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Headquarters of the Ramnad district.

Informing the Chairman, Municipal Council, Madure, that the Government see no reason to reconsider the decision fixing Madure as the headquarters of the Ramnad district.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

R.F.D. - 80-1-19, 1902-18-6-18.



Subject

Submitting for the orders of Government a copy of a proposal made by nine councillors of this municipality regarding the shifting of the Head Quarters of the Ramnad District to a place outside the present limits of the Madura Municipality and a copy of the resolution of the council passed thereon.



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R.O. No. 26 of 17.
Station Madura, Dated the 1st March, 1917. 191.
M. R.R.Ry.

From (Name) V. Srinivasachariar Avl., B.A.,

To the Home (His) Dept. Ho.

(Designation) Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local and Municipal Department.

Through the Collector & the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of -- Government a copy of a proposal made by nine councillors of this Municipality regarding the shifting of the Head Quarters of the Ramnad District to a place outside the present limits of the -- Madura municipality and a copy of the resolution of the council No. 106 dated 30-1-1917 passed thereon.

2. The Municipality does not appear to have been consulted when it was decided to keep the Head Quarters of the -- Ramnad district at Madura. The question as to whether the -- general administrative efficiency will be promoted or decreased

decreased by this measure is outside the scope of the municipality. But the municipality is daily confronted with questions of over-crowding and in-sanitation in a town which is already an important centre of Pilgrim traffic and the decision as to the keeping of the offices and the Courts of another district in this town enhances the difficulties of the municipality, ~~By~~ ^{by} increasing the floating population of the litigants who make no contribution to the expenses of the municipality. Madura has developed from a petty town round a temple into a big industrial and mercantile city. Unfortunately, the town did not expand with the growth of the population, and the present generation has to pay the penalty of the unwise policy of the past -- years in sub-dividing the houses and the streets to such an --- extent that it is a marvel that human beings live in the densely packed houses ("Stores" as they are sometimes called in Madura) in most filthy ill-ventilated lanes. The extension of the town so as to relieve the congestion and the over-crowding will tax all the resources of the municipality, and it will take a considerable time before any real improvement is effected. It seems hard to increase the difficulties of the municipality by establishing offices and courts which ought legitimately to be --- placed in another district and thereby increasing the demand -- for house-space.

3. Under the circumstances, I request that the Government will be pleased to favourably consider the resolution of the Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V. Srinivasan

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Chairman.

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The Chairman,

Municipal Council,

Madura.

Sir,

We the undersigned have the honor to bring the following proposal for consideration at the next meeting of the Council:--

This council respectfully submits to His Excellency, the Governor of Madras, that in the best interests of the inhabitants of the Ramnad District and people of the city of Madura, this city, which is highly congested, insanitary and where the house rent has risen very high and articles of food are sold at famine rates, should no longer serve as the Head Quarters of -- two districts and prays that by any re-arrangement of the boundaries of the two districts if need be, the head quarters of -- the new district be located anywhere outside the present limits of the Madura municipality.

We have etc.,

(Sd). M.Parameswaram Pillai,

,, R.Narasimhan,

,, P.C.Muthu Chettiar,

,, P.K.Ramaswami Iyer,

,, Obia K.Ramasami Iyer,

,, Allu Ramier,

,, G.Ramaswami Iyengar,

,, M.K.Sankararama Iyer,

,, T.R.Sundara Row,

(True Copy).

Madura,

15-1-1917.

V Sankararama
Chairman.

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2.3.17

Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Madura, passed at
the meeting held on 30-1-17.

Number of councillors present:--14. x

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No.106.

Read proposal of M.R.Ry. M.Parameswaram Pillai Avl., and
eight other councillors that this council respectfully submits
to His Excellency the Governor of Madras that in the best in-
terests of the inhabitants of the Ramnad district and the people
of the city of Madura, this city, which is highly congested, in-
sanitary and where the house rent has risen very high and arti-
cles of food are sold at famine rates should no longer serve as
head quarters of two districts and prays that by any re-arrange-
ment of the boundaries of the two districts if need be, the --
head quarters of the new district be located anywhere outside
the present limits of the Madura municipality.

The proposal is moved by M.R.Ry. R.Narasimha Iyengar
Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. V.Manickam Pillai Avl.,

The proposal is carried.

(M.R.Ry. T.K.Ramasami Iyer Avl., dissenting).

(Sd). V.Srinivasan,

Chairman.

(True Extract).

V Srinivasan

Chairman.

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Submitted to the collector
of Madura.

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Deputy Collector

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Submitted to Government.

I understand that the decision to have the head-quarters of the Ramnad district at Madura was based on the impossibility of finding a suitable centre in the Ramnad district which would be accessible to all parts of the district where water, building materials and other necessities or conveniences would be readily obtainable. Since this decision was finally made, the chief points which would weigh in favour of a reconsideration thereof appears to be that brought to the notice by the Council, the serious congestion which exists and which is increasing in Madura Town. The result of this will be a very considerable increase in the cost of buildings owing to the increase in site value. I may ^{quote} say for instance the Ramnad Police ^{line} now in process of acquisition for which instead of a few hundreds of rupees per acre ^{several} ~~some~~ thousands ~~of~~ have now to be paid. Against this must be set the great care and labour which has been expended on ^{laying} ~~buying~~ out the sites for the new offices which have been inspected by two or three expert Town Planners, ^{two} ~~the~~ members of Council, two members of the Board of Revenue, and a number of Engineers and a Special Site Committee selected for the purpose. ^{There} is no doubt, on the other hand, that the decision to have the headquarters of two districts in the same place does involve certain administrative difficulties and as owing to the war, no progress has been made with the building of offices, so that no extra ^{expense} ~~expenditure~~ would be involved in a change of policy, I recommend that the opinions of the Collector of Ramnad and the District Judges of Madura and Ramnad be called for confidentially as to whether it would not even now be worth while to endeavour to find a suitable locality in Ramnad district itself. I may say that, the difficulties ~~of~~

of which I speak are likely to be ^{felt} considerably more strongly
by Ramnad district officials than by those of Madura.

Madura Collector's Office,

Dated the 26th Mar. 1917.

s.v.-30-3-17

Per Waddam
For Collector.

NOTES.

Home Dept
(Mis).

Headquarters of the
Rannad district

pp 1-4 CF From the Chairman, Municipal Council,
Madura, R.C.C. No $\frac{26}{812}$ /17,
D the 1.3.17.

pp 6-7 CF From the Collector of Madura, S.O. No $\frac{1163}{Rev}$ /17,
D the 30.3.17.

For the W.S.

Attention is invited to
the notes at pages 32-43 of notes
to G.O. no 756 Pub D the 30.6.14 in
which the question of fixing the
headquarters of the Rannad district
was considered and decided. The Hon

Page 32-36 notes W.

p 37 bid

M 37-39 bid

Sir Harold Stuart was strongly
opposed to the fixing of the headquarters
in Madura town. The Hon Sir
John Atkinson supported Mr Knapp's
proposal to include Pannalai in
the Rannad district and to create
it as the headquarters. The Hon
Sir P.S. Sivaranny Ayyar was in
favour of fixing the headquarters
at Manamadurai. The Hon Sir Alexander

Para 7, p 407
notes N

Order in Council
at p 437 notes N

pp 1-2 C.F.
2 pp 6-7 C.F.

cardew was
retention of the headquarters
and was of the opinion that some
place in the Ramnad district itself
should be chosen as the headquarters
He came to the conclusion that
Manamadurai might be created
the headquarters of the district.
The question was discussed in the
Council and the Govt decided
that the headquarters of the
Ramnad district should continue
to be Madurai town.

2 All the main
objections now urged by the
Municipality and the Collector
Madurai (Mr Paddison) viz Cong
in the Madurai town and the
consequent increased land
house sites and increase in
cost of sites were before the
when the decision to fix
as the headquarters of the
district was arrived at.

3 The question
the orders should be recor

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Considered in the notes to G.O. no 925 Pub. d the 12.6.15 and it was decided to adhere to the original orders.

4 It will be observed

that though the Madura Municipality was not consulted when the question of fixing the headquarters of the Ramnad district was under consideration public opinion was strongly in favour of Madura.

p/p 31-3714 G.O. 756 N
30.6.14

para 4 of the Hon

Sri P.S. Srinawany appears
note at p 387 notes N.

5 The Govt have already

taken action to provide accommodation for public offices & residences of officers of the Ramnad district in Madura town. A committee was appointed in G.O. no 980 Pub, d the 25.6.15 to consider and report on the whole question. The report with a layout of the sites required is under separate consideration. The file is understood to be in the P.W.D. That dept. way it is submitted, be requested w.o in the first instance to state in what stage the question is at present.

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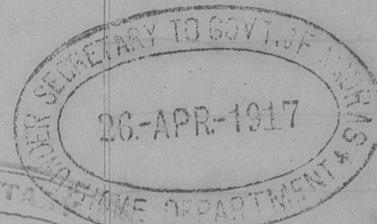
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Nothing has been put forward to calculate to induce the Govt to reverse the decision at which they originally arrived & subsequently re-affirmed. No useful purpose will be served by consulting local officers again; the Tottenham's opinion is well-known & is unlikely to have changed. If the suggestion is so very serious the remedy will be to relieve it by extending the town; perhaps the Govt in view of the circumstances will be disposed to treat the municipality generously if it applies for loans & grants for this purpose; but such application would have to be supported by facts & figures. They would be dealt with in the next depth.

I submit that the Municipality may be informed that Govt has no reason to reconsider their decision.



26/4/17

25.4.17



for the u.s.

A draft order is

submitted for approval. It may go u.s. to d.x. (Municipal) for acceptance before issue.

L.M. u.s.

Misc no 1287-1

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Local and Rural Dept

The fact that Madura was already congested and would become more so if it were made the headquarters of the Ramnad District also was before Government, when they decided to make it the headquarters of two districts. Even if the municipalities had then ^{been} consulted, its opinion would not have altered the final decision. For orders, therefore, whether the draft may be accepted in this department and the file returned to the Home (mis) Dept.

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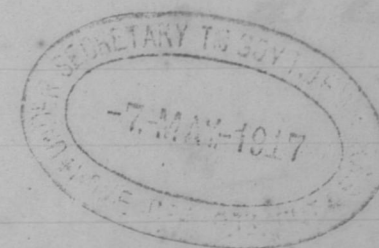
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S. Draft may now be in

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vide pages 34 + 38 of the notes with go. 756 Pub. - (N) 30/6/14

(Kis)

Informing the Chairman,
Municipal Council, Kadura that the Govt see no reason
to reconsider the decision fixing Kadura as the headquarters
I of the Kannad district

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 756 Pub, dated the 30. 6. 1914.

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READ ALSO:—

READ ALSO:-

C. No. _____, From the Chawarian Municipal Council, Madurai, No. _____, dated _____ 191_____

R.O.C No $\frac{26}{Oct}$ (17), & The I.S.I

deputy collector, Kaidua; N No 161/17
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10	Collector Graham, S. C.	1163	26.3.17
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ORDER.

No. 442, dated 7-5, 1952

His

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Madurai, is informed that the Govt see no reason to reconsider the decision arrived at in 1914 after careful consideration fixing Madurai as the headquarters of the Ramnad District.

To
The Chairman, Municipal
Council, Madras,
Through the Collector of
Madras.

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