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MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 499 L.

DATED 15th March 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Taluk Board.

Declining to grant permission to the Ramnad ----- to
elect its own Vice-President.

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Ramnad Saluk Board office
10th February 1895

From

I. Rajagopalachariar Esq.
President, Saluk Board,
Ramnad.

To

The President, District Board,
Madurai.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and orders a communication addressed to the Saluk Board by one of its members Mr S. Subba aiyar and a copy of the resolution passed thereon.

2. Personally I have no objection whatever to the resolution but I feel bound to bring one circumstance to notice in this connection. Both in Sivaganga & Ramnad it happens that the Saluk Board work is mostly done by the Vice Presidents and under Section 33 (3) of the Local Boards Act the President continues responsible for the Vice Presidents work. It is conceivable that any officer who succeeds me here may urge that his hands should not be tied in a matter of this kind and that he should be allowed to choose as Vice President some member in whom he may have confidence. If such a contention is raised it cannot be said to be unreasonable. The Vice Presidencies of the Ramnad and Sivaganga Boards are not honorary and as long as the Vice Presidents for the time being are expected to get through executive work on the responsibility of the President it seems but fair that the President for the time being should be in a position to appoint his own Vice President.

3. I have only to repeat again that personally I have no objection to the resolution and I shall gladly delegate my powers to any Vice President that the Board may elect.

I have &c
(Signed) H. D. Lumbrecht
For President

(True copy)

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For President

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Proceeding of the Ramnad Saluk Board, dated
4th February 1895.

Present:—

P. Rajagopalachariar Esquire - President
Members

Rajad
Manager

Remed Raja's com.

Raja's standing order.

Does not know English

Dependent of the Raja's on

a monthly allowance from him.

M. R. Sundararaja aiyar Suargal

P. Panditharaiyanni Devar Suargal

S. Subbaiyar Suargal.

Kazi Mahomed Akrami Sahib.

S. J. Malacca Esquire.

Read letter from Mr S. Subbaiyar dated
10th November 1894 proposing to address the
Government to permit the Ramnad Saluk
Board to elect its own Vice President after
the tenure of office of the present Vice President
is over.

Resolved that the President of the District
Board be requested to recommend to
Government that this Board be allowed
to elect its own Vice President.

(True Extract)

Wm

President

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No. 30

MADURA DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE,

25th February 1895.

From

J. Swigg Esquire,
President, District Board,

Local & Municipal Department,
Madura.

To

CURRENT No. 608

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government copy of the Rannad Taluk Board's resolution No 36 dated 4th February 1895, in which the Board requests to be authorised under section 20 of Act I of 1884 to elect its own Vice President.

2. In forwarding the resolution the President of the Taluk Board (the Head and collector) while expressing himself content with it, points out that future Presidents may object that as the responsibility remains with them they should have the power of recommending their own Vice Presidents. The answer to this is of course that the Vice President has no executive power as such, and that the President is not obliged to delegate any of his powers to him. But if the Board's choice shall fall on a member to whom the President would not feel justified in delegating his powers everything would have to be done by the President himself, and the work would suffer. The other duties of the Head assistant collector leave him little leisure for this work and even if this were not so he still has to be absent from Head quarters for nearly half the year.

3. The privilege of electing a Vice President is a barren one, and may possibly result in much inconvenience and friction. I would suggest that order might be deferred until it is seen how the arrangements work in the case of the Madura Taluk Board - vide G.O. 1356-2 25-7-94.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Swigg
President

Moreover each President
must recommend his own
V.P., as when the latter
is once appointed, he can
not be removed before 3 years.

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

~~President.~~

From

The President,
District Board,

Local & Municipal Department,
Madras.

PR To CURRENT No. 6082

The Chief Secy. to Govt.,
Local and Municipal
Department,
Madras.

Dated 25-1-February 1895.

Received

CHIEF SECRETARY
28 FEB. 1895
No. 30
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Enclosures. 2

SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders,
with remarks, copy of the
Rammad Saluk Board's
resolution requesting to be
authorised to elect its
own Vice President.

(For orders)

For orders

H.M.

The suggestion made by the President
in para 3 of his letter may be adopted.

V.R.
27/1/95

DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

The R.M.S.

Mr. Subbiah, who proposed this motion
in the Rammad Saluk Board is the Rammad
Rajas standing rank there, and consequently
a person of some influence in the place. He
has long desired to become Vice-President
himself, and is the only man on the
board besides the local Deputy Tahsildar
(who has too much work already) and the
present Vice-President (the S.P. & Miss onay)
who is capable of filling the post. He
would almost certainly be elected if
election were permitted. When I was
in Rammad I would not appoint him
as Vice-President because I did not think
it advisable that the Palace influence
should be too strong in the Board, which
had to decide all ^{many} questions affecting
Rammad ^{to the copy of the Resolution} ^{its self}. I have shown by
marginal notes that of the 5 members
present at the meeting which passed this
resolution four are directly & closely con-
nected with the Palace people. The present
Vice-President was, it will be noticed, absent.
Mr. Subbiah ^{subsequently} then tried to get the ^{present} Vice-
President removed on the ground that he
was also Chairman of the Rammad
Panchayat, & once when I was in
camp treated him until he resigned. I
however refused to accept his resignation.
This, I suppose, is the latest move.

The Rammad Head Asst. is very heavily

magisterial
 first class jurisdiction in a piece of
 country as big as Tanjore District, and
 he is President of two ^{Taluk} boards (Ramnad
 & Sivaganga) which ^{where each of them will about the same size} cover the whole
 of this large area. He cannot find
 time to do the routine work of the
 Boards, & he usually relies on his Vice-
 President not only to do this, but to
 bring up bigger questions in some
 sort of shape for orders. In Siva-
 ganga the local Deputy Tahsildar had
 to be appointed Vice President as there
 was no one else on the Board fit
 for the post.

It is submitted that the President
 would be very much hampered, &
 that the work would suffer considerably
 were Vice Presidents elected who were
 either incompetent for the place, or
 whose election was due to the
 bribe-pulling of parties who were merely
 intriguing for their own interests.

It is therefore submitted that in
 this case Govt. need say nothing about
 waiting for the result of the experiment
 in the Madurai Taluk Board, ^{as}
 suggested by Mr. Pigg in para. 2. of
 his letter, but may simply say that
 the proposal does not commend itself
 to the Govt. Council.

W.C. 6395 9/3/95

This is a specimen of the intrigue which
 goes on under the guise of local self govt.

Agree with the A.S.
 The proposal shd. not be
 assented to

11/3/95

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 Election of Vice President
 for Ramnad Taluk
 Board.
 H.M.
 (for orders.)

order 15-3-95 No. 499dum

The proposal that the Ramnad
 Taluk Board should be permitted
 to elect its own Vice-President
 does not commend itself to
 Govt.

W.C. 6395 13/3/95 (from order)

To Shri Puroh, Dist. Bd., Madurai.
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