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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

26th May 1881, No. 931.

Municipal Taxes.

Read the following paper :—

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector and President, Municipal Commission, Tinnevely, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tiruchendur, 11th May 1881, No. 801 [Current No. 1172].

In continuation of my telegram of to-day's date, I have the honor to report on the complaint of the Tinnevely traders.

2. As far as I am at present informed the facts of the case are as follow :—

Many years ago—in 1871—it was resolved that no new thatched buildings should be allowed in the main streets of the town and that the old inflammable tatties or screens of bamboo and palmyrah leaves should be gradually replaced with solidutters of wood or iron.

3. This resolution has been enforced with more or less vigour ever since, and it has been usual to refuse permission to renew such leaf tatties, but the orders were enforced rather fitfully and were much objected to, so that not much progress was made in protecting the town from fire. The Commissioners, therefore, resolved (on the 18th of last month) to insist more rigorously on the observance of the rule and made further arrangements at the same time for preventing encroachments on the side lanes and streets by the bazaarmen. These orders having been carried out with unusual energy, and the police having also been simultaneously inspired with a sudden accession of zeal in the cause of sanitary reform, about sixty bazaarmen are said to have been charged by the police at one time, and so the long smouldering agitation was turned into a strike. The Temporary Deputy Magistrate at once proceeded to the town, and, having promised that a careful inquiry should be made into the grievances complained of, arranged with the bazaarmen to open their shops again to-day.

4. On receipt of further information, I will induce the Commissioners to modify any orders that appear to be unnecessarily strict, but they must be supported in their efforts to put a stop to encroachment and to the use of combustible materials in the town.

5. This is the explanation of the present disturbance, but I ought perhaps to add that there has been for some time past a continual agitation against Municipal institutions generally and a very determined attempt to get rid of Municipal taxation altogether. Manifest as are some of the benefits conferred by the Municipal Act, the great majority of the tax-payers think them far too dearly purchased at the expense of so many taxes and so much extra worry and vexation, so that it is not always possible to do what we know ought to be done, but only what is for the present expedient.

ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1881, No. 931.

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(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Dated May, 26th.

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Municipal Taxes.—Report of the President, Municipal Commission, Tinnevely, on the complaint made by Tinnevely traders regarding certain oppressive acts of the Municipal Commissioners, recorded.

No 801

From

To

Tinnevely Collectors office
Camp Street, Madras 26 May 1881

931/2 CURRENT No. 1172

B. Pennington Esquire

Collector and President

Municipal Commission

Tinnevely

The Honourable A Davidson C.S.I.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George
Cottaramund

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

W. B. Cunningham
Secretary and President

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/ Miguel. M. M.
Director of Customs office
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The Collector of
Revenue, San Francisco
California

To

The Chief Secretary
Government

Fort Saint George
Colombia

Dated 11th }
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the Complaint of Privately
Traders about the oppression
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