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Read the following papers :—

No. 10. To the Right Honourable the GOVERNOR in COUNCIL,
Madras.

The humble Memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Vellore in the District of North Arcot.

Most Respectfully Showeth,

That the Municipal Commissioners of the Town of Vellore, have, at a Meeting held on the 26th instant, disposed of a piece of ground, situated on the south of Parasurama Chetty's Mundy, in the new mundy line, to one of their own body, V. Narayansawmy Moodelly, for a price far less than what it is now actually worth, without any sort of publicity having been given of the same.

2. That your memorialists were quite unaware of the sale of the land, or they would have asked it for a higher price. It was the practice hitherto, when lands in that locality were sold, to give a previous notice both in the District Gazette and by tom-tom in the town, and that practice altogether violated in this case.

3. That the Municipal Commissioners must have been well-aware of the great demands there are for mundies for the present, and that their market value has risen considerably by the fact that a month ago when two mundies were sold by public auction (both by Government and by a private party) one fetched Rupees 3,000, and the other Rupees 3,500.

4. That the land in question is now worth 1,500 Rupees, and your memorialists learn that it was sold to the Commissioner for only about 500 Rupees.

5. That your memorialists, therefore, think that the sale of the ground at so favourable a rate to one amongst themselves, without any publicity whatever having been given and in violation to the practice, is very unjust, and your memorialists pray, under these circumstances, that the Government will be so graciously pleased as to inquire into the matter and cancel the sale in question and order it to be resold by public auction, and in the meanwhile order the Commissioner not to commence the work.

For which act of charity your memorialists, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Vellore,
31*st May* 1873.

(Signed) ಬ - ಪರಪಳ್ಳಿ ಚೆಟ್ಟಿ,
and thirteen others.

Referred to the President of the Vellore Municipality for report.

Ootacamund,
2*nd June* 1873.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 10-A. From H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 20th June 1873, No. 30.

I have the honour, with reference to the endorsement of Government on the accompanying petition, addressed to them by certain inhabitants of Vellore, to submit, herewith, copy of a report which I have received from the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission of Vellore on the subject of the petition. I agree with the Vice-President in opinion that there was nothing objectionable in the sale of the land in question, and that the opposition evinced by the petitioners arises simply from caste feeling.

From Major J. H. E. JOHNSON, Acting Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, dated Vellore, 17th June 1873, No. 77.

In reply to your docket, No. 86, dated 10th instant, calling on me to report upon a petition from sundry inhabitants of Vellore Town to the address of the Governor in Council of Madras, complaining of the purchase of a piece of ground by one of the Commissioners, V. Narayansawmy Moodelly, I have the honour to forward a statement of the disposal of various pieces of municipal ground by the Commissioners, from which it will be seen that the above Commissioner has paid a fair average price for the ground given over to him, and that the system of making public the sale of land has only been carried out where the ground to be disposed of was to a large extent, and this only on two occasions.

2. To raise funds for the erection of a large general market a portion of ground near to the entrance of the town was divided into twenty-seven lots and auctioned on the 30th July 1868, and realized, through excessive competition, Rupees 16,564, or an average of Rupees 613 per lot.

3. On the 28th of September 1868, three sites situated near the same place were auctioned and fetched only Rupees 915, averaging Rupees 4-3-9¾ per square yard.

4. On the 25th May 1871 a piece of ground, measuring 36 feet by 6 feet, was given to one Parasooram Chetty for Rupees 112-8-0, at an average of Rupees 4-11-0 per square yard.

5. One Sabapathi Chetty was allowed, in August 1872, to purchase a piece of ground, measuring 34 feet by 16½ feet, for Rupees 150, or an average of Rupees 2-6-1 per square yard.

6. On the 13th March 1873, a piece of ground was purchased by one Dadamean for Rupees 5-8-0.

7. V. Narayansawmy Moodelly applied for a piece of ground, measuring 46½ feet by 21 feet, on the opposite side of the road to the ground purchased by Parasooram Chetty above mentioned, and his application was as usual circulated to all the Commissioners present with the other documents to be brought before the meeting on the following Thursday. At the meeting five votes were in favour of the ground applied for being sold to V. Narayansawmy Moodelly on the same terms as the piece of land opposite to that applied for by him. The price paid was at the rate of Rupees 4-11-0 per square yard.

8. As regards the two mundies referred to in the petition, in addition to the large sum paid for the sites large substantial two-storied buildings are erected on them.

9. The fourteen signers of the petition put themselves forward as the representatives for the whole town of Vellore, whereas they are occupiers of mundies on the ground sold in 1868, and I consider the whole matter has been brought forward through a spirit of jealousy and caste prejudice.

10. The land given to V. Narayansawmy Moodelly has been lying vacant for years, and no one thought of turning it to account until it was found out that it had been given over to him, when fabulous sums were immediately offered.

11. Certain rich traders are desirous of getting all the good sites in the town into their own hands for the erection of mundies to the exclusion of all others; this I look upon as combination and offering no opportunity for deserving but poorer classes bettering themselves, and that the Commissioners having satisfied themselves that the price asked by them is a fair average, that the disposal of land in small quantities at such rates is fairer to all concerned than putting the lots up to auction.

12. The petition forwarded with your docket under reference is herewith returned.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1873, No. 923.

The Governor in Council assumes that the sites in question are those which were, by order of Government, placed at the absolute disposal of the Municipality, and which, therefore, they were competent to sell; and the petitioners will be

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
2nd July 1873.

informed that the Government having received a report on the case find no reason to interfere with the action of the Municipality in the matter.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore.

Madura President's Office

No. 20 Camp Shembaganore 3rd

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5th June 1873

From

W. McEachae Esqre

President Municipal Commissioner

To, Madura.

The Honorable H. Nadleton

Chief Secretary to Government.

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of the Resolution of the Municipal Commissioners of Madura No. III dated 9th April 1873 requesting me to obtain the Sanction of Government for the occupation of a piece of vacant Ground for building a Model Latrine on the dry earth System, and to state that the ground forms a portion of the Site of the Old Jail at Madura and was used I believe as a Latrine by the Prisoners.

2. I see no objection to the grant of the vacant ground for the purpose indicated and recommend that the request of the Commissioners be complied with.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obed't Servt

W. McEachae

President

Civil & Military Secretariat.

No. 1

FINANCIAL.

To

The PRESIDENT of the

MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

Madura.

Dated July, 73rd.

Read.

Read.

G.O. No. 1103 Dated 8th July 1873.

1873.

No. 10-11.

Informing certain Petitioners of the Tuticorin Municipality, who complained of the increase of one of the Commissioners of a piece of land within Municipal limits, that Government unable to interfere in the matter.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madura Municipal meeting held on the 9th April 1873.

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III. Read District Engineer's letter No. 540 of the 18th Ultimo forwarding for Sanction and Estimate of Rupees 750 with a plan for improving the latrine near the Old Jail

Resolved that an application be made to the Collector to obtain Government Sanction for the occupation by the Commissioners of the vacant site west of the Branch Dispensary for the purpose of a model latrine on the dry earth System and that meanwhile Colonel Roberts be requested to favour us with an Estimate for such a latrine on the proposed site.

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(True Extract)

Subramania Iyer

Commissioner for the Municipality

True Copy

W. Duke

President

1st Asst. Collr. Dindigul

Forwd.

Chief Engr. Dist.

Municipal Commission

Madura

Chief Secretary

Government

Fort St. George

Dated 14th June 1873

Rec'd 16th do

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for your information and report, a copy of the proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners of Madura, in which they request the sanction of Government to the occupation by the Commissioners of the vacant site west of the Branch Dispensary for the purpose of a model latrine on the dry earth system, and that meanwhile Colonel Roberts be requested to favour us with an Estimate for such a latrine on the proposed site.

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Your most obedient Servant,

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Enclosure in Letter
from
The Secretary
Municipal Commissioners
Madras
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 5th June 1873.

Ans 20.
G.O. 18th June 1873 Nos. 127-128
Copy of the Resolution
of the Municipal Commissioners of Madras
No III dated 5th April 1873.

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Govt. of 1873 Nos.

Steamboat

Ex Asst. Qmr. Genl. Comm.
Tellico

Ltr. Lieut. Lee 2

Dist.

G. O. 2 Feb , 1874, No. 28.

Nos. 10 & 11.

undertaking certain Ft. transfers
of the Tellico Blockhouse &
Fortifications of the four wharfs
lying outside the Corporate Limits
of Camp within Fourth Division
Dept. Cumberland Correspondence
in the matter.