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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 7th April 1874.

No. 42. Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 10th March 1874, No. 36 :—

On the 21st of January last, the Vice-President of the Adoni Municipal Commission addresed me as follows :—

"At the desire of the Commissioners, I have the honour to address you on the following subject.

"They—more particularly the non-officials—are of opinion that a line of some distinction should be drawn between them and the citizens whom they represent, and that certain privileges should be accorded to them to elevate their position and to render it honourable and covetous in the eye of their brethren, who though in a position to promote the interests of this Commission by their counsel and advice, yet from selfishness and from want of anything attractive in it, keep themselves aloof, and even decline to serve on it though invited.

"They, therefore, propose to exempt the Commissioners from the payment of the Municipal taxes, and thereby accord a privilege to their position. It is not the little pecuniary saving that is intended to act as an incentive to seek the Commission or to elevate it, but it is the exclusive privilege which the Commissioners as a body would enjoy, and which carries with it an honorary distinction which many would be proud to own.

"Should this proposal meet your approval, I request that you will, under the latter part of Section 38 of Act III. of 1871, be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for it."

2. I replied to the effect that I was surprised at such a request being made; that I should have thought the Commissioners would have appreciated the honour conferred upon them by Government in being appointed to their responsible office, and would have wished to set an example to the rest of the community in cheerfully contributing their quota towards the taxation from which they derive so many benefits. Instead of this, they—the wealthy members of the community—wished to escape the payment at the expense of their poorer brethren. I said also that the more privileged of the tax-payers are honoured by a seat in the Commission, but that a man who was not a tax-payer could certainly not have one.

I also told them that Section 38 of the Act evidently referred to pauper classes, and to them only.

3. The Commissioners still, however, urge the point, and desire to have the matter laid before the Government.

Their resolution is as follows :—

* * *

"Read again President's letter, No. 11, of 3rd February 1874, and resolution, No. 4, of the last meeting.

"Resolved that the President be informed that the object of this Board, in submitting the proposal under consideration, was to accord an exclusive and a real privilege to the Commissioners as a body, under the circumstances explained in the Vice-President's letter, No. 11, of 21st January last, and not to escape, as construed by him, the taxes, which, after the discontinuance of the Profession-tax, would be

very trifling; and they, therefore, solicit the President to support their proposal and submit it to Government for sanction."

4. I have the honour to refer the subject for the orders of Government, but I cannot support the proposal.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1874, No. 555.

The Government consider that acquiescence in the proposal of the Commissioners would be opposed to the spirit of the Act, as well as open to serious objection on other grounds.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Adoni.

Ed. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Adoni.

Dated April, 7th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 7th April 1874, No. 555.

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Adoni Municipality.—The Commissioners' request to be exempted from the payment of taxes, considered opposed to the spirit of the Act, and open to serious objection on other grounds.

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Fin[l] Department.

No. 572.

From The Collector of Bellary.

Dated 10th March 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 36

Dated { 10th March 1874.

From,

THE COLLECTOR OF
BELLARY.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

On the 21st of January last, the Vice President of the Adony Municipal Commissioners, addressed me as follows.

"At the desire of the Commissioners, I have the honor to address you on the following subject.

They, more particularly the new officials are of opinion that a line of some distinction should be observed between them and the citizens whom they represent, and that certain privileges should be accorded to them, to elevate their position and to render it honorable and coveteous in the eye of their brethren, who thought in a position to promote the interests of this commission by their counsel and advice, yet from selfishness and from want of anything attractive in it, keep themselves aloof and decline to serve on it though invited.

They therefore propose to exempt the commissioners from the payment of the Municipal taxes and thereby accord a privilege to their position. It is not the little pecuniary saving that is intended to act as an incentive to seek the commission or to elevate it but it is the exclusive privilege which the commissioners as a body would enjoy, and which carries with it an honorary distinction which many would be prompt to own.

Should this proposal meet your approval, I request that you will under the latter part of Section 38 of Act III of 1871, be pleased to

to obtain the sanction of Government for it."

2. I replied to the effect that I was surprised at such a request being made, that I should have thought the Commissioners would have appreciated the honor conferred upon them by Government in being appointed to that responsible office and would have wished to set an example to the rest of the community in cheerfully contributing their quota towards the taxation from which they derive so many benefits. Instead of this, they the wealthy members of the community wished to escape the payments at the expense of their poorer brethren. I said also that the more privileged of the taxe payers are honored by a seat in the Commission, but that a man who was not a taxe payer could certainly not have one.
I also told them that Section 38 of the Act evidently referred to humbler classes & to them only.

3. The Commissioners still however urge the point and desires to have the matter laid before the Government.
Their resolution is as follows.

"Read again President's letter No. 11 of 3rd February 1874, and Resolution No. 4 of the last meeting.

Resolved that the President be informed that the object of this Board in submitting the proposal under consideration, was to accord an exclusive and a real privilege to the Commissioners as a body, under the circumstances explained in the Vice President's letter No. 11 of 21st January last, and not to escape, as construed by him, the taxes, which after the discontinuance of the profession taxe, would be very trifling: and they therefore solicit the President to support their proposal and submit it to Government for

for sanctions."

4. I have the honor to refer the subject for the orders of Government, but I cannot support the proposal.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
R. Mayston
Collector & President.

Encl. H.H. 47.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 10 March 1874 No. 36

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

No 572 Madras

Enclosure.

Received 11 March

Submits a proposal from the Members of the Odeyar Community to be exempted from taxation but does not support it.

For orders

JL

Asstt Secr

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To The Presd.t Munl. Commr.
Adoni.

G.O. April 7, 1874. No. 535.

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