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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 3rd March 1874.

No. 18. Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 5th February 1874, No. 79:—

As Colonel Ewart will, I am informed, leave Trichinopoly this month, I have the honour to request orders on the subject of appointing a Vice-President for the Municipality in his place.

2. Being aware that Government are of opinion that the Vice-President should be a military man, and fully concurring in that opinion myself, I would most strongly recommend that Major C. J. Jennings, of the Staff Corps, should be appointed.

3. He appears to be an officer possessing peculiar qualifications for the rather invidious office; and I should have no difficulty about the matter, but that he cannot accept the extra work, involving as it does the supervision of some fifty miles of roads (to say nothing of other public works scattered over a very considerable area), without an allowance for a conveyance.

4. In their Order, No. 750, dated 3rd June 1869, Public Department, Government declined to sanction any such allowance, but I must say I think it is a most reasonable request, for it is not to be expected that a military man nowadays can keep an extra horse for the sake of doing extra work, without any extra remuneration; and that an extra carriage and horse is essential to a due discharge of the duties of Vice-President I have no doubt.

5. Any officer appointed should also be relieved of all military duty except that appertaining to the officer of the day, and should be allowed to reside permanently in Trichinopoly, at any rate for some years. On such terms it would, I am sure, be well worth while for the Municipality to pay Rupees 100 a-month to secure the services of an able and energetic Vice-President.

6. For my own part, I cannot help feeling that a Municipality of this size (by far the largest in the mofussil), requires more personal supervision on the part of the superior official members than it ever gets under the present system; and the professionally uncontrolled expenditure of £7,000 a-year is a matter of very serious anxiety to a President whose other duties do not admit of his being a permanent resident within municipal limits.

7. I trust, therefore, that Government will see fit to appoint Major Jennings on his own terms; but, if not, I think it might be left to the Commissioners to elect their own Vice-President.

8. I doubt if any one of them has the necessary leisure, as well as all the other qualifications required; and they are probably the best judges as to the merely personal qualities of each individual which are likely to render him an efficient Vice-President, so far as his other duties will admit of his carrying on the work at all.

9. The Commissioners unanimously resolved to allot Rupees 75 as *carriage allowance* subject to the approval of Government, and, I believe, agree with me entirely as to the necessity for securing the services of a really active Vice-President by granting him some slight remuneration.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 3rd March 1874.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1874, No. 339.

The Governor in Council resolves to appoint Major Jennings to be Vice President of the Trichinopoly Municipal Commissioners, as requested; and has no objection to the grant of carriage allowance proposed, viz., 75 Rupees a-month.

2. Adverting to paragraph 5, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has informed the Government that it will rest with the Brigadier-General Commanding the Southern District to lighten Major Jennings' military duty as may appear necessary, but that no assurance can be conveyed to the Municipality as to the officer's permanent retention at Trichinopoly.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly.
" Board of Revenue.
" Military Department.
Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Trichinopoly,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd. Read.

G.O., 3rd March 1874, *No.* 339.

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Nos. 18-19.

Trichinopoly Municipality.—Major Jennings appointed Vice-President, and the grant to him of a carriage allowance of Rupees 75 per month sanctioned. The President informed that it will rest with the Brigadier-General Commanding the Southern District to lighten Major Jennings' military duty, but no assurance given to the Municipality as to that officer's permanent retention at Trichinopoly.

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No. 273.

From The President Municipal Commission Trichinopoly

Dated 5th February 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I think we must give an allowance - to any 75 Rupees is too much for carriage hire, such Country. The Civil Surgeon may probably be willing to relieve the Horses selected from much of Municipal Duty - but the condition must be must be permanently stationed at Trichinopoly is out of the question

J.S.

It seems impossible in each case to
refer questions of principle of
particular service in local
Municipal Boards. Precedents,
in Hundreds, the Residents is paid.
and by analogy, Judgment at other
places of certain Officers seems wanting.
I wd. therefore in my case feel the
travelling allowance here applied for
best for it is an important question for
this case will be taken as a precedent
and I think we had better discuss
it in Committee

The question is dropping into
every where and already
two References have been made
to all Presidents of L.T. on a
matter of the same character
— Travelling Salting allowance
& non-Paid members of
the L.T. Boards —
The Boards are always
liberal on cost points
I think we must pass
this allowance but the whole
whole discussion should
the papers sh.d go to
H.E. the C. in C.
20/2 1882
I have no objection to
Graves Jennings being appointed
Fifth Port of the Fisheries Society Limited
At the Scale of Carriage allowances
but I cannot engage to retain that

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That Officer ask Riley for an indefinite
period - or to relieve him from the performe
ance of Duty - Genl Instructions
can however lighten this to such extent
as may seem to him to be necessary -
I think Major Jennings a good selection.

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Mr dear Robinson

In Bd 11 June 73

1783 the Bd referred the question whether travelling allowance shd be given to non official members for attendance at Meetings of L + Bd to all Presidents for report. Replies have been received

In Bd 18 July 73 No 1320

the Bd similarly referred the
question whether halfpay
Travelling allowances shd
be given to Gentlemen travel-
ling on duty to inspect works
&c. Replies have not come
yet from Nelson & Cuddapah
I shall take up the
question in a day or two

Yours sincerely

J Grote

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No 79

Trichinopoly Municipal Commissioner's Office
5th February 1874

From,

The President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To

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Fort Saint George
Madras

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I have the honorable
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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From

The President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To. The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 5th }
Received 7 } February 1874
Despatched 5th }

No 79

No 273

Requests orders on the subject of appointing a Vice President for the Municipality in the place of Col. Ewart who is to leave the station.

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Pr. Sec.

5th March 74 No 339.

The G. in C. wishes to appoint Major Jennings [illegible] the [illegible] of the Trichy Municipal Commission, as requested, and has no objection to the grant of conveyance allowance proposed, viz. Rs 75 a month. ?

2. Adverting to para 6, H.E. the Comr in Chief has informed the Govt that it will not suit the Brigadier commanding the [illegible] to spare Major Jennings [illegible] and as many officers [illegible] no arrangement can be arranged for the Municipality [illegible] permanent [illegible] of Trichy.

The President M.C. Trichy
[illegible]
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Board of Revenue

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial

To

The Presdt. Mund. Commrs.
Trichinopoly

Sea.

Today

Dated Mar. 3

Rec'd.

Encl.

G. O. 3 March, 1874, No. 339.

Nos. 18-19.

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