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G.O., No. 1511 Mn.

DATED 19th September 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council.

Passing orders on the question of removing the encroac -ments in, and appointing a paid official chairman to the Con -jeeveram Municipality.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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1 L&M. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 26.6. 1895, No. 1024. M. A 250

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 2416. M. of 1895, dated , from

" " 2486. M. " 1895, " , "

" " 2704. M. " 1895, " , "

Note for H.M. " " 2753 M " 1895

* It is submitted that as only two copies of this order will be wanted it is perhaps hardly worth printing. Printing will delay its issue for some ten days at least. W. 12.9.95

P But we shall want copies for E.T. 14/9/95

ORDER. 19-9-95. No. 1511. M. Press

You had better print the G.O.* of 26/6/95 (with abstract of the papers read therein) at the head of this. Then give a careful abstract of the currents & then print this G.O.

10/9/95

Office / note

W. 12.9.95

14/9/95

Enter this at end.

W.

But is this ~~now~~ a needed? I hardly think so. The Collr. has already been told d.o. ~~to do this~~

14/9

* Submitted that it is. The D.O. does not give accurate orders as to the line to be followed in dealing with encroachments & promises a final order.

W. 14.9.95

The question of the appointment of a Chairman of the ~~in~~ Conjeeveram Municipal Council, dealt with in the first & the two last of the Collector's letters read above, is intimately connected with the subject of the removal of the encroachments upon the streets of the town, referred to in the second of these communications, & the two matters may therefore be dealt with together.

[6. 2. The Collector of Chingleput will be requested to place Probationary Deputy Collector M.R.Ry. C. Hanumantha Rao Avargal at the disposal of the Sub Collector to assist him in carrying out the instructions as to the examination into ~~removal~~ of encroachments in Conjeeveram which have already been given in G.O. dated 26.6.95 No. 1024. M. read above. The attention of both officers should for the present be directed to the removal of those Koradas which have been built ~~upon~~ under the unauthorized licenses which the Council has granted since February 1889, & ~~to~~ of those other projections upon the streets which are most marked & cause the greatest obstruction to traffic.] ~~However, undesirable~~

2 3. ~~As however It is impossible~~ The enquiry into encroachments in Conjeeveram, which ~~that~~ the Revenue Divl officers ~~should be~~ is now conducting under the instructions in ~~para~~ the G.O. read ~~deputed to carry out for an indefinite~~ above is ~~period~~ a duty which falls legitimately upon the Chairman of the Council, & the gentleman who may now be appointed to the vacancy in that office will ultimately be called upon ~~require~~ to devote a very considerable amount of time & trouble to the subject. ~~He will also~~ ~~require~~ ~~have to~~ Immediately upon his appointment, ~~moreover~~ he will be required to deal with the removal of the numerous ~~cases of~~ encroachments which will be reported to him by the Sub-Collector ~~Revenue officers~~ under the instructions ~~at~~ in the last part ~~close of~~ already quoted ~~para. 3. of G.O. dated 26th June 1895 No. 1024. M., and in para. 2. infra~~. In addition to this, considerable extra work will be thrown upon him by the introduction of the Municipal water supply scheme 3 which will shortly be in hand.

(4) 3 In view of all these circumstances it appears doubtful to H.E. the G. in C whether it will be possible to find to fill the office of Chairman any non-official gentleman ~~Chairman~~ who would be able to give sufficient time to the affairs of the town to enable him both to keep the administration of the Municipality up to the standard that is now required, and ~~in addition~~ to bring ~~these~~ the two very heavy undertakings above referred to to a successful conclusion.

4 5. Were, however, a trained & experienced official, such as a Dy. Collector or a senior Tahsildar, who would be able to give his whole time to the affairs of the town, appointed to the Chairmanship for a year or eighteen months until these matters have been finally disposed of, the Council would in all probability derive much benefit from the more thorough administration that would thereby be ensured ~~possible~~, & would at the end of the period

Note for H.M.

It is respectfully submitted that these Koradus (which the Sub. Collr. says number 401) may be removed as licenses have been granted for them neither prescriptive right nor private right can be urged in defence. The several G.Os which preceded G.O. 1024.M. / 26.6.95 were directed towards getting a list of these, & that G.O., which has a summary of the whole case ordered their removal. Unless this order is adhered to it may be thought that Govt. is retreating. The marked projections will be more difficult to remove than these Koradus in many cases, as unless there are licenses to fix the date of their erection & to prove that the encroacher admitted that the land was the Council's property prescription & private rights will be probably pleaded.

Quite so. Para 2 should be altered accordingly. ~~I don't think this G.O. need say anything about sending the Dy Collr. to help the Sub Collr. That is a purely administrative matter with which the Mul. C. is not concerned. The Sub Collr. is now Mul. Chairman ex officio & can act effectively.~~ H.S.

Let me see amended draft

Note.

Draft amended in red ink is submitted. Para 2. as it stands will secure the end advocated in the note & approved by H.M. The note was written because H.M.'s note of 29th Aug. on current 2416 directed that the work sh. be carried on on the lines proposed in the marked passage of Mr. Mounsey's D.O. the passage omits to mention these Koradus referred to be able to show that it was possible to again place one of its non-official members in charge of the Municipality.

5. 6. The Collector will accordingly be requested to take the matter into consideration at an early date, and after ascertaining whether the Council ~~the~~ approves the proposal now made, & if it does, the name of the officer whom it would wish appointed, to submit to Govt. his suggestions for carrying the arrangement into effect.

W.C. 2.9.95 Sd 9/9/95 (from orders)

D.O. to Mr. Monsey

My dear Monsey,

Refce my D.O. of August 29th on the subject of the Conjeeveram encroachments. —

Govt. has now decided that it is ~~necessary~~ very desirable to appoint an official Chairman in Conjeeveram, & considers that a Deputy Collector or a senior Tahsildar should be chosen for the post. A formal

To. C.M.C Conjeeveram ✓ (except para 6)
– Collector Chingleput Mr } with paras 6 in MSS

~~Para 6 of the order in MSS.~~
To the Collr thro' the Revenue Deptt } with para 6 in MS

i.e. only print paras 1 ~~and~~ to 5. & send para 6 to Collector only.

Despd. 16/10/95

27 P

orders asking you to ascertain whether the Council approve the proposal, & if so, whom they would like as Chairman, will reach you about the same time as this letter, and I am directed to ~~say~~ ~~that~~ request you to ~~let~~ hint to the Council ~~know quietly~~ that if ~~they~~ it will consent to the step the Govt. will be prepared to assist it in meeting the expen of the arrangement if it comes up with the request that it shd. do so. You should visit Conjeeveram for this purpose.

W.C. 2.9.95 Sd 9/9/95 (from orders)

Official Chairman & Encroachments in Conjeeveram.

A.M.

amended
(Draft from orders)

Resubmitted as desired by W.L.
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13/9

Issue
[illegible]

C 20/9

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated 189 No.
Current No. 24869M of 1895, dated 1st August 1895 from the Collector of Chingleput
Current No. of 189 , dated from the

FOR ORDERS.

Perhaps the C.S. will speak ~~to me about this~~
W.L.
17/8/95

~~Under the circumstances stated, the Collector's suggestion in para. 3 of his endorsement may be adopted. The survey of the portions of the town referred to can be conducted by the new Chairman, with a small staff entertained for the purpose, and as soon as this is completed, the Sub-Collector can proceed to take the necessary action.~~

V.R.
9/8/95

Please see also D.O. from Mr. Rounsey dated 30th July.

It is submitted that the would-be Chairman's survey is likely to be less accurate & less authoritative than the Survey Dept. Very little time would be gained by employing him. Mr. Cardozo may be asked to begin the municipal surveys with Conjeeveram. The working season will begin almost immediately.

The plan of Mr. Cardozo's survey was, it is believed, that he should merely survey & record the existing condition of things, & not draw up a record of the differences between the present state of the streets, & their state at the time of the paimash. The latter operation wd. probably take three or four times as much trouble as the former, & the Municipality should pay Provincial, which is to defray the cost of the survey, the excess.

Both the Sub Collector & the Collector recommend this survey, but it is not clearly understood what good it will be when finished. It will shew the state of things at the paimash, but it will not shew when the alienations & encroachments occurred, & Govt. & the Council will be at as great a loss as ever to know whether prescriptive right can be pleaded against them successfully.

It is believed that it was not the intention of Govt. in the order under discussion that Conjeeveram streets should be reduced by the Sub Collector's investigation to their condition at paimash, but that the alienations which

the Council have permitted in violation of Govt. orders since February 1888 should be cancelled, & the buildings erected upon them removed.

It would seem that the mere fact that the encroachers applied to the Council for permission to build will prevent them from claiming the land built on as their own, & the erections can none of them be protected by prescriptive right. It would not therefore seem difficult to ~~quit~~ remove at any rate the 401 erections alluded to in para. 3. of the Sub Collector's letter. This would do a great deal of good, & would secure the people for some time. The 2377 cases wd. in many instances perhaps give more trouble, but probably many of these are clear.

If it is considered that it is impossible for the Sub Collector to undertake this work, & it would undoubtedly occupy a great deal of time, action might be taken under sec. 37. of the Act by requiring the Council to appoint a special man to do the work, & if ~~they~~ it did not do it properly Govt. might put on an official & make the Council pay him. 12.8.95

The Council will do nothing if left to themselves. The Sub Collr's letter discloses a most discreditable state of things. Apparently encroachments have been allowed to go on unchecked from year and the only way in which they can be ~~detected~~ accurately ascertained is by a special survey made by the S. Dept. and under the supervision of an European Officer. Knowing as I do what the people of Conjeeveram are, I am convinced that this is the only way of arriving at the true state of affairs. The man who is recommended for the Chairmanship might start with the best of intentions but he would soon have to knock under and his survey would in the end be probably quite unreliable

14/8/95

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Encroachments in the Conjeeveram Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

2486 M

H.M.

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R 17/8

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C 29 linked with 2416 M

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[G. / 24.]
00—8-3-95

L & M. DEPARTMENT.

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Current No. of 189 , dated from

Current No. 2416. M- of 1895, dated 27.7. from Collector of Chingleput

ORDER.

Note.

The draft is submitted to H.M. as the Council is likely to protest, & the attitude of Govt. will be judged from its first order on the case.

WF

The order in the similar case at Salem has been procured, & is put up.

WF

After discussing the matter with the C.S. I think this paper & C.No. 2486 (in the linked file) (now attached hereto,) had better be dealt with together.

The first thing to be done is to give Mr. Buckley some assistance in the work of settling what encroachments should be removed. I have therefore asked the C.S. to write d.o. to the Collr. to place Probr. Dy. Collr. C. Hanumantha Row at Mr. Buckley's disposal. He will be able to give Mr. B. a good deal of help and these enquiries will be capital practice for him. The work should be carried ~~[illegible], I think~~ on, at least for the present, on the lines proposed by Mr. Morrisey in that part of his d.o. letter of the 22nd inst, which I have marked with blue pencil.

As to the future, as Mr. Buckley & Hanumantha Row cannot be kept at this encroachment business indefinitely, I think we must, at least for a time, have a whole time Chairman. The order should issue on the lines of

Seeing that the Municipal water-works will shortly be put in hand, & that the very numerous encroachments upon the streets of the Municipality will require to be dealt with at an early date, it appears doubtful to H.E. the G. in C. whether it will be possible to find for the Chairmanship any non-official gentleman who would be able to give sufficient time to the affairs of the town, to keep the administration of the Municipality up to the standard that is now required, and in addition to bring ~~these~~ two very heavy undertakings above expounded to a successful conclusion.

2. Were, however, a trained & experienced official, who would be able to give his whole time to the affairs of the town, temporarily appointed to the

Chairmanship until those matters have been finally disposed of, the Council would in all probability ~~largely~~ derive considerable benefit therefrom ~~by the adoption of the course~~, & it would thereafter be possible to again place one of its ~~a~~ non-official members in charge of the Municipality.

3. The Collector will accordingly be requested to take the matter into consideration at an early date,* and, after consulting the Council as to the official whom it would prefer to be appointed as Chairman, to submit to Govt. his recommendations ~~such proposals as he may think~~ for carrying out the proposals above indicated

WC 22.8.95 (from orders.)

* I think that it would be better to substitute for the portion of para 3 which I have marked the following. In the case of, unless the Council was first asked if it would consent to a paid Chairman. Govt. can put in an Official but I am doubtful as the law at present stands whether it could without the consent of the Council make Munl funds pay for his salary. Section 16 of the Act is clear. I don't think that Section 257 gives Govt. power to over-rule this.

(para 3 continued)

"and after ascertaining whether

this draft, as proposed by the C.S. to be amended, with an addn. setting forth the case with regard to the Encroachments — At the same time, as there can be no doubt that these encroachments have been going on from long before the period of office of the present Munl. Councillors; as the Munl. Councillors appear from the Collr's d.o. letter to be in a reasonable mood; and as it is of importance to carry them with us, I would tell the Collr. d.o.

For orders.

As to whether this should be said now, or after the Collector has reported. The Council must apparently be consulted some time

WF.

to let them know quietly that if they will assent to the appt. of a whole time Chairman (who should be a senior Tahr. or a Dy Collr.) the Govt. will be prepared to assist them in meeting the expense of the arrangement, if they come up with the request that it should do so. I don't suppose that it will be possible to clear away all the encroachments, but a great deal — probably as much as is necessary — could be done in a year or 18 months; and I shd. not object to meeting the cost of a whole time Chairman for a maximum of 18 months, from Prov. — Working in this way, I think we could bring Conjeevaram into a satisfactory state, from which, when the move has been made, it should not easily lapse.

When we have thus settled what to do about a whole time Chairman

who can attend properly to the Encroachment question, we can decide whether it will be best to let the survey go on pari passu with the Chairman's labours, or to let it stand over so as merely to record their result. I incline to the latter course as the best. But on this point no immediate decision is necessary.

29/8/95

Circ:

I agree

JG 4/9

W 6 Sep

"the Council approves the proposal now
" made, and if they do the name of
" the Officer whom they would wish appointed
" to submit the result to Govt. with his
" suggestions as to carrying the arrangement
" into effect

JD 26/8/95.

C.O. 2416 m

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Appointment of paid Chairman in Conjeeveram Municipality.

H.M.

(frame orders.)

Do. approved

√ Hon W. Grose.

2. H.E. the Governor.

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K 6/9

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Ootacamund
August 29th 1895

My dear Mounsey.

I am to ask you to pending orders on the papers regarding encroachments at Conjeeveram and filling up the post of Chairman there kindly send your deputy Collector Hanumantha Rao to assist Buckley who should be told to keep him up to the collar and see that he turns out a proper tale of work

The line that will probably be taken will be to ask the Council to consent to the employment of an official as paid Chairman until the encroachments business is settled and the water works have been fully put in train I am inclined to think that Govt will finally only deal with encroachments which actually project into the street and are recent and comparatively so. but with regard to all this a formal order will issue soon.

Yours sincerely
(Sd) J. F. Price.

To
C. H. Mounsey Esqre I.C.S. Despd 29/8.

Chingleput Collector's Office,
Sriperumbudur ~~Saidapet~~, 22.1. 1895.

UNDER SECRETARY
24 AUG 95
PUBLIC [illegible] DEPT

Seen.
W [illegible] 8.95

Show [illegible]
[illegible]

get registered &
put with file on subject
marked for next Council
W [illegible] 8.95

My dear Mr. Price,

~~I thought~~ I think you might like a D.O. on the Conjeevaram encroachments. I spent 5 days there & found (apparently) a spirit of willingness to meet Government & remove encroachments. What 15 out of 16 Councillors admitted to me (& the 16th was neutral) was – was that all the Koradus are on Street poramboke & was not private property. They were built for the public to be used by them at Festivals &c. You will know of this view. I never heard it admitted before – and they say that they as a rule were in existence before paimaish – 57 years ago. that ~~but~~ the paimaish Street measurement was from main wall to main wall & with no

account of the Koradus as they were not claimed as private property.

They next said that all Koradus & encroachments beyond the general line of the Street would be willingly removed.

They had no objection to a heavy rate per sq. foot being charged for cases ~~the~~ used for trading purposes.

They thought 6 pies per sq. foot for an ordinary front of a private person far too heavy & exorbitant.

They considered the present street broad enough for traffic & processions –

and they begged that
the town might be demar-
cated by the Municipality &
surveyed by the Survey Dept.
all at cost of Municipality
to prevent encroachment in
future. I think if we had these
maps — on wh. are entered the
date & nature of any licence
or pass granted by Municipality
to Verandas. buildings or
to encroachments ~~to~~ & the
nature of the building (whether
shop - verandah - verandahs) we
could without much difficulty
select those cases in which ac-
tion should be taken

I would send the

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Chingleput Collector's Office,

Saidapet, ...189

UNDER SECRETARY
24 AUG 96
PUBLIC & TRADE DEPT.

town with Buckley
he really can't decide — and
the lines he has been working
without months of enquiry, &
without much hindrance
to his Sub Collector's work.

I ~~don't~~ think myself the
your municipal men to do them
was necessary, as you don't
want to be bothered with
cases where the removal
would be expedient the re-

encroachment has probably existed before the Survey marks I think we should merely go round the Sheets to pick out projections & then proceed to see if they can be dealt with. If this be done the ~~matter~~ difficulty will ~~become~~ ~~more~~ be lessened.

I intend instructing him accordingly. But in the mean time I fear

afraid I shall have very little to report by the end of Sep. number of action taken.

We came here yesterday from Conjeeveram & tho' there was 2.30 in. of rain the night before we came, the weather has been charming. We found it rather hot in Tents at first at 'Kanchi'. Tomorrow we drive into Saidapet. We found × the yellow tree in our Compound, you told us of, just as you said in one night it sprang into blossom. It is in the hedge between the pucka tennis court & out houses. Lopez said he thought it was an import from Burmah, but this was a guess I fancy.

Hoping you are enjoying the Hills & that your Palace is progressing with all kind regards

Yours sincerely

C. H. Mounsey

P.S. The big blue lily you saw the Horticultural gardens from Chingleput flowered. ~~&~~ there [illegible] was presented with a blossom

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D.O.

Chingleput Collector's Office,

Saidapet, 30.7 1895.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
-1 AUG-1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear [illegible]

You ought to hear the results about the order about removing encroachments in Conjeeveram up to date. I print below a letter from Buckley. I had already fixed to go there by the middle of the month & have now asked Buckley to arrange to be [illegible] me there then.

Buckley says that many

of the Municipal Councillors are the worst offenders, but the worst of all is Ramanujachari the Public Prosecutor.

⊛ Since deceased –

There is great latent opposition to anything being done. One member at a Municipal meeting on the subject said Conjeeveram was no worse than other places. But similar things went on in Madras under the Governor's nose, why did

he not begin there? This man himself was a large encroacher. The Council proposed that an enquiry should be made into the claims of each person before any notice was issued, but finally they agreed – when Buckley pointed out results to them to let the Chairman take action. Many meetings have been held in the town and a house-to-house is going on to contest every case – up to the Privy Council if need be. There will probably be some 1500

[illegible] – to Hartnett – the [illegible]
assures Buckley. They also
intend to fight over notices
to pay rent – tho' they wish
to pay rent ~~ha~~ pay rent sooner
than remove succeeding month.

I may be able to
let you know more
officially if Buckley
writes again – or
after I have visited the
place. I should like
them to have a fortnight
to quiet down before I go –
so that they may not commit
themselves –
Madras is quite gay
Yours sincerely
A. Mounsey

Jan 994 –

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[G / 27 / 600—23]

Lcm. DEPARTMENT.

~~C. No.~~

D.O. from Mr. Mounsey
dated 30th July

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted that further reports
may be awaited.
2.8.95
Sd 3/8/95

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Encroachments in Conjeeveram.-

FOR ORDERS.

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Vide

6.8.95

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of the Conjeeveram
Municipal Council

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Serial No.	Ward No.	Names of councillors	Date of appointment	Remarks
		Ex-officio	/	
1		The Sub Collector		
		Nominated officials		
2		M.R.Ry V. Damodara Mudaliyar Avargal, Tahsildar of Conjeeveram.	27.2.94	/
3		" S. Soundara raja Iyengar avl., Sub Asst. Inspr. of schools, Chingleput range.	31.10.93	/
4		Saiyid Adam Sahib, Sub Registrar of Conjeeveram.	18.6.95	/
		Nominated non-officials.		
5		M.R.Ry C. Venkata Subba Iyer avl.	27.2.94	/
6		" A. Desika Chariar avl.	7.5.95	/
7		Vacant		on 21.7.95 The Vacancy is owing to the demise of M.R.Ry E. Subramania Iyer who was both a councillor & chairman.
8		M.R.Ry Conjeeveram Sambamurti Iyer avl.	7.5.95	/
9		" C. Thirumal Rao avargal	13.9.92	/
10		Khadir Baksha Sahib	9.7.95	/
		Elected officials		
11	III	M.R.Ry M. Ramanuja Chariar avl.	6.11.94	/
		Elected non-officials		
12	I	" C.T.M. Apparao Mdr. avl.	6.11.94	/
13	II	" T.E. Kumara Venkata Chariar avl.	Do.	/
14	III	" V.S. Varadaraja Mudaliyar avl.	Do.	/
15	IV	" Sitaramsa avargal	Do.	Removed ~~under~~ vide G.O. No. 1160 M. Mis of 22.7.95
16	V	" M.K. Ramananda Sarma avl.	22.1.95	/
17	VI	" K. Chella perumal Mudr. avl.	18.12.94	/
18	VII	" Ekambara Gurukkal	28.8.94	/
19		" P. Kachalai Mdr. avl.	27.11.94	/
20	VIII	" V. Perumal Mudaliyar avl.	6.11.94	/

AH Morrisey

Collector.

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No. 2293 Index. 32

24 July 1895

From

L. E. Buckley Esquire
Ag Sub Collector, Chingleput

To

The Collector of the Chingleput District
Saidapet,

Sir,

I have the honor to report that M.R.Ry E. Subramania Iyer Avergal late chairman of the Conjeeveram Municipality died on Sunday July 21st. Under section 15 of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, I, as Sub Collector, have assumed the office pending the appointment of another chairman.

2. Hitherto the chairman has been an unpaid man. The work has dragged along somehow but has not been of a high class and I doubt if it will ever be with an unpaid chairman

Encroachments, as you know, are rampant here and require the most rigorous measures for repression. The Municipal Manager has given me a list showing that the Council has illegally alienated lands in 401 cases in the past 6 years; I doubt if the list is complete and I have little doubt that there have been in the above period many other encroachments for which the parties have not gone through the formality of applying to the Council for sanction. The number of houses in the municipality is over 8000. There are probably 4000 cases of unauthorized occupation to be dealt with altogether; I should not be surprised if the number was considerably more. It will need a full-time man to dispose of these. Unless he is paid, I fear there will be a repetition of the old story — neglect of duty;

no means of forcing the Councillors to carry out the Government Orders themselves; and consequently the throwing of municipal work on the already hard worked Divisional Officer. A paid man will have to work for his pay. The new scheme of taxing occupation of road porambokes will bring in more than enough to cover his pay; and an officer may be appointed who is entirely free from all local interests.

3. As the Chairman has been hitherto unpaid, it is my duty to report a suitable Councillor for the post. Either of the two following may be selected

1. M R R A Desikachayar avergal B A Head Master of the local Free Church Mission School.
2. M R R Sambamurthi Iyer avergal Pensioned Sub Asst. in the Survey Dept.

Both these gentlemen are at present Councillors. No. 1 is at present chairman delegate; his school duties occupy him from 9 A.M. till 5 P.M. No. 2 was chairman delegate during the recent Garuda Uchavam and the Tahsildar speaks well of his work. His moral character is I am told not so high as that of No. 1; but I do not think his claims need be passed over on that account. He is a man of leisure and has earned his pension in the Survey Department. His services may therefore be of special use at the present time. If the Government is not pleased to consider favorably the proposal to appoint a paid Chairman, either of these two gentlemen may be appointed.

4. I shall submit in a few days a few names from which one may be selected to fill the vacancy among the Councillors.

I have &c,
S. L. E. Buckley
Sub Collector

Ref on No. $\frac{111}{\text{Municipal}}$ of 1895

True copy

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CURRENT No. 2416/M

Forwarded to Government with the suggestion that the second of the Sub Collector's nominees, viz M.R.R. C. Sambamurthi Iyer avergal, may be appointed as chairman, as he has great experience in Survey work and as his whole time will be available for Municipal services. M.R.R. Desiga Chennar B.A. avergal would seem not to have enough spare time for the Municipal work.

2 M.R.R. Sambamurthi Iyer avergal

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has expressed his willingness to serve as chairman.

3. A list showing the present constitution of the Municipal Council is enclosed.

I am unable at present to give an opinion on the question of paid Chairman.
C. H. Mounsey

Chingleput Dt. Collr's Office
Saidapet 27 July 1895

Ag Collector

BPC
28.7

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local & Municipal Dept.
Madras

Local & Municipal Dept.
P.R. CURR. No. 2476 M.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF Chingleput

21 Abstract

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Govt.
L & Municipal
Department
Madras

Dated 27 July 1895.
29 JUL. 95

Refn No. 111/M.L. of 1895

ENCLOSURE One

Subject.

Submitting ~~nomination~~ his recommendation for ~~filling up the vacancy~~ the appointment of chairmanship of the Conjeeveram Municipality, ~~caused by the death of the present incumbent~~ in the place of (M.R.Ry. [illegible] Srinivasa Aiyangar deceased.

Gazette order

HM.

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Misc.

Order

The appointment recommended by the Collector will be gazetted.

2. The Govt. is not at present prepared to adopt the Sub Collector's suggestion that a paid Chairman should be appointed.

V.R.
6/8/95

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13/8/95

I submit this file as it seems rather doubtful whether a pensioned Surveyor will be competent to deal with the state of things at Conjeeveram & whether it would not be advisable to have a paid Chairman while this encroachments business is settled.

[illegible] 13/8/95

Shd. say we had better have a paid chairman, at least for a time.

To
The Collector of Chingleput
Gazette,

There will be the waterworks business as well as the encroachments to look after, which latter are extraordinarily numerous. The Colr. should consider the matter at once & make proposals ~~[illegible]~~

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16/8/95

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Copy of letter, Ref. on No. 1200/Collr. dated 27th July 1895 from the Sub-Collector, Chingleput to the Collector of Chingleput district:-

I have the honour to solicit instructions with reference to G.O. dated 26th June 1895, No. 1024 M., Mis.

2. The first 3½ paras of this G.O. treat of Koradus constructed since G.O. dated 20th February 1889, No. 210 M. The latter half of para 3 requests you to direct me to inspect in person "all Koradus which have been built upon the public street."

3. Does this mean that I am to inspect (1) Koradus built since February 20th 1889 or (2) all Koradus? I may mention that 401 alienations since 20th February 1889 are admitted by the Municipality. I am not certain that the list is complete. There have been granted 2377 licenses "to occupy road poramboke or to "rebuild according to plan"; how many of these latter cover encroachments only inspection can tell. These licenses appear to have been granted with no preliminary investigation; and no subsequent inspection appears to have been made to see that buildings

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have not been erected in excess of licenses.

4. I came here on Saturday 20th. It was necessary to draw up lists of sanctions for each street. The first list was not ready till Monday and I commenced operations on Tuesday. I have been out 4 mornings from 6 to 11 and the work I have done is but a drop in the ocean. The only records available are the paimash records; it is extremely difficult to localise sites therein mentioned, and when the sites are localised it is occasionally found that they have been curtailed or extended in rear by sales and leases. Encroachments exist on both sides of the roads. To discover a single encroachment it is often necessary to measure not only the road way but all the neighbouring houses and backyards. I have tried to work from survey stones, but many of these are missing, and a large number of those that remain have been admittedly displaced. For this reason one portion of the 1st street I inspected — a row of about 15 houses on each side — took up one

whole

whole morning and portions of two others. It is easy to record what is; the difficulty is to ascertain what should be. There is the greatest difficulty in making one street fit with another and I fancy that no real good can be done without a proper survey with a theodolite; and I cannot carry this out without an establishment. The experience gained by my investigations so far tells me that as a rule householders have built their main walls on the boundaries of their sites (there are some cases where they have built the main wall in front of their boundaries) It follows that verandahs, as well as koradus are encroachments. The G.O. though referring directly to koradus, refers indirectly to any occupation of porambokes. I therefore ask the further question: Am I to inspect only koradus or all encroachments?

5. There are 8058 houses in the Municipality. Almost every house has a verandah. I put the number of koradus down at from 1000 to 3000. You will thus see that it is impossible

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for me to inspect every encroachment or suspected encroachment. The inspection of every Koradu will involve inspecting all the 168 streets (some of them miles in length) and measuring up about 25 % of the houses; while the checking of all permissions to encroach or to "rebuild according to plan" issued in the last 6½ years will mean visiting 2377 houses. To inspect even the 400 admitted encroachments will take about a month; and I shall probably find that these are the most unobjectionable of all — or they would have been built without the formality of an application.

6. I trust you will realise from the foregoing the magnitude of the task set me by Government. To carry it out will take a large slice out of many working days. This division is known to be no sinecure at the best of times and my ordinary work is suffering and must inevitably suffer. Moreover I ought at the present moment to be in Chingleput taluk reviving the village establishment; at present it is impossible for me to touch this.

6. I solicit early and definite instructions as to what is expected of me. At present it is only too easy to begin; the difficulty is to know where to stop.

7. Among those, whose names I sent up for the selection of one as chairman is M.R.Ry Sambamurti Ayyar avergal. He is a retired assistant in the Survey department, and tells me that if he is made chairman and a moderate staff is sanctioned by Government, he is ready to make all the necessary survey to detect encroachments. He has ample experience for doing the work well. Mr Cardozo, whom I happened to meet the other day, informed me that it is proposed to make a proper survey of Conjeeveram town next working season. The Municipal act does not provide directly for

for a survey, and I doubt if a municipal survey would have sufficient authority to stand by itself and to allow of the survey by the Survey department being given up. Yet if the department undertakes the survey the same work will be done twice over. I am inclined to think the work should be prosecuted with vigour at once. There is no doubt that my attempts to carry out the G.O. are looked upon with great disfavour by the inhabitants and that the removal of encroachments will be strongly opposed. Should the matter be put off it will be considered that Government is giving it to their objections; it is therefore desirable not to let the matter drop even for a while.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT. No. 2486 M

Ref. in 97/municipal - dated 1st August 1895. -

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, for favour of orders.

The Sub-Collector has been informed that

that he has to deal only with occupation of street poramboke by building Koradus or other encroachments under permissions granted by the council since the 20th February 1889.

3. It is possible Government was not aware of the magnitude of the task they have set the Sub-Collector which will materially interfere with his ordinary revenue duties.

I respectfully suggest that a survey be carried out as suggested in para 7 of the Sub-Collector's letter showing clearly house sites and street poramboke as at paimash and as now existing. Even if the whole town be not surveyed, the 401 alienations since 1889 and the 2377 pieces of street poramboke licensed to
be surveyed with the neighbouring houses. The Municipality
be occupied should bear the cost thereof. A vigorous attempt to remove encroachments will end in numberless law suits. I suppose the exclusion of streets under section 23 of the act from the operation of the act would not

Simplify

simplify matters and revive the Government claim to street poramboke, as adverse possession as against the Municipality will be successfully pleaded in most cases I am afraid.

Saidapet,
1st August 1895. }

Ag: Collector

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CURRENT No. 2486 M

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D.O. from Mr. Morrissey of 30
1074 M. 26-6-95
210 L. 20-2-89
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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Chingleput Dt.

22 abstract

TO

THE Chief Secretary to
Govt., Local and Munici-
-pal dept., Madras.

Dated 1st ~~August~~ 1895.
6 AUG. 95

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Ref: on No. 97/Municip. of 1895.

ENCLOSURE "

Subject.

~~Submitting~~ ~~the~~ for ~~fu~~ orders [letter ~~of~~ from the
Sub-Collector [of Chingleput] in regard to the
removal of encroachments in
the town of Conjeeveram ~~for~~
~~favour of orders~~.

Post. Copy of Telegram. 27 August 1895

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To
Ooty.

From Saidapet Collector
State

Perum Madras.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2692 M

Gentleman recommended Municipal
Chairman is deeply involved debt.

(Signed) C. H. Morrissey
Collector

Rep on No. 111/Mcl of 1895

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt. L & Municipal
Dept. Madras in continuation of this office
Rep on No. 111/Mcl dated 27 July 1895.

Saidapet }
27 Aug 1895 }

For Collector

27.8.95

Local & Municipal Dept.

From

CURRENT No. 2694 M

~~The Collector of~~

Chingleput

Saidapet

To

Chief Government

The Secy. to ~~the Commissioner~~

of Local & Mt. Dept.

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Dated 27 } August 1895.

Received 27 AUG. 95

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Subject.

Submitting Copy of Telegram sent to Doty regarding the recommended Chairman Conjeevaram municipality.

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Telegram 23 Leading Ml.

From

The Collector of Chingleput

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No.

Dated 27-8-95

Received 29-8-95

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the gentleman recommended for the Chairmanship of the Conjeeveram municipality is deeply involved in debt.

Ref. No. 111/Ml. of 1895

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District Collector's Office,
3rd September 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2753 M

From

C. H. Mounsey Esquire
Ag. *Collector of the*
Chingleput *District,*

To

The Chief *Secretary to Government,*
Local & Ml. *Department,*
Madras.

SIR,

In reference to my telegram of the 27th Ultimo, stating that the gentleman I have nominated as Chairman of the Conjeeveram Municipality was much sunk in debt, I have the honor to state, that, under the circumstances, he cannot, in my opinion, be considered altogether suitable for the post.

2. The most suitable chairman that can now be found among

the members is Mr. L. R. A. Deshka Chasyar Aurngal B A the present Chairman Delegate. He is the Head Master of the Free Church Mission School and the only drawback to his appointment is, the fact, that his duties as School Master occupy him most of the day. He is the only other person among the Commissioners, whom I can recommend. I have not asked him yet, for his consent as it is possible, that orders may be passed on the suggestion made by the Sub Collector in para 2 of his letter No. 2,293 Index of 24 July 1895, Copy of

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which was forwarded to you with my Endorsement No. $\frac{111}{Ml}$ dated 27 Idem.

Cen 2416 h/95

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt.

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C A Mornay
A Collector

Local & Municipal Dept. 300—28-9-92.
CURRENT No. 2753/M

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From

The Collector of

Chingleput Dt.

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To

Chief
The Secy. to Govt.,

Local & Mpl. Dept.,

Madras.

Dated 3 }
Received - 4 SEP 95 } September 1895.

Rep on No. 111/Ml of 1895

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SUBJECT.

Stating
Reporting that the ~~most~~
suitable ~~Chairman~~ among
members of the Conjeevaram Mul Council
the ~~Commissioners~~ is M.R.R.
Recommending the nomination of
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