

# Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1019/m

DATED 26<sup>th</sup> June 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition.

Informing M.R.Ry. S. Subrahmaniya Aiyar Municipal Councillor, Negapattam, that the Government cannot entertain any communication from individual councillors in the matter of the censure passed by Government in the Government Order reviewing the municipal budget for 1895-96.

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1917.5/95

Local 8, Dunsmuir, D.C.

CURRENT No

From

*S. Subramania aiyar B.a.*

Municipal Councillor Negapattin

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The Honorable, The Chief Secretary to the Govern-  
ment of Fort St. George and its Dependencies,  
Madras (Local and Municipal Department)  
through the Collector of Tanjore.

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1. I respectfully beg leave to make the following representations to Government in connection with the Circular passed by it in the concluding paragraph of G. O. No 573 H. (Local and Municipal) dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 1895 reviewing the Budget Estimates of the Municipality for 1895-96.

2 I regret that this censure should have been passed without an opportunity being given to myself and the other members of the Council who took part in the Budget Meeting. There is absolutely neither reason nor precedent for the Chairman, Delegate to have sent up a Communication to Government without first putting the proceedings of the Meeting behind it.

3 The Chairman Delegates Complaint is Contain-  
ed in his Letter No 30 dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 1895  
which is embodied at pages 9 to 12 of the G. O  
under reference. I shall deal with his strictures  
in the order in which he has made them.

4 (Paragraph 3 of the Chairman Delegates' Com-  
plaint) Budget Meeting which ought to have come  
on in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December was not held  
till the 11<sup>th</sup> January. The draft budgets prepared  
by the Chairman Delegates were circulated  
only the day before the above date. The practice  
and recognized rule of procedure in this  
Municipality have all along been to discuss  
the drafts in detail and to make proposals  
to amend the same in the Council of the Association  
Budget.

And yet the Chairman Delegate Complain  
of fresh proposals were springing. The me  
opportunity for the individual members of the  
to make "fresh proposals" the draft proposals  
circulated only the day before and the morning of the  
11<sup>th</sup> January the meeting continued till about 10 o'clock  
The Council again met at 4.30 in the afternoon and  
between 7 and 8 the Chairman Delegate abruptly  
rose from the Chair and left the meeting without so  
much as informing it as to why he did so. About  
half an hour later, the whole business would have  
been quietly finished. The Chairman Delegate  
charges the members present with "an apparent  
determination to obstruct business". The statement  
is utterly without foundation. There was a fair and  
bona fide discussion of the General made at the  
meeting. He had apparently not the patience  
to face the proposals made at the meeting and  
evidently imagined that his drafts should have  
been passed in block, without any addition or sub-  
traction whatever. If that was his frame of mind  
he would have done better by forwarding his  
draft proposals to Government without bringing  
them for the formal approval of the Council.  
He who has now thought fit to criticize the proposals  
made at the meeting never said a word either  
for or against them much less endeavoured to  
guide its deliberations. Immediately after  
the 11<sup>th</sup> January I sent up to the Chairman  
Delegate a Memorandum of his last complaining  
against his abrupt departure from the meeting  
and asking the same to be placed before the  
Council at its next meeting. He has not complied  
with this request and my Memorandum remains  
undisturbed till this date.

5 (Paragraph 5 of the Chairman Delegate Complaint)  
The Chairman Delegate fully concurs in this proposal.

6 (Paragraph 6 of the Chairman Delegate Complaint)  
The Establishment provided in the draft budget  
for the sewage farm was out of all proportion.

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to the results secured and the Chairman Delegate  
admits that the object of the farm is more  
sanitary than pecuniary. This is simply  
a matter of opinion and the Council  
in proposing to reduce the Establishment  
acted bona fide in the interests of the  
rate-payers by endeavouring to prevent expenditure  
without any adequate results.

7 (Paragraph 9 of the Chairman Delegate Complaint)  
The proposed introduction of the 11<sup>th</sup> class of  
the professional Tax Schedule is denounced  
by the Chairman Delegate in his letter to  
Government. He had not a word to say  
against it at the meeting itself. The net  
results of his intervention would be a dis-  
gain to the revenues of the Municipality  
in the other Municipalities in his district  
and elsewhere the 11<sup>th</sup> and the still lower  
Classes of the Schedule are in force with  
advantage.

8 (Paragraphs 10 & 11 of the Chairman Delegate Complaint)  
The insinuations contained therein  
are without any foundation.

9 (Paragraph 12 of the Chairman Delegate Complaint)  
The proposal to take over the Private Middle School  
at Nagow, which is not working as efficiently  
as it ought to be was an action taken by the Council  
on behalf of the educational interests of the  
population of that Suburb. The Director of  
Public Instruction states in his letter (Page 13  
of the G.O.) "I support the proposal of the Council  
to take over the Nagow Middle School  
under its management." This itself  
shows that the Council's action was reason-  
able and that in making the proposal it was  
not forgetful of its responsibilities.

10 Paragraphs 13 & 16 of the Chairman Delegate  
Complaint) The proposals of the Council to  
place the staff of the Hospital on an efficient  
footing emanated from the Surgeon-General's  
action notes

Notes and not a kind of the improvements  
has been adopted by the Council.

11 (Paragraph 17 of the Chairman's Delegate's Complaint)  
In the budget proposals submitted to the Government by  
the Council for 1894-95 provision has been made  
for the entertainment of a Prosecution and Collection  
Inspector on Rs 25 which was sanctioned by the Govern-  
ment. The official designation of his new appoint-  
ment was altered into "Collection Inspector" by the  
Chairman on his own responsibility. The Chairman  
makes a provision for the entertainment of  
Prosecution Inspector ~~de Rs 25~~ in his draft  
proposal for 1895-96 and the Council rightly consider  
ed this proposition to be an unreasonable one involving  
an unnecessary expenditure of money.

12 (Paragraph 18 of the Chairman's Delegate's Complaint)  
The proposed allowance of Rs 10 to the Manager is  
considered by the Chairman's Delegate to be unreason-  
able and by the Divisional Officer to be puerile. But  
the Chairman's Delegate admits that if this increase  
were proposed to be added to the Manager's salary on his  
own merits it would not be inappropriate. It is  
therefore clear that the objections of the Chairman's  
Delegate and the denunciation of the Divisional  
Officer are unjust and uncalled for.

13 At the Budget Meetings in question, elected as well as  
Nominated Councillors took part and it cannot be said  
that all these Councillors were not alive to the responsi-  
bilities of their position in carrying on the deliberations  
in the manner in which they did.

14 In Conclusion I respectfully trust that His Excellency  
in Council will be pleased to reconsider the Censure  
passed by him in the light of the explanations contained  
herein.

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your honour's most obedient Servant

Subramaniam

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From

S. Subramaniam Aiyar B.A.  
Municipal Councillor, Negapatam.

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The Government can

not entertain any communication  
from individual councillors in this  
matter.

For order

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As to what is to be done  
with this. It is not apparent  
why this Councillor should  
pose as champion of the  
whole Council. The censure  
passed was ~~the~~ the Council  
as a whole and apparently  
the Council procedure is that  
the Council to it writes the  
resolution to come up with  
a formal resolution to this  
effect 18/6/95

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Dated 9-5-95

Received 22-5-95

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## SUBJECT.

Praying that the censure passed by  
Govt. in G.O. No. 573 M dated 25th  
March 1895 reviewing the Budget  
estimate of the Negapatam muni-  
cipality for 1895-96, may be re-  
considered in the light of the  
explanation offered.

Submitted to the Council of  
S. S. Aiyar

To

M. R. S. Subramaniam Aiyar  
Municipal Councillor, Negapatam

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