

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 5362

DATED 15th Oct

[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to comply with the request of the petitioners R. Venasawmi Chetti and others Salt Merchants of Madras that the proposed sale of Govt Salt at the reduced rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ Annas per Maund commencing from the 1st October 1897, may be postponed till 1st January 1898.

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Order no. 5362 of 15th Oct 97 From

R. Veerabawmy chetty
+ C. Ramakrishna chetty
Salt merchants,
No. Madras.

The Govt. sees no reason
to comply with the petitioners
request.

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Dated 21st Sept. 1897

Received 22.9.97

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Enclosures

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Re Petitioners dtd. 20-10-97

SUBJECT.

Note.

The petitioners request is either that
(1) the Govt. might postpone sales
of salt at 3½ annas per maund till
1st January next; or that
(2) the Govt. might purchase their
salt at 4 annas per maund.

By saying that the
proposed sale of Govt. salt
at the reduced rate of
3½ annas per maund
commencing from the
1st October may be
postponed ^{until} to the 1st day
of January 1898.

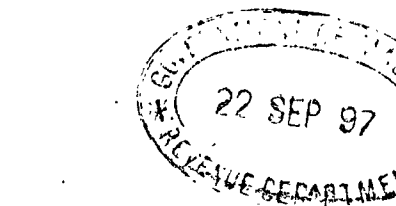
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ad 20 September 21st 1897

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department -
Madras.

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the Committee of Selection of
 the Academy, and the
 Committee of the Academy
 appointed under
 will of the late G. M. M. M.
 by deceased and residing
 at 50 Canal Merchant
 at New Orleans - N. B.

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Met on the 6th day of
very last year. I then
wrote a letter to the Secretary to
the Commission of Salt Alkali and
rate. We were in a great
deal of difficulty which they as
merchants under the late decree
had to encounter, and meet-
ing and disposing of their
in competition with the
particulars asking that they might
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enjoy the same privileges, which the Government exercised and enjoyed in disposing of their Monopoly Salt, namely:

1st That they might be granted the privilege of filling up their Bags of Salt by — measurement with "Mercal" measures.

2ndly That an extension of time for a period of three months might be granted to them to complete their Sifting operations, and

3rdly That they might be permitted to sift their Stocks of Salt of 95 and 96 —

And the Commissioner of Salt-Abkari and Separate Revenue Madras replied in Miss No 714 dated the 20th February 1897 "The Petitioners requests cannot be complied with."

On the 16th day of March last we addressed a petition to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department Madras praying that our Petition might be placed before His Excellency The Governor in Council for such favourable order as His Excellency might be pleased to pass to protect us and our estate from

from serious loss — or.

Otherwise that Government would be pleased to take over our entire Stock of Salt at the same rate as the Monopoly Salt was sold by the Government on the introduction of the Excise System some eleven years ago — In reply to this petition we were requested to forward in Original, Miss No 719 dated the 20th February 1897 from the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras, and this we accordingly sent on the 31st March 1897, but we have not been favoured with any other reply to our Petition.

Your Petitioners have since the 1st day of December 1896 been selling Salt in competition with the Government —

Your Petitioners now learn that Government have decided to sell their Monopoly Salt from and after the first day of October next at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund —

Your Petitioners would most respectfully beg to point out that the Government fill up their bags of Salt, by the Mercal measurement —

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bags filled up by Cup weightment from the scales. and purchasers greatly prefer buying Salt-filled up by the "Mucal" measure.

The Government Salt offered for Sale is all "Sifted Salt" and consequently Commands a quicker and better Sale than "unsifted Salt."

That the Government have several other advantages over us in the daily sales of Salt

That your Petitioners in consequence of the change from the Excise System to the Monopoly System have already suffered a very heavy loss, and in the event of the Government commencing to sell at the reduced rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund (the present rate being 5 annas) from the 1st proximo your Petitioners and their estate will suffer a very considerable and heavy loss

Your Petitioners therefore ask that the proposed Sale at the reduced rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ annas per maund commencing from the 1st proximo, may be postponed until the 1st day of January 1898 —
That the entire stock of your Petitioners Salt may be

be purchased by Government at the rate at which the monopoly Salt was sold to the merchants at the commencement of the late Excise System

And your Petitioners most humbly crave that this their petition may be placed before His Excellency the Governor in Council for his favorable and early orders thereon

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

R. Veerasingam Chetty
Gnamasthana Thalli

Executors to the estate of the late
G. Mahadeva Chetty —

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