th do. do.	{ 2 Casks Ingot Copper.
Do. 23d do. do.	{ 960 Plates and 27 Pieces Solution Spelter.
Do. 23d do. do.	{ 11 Packages Grey Shirtings.
Do. 23d do. do.	{ 50 Bales Mule Twist.
Do. 23d do. do.	{ 20 Pieces Gray Shirtings.
	{ 8 Cases Bleached Long Cloth.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, No. 426; dated 30th March 1859.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

