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Municipal—Proceedings.

No. 147. Read the following letter from J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 7th January 1875, No. 426-G :—

I have the honor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of Act IX. of 1867, to forward herewith, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from 1st April to 30th September 1874, and of the Water Distribution Project up to the same date, together with Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Meeting held on the 30th October last, and to request that the same may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The two Resolutions to which the Commissioners desire to call the special attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council are the 7th and 11th, which are as follow :—

"7. That the Rules for the regulation of the election of Municipal Commissioners as proposed by the Committee be approved and recommended to Government for adoption.

"11. That, in the case of the charge for supervision on work executed for Government by Municipal Officers, the question be submitted to Government, whether it was their intention that this amount should be paid to these Officers or to the Municipal Fund."

3. If the Government should approve of the Rules for the regulation of the election of Municipal Commissioners, framed under the instructions conveyed in paragraph 2 of G.O., 1st June 1874, No. 939, Financial Department, I have the honor to ask that the three Notifications, which it is proposed should be issued by Government, may be at once published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. I may mention that the Rules are mainly based on those now in force in Bombay, which I am informed have worked satisfactorily.

4. With regard to Resolution 11, proposed by me as an amendment to one brought forward by Mr. Doderet, and unanimously adopted by the Meeting, I would beg leave to submit the following remarks, with a view to enable Government to understand the question raised by that gentleman. Since May 1872, Government have on several occasions asked the Municipality to furnish estimates for supplying the Red Hills water to various public buildings in the town, and in many instances the work connected with these has been carried out. The estimates were prepared and the work supervised by the Executive Engineer and others in the service of the Municipality, and as this involved extra labor on their part, which had to be given out of the usual office hours, the charge for supervision was inserted, and the amount, when received, distributed according to a certain scale amongst those concerned.

5. In making this charge, and in distributing it amongst those whose time and labor had been given to this extra work, the same course was adopted that had been followed in previous years with entire approval. The Municipality has not been asked to undertake any work for Government since the present Municipal

Act was passed in 1869, which is, no doubt, the reason that the fact of a similar practice having frequently obtained before that year, would appear to have been unknown to those Commissioners, who expressed their disapproval at its having been followed on the present occasion.

6. I have reason to believe that had Mr. Doderet's Resolution been put to the vote, it would not have been carried, but looking to all the circumstances of the case, it appears to me that it would be more satisfactory to ascertain the views of Government on the subject, and I therefore moved the amendment which, as already stated, was unanimously adopted. Even should the decision of His Excellency in Council be adverse to the charge for supervision being divided in the way it has, I would venture to express a hope that such decision may not have retrospective effect, but that the payments already made may be allowed to remain undisturbed.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1875, No. 297.

The Statements and Proceedings forwarded with the letter above recorded will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as usual. The Governor in Council must observe, however, that the delay in forwarding them has been excessive, and he requests that the reason of the delay may be explained.

2. The Rules proposed by the Committee, for the election of Municipal Commissioners are approved, with the exception of the proviso that Candidates must be tax-payers, paying a minimum sum of Rupees 30, and the Draft Notifications to issue in the name of the Governor in Council will be published in due course in the *Fort St. George Gazette* with the amendment above noted.

3. The Government are of opinion that the question referred to in paragraphs 4—6 of the President's letter is essentially one for the decision of the Commissioners, but the receipt of the money should unquestionably be brought to account in the Municipal books, whatever may be its ultimate destination.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Municipal Commissioners' Office,

Madras, 7th January 1875

From

John Lee
President of the Municipal Commission

To

The Honourable D. F. Carmichael
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honour in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of Act XIX of 1867 to forward for your information and submission to Government the Receipts and Disbursements Statements of the Municipality of Fort St. George on account of the 1st April to 30th September 1874 and of the Water Question Project up to the same date together with Minutes of Meetings of the Council and of the General Meeting held on the 30th October last and resolutions passed thereon.

2. The two Resolutions to which the Commissioners desire to call the Government's attention are those of the 7th and 11th which are as follows:

"That the Rules for the regulation of the election of the Municipal Commissioners and the Committee be dispensed with and proceedings of the Committee be approved and adopted."

"Recommended to Government for adoption."

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Govt. of {1875} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

Dated February, 11th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th February 1875, No. 297.

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Madras Municipality.—Orders passed on the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 30th October 1874, and the cause of delay in their submission, ordered to be explained.

11. "That in the Case of the charge
"for Supervision on work executed for
"Government by Municipal Officers
"the question be submitted to Government
"whether it was their intention that this
"amount should be paid to these Officers
"or to the Municipal Fund".

must be accounted for – the deficit to be made up by Municipality.

3. If the Government should approve of the Rules for the regulation of the election of Municipal Commissioners framed under the instructions conveyed in para 2 of G.O. 1st June 1874 No 939 Financial Depart-ment, I have the honour to ask that the three Notifications which it is proposed should be issued by Government may be at once published in the Fort Saint George Gazette. I may mention that the rules are mainly based on those now in force in Bombay which I am informed have worked satisfactorily.

4. With regard to Resolution 11 proposed by me as an amendment to one brought forward by Mr Dodert, and unanimously adopted by the Meeting, I would beg leave to submit the following remarks with a view to enable Govern-ment to understand the question raised by that Gentleman. Since May 1872 Government have on several occasions asked the Municipality to furnish Estimates for supplying the Red Hills Water to various public buildings in the town and in many instances the work connected with these has been carried out. The Estimates were prepared and the work supervised by the Executive Engineer and others in the service of the Municipality, and as this involved extra labour on their part which had to be given out of the usual Office hours, the charge for Supervision was inserted and the amount when received distributed according to a certain scale amongst those concerned.

Note
The Executive Engineer to be paid for the work which he has performed for the Municipality

5. In making this charge and in distributing it amongst those whose time and labour had been given to this extra work, the same Course was adopted that had been followed in previous years with entire approval. The Municipality has not been asked to undertake any work for Government since the present Municipal Act was passed in 1869 which is no doubt the reason that the fact of a Similar practice having frequently obtained before that Year, would appear to have been unknown to those Commissioners who expressed their disapproval at it's having been followed on the present occasion.

Note This is not shewn in the Public Works of the Department for any charge for work done for Municipality

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as already stated was unanimously adopted. Even should the decision of His Excellency in Council be adverse to the charge for supervision being divided in the way it has, I would venture to express a hope that such decision may not have retrospective effect, but that the payments already made may be allowed to remain undisturbed.

I have the honour to be, &c

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

John. Loch.

President

Municipal Commission.

JMK

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From

The President
Municipal Commission
Madras.

To

The Acting Chief Secretary
to Government

No. 32 Fort Saint George

Dated 7th January/75
Received 8th —"—

G. No. 426

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Forwards Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 30th October 1874 -!

No. 17

Letter from Bd. Municipal Commrs
dt 7th January 1875

The Statements and proceedings forwarded with the letter above recorded will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette as usual. The Board have however taken steps to prevent any delay in forwarding them as has been the case: and by the Rules proposed by the Committee for the election of Municipal Commissioners (with the exception of the provisions that the Rolls are approved and the Draft candidates must be taxpayers and the Draft qualifications to vote in the Presidency Town of the Governor in Council will be published in due course in the Fort St. George Gazette, with the amendments above noted

3. The Board are of opinion that the question referred

Suppose the Rules are Sanctioned to criticism — Suppose the Qualification of a candidate (viz 30 Rs.) is too low — the voters (viz 20 Rs.) is too low — the Qualification — Rs. 20!
Endeavour to raise the franchise & Opposition.
50 elections. [illegible]
20/1

Elections in Bombay
I am not disposed to interfere in this respect.
[illegible] 28/1

I think that the Govt. should remain as a [illegible] Govt

to in paras 4 & 6 of the
Pres. letter is essentially
one for the decision of the
Commissioners - There is no
doubt however that
the receipt of the
money should be
by the Municipal
Works, whatever may be its ultimate
destination.

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Municipal Commr

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Financial Department.

Judy

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 7th January 1875, G. No. 426.

Order thereon 11th Feb 1875 No 297

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The Statements and Proceedings forwarded with the letter above recorded will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette as usual. The Governor in Council must observe, however, that the delay in forwarding them has been excessive, and he requests that the reason of the delay may be explained.

2. The Rules proposed by

by the Committee, for the election of Municipal Commissioners are approved, with the exception of the proviso that Candidates paying a minimum sum of Rs 50 must be tax-payers, and the draft Notifications to issue in the name of the Governor in Council will be published in due course in the Fort St George Gazette with the amendment above noted.

3. The Government are of opinion that the question referred to in paras 4 - 6 of the President's letter is hypothetical one for the decision of the Commissioners, but the receipt of the money should

Law not prepared for this - Shall I send? Waiver the many qualifications of Candidates for Comm.rs. List - It was decided to have none - but under the proposed omission the Candidate need not even be a resident of the Town or have the Qualification - the place - the Council prove an accept clause - but introduce condition Stipulating this or restore the tax payer qualification

5/2 1867

I think we must adhere to the qualification of being a tax-payer & the interested Party in the Municipality should unquestionably be brought to account in the Municipal books, whatever may be its ultimate destination -

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Put
J. Notification as
per 4 & 5 of the foregoing

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To
The President. Municipal Commrs
Madras.

Dated 13/2 37-850

Jurisdiction - and I think the Collector should be authorized to act.

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Govt. of {187 } Madras.

To

Dated 11 Feb

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Secundra Bunny - Order passed on the Rep for final hearing of the Comr held on the 30 Oct 74 & the cause of delay in their submission ordered to be Explained