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N. West Head Asst Collector
Camp Larknam 29th Apr. 1896
Dis No 2661 of 1896.

From
E. L. Thornton Esquire,
Asst Head Assistant Collector,
North West

To
The Collector of
North West

Sir, With reference to your letter
Ref no 1818 of 35 dated 4th Apr. 1896,
I have the honor to state that Mr.
Hughes referred the petition under
reference to the Chairman of the
Wallajah Municipality for report.
Before leaving the district last night,
Mr. Hughes handed me a full
report which he had received from
the Chairman. Upon perusing the
report I note (1) that it has been
placed before the Municipal Council
and is approved by them and (2) that
the Chairman and the Council wish to
prosecute

to prosecute the writers of the petition
for defamation. Under these cir-
cumstances and in view of the
delay which has already occurred, the
best course seems to be to forward
the Chairman's report with enclosures
to you as it is, without any further
enquiry. I may observe, however,
that Government referred to the
Chairman's work with approval in
their review of the last municipal
report, and that charges of this sort
involve an enormous amount of
extra work in an office that is al-
-ready greatly overdone. I would
therefore recommend that the Council
be allowed to prosecute the peti-
-tioners for defamation, when, a
full enquiry may be made and due
notice may be taken of the
petitioners' conduct should their
allegations prove to be false,
whereas further departmental
enquiry may be held, should the
Chairman fail to win his
case

Case.

I have etc.

(Signed) E. L. Thornton

Ag Head Ass^t Collector

(True Copy)

Ag Collector

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List of enclosures to letter dated
13th May 1896, Dis. No. 753 of 96 from
the Collector of N. Arcot to the
Chief Secretary to Government, Local
& Municipal Department.

(1) Government Endorsement No. 1739 of 9th Dec^r 95

(2) ————— do. ————— No. 30 of 11 Jan'y 96

(3) ————— do. ————— No. 113 of 29 Jan'y 96

(4) ————— do. ————— No. 195 of 13 Feb 96

(5) Wallajah Municipal Chairman's
letter No. 179 dated 20th April 1896 to
the Assistant Collector, Mr. Hughes,
together with enclosures thereto
nos. 1 to 8.

(6) Copy of letter dated 29th Apr
1896, Dis. No. 2661 of 1896 from the
Head Assistant Collector
Campbell

As Collector

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Di No. 755
of 8/6
Encls as per enclosed list

North Arcot Collectors Office
Camp Juddagallam 13th May 1896
Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 1475

From

G. E. L. Campbell Esquire,
as collector of
North Arcot.

To,

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

Sir,

With reference to Government
endorsements on petitions from the rate-
-payers of the Wallajah Municipality
noted in the margin praying for,

(1) No. 1739 dated 9th Decr 95

(2) " 30 " 11th Jan'y 96

(3) " 113 " 29th Jan'y 96

(4) " 195 " 13th Feb. 96

among

other things,

the removal

of the Chair-

-man, I have

the honor to report as follows.

To be referred to
Office

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2. All the petitions were referred by Mr. Wynne to the Head Assistant Collector for report. The Head Assistant Collector having, in reply to one of the reminders issued to him from this office, reported that he had referred the petitions to the Chairman for report and that he would submit his reply on receipt of the Chairman's report, Mr. Wynne directed on the 15th April last that a full inquiry should be made and report submitted forthwith. The report not having been received until after the then Hd. Assistant Collector, Mr. Hughes, was relieved by Mr. Thornton, Mr. Wynne in his proceedings dated 7th April last directed Mr. Hughes to at once make a personal inquiry into these petitions and also the Chair-
-man

-man and the Head Assistant Collector to transfer to Mr. Hughes all papers connected with the matter that were pending with them. No personal inquiry was, however, conducted by Mr. Hughes, nor does it appear that the Chairman transferred the papers to Mr. Hughes. The Chairman, on the other hand, sent to Mr. Hughes, on the 27th idem, a report said to have been placed before the Council on the 10th idem and to have been, after discussion at three meetings, finally passed for submission on the 18th idem. Mr. Hughes on leaving the district handed the report to the Head Assistant Collector who has forwarded it with a covering letter.

3. As the matter has been pending for

for a long time and is new to me, and
as the Chairman's report is clear
and full, I merely forward it
together with a copy of the Head
Assistant Collector's letter.

4. Inclosures as per list accompany.

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

Ag Collector

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COLLECTOR AND
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot.

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Local & Municipal
Maddas
No. of Enclosures. As per enclosed list

Letter, dated 13.11.1896.
Dis No. 753 of 1896.
SUBJECT.

Reporting on forewarn
endorsements on p
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-payers of the Ma
Municipality,
ing for the reason
of the Charge
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On 3668 m/2 24, 229,
448, 502 + 1475 m/96.

Misc. Order No 1007 m/15-6-96

The papers received with
the letter read above will be returned
to the Collector with the ^{remarks} request that
he will report ~~of the propriety~~
of the truth of ~~the substance~~ of the allegations
made in the petitions referred to him.
a personal enquiry ^{should} be held,
as directed by Mr. Wynne in
his proceedings of 7.4.96, or a
further report submitted to Govt.

(from orders)
W.D. 12/6/96

* Mr. Hughes must personally investigate
the matter, as ordered by the Colr. Submitted
that it is useless referring the papers for
further report as that they may be
recorded. The Council ask for the petition in
ord. that they may bring an action for defamation,
but this such step is hardly advisable

W.D. 1.6.96

The report submitted
satisfactory, it is therefore hardly necessary
when the matter comes back again. It is not clear
to the Collector of North Arcot.
W.D. 3668 m/24, 229, 448
Encl. except No. 10 & 11.

(With a)

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY

I am certainly not going to record this. I do not know whether Mr. Ingersoll said to Mr. Hughes in his proceedings of the 7th April that if I had been his collector he would have caught the party with some time before that date. I do not know when I have seen a more slovenly piece of work or one showing so distinct a disposition to shirk work. Mr. Hughes has in this instance calmly referred a series of charges to the defendant accused without first as he should have done taking the evidence for the prosecution. Mr. Norton & Mr. Crispwell ^{calmly} pass the defence on ^{calmly} does not appear to have occurred to them that nothing on the prosecution side had been recorded and that only one side is presented to the court. They seem to forget that as it is unjust that an accused should be convicted without having heard in his defence so it also is to let an accused off on his own statement without leaving the case opened against him.

Send the whole thing back

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for personal inquiry as directed
by Mr. Hyman in his proceedings

of the 7th April.

Matters may be as stated by

the Chairman but the other

side must be heard.

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