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[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal dues Communicating to the Chair-
man Municipal Council Bangalore
remarks of the Collector regarding the procedure
to be adopted for realizing — from persons
living outside the Municipal limits but
carrying on trade within them

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CURRENT No. 2551/M

From

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Order No 1677 Mmis of 1st Oct. 1896

The Collector
Vizagapatam

The collector's remarks,
in which the Government
concur will be communicated
to the Chairman

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter no 104
dated 14th August 1896
of the Chairman Municipal
Council, Vizianagaram
requesting instructions
as to the procedure to be
adopted in realizing
dues from persons living
outside the Municipal limits
but carrying trade in the town.

To

The Chairman Vizianagaram
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Municipal Office,

No 104

Vizianagaram, 13th August 1896.
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From

THE CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VIZIANAGARAM.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the great difficulties that are being experienced, in collecting the municipal dues from persons living outside the municipal town but who exercise their professions regularly within the municipal limits and request that you will be so good as to lay this before the Government for necessary instructions as to how I should proceed in the realisation of such dues.

There are several villages surrounding the municipal town of Vizianagaram and many people living in them carry on their business or trade in the municipal limits, most of them selling their commodities in the markets within the municipal limits either every day or every day of fair that is held once a week. They are all assessed for their profession. Notices of demand are received by them most reluctantly but they do not choose to

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pay the tax to the municipality as they are under an impression that they are improperly taxed, not being the inhabitants of the town. The collection of these taxes generally falls in arrears. Distress warrants are issued against them but the officers entrusted with them remark that no property could be found in their possession within the municipal limits. Section 109 provides that property found anywhere within the municipal limits should be attached; but as the parties are not the residents of the town, no other property could be found than those brought by them for trade. I have endeavoured to attach these, but they generally guard themselves against such attachment pleading on every occasion that the commodities were sold and even producing on such occasion the so-called purchasers to claim the property if attached. Even those inhabitants of our neighbouring villages who carry on business every day in the town find it possible to annoy the municipality on the same plea. The collection of taxes in these cases becomes a matter of great difficulty and for the most part, the arrears in this municipality cover largely the taxes due from them. In the rough notes given by the Assistant Inspectors of Local Fund Accounts called the manual of municipal accounts it is said that the Collector should

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be addressed to recover the dues in all such cases. I do not see my way under what section of the act, I can persuade the Collector to collect the amounts due from parties living outside the municipality. The only means left is to prosecute them before the Magistrate, but the act provides that no person should be prosecuted before enforcing the distress while the municipal Act does not empower the Council to enforce the distress on persons living outside the limits. I therefore request you most respectfully to lay this matter before Government and communicate their orders on the subject.

I have the honor to be
sir,

Your most obedient servant

T. Venkataswami
Chairman M.C.