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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 202 M

DATED 9th February 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment.

Stating that Government sees no reason to interfere with the decision of the Madura Municipal Council in the matter of the -----at the Madura People's park.

BACK PAPERS.

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

FURTHER PAPERS.

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

Municipal Office,
Madura, 18th December 1894.

No. 65.

From,

R. Fischer Esquire,
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Madura.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Through

The Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Referring to Government endorsement No. 1450, dated the 12th Instant, I have the honor to submit herewith, copies of my letters to the Collector of Madura on the subject of the abolition of the Park establishment, containing a full account of the circumstances under which the step objected to has been taken.

2 The endorsement under reference is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient St
R. Fischer
Chairman

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Municipal Office,
Madura 14th December 1894.

No. 1238.
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From,
R. Fischer Esquire,
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Madura.

To,
L. C. Miller Esquire,
Acting Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement R.C. No. 2827 M. 8 dated 11th instant on the petition of certain citizens of this town praying for the suspension and eventual cancellation of the resolution of the Municipal Council regarding the Park passed on the 8th instant, I have the honor to make the following observations:-

2. It will be seen from the Council's resolution, and from the proposal referred to therein (copies of which are enclosed) that it was far from the intention of the Council to abolish the Park, and close it to the public. The Council merely formed

that the Services of the Special establish-
ment attached to the Park were unnecessary,
as the trees planted years ago had grown
sufficiently and required no watering or care
hereafter. It was accordingly decided to
discontinue this unnecessary establishment
costing about Rupees 800 per annum and
to put the Park grounds in charge of the
establishment of the 10th ward which has
less work than the Staff of other wards.
The Council thought that it was extra-
vagant to have 14 Coolies at the above
cost merely to water and look after the
crotons, and by dispensing with this
establishment, no harm whatever to the
Park was apprehended. The Council
intends keeping the roads through the Park
in thorough repair, looking after the trees
already grown and planting more trees
from time to time, for which the ward
establishment is sufficient.

3. The Park, as far as I am aware has
not been much used or frequented by
the general public as it is at too great
a distance for pedestrians, and
the natives have no taste for such a
recreation and the great majority of
the citizens numbering over 70,000 and
living on the Southern bank of the river
do not resort to it either for the sake
of health or exercise. The Complaint
now made is practically that of the
members of the Union Club which consists
of about fifty individuals most of whom
can afford to keep carriages to drive
thither and who can in no way be
affected by the resolution in question.

4. The Park ground was
originally purchased for Rs 4020-9-6,
Rs 2406-8-3 of which was raised
by subscriptions from a few Nattukottai
Chetties and Zemindars, and half a
dozen gentlemen of this town among
whom the signatories to the complaint
are conspicuous by their absence and
the balance Rs 1613-1-3 was paid by
the Municipality; and just before this
payment was made, the Park Committee
on behalf of the Subscribers, made
a gift (and a burdensome gift it has
been)

of their portion to the Municipality presumably on its assenting to pay the balance of the purchase money which was then due viz Rs 1613. Vide Resolutions Nos $\frac{80}{19.3.84}$ and $\frac{182}{20.9.90}$, copies of which are herewith forwarded. The Park now consists of about 70 acres, of which 12 belonged to the Municipality before the Park was made, and I have all the title deeds for the lands in the Municipal records.

5. The statement hereunto annexed exhibits the total outlay incurred by the Municipality on the maintenance of the Park amounting to Rs 8811 from its commencement in 1884 up to 1st December 1894; and it is to be regretted that this lavish expenditure should have been incurred without any corresponding benefit or return. The Park has thus been in the possession of the Municipality for the last ten years, and is their absolute property and on which they have spent over ten thousand rupees of their money and from which they have nothing

but a few stunted jungle trees now to show

6. Though the resolution of the 8th Instant does not contain any specific directions as to the sale of the crotons, yet as the proposal above referred to suggested the sale, and as the resolution was in general terms, I was under the impression that their sale was approved by the Council and I acted accordingly. But I stopped the sale at the request of some of the Councillors, even before the receipt of your endorsement, as they alleged that further publicity should be given before the sale was effected. These crotons valued at about a couple of hundred rupees or so were not in existence at the time the Park was originally acquired, they were grown with Municipal funds during the last few years as the age of the crotons will show and surely the Municipality is at liberty to put down what they like in the Park and remove what they like of a perishable nature. Is a Municipal corporation to be controlled either by the

public or by the Government as to what they should or should not grow and as to what they should not remove after growth?

7. The Park servants were discharged on the 10th instant, as other servants have been discharged on other occasions, as, for instance, the fifteen coolies on the Race course without the previous sanction of the Government; and, consequently I am not in a position to carry out your suggestions with regard to them, and further I believe the sanction of the Government is not necessary for the purpose. Their discontinuance and the consequent reduction in the expenses will be noted in the budget now under preparation as was done on previous occasions for the information of Government.

8. The endorsement under reply is herewith returned.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. Fischer
Chairman

(True copy)

R Fischer
Chairman

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Madura, passed at the Special meeting held on the 8th December 1894.

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191. Read proposal by Councillor, M.R.Ry. R. Muthusawmy Pillai avergal and ten other Councillors that the services of the establishment attached to the Park be dispensed with at once and that the supervision of the Park be entrusted to the ward staff &ca. for reasons stated at length in their letter.

Carried by a majority of 14 against one.

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(True extract)

R Fischer
Chairman

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Madura, 24th November 1894.

To

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Madura.

Sir,

We have the honor to bring to your notice that an extensive space of ground near the Tamkam Bangalow called the Peoples' Park is owned by the Municipality and that an yearly expenditure of Rs 750/- is now being incurred in maintaining an establishment for looking after a few plants and crotons, to be found therein. The circumstances under which the Park came into excistance cannot with any degree of accuracy be stated as no records are available throwing any light upon the subject. We may mention that the only paper which gives us any information, is the Memorandum prepared by the Head Clerk of the Office evidently under your direction after you assumed charge of the Municipality. In this Memorandum he refers to a resolution of the Municipal Commissioners passed on the March 1884, in which the grant of the lands constituting the Park to the Municipality was formally accepted. We find also that a portion of this Park was handed over to the District Board for the purpose of a Farmers' Club under certain conditions. As stated in the Memorandum referred to above, the land appears to have been purchased out of subscriptions raised from the public for the purpose by Mr. C. S. Crole, who was then the Collector of the District as well as the President of the Municipality. We also learn that this gentleman had it in contemplation to utilize the Park for the purpose of building houses and thereby to render that portion of the town easily habitable, but he did not continue long in the District to carry out his original plan. Be that as it may, we cannot but find that the outlay of Rs 8750. hitherto made in the maintenance of the Park was a lavish and useless waste of public money with no corresponding income to the Municipality or benefit to the public

at large. As you are aware, the soil is so bad that no fruitbearing trees can be planted and the only ones that can be grown are Margosa and other wild trees which have already grown to a sufficient height as to render looking after no longer necessary. This observation would seem to gather force when it is considered that several necessary reforms cannot be taken on hand owing to the want of funds. We therefore propose for your consideration the desirability of dispensing at once with services of the present establishment attached to the Park, and to place it under the Supervision of the ward Staff, and that the crotons be sold.

It may also be mentioned here that the people in general do not resort to the Park partly on the score of its distance and partly to their natural disinclinations. At best it benefits only a very few limited number, not exceeding twenty a day out of a total population of nearly 90,000; and these have to go there as members of the club built on the site of the Park, at about the same time the Park was formed. It will thus appear that the proposal herein contained cannot deprive the inhabitants of the town of the priveleges or advantages hitherto enjoyed by them and the town, or more properly speaking, that portion of the town, cannot be said to have been deprived of the requisite air movement (with which object alone any Park has to be formed).

We have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants.

Signed/ R. Muthusawmy Pillai
" V.S. Krishnasawmy Iyer (in Tamil)
" V.C. Sriraman Chetty (—do)
" Syed Mahomed Ebrahim Sahib (in Hindustani)
" Chelvaraju Naidu
" M. Ananthakrishna Naidu
" Syed Galam Ali Sahib (in Tamil)
" T. Jombu Chettiar
" G. Subrayalu Naidu
" M. Subba Naidu (in Tamil)
" O. Munisawmy Iyer (—do—)
Municipal Councillors

(True copy)

R Fischer
Chairman

18/12

Copy of Resolution No. 80 dated 19th March 1884.

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80. Handing over the Park to the Municipality.

The Commissioners resolve to record their sense of the enlightened liberality of the donors of the Madura Peoples' Park and to accept the gift thus made to the town.

The name of the Subscribers will be engrossed on the Proceedings and the President will convey the thanks of the Municipality to each gentleman.

(1) Nagattar
(2) Zemindar of Bodinayakanore
(3) — Do — Ammayanayakanore
(4) Mr. S. Subramaniya Iyer
(5) " R. Ramasubbayar
(6) " V. Subramanya Iyer
(7) Zemindar of Erasakanayakanore
(8) Pandara Sannadi of Piranmalai
(9) Mr. P. Kottusawmy Thevar.
(10) " V. Thavasimuthu Nadar.
(11) " Ponnusawmy Nadar
(12) " Venkatachellam Chettiar.

The Commissioners further resolved to agree to the assignment made to the Madura

Farmers' Club of that portion of the Park bounded on the west by the road round the Tamkam, on condition, 1st, that the land revert to the Municipality in the event of the abandonment of the Farm and that the public have at all times free access to it and that the land so revert free of any claim on account of improvement executed and buildings raised by the Farm Committee.

It is further resolved that the Farm Committee have the use of other portions of the Park not required for gardening or ornamental purposes, for grazing on the same conditions. The Farm Committee to reimburse the Municipality for all costs hitherto incurred on fencing, tree planting and road making on the portion granted to the Farm.

Lastly, that the existing Park Committee be requested to continue laying out the Park until the funds are exhausted.

(Mr: Scott dissented)

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(True copy)

R Fischer

Chairman

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182. Read the following papers.

(1) Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Madura, Farmers' Club dated the 9th September 1888 requesting to be informed whether the Municipal Council would pay up the sum of Rs 1613-1-3 being money advanced by Mr: S. Subramania Iyer for the purchase of certain lands in the Park.

(2) Resolution of the Municipal Council No 271 dated 19th September 1888.

(3) Letter from the Honorary Secretary dated the 8th October 1888.

(4) Letter from the Farm Superintendent dated the 25th November 1889, forwarding a statement prepared with reference to the said claim.

(5) Resolution of the Municipal Council No 80 dated 19th May 1884.

(6) Memorandum by the Chairman on the subject. Resolved that the amount

claimed be paid in two yearly instalment and that the title deeds referred to in the Statement be secured.

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Signed/ Nilakanta Sastri
Chairman

(True extract)

R Fischer
Chairman

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Statement of expenditure in connection with the Park, Madura.

Years	Amount actually spent Rs	A	P	Remarks
1884-85	503	13	9	
1885-86	654	13	5	
1886-87	1002	1	.	
1887-88	690	4	7	
1888-89	791	1	6	
1889-90	528	5	10	
1890-91	1320	11	11	
1891-92	1370	7	2	
1892-93	650	2	.	
1893-94	809	3	4	
1894-95 up to the end of November	490	.	8	
Total Rs	8,811	1	2	

R Fischer
Chairman

18/12

ENCLOSURE NO. 1

In a letter

FROM,

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MADURA.

No. 65

Dated 18th December 1894.

No.

Copy of letter No 1238/14-12-94 with its enclosures

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No 1262

Municipal Office,
Madura, 18th December 1894.

From,
R. Fischer Esquire,
Chairman
Municipal Council,
Madura.

To,
The Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

Adverting to your reference on current No 265/17.12.94, I have the honor to state that your letter suggesting the reconsideration by the Council of their resolutions Nos 191 and 192 came rather late to admit of its circulation to the Councillors, who were to have attended the meeting this morning.

2. There was a proposal, however, put in by some of the Councillors a few days ago to reconsider and cancel resolution No 191. This was duly circulated and the matter came on for consideration before the Council when the majority vetoed the proposal and adhered to their former resolution on the subject.

3. As explained in my previous letter to you, No. 1238/14.12.94, the Park is the absolute property of the Municipality. They do not hold it as Trustees for any body or association. They have spent over ten thousand Rupees of their money upon it and do not intend either abandoning it or giving it to anybody. The Divisional officer is wrong in saying that it was handed over to the Council by a Committee on the express condition of its agreeing to maintain it. It was the costly establishment attached thereto, simply to look after and water the crotons, that was found unnecessary, and was dispensed with, and the work of maintaining the same has been delegated to the 10th ward Staff and 4 mile coolies, and, therefore, all fear of danger or injury to the crotons is groundless. Except a few persons and some of the members of the Union Club, who are personally interested in the matter, no section of the General Public has, up to date, approached the Council with an expression of their views or entered any protest against the action of the Council; and the only reasonable inference seems to be that the sense of the community at large seems, in these circumstances, to be in favor of the resolution of the Council.

4. As regards the removal of a few crotons from the Park to the Travellers' Bungalow, which is also Municipal property, I simply followed the example of my predecessors in office, and to this procedure no exception of any kind appears to have hitherto been taken.

5. The question as to whether the Chairman has, in his executive authority, power to order the removal of crotons from one place to another within the Municipality, when occasion requires, was discussed and considered, and the enclosed copies of the resolutions Nos 206 and 207 on this subject as well as on the abolition of the Park establishment will speak for themselves.

6. For the reasons stated in para 1 supra, resolution No 192 was not laid before the Council, but if you are of opinion that the subject should be reconsidered, I shall bring it at the next meeting of the Council, which will probably be held after the Christmas holidays.

I have &c
(Signed) R. Fischer
Chairman
True

(True Copy)

R Ritchie

Chairman

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Madura Municipal Council, passed at its meeting held on the 18th December 1894.

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206. Read proposal of twelve Councillors for cancelling Resolution No. 191 of the Municipal Council, passed on the 8th December 1894, regarding the Park establishment.

Resolved by a majority of 12 against 9 that the proposal be rejected and the Resolution of the 8th instant, No. 191, be reaffirmed.

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(True extract.)

R Ritchie

Chairman.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Madura Municipal Council, passed at its meeting held on the 18th December 1894.

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207. Read proposal of twelve, Councillors for removing back the (50) crotons sent away from the Park to the Travellors' Bangalow.

Resolved by a majority of 19 against 2, that the proposal be rejected as it ought not to have been put or brought forward before the Council, the matter being within the province of the executive in which the Council ought not to interfere.

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(True extract)

R Archer
Chairman

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ENCLOSURE NO. 2

In a letter

FROM,
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MADURA.

No. 65

Dated 18th December 1894

No.

Copy of letter No 1262/18-12-94 with enclosures

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Post Office Department.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH

Class. P

To Station Madras Mylapore

From Station Madura

Monthly Local No 57

Words. 44

Day 9

Hour 18

Minutes 25

Official Instruction. 3113 M

CORRECT No.

To (Person) Chief Secretary to Government

From (Person) C. Venkatavaradarao resgre Chairman public meeting

Madura municipal council resolved yesterday discontinuan dufferin park establishment today chairman surprises public by advertising sale tomorrow morning of crotons plants park public property founded by public subscriptions

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AT Hrs. L. N. Mts. By Bhekshu

SENT TO
At Hrs. L. N. Mts. By

Z. MYLAPORE 9 DEC 94

Date

Postmaster.

Date

ENCLOSURE NO. 2

In a letter

FROM,

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MADURA.

No. 65
Dated 18th December 1894
No.

Copy of letter No 1262 / 18.12.94
with enclosures

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Post Office Department.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

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To Station Madras Mylapore

From Station Madura

Monthly Local No. 57

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OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION.

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GOVERNMENT OF

To (Person) Chief Secretary to Government

From (Person) C. Venkatavanada rao
resgre
Chairman
public meeting

Madura municipal council resolved yesterday discontinuance dufferin park establishment today chairman surprises public by advertising sale tomorrow morning of crotons plants park public property founded by public subscriptions

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AT Hrs. L. N. Mts. By

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AT Hrs. L. N. Mts. By

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MYLAPORE
9 DEC 94

Date

Postmaster.

Date

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RATES OF CHARGE FOR INLAND TELEGRAMS.

The address (including name of Sender, and name and residence of Addressee) is transmitted free.

	First 8 words.	Each additional word.	
Deferred Message	... 8 Annas	... 1 Anna.	A group of 3, or less figures, is reckoned as one word
Ordinary "	... 1 Rupee	... 2 Annas.	
Urgent "	... 2 Rupees	... 4 Annas.	

No charge for delivery within a distance of 5 Miles.

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Post Office Department.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

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Station				Official Instruction.
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To (Person)				From (Person)

After Subscriptions (opened by viceroy dufferin collector absent pray Stop Sale by wire)

V. B[illegible]

Z. MYLAPORE 8 DEC. 94

Recd. from L. N.	Sent to L. N.
At Hrs. Mts. By	At Hrs. Mts. By

Postmaster.

Date

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Post Office Department.

Misc.—4.

Memorandum.

FROM The POSTMASTER
MYLAPORE
D.A. MADRAS

To The Chief Secy to Govt
Adyar

Sir,

Please add the words of the accompanying telegram to your previous telegram no 57 after the word Subscription the correction was received after the message has been received

V. Blakslee
by Postmaster

Dated 9-12- 1894

[2] LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3113 M.

Telegram.
From

C. Venkatavarada Rao
Chairman, Public Meeting
Madura.

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No.

Dated 9-12-94
Received 10-12-94.
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Praying that the sale of crotans &c of Dufferin Park, Madura, may be stopped by wire as it is a public property founded by public subscriptions.

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1328 [illegible] 25-[illegible]-94
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14 DEC 94
R.F.

No. 1450

Referred to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, for report, pending orders upon which action in respect to the Park should be suspended.

(By order)

Fort St. George }
12th December 1894 }

W Francis
Ag. Asst. Secretary

To

The Chairman M. C. Madura

ENCLOSURE NO. 3

In a letter

FROM,

THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

MADURA.

No. 65

Dated 18th December 1894.

No.

G. O. No 1450 / 12.12.94 with enclosures.

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Date 22-12-1894

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.
Local & Municipal Dept.

PR. ns. CURRENT No. 3332 M.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MADURA.

No.

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Dated 18th } December 1894
Received }

CHIEF SECRETARY 27 DEC 1894 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No. 65

SUBJECT.

Submitting report regarding the abolition of the Park establishment.

Local & Municipal Dept.
No. 280/mpl of 94.
Submitted. CURRENT No. 3332 M.

I interfered in the petition because the matter was being sprung on the town as a surprise, and asked for further consideration, & postponement of the sale of the plants till the matter shd be settled. The sale was stopped.

2. It will be clear from the resolutions of the Council that the sale was never authorized and it was to the removal of the plants for sale, which was then notified, that I objected in my second letter which is referred to in the Chairman's letter of 18th Decr.—

3 The Council's resolution No 207 to the effect that it has nothing to do with the disposition in the town of its own property can hardly be taken as an authority to sell the property & the fact that the proposal was to sell the property (para 6 of Chairman's letter of 14th Nov) while the Resolution thereon contained no order to sell could hardly be fairly taken by the Chairman as giving him authority to sell.

4 It is true that the park is not largely used but as the Town spreads it may become more appreciated and at any rate the matter shd have been treated with more deliberation and the public consulted to a greater extent than was done.

5. Resolution 192 referred to in the Chairman's letter to me of 18th Decr. was an utterly unprecedented ~~and~~ decision to allow the Town Sub Magistrate a sum of 50 rupees a month from Municipal Funds to enable him to "inspect the town". I intimated that I could not possibly allow him to accept any allowance of the sort and asked for the cancellation of the resolution.—Apart from other considerations a sum of fifty rupees a month would pay an efficient 'whole time' inspector.

Madura. [illegible] Luther Mellor
25 [illegible] 21-12-94

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Municipal Office,
Madura 15th January 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 172 M

No. 1

From,
R. Fischer Esquire,
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Madura.

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Through
The Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 65, dated the 18th December 1894, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of resolution of the Municipal Council passed upon the subject at the meeting held this day wherein the council adheres to its former resolutions regarding the Park establishment

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and withdraws the allowance proposed to be given to the Town Sub Magistrate and I have the honor to request that the provision made therefor in the ensuing year's budget be struck off.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt Servant,
R Fischer
Chairman

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Madura Municipal Council passed at its meeting held on the 15th January 1895:—

Present:—

1. R. Fischer Esquire, ——— Chairman.
2. M.R.Ry Selvaraj Naidu Garu — Councillor.
3. " V. S. Krishnasawmy Ayyar al — do.
4. " T. Jaulu Chettiar avergal — do.
5. " G. Subbarayalu Naidu Garu — do.
6. " C. Mani Sawmy Ayyar al — do.
7. " Syed Mahomed Ibrahim Sahib al — do.
8. " A. Seetharamayyar al — do.
9. " T. Ramachandrier al — do.
10. " R. R. Vencatesalu Naidu Garu — do.
11. " R. Muthusawmy Pillai al — do.
12. " M. Alagarsami Naidu Garu — do.
13. " Sri Raman Chettiar al — do.
14. " C. N. Veerasami Naidu Garu — do.
15. " M. Anantha Krishna Naidu Garu — do
16. " Syed Gulamally Sahib al — do.

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17. Read letters dated 17th and 28th December 1894 from the Collector of Madura, making certain observations with regard to resolutions, Nos 191, 206, 207 and 192 of the Municipal Council—

Resolved by a majority of 13 against 3 (namely Messrs. M. Alagarsami Naidu, Veerasami Naidu, and Ramachandra Aiyar) that the Council still adheres to its former resolutions Nos. 191, 206 and 207 regarding the park establishment &c., and resolved unanimously that the resolution No. 192 regarding the allowance to the Sub Magistrate be cancelled as suggested by the Collector.

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(True Extract)

Rencher
Chairman

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1

In a letter

FROM,
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MADURA.

No. 1
Dated 15th January 1895.
No.

Copy of Resolution
No. 17.
15.1.95

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Current No. 332/Genl of 1895
Date 16-I-95 1895.

Cm 3332 h/94
Memo 1450/94
1328 h 25-7-94
1429 h 15-12-88

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 192 M

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MADURA.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
16 JAN 95
MADURA

No.

ENCLOSURE. one

E. C No. 332/Genl of 1895

Submitted

Dated 15th January 1895.
Received

Madura
16 Jan. 95

CHIEF SECRETARY
19. JAN. 1895
No. 1

SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of resolution No 17 of the Municipal Council adhering to its former decision regarding the park establishment &c and withdrawing the allowance to the Sub Magistrate.

To note after school
W.S.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 269 M

TO
The Chief Secretary ~~L. C. MILLER ESQUIRE,~~
to Government ~~Ag COLLECTOR,~~
~~MADURA~~ Madras

The humble memorial of the undersigned tax payers and residents of the Town of Madura.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your memorialists beg to state that a large extent of barren ground near the Tammukkam was converted into a Public garden and designated as Peoples' Park about 10 or 12 years ago.

2. That it is not resorted to by the masses of the people for the reason that it is not within the easy reach from the town.

3. That the said Park has thus to all practical intents and purposes become the property of the Union Club Members and their select friends.

4. That solely in view to contribute to the luxury of a very small section of the people, the Municipality has been lavishing on the Park Rs. 1,000 or thereabouts per annum from the money wrung out of the poor people in the shape of maintaining a costly establishment to look after the crotons therein and meeting sundry expenses.

5. That, as every body knows, the Park was taken under the management of the Municipality some 9 or 10 years back and the total outlay incurred on it up to date and roughly estimated at 10,000 or 12,000 Rs., could and would have been well spent on the construction of public latrines and urinals, which are a great desideratum and which are indispensably necessary to the health and convenience of the people in general, and on some other works of public utility.

6. That, however, according to the proverb "Better late than never" the Council who are the custodians of the public money awoke from their long lethargy to a sense of

மதுரையிலிருக்கும் இதனடியில் கையொப்பமிட்டிருக்கிற வரி கொடுக்கும் ஜனங்கள் மகஜர் என்னவென்றால்.

தமுக்கத்திற்கு சமீபத்தில் சாகுபடிக்கு லாயக்கில்லாத பெருத்த விஸ்திரணமுள்ள நிலத்தை பொதுத்தோட்டமாகச்செய்து அதற்கு பீப்பிள்ஸ் பார்க் கென்று 10, 12 வருஷங்களுக்கு முன் பேர் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

அது மதுரையிலிருந்து தூரமாகயிருப்பதினாலே ஜனங்களில் பெரும்பான்மையோர் ஷை பார்க்குக்கு போகிறதில்லை.

யூனியன் கிலப்பு மெம்பர்களும் அவர்களுடைய சினேகிதர்களும் காரியாமிசத்தில் அதைச்சேர்ந்த சொத்து போல் உபயோகித்துவருகிறார்கள்.

மேலே குறித்தவர்களுடைய சௌகரியத்திற்காகவே வரி கொடுக்க ஐவேஜில்லாத ஏழைகளிடத்திலிருந்தும் வெகு சிரமத்தின் பேரில் வசூலிக்கப்பட்ட பணத்திலிருந்து ௵ 1க்கு ஆயிரக்கணக்காய் ஷை தோட்டத்திலுள்ள குரோட்டன்ஸ்களை பரிபாலிக்கவும் இன்னும் சில்லரைச்செலவுக்காகவும் யாதொரு பிரதிப்பிரயோஜனமன்னியில் விருதாவாய் செலவழிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

இந்த பார்க்குண்டாகி முனிசிபாலிட்டியில் 9, 10 வருஷமாயெடுத்துக்கொண்டு அதுமுதல் நாளது வரையில் பத்து பன்னீராயிர ரூபாய் செலவழித்திருக்கிறார்கள் ஷை தொகையை ஜனங்களுடைய சௌகரியத்திற்கும் சுகாதாரத்திற்கும் அவசியமாயிருக்கும் கக்கூசு வகையறாக்களையாவது அல்லது பொது ஜன பிரயோஜனத்திற்கு உபயோகமான இதர வேலைகளில் உபயோகப்படுத்தி இருந்தால் மெத்த நன்மையாயிருக்கும்.

அப்படிக்கு இதுவரையில் செய்யாமலிருந்த முனிசிபல் சங்கத்தார் ஷை பார்க்கு விஷயமாக செலவழிக்கும் பணம் வியர்த்தமென்றும் பொது சொத்தை தங்கள் வசம் ஒப்பிவித்திருப்பதை சுவாமிக்கு பயந்தாவது சரியாய் செலவழிக்க வேண்டுமென்று யோசித்து பார்க்குக்காக ஏற்படுத்தியிருந்த சிப்பந்திகளை நிறுத்திவிட்டார்கள்.

இந்த தீர்மானமானது சிலருக்கு மன வருத்தத்தை உண்டாக்கி ஷை தீர்மானத்தை புனராலோசனை

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their duty and decided a week ago to dispense with the services of the Park Establishment being fully convinced, as they are, that any money spent on the Park has been and will be a useless and shere waste of public funds, for which they will have to account for before the angust tribunal of God, if not before an human tribunal.

7. That this measure has so provoked, some of them who use and enjoy the Park at the expense of the general public that they are moving earth and heaven to have the resolution of the Council reconsidered and cancelled, with no other than selfish and interested motives and unmindful of the sacred duty they owe to the community at large; and the means and ends used by them towards the accomplishment of their object are manifold not to speak of the legal quibbles under which they shelter themselves.

8. That it would have been well and good if those who profess to take interest in the Park and who make much ado about nothing can arrange to subscribe amongst themselves sufficient sum of money for the maintenance of the crotons, but lo this they will not do or propose.

In these circumstances it is earnestly and fervently prayed that you will be pleased to see that the Council do firmly adhere to their formal resolution and do not yield to the threats and solicitations of a few influential and rich people who have identified themselves in the matter.

செய்து மாத்தவேண்டுமென்று பிரம்மப்பிரயத்தினம் பண்ணுகிறார்கள். அப்படிச்செய்வதானது குடிகளுக்கு தாங்கள் செய்ய கடமைப்பட்டிருக்கிற முக்கிய கடமையை மறந்து தங்கள் சுயப்பிரயோஜனத்தையே கருதுவதாக தோணுகிறது. தாங்கள் கொண்ட கருத்தை முடிப்பதற்காக அவர்கள் செய்யும் பிரயத்தனங்கள் கணக்கிட முடியாது.

ஷை பார்க்கு விஷயத்தில் இவ்வளவு அபிமானத்தை வைத்து ஒரு அற்பசங்கதிக்காக வெகு ஆரவாரம் செய்கிறவர்கள் தங்கள் சொந்த ஐவேஜிலிருந்து சந்தா மூலமாக ஷை பார்க்குக்கு வேண்டிய தொகையை வசூலிக்க முயற்சி செய்தால் வெகு நன்றாயிருக்கும்.

இத்தியாதி காரணங்களாலே முனிசிபல் சங்கத்தார் முன் செய்த தீர்மானத்தையே ஸ்திரப்படுத்தி மேல்க்கண்ட சிலருடைய மிரட்டுதலுக்கும் கோரிக்கைக்கும் உள்ப்படாமலிருக்கும்படி பார்த்துக்கொள்ளும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறோம்.

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CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
[illegible] JAN 1895

Petition

M. R. Ry. Venkatarama Iyer
& other tax payers and residents of
the town of Madura

28-1-95

Praying that under the circumstances stated the resolution
of the Madura Municipal Council to abolish
the Park establishment may be given [illegible]

[9] LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR. CURRENT No. 9 M

Petition
From

M. R. Ry. Venkataram Aiyah
+ other tax payers and residents of
the town of Madura.

No.

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Received 28-1-95

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SUBJECT.

Praying that under the circumstances stated the resolution of the Madura municipal Council to abolish the Park establishment may be firmly adhered to.

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 370 M

To

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of the CITIZENS OF MADURA,

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—

1. That the Madura Municipal Council has, at its special meeting of 8th December 1894, resolved that the services of the establishment attached to the Dufferin Park at Madura be dispensed with at once and that the supervision of the Park be entrusted to the Ward staff.

2. That the above resolution is illegal, improper and unjust.

3. That the Memorialists beg to state that the funds for the purchase of the site of the Park, about 70 acres in extent, situated in a healthy locality at a convenient distance from the town on the northern side of the river, the only direction of the town where a suitable place for purposes of recreation could be had, together with the cost of laying it out, were contributed by enlightened and large-hearted gentlemen such as many members of the Nattukkottai Chetty community, the Zemindars of Bodinayakkanur, Ammayanayakkanur and Ersakanayakkanur, the Pandara Sannadhi of Piranmalai, the late Mr. P. Kottasami Tevar Sub Division Zemindar, Dewan Bahadur S. Subramania Aiyar C. I. E., Hon'ble Rao Bahadur R. Ramasubbier, Mr. Ponnusami Nadar, the late Messrs. V. Subramania Aiyar, Venkatachelam Chettiar and Thavasimuthu Nadar.

4. That the Park was under the management of a private committee for some time and was then handed over to the Municipality.

5. That the Municipality, when accepting the gift to the town of the Park at its meeting of 19th March 1884, recorded "its sense of the enlightened liberality of the donors of the Madura People's Park and requested its President to convey the thanks of the Municipality to each gentleman."

6. That the Park had the honour of being formally opened to the public by His Excellency Lord Dufferin, one of our illustrious Viceroys, and has, since

then, with His Lordship's permission, been associated with his name and called the Dufferin Park.

7. That such being the genesis of the Park, your Excellency's Memorialists submit that the Municipal Council is bound to maintain the Park in the condition in which it was given to it and that the Madura Municipal Council would not be legally justified in giving up the Park; for the Memorialists venture to think that the carrying out of the Resolution to discontinue the Park establishment will practically result in the abandonment of the Park.

8. That this view of the Memorialists is strengthened by the fact that, on the very next morning after the Resolution under protest had been passed, it was proclaimed, under the order of the Chairman, by beat of tom-tom, that the crotons, the foliage and flower plants of the Park would be sold by public auction.

9. That the one reason for the passing of this resolution is to be found in a letter dated 24th November 1894 addressed to the nominated Chairman of the Madura Municipal Council by 11 Councillors proposing the resolution to discontinue the Park establishment—the one reason assigned being that the Park establishment has been costing annually about Rs. 750 with no corresponding income to the Municipality.

10. That one other reason that is mentioned by the way in the letter is that the Park which was brought into existence when Mr. C. S. Crole I. C. S. (now Ag. First Member, Board of Revenue) was Collector of Madura, was contemplated by that gentleman to be utilised for the purpose of building houses.

11. That your Memorialists find it hard to believe that the gentlemen who brought into being the Park at an outlay of about Rs. 20,000 together with infinite trouble did so with the object of its being "utilized" subsequently as house-sites as is sought to be made out in the letter referred to above and are in a position to assert that such was not their intention.

12. That your Excellency's Memorialists also beg leave to submit that the Resolution of the Municipal Council to discontinue the Park establishment is worthy of little weight. For, in the first place, 6* out of the 11 Councillors at whose initiative the Resolution had been adopted, signed within five days after passing the resolution, a requisition to the Chairman to convene a meeting to cancel it. In the second place, it is found that, at the meeting of the 18th December 1894 to reconsider the matter, 5 out of these six have again changed their minds and they are seen to vote against the cancellation to bring about which they had addressed the Chairman only 5 days previously. This frequent and repeated oscillation from one view to the other renders their opinion on this subject absolutely of no weight.

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* Messrs. Jambu Chetty, V. S. Krishnasamy Iyer, Sri Raman Chetty, M. Subba Naidu, G. Subbarayalu Naidu and M. Ananthakrishna Naidu.

13. That it may not be out of place to state in this connection that at the meeting of the 18th December last, 9 Councillors voted in favor of the cancellation, while 12 voted against it, including the five waverers mentioned in the preceding paragraph. So that, leaving out of account these 5, there were 9 for and only 7 against the cancellation. And when it is borne in mind that among the 9 are to be found such names as those of Dr Reeves District Surgeon, Mr. Baudry Police Superintendent, Mr. Preston Attorney, Rao Rahadur Pattabirama Pillai Dy. Collector, Mr. Alagirisami Naidu formerly elected Chairman of the Madura Municipal Council, Your Excellency's Memorialists venture to think that the weight of enlightened opinion in the Council itself is distinctly in favour of leaving the Park establishment undisturbed and continuing to maintain the Park in the style in which it has been heretofore maintained.

14. That your Excellency's humble Memorialists consider it superfluous even to touch upon the importance, nay, the necessity of maintaining, not one only, but several public gardens and recreation grounds in the interests of the sanitation and the health of the city within whose narrow limits are packed a population of about 90,000 souls. Such being the case, the unwisdom of the policy of the Madura Municipality in having resolved to dispense with the services of the establishment of the only Park—the munificent and valuable gift of certain enlightened and liberal gentlemen—stands self evident.

15. That your Memorialists beg leave to bring to the notice of Your Excellency in Council that the discontinuance of the Park establishment has not been prompted by considerations of economy. For, at the very meeting at which this was resolved upon, it was decided to grant a monthly allowance of Rs. 50 together with a pension contribution on that amount to the Town Sub-Magistrate, (President, Bench Magistrates) as well as to give an increase to the pay of a part of the Municipal Office establishment—the increased expenditure thus incurred being much in excess of the savings sought to be effected by doing away with the Park establishment.

* This has since been discontinued

16. In conclusion, your Memorialists respectfully pray that Your Excellency in Council may be pleased to set aside the illiberal and unjust Resolution of the Madura Municipal Council to abolish the Park establishment and order the up-

keep of the Park as heretofore and thereby confer a lasting boon on the citizens of Madura.

For which act of kindness and benevolence,
Your Excellency's Memorialists
shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

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1	[illegible] Muttuswami Iyer	High Court Vakil
2	R. Annaswami Ayyar	High Court Vakil
3	S. A. Ramaswami Iyer B.A., B.L.	1st Grade Pleader
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6	P. Sankara Subbyar	1st Grade Pleader
7	[illegible] Ramaswamy Aiyar	First Grade Pleader
8	V. Rangaswami Iyengar B.A.	B.A. Inspector of Police
9	[illegible]	First Grade Pleader
10	A. Saminatha Iyer	1st Clerk Dt. Court.
11	M. Ranganatha Iyer	High Court Vakil
12	[illegible] B.A., B.L.	Head Clerk Madura Dt.
13	S. S. Subramania Aiyar	1st Grade Vakil
14	A. [illegible] Iyer B.A.	Bookseller
15	[illegible] Vandee	Municipal Councillor & Dt. Board Member.
16	T. Seshagiri Rao	Landed proprietor

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19	P. [illegible] Aiyar	Member District Board, Landholder, &
20	~~Landhol~~	1st grade pleader
21	[illegible]	Pleader, Second Grade, Sivaganga.
22	E. [illegible] Iyer	First Grade Pleader.
23	S. A. Raja Ayyar	Madras.
24	A. Viswanatha Aiyar.	Landholder & 1st grade Pleader.
25	T. R. [illegible]	Landholder
26	T. Ramachandriah	1st Grade Pleader & Municipal Councillor
27	G. Srinivasa Rao B.A.	First grade pleader & Landholder
28	P. [illegible] B.A., B.L.	Vakil High Court. District Board member.
29	V. Ramachandra Aiyar B.A., B.L.	1st Grade Pleader Madura
30	John [illegible]	Barrister-at-law.
31	D. Sundararajier	1st Grade Pleader
32	K. Krishna Rao	
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34	K. [illegible] Iyer	1st Grade Pleader
35	[illegible]	Second grade Pleader.
36	A. [illegible] Iyer	1st grade pleader
37	S. Desikachar	First Grade pleader
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	J. S. Chandler	American Missionary
	W. M. Zumbro	American Missionary – Pasumalai
	J. P. Jones	American Missionary
	[illegible] Perkins	American Missionary
	Eva M. Swift	American Missionary
	Frank Van Allen	American Missionary
	D. S. Herrick	
	Mary T. Noyes	
	[illegible]	
	Vasudeva Rao	Teacher S. M. School
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	R. Ananthanarayanan	Landholder
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]

Name	Designation
N. [illegible]	Pensioned Sheristadar, District Court, Madura
Subramania Aiyar	Clerk, D. D. Office
S. A. Ananthanarayana Chetty	Land Lord.
[illegible]	[illegible]
Periasamy Pillay	Madura
N. Kistnaswami	Madura
[illegible]	[illegible]
C. A. Soondara Sastry	Proprietor C. B. Depot Madura
M. Venkataramana Sastry	Assistant Madura College
S. Venkataramaiyar	Do. Do.
A. M. Paramasivayyar B.A.	Landholder
[illegible]	Madura
[illegible] Rao	
[illegible]	
N. Mahalingam Iyer	Clerk, Madura Mail Office
A. Krishna Iyer	Land Lord.
V. Duraiswamy Pillai	Head Compositor, Victoria Press.
[illegible]	[illegible]
Ramasamy Iyengar	Pleader & Landholder
Venkataramana Iyer B.A. B.L.	
[illegible]	Pleader & Landholder
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	
S. Narayana Rao	Hd. Clerk to A. S. Preston Esqr.
A. [illegible]	Clerk to the Lessee of [illegible]
[illegible]	Do.

G. V. Ramaswamy [illegible]	Clerk to [illegible]
~~C.~~ Subramania Sastri	Pleader Madura
[illegible]	[illegible] Madura
[illegible]	Pleader Madura
K. Subbiah	Pleader Madura
Rajaramiah	Pleader Madura
K. Subbarasami	[illegible]
[illegible]	1st Grade Pleader
P. S. Ramasawmy Ayyengar	Clerk of P. L. S. A. R.
R. [illegible]	2nd Gr Pleader
P. N. Naganathe Aiyar	Asst Professor Native College Madura
Neelamegam Pillai	Cultivator
S. Ramaswami Ayyangar	Mirasidar
Albert John & Co.	Shopkeeper
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Agent [illegible] Madura
P. Subramania Iyer	Clerk [illegible]
M. Subbiah	[illegible]
Lekshmanaswamy [illegible]	Pleader Madura
[illegible]	1st Gr Grade Pleader
Ramaswamy Iyer	Vakil Gumastah
[illegible] Pillai	Copyist [illegible] Madura
Meenakshy Naidu	Madura
[illegible]	Manager [illegible]
[illegible]	Clerk [illegible] office
Kharushothamanaidu	Copyist of Collector's office
M. Subbaraya Iyer	Clerk Madura [illegible] office
M. [illegible]	Mirasidar
T. Narayanasami Aiyar	Native Doctor
K. [illegible]	Zamindar
Kristna Rau	Draftsman [illegible]
A. [illegible] Iyer	1st grade pleader
Subramania [illegible]	Clerk Madura Collector's office
[illegible] Pillay	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clerk [illegible] High School
Kristnasami	Clerk [illegible]
Venkatakrishnaiah	Clerk [illegible]
V. Venkatasubban	Inamdar of [illegible] Chatram
[illegible]	[illegible]
C. Thomas [illegible]	Shopkeeper
[illegible]	[illegible]

V. Krishnaswami	1st Grade pleader
S.V. Devarajaswami	Hospital Assistant
~~A.C.~~ Arunachala Pillai	Shopkeeper
Samuel Peramayya	
N. Muthiah Edward P.K. Muhammad Shariff	True citizens
[illegible]	[illegible]
D. Sundaram	Madura.
S. Thiagaraja Pillai	Drawing Master
S.D. Fenn	Asstt. Master A. M. Training Sch. for Mistresses;
Samuel	Secretary Y.M.C.A Madura
M. Gnananand Kam B.A.	1st Asst. A. M. Girls High School.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Alankaraveerayya	Village teacher
T. Vijayanath Row	West [illegible] street
T. Rama Sahib	teacher, [illegible]
S. Pandu Ranga Rao	Hd. master, [illegible] school Madura
[illegible]	[illegible]
R. Regupathi Row	Compositor District Press
T. R. Krishna Row	Landed Proprietor
J. Srinivasa Rao	Surveyor
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Subramania Iyer	W. Head, Union Club Madura.
[illegible]	[illegible]
S. K. Devaji Rao	Landholder
[illegible]	[illegible]

1	[illegible]	Merchant & District Board member
2	[illegible]	Merchant
3	[illegible]	Merchant.
4	A. Sankaran	agent of C. V. Chidambaram chettiar late dewan zamindar of Kattanur.
5	[illegible]	Merchant
6	[illegible]	Merchant
7	[illegible]	merchant Do.
8	[illegible]	Do.
9	[illegible]	
10	[illegible]	Do.
11	[illegible]	Do.
12	[illegible]	Do.
13	[illegible]	Do.
14	[illegible]	Do.
15	[illegible]	Do.

16	[illegible]	Merchant
17	[illegible]	Do
18	[illegible]	Do
19	[illegible]	Do
20	[illegible]	Do
21	[illegible]	Do
22	[illegible]	Do
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26	[illegible]	Do
27	[illegible]	Do
28	[illegible]	Do
29	[illegible]	Do
30	[illegible]	Do
31	[illegible]	Do
32	[illegible]	Do
33	[illegible]	Do
34	[illegible]	Cloth merchant
35	[illegible]	Do
36	[illegible]	
37	[illegible]	

38	[illegible]	Cloth merchant
39	[illegible]	Do
40	[illegible]	Cloth merchant
41		
42		
43	[illegible]	Cloth merchant
44	[illegible]	Do
45	[illegible]	Merchant and District board member
	[illegible]	Senior Signaller Govt Telegraphs
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	S. S. Raja Ram Rao	Clerk. Piranmalai Thanestanam.
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Muppanaswamy Iyer	Fund Clerk in H. P. F. (Ltd)
	L. Thiagaraja Iyer	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	S. A. Arunachalam	School teacher
	M. Kandasamy Pillay	School master
	M. Gurusamy Iyer	School teacher
	Ponnusamy Pillay	Do
	Krishna Iyer	Clerk Stationary Sub Magistrate's office
	C. Narayanaswami Iyer	B.A., L.T. Headmaster Setupati High School Madura
	Y. Subbaraswami Iyer	Superintendent, Technical Institute Madura
	R. Muthusubbier.	Clerk Setupati High School Madura

S. Natesa aiyer	Drawing Master
S. [illegible]	Ad. Writer [illegible]
[illegible] Sastry	Assistant Master Do.
[illegible] Subramania Ayyar	Assistant Do
B. Chandrasekara Ayyer.	Assistant Do.
V. Manikkam Pillai	Assistant Do
L.K. Kasturi Rangaiah	Assistant Do
M.V. Subramania Ayyar	Manager, Madura [illegible]

Name	Designation
N. Ramasamy Iyer Melur	Land holder.
S. Narayanaswami Iyer Madura	Do.
[illegible]	[illegible]
S. Janaki Raman	Teacher Scotts Middle School
R. Pichoo Iyer	Clerk in Algar Thanasth amam
[illegible] M. Ramanathan	[illegible] School master
P. [illegible] Iyer	Vakils: clerk
R. [illegible] Aiyangar	Clerk Collr's Office, Madura
M.K. Ramaswamy	Landlord
S. Ramakrishnan	Curnam
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Mushtak Shah [illegible]	Keelamatoor Priest
[illegible] Meenatchi Sundram Iyer. Kelavanoor.	[illegible] Land Lord
R. Muthusamy Ayyar	Schoolmaster
Krishnama Chariyar	Do
R. Natesa Ayyar	Do
[illegible]	Sanskrit Pundit.
S. Kalyanasundaram	School master
S. Muthoo Ramalingam Pillai	Gymnastic Instructor

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 270 M

Petition

From

M. R. Ry. R. Annaswami Aiyer
and other citizens of Madura

No.

Dated

Received 28-1-95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Praying that the Govt. may be pleased to set aside the resolution of the Madura Municipal Council to abolish the Park establishment and order the upkeep of the Park as heretofore.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current Nos 3113 and 3332 M/94
and 192, 269 and 270 M/95.

From

Issue today

G.O. D 9.2.95 No 202 Mun.

"The matter of maintaining or not maintaining an establishment at the Park is one entirely within the competence of the Mun! Cl. to dispose of & the Govt. sees no reason whatever to interfere with the Cl's decision"

5/2/95

7/2/95

To,

The Chairman M.C. Madura P.S.
The Petitioners P.S.
thro' the Collector.

Desp. 12/2/95

FOR ORDERS.

The first of the currents read above is a telegram from one Venkatavarada Rao, chairman of an alleged public meeting held at Madura in December last, stating that the municipal council of Madura has resolved upon discontinuing the establishment attached to the Dufferin Park, that the park is public property having been founded by public subscriptions and that the municipal Chairman has surprised the public by advertising the sale of the crotons therein the next morning, and requesting that the said sale may be stopped. The Chairman of the Municipal Council to whom this communication was referred for report, with a direction that pending orders on it all actions in respect of the park should be suspended, submits, with the second and third currents copies of his letters to the Collector of Madura on the subject of the abolition of the park establishment and of the resolutions of the Council relating thereto. The facts of the case, so far as they ~~could~~ can be gathered from the papers submitted by the Chairman, may be briefly stated as follows:—

2. The Madura Peoples' park was started in the year 1884. It covers an area of 70 acres, of which 12 acres originally belonged to the municipality and the remaining portion of the land was purchased for Rs 4,020. Of this sum, Rs 2,407 were met out of public subscriptions and the balance of Rs 1,613 was paid by the municipality. Before the payment of this latter amount however, the Park Committee on behalf of the subscribers made a gift of their portion to the Municipality presumably on its agreeing to pay the balance of the purchase money then due viz. Rs 1,613. The park has thus been in the possession of the Municipal council for the last ten years and during this period a total expenditure of Rs. 8,811 has been incurred on its maintenance.

3. In November 1894, eleven of the Municipal councillors wrote to the Chairman pointing out that, as the people in general do not resort to the park partly on the score of its distance and partly owing to their natural disinclinations, they found that the money spent on maintaining it viz Rs 8,750, was a useless and lavish waste of public money, with no corresponding income to the Municipality or benefit to the rate payers, that the soil was so bad that no fruit-bearing trees could be planted and that the only ones that could be grown were margosa and other wild trees, which had already grown to a sufficient height ~~as~~ to render looking after them no longer necessary. They therefore proposed that the establishment attached to the park should be abolished and the park placed under the supervision of the ward staff and the crotons sold. This proposal was placed before the Municipal council, which passed its resolution No. 191, dated 8th December 1894, dispensing with the services of the park establishment at once and entrusting the supervision

of the Park to the ward staff. On the strength of this resolution, the Chairman dispensed with the services of the park servants and proceeded to sell the crotons[x] but the ratepayers[*] objected to this and petitioned the collector praying for the cancellation of the council's resolution of the 8th December 1894. In his report to the collector thereon the Chairman stated that it was not the intention of the council to abolish the park and to close it to the public, but that the special establishment entertained for the purpose which was not only costly but under the existing circumstances unnecessary was abolished as it thought that the establishment of the 10th ward which had less work than the staff of the other wards, ~~may~~ might be made to look after it. As regards the sale of the crotons to which also objection was taken by the petitioners, the Chairman said that although the resolution of the council of 8th December 1894 did not contain any specific directions as to the sale, yet as the councillors above referred to suggested the

x How could he keep the crotons going without an establishment to look after them?

* not the ratepayers but Eventually the Union Club

x I think this was warranted

the sale and as the resolution was in general terms, he was under the impression[x] that the sale was approved by the council and acted accordingly, but that he stopped it at the request of some of the councillors who alleged that further publicity should be given to the sale. He added that as the crotons were grown by the municipality it was at liberty to deal with them as it chose. On this report of the Chairman, the Collector seems to have suggested a reconsideration of the resolution in question, but the Chairman, in his letter dated 18th December 1894 to the collector, said that the matter was not brought before the meeting as the suggestion was received too late to admit of its circulation to the councillors, but that a similar proposal made by some of the councillors was placed before the council, which adhered to its former resolution, and that if he (the collector) considered it necessary the matter ~~will~~ would again be brought up before the council.

4. In forwarding the Chairman's letter to Government, the collector states that he interfered

in the petition because the matter was sprung on the public as a surprise, that it will be clear from the resolution that the sale of the plants was never authorised and that neither the council's resolution No. 207, stating that it had ~~so~~ nothing to do with the disposition of its own property, nor the fact that the proposal was to sell the plants while the resolution thereon contained no order to sell, can hardly be taken by the Chairman as giving him authority to sell them. The collector admits, however, that the park is not largely used, but thinks that as the town spreads, it may be more appreciated.× He also brings to notice that the municipal council has, in its resolution No. 192, proposed to give the submagistrate of the place an allowance of Rs 50 per mensem from municipal funds, to enable him to inspect the town and that he intimated to the council that he could ~~can~~not allow the Submagistrate to accept any allowance of this sort and asked for a cancellation of the resolution. He further points out that, apart from

× This no reason for continuing to grow Crotons - an absolute waste of money where there are far more important things on which to spend municl funds

other considerations, fifty rupees a month would pay an efficient full time inspector.

5. In his second letter read above the Chairman states that the council still adheres to its former resolution about the park establishment, but that the allowance intended to be paid to the Submagistrate has been withdrawn and that the provision made for the same in the budget for 1895-96 may be omitted.

6. It is admitted by all that the park is not as largely used by the general public as it might be. The establishment entertained for looking after it, viz 14 coolies, is certainly too large and the expenditure of about Rs 800 per annum on its account, is extravagant, especially as the other pressing needs of the town ~~could~~ can not be attended to owing to want of funds. The Council's proposal to do away with this staff and to place the park in charge of the establishment for the 10th ward, seems therefore to be quite reasonable.

7. As regards the sale of the crotons, however, the collector's remarks in paras 2 and 3 of his endorsement on the Chairman's first letter are

quite correct. The plants are the property of the council and the chairman has no power× to sell them without the councils' sanction. ~~[illegible] to the transfer of the plants [illegible]~~

× I dont think so. Doing away with the establishment instead of doing away with what it was employed to look after. Is the Chairman to leave the crotons to die off?

The Collector's suggestion that a fulltime Sanitary Inspector may be employed on Rs. 50 per mensem, may be commended to the council for consideration. In this connection attention is invited to G.Os dated 8th May 1894 No. 605 M and 7th November 1894 No. 1662 M.

8. C. No. 269 M is a memorial from the tax payers of Madura praying that the resolution of the council abolishing the park establishment may not be interfered with, while C No. 270 M is another from the citizens of the place, ~~and~~ praying for its cancellation.

These are both probably "bogus" and do not in any way represent public opinion. The truth doubtless is that the ratepayers don't care two pins about the matter either one way or another.
The park has been for years a useless extravagance and the sooner economy is used in this direction the better

V.R.
30/1/95

9. There seems to be no necessity to say anything about the Collector's proposal to appoint a Sanitary Inspector on Rs.50. It ~~was~~ is only a suggestion by the way.

The following order is proposed:-

"Recorded.

2. The Chairman should obtain the Council's formal sanction to ~~the~~ any sale of the crotons in the Park".

W. 31.1.95

4/2/95

Abolition of the Madras Press Establishment and the Sale of the Cartons therein".

FOR ORDERS.

Hm.

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED 189 , No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

B.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPT.

G.O., DATED 9th Feby 1895/1896

No. 202 M

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment

Stating the Govt. sees no reason to interfere with the decision of the Madura Municipal Council in the matter of the ——— at the Madura People's Park.