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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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8. The memorial and a copy of the Proceedings of the council are enclosed.

From the Collector of the Gódávari District, dated 15th June 1895, Dis. on Cur. No. 822-Eng.

Abstract.—Forwarding a petition from K. Sríramulu, a ratepayer of Rajahmundry, pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the municipality.

Order—dated 27th June 1895, No. 1029 M., Local and Municipal.

The election of M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasádaráyudu as Chairman cannot, in the absence of legal objection to it, be set aside as proposed by the Collector. The usual notification will accordingly be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

2. The Collector's recommendation that the maximum strength of the Municipal Council of Rajahmundry should be raised to twenty is also inadmissible under paragraph 4 (5) of G.O., dated 30th April 1883, No. 864, Financial Department. It can, however, be fixed at eighteen with reference to the present population of the town, and this will be done, the following notification being published in the Fort St. George and the Gódávari District Gazettes :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of section 13 of the District Municipalities Act, IV of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that the maximum strength of the Municipal Council of Rajahmundry shall be eighteen and that the proportion of councillors to be appointed by election shall be two-thirds of this number.

3. The petition of K. Sríramulu, pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the municipality, will be referred to the Collector for report as to the truth or otherwise of the allegations made in it.

(True Extract,)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To The Chairman, M.C., Rajahmundry

~~To the~~ Collector of Gódávari,
Gazette.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Proceedings recorded at the Special meeting of the Members of the Municipal Council of Rajahmundry on 22-4-95 for the election of Chairman.

Present.

1 G. W. Elphinstone Esquire. (in the Chair)
2 Surgeon Major J. C. Marsden.
3 R. S. Harris Esquire.
4 M.R.Ry G. Nagarayudu garu.
5 Do. M. Narasiah garu.
6 Do. M. Latchiah garu.
7 Do. Y. Ramakristniah garu.
8 Do. K. V. Seetaramachenderrow garu.
9 Do. N. J. D. Prasadarayudu garu.
10 Do. V. Venkatramiah garu.
11 Do. Y. L. Narasimham garu.

Only two members are nominated viz;

1 M.R.Ry Nidamarti Jaladurga Prasada Rayudu Garu.

2. Do. Y. L. Narasimham garu

M.R.Ry. Y. L. Narasimham garu withdraws his Candidature.

The members having voted the votes are counted in the presence of the Council and these are found to be 9 votes for Mr N. J. D. Prasadarayudu, the total number of Councillors being 16, the requisite Majority of votes has been given to the Candidate.

No vote was given by Mr N. J. D. Prasadarayudu.

Under Rule 7. the Proceedings will be submitted to the Collector.

(signed) G. W. Elphinstone
Chairman.

(True Copy) G. W. Elphinstone
Chairman.

23/4/95.

Cur pet no. 727/Rev of 95.

To

His Excellency The Right Hon'ble Beilby Baron WENLOCK, C. I. E.,
Governor and President in Council, Fort ST. George,
MADRAS.
through the sub-collector Rajahmundry.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned taxpayers, Electors, and inhabitants of the Municipality of Rajahmundry.

Rd/ 5495

Respectfully sheweth,

That in view of the present vacancy in the office of Chairman, and of the unsatisfactory administration of the Municipality noticed by Government, year after year, in its Reviews of the annual Reports and the Sanitary Commissioner's Inspection notes, Memorialists beg most humbly and respectfully to take this opportunity of praying

(1.) that the number of elective seats in the Municipality be reduced and that of Government nominees increased with a view of equalising the strength of the two classes of Councillors in the Council, and of preventing the mischievous effects produced by the presence in the Council, of a strong clique of elected Councillors; and

(2.) that the right of electing its own Chairman be withdrawn from the Council for a time and that a suitable person from it be appointed to that office by your Excellency in Council.

II. That the Memorialists beg to submit the following, among other reasons, in support of their prayer.

When the elective system of appointing councillors was introduced into the Municipality, the Government was pleased to grant the *full* complement of 12 elected councillors, which is *three-fourths* of the total strength of the Council. Further the extension of the elective franchise to the artizan and other classes of presumably, inferior qualifications, has unfortunately rendered the return of proper and useful persons almost impracticable, for the reason that this less independent and almost illiterate class of electors have swelled the already existing number of such electors as did not understand the benefits of self Govt. Some of the results of the foregoing concessions in this Municipality are:—

(1.) That a strong faction of elected Councillors has grown up in the Council during the last three or four years.

(2.) No less than *four* persons who are closely related to one another have been returned to the council, while two of them, uncle and nephew, are councillors for the same ward.

(3.) The condition of the town roads, Sanitation, Lighting, the Registration of Vital statistics and the general management of affairs have been anything but satisfactory— a result due, as the Memorialists believe, to the policy of the dominant faction in the Council.

(4.) The manner in which appointments were made during the last three years, of incompetent men who were in the good graces of the faction and the consequent confusion of affairs in the office and outside;

the favouritism shown to friends and relatives of the members of the faction in municipal matters, are well known in the Municipality.

(5.) Nor has the Council been fortunate in the choice of its Chairman The choice resting with the elected majority of Councillors, it falls naturally on one, who is connected with the faction Small wonder is it that, in the circumstances, an impartial and vigorous administration has given place to lax control and bad management.

III. To remedy the present state of things, Memorialists humbly submit that the number of elective seats should be reduced so that the Government nominees in the Council shall number at least half the total strength. Further more Memorialists submit that in other Municipalities of equal or less standing, the total strength of the Council is much greater. In Masulipatam, Vizagapatam, Guntur, Vellore, and Conjeeveram it is 20; in Berhampore, Ellore, Nellore, Tellicherry and Mayaveram it is 18; whereas in Rajahmundry it is only 16. Memorialists pray that under the present circumstances, the strength of the Rajahmundry Council may be fixed at 20, the four additionl seats at least being filled up by nomination by Government, so that the evil effects due to the present faction in the Council, may, in some measure, be mitigated.

IV. With regard to the office of Chairman, Memorialists submit that it is not desirable for some time at least, to entrust to another *elected* Chairman the administration of the Municipality, and pray that your Excellency in Council may be pleased to appoint a proper person who can administer the affairs with efficiency and impartiality.

Your Excellency's most obedient
and humble servants.

Rajahmundry. }
[illegible] April 1895. }

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1 C. Venkatachalam. B.A; B.L. High Court Vakil
2 [illegible] Ramachandra Rao B.A & B.L High Court Vakil
3 B. Venkata Rao B.A; B.L. High Court Vakil
Dist Board member
4 K. Suramma [illegible] second grade pleader Rajahmundry
5 G. venkataratnam Abkarry contrac
6 C. V. L. Narasimha Row B.A. First Grade pleader
7 R. Rangiah - Elector -
8 Chitrapu Venkata Narasimharow Elector
9 D[illegible] Nagaraju 2nd grade pleader
10 Kota. Butch. Venkata Krishnarow Elector
11 Kota. Virabhadrayya Zamindar of Gangol estate
12 S. Kamesvara Rao.
13 K. Narasimhacharlu Row. 2nd Grade Pleader.
14 [illegible] Chittaiah Setti [illegible]
15 [illegible]
16 [illegible] Clerk [illegible] Survey [illegible]
17 S. Mrityunjaya Rao B.A. L.T. Assistant Lecturer, Govt Colly Rajahmundry
18 Narayanaswami B.A. Head Clerk, Dist Court, Godavari.
19 A. Sundararamayya First Grade Pleader

20 Umr Dlah
Cultivator E. C. Ry 7/4/95

21 ~~I~~ Narayan Sastri, Short Hand writer
District & Sessions Court

22 Arcot Bhima Char. B.A.

23 A. Subrahmanya Aiyar B.A. L.T. Asst Lectur
Rajahmundry Coll

24 S. S. Krishnaswami B.A.

25 J. K. Hanumanta Rau. B.A. L.T.
7/4/1895. 2nd Asst. Govt College Rajahmu

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27 Gopisetti Kondalarayudu
Bench Magistrate
Rajahmundry town

28 Edm. Clwaith Pleader Dt. Court

(Signatures on the Memor l in Telugu.)

29 (50) Nalam Ramarazu merchant, District Board mem
30. (Sigd) Rajah adich la Chinia Seetiah Zemin
Taluq Board member
31. (") Mamidi Ram anam Timber Merc t
32 (") Jupudi Vencat Ramanujam Timber
33 (") Masilirazu Ve katappayya. Mukhtia of
Radha Kissan Lal. Opium Importe
34. " Gudimella P ayya, Mukhtiar of B ri
Doss Narayan Doss. Opium Impo
35. " Narajee Paraj, General Merchant.
36. " Javanmul Jag tajee. Merchant.
37. " Chemajee Sa i, Merchant.
38 " Durbha Kon ayya.

39. " Asuram Sada Sak Bhattadu.
"Opium Importer"
40 " Duvvuri Veerabhadriah Elector
41 " Unintelligible. B.a.
42. " Malladi Ramanna Elector.
43 " Koralla Somayya Trader.
44 " Majeti Vencataswamy "
45 " Bondada Vencataswamy "
46 " Vedullapalli Vencataratnam. "
47 " Kosana Subbayya Elector
48 " Sodisetti Vencataratnam. Trader.
49. " Veeramilli Mallayya. Elector
50. " Pragallapati Subbayya. Trader.
51. " Cherukuri Gangaraju, acting Village munsiff
52. " Bathinedi G leswamy
53 " Sota Vencat swamy, trader.
54 " Kantipaty amamayya. "
55. " Madeti Kondalarayudu. "
56 " Jatla M layya "
57 " Balanagu Sanyasi. Sowcar
58 " Moulavi Ghulam ali Khan.
District, Court Pleader.
59 " Pensioned Subadar Major Mahomed
Saheb Honorary Bench Magistrate
of Rajahmundry.
60 " Asad ali Khan alias Bhikari Saheb
Pleader District Court Godavery.
61 " Kotta Vencann Merchant.
62 " Battula Peda Pattilingam "
63 " Appana Suleanna "
64 " Appana Maanikyam "
65 " Devata Rangayya "

66. " Denata Manikyam Merchant.
67 " Appana Subramanyam "
68 " Garigipati Vencataratnam Inamdar
69 " Battula Ramalingayya. Merchant
70 " Kotta Soorayya — "
71 " Adidam Papayya — "
72 " Vadakattu Seshayya "
73 " Bayyanu Lakshmanna "
74 " Katkuriala Padmanabham "
75 " Karumuri Venkatappayya
76 " Peddanti Veera Venkata Subbarayudu Inamdar.
77 " K. Ratnam Merchant
78 " Siniakurti Satayya "
79 " Gudipati Vencata Subbarayudu "
80 " Grandhi Vencanna — "
81 " Battula Krustnayya "
82 " Pachipulusu Krustnayya "
83 " Balanagu Venkanna "
84 " Sutapalli Satteyya "
85 " Denata Ratnam "
86 " J. Subbayya "
87 " Battula Subbayya "
88 " Penjerla Bangarayya "
89 " Nooka Brahmayya "
90 " Mahomed Ittajalli Khan "
91 " Vacacherla Vencanna
92 " Pedamallu Narasayya
93 " Simhadri Vencataramayya.
94 " Appala Vencata Seshayya

95 " Kotta Rangayya
96 " Nunna Venkataratnam
97 " Grandhi Subbarayudu.
98 " Denota Swami
99 " Kotta China Brahmayya.
100 " Mallavarapu Saniasi Razu.
101 " Perumallu Narayana murti
102 " Venkayala Venkataratnam.
103 " Vetcha Narayanamurti
104 " Pedamallu Veeraswami.
105 " Kummarapurapu Sriapatayya Merchan
106 " Tammana Lingayya — "
107 " Siriakurti Razu — Trader.
108 " Kunala Ramarazu "
109 " Kancherla Narayya "
110 " Kancherla Veerrazu "
111 " Kandula Ramakristnayya "
112 " Maddula Talayya "
113 " Kancherla Razu
114 " Gamini Vencataratnam "
115 " Vacacherla Bangarayya "
116 " Chenna Ramalingayya "
117 " Arepu Timmarazu — "
118 " Grandhi Buchayya "
119 " Singamsetti Swami "
120 " Nulu Surya Row — "
121 " Gamini Somarazu — "
122 " Wudatha Kamalanabhudu
123 " Majeti Sooryanarayana
124 " Kolla Nagabhushanam.
125 " Kancherla Kannayya "

126 „ Ventrapragada Veeramallu „
127 „ Perumallu Srirengalam „
128 „ Simhadri Narasimham
129 „ Nadipilli Paddayya „
130 „ Kakkirala Seshayya „
131 „ Kakkirala Mangayya „
132 „ Battula Bhadrayya „
133 „ Marumalla Singarayya „
134 „ Khaja Amin Khan alias Dada Saheb; Honorary Magistrate Rajahmundry
135. Vemulkuri Nagayya – Trader.

(True copy)

K Sriramulu

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31 Mamedi Ramaswamy
Timber merchant

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Opium importer

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Merchant

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58 Moneelane Ghulam Ali Khan [illegible]

59 Pensioned Subadar Major Mahomed Sahib

60 [illegible] Magistrate of Rajahmundry
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66 Ayala [illegible] (Merchant)

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Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government. The principal reason in my opinion for the dissatisfaction with the municipal management is the incompetency of the municipal Manager. He was appointed by the late Chairman who is almost certain to be reelected at the election which comes off on 22nd instant. The late Chairman is one of the leading pleaders of the town, and his private work ~~[illegible]~~ naturally engrosses most of his time.

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Ref No. 614/Eng. 9/95

GODAVARI DISTRICT,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cocanada, 7-5-1895

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1567/M

FROM

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Godavari District.

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The Chief Secretary to Government
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(Sd) V A Brodie
Ag Collector

Mohammed
Dy for ~~Collector~~

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURR 1567/M

Revenue {1895} Department.

From

The Collector,

Godavari District.

Reference No. 614

Dated 7 }
Despatched 9 } May 1895.
Received 13 MAY. 95

SUBJECT.

Reporting that M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasada rao garu 1st grade pleader ~~[illegible]~~ has been appointed elected Chairman of the Rajahmundry Municipality & forwarding with ~~[illegible]~~ remarks a petn. from the inhabitants praying that the privilege of electing the Chairman may be withdrawn from them & the Chairman nominated & that the strength of the Council [illegible]

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current Nos. 1567 + 1675 M/95

From

FOR ORDERS.

The office of Chairman of the municipal council of Rajahmundry having fallen vacant on the 19th January 1895, by the expiry of the term of office of M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasadarayudu Garu as a councillor, an election was held on the 22nd April 1895, at which he was again elected as Chairman. In reporting this election the Collector forwards a memorial from the inhabitants requesting (1) that the strength of the council^x may be fixed at twenty, the four additional seats thus created being filled up by nomination by Government and (2) that the privilege of electing the Chairman be withdrawn

x the present strength is 16 –

withdrawn from the Council and a suitable person appointed instead by Government. The Collector is in favour of the first request on the ground that it will secure the services of some public spirited & energetic member anxious to effect improvements; but he is against the second request being complied with, as he does not think that it would do any good, inasmuch as the Chairman, to be successful, ~~would~~ ~~have to~~ must belong to ~~the section of~~ the majority. He, however, recommends that if Government should grant the first request, a fresh election ~~of the Chairman~~ may be ordered to be held after the strength of the council has been increased, as it would be well to have a chairman who commands the confidence of a more representative council than the present.

2. The present strength of the council has been fixed at 16, with reference to para 4(5) of G.O. dated 30th April 1883, No. 864 F.D., under which it cannot be raised to 20, as now proposed; but it can be fixed at 18, the two additional members being nominated by Government. The Collector's proposal to order a fresh election of the Chairman to be held after the increase of the strength of the Council involves the setting aside of the present election, which cannot be done by Government except× on a petition of objection presented under No. 8 of the rules issued in G.O. dated 7th March 1888, No. 214 M.

× The population of the town was 24555 (but acc the present census it was 28 according to the scale para G.O. there shd. be only 18

3. The Second of the currents read above is a petition from one of the rate payers pointing out a number of irregularities in the administration of the late elected chairman and urging them in support of the request that a Chairman may be appointed by Government instead of an elected one.

× Vide G.O. 15.10.91 No 1754

× It may do good to appoint 1-2 more Committees, so as to bring the number up to ~~the~~ 18 according to the population scale; [illegible] ~~then~~ fixed in the [illegible]
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The second current may be sent to the Collector for disposal. As far as the election goes, it is submitted that it must be approved but the Collector may be asked, if it is thought fit, to submit a scheme for reducing the number of elective seats to 8.

We may as well get a report from the Collr., but, supposing he confirms all that is stated in the petition, I don't see how we can get rid of this chairman until his term of office expires. ~~He has been elected~~ & his election cannot so far as I can see, be invalidated — We might however withdraw ~~the election~~ the power of electing Commissioners — In the mean time, it can't do harm +

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It might be as well to refer the petition to the Collector for enquiry and report as to the truth or otherwise of the allegations made in it. If they are true the Chairman who has been elected is not a fit and proper person to hold the place and the Council is unfit to have the right of election. Govt. ~~interference~~ would ~~therefore~~ then I submit be justified in withdrawing the right of election & taking such action as regards the appointment of a Chairman as it may deem fit.

The review on the last Admin report was decidedly unfavourable and the Hon Mr Forbes Row when talking to me about it told me that the administration of the Municipality was very unsatisfactory and called for strong measures.

It is not advisable I think to leave matters alone.

Meanwhile the election must in absence of legal objection to it be admitted.

Orders are solicited whether the Council may be increased from 16 to 18. I do not see that that would do very much good – at present at any rate.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. ~~[illegible]~~ of 1895, dated ~~20th April 1895~~, from the ~~Resident [illegible]~~ Collector of Gódávari.
1567 M. — 7th May 1895 — Collector of Gódávari.
~~1679 M. — 18th May 1895 — K. Sriramulu [illegible]~~
1948 M. — 15 June 1895 — Collector of Gódávari.

Order. G.O. 27-6-95 No. 1629 M.

The election of M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasádaráyudu as Chairman cannot be set aside as proposed by the Collector in the absence of legal objection to it ~~as no petition questioning its validity has been received under No 8 of the election rules~~. The usual notification will accordingly be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

2. The Collector's recommendation that the maximum strength of the municipal council of Rajahmundry should be raised to twenty is also inadmissible under para 4(5) of G.O. dated 30th April 1883, No. 864 F.D. It ~~will~~ can however be fixed at 18, with reference to the present population of the town, and this will be done, the following notification ~~will~~ being published in the Fort St. George and the Gódávari District Gazettes:—

Notification.

Under the provisions of section 13 of the

District Municipalities Act IV
884, His Excellency the Governor in
ncil is pleased to declare that the
aximum strength of the muni-
pal council of Rajahmundry shall
18, and that the proportion of
uncillors to be appointed by election
hall be two-thirds of this num-
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3. The petition of K Sriramulu
inting out certain irregularities
the administration of the muni
pality will be referred to the Col
ctor for ~~[illegible]~~ report as to
the truth or otherwise of the allegations made in it.

(from orders).

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To The Chairman, M.C. Rajah
The Collector of Godava

C.M. No. 1

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From V. A. BRODIE, Esq., Acting Collector, Gódávari District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cocanada, 7th May 1895, Ref. No. 614 Eng. of 1895.

I have the honour to report that M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasádaráyudu Garu, First-grade Pleader, was elected Chairman of the Municipality of Rajahmundry at a special meeting of the council held on 22nd April 1895 under Rule 1 of the rules for the election of Chairmen.

2. Out of the eleven councillors that were present at the meeting, nine voted in favour of Jaladurgaprasádaráyudu, no vote being given by the elected Chairman himself.

3. No petition questioning the validity of the election has been received, but a memorial addressed to Government requesting the withdrawal of the privilege conferred on the council of electing its Chairman, &c., has been sent to me. In forwarding this memorial the Sub-Collector remarks that the principal reason for the dissatisfaction of the rate-payers is the incompetency of the municipal manager. The Sub-Collector gives no reasons for this statement and it is difficult to believe that a ministerial officer in the position of the manager is at the bottom of all the factions in the town and council and responsible for them. If he is so incompetent, too, the Sub-Collector should have got rid of him when officiating as Chairman.

4. The prayer of the memorialists is two-fold :—

(i) That the proportion of elective members to others in the council be reduced by increasing the number of nominated members by four in view to mitigate the mischief now wrought by a clique of elected councillors.

(ii) That the right of electing its own Chairman be withdrawn from the council for a time and that a suitable person from the council be appointed to that office.

5. As regards the first prayer, I have to remark that the strength of the council at present is sixteen, of which number four are nominated and twelve elected. The request of the memorialists to increase the strength of the council by four nominated members seems reasonable as this will secure the better representation of the minority. Moreover, it is to be hoped that it will secure the services of some public-spirited and energetic members anxious to effect improvements; for under the elective system, I am afraid, with the extended franchise, that the energetic reformer is just the very last man who will be elected.

6. As regards the second request to nominate a Chairman from among the councillors, I do not think it would do any good. He would have to belong to the majority section or he could do very little, unless possibly he was an European member, and I do not think any of the European members can undertake the work and do it efficiently in addition to their present duties. The state of affairs is also not such as to call for the appointment of a paid Chairman.

7. Should Government be pleased to accede to the first request of the memorialists the appointment of a Chairman might, however, be deferred until the strength of the council has been so increased. In this case the election will be less open to the objection that it is controlled by a party and it would be well to have a Chairman who commands the confidence of a more representative council than the present.

8. The memorial and a copy of the Proceedings of the council are enclosed.

From the Collector of the Gódávari District, dated 15th June 1895, Dis. on Cur. No. 822-Eng.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding a petition from K. Sríramulu, a ratepayer of Rajahmundry, pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the municipality.

ORDER—dated 27th June 1895, No. 1029 M., Local and Municipal.

The election of M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasádaráyudu as Chairman cannot, in the absence of legal objection to it, be set aside as proposed by the Collector. The usual notification will accordingly be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

2. The Collector's recommendation that the maximum strength of the Municipal Council of Rajahmundry should be raised to twenty is also inadmissible under paragraph 4 (5) of G.O., dated 30th April 1883, No. 864, Financial Department. It can, however, be fixed at eighteen with reference to the present population of the town, and this will be done, the following notification being published in the Fort St. George and the Gódávari District Gazettes :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of section 13 of the District Municipalities Act, IV of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that the maximum strength of the Municipal Council of Rajahmundry shall be eighteen and that the proportion of councillors to be appointed by election shall be two-thirds of this number.

3. The petition of K. Sríramulu, pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the municipality, will be referred to the Collector for report as to the truth or otherwise of the allegations made in it.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Rajahmundry.
" Collector of Gódávari.
Gazetted 9/7/95.

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Ordering that the election of M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasádaráyudu as Chairman of the Rajahmundry — be notified, fixing the maximum strength of the council at eighteen, and referring to the Collector, for report, the petition of K. Sríramulu pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the municipality.

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Ordering that the election of M.R.Ry. N. Jaladurgaprasadarayudu as chairman of the Rajahmundry — be notified, fixing the maximum strength of the council at 18, and referring to The Collector for report, the petition of K. Sriramulu pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the Municipality.