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PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President.*
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
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Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

No. 1.

Application from V. Murugasa Mudaliar for opening a new Market in St. Xavier Street, 2nd Division.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu—

"That permission be granted."

Carried.

No. 2.

G.O., No. 2127 M., Mis., dated 20th December 1895, re sale of Poison.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker—

"That restrictions be placed upon druggists by legislation with a view to make all vendors of European medicines or indigenous drugs take out licenses, and that no poisons should be sold under such licenses except on medical prescriptions or to persons whose name, address, &c., are entered in a register showing, date of sale, name of purchaser, name and quantity of poison sold, purpose for which it is required, signature of the purchaser, signature of person introducing the purchaser."

Carried.

No. 3.

G.O., No. 198 M., Mis., dated 5th February 1896, not approving of the proposed Bye-laws re Buildings, under Section 413 (f) of Act I of 1884.

Recorded.

No. 4.

G.O., No. 156, dated 10th March 1896, Financial, making a further grant of two lakhs of rupees to the Madras Municipality.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal—

"That the G.O. be recorded with a vote of thanks to Government for their liberality in assisting the Municipality when it is in a position of financial difficulty."

Carried unanimously.

No. 5.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 14th February and 6th March 1896.

Recorded.

The meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE. Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

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Contribution from Government.

The PRESIDENT said that the next subject was the G. O. No. 156, dated 10th March 1896, Financial, making a further grant of 2 lakhs of Rupees to the Madras Municipality.

Mr. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I propose "that the G. O. be recorded, with a vote of thanks to Government for their liberality in assisting the Municipality when it is in a position of financial difficulty." This is not the only instance in which the Government has shown its liberality and willingness. Only a few days ago we had a lakh and a half placed at our disposal, and I am informed on authority that Government has already arranged to place at our disposal ten lakhs.

The PRESIDENT:—Say 1½ lakhs in the next Budget.

Mr. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—It is not simply on account of the financial help the Government has given us that we are indebted to Government, but I think we are indebted to the Government of Lord Wenlock for some other reasons also. You will remember that in 1892 the Government took upon itself to raise the salary of the Health Officer by a long jump. The Commissioners were not consulted in the matter and very naturally the Commissioners pointed out to Government that they had not kept up the pledge that they had made in a previous G. O. by saying that in the matter of salary of Municipal servants the wishes of the Commissioners would be invariably consulted. On this protest, one would naturally expect that the Government would turn round and say, "O! you Commissioners have nothing to do in the matter of salaries or appointment of these Officers." But what do we find? We find the Government going back and saying that they regretted that by an oversight the Commissioners were not previously consulted. I think that is a great concession paying a great deal of respect to the views of the Commissioners. On another occasion when our Engineer had gone on leave and the Government had really appointed an officer to succeed in his place—and the Officer I believe even came over here to take over charge—the Commissioners at the last moment thought that by bringing an outsider the affairs of the Municipality would suffer and the just claims of one who had worked very hard would be very unjustly overlooked. The recommendation was sent up to Government, and what do we find? The Government immediately gazetted Mr. Loane with deference to the wishes of the Commissioners. Gentlemen we have not seen any administration before Lord Wenlock's Government which paid such deference to the opinions of the Commissioners, and it was Lord Wenlock's Government that came to our rescue when we were in need. I would simply ask you whether these are not sufficient for us to show our indebtedness to that Government. I think our silence on this occasion would be very greatly misunderstood. I think that it is a great pity that our representative in Council had lost the opportunity of specially thanking His Excellency for the very great consideration that had been shewn to us, the Municipal Commissioners of this City.

Mr. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—In seconding it, I only wish to say that while we the Commissioners of this Municipality are not called upon to give our opinion on the general attitude of the late Government in regard to Municipal Institutions generally or in regard to this Municipality particularly, I think that in regard to the subject which is under consideration it is but fair that we should acknowledge our indebtedness to the late Government for the generous and liberal spirit with which they have always treated this Municipality. On more than one occasion they have shown consideration for the views of the Commissioners and they judged our measures in a sympathetic and liberal spirit. I heartily second the resolution moved.

The Hon'ble Mr. P. RUNGIAH NAYUDU:—I am sorry that Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar and other members did not authorise me to thank Lord Wenlock. I think they have failed in their duties to do that, and if they had done it, as their representative I should have done it not in my behalf nor in behalf of the community at large. But I do not see his object in bringing it before this meeting as if it were a sort of accusation against me in not having thanked Lord Wenlock at the time the Council dissolved or when he addressed the Council. As far as this Municipality is concerned, I say no man would object to give thanks to Government for its liberality.

The proposition was then put and carried.

Proceedings of Standing Committee.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee dated 14th February and 6th March, 1896, were recorded.

The meeting terminated.

MR. V. VARADAPPA NAYUDU:—I would suggest that the bazaar druggists may be compelled by law to keep a sale of poisons in a register book containing certain particulars. I beg to propose:—"That restrictions be placed upon druggists by legislation with a view to make all vendors of European medicines or indigenous drugs take out licenses, and that no poisons should be sold under such licenses except on medical prescriptions or to persons whose name, address, &c., are entered in a register showing, date of sale, name of purchaser, name and quantity of poison sold, purpose for which it is required, signature of the purchaser, signature of person introducing the purchaser." Such a book will be a good check upon the druggists; as for chemists, this restriction is not required as they don't generally sell poisons in quantities but only make up prescriptions.

SURGEON LT-COL WALKER:—I second the proposition, and in doing so I would suggest that the proposition may be worded in this way "That restriction be placed on druggists by legislation, with a view to making all vendors of European medicines or indigenous drugs take out licenses and that poisons be not sold under such licenses except on a medical prescription or to persons whose name, address, &c., are entered in a register kept for the purpose, showing the date of sale, name of purchaser, name and quantity of poison sold, purpose for which it is required, signature of purchaser and the signature of person introducing the purchaser." In introducing such an Act as that or putting such restrictions the Municipality could utilise persons in their employment to inspect these shops or else appoint special persons for that purpose. I think that the Municipal Sanitary Inspectors could appropriately and conveniently inspect drug vendors' shops and demand the production of their licenses if such drug vendors are engaged in the sale of poisons; the Sanitary Inspectors could also inspect the shops of others not being recognised as drug vendors who might be suspected of contravening the Act, and these Sanitary Inspectors should report the result to the Municipality, which body could prosecute the defaulters, tendering the Sanitary Inspectors as evidence. It should be insisted that the licensed vendors of poisons should keep such drugs separately locked up with a "Poison Label" on the box or almira.

SURGEON LT-COL MAITLAND:—I have some difficulty about it. The Government of India originally expressed the opinion that they would not interfere in the slightest degree with the sale of poisons; but at the suggestion of the Indian Medical Congress they reopened the question. They distinctly said that they were still of opinion that very little interference could be attempted; and I think they also said that the only drug in regard to which they would enforce any restriction was arsenic. If an act like this is passed, it will interfere not only with the retail sale of drugs but also with the wholesale, which Government I believe is not very anxious to interfere with except in the case of arsenic. I think from what I have read on the subject, the Government of India are not going for wholesale measures such as is obtaining in other countries. This seems to be a comprehensive act which will include the sale of any poisonous drug by any person either wholesale or retail.

THE PRESIDENT:—The Government of India has applied to the opinion of the Government of Madras and the Government of Madras has called for the opinion of different bodies. It does not signify what the Government of India thinks.

SURGEON LT-COL WALKER:—The Government of India says "although the reasons which have actuated the Government of India in the past, and which are referred to in paragraph 2 of this letter, appear to the Governor-General in Council, as at present advised, to be fatal to any scheme for the *general* restriction and regulation of poisons other than arsenic, there do not seem to the Governor-General in Council, to be the same objections to providing for a certain amount of control over vendors of poisons within the limits of Municipal towns. It might, His Excellency in Council thinks, be possible, without causing hardship, to provide that Municipalities should require that all vendors of European medicines or indigenous drugs should take out licenses, and that no poisons should be sold by such licensees except (1) on medical prescription, or (2) to persons whose name, address, &c., should be entered in a register to be kept for the purpose.

Legislation of this nature would not, it is true, go to the root of the evil so long as sale in rural tracts remains unregulated, but there would, in the opinion of the Government of India, be a certain advantage in placing the sale of poisons within Municipal limits under regulation, and I am to say that the Government of India would be glad to have the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council on this suggestion."

The Government of Madras has called upon the Municipal Commissioners for their opinion and it does not state what the views of the Government of India are.

SURGEON-MAJOR MAITLAND:—I think a sort of hint is thrown out in what direction they seek our advice.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—We are merely asked to give our opinion and it is a matter of very little consequence, what the Government thinks about it. Without troubling ourselves about what the Government of India intend to do in the matter, the Commissioners are perfectly justified in calling for restrictions to be placed on the sale of poisons.

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—I may mention the sale of opium is altogether left out of consideration.

MR. P. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—Is there any definition of poison given?
SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—It includes:—

European Poisons.

Arsenic and its preparations.
Mercury and its preparations.
Antimonial preparations.
Strong Ammonia.
Strong Acids, such as concentrated Nitric, Sulphic, Hydrochlone and Oxalic.
Phosphorous.
Hydrocyanic Acid and Cyanides.
Belladonna, Datura, Hyoscyamus, thin Alkaloids and preparations.
Nux-Vomica, its alkaloids and preparations.
Aconite, its alkaloids and preparations.
Hydrate of chlorae.
Chloroform.
Carbolic Acid.
Cantharides and its preparations.

Indian Poisons.

White Arsenic (Sonko, Semul Khar).
Red Arsenic or Realgar (Monchhal).
Yellow Arsenic or Orpunent (Hantal).
Corrosive Sublimate (Ras-Karpura).
Aconite (Metabest).
Datura.
Hyoscyamus (Khorasani Ajwan).
Nuxvomica bark or seed (Kuchela).
Plumbago Rosea (Kalchitra).
Croton seeds (Jaipal).
Yellow oleander (Kolika).
Cocculus Indians (Kakman).
Nerium odorum (Karubi).

W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—I think you had better state definitely what kind of legislation we want in the matter.

MR. VARADAPPA NAYUDU accepted the resolution as modified by Dr. Walker which when put to the vote was carried.

Building Bye-Laws.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next subject is the G. O. No. 198, M. Mis., dated 5th February 1896, not approving of the proposed Bye-laws re-buildings, under Section 413, (f) of Act I. of 1884. In the proposed bye-laws we asked the Government to sanction a provision under Section 265 to the effect that if the position of a house is not approved it need not be sanctioned. The Government in declining to sanction the bye-laws said that it considered that the Bye-laws in their present form were too much in advance of the time and would bear upon the people, especially the poor classes with unnecessary severity. There is nothing to do but to record this, gentlemen. Let them build their houses wherever they like.

This was recorded.

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The opening of a New Market.

THE PRESIDENT :—The first business gentlemen, is the consideration of an application from V. Murugesa Mudaliar for opening a new market in St. Xavier's Street. I do not know whether the Commissioners have seen it. It is an excellent market.

MR. V. VARADAPPA NAYUDU :—I have seen the market and it is a very good one. I propose "that permission be granted."

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY seconded the proposition, which, when put to the vote was carried.

Sale of Poisons.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next business is G. O. No. 2127 M. Mis., dated 20th December 1895, *re* sale of poisons.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—Can we interfere in any way in this matter.

THE PRESIDENT :—You can express your opinion. That is what they want. I sent a communication to Government on the subject in consultation with the Health Officer; and the Government said :—"The President is requested to place the subject before the Municipal Commissioners for consideration and submit a copy of their Resolution."

The following is the letter that I sent :—

"With reference to G. O. No. 2127 M. Mis., dated 20th December 1895, I have the honor to state that I consider it highly desirable that some restrictions should be put upon the sale of such a virulent poison as Arsenic. When cholera is epidemic in Madras it is almost impossible in the ordinary way to put out cases of arsenical poisoning. The symptoms sometimes being nearly identical with those of cholera. If all native Hakims and Vythians were licensed it would go a great way to stop the indiscriminate use of the drug. A license fee must also be levied on all Chemist shops and Native drug stores."

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.
General Department.

Madras, 20 June 1896.

From

LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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I have the honor to submit herewith for the ----- information of Government full proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 30th March 1896 ------ together with abstract proceedings of the same date .

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Gm Moore Lt.Col.

President, Munl. Comm.

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