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THE COLLECTOR AND
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot.

To,
The Chief Secretary to
Government, Local and
Municipal Department,
Madras.

No. of Enclosures. 4

Letter, dated 22nd February 1895.
Refe: on No. 2249 of 1894.
Chief Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARY
25 FEB. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Reporting on an Election held in Vellore Municipality to fill up the vacancy caused by the expiry of the term of Office of M. R. Ry. P. Kamu Chettyar avl.

C.S.
Misc

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The Government agrees with the Collector in considering that nothing has been proved which would invalidate the election of M. R. Ry. Kamu Chettiyar. The petition of objection will accordingly be rejected and the name of the successful candidate published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

2. In the Collector's and the Chairman's letters the instructions issued in G.O. dated 20th December 1889 No. 2820 L regarding the style of prefix to be adopted in official correspondence in referring to native gentlemen have not been followed throughout.

V. D.
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Why are we still pestered with these cases?

The amendments to the election rules, (among which was the amendment leaving the decision of these petitions to Collectors) have not yet been issued, as Hon. wanted to see first that they fitted in with the amendments to the act & to consult the Committee about them or 189 .

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1 M.R.R.P. Kannu Chettiar al
2 " P. Shunmuga chettiar al

No (1) M.R.R.P. Kannu Chettiar al secured 93 votes, and the other 89 votes. The former gentleman was, therefore, deemed to have been duly elected.

2. The other candidate, M.R.R. P. Shunmooga Chettiar al objected to the election in his petition d/ 19th December last. Mr Munro, the Ag Sub Collector has enquired into the matter and reports that there has been no irregularity sufficient to vitiate the election. His report and its enclosures are herewith submitted together with the objection petition.

3. One of the petitioner's objections is that Mr Mir Abbas Hussain × U gave two votes in favor of M.R.R. Kannu Chettiar Avl instead of one. But I find only one vote given by Abbas Hussain among the ballot papers received by me, and the petitioner's allegation is not therefore true.

4. I am of opinion that nothing has been proved which would invalidate the election and recommend that the name of M.R.R. Kannu Chettiar Avl may be published in the Fort St George Gazette.

5. The usual report on the election together with a list shewing the present constitution of the Council is herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient servant

Ag Collector

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List shewing the constitution of the Municipal Council, Vellore, as it now stands.

Maximum strength — 20.

Serial No.	Name	Date of appointment	Elected or nominated	Remarks.
	Official			
1	J. H. Munro Esquire	Ex. officio	Councillor	
2	M. R. Ry. P. Samidas Mudaliar Avl. Chairman.	11 July 1893	Elected	
3	" V. Nadamuni Mudaliar Avl.	22 August 93	Nominated	
4	Lieutenant James Herbert Lowry	31 October 93	Nominated	
5	Surgeon Major Charles Adams District Surgeon	11 September 94	Do.	
6	" V. Eswarappa Mudaliar Avl	22 January 95	Elected	
	Non-official.			
7	" T. Poonniakoti Mudaliar Avl	20 September 1892	Do.	
8	" Govinda Reddiar Avl	Do	Do.	
9	" Chelvaparmal Chettiar Avl	Do	Do.	
10	" Periyasawmy Mudaliar Avl	Do.	Do.	
11	" Sub. Maj: Hassani Khan Sahaib Avl.	17 January 93	Do.	
12	" Subrayachettiar Avl	31 October 93	Do	
13	" N. Vigiyaraghavachariar Avl	8 May 94	Do.	
14	" V. Sivayogi Avl	24 July 94	Nominated	
15	" A. C. Seshagiri Roa Avl	28 August 94	Elected	
16	" Abubaker Saib Avl:	2 October 94	Do.	
17	" Sub. Maj: Syed Silaiman Saib Avl	23 October 94	Do.	
18	" Palani Chettiar Avl:	13 November 94	Do.	
19	" Sabji Sahaib Avl	2 October 94	Do.	
20	Vacant *			* By the expiry of the term of office of M.R.Ry. P. Kamu Chettiar Avl: on 14-10-1894.

Acting Collector

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these persons on his behalf and they corroborate him. It appears however that these men were sent away in the morning because there was some doubt about their names. Petitioner sustained no injury thereby for the votes of these men were duly recorded in his behalf in the afternoon.

(8) As to points (f) and (g) no evidence has been offered.

(9) I do not think there is any irregularity sufficient to vitiate the election.

(10) The petition under report and the Chairman's letter No. 86 G. dated 24th January 1895 are also enclosed.

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

Ag. Sub Collector

(d) The polling officer is suspected to have destroyed a vote which was in petitioner's favor.

(e) Kullappa Chetti and Tippu Sahib were first sent away and their votes subsequently taken.

(f) polling certificate was not signed in the presence of the candidates as required by rule 30.

(g) The Chairman opened the ballot box in the presence of certain persons against rule 31.

3. I examined the petitioner and his witnesses and the records of enquiry are herewith submitted.

4. As regards the first allegation, the ballot papers in your office should disclose the truth as stated by you. The second point relates to a mistake as to the names of 2 voters, Ramasami Chetti and Arumuga Mudali were by mistake entered in the list as Ramu Chetti and Arumuga Chetti. Regarding this, witness Subbaroya Chetti states that he prepared the list of voters for C ward and entered in it the name Ramu Chetti instead of Ramasawmy Chetti as the person referred to usually goes by the former name; whereas Ramasawmi Chetti himself says that he is not called

Ramu Chetti

Ramu Chetti. The witness adds that the other name Arumuga Chetti is a blunder for Arumuga Mudali in the list. The Chairman reports that the voters lists were duly published as required by rule 9. The persons whose names were inaccurately entered in the list should have taken steps to rectify the error under the above rule.

5. The allegation that a vote was taken outside the polling station appears to be true. T. Subramaniya Chetti came to the polling booth and ~~examined~~ remained in his bandy just outside while the polling officer took his vote. This could not have taken more than a minute or two, and there is nothing to support the petitioner's statement that some persons who came to vote for him went away because the polling officer was absent.

(6) As to the next allegation that the polling officer is suspected to have destroyed a vote which was in petitioner's favor, the petitioner offered no evidence.

(7) As regards the statement that Kullappa Chetti and Tippu Sahib who came to vote for petitioner in the morning were sent away and their votes were taken in the afternoon, The petitioner examined

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N. A. Subcollector's office
Vellore 8 — 2 — 95

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Regr Petn. No. 20 13 95

From

J. H. Munro Esquire 12/2
Ag Sub Collector
North Arcot.

To

The Collector of
North Arcot.

Sir,

In reply to your letter Refron No. $\frac{20}{petn}$ of 95 dated 9th January 95, I have the honor to report on the petition of Shunmuga Chetty of Vellore, questioning the validity of a municipal election at which he was one of the candidates for Councillorship.

2. The petitioner's objections are as follow:-

(a) Abbas Hussain gave two votes instead of one.

(b) 2 other votes have been invalidated improperly, otherwise the petitioner would have secured these in addition to other votes he got.

(c) One Subramaniya Chetti's vote was taken outside the polling office, the consequence of which was that some who came to vote for petitioner went away without voting.

(d)

2.

Councillors Periasami Mudali, Subbarayya Chetti, & Payani Chetti and myself were present.

5.

Kullappa Chetti: About a month ago votes were taken in the V.M.'s Chavadi. I went inside about 11 a.m. The V.M. asked me why I came. I said I came to vote. He asked "For whom. Is it for Shanmuga Chetti or Kannu Chetti". I said for "Shanmuga Chetti". He said that voted already. So I went away. About 2 p.m. I wrote to the Chairman telling him this. At 3 p.m. I went again to the Chavadi. Then I was allowed to vote. I voted for Shanmuga Chetti.

6.

Tippu Sahib: Shanmuga Chetti asked me to vote for him. I went to the Chavadi. They said I was not Tippu Sahib. I wrote to the Chairman. I was sent for at 3 p.m. and my vote taken for Shanmuga Chetti.

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people — I don't know their name — came to vote and went away without voting thinking the Monegar had gone away. The Monegar had only gone into the road outside the Chavadi. I was standing on the steps of the Chavadi. The people went away in haste saying they had urgent business. Periyasami Mudali Councillor came to the polling booth in the morning, and remained till noon. He returned at 2 p.m. I don't know of what ward he is a councillor. I was present all day to see who was going to win. I don't belong to C Ward.

4.

Ponnia Kotti Mudali: I went to the Chavadi to vote at 9 a.m. I did not give my vote, because there was a large number of people. I was present till 12 noon but was unable to vote. I returned at 2.30 p.m. at 3 p.m. I gave my vote. Then I remained. One vote was taken outside the Chavadi after 3 p.m. It was the vote of Danda Salangi Subramania Chetti who was in a bandy. The bandy was standing outside the Chavadi in the public road.

1.
Ramasami Chetti :- I went to give a
vote for Shanmuga Chetti. I signed
my name as Ramasami Chetti and
came away. I have only one name.
I am not called Ramu Chetti. I go
I live in Bhashi karla nattu street, adi.
I don't know the number of my house. That
is all.

2.
Subbaraya Chetti :- I am C ward
councillor. I interpret the voters "Chetti"
for C ward. The last entry is
generally called Ramu Chetti, so it
I entered his name as Ramu Chetti. I am
I don't know if he is called Ramasami
Chetti. I know Arumuga Mudali in
C. ward. He is not called Arumuga
Chetti. He has been wrongly entered in the
list of voters as Arumuga Chetti
He ~~lives~~ in No 53 Mauli Street.
Parasu Chetti is a councillor for the
C ward.

3.
Kuppusami Chetti :- The election took
place in the V.M.'s chavadi. The
Tanda salangai Subramania Chetti
came there to vote, and the Munga
came out to take his signature.
While this was being done, one or two

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25 JAN 95
VELLORE

கமிஷனர் [illegible] முதலியார் எழுதிக்கொண்டது.

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2. அன்றையதினத்தில் நான் [illegible] அல்லது [illegible] [illegible] இருக்கவில்லை. [illegible]

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who has therefore no facility for knowing in whose favor a vote is given. The Polling Officer brought this to my notice on the day of Election before the ballot-box was opened when returning to me the 49 unused ballot-papers.

Para 11. In connection with his action as to voters Kullappa Chetty and Tippu Saib the Polling Officer explains that on their first appearance he had certain doubts as to the residence &c, as stated by the voters and those given in the list, but immediately on clearing his doubts he received their votes, but he emphatically denies the allegations of the petitioner on this point.

Para 12. As regards the statement of the petitioner "that the polling officer at the "close of the poll did not "sign the certificate in the "presence of candidates as

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"laid down in section 30 of "the Election rules" the Polling Officer reports that he signed the certificate and sealed the cover at the polling booth immediately on the close of the poll.

Para 13. M.R.Ry. Periasawmy Mudelliar reports that it is true that he attended the polling booth on the 6th December 94 but this he did in his capacity as a voter of that ward, but he denies having worked for or secured votes for M.R.Ry. Kannu Chettyar as alleged by petitioner. M.R.Ry. Subadar Major Syed Sullaiman Saib states that he recorded the results of the election in English figures against the serial number of each voter as dictated to him by me and states that he does not consider that a knowledge of tamil is necessary for such a purpose

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Office of Municipal Council
Vellore 24th January 95

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From
~~M.R.Ry~~ P. Samidos Mudr: avergal
Chairman
Municipal Council
Vellore

To
The Ag. Sub Collector
North Arcot District
Vellore

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement dated 18th January 1895 on petition of P. Shunmoogal Chettyar dated 19th December 1894 to the Collector objecting to the Municipal Election held on the 16th December 1894, I have the honor to report as follows:—

Paras 4 and 5. It is not true as alleged by Petitioners that Mr. Myar Abbas Hussain Saib was allowed to give two votes in one ward. A reference to the Voters' List for the ward shows that his name has been only entered once as also to the paper recording results of the Election shows that Mr. Myar Abbas Hussain Saib only gave one vote

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Deputy Collector in charge of the Sub division
18/1/95

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to the Collector
Many France
25.1.95
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10. That here also your petitioner is not in the minority as may at first sight appear, because according to the Chairman's account the total number of voters are thus accounted for.

P. Kannu Chettyar 93
P. Shanmugachettyar 89
Invalidated ——— 2
Ballot papers returned as unused 49
Total 233

where as the total number of registered voters in the C Ward according to the list published is 234. There is still therefore one vote to be recorded and said to have been missed. That missing vote is presumed to have been given in your petitioner's favour and which is supposed to have been destroyed by the Polling officer, knowing that it was in your petitioner's favour.

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11. The Polling officer rendered injustice to your petitioner the following facts what one Kullappachetty and one Tippu Saib, voters to your petitioner, came in the morning to give their votes, the Polling officer refused to record them. Stating that the votes of the first have already been recorded and that of the second cannot be taken as he is not a voter. On representing this to the Chairman, these individuals were sent for in the evening and their votes recorded, this itself shows that the Polling officer has worked for Kannuchettyar.

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12. Your petitioner further begs to state that the Polling officer at the close of the Poll did not sign the certificate in the presence of the candidates as laid down in section 30 of the election rules, though they were present; if this is done the irregularities represented above would have been brought to light.

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14. Under the above circumstances your petitioner humbly prays that he may be elected, taking into consideration the maximum number of votes he secured and the display of the Polling officer, or to issue orders for re-election as your honor may deem fit.

For which act of kindness, your petitioner as in duty bound, will ever feel grateful.

The Petitioner Subramani
Respectfully showeth
Your honor's most obedient servant

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whereas the total number of registered voters in the C Ward according to the list published is 234. There is still therefore one vote to be recorded and said to have been missed. That missing vote is presumed to have been given in your petitioner's favour and which is supposed to have been destroyed by the Polling officer, knowing that it was in your petitioner's favour.

as. P. Kanne Chettyar 91
P. Shanmugachettyar 92

11. The Polling officer rendered injustice to your petitioner the following facts:— that one Kullappachetty and one Tippu Saib, voters to your petitioner came in the morning to give their votes, the Polling officer refused to record them. Stating that the votes of the first have already been recorded and that of the second cannot be taken as he is not a voter. On representing this to the Chairman, these individuals were sent for in the evening and their votes recorded, this itself shows that the Polling Officer has worked for Kannu Chettyar.

Vellore

19th December 94.

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To.

The Collector of

North Arcot District

Vellore

The humble petition of P. Shanmuga Chettyar, a resident of Bashakal Naidoo's street, Vellore

Respectfully Showeth.

1. That your Petitioner was one of the candidates for the Municipal election, held on the 6th instant to fill up the vacancy existing in Cor Merchant's Ward, the other candidate being P. Kannu Chettyar.

2. That the result of the election has notified that day by the Chairman was,

P. Kannu Chettyar 93 votes
P. Shanmuga Chettyar 89 votes

3. That this result is erroneous as will be seen from the circumstances herein under shown.

4. Your Petitioner hears that among the votes recorded in favour of Kannu Chettyar, were two votes given by Mr. [illegible] Sahib, was taken into account.

5 That both the Chairman and the Polling officer were wrong in allowing two votes in one Ward, because according to the election Rules, if a man has property scattered over

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NOTIFICATION.

Under Section 10 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, the undermentioned gentlem~~e~~an ha~~ve~~s been duly elected Municipal Councillor~~s~~ of the Municipality of Vellore :—

M.R.Ry. P. Ramu Chettiyar Avl.

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