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27th December 1873.

No. 226. Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 16th December 1873, No. 49:—

I have the honour to request that I may be informed what stamp is required on petitions to the Municipal Commissioners which do not appear to fall under the category of petitions "relating to the conservancy or improvement of the town."

2. Looking to Clause (*b*) of Item 1 of the Schedule, it would appear that every miscellaneous petition other than those that have some reference to the conservancy or improvement of the town should be on an 8-Annas stamp, unless by "relating to" is meant "in any way connected with;" and then, of course, all purely private petitions, such as for leave to erect a pandal for a wedding, &c., might be brought under this head and charged with 1 Anna in accordance with the present practice; but even then an application for a stall in the market, or for a change of name in the House Register for instance, could scarcely be said to relate in any way to the conservancy or improvement of the town, and yet I doubt if it is intended that such applications should be charged 8 Annas.

3. Such petitions do not seem to have been contemplated by the Act, but I am not so sure if it was intended they should be entirely exempt.

4. I addressed the Board of Revenue on the subject, and they, in reply, declined to express any opinion, stating that the matter is not within their province or authority, and that they do not find Municipal Commissioners mentioned in Article 1-*b* Schedule II. of Act VII. of 1870.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 27th December 1873, No. 1901.

The Governor in Council is not legally competent to give authoritative decisions on such questions, but he sees nothing in the General Stamp Act or in the Court Fees Act to warrant the requirement of stamps on petitions to municipal authorities other than those relating to the conservancy and improvement of the town.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Trichinopoly, Collectors Office,
16th December 1873.

No. 49

From

The Ag. Collector of Trichinopoly.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Financial Department,

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that I may be informed what stamp is required on petitions to the Municipal Commissioners which do not appear to fall under the Category of "petitions relating to the Conservancy or improvement of the towns.

Looking to clause (b) of Item 1 of the schedule it would appear that every miscellaneous petition other than those that have some reference to the Conservancy or improvement of the town should be on an 8 annas stamp, unless by "relating to" is meant "in any way

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Trichinopoly.

Dated December, 27th.

Read.

Ans.

G.O., 27th December 1873, No. 1901.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 226-227.

Trichinopoly Municipality.—The President informed that there is nothing seen in the General Stamp Act or in the Court Fees Act to warrant the requirement of stamps on petitions to municipal authorities other than those relating to the conservancy and improvement of the town.

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Sir
Your Most obedt Servt

J. S. Cunningham
Acting Collector &
Ex officio
President

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From
The Ag. Collector &
President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
No. 2400. Fort Saint George

Dated 16th December 1873
Received

No. 49

Requesting to be informed as to what stamp is required on petitions to the Municipal Commissioners which do not appear to fall under the category of petitions relating to the Conservancy or improvement of the town.

Without order.

27th Dec. 1873. No. 1901.

Replied: is not legally competent to give an authoritative decision on such questions but the use of the general stamp act or the C.P. does not warrant the Department (?) in [illegible] petitions to Municipal authorities other than those relating to the Conservancy or improvement of the town.

The P. M. C. Trichy

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Act No. III of 1871.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Jud.

To

The Pres.t Trunl. Commr.

Trichinopoly -

Dated Decr. 23

Rect.

Anst.

G. O. 23 Decr. 1873. No. 1901.

Nos. 226.

Trichy. Munc. The Pres.t informs that there is nothing seen in the Genl. Stamp Act or in the Court Fees Act to Warrant the requirement of Stamps on petitions to Muncl. Authorities other than those relating to the conservancy or improvement of the Town [