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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 1175 M

DATED 24th July 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council.

Passing orders on the explanation of M.R.Ry.Lingappa Chettiyar,councillor of the Walajapet Municipality regarding his non-attendance at meetings.

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From
M.R.Ry.
Arpe Lingappa Chetty Garu
Councillor Walajah Municipality

To
R. G. Grimely Esquire
Ex-officio Chairman
Walaja Municiple Council.

Sir,

As directed by you in your letter No 2435/23rd July 1894, I have the honor to forward the following explanation for my failure to attend the Municipal meeting for the last some months which is chiefly due to the short notices served upon me in most cases.

On 23rd November last a meeting was proposed & I had been served with a notice for the same on 22nd. In prejudice to all my other business, I attended the Municiple office in time & waited for nearly an hour and half with two other Councillors. Nobody else appeared, but I was given to understand that some of the Councillors were sitting &

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From
M.R.Ry.
Arpe Lingappa Chetty Garu
Councillor Walaja Municipality
To
A. G. Grundy Esquire
Ex-officio Chairman
Walaja Municiple Council.

Sir,

As directed by you in your letter No 2439/23rd July 1894, I have the honor to forward the following explanation for my failure to attend the Municipal meeting for the last two months which is chiefly due to the short notices served upon me in most cases.

On 23rd December last a meeting was proposed & I had been served with a notice for the same on 22nd to the prejudice to all my other business. I attended the Municiple office in time & waited for nearly an hour & a half with two other Councillors. Nobody else appeared, but I was given to understand that some of the Councillors were sitting &

talking at the house of one of the other Councillors. We three had, therefore, the stern necessity of adjourning the meeting stating that no quorum having been formed the meeting was adjourned & that next meeting will be held giving sufficient time to the Councillors to go through the heavy records lying some of them important ones posted for the day & also instructed the Manager of the office to translate in the [illegible] while some of the important English papers for the perusal of the Councillors not knowing English. Little or no regard is shown to our request which was a desirable one.

On 25th December by about 1 P.M. I was given notice stating that the adjourned meeting will be held by 3 P.M. the same day. I attended the same, the chairman took up a subject & put one or two questions in English to a School master connected to that subject & closed the meeting without making any record or minute at the same declining to give me in [illegible] any idea of the subject even after it being requested. I understood that a long minute was afterwards written on the subject purporting to have been made in the office at the time of meeting with the unanimous opinion of all the Councillors present. Proceedings of that day would show me that M.R.Ry Vadaghiri Iyer Rao Sahib presided and the minute is not in his hand writing. I thus found that no regard is shown to the word or request of the Councillors not knowing English & is rather dangerous to take part in such meetings. Records will further show that I was not at all given any notice to some of the meetings in which business was conducted & when served with such notices the meetings were not held.

I was not therefore certain as to when the meeting will be held & where met.

I therefore have the honor to inform you that my absence is due to very short notice given to me & that some Rules under Sec 38 of Act IX of 1884 regulating the Service of notices to the Councillors &c are ~~duly~~ very necessary.

I have the honor to be
6 August 1894 Your most obt Servt.
Walajapet A Lingappah Chetti

20 Aug 94

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To

M. R. Ry

Tahsildar Venkatasubroyalu
Reddyar Avergal Samugam
Rao sahib, Chairman.

Yadast of Councillor Arzee
Lingappa Chetty of Walajapet
Municipality.

Sir,

(1) I am in receipt of your memos Nos 200 & 226 calling for explanation of my continued absence from the meetings of the council. A notice was served on me that a meeting will be held on the 23d December. That day myself and two other Councillors went at 5 O'clock and stayed there till 6. A quorum was not formed. so we adjourned the meeting and recorded in the minute book that sufficient time had not been allowed for the consideration of the very large number of

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6. These facts will be apparent if Raosahib Vedaghri Iyer and the other Councillors present on the occasion be inquired in person.

7. And after the enquiry more facts concerning the matter will come to light.

8. Whether proceedings were passed or not at the meeting on the 25' can be ascertained if sworn depositions are taken from the Manager and the writers of the Office

9. I learn that the proceedings of the meeting held on the 25 December were sent out for publication only 4 or 5 months later

10. The truth of the above mentioned facts will be plain if Police Inspector Ramanujayya can be addressed on the subject.

(signed) A. Lingappa chetti

(True translation)

Chairman

Extract from minutes of Proceedings of

Council

R. No. 213

19th Dec. 94
Conjeevaram

From
D. Vedaghirayya

To.
The Chairman. Municipal Council
Wallajanagar.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No. 418 Dt. 17th inst. I have the honour to state that I regret that I am not at present at such distance of time, able to offer my remarks on the subject as solicited. The only remark that seems to me as I could make, though in a vague way is that the Councillor in question was not very regular in his attendance. The excuse that he pleads, that he had been served with short notices however seems to me to be very strange. While such notices suited others Councillors it is no doubt a wonder as to how such did not suit him almost invariably during a period of two years. I also doubt very much if long notices would have satisfied him. Certainly I had issued many long notices and am equally certain that this councellor had found it difficult to attend the

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meetings even on such occasions

With reference to his complaint that he was not made conversant with some proceedings I have to say, though I could not exactly allude to facts, that in the case about the Schoolmaster the councillor in question knew everything about it; so much so that the Councillor had even been engaging himself in advising the schoolmaster, for over an hour, in the very meeting on some points touching his case. I do not for a moment think that any proceedings had been left unexplained to any Councillor, more especially when I was in the habit of conducting discussion more in vernacular languages than in English. Such papers as were written in English were translated to the Councillors, though not word by word, yet so as to give an idea of its contents. The same should have been done with the proceedings that the Councillor alludes to. I regret very much that I could not offer more deffinite remarks.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Extract from minutes of Proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council

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~~டிவிஜன்~~ சவுன்சிலர் M. R. Ry. A. Lingappa Chettiar

அவர்களிடத்திற்கு.

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சங்கதி.

M. R. Ry. A. Lingappa Chettiar Avergal is requested to explain why he has not attended the Municipal meetings for the last 3 months.

Chairman

M. R. Ry A. Lingappa Chettyar joins.

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சங்கதி.

As I had pressing business of my own my circumstances did not permit me to attend the meetings of the last 3 months.

A. Lingappah chetty

16/5/95

Extract from minutes of Proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Town of Walajapet held on the 18th of May 1895.

Present.

M. R. Ry. C. Venkatasubroyalu Reddyar Avergal, Chairman,
" W. Vijiaragha Mudaliar avl,
" R. M. Thanthoni Pillay avl,
" P. Alwar Chettiar avl,
" C. Thiruvengadaswami Mudaliar avl,
Hakeem Badruddeen Sahib Bahadur
M. R. Ry. P. Varadiah Naidu Garu,
" C. Kothandarama Naidu Garu

Meeting opens at 4 P. M.

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M. R. Ry. A. Lingappa Chettyar joins.

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4. Read explanation of Councillor M. R. Ry. A. Lingappa Chettiar Avergal for absenting himself from meetings

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for the last 3 months.

M. R. Ry. Lingappa Chettiar had absented himself from the meetings of the Council for more than 3 months some months ago. When asked to explain, he stated that he had been given short notices of meetings and that the late Chairman refused to make the Councillor understand what was going on in the Council when the proceedings were conducted in English, and that some other irregularities were committed at the meeting, and that therefore he thought it unsafe to attend such meetings. The late Chairman Mr. Vedagiri Iyer was written to, and he gave the lie direct to the Councillor's allegations. The

Not exactly

Councillor

Councillor was again asked by the Chairman if he was able to substantiate his statements, in reply to which, he referred the Council to some Councillors that had been present at the meeting in question, and the office manager. On enquiry, it appears that the discussion was throughout carried on in Tamil, and that M. R. Ry. Lingappa Chettiar Avergal did actively take part in the proceedings and that the resolution was recorded at the meeting alone, while the recording of papers, writing the précis of the subject, etc, was written subsequently. But the Council sees no necessity to discuss the above facts more fully because Mr. Lingappa Chettiar

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has since again absented himself from the meetings for more than 3 months, and has thus rendered himself liable to removal, in explanation whereof he states, that his pressing private affairs prevented him from attending any of the meetings held during these months. The explanation is obviously unsatisfactory. In this connection the Council feels constrained to observe, that some of the Councillors have often been very unpunctual in attendance to the great inconvenience and detriment to the work and time of the others, especially the official members, and therefore earnestly request that the Government will be pleased to impress on the nominating officers the necessity

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(Signed) C. Venkatasubroyalu

Chairman.

(True Extract.)

Chairman

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No. 321. Office of Municipal Council,
Walajapet 3 June 1895

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CURRENT No. 2017 M

From

M. R. Ry. C. Venkatasubrayalu
Reddyar Avergal,

Chairman, Municipal Council
Walajapet.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
of Madras,
(through the Collector and the Head
Assistant Collector, North Arcot)

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the explanations of Councillor M. R. Ry. A. Lingappa Chettiar for his continued absence from the meetings of the Council for more than 3 months, with connected papers and an extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on the 18 instant.

2. It will be seen from the papers, that M. R. Ry. Lingappa Chettiar more than once absented

himself

himself from the meetings for more than 3 months continuously, once from 22d January to 24th August 1894, and again from 22d January to 27th May 1895, while his explanation for his first absence was under consideration. He was appointed on the 26th July 1892, and out of 52 meetings held since then, he was present only at 8.

3. His irregular attendance was due not to his absence from town nor, as far as I have been able to gather, to the pressure of private business, but to utter indifference and apathy. He is one of the many, that hanker after a name and covet the honor of a seat in the council without realizing the responsibilities attaching thereto.

4. He has further, as will be evident from the papers herewith submitted, shown himself unworthy of the seat by making false statements in his first explanation called for, in compliance with the instructions of Government "conveyed in its order No 1289 M. dated 19th

September

September last para 2.

5. I am therefore constrained to bring the matter to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, with a recommendation for his removal from the Council.

6. I beg to invite the earnest attention of the Government to the request made by the Council in the last sentence of its resolution – a request it has been compelled to make by a fear awakened in it by the offer of Mr. Grimley the Divisional Officer of prospective vacancies in the Council to such men as pay large income tax or Land Revenue, as if they were the only qualifications needed for a seat in the Council and irrespective of other qualifications and usefulness and physical fitness of the candidates.

7. I feel it my duty to bring to the notice of Government the great difficulty experienced in forming a quorum for the transaction of business, most of the non-official members having yet to learn the value of punctuality. To prevent clogging of business and waste of energy

and

and time which adjournments necessarily involve, there being no certainty that better attendance could be secured by such adjournments, I am obliged, like my predecessor, to send Revenue or Municipal peons to secure their attendance, which entails waste of time to myself and the other official Councillors, who have had more than once to complain of it. This evil can, it is hoped by the council, particularly the official element thereof, be minimised by greater care being taken in the appointments of Councillors. I beg therefore to commend it. for the consideration of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obdt. servant;

Chairman.

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From
The Chairman
Walajapet Municipality

CURRENT No. 914 Eng.
DATED 20-6-95

To
The Chief Secretary
to the Government
Local & Municipal Depth
Fort St George
Madras

Dated 3^d
Despatched 4th } June 1895
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No. 321

Enclosures — 5-6

Subject.

Submitting with remarks explanation of Councillor M.R.Ry Lingappa Chettyar for continued absence from the meetings of the Council for more than 3 months, & reporting thereon.

1. Forwarded to the Collector.

2. Paras 6 & 7 should I think have been omitted entirely. They contain quite uncalled for remarks which suggest that nominations have been carelessly made — which suggestion is unfounded.

Ranipettai
13th June 1895 }

W. Hughes
13/6
ag. H. Q. asst. Collector
North Arcot.

Submitted

Collector

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 2017 M of 1895, dated 3rd June from the Chairman M.C. Walajapet.
Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Order. 24/8/95 No. 1175

The explanation offered by M.R.Ry Lingappa Chettyar cannot be considered ~~[illegible]~~ satisfactory. But in view of the fact that his term of office will expire on the 28th instant, the Government does not consider it necessary to remove him now from the Council under Sec. 19 (1) (ii) of the District Municipalities Act.

2. The attention of the Municipal Council ~~attention~~ will be drawn to the Head Assistant Collector's remarks in para 2 of his endorsement ~~in~~ ~~which~~ The Government concurs in considering that the implication conveyed by those paragraphs should not have been made.

V.R.
4/7/95

C.G.T.
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The Council's action is peculiar. It is the Collector who generally deals with cases of this kind. The Tahsildar-Chairman's comments on his divisional officer, moreover, are very questionable.

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To,
The Chairman M.C. Walajapet,
thro' the Collector of N. Arcot.

Endts. & O.

Ordd. 29/7/95

Explanation of a Councillor, for non attendance at meetings — Cuddapah Mpty.

1879 3 3rd June Chairman Mpl. Cuddapah

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The explanation offered by [illegible] Kuppanna Chettiyar cannot be considered ~~[illegible]~~ satisfactory. But in view of the fact that his term of office will expire on the 31st instant, the Government do not consider it necessary to remove him now from the Council under Sec. 19 (1)(b) of the District Municipalities Act.

2. The Municipal Council should be drawn to the fact that [illegible] [illegible] in favour of his retirement ~~[illegible]~~ The Government [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the explanation [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible]

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