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G.O., No. 1453 Mn.

DATED 7th September 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Town Hall.

Concurring in the view expressed by the Collector of Malabar regarding the licensing of the Calicut----as a place of public resort.

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Proceedings of a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Calicut at its meeting on the 4th of June 1895

Present

Messrs P. A. Krishna Menon
" C. Pera Moopan
" Uthamachund Ramachund Sett
" O. P. Karunakara Menon.

Mr. P. A. Krishna Menon is voted to the chair.

Read letter from the Chairman Municipal Council Calicut dated 27th May 1895 No 510, forwarding copy of a resolution of the Municipal Council dated 24th idem, and asking the Trustees of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Calicut to take out a license for the Jubilee Hall under Madras Act II of 1888 and to show cause why they should not be prosecuted for not having done so hitherto -

The question as to whether a licence under the act quoted above, is necessary for the Jubilee Hall or not, did not suggest itself to the Committee hitherto nor was it brought to its notice by the authorities - Having now considered the scheme of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder, the Committee is of opinion that the Act is not intended to apply to buildings of this character. If however the municipal council holds otherwise, the Committee begs it may be excused for having used the Hall in any objectionable manner in the past and undertakes not to do so in future

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(Sd) P. A. Krishna Menon
Chairman.

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(Sd) P. P. Karunakara Menon
Secretary to the
Jubilee Town Hall Committe

(True copy)

T. Varadarao
Chairman

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to inform you for the information of the municipal Council that at a public meeting held in October 1892 the immediate Control of the Hall was vested in a Committee of seven members now consisting of the gentlemen named in the margin with myself as the Honorary Secretary.

Messrs D. Maneckji
P. A. Krishna Menon
K. R. Ramaswami Iyer
T. Koyatti Haji
C. Peru Moopan
Uthamachund Ramachund Sett
P. P. Karunakara Menon

3. Your letter and the municipal Councils' resolution were duly Considered by the Committee aforesaid and in enclosing a copy of its proceedings for the favorable Consideration of the municipal Council, I may mention some of the reason which induced the Committee to its opinion recorded in the proceedings – they are

1) The Victoria Town Hall was, as the municipal Council is already aware built by the loyal public of Malabar as a memento of Her gracious Majesty's Jubilee, with the balance of funds Collected on the occasion, aided by subsequent Contributions, the Government of Madras making a free gift of the necessary site.

2) The Hall was not built as a speculative Commercial concern by any person or body of persons in the hope of realizing a dividend on the capital invested.

3) The municipal Council has itself treated the Hall as a public charitable building.

4) The building is not intended as a place of public resort or entertainment but is ordinarily used for public meetings held for literary, social and political purposes, though, no doubt, Concerts and theatricals in aid of charitable institutions and dramatic performances are occasionally got up in the Hall.

5) The small fee which the

Committee manages to collect, is wholly utilized in the upkeep of the Hall and does not go to the pocket of any person.

6) The building is not open to any of the dangers to which ordinary theatres are generally subject and for the prevention of which Madras act II of 1888 was enacted.

7) Although the Hall has been hitherto used on several occasions for concerts and other performances by most of the leading officials of Calicut, both European and native, the necessity or desirability of bringing the Hall under the operation of the Places of Public Resort Act never arose or suggested itself to the Gentlemen concerned.

8) If, by reason of the public being on occasions, at liberty to enter

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the Hall on certain conditions, the building is to be regarded as a place of public resort and entertainment, several other places in the station such as the Law courts, cutcherries, markets, Colleges, and Railway Stations would be as much places of public resort although the enactment in question was evidently not intended to apply to them.

9) If the act is held to be applicable to the Town Hall, it will have to be practically shut up as it is doubtful whether the building satisfies the structural conditions necessary for taking out a license, and the philanthropic efforts of the noble gentlemen who brought it into existence, will be frustrated.

4) The Committee has however in deference to the Council's resolution and pending its final orders, discontinued to allow the use of the Hall for

any dramatic or other performance to the great inconvenience and mortification of the public.

5. In these circumstances, the Committee hopes the Municipal Council will in consideration of the facts above set forth, agree with it in thinking that the Places of Public Resort and Entertainment Act II of 1888 is inapplicable to the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Calicut. If however, the Municipal Council rule otherwise, the Committee begs that it may be excused for having used the Hall in any objectionable manner in the past and undertakes not to do so in future without proper sanction.

I beg to remain &c

(Sd) O. O. Karunakara Menon

(True copy)

T. Varadarao.
Chairman

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No 742
1895

Municipal Office
Calicut 27th July 1895

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. [illegible]

From

T. Varada Rao Esquire. S.C.S.
Chairman, Municipal Council
Calicut

To

The Honorable J. F. Price. C.S.I. I.C.S.
Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras

Thro' the Revenue Divisional Officer

Sir,

I have the honor to request the orders of Government on the following matter:—.

Section 3 of Act II of 1888 declares that no enclosed place or building with an area of 500 square feet or upwards shall be used for as a place of public resort without a license.

Section 13 of the same Act declares that every person who having the immediate control of any enclosed place or building permits it to be used for public resort or entertainment without having obtained a license is liable on conviction before a magistrate to a fine not exceeding Rs 500/.

Public entertainments are held in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall Calicut. The person or persons having immediate control of the Hall are using it or causing it to be used as a place of public resort without a license. The licensing authority in Calicut is, under section 6 of the above act, the Chairman of the municipality.

I brought the matter to the notice of the Council at its meeting held on the 24th May 1895 and it resolved to send a notice to

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the Trustees of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall to take out a license and also to show cause why they should not be prosecuted for not having already done so.

In reply to the notice issued to the Trustees of the Hall in accordance with the resolution of the Council, a copy of the proceedings of the Trustees of the Hall was forwarded to me with a ×covering letter dated 12th June 1895 by the Secretary to the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall Committee which being placed before the Council at its meeting held on the 12th instant, the following resolution was passed.

× Copies enclosed

"The question whether the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall comes under the category of places of public resort as contemplated in act II of 1888 and if so whether it may

be exempted from operation
of the rules framed there~~to~~under will
be submitted to Government
for orders –

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

T. Varadarao
Chairman.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2643 M

From.

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Calicut

To.

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Local and Mpl. Dept.
Madras

Thro' the Revl. Dl. Officer

Dated 27th July 1895
Despatched 31st July 1895
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No. 2

Requesting the orders of the Government in the matter of the licensing of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Calicut as a Place of Public Resort under Act II of 1888.

Forwarded through the Collector

M. Ramachandra Rao
For Divisional Officer

Calicut
6-8-95

Forwarded

2 In my opinion there can be no doubt that the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall should be licensed. Concerts & other public entertainments are held there, as well as private dances. It falls within the definition of building in sec 2 of the Act. Under s. 3 no building, whether permanent or temporary, having an area of 500 sq. ft or upwards shall be used for public resort or entertainment, unless it is ~~[illegible]~~ licensed.

3 I cannot find anything in the Act about any particular building or class of building being exempted, except places of public worship.

Ag. Coll.

Palghat
16. 8. 95

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Current No. 2643 M of 1895, dated 27th July from the Chairman, M.C. Calicut.

4/9/95

Order. 7-9-95 No. 1453, Mpl.

The Government concurs in the view expressed by the Collector in para. 2 of his endorsement.

V.R.
28/8/95

W.C. 30.8.95

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Note.

The Act is printed in G.O. $\frac{802.M.}{21.7.88}$

The structural & other conditions which must be complied with are given in the rules on pages 5, 6, & 7 of G.O. $\frac{1460.M}{10.9.91}$. It is not likely that these will cost the Town Hall Committee a large sum. Sufficient exits have to be provided & fire-buckets kept ready, but there are no other expenses, except the license fees, to be incurred.

W.C. 30.8.95

To The Chairman, M.C. Calicut,
thro' the Collector of Malabar.

Despd. 12/9/95

Licensing the Calicut Town hall as a place of public resort.

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Letter of Government.

Statement with ditto.

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