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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1872/M

DATED 11th November 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Land

Recording letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Tuticotin, regarding the grant of a piece of------ in the municipality to the manager of a certain school.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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

No: 825.

Tuticorin.
13th Feb: 1895.

From

The Rev. C. P. Gnanakan B. A;
Manager, S. P. G. Schools,
Tuticorin.

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.

15. FEB. 1895

Sir,

I have the honour most respectfully to protest against a recent Resolution of the Tuticorin Municipal Council, whereby a large tract of Municipal land lying to the south of the Carpenters' Street in Ward No: IV has been granted pending the sanction of Government to a certain Hindu School for putting thereon new constructions. My reasons for protesting are the following:–

1. The Municipal land referred to lies within a distance of some 50 yards from a flourishing S. P. G. School and in front of it. The S. P. G. School has been in existence for more than 20 years and receives pupils from all sections of the community irrespective of caste and creed. If the Municipal Council desire to give away their public land, preference should be given to the

long

long standing S.P.G. School which will make use of the land for play-ground and gymnasium;

2. The Hindu School which sprang into existence some three years ago, is located at present in a building of its own; and it does not appear why public land should be given away to an institution which is exclusively intended for only one section of the community.

3. Some years ago the late Right Reverend Bishop Caldwell applied to the Municipal Council for this same tract of land for the purpose of building thereon a travellers' bangalow for the use of the numerous Christians who visit Tuticorin and who would be very conveniently lodged there as the majority of Christians in Tuticorin live in that locality. But I regret to find that the same Council who declined to give the land to the Venerable Bishop for this public purpose, have now given it to the Hindu community, though there is no special reason why they should have done so but rather the reverse as this is, as I said, the Christian part of the Town and a large Christian Church stands within a few yards of it.

4. I beg also to add that when I wanted some four years ago another vacant piece of Municipal land for building a Mission School in a very backward locality of the town, the Council declined to give it to me though a new school was very urgently needed in that part; and so I had to buy land for the purpose. The present action of the Council therefore appears to me like a tendency on their part to show favour to one community to the detriment of another.

I have the honour to request you therefore to be so good as to refuse your sanction to this Resolution of the Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. P. Gnanakan.
Manager, S.P.G. Schools.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 542 M

From

The Rev. C. P. Gnanakan B.A.
Manager, S. P. G. Schools
Tuticorin

No.

Dated 13-2-95

Received 15-2-95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Protesting against the resolution of the Tuticorin Municipal Council granting a large tract of municipal land to a certain Hindu school for putting thereon new constructions.

To lie over pending receipt of the council's resolution sanctioning the grant of the land referred to.

21/2/95

M 21-2-95

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 632 M

To

His Excellency The Governor-in-Council
Fort St George, Madras

The humble application of M. R. Gnana Dravia Nadar Pleader Tuticorin

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
22 FEB. 1895

Most Respectfully Showeth,

That the applicant presented a petition to the Tuticorin Municipality on the 4th January and another on the 26th January 1895 praying for a grant of a land described in the schedule herewith annexed.

That he applied for the land for providing public games and for erecting a reading room and a library for the public.

That while his petitions are still pending the applicant is given to understand that the land he applied for is to be given away to one Subscription School and that the Municipality has passed a resolution to that effect on a petition presented subsequent to that of the applicant.

That the land was first applied for by the late venerable Br. Caldwell for erecting a travellers bungalow for the use of Christians, which was refused.

That the land was again applied for by the Secretary of the above said Subscription School which petition was taken up by the Municipality and a resolution was passed to give away the land to that School, which the applicant hears the then Collector of the District refused to recommend the resolution of the Municipality to the Government of Madras, on the protest made by the Rev J. A. Sharrock then Superintending Missionary of the S. P. G. in Tuticorin and that the land was refused to the said school

That the applicant is at a loss to Know why the cause of the said Subscription School be so readily taken up ~~repeate~~ repeatedly by the Municipality while the applicants petitions are still undisposed of.

The applicant therefore humbly prays that His Excellency The Governor in Council will be pleased to send for all the Records Connected with the various applications made for the land on previous occasions before sanctioning the resolution of the Municipality and do justice to the applicant

Schedule

Survey No. 206 measuring about 30 Cents situated opposite to the S. P. G. Tamil church in the Northern ward of Tuticorin, bounded by the Municipal well in the West by, Thachers' street and the S.P.G. church in the north, by the path and the railway Compound in the South and by the Nadars' land in the east

20. 2 - 95 } S.K. Gnanadoraia Nadar
Tuticorin } Vendor

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR. CURRENT No. 632 M

Petition

From

M. K. Gnana Dravia Nadar
Pleader Tuticorin

No.

Dated 20.2.95

Received 22.2.95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Complaining that a certain piece of land for which he applied has been granted by the Tuticorin municipality for a subscription school and praying that the records of the case may be examined &c

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Sawyerpuram,
Tinnevelly Dist.
February 21st 95

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 653 M

From Revd. A. J. Godden,
Missionary in charge
Church of England Mission
(S. P. G.)
Tuticorin

UNDER SECRETARY
24 FEB 95
PUBLIC ETC DEPT.

To The Chief Secretary
Government of Madras.

Sir
I have the honor to lay before you, for the consideration of Government, the following remarks regarding a piece of land which I understand has just been granted by the Municipality of Tuticorin to the Managers of an Institution called the S. A. V. School, for the erection of a school building, and to ask that Government will be pleased to give the matter serious attention.

1. This piece of ground is an open space situated in the Eastern Part of the Town. It is bounded on the South by the S. I. R. Compound, on the North by the Public Road known as Tacher Street, on

the west by the Municipal Well, and on the East by Christian houses.

2. This part of the Town is greatly crowded, and it is highly desirable that such an open space as this should be allowed to remain as it is for the benefit of the people living round, and that it should not be used for building purposes.

3. Moreover this space is directly opposite a compound which contains the Mission Church of the Tamil Church of England and two recognized schools. For this reason, and because it adjoins the houses in which most of our Christians live, the late Bishop Caldwell some time ago made an application for it in order that a Rest House for Christians might be built there. His request was not granted as it was stated that the ground was required for Municipal purposes. About the end of the year 1891 the Managers of the S. A. V. School (to whom it is now granted) asked for it for the erection of their school, but against this my predecessor – the Revd. J. A. Sharrock protested on the ground that the Church compound with its two schools was so near. Government referred this objection to the Municipal with

with the result that the land was not given for the erection of the S. A. V. School.

4 As Missionary in charge of the Church of England Mission in Tuticorin representing over 800 of the inhabitants of the Town, I desire, most respectfully to protest against this action of the Municipality in granting this piece of land to the Managers of the S. A. V. School, and I do so on the following grounds:

(a) That this crowded portion of the Town requires the space to be left as it is, or that it be converted into a Recreation ground;

(b). That there is no need for another school so near to the two schools which are working directly opposite in the Church Compound;

(c) That a Hindu School in this place will prove objectionable to the worship of the Christians in their church; but

(d.) If the ground must be used for building purposes the Christians have the first claim upon it, as they have long ago asked for it, and even now would like to have it, either for a Rest House for Christians, or for a Reading Room and Lecture Hall.

On these grounds, I have the honor to

to request that Government will be pleased to refuse to sanction this decision of the Tuticorin Municipality.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Arthur J. Godden
Missionary S.P.G.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR CURRENT No. 653 M

From

The Rev. A. J. Godden
Missionary in charge
Church of England Mission
S. P. G.
Tuticorin

No.

Dated 21-2-95

Received 25-2-95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Requesting that under the circumstances stated resolution of the Tuticorin municipality granting a piece of land to the managers of the S. A. V. School may not be sanctioned.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 654 M

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras,
Madras.

25 FEB 1895

The humble petition of the Native Christians of the Tuticorin S. P. G. Mission District

Most respectfully sheweth

That the petitioners hear that the Tuticorin Municipality have promised to give away a piece of land in the North Ward and which is just opposite to the Town Tamil Church, to the Managers of a certain institution called the S. A. V. School.

2. That they beg to bring to your honor's notice that they were the first applicants for the said site, and during the time of the late Bishop Caldwell they petitioned the Municipality through him for the land, to build a Travellers' Bangalow on it

3. And that most of the people adjacent to the land in question being Christians, it is the petitioner's most humble opinion that they have a greater claim than any other body, and if the Government would sanction the said land, the petitioners would be very thankful to utilise it in the way of building a hall for a library and a reading room or for the original purpose.

D. P. Pillyhn, Priest S. P. G.

J. Manuel

A. D. Swamidas

B. Vedanayagam

Edward Rajappan

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR. CURRENT No. 654 M

From

A. D. Swami Doss & other
native christians, Tuticorin

No.

Dated

Received 25-2-95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that the Tuticorin Municipality has promised to grant a piece of land to the managers of the S. A. V. School and praying that the same land may be granted to them for a library and a reading room.

W 2-8-95

11/8/95

(with endorsement)

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

C.A. Nos. 542, 632, 653 & 654 M

N.S.

No. 1210

Referred to the Chairman Municipal Council, Tuticorin, for remarks which should be submitted thro' the Collector.

(By order)

W Francis

Ag Under Secretary

V.A.
30/8/95

Fort St George
26th August 1895

RECEIVED
29 AUG. 95
ANSWERED

To
The Chairman M.C. Tuticorin.

No. 431

Municipal Councillors Office
Tuticorin 10th October 1895

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3440 M

From,

T. H. Baker Esq Chairman Delegate
Municipal Council
Tuticorin

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Madras.

Through Sub Collector & Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Endorsement No 1210 dated 26th August last on petitions submitted to you from the Christian Community of Tuticorin regarding a piece of land bearing Survey No 208 north of Railway Compound and to enclose a Copy of the resolution of the Council on the subject that the land should remain as it is until it is required for some public purpose.

2. The petitions which accompanied the above are returned herewith.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

T H Baker

Chairman Delegate

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Tuticorin in their meeting held on Friday the 4th October 1895 at 5.30 P.M.

Present

T. H. Baker Esq Chairman Delegate

F. Harvey Esq

M.R.Ry. J. L. Drotha Avergal

" T. M. Ramakrishnasami Nayadu garu

" C. Chinnasami Ayyar Avergal

" P. Viravagu Pillai Avergal

Revd. C. P. Gnanakkan B.A.

3 Read papers in connection with a piece of Municipal land north of Railway Compound wall referred by Government for remarks of the Council.

Resolved that the land be carefully measured and remain in the hands of the Council until required for some public purposes.

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(Signed) T. H. Baker.

Chairman Delegate

(True Extract)

T H Baker

Chairman Delegate

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Local & Municipal Dept.
1895
Current No. 3440 M

From
The Chairman Delegate
Municipal Council
Tuticorin

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George
Madras

12 OCT. 9[illegible]
Sub-Collector's Office

Dated 10th
Despatched 10th } October 1895
Received

No 431.

Through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Tinnevelly

Chief Secretary
NOV 1895
Government of Madras

Petition 5/L
C. Nos 632, 653 & 654 M
rectd.

Subject

Government endorsement No 1220 dated 26th August on the petition submitted by the Christian Community of Tuticorin regarding a piece of land.

Submitting a copy of the resolution of the Council, that the land should remain as it is until it is required for some public purpose (with the order)

Current No. 1947 REV. of 1895

1st clerk

Cur No. 1769/95 M.

Forwarded

A. C. Cummings
Ag Sub Collr
18.10.95

DESPATCHED.
19 OCT. 95.

Forwarded to Govt. (L & M dept.)

2. The Council, it would appear, has since given up the idea of granting the land referred to in the petitions to the S. P. G. School.

Tinnevelly
21 OCT. 9[illegible]
Deputy Collector

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Tinnevelly Collector
2-11-95.

1.11.95

Cur Nos 542, 632, 653, 654 & 3440 M.

order No. 1872 Mis 11-11-95

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Current No.

Enclosures to C. No.

Order of Government .. .. .. A A A A A A A

Letter of Government.

Statement with ditto.

Papers not filed up, being meant for despatch in original.

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