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MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 485

DATED 17 Oct 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to reconsider the orders already passed in respect of the repair of the old floodbank of the river Tambraparni immediately below the Srivaikuntam anicut.

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The Hon. the Chief C. S.

From A. a Sim Esq. Secs.
by Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor.

In Orders

No.

Dated 25th August 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition dt 16th August 1897 from the inhabitants of certain villages in the Sreevaikuntam Tq. Tinnevelly Dt. praying for a reconsideration of the order passed on their case.

Petitioners request a reconsideration of the orders contained in G.O. No 72 dt 5th Feb'y/97. There is nothing in the present petition which was not before Govt when it passed the above G.O. The petitioners request is that the old flood bank between the Sreevaikuntam Anicut & Abbankoil village may be raised to the height & strength of the bank on the Southern side of the river.

Submitted that the petitioners may be informed

G.O. Gurse: No 1895 dt/17 Sept: 97

Govt see no reason to reconsider the orders already passed

Yes

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15/9/97

To The Sec.

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To

His Excellency the Right Honorable

Sir A. E. Havelock G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E.

Governor-in-Council, Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of A. Kithiru Mahomed Rowter, M. K. Syed Mahomed Maraikar, K. M. Uothuman Lebbai, M. P. Fakir Mohideen Rowter on their own behalf and on behalf of over 5,000 others all inhabitants of the villages of Magilvannapuram 1, Sriparankanallur 2, Udaiyankudiyiruppu 3, Manalmedu 4, Paracherivilai 5, Kanthiswaran 6, Varadarajapuram 7, Alvar Thoppu 8 and Kaniankudal 9 all in the Streevaikuntam Taluq, Tinnevelly District.

Most Respectfully Showeth:—

That the humble Memorialists have on several occasions brought to your Excellency's benign consideration their pitiful case stating how they are in imminent danger of life and property owing to the fact that the old flood bank of the river Tambrapurni immediately below the Streevaikuntam anicut is not kept in proper repair and they again beg to approach your Excellency with a tale of their woes in the hopes that your Excellency will be pleased to redress their wrongs.

2. That in reply to their several representations to your Excellency, the humble Memorialists received a copy of G. O. No. 72 Revenue dated the 5th February 1897 through the D. P. W. Overseer of Streevaikuntan Division on the 2nd June 1897 and to their dismay they find that your Excellency in Council is pleased to order that the flood bank cannot be repaired and that the Memorialists should remove their habitation from the place where they have resided from time immemorial and should leave their places of worship and their lands and palmyrahs &c, behind.

3. The Memorialists beg again to bring the following facts to your Excellency's notice in the firm hope that your Excellency may be graciously pleased to reconsider the abovementioned Government Order and order that the old flood bank may be repaired and brought back to its original condition.

4. That so far back as 1884 the Government had this matter in consideration and a G. O. was passed ordering that the old flood bank should be maintained at its former section in order to give the Memorialists the same protection they formerly enjoyed.

5. That accordingly the said flood bank was repaired whenever necessity arose but for two or three years before the big flood of 1895 such repairs were neglected to be made and hence when a heavy flood came down the river the lives of the Memorialists, their wives and children were placed in serious jeopardy and they suffered a considerable loss of property.

6. That if the old flood bank were only kept in proper repair the Memorialists humbly beg to submit that they could live in peace and safety in their old habitations with which a number of pleasant associations are connected and in which they have resided from generation to generation.

7. That the Memorialists also learn that fresh sites have been selected to which your Excellency wishes the Memorialists to remove their habitations, but to this the Memorialists beg to respectfully submit that the sites selected are most unhealthily situated being low lying and damp and subject to greater chances of flooding than the sites of the present habitation. Further there are great difficulties in the way of water-supply and communications and hence if the Memorialist are to remove to the sites selected for them they would be laying themselves open to greater dangers and difficulties.

8. That all these and other matters have been clearly set forth by A. W. B. Higgens Esquire, the Collector of our District (he having personally visited the locality as well as the new sites selected), in his letters to the Board of Revenue with regard to this matter.

9. That in this connection the Memorialists would beg to draw your Excellency's attention to paras 4, 5 and 6 of the Collector's letter dated the 11th June 1896 and paras 3, 4 and 5 of the Collector's letter dated 20th October 1896 both printed with the G. O. above referred to.

10. That the Memorialists respectfully beg to submit that the upkeep of the old flood bank could not possibly present any engineering difficulties as the same had been maintained in proper repair till about the year 1892 or 1893. They further beg to suubmit that the cost of the repairs is comparatively small and far less than the sum that would be required if the Memorialists were compelled to abandon their present habitations.

11. That again the Memorialists beg to submit that the width of the river near the village of Appankoil is only 1,260 feet and yet as the Engineering Department has thought fit to put a proper bank at that place no damage was caused to that village even in the heavy floods of 1895; but near the Memorialists' villages the river is 1,600 feet in width so that if a proper bank is constructed there is less chance of any damage being caused to the Memorialists' villages. Further should your Excellency consider that the width of the river should be maintained intact and that any narrowing of it would endanger the Memorialists' villages to a greater extent the Memorialists respectfully beg to submit that they are prepared to give up portions of their punjah lands for the proper repair of the old flood bank.

The Memorialists therefore most humbly pray your Excellency to be graciously pleased to reconsider G. O. No. 72 above referred to and order that the old flood bank be kept in proper repair and thus save the Memorialists' lives and properties from danger. They also pray that they may be allowed an opportunity of personally representing their grievances and hardships to your Excellency in Council.

Note
The Memorialists pray that any reply to this Memorial may be addressed to Mr.

Counsel — Mr. Balu. S. Shreeniwasa, Barrister-at-Law, Valangaiman.

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