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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 513.	Press Mis.
Dated 12 - 4.	1859.

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No. 73. Read the following letter from JOHN VANS AGNEW, Esq.; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 28th March 1859.

SIR,

In my capacity of Chairman of a public meeting convened by the Sheriff of the inhabitants of Madras which took place on the 25th Instant, and which was numerously attended by gentlemen not in the service of Government, I have the honor to hand you a copy of the Resolutions passed on the occasion.

TO THE SHERIFF OF MADRAS.

SIR,

We the undersigned request you will call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Madras, to consider the propriety of Petitioning through the Madras Government by Telegraph the Supreme Government, to order the suspension of the New Tariff Act, pending a reference to the Secretary of State for India in Council.

J. B. Chaix.
John Vans Agnew.
H. E. Sullivan.
William Arbuthnot.
W. S. S. Oakes.
W. R. Arbutnnot.
C. Pardasardy Naidoo.
J. H. Cox.
G. L. Narsing Row.
J. Short.
R. W. Norfor.
J. B. Pharoah.
J. G. Coleman.
R. H. Powys.
T. L. R. Shand.
D. Allardice.
J. Andrews.
J. Tawse.
F. Agnew.
H. Tolputt.
John Innes Geddes.
J. F. Moir.
T. J. Dymes.
Daniel D. Dymes.
V. Yagapah Chetty.
C. Kistnasawmy Chetty.
A. Lowe.
P. Orr.
G. K. Richardson.
H. W. Branson.
James Richardson.
R. Hunter.
A. Alwar Chetty.
John Miller.
John A. Pinson.
H. E. Church.
T. T. Irvine.
H. A. Fletcher.
Devonshire J. Scottt.
Wm. Barton Wright.
Fitzgerald Church.
John Bruce Norton.
J. W. Branson.
John Shaw.
C. Runganadum Sastry.
P. B. Gordon.
Robt. Franck.
W. A. Serle.
B. Brooks.
Henry Gamble.
Will. Waddell.
Jno. Harrison.
J. W. Gantz.
C. V. Parthasardiah
and
C. V. Iyasawmy Moodelly.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the above requisition, I do hereby convene a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Madras on Friday the 25th Instant, at 5 o'clock P. M. at Patcheapah's Hall.

(Signed) W. S. WRIGHT, *Sheriff.*

BY

(Signed) E. WILLOUGHBY SHAW, *Deputy Sheriff.*

(True Copies.)

(Signed) JOHN VANS AGNEW, *Chairman.*

The Meeting as convened above was attended by about 200 persons and the following Resolutions were unanimously passed.

Proposed by R. W. Norfor, Esq.
Seconded by D. Allardyce, Esq.

"That, without entering into the question of taxation, this Meeting is of opinion that the act before it is objectionable, from the precipitancy with which it has been inflicted and the in-

justice to the trade of India thereby occasioned and that this resolution be communicated by the Chairman to the Secretary of State for India, the Supreme Government, and the Madras Government."

Proposed by J. W. Branson, Esq.
Seconded by John Bruce Norton, Esq.

"That a petition be presented to the Crown, praying for representative Government."

Proposed by A. Cammiade, Esq.
Seconded by C. V. Parthasardiah, Esq.

"That the following Gentleman be nominated a Committee to prepare the Petition to the Crown.

J. W. Branson, Esq.
John Bruce Norton, Esq.
H. Nelson, Esq.
John Vans Agnew, Esq.
R. W. Norfor, Esq."

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Chairman and to Patcheapah's Trustees for the use of the Hall.

MADRAS,
25th March 1859.

(Signed) JOHN VANS AGNEW,
Chairman.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, No. 513; dated 12th April 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Answered 1859 April
Covs 12th April.

No 531

From John Vans Agnew
Chairman of a public
Meeting held on the
25th Instant.

Dated 28th March 1859
Rec'd 29th
1 Encl.

Submitting a Copy
of the resolution passed
in the meeting for the
suspension of the new
Tariff act pending a
reference to the Secretary
of State for India in
Council.

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No 513
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12th April 1859

No 73 & 74.

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