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Read the following papers:—

No. 32. From the Acting Magistrate of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 5th December 1872, No. 59.

In reply to the Order of Government, Financial Department, dated 26th ultimo, No. 1567, I have the honour to forward copy of my order on Mr. Rodrigues' application which will explain the reasons why it could not be complied with. The Church compound abuts on to the main road between Pondicherry and Cuddalore on which horses and carriages are constantly passing, and the safety of the public would, in my opinion, have been endangered, if the required permission had been granted.

ORDER.

The Municipal Commissioners decided this morning that Mr. Rodrigues' request could not be complied with, and, had they not taken this action, the undersigned in his capacity of Magistrate would have been obliged to interfere. The Church in question is close to the most frequented thoroughfare in the town, and it would be most dangerous to allow guns to be fired and fireworks displayed in such a locality. It must be distinctly understood that any such celebration of the festival in question is absolutely prohibited.

CUDDALORE,
1*st October* 1872.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
District Magistrate.

No. 33. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 7th December 1872, No. 371.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 59, I have the honour to enclose a memorandum, since received from the Vice-President of the Municipality, on the subject of the application of the Rev. Mr. Rodrigues for permission to let off fireworks and fire off guns in the compound of his Church.

MEMORANDUM.

The Rev. Mr. Rodrigues complains to Government he has been refused permission to proceed in procession on the night of 30th September 1871. This procession was intended to pass through New Town and Munjacoopum with torches, native music, tom-toms, and fireworks during prohibited hours. Permission was refused by me. He then applied to Mr. Garstin, who did not remove the prohibition.

This year again he applied for the same permission and in addition to fire pop-guns at his Church, not ten yards from the imperial road; these pop-guns are metal tubes filled with gunpowder, partially buried in the ground, and when fired make a report like a six-pounder. Two to three of these are fired in quick succession, and repeated every ten to fifteen minutes, all through the night.

I simply wrote across his petition "Rejected."

In 1871 an intimation was conveyed to him that these guns were illegal and they must be discontinued. Several ladies had complained to me relative to this startling nuisance during the still hours of the night. It must be understood this Goa Church is situated in the midst of the locality occupied by Europeans of the station, and it is anything but pleasant to be awoke from sleep by a volley of artillery close to your door.

The Europeans all pay municipal taxes, and have a claim to protection from such a nuisance, besides the whole proceeding is in opposition to Municipal law.

6th December 1872.

(Signed) R. WILSON.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1873, No. 174.

The Rev. Mr. Rodrigues, Vicar of the Roman Catholic Church, Cuddalore, will be informed that the Government cannot interfere with the orders of the Municipal Commissioners, supported by the Magistrate, in regard to the celebration of the festival in question.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Vicar-General of St. Thomé.
" President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

The VICAR-GENERAL of ST. THOME,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 6th.

Read.

G. O., 6th February 1873, No. 174.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 32–34.

Intimating that the Government cannot interfere with the orders of the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddalore, supported by the Magistrate, in regard to the celebration of a certain procession.



No 59 South Arcot Magistrate's Office
Cuddalore 5th Decr 1872.

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From

H. E. Sullivan Esqre
Acting Magistrate S. A.

To,

The Honble W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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President.

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2 Town

No 174 Mrs Superintendent

No 2 Sir

Mr Brierley Secretary

No 2528 Commandant

Sir I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from Mr Rodrigues requesting permission to fire guns and fireworks on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December 1872 in front of the Roman Catholic Church of which he is Procurator.

I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient Servant

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in question is absolutely pro-
hibited.

/Signed/ H.E. Sullivan
Cuddalore District Magistrate
Octr 1st 1872

True Copy

Asst Kyd
Assistant Magistrate for
Acting Magistrate

Enclosure in
Municipal Commissioners
Cuddalore
December 1872
No 370.

No 370 Municipal Commissioners Office
Cuddalore 7th December 1872.

From

H. E. Sullivan Esqr.
President of the Municipal
Commission. Cuddalore

To. The Hon'ble
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Fort St. George.

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H Sullivan

President.

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From.

The President of.
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No. 1744

To The Chief Secretary
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Dated 27th December 72.
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Submitting a Memo
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Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Magistrate of South Arcot dated 5th Decr 1872 No 59

" Presdt of the Munl Comrs Cuddalore " 7th Decr 1872 No 371

Order thereon ~~6th February 1873 No 77~~

Circular.

The Government understand that the festival only takes place once a year and that its celebration in the manner desired has been permitted for many years without inconvenience to the community.

The President of the Municipal Commission is therefore requested to submit the matter for the reconsideration of the Commissioners, drawing their attention

I. O.S.

Need not interfere in the matter. Fire works & Joppans &c which annoy adjuncts are not necessary for the procession.

W.L.

Should support the action of the local authorities

J.T.

attention at the same time to the statement made by Mr. Rodrigues that native wedding processions are permitted to pass through the principal thoroughfares with music and fireworks.

L.B. L.L.

Note

Since the papers were last circulated a Memo has been received from the Vice President giving in further detail the reasons which induced the Commissioners to reject the application

L.L.

I believe that H.E. Sir Wilkes the Minister would be reconsidered by the H. Comm.rs but the Mag.te has also prohibited the Celebrations with fireworks & guns. L.B.

To Rt. Hon.ble of South Arcot
" Presd.t of the Munl. Comn. Cuddalore

Read again letter from the V. General of St Thome dd. 14 & recorded in Pro of 26 Nov.r
from Mag.te of Arcot - 5 & 7 Dec - 59 - 337
President Mun.l Comn.rs — 7 — do — 371
Order thereon 6 February 1873 No. 174

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The Revd. R. Rodrigues Vicar of the R.C. church Cuddalore will be informed that the Govt. cannot interfere in the manner requested by the Mag.te in regard to the celebration of the festival in question. L.B.

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The V. Gen of St Thome. 3
President Mn.l Cuddalore } dd 12/2

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

The Revr Genl. of Sr. Home.

Dated Febr 6

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