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Municipal—Fees.

Read the following papers :—

No. 322. From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 16th January 1875, No. 4 :—

I have the honor to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, a letter from the Vice-President of the Dindigul Municipality, dated January 7th, 1875, No. 72, requesting permission to levy fees varying from one Pie to one Anna from parties bringing articles for sale to the weekly market at Dindigul. The object of the fees is to enable the Commissioners to raise platforms for the sellers, to roof in spaces for the sale of perishable articles, and generally to substitute a systematic arrangement of the fair for the present confusion. For purposes of check I think it will be sufficient to require these fees and their expenditure to be specially noticed in the annual report.

From E. CHESTER, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Dindigul, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President, Municipal Commission, Dindigul, dated Dindigul, 7th January 1875, No. 72.

I have the honor to forward, for your consideration, the following Resolution passed by the Dindigul Municipal Commissioners at a meeting held this day, and to request you to secure from Government the permission desired :—

" Resolved that the Vice-President request the President to secure from Government permission for the Commissioners to levy from the sellers of cloths, grain, vegetables, fruit, &c., at the weekly market, small fees, varying from one Pie to one Anna each market day, according to the position and size of the space granted, to enable the Commissioners to meet the expense of furnishing and keeping in repair suitable accommodations for the varied and constantly increasing traffic."

2. With the exception of a few periods of two or three months at a time when some Government officer has taken the matter in hand and secured a temporary improvement, the Dindigul weekly market has been a scene of constant and growing confusion. Sellers of goods have been seated without any systematic arrangement over the market ground, and no provision made for the passing back and forth of buyers.

3. In such confusion it has been very difficult for the Police to guard against petty theft, and hard at times for some of the poorer village people to be secure from positive oppression.

4. Frequent petitions have been sent to the Commissioners, begging them to remedy this state of affairs.

5. The Commissioners, as a matter of experiment, have made a small outlay to mark off the ground in spaces for bazaars and streets, and in preparing a few raised platforms with a border of stone in mud and pointed with chunam, for the sellers of goods.

6. So much satisfaction has this step already given that it is proposed to still further extend these raised platforms and eventually prepare pens for the sheep and goats brought to the market, and enclosures for the cattle.

7. It is also deemed advisable to roof over some of the bazaars at first with cocoanut leaves, to be replaced in time with tiles, for the protection of such articles brought to the market as cloths, salt, cotton, &c., which would be injured by a shower of rain.

8. On inquiry, it is ascertained by the Commissioners that the small fees proposed will be gladly paid by the sellers and traders at this weekly market, as they have for years been compelled

to pay a certain tax, in goods or money, to some village officers and toties, without receiving, in any shape or way, any benefit for the same.

9. On the desired permission being granted by Government, this system of extortion would be entirely stopped and the parties punished who persisted in it.

10. As this weekly market is continually increasing in size and importance, it is absolutely necessary that the most efficient and energetic steps be taken to meet the wishes of the people, both buyers and sellers, and thus secure permanently to the town of Dindigul the great advantages to be derived from it.

11. The Commissioners are quite willing to have added to the general permission asked for, in their Resolution, any conditions or checks, which may be proposed by Government, to prevent the system of collecting these small fees becoming a burden to those who regularly attend the market.

12. It seems, however, to the Commissioners that it is quite unfair to burden the Municipality with the expense of providing suitable accommodation for dealers at this market who are to reap the greatest and almost sole benefit of the same, and yet the Commissioners are the only party who can properly conduct and provide for its systematic management.

No. 303.

The President will report whether the market referred to is a Municipal market.

12*th February* 1875. (Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 323. From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Madura, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 16th February 1875, No. 21:—

With reference to G.O., No. 303, dated 12th instant, I have the honor to report that the market, referred to in my letter, dated 16th January 1875, No. 4, is an ordinary weekly fair held on unoccupied ground and in the open air.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1875, No. 427.

Under the circumstances reported in the above letter, the Government do not consider that the levy of fees by the Municipality would be legal.

2. Municipal expenditure for providing improved accommodation should precede the introduction of market fees.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Madura.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS,
Madura.

Dated February 24th.

Read.

G O., 24th February 1875, No. 427.

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FEBRUARY.
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Dindigul Municipality—The levy of fees by this Municipality at a weekly fair held on unoccupied ground, considered illegal.

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No 4

President's Office
Madurai.
16th January 1875.

From

W. McDuhae Esquire
President, Municipal Commissioners
Madurai.

To

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

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favourable consideration of Government a letter from the Vice President of the Dindigul Municipality dated January 7th 1875, No 92 requesting permission to levy fees varying from one pie to one anna from parties bringing articles for sale to the weekly market at Dindigul. The object of the fees is to enable the Commissioners to raise platforms for the sellers, to roof in spaces for the sale of perishable articles and generally to substitute a systematic arrangement of the fair for the present confusion. For purposes of check I think it will be sufficient to require these fees and their expenditure to be specially noticed in the annual report.

I have the honorable
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

W McDuhae
President.

No 72.

Municipal Commissioners Office
Dindigul January 7th 1875

The Vice-President
Municipal Commissioners
Dindigul

W McEachar Esqr.
President Dindigul Mun.l Commissioners

Sir,

I have the honour to forward, for your Consideration the following Resolution passed by the Dindigul Municipal Commissioners at a Meeting held this day, to request you to secure from Government the permission desired.

"Resolved that the Vice President request the President to secure from Government, permission for the Commissioners to levy from the sellers of Clothes, vegetables, fruit &c, at the weekly Market held every Friday, varying from one pice to one Anna, Each day, according to the position, and size of the ground granted, to enable the Commissioners to meet the expenses of furnishing and keeping in repair the Shelter accommodations for the varied and Constantly increasing traffic.

With the exception of a few periods of two or three months at a time, when some Government Officer has taken the matter in hand, and secured a temporary improvement, the Dindigul weekly Market has been a source of constant and growing confusion. Sellers

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of goods have been seated without any systematic arrangement over the market ground, and no provision made for the passing back and forth of buyers.

3. In such confusion it has been very difficult for the Police to guard against petty theft and hard at times, for some of the poorer village people to be seen from positive oppression.

4. Frequent petitions have been sent to the Commissioners, begging them to remedy this state of affairs.

5. The Commissioners as a matter of experiment have made a small outlay to mark off the grounds in spaces for bazaars and streets, and in passing a few raised platforms with a border of stone in mud and pointed with Chunam for the sellers of goods.

6. So much satisfaction has been given by this step already, that it is proposed to still further extend these raised platforms and eventually provide pens for the sheep and goats, brought to the Market and enclosures for the cattle.

7. It is also deemed advisable to roof over some of the bazaars at first with Cocoanut leaves, to be replaced in time with tiles, for the protection of such articles brought to the Market as Cloths, salt Cotton &c which would be injured by a shower of rain.

8. On inquiry, it is ascertained by the Commissioners that the small fees proposed will be gladly paid by the sellers not traders at this weekly Market, as they have for years been compelled to pay a certain tax in goods or money to some village officers and others, without receiving, in any shape or way any benefit for the same.

9. On the desired permission being granted by Government, this system of extortion would be entirely stopped and the parties prevented who practised it.

10. As the weekly Market is continually increasing in size and importance it is absolutely necessary that the most efficient and energetic steps be taken to meet the wishes of the people, both buyers and sellers, and there secure permanently to the town of Dindigul the great advantages to be derived from it.

11. The Commissioners are quite willing to have added to the general permission asked for, in their Resolution, any conditions or checks, which may be proposed by Government, to prevent the System of Collecting these small fees becoming a burden to those who regularly attend the Market.

12. It seems, however, to the Commissioners, that it is quite unfair to burden the Municipality with the expense of providing suitable accommodation for dealers at this Market who are to reap the greatest and almost sole benefit of the same and yet the Commissioners are the only party who can properly conduct and provide for its systematic management.

I have the Honor to be
Sir.
Your most obedient Servant

Edward Sherer
Vice President

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MUNICIPALITY

Pl. to G. No 6

From
The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Dindigal

To
The President
M. C. Dindigal

No 72
Dated Jan 4th 1875
Rec'd 16th January 75

Subject
Asking permission to
keep annual fees at the
Kattaiyur Weekly Market

Lee. Vice Pres.

From
The Vice President
Municipal Commission
Madura

To
The Chairman & Members
of Commissioners
Dindigal

No 4
Dated 16th January 1875

Subject
Letter from Vice President Dindigal
Dated 4th Inst. No 72
Requesting fees at the
Kattaiyur Weekly Market
to take effect from 1st Feby 1875

No 21

President's Office
Madura
16th February 1875

From

W McLuhae Esquire
President of the Int. Commission
Madura

To.

The Honorable D F Carmichael
Ag. Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to Govt. Order No
report that the market, referred to in my
letter dated 16th January 1875 No 4. is an
ordinary weekly fair held on unoccupied
ground and in the open air.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

W McLuhae
President

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From The President Municipal Commission Madura.

To The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George.

Dated 16th / Recd 19th February 1875

No. 409 / No. 21

Giving certain information regarding the Market Collections ... G.O. No. 303 dated 12 March

No. 323

With order

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Mis. 12th Feb. 1875, Nos 103-104

Read Nos 89 + 409.

24 Feb 75 No 427.

Under the circumstances reported in the above letter the Govt do not consider that the levy of fees by the Municipality would be legal.

Municipal expenditure for providing improved accommodation should precede the introduction of Market fees.

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Presdt. Munl. Commn. Madura. Despd 5/3

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The levy of fees by the Municipality at a weekly fair held on unoccupied ground considered illegal.