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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1579 M

DATED 16-9-96.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council Ordering, with remarks, that the elections of ~~certain~~ gentlemen as mem of the Kumbakonam be notified and drawing the attention of the Collect to the G.O's quoted by which irregularity in the publication of voters' lists does not invalidate ~~them~~.

hat he could not, under Act IV of 1884,

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

UNDER Section 10 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, the undermentioned gentlemen have been duly elected Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of Kumbakonam :→

M.R.Ry A. Ramalinga Chettiyar avargal.
" T. Krishnamachariyar — " —, B.A.
" T. Vyapuri Mudaliyar — do —.
" C.N. Krishnaswami Chettiyar avargal.
" A. Rangaswami Chettiyar Avargal
" M.C.M. Duraiswami Chettiyar avargal.
" T.S. Siwaswami ~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ Odaiyar avargal

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Local & Munl. (1896.) Department.

CURRENT No. 2306 M.

Order No. 1579 M M/s D 16-9-96

The usual notification will be published in the Fort St George Gazette with reference to the elections in the fourth & fifth wards & the election of M.R.Ry Ramalinga Chettiyar in the second ward, against which no objections have been received.

2. The Govt. agrees with the Collector in considering that the petitions of objection against the election of M.R.Ry Duraiswami Chetti for the sixth ward & M.R.Ry. Swaswami Vandayar for the seventh ward should be rejected & their names will accordingly be published as the successful candidates.

3. With reference to the election ~~of M.R.Ry~~ to the second vacancy in the ~~Ganapathi Aiyar for~~ the second ward the Govt. ~~considers~~ is of opinion that M.R.Ry. Krishnama Chariar was duly elected, ~~as two of the votes~~ in his favour ~~rejected by the chairman~~ ~~which he considered to be valid~~, & his name will be ~~duly~~ accordingly notified in the Fort St George Gazette.

From The Collector of Tanjore.

No. 2572. Rev: of 1896

Dated 4th August 1896
Received 11th — Do —
Registered — Do —
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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the result of the enquiry made into the objection against the election of M. R. Ry: Duraiswami Chettiar in ward no. VI of Kumbakonam municipality.

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ector's will however be ~~informed~~ drawn with reference to his contention in para 4 of his first letter read above, ~~under~~ to G.O. No. 25 M. d/ 12-1-89 in which it is laid down that irregularity in the publication of voters' lists does not invalidate them, & to G.O. No. 644 M d/ 15.6.88 para 1 where it ~~was~~ is held that the register of voters is conclusive as to the right to vote. He should, however, inform the Council that Govt. view with ~~grave~~ displeasure the delay that took place in publishing the revised register of voters, & trusts that it may not recur.

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from C.S.' orders
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To

The Collector of Tanjore ✓ 9/8/
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Municipal Elections.
Kumbakonam –

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No.s 2071, 2171 & 2306 M/96.

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From

C.S. (Immediate)

FOR ORDERS.

On the 22nd and 23rd June 1896, elections were held in wards Nos. II and IV to VII, of the Kumbakonam Municipality to fill seven vacancies on the Council. No objections have been raised against the nomination of the candidates elected for the fourth and fifth wards or against the election of Ramalinga Chettiyar to one of the two vacant seats in the second ward; but the validity of the election of T.S.Ganapathy Aiyar for the other vacancy in this ward and of Duraiswami Chetti for the sixth ward has been questioned by the rival candidates, who allege that, owing to the improper admission and rejection of certain votes by the Chairman, the results as declared by him, are incorrect. Exception has also been taken to the election of Siva swami Oodyar (the present Chairman) to a seat in the seventh ward, chiefly on the ground that he could not, under Act IV of 1884,

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have offered himself as a candidate for election before resigning his seat on the Council.

2. The objection as regards the seventh ward is unsustainable, because, the law as it now stands, does not prevent a person who is a Councillor for one ward of a Municipality from standing for election in another ward - vide G.O. No. 2162 M. dy 5th December 1891 and No.1656 M.dated 7th November 1894. In the case of the sixth ward the objection has been found to be unfounded on a re-examination of the voting papers conducted by the Sub Collector- Vide C.No. 2306 M.

Reject the objection

Reject it

3. The only point now for consideration is whether the election of Ganapathy Aiyar for the second ward is valid. According to the counting of the votes made by the Chairman under No.31 of the Election Rules Ganapathy Aiyar obtained 161 votes and the objector, Krishnama Chariar 159. The latter contends that four votes which were given in his favour were improperly rejected by the Chairman, while two invalid votes obtained by his rival were counted by the Chairman as valid. The Collector has on examination of the voting papers, found that two of the four votes above referred to were valid and has thus counted 161 votes for the objector, while for Ganapathy Aiyar, he has arrived at 160 votes, apparently rejecting as invalid one of the votes counted in his favour by the Chairman, but including the two votes to which exception is now taken. The Collector considers that the two votes ~~above referred to~~ should also be

• Vide the statement of election submitted by the chairman Flag A.

• Vide para 5 of Ganapathy Aiyar's petition C.No 2171 M. Flag B.

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valid on the ground that although the names of the voters do not appear in the lists, yet they were both eligible as voters & therefore their votes are admissible. This view is however contrary to G.O. No. 6444 M / 15-6-88, where it is held that the register of voters is conclusive as to the right to vote. If therefore these two votes are cancelled, the result will be

Krishnama Chariar 161

Ganapathi Aiyar 158.

They must be

One of these votes was given by Govindasami Naik, while the name of Govindasami Pillai appears in the register. It is doubtful whether this vote should be rejected. If it is rejected it raises G. Aiyar's votes to 159.

I think that it may stand

The other vote was given by one Manutha Pillai, whose name appears to have been written in pencil in one of the lists, & afterwards inked over by G. Aiyar & added to the other list. This vote it is submitted should be invalidated, otherwise G. Aiyar's total will be 160.

Flag E

This should go out

Flag B

In para 7 of C. 2171 M G. Aiyar refers to another vote but this has presumably been included in the 160 reported by the Collector, or a further report would have been submitted by him. Under the circumstances it does not appear to be necessary to call for further information, although if there were an extra vote, & the two referred to above are considered valid it would make the election a tie. It is submitted however that Krishnama Chariar

Need we call for anything. I have decided that the one should go out.

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4. In this connection the Collector points out that there were no valid lists of voters in the municipality at the time these elections were held. The date fixed for the delivery of the list to the Chairman under No.7 of the Election Rules, the 30"November (vide G.Os. No.1984 M.dated 13th November 1891 and No.1751 M.,dated 26th October 1892)and the lists prepared in November 1894,and which under rules 8 to 13, came into force on the 15th March 1895,ceased to be in operation on the 15th March 1896. (Vide Rule 13). The procedure prescribed by the election rules was not adopted in the preparation of the new lists which were not delivered to the Chairman before the 22nd January 1896 and were published under Rule 8 only about the end of May 1896, instead of 30"November 1895 and 10"December 1895 respectively- vide Chairman's letter No.216 dated 10" July 1896 and the statement given by the Manager before the Collector- It has however been held in G.O.No.25 M.,dated 12th January 1889, which disposed of a similar case, that irregularity in the publication of these lists does not invalidate them. The council is however greatly to blame for the delay & may be told so.

V.R.
2/9/96

WWD ~~[illegible]~~
4.9.96

I concur. The K. chair may be censured – these elections are a most consummate nuisance and this too.

5/9/96

FOR ORDERS.

Call his attention to the G.O. No

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List of records submitted to Government with this office letter No. 2098/Rev dated 13th July 1896.

1. Kumbakonam Municipal Chairman's report No. 186 dated 24th June 1896 with one enclosure — 2.
2. Objection petition of M.R.Ry. T. Krishnamachariar a defeated candidate of Ward No. II. — 1.
3. Statement of M.R.Ry. T. Krishnamachariar dated 7th July 1896 withdrawing his objection of criminal charge against his opponent — 1.
4. Statement of — do — dated 7th July 1896 — 1.
5. — Do — M.R.Ry. T.S. Ganapathi Aiyar dated 7th July 1896 — 1.
6. — Do — of the Municipal Manager dated 7th July 1896 — 1.
7. — Do — of the Chairman dated 7th July 1896. 1.
8. 1 vote paper marked A — 1.
9. An unauthenticated extract from the voters' list marked 'B' produced by M.R.Ry. T.S. Ganapathi Aiyar: — 1.

10 Voters' list for Ward No II original and revised, marked 'C and D'. — 2

11. Statements taken by the Chairman from his office establishment and marked 'E to J'. — 6

12. Letter from M. R. Ry. T. Krishnamachariar dated 6th July 1896 marked K. 1.

13. Objection petitions of M. R. Ry. M. R. Swaminatha Aiyar and R. Vaithinatha Aiyar, against the election in Ward No VII — 2.

14. Copy of Chairman's letter No 216 dated 10th July 1896. — 1

T. Sivagnanam Pillai
15/7
for Collector.

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ENCLOSURE ~~No.~~ 1 bundle

In a letter

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Tanjore

TO

THE Chief Secretary to
Government
Local and Munl. Depts
Madras

Dated 13th July 1896

No. 2098/Rev of 1896

DESPATCHED
16 JUL. 96

Subject

List of records submitted with this office No. 2098/Rev of 1896 dated 13th July 1896

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Name of Municipality

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No. 2

REPORT OF CONTESTED MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Name of Municipality.	Name of ward if any.	Date of election.	No. of registered voters.	No. of voters who exercised the privilege	Names of Candidates.	No. of votes obtained by each.	Names of candidates duly elected.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Kumbakonam Municipality.	Pottamarai Ward No. II	22. 6. 96	465	322.	M.R.Ry. T. S. Varadapathy Iyengar	161.	M.R.Ry. Aravamoor Ramalinga Chettiar Avergal	There was some delay in the publication of the Voters' lists during my predecessor's time. Similar delays will be guarded against in future.
					" T. Ramalingam Chettiar "	85.	M.R.Ry. T. S. Varadapathy Iyengar Avergal	
					" T. Krishnamachariar B.A.	159		
					" Aravamoor Ramalinga Chetty "	223.		
					" V. Dorasamy Pillai "	Withdrawn		
					" C. Krishnasamy Iyer "	Do.		
					" S. Vyapuri Mudaliar "	Do.		
					" Gopal S. Ratnalingasamy Chetty	Do.		
	Thosamandi-richi Ward No. IV	23. 6. 96	172	145	M.R.Ry. Sa. Chinnappasamy Chettiar	Do.	M.R.Ry. S. Vyapuri Mudaliar Avergal	
					" R. Kumarasamy Pillai "	66		
					" S. Vyapuri Mudaliar "	78		
	Biranakovil Ward No. V	23. 6. 96	330	263.	M.R.Ry. Konetty Venkatachalapathy Chettiar Avl.	88	M.R.Ry. C. N. Krishnasamy Chettiar Avergal	
					" C. N. Krishnasamy Chettiar "	130.	" Aramanai Rengasamy Chettiar Avergal	
					" Aramanai Rengasamy Chetty "	177.		
					" Annasi Ramachandra Chetty "	"		
					" Sa. C. Krishnasamy Iyer "	97		
	Mahamakham Tank Ward No. VI	23. 6. 96.	205	175	M.R.Ry. Sa. C. Sa. Dorasamy Chetty "	89.	M.R.Ry. Sa. C. Sa. Dorasamy Chettiar Avergal	
					" Nelli R. Manikrishna Chettiar Avergal	86.		
	Dulakasi Ward No. VII	22. 6. 96	155	124	M.R.Ry. Sa. R. Swaminatha Iyer Avergal B.A.	31 1		
					" C. S. Ramasamy Iyer "	91.	M.R.Ry. T. S. Sivasamy Udayar Avergal.	
					" T. S. Sivasamy Udayar "			

T. S. Sivasamy Udayar

Chairman.

Municipal Councillors' Office
24. 6. 96.

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KUMBAKONAM MUNICIPALITY.

Enclosure No. I **to letter**

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
KUMBAKONAM.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
Local and Municipal Department
Through the Sub-Collector and the
Collector of Tanjore.

Dated 24th
Despatched 24th } June 1896.
Received

No. 186.

SUBJECT.

Submitting report on Contested Municipal elections.

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No. 186.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE.
KUMBHAKONAM 24th June 1896.

FROM

T. S. Sivasamy Odayar Avl. Rao Bahadur
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
KUMBHAKONAM.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Thro' the Sub Collector & the Collector of
Tanjore.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit in the prescribed form the report on Contested elections held in this Municipality on the 22d and 23d June 1896, and to state that the Competition was keen and the elections were well Contested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt. Servt.

T. S. Sivasawmy Odyar
Chairman

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
26 JUN. 96
TANJORE.

From

THE CHAIRMAN
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
KUMBHAKONAM.

Current No. 3(0) of 1898

To

The Chief Secy to Govt
Local & Municipal Depts
thro' The Sub Collector and
The Collector of Tanjore

Dated 24th
Despd. 25th
Received
} June 1896.

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No. 186.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report on contested Municipal elections

Current No. 1112 ENG. of 1896
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Forwarded.

W. B. Ayling
Sub Collector.

26/23

DESPATCHED.
27 JUN 96

Forwarded.

No. 216.

Municipal Councillors' ...

Kumbakonam. 10th July 18

From

T. S. Sivaswamy Odayar Avergal
Rao Bahadur
Chairman, Municipal Council
Kumbakonam.

To

The Collector of
Tanjore.

Sir,

With reference to the lists of voters and councillors of this municipality for 1896, I have the honour to inform you that orders were issued to the bill-collector for the preparation of the lists on the 5th November 1895. They were presented by the bill-collector at the office about the middle of December 1895. During December the office was busy with the budget. On the 22nd January 1896 when the first meeting was held after the Christmas recess, the lists of voters and councillors were presented and the enclos

The date fixed was 30th November. Vide 1984th & 1757th 23-5-92.

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py of the resolution gives information as to the councillors to whom they were referred for correction. Some councillors returned the lists in time and others late. It was during May that the lists were published at the Municipal office and at some ~~convenient~~ conspicuous place in the wards. Only three objections were received in regard to omissions. But as these were really no omissions, there was no necessity to call a meeting for hearing the same under rule 10. In all respects the lists were thoroughly revised by the councillors to whom they had been entrusted.

date? The manager of the municl office states it was about the end of May — while they had been 10 days after delivery to the chairman —

They might have been published earlier but the changes that had taken place in the personnel of the head of the Executive, seems to have contributed to the delay. My appointment was gazetted only on the 2nd June 1896.

I beg to assure you that every endeavour will

will be made to make these records perfect and to ensure their early publicati in future.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your most obedient Servant

(Signed) T. S. Sivaswamy Odayar

Chairman.

(True Copy)

T. M. Sivagnanam Pillai

15/7

For Collector.

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TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

No. 2098 / Rev of 1896. ~~Camp,~~ 13th July 1896.

LOCAL [illegible]
CURRENT No. 2071 M

FROM

G. Stokes ESQUIRE,
COLLECTOR,
Tanjore,

TO

The Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the report of the Chairman of the Kumbakonam Municipality on the elections held on the 22nd and 23rd June last for filling up the marginally noted vacancies in the Municipal Council.

No II. Pottamarai Ward.	2 vacancies
No IV Thovarankarichi Ward.	2 - do ✓
No V Brahmankoil Ward.	2 - do ✓
No VI Mahamagatank Ward.	1 vacancy
No VII. Melakkaveri Ward.	"
	7 vacancies

2. The election of the candidates so far as Wards Nos IV and V are concerned ~~are~~ is unobjected to and the same may therefore be confirmed and the names of the successful men ordered to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

3. Of the two vacancies in Ward No IV only on
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was filled up; the other having been transferred to Ward No. VII as per Government Order No. 1670 M dated 8th November 1894.

4. In Ward No. II, the election of M. R. Ry. Annamanoor Ramalinga Chettiar Avergal is unopposed, but that of M. R. Ry. T. S. Ganapathi Aiyar was objected to by one Krishnamachariar a defeated candidate. The objections as contained in the petition are:—(1) the improper rejection of voting papers, (2) the improper admission of votes, (3) M. R. Ry. T. S. Ganapathi Aiyar's ineligibility to stand as a candidate owing to his having been convicted of a criminal offence. The objections were enquired into by me at Kumbakonam on the 7th Instant. In the course of the enquiry, the objector withdrew the 3rd charge against M. R. Ry. T. S. Ganapathi Aiyar, viz. his having been convicted of a criminal offence. The first objection related to four papers disallowed by the Chairman. Of these I considered two to have been improperly disallowed. One because it was quite plain on its face what the vote was and the blot over one name was plainly due to the folding of the paper, and in the case of the other I allowed the signature, because it seems to me that the last clause after the words "who shall" of rule 26 prescribes what the polling officer, not the candidate, is to do. If it is held to refer to the candidate 50 per cent of the voting papers must be disallowed. The second objection related to two papers. In regard to one it was objected that in the voters' list his name was shewn as Govindasami Pillai whereas he signed as Govindasami Naidoo, and in regard to the other, that his name Marutha Pillai was an interpolation in the voters' list. After I had proceeded someway with the inquiry, it came to my notice that there were no valid voters' lists in the Municipality at the time of the election, (Vide Chairman's letter No. 216 dated 10th July 1896 copy enclosed) and that therefore what was entered in the lists produced was of no consequence. I do not think that this defect invalidate

But the irregularities here referred do not invalidate the lists Vide G.O. No. 25 M
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159+2
= 161

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invalidates the election, however, because the voters' lists, it seems to one, are only intended and useful for the guidance of the polling officer and to prevent the improper admission of votes. But unless it is established against a vote that it has been recorded by a person who was not entitled to vote, of which his name not being in the voters' list would be conclusive proof, I think that the voters' list is of no consequence. Both candidates have stated that they did not object to the voting papers on the ground that the person who recorded the votes was not entitled to vote and I have therefore included both these papers in the count which I have made. The result of the recounting which I made after the scrutiny of the papers described above was that I found 161 votes for M. R. Ry ~~Vaithinatha Aiyar~~ Krishnamachariar and 160, inclusive of the paper marked A separately filed, for his opponent M. R. Ry. T. S. Ganapathi Aiyar. I conducted the recount as follows:- I divided all the voting papers 319 into 10 bundles of 30 and one of 19 distinguished as Nos 1 to 11. I read out and the clerk tabulated each bundle. When the first calculation was completed, I put it aside and I counted each bundle again in the same way. I

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No, as an [illegible] can be [illegible] on [illegible] of the (grounds specified in R.O. 36 (b) of the Election Rules).

No. V.D.C. 90. No. 644 m
15.6.88

compared the result of each tabulation and reconciled any difference. I have no hesitation therefore in saying that my count is correct. I recommend therefore that M. R. Ry. T. Krishnamachariar be declared to have been duly elected, his election approved and confirmed and his name published in the Gazette.

5. The vacancy in Ward No. VII caused by the transfer of one of the vacancies from Ward No. IV was filled up by M. R. Ry. Sivaswami Odayar, the present Chairman. Against this election, M. R. Ry. M. R. Swaminatha Aiyaravl, a defeated candidate and M. R. Ry. K. Vaithinatha Aiyar Avergal, a councillor, raise objection
on the ground that M. R. Ry. Sivaswami Od
-yar being already a councillor could not hav
legally stood for election before he resigne
the councillorship he ~~had~~ already ~~been~~ hold
-ing. Again M. R. Ry. K. Vaithinatha Aiya
objects to M. R. Ry. Sivaswami Odayar
having, as councillor and chairman, looked
into the ballot papers received in connecti
with his election on the ground of policy of sec

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to be maintained with respect to voting. The objection on the first head is not a valid one. Vide orders noted on the margin. As to the second objection, I think, the procedure not being expressly prohibited by the rules cannot be condemned as illegal so as to declare the election invalid on that account. M. R. Ry. Sivaswami Odayar's election may therefore be confirmed and his name ordered to be published along with the other successful candidates.

Statement of objects and reasons printed at page 18 of Government Order No. 256 M dated 24th February 1893 on the amendment of section 13 of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884.

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6. One Harikrishna Chetti a defeated candidate of Ward No. VI has presented an objection petition on the 8th and this will be enquired into and the result reported later on. The records connected with the enquiry made on the 7th as per list enclosed are herewith submitted.

Vide G.O. 2306 m/96

I have the honour to be
Sir,
your most obedient Servant
J. Uhlers?
RO
SR
for Collector

invalidates the election, however, because the

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2071 M

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414 mg6
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1670 mg44

165 mg4
307 mg4
897 mg3
835 mg3

705 mg3
256 mg2
1876 mg0
610 m88

~~From~~

~~The Collector of~~
Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Local and Munl. Deptt.
Madras

Dated 13th
Despd. 16th
Recd. 17 JUL 96
} July 1896

No. 2098/Rev of 1896.

Enclosure 1 bundle of
records as per list.

Subject.

Reporting on the result
of the enquiry made into
the objection petitions
against the elections of the
Kumbakonam Munici-
pality held on 22nd and

From

THE COLLECTOR OF

Tanjore,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER

OF

Madras.

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ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2171 M

To

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
FORT SAINT GEORGE
MADRAS.

Most Honored Sir,

I T. S. Ganapathy Iyer a Candidate for the Municipal Councillor's place Kumbakonam at the last election held on the 22nd June, most humbly beg to submit to Your Excellency's kind consideration the following few facts in connection therewith.

1. According to rule 26 of Act 4 of 1884 the signature of the elector in the ballot
paper should be legible. On the evening of the election when the votes were checked and
counted by the Chairman with the Councillors called in under rule 31, two of the voting
papers of my opponent were rejected by the Chairman and the Councillors, as illegible.

2. The Collector however when he heard the objection petition, declared these
two votes in favor of my opponent. I beg to submit to your Excellency's kind considera-
tion that under rule 31 the power to decide the legibility of a voter's signature, rests
exclusively with the Chairman. Even if it be otherwise the fact that the Chairman and
the Councillors fully acquainted with Tamil have rejected the papers as illegible
is in itself a recommendation in my favor for requesting Your Excellency to examine the
two voting papers referred to, which have been marked by the Chairman and the Collector
which could be easily identified.

3. On the evening of the election the Chairman and two Councillors called under
rule 31 in the presence of several other Councillors present on the occasion the voting
papers were counted between 5 and 8-30 P. M. 4 times by 8 persons constantly comparing
the figures with each other and the result as declared by the Chairman was, that I obtained
161 votes and my opponent 159. But on the day when the Collector heard the objection
petition two of the voting papers referred to in para I and rejected by the Chairman
and Councillors were found valid and added by the Collector in favor of my opponent.
None, of my votes of the 161 declared by the Chairman valid, were rejected by the
Collector. Then my votes and my opponent's votes come to each 161 and thus they ought
to be equal. The Collector however on the day when he heard the objection petition declared
that I got 159 votes and my opponent 161. What became of my two votes is thus inexpli-
cable. I beg also to submit that the Collector himself had to count the voting papers from
1 P. M to 5-30 P. M. 4 times and on each of these occasions he had different results and
he took the last result as the final decision.

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4. And on the 3rd day after the decision was given by the Collector I personally presented a petition to him stating that my votes cannot be 159 but must be 161 since none of my votes were rejected by him. The voting papers sent to the Collector by the Chairman were 322 but the actual papers with the Collector cannot be 321 as it is now. So the only paper that was lost was mine and cannot be my opponent's. I beg to submit to Your Excellency that the loss of this voting paper of mine is inconceivable. I don't know what report the Collector has submitted to Your Excellency regarding these points.

5. The number of ballot papers printed at the Municipal Office for the election were 464. The No. of papers returned by the Polling Officer as unused is 142. The number of ballot papers used by the Polling Officer was 322 as carefully counted the other day. I therefore most humbly assure Your Excellency that there was no mistake either in the counting of the Chairman and the Councillors or in the examination of the Collector. I beg to submit further to Your Excellency that the Collector has so carefully stitched the voting papers into 12 books. 10 books each containing 30 papers, one 19 and one 2. So there is no mistake in his counting. I think before the papers reached the Collector one of my voting papers has disappeared. I beg to bring to Your Excellency's benign consideration this most important point.

6. One of my voters by mistake struck off my name. Immediately he represented this mistake to the Polling Officer who, I am given to understand has initialled it or allowed the voter to initial it to say that my name is retained and not struck off. I believe this is one of the votes that is wanting for me and the other is *that one* referred to in para 5. This is the only explanation I can give for the loss of my two votes.

7. Since printing this petition I have received a memo from the Collector in reply to my petition referred to in para 4, stating that the missing vote had been discovered and that it has been added in my favor, thus making my votes 160. The only vote now under contention is the one referred to in para 5.

Under these circumstances, considering that there has been so much confusion I most humbly request Your Excellency will be pleased to cancel the election and order a fresh one so that our cases may be dealt with on their merits.

For which act of kindness and charity, I shall in duty bound and ever pray.

I beg to remain
Your Excellency's most obedient &
humble servant

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T. S. Ganapathy Iyer
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From

T. S. Ganapatty Aiyar,
Kumbakonam.

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Praying that, under the circumstances stated, the election held on the 22nd June 1896 may be cancelled & a fresh one may be ordered.

Tanjore Sub Collector Office
Kumbakonam 1st August 96.

Disposal
No. $\frac{1712}{Rev}$ of 96

From W. B. Ayling Esquire
Ag. Sub Collector of Tanjore

To The Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

With reference to your Ref on Petition Register No. $\frac{1703}{Rev}$ dated 17 July 1896, I have the honour to state that the packet of votes was this day opened by me in the presence of the Candidates and Chairman and the votes counted in the manner prescribed in your Endorsement under reference. There ~~was~~ were no differences in the two Counts, and the result was:-

For Mr Dorasami Chettiar . 89
" Hari Krishna Chettiar 86
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The petition is herewith returned together with the record of my two Counts. The Voting papers will be forwarded in a separate Registered Cover.

I have etc

(Signed) W. B. Ayling

A/Sub Collector

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From
The Collector of
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To The Chief Secretary
to Government
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Dated 4 August 96

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TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

No. 2572/Rev of 96 ~~Camp~~ Vallam, 4 August 1896.

FROM

G. Stokes ESQUIRE,
COLLECTOR,
TANJORE,

TO

The Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

SIR,

In Continuation of para 6 of my letter No 2098/Rev dated 13 July 1896, I have the honour to report that the only ground of objection of ~~Hari~~ Krishna Chetty to MRRy Dorasami chettiar's election was that the Chairman being a friend of the latter, had left out many votes in his favour from Counting. I directed the Sub Collector to make a

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recount of the votes in the presence of the Chairman, objector and the Successful Candidate in the — manner described in para 4 of the above letter and the result was that Dorasami Chettiar had 89 votes and HariKrishna Chettiar 86 votes.

I therefor request that the Election of MRRy Dorasami Chettiar may be Confirmed and his name ordered to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette

2. Copy of the Sub Collector's letter Embodying the result of his Count is Enclosed for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

P K Dadachanji

For Collector

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From

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The Chief Secretary

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Reporting on the result of the Enquiry made into the objection against the Election of M.R.Ry Dorasami Chettiar in Ward No. VI of Kumba-konam Taluk.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF
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THE SECRETARY
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