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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
4th January 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 7. Petition from KUMBAN CHETTY, son of V. Veerian Chetty, and others, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated Palamcottah, 19th September 1872, No. 1889.

State that the Government took, in former days, great interest in the welfare of its subjects; abolished the Soonkum (Land Custom) and other unjust taxes, and converted the payment in kind of the Government share of the produce of a land into ready-money payments for the good of the ryots; but that of late several taxes, such as house-tax, taxes on carts and cattle, on trades and professions, the Local Fund tax, and the Income-tax have been imposed upon the people by the Municipality, which, as now constituted, knows very little of the people, and cares much less for their welfare.

Represent that the Inspector, in conjunction with the Sub-Magistrate, is in the habit of entering the privies of the houses all on a sudden without previous notice and while the females are there; that when they stand up surprised and mortified at these intrusions they are asked to give out the names of their husbands to summon and fine them under the plea that the privies are in a filthy condition; and that the weavers, whose daily earnings would scarcely amount to 5 or 6 Annas, are made to pay the same tax as an official who draws a fixed salary.

Pray that, on a due consideration of their grievances set forth in the petition, the Government may be pleased to redress the same.

No. 1889.

Transferred to the President of the Palamcottah Municipality for such remarks as he may have to offer.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18*th October* 1872.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Actg. Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 8. From the President of the Municipal Commissions, Tinnevelly, to the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinnevelly, 16th December 1872, No. 274.

I have the honour to enclose a report from the Vice-President of the Palamcottah Municipality, regarding the petition returned for remark with your docket, No. 1889, dated 18th October 1872, and to inform you that municipal interference with backyards or privies, except in emergent cases, has been long ago discontinued. The Police will be instructed not to interfere in such matters in future without special instructions to do so.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Palamcottah, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Palamcottah, dated Palamcottah, 11th December 1872, No. 135.

In returning the enclosed petition forwarded with your letter, No. 229, of the 24th October last, for report as to what are the present arrangements for the inspection of private privies, I have the honour to state that this duty is performed exclusively by the Police. But, as the Commissioners have never received a single complaint that in the discharge of this duty the Police invade

the privacy of families in the indelicate manner described in the petition, they are of opinion that the complaint is utterly false. The walls of the backyards of the houses are generally so low that the necessity to enter to inspect them does not even exist, as their condition may be observed by every passer by.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1873, No. 4.

The Government are glad to learn that the Commissioners have received no complaints of abuses in the inspection of backyards and privies.

2. Petitioners will be informed that, if they have any valid ground of complaint, they should address the local authorities in the first instance.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Tinnevelly.

Dated January, 4th.

Recd. Read.

G. O., 4th January 1873, No. 4.

JANUARY.
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Directing that certain petitioners of Palamcottah be informed that, if they have any valid ground of complaint in regard to the inspection of privies, they should address the local authorities in the first instance.

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Collectorate No. 36 of 1872

Government of Madras,

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Petition No. 1089 of 1872.

From Kumban Chetty. Son of V. Veerian Chetty and others,

Occupation. Weavers and Ryots of 25-10-72

Village. Palamcottah

Talook.

District. Tinnevelly.

Dated

Received 19th Septr 1872

Enclosures.

Abstract.

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By order

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Ag Under Secy to Govt

Fort St George
18th October 1872

No. 274

Tinnevelly 16th December 1872.

From R. K. Puckle Esqre
President Municipal Commissioners

To The Asst Under Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

R K Puckle
President

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Read Petition No. of 1872.
Also letter from President Muni. Commr. Tinnevelly 8/16 Dec. 1872. No. 274.

Order thereon, 4 January/73 No. 4

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To the Presidt. Muni. Commr. Tinnevelly. desp 12/1
– Endorsement to Petitioners desp 14/1

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From: The President Municipal commission Tinnevelly.

To: The Under Secretary to Government Fort Saint George

Dated 16th } December 1872
Recd 20th }

No. 274

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No. 2627

Informing with reference to docket No. 1889 dated 18th October 1872 that the municipal interference with backyards and privies of private individuals except on emergent cases has long ago been discontinued.

With an order

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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The Presdt. of the
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