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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 17-11-1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th November 1863.

No. 207. Read the following letter from certain inhabitants of Chunambet Village in the Madurantakum Talook, Madras District, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chunambet, 7th November 1863:—

HONORED SIR,

1. Being given to understand that the Pans at Chunambet are about to be transferred to the South Arcot Collectorate, we beg most respectfully to submit this humble address in the humble hope that it will receive your most favorable consideration.

2. We believe that the reason for proposing this transfer is mainly on account of the inability of Mr. Smith, the Salt Deputy Collector, to manage the Southern Pans efficiently, owing to the distance of his head quarters from these Pans.

3. We are given to understand that the Cheyoor Pans, standing at a very small distance from ours, is ordered to be made over to the Sub-Collector of the Madras District for the same reason.

4. We are at a loss to know why the Chunambet Pans, lying only at a distance of eight miles from Cheyoor and within the jurisdiction of the Sub-Division, should be transferred to South Arcot, the head quarters of which Collectorate is at a distance of about fifty miles from Chunambet. The Salt Deputy Collector of South Arcot, although having jurisdiction over the Pans at Marcanum, a place of about five miles distance from Chunambet, does not hold his head quarters at Marcanum frequently; his visit to Marcanum is always very scarce as he has, we are informed, charge of the Magisterial work of the Cuddalore Town.

5. Before passing any final orders on the subject of the transfer of these Pans to South Arcot we beg most respectfully to request that you will give your best consideration to the following circumstances we beg to submit.

6. The Muttah of Chunambet is in the Madras District, under the immediate control of the Sub-Collector in the Madurantakum Talook, within which Talook Cheyoor also is. The head quarters of the Madras Sub-Collector is Chingleput, which is at a distance of only about twenty-eight miles from Chunambet and about twenty or twenty-one miles from Cheyoor, when the Pans at Cheyoor are to be placed under the supervision of the Madras Sub-Collector. We beg humbly to submit, why the Pans at Chunambet, which is only at a distance of about seven or eight miles from Cheyoor and within the jurisdiction of the Madurantakum Talook as Cheyoor is, cannot be placed under the superintendence of the Madras Sub-Collector.

7. The Madras Sub-Collector, although the Cheyoor Pans are to be placed under his control, cannot we believe always exercise a personal supervision over them, but he may supervise them through the Tahsildar of Madurantakum, which place is of equal distance both to Cheyoor and Chunambet.

8. We admit that Chunambet is too distant to be managed by Mr. Smith, the Salt Deputy Collector of Madras, but we humbly beg to submit that no other Officer than the Madras Sub-Collector will be able to manage the Chunambet Pans as efficiently as is required, when it is supposed that the Cheyoor Pans will be well managed by the Sub-Collector as we think through the agency of the Madurantakam Tahsildar your Honor we submit must take into consideration the fact that Chunambet Pans also will be managed by the same Sub-Collector through the same agency.

9. We beg that your Honor will be pleased to consider the difficulty we will be subjected to should the proposed measure of transferring the Chunambet Pans to South Arcot be carried out.

10. The Pans at Chunambet are about eighty in number, a greater portion of which is possessed by Vadachella Moodelliar and Moothoosawmy Moodelliar, the Zamindars of Chunambet. These individuals as such Zamindars possess very extensive landed property in the Madras District, and pay to Government annually as Kist or Peishcush about 6,000 or 7,000 Rupees, and they do not possess even an inch of land in South Arcot, and it is left for you to judge how much amount of labour would entail on these Zamindars to collect the above sum and pay to the Circar annually, and also whether it could be easily collected from the Poyakaries without at all

resorting to the aid of the District officials, sometimes to the Tahsildar, sometimes to the Sub-Collector and sometimes to the Collector also, and the Court at Chingleput ; these are not places to be easily reached, and misunderstanding between Zamindars and Poyakaries is of frequent and general occurrence, which will not be settled in some cases unless with reasonable and equitable interference of public officers.

11. If the Chunambet Pans be transferred to South Arcot we must no doubt seek the aid of South Arcot officers only with regard to the Salt affairs connected with Chunambet which entails on us double difficulty. It would not, we believe, give less amount of difficulty for the inhabitants of Chunambet to go to the Madras Collector at Sydapet for all Revenue affairs and go to South Arcot for all Salt affairs, namely, fifty miles towards each direction.

12. Under all these circumstances we humbly pray that the Chunambet Pans may be made over to the Madras Sub-Collector, to be managed by him as he would manage the Cheyoor Pans instead of transferring it to South Arcot, by which latter we will be subjected to a great deal of trouble, inconvenience and annoyance. We beg to submit that the loss will not be very heavy to the State should the Chunambet Pans be made over to the supervision of the Madras Sub-Collector. It has been, we believe, the principle of the British Government to consult the convenience and comfort of its subjects than to look to a trifling amount of advantage to itself.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1863, No. 2,064.

Referred to the Board of Revenue with reference to paragraph 8 of the Order of Government, dated 19th September 1863, No. 1,725. Their attention will be requested to the latter part of paragraph 4 of this letter, wherein the Salt Deputy Collector of South Arcot is stated to have visited Mercanum very scarcely and to have Magisterial charge of the town of Cuddalore.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From certain inhabitants of Chinnampat Village Tiruvella-duraitakum Taluk, Madd District —
Date 7th Nov
Rec'd 11th " 1863

Re money

To Remonstrating against the transfer of the Chinnampat Salt farm to South Arcot Collectorate, and praying that they may be made over to the Sub Collector of Madras —
No 2961 - 19th Nov.
With all order

No 2064 11-5-63

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For Secy
17 Nov 63
To The Bd of Revenue
with Copies to Revd of Revt Sept 8 Nov

19 September 63
No 257-252
Dated 16 October 63
No 24.

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dt 19 Nov 63 No 2810.

No 207 & 208.