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No. 106. Read the following letter from the Vicar-General of St. Thomé, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated St. Thomé, 14th November 1872 :—

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, the accompanying correspondence (original) which passed between the Rev. V. B. Rodrigues, Vicar of the Roman Catholic Church at Cuddalore, belonging to the Portuguese jurisdiction, and the Municipal Commissioners of the said city; and to solicit you will be pleased to submit the same to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council with the view that the grievance therein referred to may be redressed.

2. The Rev. Mr. Rodrigues, by a letter dated 23rd September 1871, applied to the Municipal Commissioners of the Town of Cuddalore for permission to pass a procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary through some streets of Cuddalore on the night of the 30th of that month with native music and firework, stating that this manner of celebrating the feast was in accordance with the custom of the place handed down from time immemorial. The application was recommended by the Inspector of Police of the district. But the Vice-President endorsed on the application that "Firework cannot be allowed." Mr. Garstin, the President, was appealed to on the matter, but the prohibition was not removed.

3. Again, on the 24th September of the present year, the Rev. Mr. Rodrigues submitted an application to the Municipal Commissioners soliciting permission to pass the usual procession in connexion with the feast of the Rosary through the streets and to fire off within the limits of the Church compound little metal barrels charged with powder—a kind of firework very popular with the natives. To this very modest and no wise unreasonable request a flat and contemptuous denial was accorded, nothing more than the word "Rejected" being written across the petition. Upon this the Rev. Mr. Rodrigues addressed on the 27th idem a second letter to the Municipal Board on the subject, in which he strongly urged his case, and begged for equality of treatment, seeing that native wedding processions were permitted to pass through the principal thoroughfares with music and firework. This appeal failed to move the Municipal authorities, and they simply reiterated their refusal. The feast of the Virgin was, therefore, celebrated this year shorn of much of the splendour and display usually attending it.

4. Under these circumstances, and having no other alternative, I beg to appeal to Government against the decision of the Municipality of Cuddalore, and to solicit that equal treatment in the matter of religious processions, &c., may be accorded to the poor Native Christians of Cuddalore in common with all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, among whom she can reckon none more loyal and attached to her, from principle, than the Catholic populations of this great country.

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1872, No. 1567.

Referred to the President of the Cuddalore Municipal Commission for consideration and report.

2. It is observed that the celebration which it is desired to continue takes place but once a year, and is of many years standing.

(True Extract.)

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore,
with original enclosures to be returned.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 196-197.

Referring, for consideration and report, letter from the Vicar-General of St. Thomé, complaining of the refusal of the Municipal Commissioners to allow a certain procession to pass through some of the streets of Cuddalore.

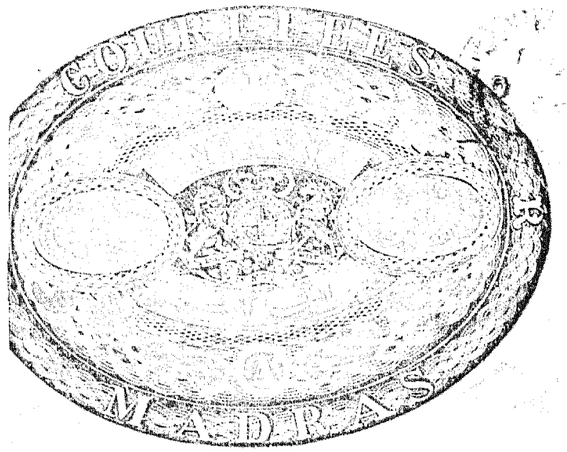
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The Municipal
Commissioners during
this meeting that
M. Rodrigues &c.
must could not be
complied with and
how they not be taken
into notice the under-
signed in his capacity
of Magistrate would
have been obliged to
interfere - The Church
in question is about
the most frequented
Thoroughfare in the
town & it would be much
dangerous ballon
going to be fired off in

works displayed
in such a locality
It must be distinctly
understood that any
such celebration of
the festival in question
is absolutely prohibited

D. Rodrigues
Richard Mayfo

Cuddalore
Oct. 1, 1872.





To

The Secretary to the Municipal Commissioner
for the Town of Cuddalore

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain for me the sanction of the President and Members for passing the annual procession through the public streets on the night of the 30th instant accompanied by native music and fire-works. This feast of the B.V.M. many is performed from time immemorial by the sanction of the local authority and as the one given by the late Coll. Norcliffe is not forthcoming among the records. I am constrained to apply to you for the permission above mentioned.

I also request that the firing of fire guns,

[illegible]

No 152

To

H. A. Gardiner Esqr.
President of the Municipal Commission
Cuddalore

Sir,

Rev. P. P. D. Rodrigues
Vicar of the Roman Catholic Church
Chinna Kuppam

Sir,

With reference to your application of this days
date, requesting permission to use fire works at the
Feast of Corpus Christi commencing on the 29th
instant, I have the honor to request you will be
pleased to grant the necessary order for the same.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

H. Gardiner
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To the Worshipful the Mayor
Aldermen & Municipal Commissioners of
the Town of Cockermouth

Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you
that the annual festival of the Boyal Order
of Oddfellows Manchester Unity will
be celebrated by them on Monday next
the 26th inst. by a procession through the
principal streets of this town accompanied
by a Band of Music and Friendly Societies
and request you will be good enough
to grant me the use of the Market Place
for the purpose of erecting a Booth
for the accommodation of the Members
of the Order and their friends on the
occasion of their dining together and I
respectfully solicit your favorable consideration
to the same

I have also to request that you will be pleased to grant me the use of the Court House for the purpose of holding a Concert in the evening of the same day for the benefit of the Funds of the Order

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I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant

Morning with held their sanction
for the same.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant

September 3
1823

J. B. Rodrigues
Vicar of R. C. Church at Queenstown

Rev. Dr. Boyle 23rd Sept. 1823

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Under these circumstances and there no other alternative I beg to appeal to Government against the decision of the Municipality of Cuddalore and to solicit their kind interposition in the matter of rescinding the order passed in the Municipal Commissioners meeting of the 24th October last, and to direct that the Petitioner may be accorded the same privileges of Cuddalore in common with all classes of His allegiance subjects among whom He can reckon none more loyal and attached to Her person and Throne than the native Christians of the present country

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Your most obedt & humble Servt
B. J. Swaminadhen
Vicar General of Pondicherry

Fort St Pierre
15th November
1852

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from

the Vicar General of
St Thomé

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No 2320

Submitting the correspondence which passed between the Vicar of the R.C. Church at Cuddalore & the municipal Commissioners of that City with the view that the grievance therein referred may be redressed.

William Cooke

26 Nov. 1832 No. 1567.

Reported to the President of the Cuddalore Municipal Commrs. for remarks & report. It is observed that the celebration of [illegible] is drink & continued takes place between the Govt. & the Vicar [illegible]

Dlw Dep. [illegible]

President of the Mpl. Commrs. Cuddalore with copy enclosed to be returned [illegible]