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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Municipal Commissioners.

No. 1404.

From

The Hon. R. DAVIDSON, C.S.I.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Home Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th May 1881, No. 4-70, I am directed to forward six copies each of the Election Rules issued under Section 9 of Madras Act III of 1871 and Section 11 of Madras Act V of 1878, and to state that at Madras the first election was a success, while a second proved a failure; that in the Provinces the right of election was conferred on the nine towns, noted in the margin, from September 1879, and that in only four* of these have vacancies as yet occurred for introducing the system. The reports received show that the first election held in Negapatam was a marked success, while a subsequent one ended in failure. In Tanjore the first election was not altogether satisfactory, while the second was a failure, and the Government were obliged to exercise their right of nomination. In Bellary there have been two elections, the results of both of which were poor, only a small proportion of votes being polled on each occasion, and the number of candidates being limited. In Trichinopoly the results of the election reported were equally unsatisfactory. The failures appear to have been due to the unfamiliarity of the people with the system, and also to the disinclination of the respectable classes to offer themselves as candidates at the risk of possible defeat.

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Kumbakónam.
Ootacamund.

* Negapatam.
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Trichinopoly.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Ootacamund,
3rd August 1881.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From the Government of
Fort St. George.

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Municipal Commissioners.—Forwarding six copies each of the Election Rules issued under Section 9 of Madras Act III of 1871 and Section 11 of Madras Act V of 1878, and furnishing information regarding the elections at Madras and in the Provinces.

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FROM

F. C. DAUKES, Esq.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the
Govt. of Madras.

Home, Rev. & Agri. Dept.
Municipalities

SIMLA, *the* 10 *May 1881.*

SIR,

I AM directed to request that with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council you will be good enough to furnish the Government of India with a copy of any rules which may have been issued by the Government of Madras under section 9 of the Towns Improvement Act, No. III of 1871 (M.C.) and section 11 of the City of Madras Municipal Act, No. V of 1878 (M.C.) for the purpose of regulating the elections of Municipal Commissioners. The Governor General in Council would also be glad to be furnished with a brief report showing the degree of success which has attended the elective system in those Municipalities of the Madras Presidency in which that system has been introduced.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,
F. C. Daukes
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Gov't. Central Branch Press, Simla.—No. 141 H., R. & A. D.—7-5-81.—138.

Emergent ~~Memo~~ Memo Fin. Guy

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The undersigned is directed to request that the President of the - - - Munici:pality will report as soon as possible what degree of success has attended the elective sys:tem in that Municipality.

Madras
12th July 1881

Sd. J. A. Davies
As. Under Secy.

To

The Presdt. M. C. Madura no
" Salem no
" Bellary not a success
" Trichinopoly
" Calicut. no
" Ootacamund no
" Tanjore no
(for Tanjore, Kumbaconam failure + Negapatam partial success.)

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Abstract for Press

Requesting the President of certain Municipalities to report what degree of success has attended the elective system in their Municipalities.

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From G. of I.
Home Dept

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

No. 3416 Dated { 15 July 1881

CURRENT No. 1817

From,
H. R. Gordon Esquire
~~THE~~ COLLECTOR AND PRESIDENT MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
BELLARY.

To,
THE *Chief Secretary to Government*
Fort Saint George.

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Sir,

With Reference to your Official Memorandum dated 12th July 1881, I have the honor to Report that there have as yet been but two elections of Municipal Commissioners for the town of Bellary.

2. On the 1st occasion of an election (29th April 1880) there were 5 vacancies to be filled up and Seven Candidates presented themselves. But little interest was evinced by the population, and only 28 electors voted. 22 was the largest number of votes

votes obtained by any Candidate and 12 sufficed to bring in the 5th Commissioner.

At the last election (in May last) there were 3 vacancies for which only three Candidates appeared. These were duly elected, 55 electors voting. The numbers announced at the conclusion of the poll were 54, 35 and 20.

4. The Gentlemen elected on the first occasion were all leading Merchants in the town, on the 2nd occasion they were all members of the local bar.

5. The list of electors contains 530 names.

6. The small proportion of votes polled on each occasion and the small numbers of Candidates show that but little importance is attached to the elective principle by the electors generally. This state of feeling will probably continue so long as Municipal institutions are, in the last resort, subject to the financial control of Government. The office of Municipal Commissioner appears to be valued principally at present for such social distinction as it confers. The desire of attaining the position does not appear, however, to be strong enough to overcome the disinclination to risk possible defeat.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Collector & Resident

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated

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To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

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Fin'l.
~~REVENUE~~ DEPARTMENT.
(Municl. – Bdr.)

From, + President M. Cor.

THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.

To,

THE Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

No 1403 A/81

CURRENT No. 1817

NO. 3416

Dated 15 } July 1881
Despatched 17 }

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SUBJECT

Referring to Offl Memo of 12 July /81 reporting upon the degree of success that has attended the elective system in the Bellary Municipality.

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Municipal Commissioners Office
Ootacamund. 15th July 1881.

No. 121

CURRENT No. 1802

From.

A. A. Roupell Esq.
President. Municipal Commission
Ootacamund.

To.

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Ootacamund.

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Sir.

In reply to Official Memorandum, + Financial Department without number, dated 12th instant, calling upon me to report what degree of success has attended the Elective system in this Municipality, I have the honor to state that this system has not yet been put in force in Ootacamund. –

+ Sent from Madras.

2. In para 9 of Government Order No 668 dated 17th April 1879 F. D. the Government fixed September of that year as the month during which the first Elections should be held in the Townships specified in para. 8 of the same Order, of which Ootacamund was one, "provided there is a vacancy or are vacancies existing in the Commission on the first of that month; It is not intended to

to disturb the Existing personnel, except gradually as Vacancies occur from termination of period of Service, death or resignation.

3. Next November one vacancy will occur through one of the Non-Official Members then completing his 3 years period of Service. In the following January, the remaining five Non-Official Commissioners will vacate their seats from the same cause. The number of Non-Officials under the Elective System would be five instead of six as at present.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

President
Ootacamund Municipality

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Finl. Dept.

Municipal (1881) Office
-B2s- Ootacamund

From

The President
Municipal Commission
Ootacamund,

No. 121.

Dated 15th } July 1881
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Enc: "

CURRENT No. 1802

Subject

Reporting that the elect~~ed~~ive System has not been put into force in the Ootacamund Municipality as no vacancy had occurred,

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CURRENT No. 1820

Malabar President's Office
Calicut 15th July 1881.

No. 187

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From,

G. McWatters Esquire
President Municipal Commission
Calicut -

To

C. G. Master Esquire
Ag: Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to the official Memorandum of the Acting Under Secretary to Government dated 12th Inst:, I have the honor to inform you that a vacancy has not occurred yet to put the elective system in force in Calicut, though the list of Voters was duly made out and published in the District Gazette of the 24th January 1880.

2. I have reason however to believe, that the elective system would be popular and I should like to see it extended to all the Municipalities in Malabar.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servant
G McWatters
President

Exd.

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(Municipal) Department
From,

The President
Municipal Commission
Malabar

CURRENT No. 1820
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Ootacamund

To 1403 A/81

Dated 15th
Despatched
Received 7 } July 1881.
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Subject:
Informs that no vacancy has occurred to put the elective system in force in Calicut.

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No. 143.

Salem Municipal Office
16th July 1881

CURRENT No. 1840

From

The ag. President
Salem Municipality

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

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Sir,

I have the honor in reply to your Official Memorandum without number, dated 12th July 1881, to state that no election of a Municipal Commissioner has yet taken place in Salem.

I have the honor &c.
Sir
Your most Obdt. Servant

J. Kwall
Vice President
for
ag. President

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From

The ag President
Salem Municipality

To Chief
The Secretary to
Government
Madras

No. 143.

Dated 16 }
Despatched 17 } July 1881
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CURRENT No. 1840

Reporting that no election of a Municipal Commissioner has yet taken place in Salem.

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Tanjore Presidents Office
Tanjore 19th July 1881.

No 199

CURRENT No. 1862.

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From
C. A. Bird Esquire
President
Municipal Commissions
Tanjore

To
C. G. Master Esquire
Offg. Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to the Official Memorandum from the Ag Under Secretary to Government dated 12 July 1881 requesting me report on the degree of success that has attended the elective system in the Municipalities noted in the margin, I

Tanjore
Combaconum
Negapatam

have the honour to report as follows:-

2 The first trial was made in the Negapatam Municipality in December 1879 and was successful vide Government Order No 133 dated 20th January 1880. In the same Municipality a 2nd election took place in October 1880 but its result was not so satisfactory. There were complaints that the list of voters submitted by the then Vice President was incorrect. The list had therefore to be revised and published. A 3rd election is shortly to take place and its result will be reported in due course.

3. In Tanjor

election of two Commissioners was made on 1st June 1880 vide Government Order No 1442 dated 26th July 1880 F. D.; but the number of voters were very few viz 64 against 344 individuals qualified to vote. In the same Municipality 5 vacancies again occurred and a notice fixing the date of election on the 6th December last was published together with the list of voters as required by the rules; but only one candidate appeared. Although the date of election was postponed twice none else came forward to be elected. It was therefore found necessary to resort to the appointment of Commissioners by Government vide this Office letter dated 10th May 1881 No 116.

4 No election has yet taken place in Combaconum; but one is to take place on the 15th August next to fill up the vacancies reported on, in this Office letter No 81 dated 29th March 1881. Its result will be reported in due course.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt.

President

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Local (1881) Dept
(Muncl – Bds)

From

The President
Municipal Commission
Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

Dated 19
Recd 20 } July 1881

No 199

Enclosure No 2

CURRENT No. 1852

Reporting on the degree of success that has attended the elective system in the municipalities of Tanjore, Combaconum, and Negapatam

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Madura President's Office
21st July 1881.

CURRENT No. 1948

From

H. J. Stokes Esquire
President, Municipal Commission
Madura

To

J. A. Davies Esquire
Acting Under Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Official Memorandum dated the 12th Instant, I have the honor to report that the elective system has not been tried yet in the Madura Municipality no vacancy having occurred in the existing number of Commissioners.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt

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From
The President
Municipal Commission
Madura

No. 37
Dated 21st July 1881
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CURRENT No. 1948

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Subject

Reporting that the elective system has not been tried in the Madura Municipality no vacancy having occurred in the existing number of Commissioners.

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Trichinopoly. Collector's Office
29th July 1881

No: 2311.

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From
Henry Sewell Esqr
President
Municipal Commission
Trichinopoly

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Deptt
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to the Under Secretary's official Memorandum dated 12th Instant, I have the honor to report that the elective system in the Town has not been attended with any degree of success.

2. Since Mr Martin's report embodied in Government Order No: 882 of 3d September 1880, no election has taken place. As far as I have been able to ascertain, the rate payers take not the slightest interest in the matter and decline

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even to go to the Poll unless they are provided with conveyances, while the respectable and intelligent classes, as a rule, object to the annoyance and disgrace, as they consider it, of canvassing for election.

3. Against the members who have already been elected, I have nothing whatever to say except that they do not show much personal interest in the affairs of the Municipality

4. The introduction of the system of election appears to me to be premature as far as Trichinopoly is concerned.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant
Henry [illegible]
President

Comd
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Finl. C881 / Dept
(Munl - Bd.)

From
The President
Municipal Commn
Trichinopoly.

To
The Chief Secretary
to
Government
Ootacamund

CURRENT No. 2016

No 1403 A/81

Dated 29th }
Rec 31 } July 1881.

No 2311.

Enclosure (s)

Informing that the elective system in the Town of Trichinopoly appears to be premature & has not been attended with any degree of success

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Put up with other replies — on which letter drafted to Govt. of India now in circulation. 27/8/81

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following ~~letter~~

Letter from the Govt. of India, d/ 10th May 1881, No. $\frac{4}{70}$ (C No. 1189)

Memo d/ 12th July 1881, requesting the Presidents of certain Municipalities to report what degree of success has attended the elective system in their respective Municipalities.

Letter from the President, Bellary Municipality, d/ 16th July 1881, No. 3416, (C No. 1817) reporting that there have been two elections the results of both of which were poor, only a small proportion of votes being polled on each occasion, and the number of candidates being limited. That little importance is attached to the elective principle by the electors generally, and the office of Municpl. Comr appears to be valued principally at present for the social distinction which it confers.

Letter from the President, Ootacamund Municipality, d/ 16th July 1881, No. 121, (C No. 1802) stating that this system has not yet been tried in Ootacamund.

Letter from the President, Calicut Muncplty, d/ 15th July 1881, No. 187, (C No. 1820) intimating that no vacancy has occurred as yet to resort to the elective system in Calicut.

Letter from the President, Salem Muncplty, d/ 16th July 1881, No. 143, (C No. 1840) stating that no election

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has yet taken place in Salem.

Letter from the President, Municpl. Commissions, Tanjore, d/ 19th July 1881, No. 199A (C No 1862) reporting that the first election held in Negapatam was a marked success, while a subsequent one ended in failure. That in Tanjore the first election was not altogether satisfactory, while the second was a failure, and the Govt. were obliged to exercise their right of nomination. That no election has yet taken place in Combaconum, but one is to take place on the 15th August next.

Letter from the President, Madura Municipality, d/ 21st July 1881, No. B4A (C No 1948) intimating that the elective system has not yet been tried in the Madura Municipality.

Letter from the President, Trichinopoly Municplty, d/ 29th July 1881, No. 2311A (C No 2016) reporting that the results of the election were unsatisfactory.

Order thereon 3rd August 1881, No. 1403A

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

(Here enter No. 1404 d/ 3rd Augt 81)

Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 1403A / 1404

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India,
Home &ca DEPARTMENTS

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th May 1881 No 4/70, I am directed to forward 6 Copies each of the election rules issued under Section 9 of Madras Act III of 1871 & Section 11 of Madras Act V of 1878; and to forward Copies of the orders noted in the margin* passed on the several reports received regarding the results of the elections. It will be seen that at Madras the first

* G.O. 21st June 1879 No 1178 F.D.
" 20th January /80 No 133 F.D.
" 30th April /80 No 882 F.D.

first election was a success ^which a second proved a partial^ that in the provinces the right of election was ~~Conceded~~ ^conferred^ ^on the^ only in the case of the 9 towns noted in the Margin from Septr 1879 and that of these only about 4 have as yet availed themselves of the privilege.

Negapatam
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Trichinopoly

The reports received show ^that the first elections held^ ~~a marked success only~~ in Negapatam ^was a marked success while a subsequent one ended in failure^. In a recent ~~Communication from~~ Tanjore, the ~~failure of an elec-tion held to fill up~~ 5 ~~vacancies has been reported~~ ^brief^ ^was a failure^ and the Govt ^were^ requested to exercise their right of nomination – In Bellary there have been two elections ~~but~~ the result of the first were poor as a small proportion of voters having been polled on each occasion & the number of candidates being extremely limited.

How do we know this

- × Trichinopoly
- ○ Madura
- × Bellary 2 elections poor due to [illegible]
- Tanjore
- ○ Salem
- ○ Calicut
- × Negapatam
- ○ Combakonum
- ○ Ootacamund

+ but they must be elections by G.O.

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Office note

The reports regarding elections are mostly disposed of by miscellaneous orders not printed. An abstract of the orders is given in the accompanying slip of paper attached to this as the originals are not here but at Ooty. The Reference [illegible] has not been able to trace any more reports on the subject –

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DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Secretary to the

Government of

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Finl. Mis. G. O. No. 2192 d/. 24/11/80.

Letter from the Presdt. Muncpl. Comr. Tanjore reporting that certain vacancies in the Negapatam Muncpl. Board have been filled up by election, recorded.

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Finl. Mis. G. O. No. 1637 d/. 27/8/80.

Letter from Presdt. Tanjore, reporting a vacancy and that orders issued for filling up by election, recorded

Mis. Finl. G. O. d/. 26/7/80: No. 1442.

The result of the elections of the Tanjore Muncpy. in June 1880, ordered to be notified in the Fort St George Gazette.

+ Mis. Finl. G. O. No. 1348 d/. 13/7/80.

Informing the Bellary Muncpl. Comr. that the orders require half the number of members shall be elected, one more member should be elected before further nominations are made.

P. T. O.

Mis Finl. G.O. of 10/3/80. No. 51.

President's proposal to fill up 5 vacancies of non-Official commissioners in the Bellary Mmpy. by election. approved

Mis Finl. G.O. of 23rd Jany 1880 No. 17.

Orders passed on letter from Presdt. Trichy reporting the result of the election held to fill up 3 vacancies on the 6th 1880.

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Mis Finl. G.O. of 12/2/81: 266.

Letter from the Tanjore Mmpy. stating that notices have been issued to fill by election the existing vacancies in the Board, recorded.

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Mis Finl. G.O. 18 May/81 No. 88.

Nominating certain gentlemen as commissioners, the elections held having failed.

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Trichy
Bellary
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Despd with copies each of Election Rules } 15/8/81

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Home ~~Rev~~ DEPARTMENT.

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187 DEPARTMENT.

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To
The Secretary to the
Government of

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BY. G. O. No. 1404

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