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Local & Municipal (1895) Department

From

The Collector
of Coimbatore

To.

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

Refce on C No 1048 995
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Dated 9 May 1895
Received 11 MAY 95

Enclosures. Sent by
Subject. Packet Post.

Forwarding the objection
Petition of Mrs Winn & others
and the records of enquiry
held by the Deputy Collector.

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order 47-695

The government agrees
with the Collector and his
deputy in considering that
the objections raised by the
petitioners against the election
in the Seventh ward, are
untenable. The petition of
objection will accordingly
be rejected and the names of
the successful candidates pub-
lished in the Fort Saint
George gazette.

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To *Subd 10/11/95*
The collector of Coimbatore
gazette (with enclosures returned)

1/11/95

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Coimbatore collector
Office of May 1895

From,

Herbert Bradley Esq.,
Collector of Coimbatore

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Government
Memorandum, dated 6th current, N^o 633,
I have the honor to forward the objection
petition of Mr. Winn and others and
the records of the enquiry held by the
Deputy collector.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient
Servant

Herbert Bradley
for collector

C.V.V.
10/5

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1324/95

Local and Municipal Department
1895

From

The Collector
of Coimbatore

To

The chief secretary
to Govt. Local
and municipal dept.
Madras-

Refce on N^o 624
sub of 95

Dated 17th } April 95
Received 19 APR. 95

Enclosures
2-

Reporting on the petition of Mr. Winn
and others impugning the recent
election of Councillors for 7th Ward
in the Coimbatore municipality-

/C.V.V. a Refce

Refce. N^o 633
6/5/95

The Collector is requested
to submit the objection petition
and the records of the enquiry
held by the Deputy collector.

V.R.
24/4/95 C.V.V.
24.4.95

The collector of Coimbatore.
Supd. 6/5/95

C.V.V.
10/5

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Coimbatore Collector's
Office 17th April 95

From

Herbert Bradley Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore,

To

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

Sir,

In continuation of this Office endorsement,
dated 2nd current, Ref^{ce} on ^{No} _{municipal} 25 of 1895,
I have the honor to forward a copy of the re-
port of the Divisional Officer upon the petition
of certain electors of the Coimbatore Municipality
against the result of the election in the 7th ward.
There seems to be no doubt that the objection is
untenable, and I recommend that the success-
ful candidate be declared duly elected.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t servant

a position to redress his grievances, betrays the spirit
which actuated his proceedings -

9. Most of the petitioners including Mr. Stanis'
clerk Venkathramanier (10th petitioner) as well as
others who were examined by me, have been unable
to give ^{any} evidence of intimidation or other undue
influence said to have been exercised over the
voters in connection with the recent elections, and
I am therefore forced to the conclusion that the peti-
tion presented by Mr. Winn and others rests upon
no solid basis.

10. In conclusion, I have the honor to bring to
your notice that in order to make my report as
complete as possible I wrote to Mr. Winn enquiring
whether he had anything to say before submitting my
report to you. He replied that he had left the
case in the hands of his counsel to be dealt with
by him at his discretion.

I have &c
sd/ V. Chappan Menon
Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

for Collector

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8. Muthaya foundan (12th witness) is, as stated above, the monigar of the Anupparpalaiyam village. In his house a meeting was held of persons interested in the successful election of Mr Stanes. About 100 to 150 persons were assembled, and they included Messrs Stanes, Winn and Fraser. The monigar admits having used his influence and boasts of having procured about 15 to 20 votes for Mr Stanes, and he has now the brazen effrontery to come forward and charge a few clerks of the Collector's and Local Fund Engineer's Offices with having intimidated him on the election day after he gave away his vote! In his letter (Exhibit C) to Mr Winn he did or not mention the names of any officials who are now alleged to have used threats to him and indeed, he did not even throw a hint that undue official influence had been exercised over the voters. If he ever felt himself aggrieved at the alleged threats of Mugur clerks who have no power to punish him, he could have brought the matter to the notice of his official superiors. His omission to do so, coupled with the readiness with which he addressed a complaint to Mr Winn who was not in

in order to elicit fully the facts of the case, and contrary to my expectation the searching nature of the questions asked appears to have provoked Mr Barton. Mr Barton and Mr Winn withdrew from the enquiry on the 2nd day, although the latter was present throughout the greater part of that day to watch the proceedings -

7. The 1st witness examined is Mr Winn, manager of the Cotton Mill, Coimbatore, of which Mr Stanes, one of the unsuccessful candidates at the election, is the Secretary. He has no personal knowledge of the facts stated in his petition and he relies principally on two communications addressed to him by Muthaya foundan, Monigar of Anupparpalaiyam village (12th witness) and by Kadar Sahib, a contractor of the Cotton mill (13th witness) on the 20th and 19th March 1895 respectively. Kadar Sahib admits having sent the communication in question to Mr Winn, but denies that he was ever acquainted with its contents. He is a friend of one Annaya foundan who appears to be interested in Mr Stanes, and he says, he signed the letter B "trusting Annaya foundan's word." This letter, which is written in Tamil, was signed at the mill and Kadar Sahib deposes that he did not read it, because he is ignorant of the Tamil language -

N^o 634 of 1895
sent

Coimbatore Division Deputy
Collector's office, Camp Jodah's
15th April 1895.

From,

M.R. Ry

V. Chappan Menon Avergale B.A.
Deputy Collector, Coimbatore Division,

To

Herbert Bradley Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore,

Sir,

I have the honor to submit my report on the result of the enquiry held by me into the matter of the objection petition of Mr. Winn and 9 others (voters of the 7th Ward of the Coimbatore Municipality) forwarded with your endorsement, dated 29th March 1895.

2. The petition was received in my office on the 1st April on which date an order was issued by me to the petitioners and other persons interested in the enquiry "to appear with their evidence" at 1 P.M. on Wednesday the 3rd April. This order was served on Mr. Winn, the principal petitioner, and on several others on the afternoon of the 2nd idem.

3. On the afternoon of the 3rd, Mr. Winn appeared
with

Parliamentary Division Deputy

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