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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 395 Press Mis.—

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Dated 9-2- 18 74.

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No. 88. 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. 78 :—

In accordance with the enclosed resolution of the Municipal Commissioners, I have the honour to forward, for sanction, a draft bye-law prohibiting the *wholesale* vending of grain in the public streets.

2. The resolution itself explains the object of the proposal pretty clearly, but it may be well to add some further explanation of the circumstances which have led to its being carried (as it was) *unanimously*.

3. In the first place it has long been felt that the streets of the town, which (especially in the fort) are very narrow, are most improperly obstructed, and the public generally very much inconvenienced by wholesale transactions in front of bazaars in the streets, especially as the principal dealers live on opposite sides of the same street.

4. Then it was thought that a kind of duty on grain sold for consumption in the town was a very legitimate source of revenue, and that there was no more satisfactory means of imposing such a tax than by prohibiting all wholesale transactions except in the municipal markets.

5. The total number of wholesale dealers who will be affected by the proposed bye-law is stated to be seventy-eight; and it is proposed to charge them from 2 to 5 Rupees a-month as rent for bazaars in the markets. The gross proceeds of the tax may, therefore, amount to 300 or 400 Rupees a-month. These same dealers pay about 300 Rupees a-year as Professional tax, of which they will be relieved next year. The present is, therefore, a favourable opportunity for imposing a new impost on them; for there is certainly no reason why they should contribute almost nothing to the Municipal Funds. They ought on the contrary to contribute more largely than they have done; and so far as pure traders are concerned the abolition of the Professional tax is only a matter for regret.

6. As stated in the resolution I have no doubt the bye-law will be a source of the greatest convenience to the public, and however much they may object at first, the dealers will in all probability benefit as much in the course of time, whilst the Municipality will enjoy a most legitimate increase to its revenue, which, however small, it can ill afford to lose.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Trichinopoly, at a Meeting held on the 20th December 1873.

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17. Read President's memorandum about the paddy dealers.

Resolved that in view to relieve the streets from obstruction a bye-law be proposed and submitted to Government, prohibiting the *wholesale* vending in the streets of paddy and other grain, special grain markets being provided for the accommodation of the dealers concerned.

It is expected that the grain markets will not only prove a legitimate source of income to the Municipality, but also a great convenience to the public, and ultimately an advantage to the dealers themselves.

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(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
President.

President

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
9th March 1874.

Proposed Bye-law.

No paddy or other grain is to be sold *wholesale* in the Town of Trichinopoly otherwise than in the municipal markets.

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
President.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1874, No. 395.

The Governor in Council is averse to granting his sanction to the special ordinance proposed. So far as real obstruction to the public occurs from this practice of the grainsellers, he apprehends that the ordinary laws would control it to a great extent, and the rest might be adjusted by some compromise.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Trichinopoly at a meeting held on the 20th December 1873

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(Signed) J. B. Pennington

President

Govt. of 1874 Orders.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION, *Trichinopoly.*

Dated March, 9th.

Read.

G.O., 9th March 1874, *No.* 395.

MARCH.
Nos. 88-89.

Trichinopoly Municipality.—The proposed bye-law prohibiting the wholesale vending of grain in the public streets declined to be sanctioned.

True Copy

J. H. Pennington
President

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I don't think this is
admissible in the present
case. The object of the
present petition is to
obtain by certificate of
Court having cognizance
thereof, a declaration
that Edward Sabastain
is entitled to
[illegible] & to be
[illegible]

Proposed Ordinance.

No paddy or other grain
is to be sold wholesale in
the Town of Pietermaritzburg other-
-wise than in the Municipal
Market.

J. B. Pennington
Pres. Dept.

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Ft. 272/74

was against - what
did he & Lord
K. say?

Yrs ever

I.O.

My dear Cornwallis
I think that to bring
up a memorial after the
Bye-Law - and that I
was asked to sign the
Petition & Memorial also

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Dear Sir -

This Tuckerophy
Bye-Law -
Hadleton took it into
Council. I was present,
literally forget how it
was settled? Does
your recollection serve
you? Yours ever
J Hamilton

My dear R.
Can you say. I

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provided the decency of my act would
allow upon Council
8/5 [illegible]

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No. 272. Finl Department.

From The President Municipal Commission Trichinopoly

Dated 5th February 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

He had better discuss this
at Council - I am not
personally disinclined to
the proposal

L. W. A.

Council

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A bye law for the
Tuticorin Municipality

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Municipal Commissioner's Office
Tuticorin 5th February 1874

From

J. B. Pennington Esqre
President Municipal Commrs
Tuticorin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Madras.

Sir,

In accordance with the enclosed resolution of the Municipal Commissioners I have the honor to forward for sanction a draft Bye Law prohibiting the Wholesale vending of grain in the public Streets.

2. The Resolution itself explains the object of the proposal pretty clearly, but it may be well to add some further explanation of the circumstances which have led to its being carried (as it was) unanimously.

3. In the first place it has long been felt that the streets of the Town, which (especially in the Fort) are very narrow, are most improperly obstructed and the

the public generally very much inconvenienced by wholesale transactions in front of Bazaars in the streets, especially as the principal dealers line one opposite sides of the Town street.

4. I then it was thought that a kind of duty on grain sold for consumption in the Town was a very legitimate source of revenue, and that there was no more satisfactory means of imposing such a tax than by prohibiting all wholesale transactions except in the Municipal Markets.

5. The total number of wholesale dealers who will be affected by the proposed Bylaw is stated to be 98; and it is proposed to charge them from 2 to 5 rupees a month as rent for bazaars in the Markets. The gross proceeds of the tax may therefore amount to 5 or six hundred rupees a month. There have been dealers payable about 600 rupees a year as Professional Tax of which they will be relieved next year. The present is therefore a favourable opportunity for imposing a new impost as

on them; for there is certainly no reason why they should contribute almost nothing to the Municipal Funds. They might on the contrary to contribute more largely than they have done; and, so far as pure traders are concerned, the abolition of the Professional Tax is only a matter for regret.

6. As stated in the Resolution I have no doubt the Bylaw will be a source of the greatest convenience to the public, and however much they may object at first, the dealers will in all probability benefit as much in the course of time; whilst the Municipality will enjoy a most legitimate increase to its revenue, which, however small, it can ill afford to lose.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

J. B. Pennington
Vice President.

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From

The President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 5th
Received 7th } February 1874
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Enclosures 2

Forwards for sanction a Draft Bye Law prohibiting the wholesale vending of grain in the public Streets

with order

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The President Mc Tracy

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9th March/74. No 395.

The Govt. is averse to granting the concession to the special ordinance proposed. So far as obstruction to the public occurs from the practice of the grain dealers, he apprehends that the ordinary laws would control it to a great extent, and he would suggest it be adjusted by some compromise. - [initials] 8/3/74

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Financial.

To

The Presidt. Munl. Commrs.
Trichinopoly.

Dated 2.9

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Encl.

G.O. 9 Mar. 1874. No. 495.

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Subject. Proposed Bye-law prohibiting the wholesale sale of grain in the public streets, declined to be sanctd.