

Revenue (189^y) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petn from Chindalur Nayattali to others
Tangedu bank contractors, Anandapur
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From Chindalur Nagappaiah
 and others.
 Tungadu Bark Contractors
 of Bakkapattanam and
 Kovikonda, Anantapur Dt.
 No.

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SUBJECT.

Praying that the contract entered into by them may not be rigidly enforced and that some concession may be granted to them.

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To

*The Chief Secretary
to His Excellency The Governor in Council
Madras,*

PETITION

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REVENUE DEP:

*The humble Memorial of Chinduloor
Nagapipah. muttu
Guttiah and muttu
Kasanna*

*Tangedu Bark contractors of ranges
of Pakkapattanam and
Muvikonda in the District of
Anantapur.*

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.

1. That *the Government of Madras* not aware of the great calamity that has befallen the people of this District, on account of the adversity of season.

Added to this, is the prevalence of the great epidemic, cholera, in many of the villages of the Anantapur Taluk which is daily making many people its prey. Owing to the long absence of rain, no water could be had even for drinking purposes. Almost all the tress are withering and even the few that are surviving are destitute of sap and have become stunted in growth, having lost all their luxuriance.

2. That the petitioners took the privilege of removing the Tangedu bark from trees standing in the Government waste and Reserve lands in Firkas *Bookkapattanam + Kodikonda + Penukonda + Hindupur* Taluk, Anantapur District, on contract for Rs. *17100* for 3 years, anticipating a favourable season and in the hope of getting some gain. But to their great misfortune, a terrible famine, unknown in India, has appeared. No Tangedu bark could be obtained from the Tangedu trees, since they are withering day by day, without improving in size and are unfit to yield bark.

The trade in bark has entirely fallen even at Madras and at present there is no demand whatever. The bark already collected is damaged for want of demand. No coolies undertake the task of removing the bark, since they could not get water in the wilds where they have to work day and night and owing to the prevalence of Cholera in some of the villages.

Petitioners have in consequence suffered a great loss and are sure to incur further loss, if their pitiable case is not early taken into favourable consideration and some concession shown, especially as it is apprehended that the present famine would continue for a long time.

3. That the petitioners are not, strictly speaking, entitled to any sort of concession; but if the terms of the contract entered into by them are rigidly enforced, their families would be totally ruined. It is why petitioners pray for relief.

4. That the benign British Government is always viewing with a compassionate and sympathetic eye, the miserable plight of the people under its administration when their grievances are due to vis-Major and really well founded. During the great famine of 1877, the Government was pleased to remit all the Abkari kists, though in fact the renters deserved no concession.

They have laid thus an august precedent.

5. The humble petitioners most respectfully pray that in consideration of the unforeseen difficulties to which they have now been subjected that the Government of Madras be pleased to grant any one of the following prayers since they are very reasonable and involve no serious loss to Government and best in their interest, viz:

(1.) That the contract of three years executed by the petitioners be rescinded from the 1st March 1897, after collecting from them the proportionate amount of kist due till that month, exonerating them wholly from all obligations.

(2.) That the operation of the petitioners' contract be kept in abeyance from the 1st March 1897, till the prospect of a favourable season, and renew the contract then.

For which act of kindness, petitioners, will as in duty bound, ever pray.

we are ever
Ch. Ghuttiah Chetty
Seed & Sons
Tangedu Bark contractors

of Firkas Bukthafatnam
+ Kodikonda

Penukonda + Hindupur Taluk

Anantapur District, residing at

Sharmavaram + Kadur
+ Endelapa
Taluk, Anantapur District

Sharmavaram + Kadur

17th March 1897

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