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DATED *17* *2 June 1895.*

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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Current No. 1627 M of 1895, dated 2. v. 95 from the Chairman M. P. Vijayagaram.

ORDER. 17. 6. 95. No. 986 Mins

The Government cannot approve the proposed expenditure of Municipal funds or grants to houseowners. In view, however, of the poverty of the persons who have suffered by the fires, it will be prepared to advance a sum of Rs 500 or Rs 1000 from Provincial funds to assist them to rebuild and tile their houses if the Municipal Council will frame a scheme which will secure that this assistance shall only be given to those who cannot do without it and that the recovery of the money shall be reasonably safe.

2. The proposal to purchase a fire engine will be further considered on receipt of more definite proposals from the Council. They should submit price lists and drawings descriptive of the sort of engine they propose to buy

allotment is to be supplemented by subscriptions which, however, appear to be more or less conditional on it, being sanctioned.

The following order is suggested:—

Order

"On a full consideration of the circumstances of the case the Government is of opinion that the work for which the Council proposes to make an allotment of Rs 500 is not one to which Municipal funds can legally be applied.

2. The proposal to purchase a fire engine will be further considered on receipt from the Council of more definite proposals accompanied by application in the prescribed form for an allotment of funds."

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He can see the concluding para of 20 No. 627 dated 5. April 1889. The destruction caused by fire at Vijayagaram has not been anything so great as it was at Cochin but it seems to have been sufficiently great to warrant the consideration of the question of whether a loan of Rs 1000 might not be granted by Govt. on the same terms as that given in the case of Cochin, better arrangements being made for the recovery of the loan than were at that place. Para 2 of the Draft order is all right

8/6/95

1627 M
Allotment of funds for the assistance of poor people burnt out at Vijayagaram and for the purchase of a fire engine.

FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

Yes - They had suggested out of fire engine they were going to buy - They have price lists & drawings - Let them submit them up.
H. M.

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Land Revenue DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1933 of 1895

1627?

FOR ORDERS.

I agree that the Municipal funds cannot be used as proposed for grants to house owners. But I do not object to a loan of Rs 500 or 1000 without interest if the M.C. can make reasonably safe arrangements in conjunction with the Zemindari authorities for its recovery.

12/6/95

Section 115(IV) of the District Municipalities Act provides that Municipal funds may be spent on "measures of public utility calculated to promote the safety, health, comfort and convenience of the people"

1. In 1885 about the whole of the weavers' quarter at Vijanagram was burnt down and the Council made an allotment for assisting the poor people to rebuild. The Government approved this, disagreeing with the Collector who urged that it did not come within the scope of the section. G.O. no ^{302 m} 20.7.85.

2. In 1891 nine houses were burnt down at Annanargudi and the Council proposed to give the poor owners Rs 150 to help them rebuild. This was disallowed. G.O. no ^{1049 m} 20.11.91 - and the Hon. Mr. Stokes recorded an opinion that the G.O. of 1885 was wrong.

3. The Municipal Council of Vijanagram now comes up again with a statement that 102 thatched houses in various parts of the town have been destroyed by fire in the first few months of 1895 and asks for sanction for an allotment of Rs 500 to assist the poorer people to rebuild with tiled roofs and Rs 800 for a fire engine. The former

not been fit to be tiled and demolishing them. This course was followed for a number of years with the result that the whole of Suntapeta and Kaspa main roads were improved only with the exception of a few houses. By the adoption of the above policy, the whole of the weavers' street, the mat-makers street and most part of Kanesa street were tiled during that period besides several other houses in the other streets. But still there is much left to be done in this direction and I am convinced that unless immediate steps are taken, this long standing nuisance cannot be removed. From January 1895 up to date there have been fire accidents almost every week and 102 houses were subject to this horrible accident which resulted in much loss of property, tho' I am happy to say that there has been no loss of lives, the fire having taken place in all cases during day-time. But for the prompt relief rendered by the municipality and the Police, the loss of property should have been much greater in my opinion. Among these houses the owners of more than half the number can be compelled to build tiled houses, but the other half are quite helpless and their condition is most pitiable. It is quite necessary to help them if they should also be compelled likewise. The matter has been brought from time to time to the notice of the Council and among

whom the joint managers of the Samustanum is one, and they are all of unanimous opinion that it is most necessary not only to purchase a fire engine but also to allot certain funds for helping the poor when they are compelled to build houses - The Council appealed to the generosity of the Samustanum to co-operate and support them in this philanthropic act - The managers readily responded to the request of the Council and promised to contribute liberally towards this charity and improvement of the town - In the event of the municipal Council sanctioning a sum of not less than Rs 500, they promised to contribute even more liberally - The Council accordingly proposed to transfer a sum of Rs 500 from the estimated balance -

Whenever such accidents occur great difficulty has been experienced in putting out the conflagration for want of a suitable machinery - The necessity of procuring a fire engine has been several times urged and the Government were pleased to sanction a sum of Rs 500 in the year 1894-95 for the purchase of the same - But it could not procure one for that amount and hence it was kept unutilised - The local papers repeatedly impress upon the Council the necessity for purchasing a suitable fire engine in consideration of the frequent fire accidents that generally occur - The Council

in its meeting of the 18th ultimo, have sanctioned an allotment of Rs 800 which can be met partly from balance and partly from grant & savings - The Council have appointed a fire committee to enquire into the circumstances of the house-owners whose houses were subjected to fire and to report how far they can be compelled to build tiled houses and which of them stand in need of any help - It is but true that if people are made to understand that help may be expected from a certain quarter, they will pretend poverty and inability to construct tiled houses - The present arrangement of appointing a committee will, it is hoped, remove the difficulty and greatly assist the Council in achieving the desired end - In view of the circumstances stated, I most earnestly & respectfully beg that the Government will be pleased to sanction the amount - It is superfluous to add that if the Council does not exert at present, it will not only be neglecting its duty but will also be losing the present precious chance of obtaining the liberal & continued help which has been promised by the Samustanum

I have the honor to be
sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. Venkathayyar Shi.
Chairman M.C.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1627M

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vizianagaram
To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Madras

Thro' the Revenue Divisional officer

No. 24.
Enclosures 2.

Dated 2nd May.

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Subject

Requesting sanction for an allotment of
Rs 500/- for helping the poor in re-
placing their ~~recently burnt~~ thatched
houses ^{which were recently consumed by fire} by tiled ones and for a further
allotment of Rs 800/- for purchasing
a Fire Engine.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, VIZAGAPATAM.

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Forwarded to the Collector, for transmission
to Government.

Vizianagaram Contnment - as P. & Collector
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Forwarded

J. Wolfe Manning
Collector

Wal. M.

more substantial buildings had to suffer alike. Every year from the Commencement of cold weather to the end of summer, a period extending over not less than 6 months - the chances of such accidents are numerous and consequently the inhabitants of the town could enjoy no peace of mind - In the cold weather these accidents are frequently caused by bonfire fires placed in almost every house of an agriculturist for warming themselves during the chill nights - In the hot season the palms & leaves get very dry and catch fire very easily even under slight causes. Thus the inhabitants have long been suffering from this danger.

This being a Zamindari town most of the servants-classes belong to the Zamustanum and they are in varied circumstances. In the time of the late Dewan M. R. Raj Bahadur P. Jagannadha Raj Lakshagaru who was also municipal Chairman attempts were made to replace thatched houses by tiled ones either by enforcing the provisions of the municipal laws or by rendering pecuniary help in deserving cases both from the Zamustanum and the municipality as also by buying up on behalf of the Zamustanum such of the houses as have

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Municipal Office,

Vizianagaram, 24 May 1895

CURRENT No.

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THE CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VIZIANAGARAM.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George, Madras

(thru the Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram)

Sir,

In forwarding herewith the resolution of the Municipal Council dated 24th April 1895 sanctioning an allotment of Rs 500 for the year 1895-96 towards helping the poor in replacing thatched buildings by tiled ones, I have the honor to bring to the prominent notice of Government the necessity of sanctioning the same. The town of Vizianagaram is mostly inhabited by agricultural and artisan classes who own thatched houses or houses roofed with inflammable substances to a great extent. Among these houses are situated pukka built tiled houses closely connected with one another. Among the thatched houses there has been frequent danger of fire accidents on account of which not only the owners of these houses but also their richer neighbours owning

Enclosure II

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council
Vijayanagarum passed at a meeting held on the 18th
April 1895.

Present

1. M. R. Ry V. Venkatarayasastri garu B. A. Chairman M.
2. - Rai Bahadur K. Narayanaswami Naidu garu, Councillor
3. - Sora Luyaprasadasalingum garu, Councillor
4. - K. V. Kristnaram Pantulu garu "
5. - P. Ketu Venkanna garu "
6. Mohamed Paddhan Labele garu "

3. The Chairman brings to the notice of the Council the
necessity of purchasing a fire engine in consideration
of several houses in the town having been subject to
fire accidents frequently during every summer and
of the greatest difficulty experienced in putting out
the fire.

The price lists and diagrams showing different
sizes and patterns of fire engines are also laid
before the Council.

The Chairman's proposal to purchase a fire
engine at a cost of not less than Rs 800 is sanctioned
pending the approval of the Government.

(Signed) V. Venkatarayasastri
Chairman M. C.

(True Copy)

Municipal Office
Vijayanagarum
3rd May 95

Ganarao S. S.
Chairman Delegation M. C.

M. R. Ry V. V. Kodandaram Pantulu garu and M. R. Ry Ch-
Ramanurthi Pantulu garu be thanked for the generous
co-operation which they promised to render in helping
the poor townsmen whose houses have lately been
burnt by fire accidents.

(Signed) V. Venkatarayasastri

Chairman M. C.

(True Copy)

Ganarao S. S.
Chairman Delegation M. C.

Enclosure I

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council
Vijayanagaram passed at a meeting held on Wednesday
the 24th April 1895 -

Present.

1. M. R. Py V. Venkatraya asastri garu B.A. Chairman M.C.
2. - Ch. Lomayajulu Pantulu garu, Councillor
3. - K. V. Krietharan Pantulu garu. do
4. - A. Ramamurti Pantulu garu B.A. do
5. - S. Ramamurti garu do

3- With reference to the numerous fire accidents that recently took place in the town, the Chairman brings to the notice of the Council, the necessity of sanctioning funds for helping the poor in building tiled houses in lieu of the old thatched ones -

Resolved that an amount of Rs 500 be allotted from the general balance which is estimated at 12 per cent of the income, pending the approval of Government -

4- The Chairman brings to the notice of the Council that the managers of the Samustam have promised to liberally cooperate with the municipal Council in helping the poor townsmen to build tiled houses.

Resolved that the managers of the Samustam

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