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G.O., No. 1713 M

DATED 7th Oct 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petitions Recording the petitions against M. R. Ry P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Chairman of the Trichinopoly Municipal Council

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From T. M. Ramachandra Rao & others
Trichinopoly

Order No 1713 Mmcl dt 7-10-96
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V.P. 2/10/96 W.D.S. 8.10.96

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Dated 24-8-96

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Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Complaining against the Chairman of the Trichinopoly Municipality; and praying that a Tahasildar of Pattukottai may be appointed to hold an enquiry into the charges framed against the Chairman

Lodged pending receipt of the Tahasildar's report.

V.P. 2/12/96 W.D.S. 2/12/96

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Local & Municipal Dept.
SECRET CURRENT No. 1557
CHIEF SECRETARY
26. MAY. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Trichinopoly
14th May 1896.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
Local and Municipal department
Stone House hill
Ootacamund.

From

The rate payers of the Trichinopoly
Municipality

Respected Sir

Our municipal Chairman
Mr Singaravelu Pillai appointed to be
a whole-timed paid Chairman is very
unpopular. His moral conduct is
very bad. Hands not clean. He
has got all vices. Encroachments
encouraged. Large amounts written off.
Expenditure exhorbitent and increased
without any principle and there is no
proper scrutiny. Reduction in estab-
-blishment not done purposely. More
unworthy and dismissed hands entar-
-tained through favoritism and other
illegal and unlawful motives.

Chairman absents himself
from the town very often in pleasure
trips and does not attend office at
all and sometimes very rarely about
4 P.M in the evening. The roads are

very bad. Sanitation much neg
Contractors are not checked and
are boosem friends. Street ac
to his house and private talks co
for hours. Supply of every natu
freely received. He pranketh
his favourite of Mr Bliss and
he could do and undo anything
the Government. He comes there
influence with the members of
Council. Major under circulatio
would soon follow. If Chairman
continue, there would be a heavy b
to the Council. It would be a bl
to the town if he is removed soon
elsewhere.

We beg to rema
Respected
Your most obedient ser
V. M. Ramachandra
S. K. Venkatarama

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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 2342/96

Order

From

Muhammad Assadullah Sahib &
other Municipal Councillors
Trichinopoly.

No.

Dated 1-8-96

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks on the Chairman's proposals for the remodelling of the office establishment of the Trichinopoly Municipality.

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No. 1345

To

His Excellency The Right Honorable
The Governor-in-Council
Fort St George
Madras.

The humble petition of the members
of the Municipal Council of Trichi-
-nopoly

May it please your Noble Excellency,

In its meeting of yesterday
the Municipal Council by a
majority of 11 against 8 adopted
some suggestions put forward by
the Chairman for the remodelling
of the office establishment. Amidst the
subjects contemplated, the appoint-
-ment of a Secretary on a pay of
Rs 150 to 200 per mensem forms
a conspicuous feature. The dissen
8 members wanted that as the cha
proposed were of a very important
character, the matter should first

be discussed by a subcommittee consisting of the Division officer, the Chairman and of a few Councillors who could lay claim to some practical experience.

Our reasons for the said amendment were based upon the following among other grounds:—

1. The papers connected with the subject have not had sufficient circulation and some of the members of the Council had not time for bestowing sufficient consideration upon the points involved. As a matter of fact some Councillors got notice of the meeting only on the morning an hour previously to the meeting and of course had no time even to make themselves acquainted with the contents of the long letter.

2. It is not more than 10 months since Government declared it a full-time Chairman was necessary to this Municipality. Though Councillors and the people have already come to a conclusion as to it a boon the present Chairman is, Government has not had sufficient time

time to form its own opinion as to the result of the experiment which it sanctioned only so recently. The out-voted minority thought that it was still premature to send up to Government the proposition which means practically the abolition of the Paid Chairmanship.

3. The Chairman says in his draft letter that the contemplated paid Secretary would to a great extent relieve the Chairman — according to him it is to be an honorary but nominated Chairman — of his administrative and executive duties. This could be done only by delegation under S. 32 of the Act and we entertain serious doubts whether delegation could lawfully be effected in favour of one that is only a Servant and not a Councillor.

4. It was only with a view to relieve the Chairman of his onerous duties the Council recently Sanctioned a Supervisor on Rs 150 with

with Clerks & peons. If at the time this Supervisorship was sanctioned it had been known that there would be a paid Secretary on Rs 200 denoting his full time to the Municipality the Council would most probably have thought twice before Sanctioning the high paid appointment with its costly appurtenances. Seeing that there was to be a Secretary, the Council would have contented itself with an overseer on Rs 55.

Reading between the lines of G.O 245 m dated 16 Febry 95 paras 2,3 it seems to one that even in the view of Government the appointment of a Health officer-here corresponding to the Supervisor — would be an unnecessary luxury during the existence of a Paid Council full time Chairman. The has besides already Sanctioned though in our view unnecessarily and against the terms of the G.O—some addition to the out-door establishment some months ago in the shape of 3 or 4 extra Sanitary Inspectors and / though the resolution

resolution Sanctioning it uses the language of diplomacy and calls it a "temporary measure"

5. When the proposal was made on the 30th ultimo in the meeting to refer the matter to a Sub Committee it was pointed out to the Chairman that some changes will be necessitated in the outdoor establishment also. It is sheer waste of money to keep up the present large No of the so-called Sanitary Inspectors who do not understand the principles of Hygeine. Seeing that there is a large No of bill Collectors the No of the Inspectors may be reduced and a few educated & specially trained men on decent pay may be appointed But this of Course proved a voice in the wilderness.

6. The Municipal Amendment Act has yet to be passed and the question of a paid Secretary and what his powers and duties will be etc yet remain to be decided by Gov

Statement shewing the establishment at present & as

Present	'Revised'	Pay		
		Present	Proposed	
Paid Chairman —	{Honorary Chairman (nominated) / Secretary}	" / 350	175+50*	* Rs 50 is the horse allowance proposed for the nominated Chairman —
Manager	Head Clerk	80	55	
Chief Correspondence Clerk	2d Clerk. (Register & Despatch)	25	30	
Asstt do	4th clerk. (Records, forms, stationery)	15	15	
Petition clerk	3d clerk (Petition)	20	20	
Accountant	Hd Accountant	40	45	
House Tax clerk	2d Accountant	25	30	
Profession Tax clerk	3d Accountant	20	25	
License clerk	4th Accountant (Wheel Tax)	20	20	
Private Scavenging clerk	5th Accountant	15	15	This clerk was thought unnecessary (Please vide Council's budget proposals) on the Chairman's suggestion.
Cash keeper.	Cash keeper	30	25.	
Mochi & despatching clerk	Mochi & Attender.	10.	10.	

under any other name. At present each clerk is distinguished by the particular work he is entrusted with e.g. House Tax clerk, Profession Tax clerk Petition clerk, License clerk, chief Correspondence clerk, Assistant Correspondence clerk Registration clerk etc. We most respectfully beg to submit that we fail to see any revision in their being called I Clerk, Second clerk etc. (with a few words within brackets to explain their work). The designations that they bear at present are the most suitable and convenient in that they indicate the work they are in charge of.

One is inclined to suspect that in the proposals formulated by the Chairman there is trace of a desire on the Chairman part to Scuttle out of this God-forsaken municipality. He therefore very artfully recommends the appointment of a Secretary "to replace the manager", but Curiously enough wants to have a Head Clerk on 60 Rs who is to be "a graduate 'if possible' of some years' standing". There is no revision here. The Secretar

Secretary though ostensibly is said to replace the manager as a matter of fact replaces the present paid Chairman By various letters written to Government the Chairman made the Government to believe that a thorough revision of the establishment was necessary and when Government wanted him to send up his proposals he quietly gives the Servants forming the present establishment different names with slight alteration in pay and forwards a long letter which contains his experiences of Municipality and gives the Government his revision not of the establishment but of the Constitution of the Council itself. Government did not want to be told that there are in this town many respectable retired officials etc who could be nominated Chairmen with an allowance of Rs 50 etc

We believe we have sufficiently dwelt on the proposals of the Chairman to shew that they do not deserve to be called 'revision' In fact no revision can be complete and productive of any good unless effect is given to Dr King's suggestions with regard to

to the out-door establishment also. For Collection of Taxes there are Separate bill Collectors. In our humble opinion they draw very low pay Rs 12. This must be increased a bit and a few more bill Collectors added to the staff to cope with the increased work on account of the Water Tax

The large no. of the present so-called Sanitary Inspectors ought to be sent home or may be reduced as bill Collectors in Consideration of their long service. They are men with no knowledge of Hygiene They are a Source of positive evil They get scanty pay and connive at encroachments and other irregularities. These may be replaced by four passed men on good pay on Rs 35 + 15. Hospital assistants may be appointed If these are made to maintain horses each Inspector may be made to look after the Sanitation purely of 2 wards. and they will have a guiding hand in the Supervisor. Eurasians

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are preferrable for this work as they have much pluck and go in them and are feared by the people. Unless the out-door establishment is revised in the above manner we are fully confident that all efforts towards improvements will be fruitless.

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after a careful & thorough and impartial enquiry into the circumstances which led to its recent unmerited disenfranchisement and hence the is the Council which will be thus formed and which will be held responsible for the proper administration of the municipality under the amended Act, to be free to deal with the revision of the establishment and other reforms without its hands being fettered by the previous actions of the Paid Chairman.

We have already proved by the tabular statement that there is no revision in the present proposals of the Chairman. Even this containing the so-called revision of the establishment was carried through the Council by dint of actual bullying on the part of the Chairman with a few nominated Councillors

How far these gentlemen were Competent to deal with the subject may be inferred from the fact that Lieut Scott Elliot who is assumed to have voted with the majority took his seat on the Council for the first time having been recently nominated by Govt and who kept silent during the whole proceedings.

Some of the other Councillors who voted with the majority were under the impression that to vote for the amendment was doing a disservice to the Chairman personally in return for the favours conferred on them. one Councillor M. R. R. Aiyahamy Pillai averyal who was placed in charge of the 8th ward 2 or 3 days previous to the meeting has been deprived of the charge of the ward 2 days after the meeting for which he absented himself. This ward has been given back to a Councillor who supported the proposals of the Chairman. This Councillor had also made an encroachment in front of his house for which a penal rent was imposed by the Council a few years ago. This penal rent has also been excused.

The Chairman has ordered a drain which takes off the surplus water from the private garden of a Councillor who supported him to be cut open and cleaned out by municipal coolies while the question as to the necessity for so doing is pending consideration before

efore a Sub. Committee appointed by the
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gainst the employment of municipal men
this private purpose are unheeded by
e Chairman.

Another Councillor Mahommed
rajudeen Sahel Bahadur whose son is employed
the municipality as a Sanitary Inspector
first voted for the amendment; but while
ounting the votes the chairman slipped
ere and said "what Sirajudeen Sahel! you
lso vote for the amendment". Whereupon
down went the uplifted hand like that
f a Semaphore and thus was another vote
gained for the majority.

The proposals contained in the Chairman's
etter are not at all suitable to the existing
tate of affairs. The Code is prohibitive. They are
ot in conformity with the Present Act nor will
hey fit into the frame work of the proposed one.
The Scheme has been hastily drawn up by the
hairman immediately on his return from
adras from his privilege leave and hurriedly
assed through the Council.

In his letter to Govt the chairman
remarks that the accounts of the municipality
re in confusion. To the same effect he wrote
Govt in a former letter read in G.O 703 M.
ated 27th April in which he has also made the
ollowing statements.

1. That the accounts of the municipality were in a chaotic state.
2. That the manager of the office was responsible for the same
3. That the chairman was trying to rectify the defects.
4. That his attempts in this direction proved

proved difficult for want of the necessary records.

5. That such records were destroyed by the manager.

If Government will kindly peruse his subsequent letter No. 26/15.5.96 to Govt in 1028 Ms 186-96. will be seen how completely he withdraws from his former position and recalls his previous statements against the office and insinuations against the previous administration. The fact is he never cared to look into the accounts — these are Greek to him — nor found any records relating to accounts missing. At that time he was entirely in the hands of a party among the Council and made statements at random affecting the establishment to which that faction was hostile. In his second letter No 26 he withdrew his remarks against the office, having found his position untenable. How he

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a clerk on Rs 10 under Mr. Johnstone the former overseer. Although the Chairman has been here these 8 months he has not taken steps to have him replaced by a professional man. By refusing to bring before the Council the Debate of the division of duties among Councillors as per Sec. 38 of the Municipal Act he refuses to allow to Councillors the right of supervising & checking the work of the subordinates

If Government will kindly call for a Statement shewing the condition of the municipal finances at present and the state in which it was when the present Chairman assumed charge it will prove the extravagant way in which the public money has been dealt with.

In this Connection we would humbly invite your Excellency's attention to the manner in which the various Contracts were disposed of which have resulted in loss to the municipality The fire wood Supply Contract, the Rubbish Carts Supply Contract, the Printing Contract, each has its own history to tell. Although there were several men who tendered for rates more

more favorable to the Council the Contract for the Supply of fire wood was given away at the high rate of Rs 9 per ton. Even the fuel now supplied is of very inferior quality to that agreed upon The protests of the Councillors at the meeting to accept the lowest tender offered by equally reliable Contractors were silenced by the Chairman and his friend Mr. Annasami Mudaliyar.

Your Excellency's humble petitioners beg permission to resume to another letter the history of all the Contracts Under the present regime expenditure has increased by leaps and bounds without any benefit to the rate payers. People with one voice clamour for the restoration of the elective privilege which was taken away from them by Govt. in September last. When the elective system was in force every Councillor took interest in the administration. Public opinion and

and popular odium was an effective
a check against any vagaries But now
th the Council has already 12 nominated
C members and unless your Excellency
fu kindly intervenes and looks to the
n dying plank of Local Self Govern-
r ment the no of nominated Councillors
c will soon become 16 against the sanctioned
c strength of 24 members.

Candidates for municipal
c honors who have been repeatedly
c thrown out by the elections of all the
c wards and who were able to secure
c only 3 or 4 votes in each contested
c election are now on the Council by
nomination; and your Lordship may
see what regard the rate-payers
will have towards such members
and in what spirit will carry on
the administration.

In conclusion we most
respectfully beg your Excellency
in Council will be most gracious
ly pleased to accord your Lord-
ship's gracious Consideration to
the facts

above set forth and to pass
favorable orders and thus encourage
and foster Local Self Government
in this important city which has
been in the enjoyment of the
much valued privilege of electing
its Councillors and Chairmen for
many years since 1889.

With every sentiment of
Profound Respect and Loyalty
We beg to remain
Your Excellency's most obedient
and humble Servants

Trichinopoly
1. August 96.

Md-Asadullah

S. Ramanathaswamy

T.S. Umamahaswaraiyar

To

H. E. The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St George.

From

The Members of the
Municipal Council
Trichinopoly.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Recd.

August 1896.

Subject

Chairman's Revision Proposals.

Submitting remarks on the ——— of the establishment Trichinopoly Municipality.

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

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SUBJECT.

Praying that in the circumstances stated Govt. may be pleased to pass orders that men of suspicious character and those who had been once found guilty, suspended or dismissed and unqualified persons must not be entertained in the Municipality.

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TRICHINOPOLY 30TH JULY 1896

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
G.O. No. 2361/96

To,

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
FORT SAINT GEORGE
MADRAS.

CHIEF SECRETARY
14 AUG. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The humble Memorial of the rate payers of the town of Trichinopoly Municipality.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.—

THE Government was pleased to condemn the late administration of our Municipality by the late elected Chairman Mr. S. T. Rungasawmi Aiyar on valid and substantial reasons and provided for better administration a whole timed paid Chairman on a large salary including contribution allowance of about Rs. 300 a month.

The late Chairman was removed in the middle of September 1895 and the Divisional Officer took charge and continued till the middle of December and was succeeded by the present Chairman Mr. Singaravelu Pillay who is in charge of the town for the last six months or more. The Government fully expected from this Chairman better administration, strict supervision, speady collections and econonical expenditure.

During the time of the late Chairman the permanent Overseer Mr. Johnston died in the beginning of 1895 and the Overseer's clerk one Arunachellam Pillay on Rs. 10, was made Overseer who was drawing the full pay of Rs. 55+15 allowance. This state of things continued until it was observed by the Divisional Officer to be a great loss to the Municipality, reduced his pay from Rs. 70 to 35 and at the same time made publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette inviting applications for the post at a cost of Rs. 14; but about 60 or 70 applications were received and before he could select and appoint one of the lot he was succeeded by the present Chairman, who without giving any effect to the intention of the Divisional Officer allowed the above clerk to continue as overseer for some time and with the other half of Rs. 35 he had to appoint his own man as Sanitary Overseer to look after Sanitation and both the above appointments continue to the present day.

The Chairman had to remark about the above road overseer on several occasions *that a bit of a clerk on Rs.* 10 *had been devoloped into an Overseer* and even when a Memo placed by him to appoint the above Sanitary Overseer on Rs. 20+15 to be paid out of Rs. 70 fund for an overseer, he stated that the balance to go to the present man *to be called* road Overseer. This go to show that he was not satisfied with him being an unprofessional man among other reasons and hence reduced him to a Sanitary Inspector post and appointed one Mr. Chokkalingam Pillay of Tanjore as a Temporary Overseer for Rs. 35 in the month of February last.

When the Overseer Arunachellam Pillai was ordered to hand over the charge to the above Chokkalingam Pillai there was much difficulty and so the Chairman had to write him that he will be fined, suspended or dismissed if he does not deliver the charge within the limited period. All this will be seen from the Chairman's order book maintained by him and kept in the office. There were gross irregularities and heavy loss to the Council during the time he was an Overseer. There were no proper bills and vouchers. Road meterials a/

TRICHINOPOLY 30TH JULY 1896

To,

HIS EXCELLENCY
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
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The Chairman had to remark about the above road overseer on several occasions *that a bit of a clerk on Rs.* 10 *had been devoloped into an Overseer* and even when a Memo placed by him to appoint the above Sanitary Overseer on Rs. 20+15 to be paid out of Rs. 70 fund for an overseer, he stated that the balance to go to the present man *to be called* road Overseer. This go to show that he was not satisfied with him being an unprofessional man among other reasons and hence reduced him to a Sanitary Inspector post and appointed one Mr. Chokkalingam Pillay of Tanjore as a Temporary Overseer for Rs. 35 in the month of February last.

When the Overseer Arunachellam Pillai was ordered to hand over the charge to the above Chokkalingam Pillai there was much difficulty and so the Chairman had to write him that he will be fined, suspended or dismissed if he does not deliver the charge within the limited period. All this will be seen from the Chairman's order book maintained by him and kept in the office. There were gross irregularities and heavy loss to the Council during the time he was an Overseer. There were no proper bills and vouchers. Road meterials

were used in large quantity without being measured and bills had to be prepared many months after the measurement and execution of the work. There was no proper guarrantee for the materials received and the works done. There was no system of work and no work register kept.

The above Arunachellam Pillai was employed in South Indian Railway as a clerk under Mr. Nice, District Officer, and was dismissed on a serious charge of forgery and had to enter into the Municipality sometime after through favouritism.

The Big bazaar drains were repaired at a cost of Rs. 2000 departmentally by the above Overseer, when Mr. Minchin, Sanitary Engineer & Councillor examined he reported that the materials are bad, work not properly done, the chief thing for the drains that there is no proper level and that the amount spent is a loss to the Council.

Another work of repairing a tank in the third ward done in the same way at a cost of Rs. 1500 condemned by the Executive Engineer & Councillor Roscoe Allen Esquire.

Roads in the town are stated in the administration report now sent to be in a bad condition which are attended by the above so called overseer.

The temporary Overseer Chokkalingam Pillai a professional man of long experience in the department but little slow sure and correct in his works and strictly honest was not liked by the Chairman for some reason or other and so he had to resign the appointment Then the Chairman had to appoint the above Arunachallem Pillai with whom he had to be dissatisfied as stated above. The wisdom of so doing is unobservable to superficial observers; but we have strong reason to suspect in this connection as in some other cases also the Chairman's conduct.

We found that the present Chairman was very strict in the beginning with his subordinates and particularly with the contractors; but to our surprise we find him after a few days very friendly and very leanient, doing everything they require and passing over many gross irregularities and so heavy loss is put to the council by his actions. Such state of things could not be expected from a right minded and honest gentleman.

We therefore, humbly pray that the Government would be pleased to consider the forgoing circumstances and pass a general order that men of suspicious character and those who had been once found guilty, suspended or dismissed and unqualified persons must not be entertained in the Municipality, that the present Overseer Arunachellam Pillai, who is of a very suspicious nature & unqualified could not be appointed as a Municipal servant any longer and that a professional gentleman of experience be appointed to look after the Public Works Department which cost about one fifth of the revenue of the Council about Rs. 30,000.

We most humbly beg to remain,
Your Excellency's
Most Humble & Obedient Servants,

N. Ramasawmi Iyengar

(illegible)

and others

[L. & M. 500—13-8-06.]

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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Order

From

Kandaswami Modliar and others Trichinopoly

No.

Dated 3rd August

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to sanction a paid Secretary for their Council, to grant the privilege of election and to order a thorough revision of the office and outdoor establishment and to assist the Council towards the construction of the drainage system which is much felt.

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TRICHINOPOLY 3RD AUGUST 1896.

To,

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL
FORT SAINT GEORGE
MADRAS.

CHIEF SECRETARY
25 AUG 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The humble Memorial of the rate payers of the town of Trichinopoly Municipality.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.—

The draft proposal of the Chairman to revise the Municipal Office establishment was placed before the Council on the 30th July last; then objections were raised by some of the Councillors on the following grounds.

2. That as the subject ~~being~~ a very important one there must be wide circulation, that even some of the Councillors received the papers just an hour or so before the meeting time, that all the connected papers were not circulated or placed with the subject and that the subject be adjourned to another meeting for due consideration.

3. The above proposal was passed in spite of the above objections by a majority of 11 councillors over 8.

4. With reference to the aboye subject we beg to lay before Your Excellency the following facts for Your Excellency's favourable consideration and for such necessary actions towards better administration of our Municipality.

5. The above proposal deals with two important matters, one of the revision of the office establishment and the other the most important one regarding the constitution of the council and its executive head.

6. As regards the office revision the subject matter ought to have been taken up long ago and the excuses put forward by the Chairman in his previous correspondence to the Government are not substantial, but even the present revision seems to be a change in name and not the actual one pointed out by the various auditors in their audit notes, specially by Mr. Brito, who states in his audit notes for 1894-95 that there must be a thorough recast of the establishment, thereby meaning both the office and out-door establishments.

7. As matters stand at present it is an admitted fact that there must be revision both in the office and out-door establishments, and as the object of the revision is only with a view to better administration, proper scrutiny and reduced expenditure, the present so called revision of the office does not remedy any thing in the right direction, and it is therefore desirable that there must be a thorough

Overseer on Rs 10, again made an Overseer, turned out by the present Chairman on very serious charges of loss caused to the Municipality by him and re-entertained on some private motive.

(*b*). The cost of the water works approximately given by the Sanitary Engineer in his letter is Rs. 23052; in this amount fire-wood is included (*i e*) 140 tons for main and sub-pumping stations at Rs. 6-8-0 per ton. Tenders were invited for the above supply of Casuraina and Babul wood for one year and there were only two tenders and the same referred to the Assistant Sanitary Engineer and in the interval there were other applicants, without considering the lowest tender the contract was given to one Sivagnam Pillay at the highest rate for 5 years (Casuraina wood Rs. 9, Babul wood Rs. 8-8, and mixed wood Rs. 7.) The excess amount the Council is put to over and above the estimate is more than Rs. 3000 a year and almost Rs. 15,000 for 5 years; and again the loss by not giving to the lowest tender and also according to the wood now supplied is about Rs. 2500 a year or Rs, 12,500 for 5 years. This contract was given in a very upper hand manner making the Council to believe that the rates are lower than that of Tanjore and by not giving the rates of the Madura water works which is low, in spite of the serious objections of some of the Councillors, only with a view to favour his friend, without in the least consulting or caring the loss the Council is put to, whose interest he is bound to protect. Even after his giving the contract he passes (வெள்வெல்) Vellwal which are classed under mixed wood as Babul wood there by giving an increased rate and so his action is open to great suspecian as we have reasons to believe from the above facts.

16. As regards Grant II no attention whatever either for the improvement or cutting short of the expenditure towards that has been attended to.

17. Grant III. As regards Sanitation and medical services much was expected to be done as repeatedly pointed out by the Sanitary commissioner in his inspection notes and it is necessary to see what the substantial improvements that have been effected by the present Chairman.

(*a*) The rubbish, night soil and urinal carts were in a very deplorable condition and their working was very unsatisfactory. The Divisional officer when in charge undertook to revise them and even a portion of the rubbish carts were ordered to be built with a view to have the remainder also made and own them as Municipal property and have the supply of bulls and drivers on contract ; but the whole work was given on contract without due publication and tender to two contractors by the present Chairman. According to the original understanding the value of the 30 carts built at the cost of the Municipality was to be paid by the contractors immediately, which was not enforced. According to the terms of the Muchilika the contractors are not to sublease the supply of bullocks and drivers and the drivers all must be adult men and the pair of bullock worths Rs. 65 and they are to be approved by a Sanitary committee to be appointed for the purpose. None of the above stippulations were cared to be observed by the Chairman and the conduct of the Chairman towards the contractors is of an objectionable nature. The rates agreed to be paid by the Council is Rs. 17 and 16 for Rubbish carts and Rs. 15 for night-soil and urinal carts all of double bullocks. The

contractors have sub-leased the above supply of bulls and drivers from Rs. 11-4-0 to Rs 12-12-0 to different individuals belonging to the different wards, which is fully against the terms of the muchilika ; whilst this is known on the first day of April 1896 to the Chairman and Councillors and even when there was a proposition by some of the Councillors towards the above, the Chairman would not place the above before the Council to remedy the heavy loss. Instead of allowing the contractors to sub-lease with the different parties, the best course, that would have been adopted by the council, is to call out tenders ward by ward and arrange directly with the various individuals even giving the highest rates Rs 14 besides other expenses in the shape of supervision, even the cost to the council in all would not exceed Rs. 14-8-0; so the present loss to the council, by the Chairman's non-observance of the understanding, is about Rs 2,000 a year or Rs. 100,00 as the contract is for 5 years.

(*b*) Our Sanitary Inspectors are not educated people and have no knowledge of Hygine and all the existing encroachments are due to them and if they are allowed to continue any longer the encroachments would increase, as it is even done at present. The sooner we get rid of them the better it would be ; But in consideration of their long service they may be employed as Death and Birth registrars and newly appointed ones turned out. The pay of the Supervisor and his establishment, to look after sanitation and roads, amounts to Rs 204 a month The pay of the 8 Sanitary Inspectors as sanctioned in the budget amounts to Rs 135 and those of 3 others applied for sanction after two months, before the above system had been put into force, amounts to Rs. 52-8 and that of the Chief Sanitary Inspector including his allowance is Rs. 35 and so the present establishment excluding the supervisor and his department amounts to Rs. 222-8 and if the Supervisor's Department be divided into Health officer's and that of the road Overseer's department, the cost of the road Overseer and his department will cost the highest Rs 92 (Overseer's pay including allowance Rs 75, clerk Rs 10 and a luscar Rs. 7) and the balance would go to the Sanitary department which amounts to Rs. 112. The system now sanctioned by the Government for Madura Municipality at the recommendation of the Sanitary Commissioner, as we understand, is a Health officer on Rs. 100, and 4 Inspectors on Rs. 25 each with allowance of 12 Rs. each and so this establishment cost about Rs 260. When the Health officer or a supervisor is appointed the Chief Sanitary Inspector's post would become extinct and so the remaining portion we would have under the Sanitary department comes to Rs. 299-8. But the cost of the establishment as in Madura, if sanctioned by the Government in substitution of our present establishment would only amounts to Rs. 260, and so there would be a saving to the Council of Rs 39-8, which would be in the light of the Sanitary Commissioner as pointed out under the budget. It would be admitted that if the working of sanitation and roads be under different heads than under one, and each man held responsible for their own work, good work would be turned out in each department and the above revision ought to have been considered along the office establishment which has been fully neglected by the Chairman.

(*c*) There are two First Class and two Second Class Hospital Assistants in our Municipalities ; of them we have one Second class at Woriyur and the rest in the main Hospital. The two second class stated above would become first in the course of a year or so. The Main Hospital is daily attended by the District Sani-

tary officer and the Assistant Surgeon; and if one second and a third class appointed instead of one of the first it would fairly answer the purpose in the above direction effecting a saving of Rs. 30 a month. There is a matron on Rs. 40, linen clerk on Rs. 10 and if the linen is put in charge of the matron, as is done in Tanjore Municipality, which has more establishment than ours, the pay of the linen clerk would be a saving to the Council. If there had been a revision in this department, leaving aside the other minor ones there would be a saving to the Council in all Rs. 480 per year.

(*d*) The private scavenging system has not been introduced by the Chairman as submitted in the budget in the 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th wards and the 6 maistries now collecting fees, 1 for each for the 1st and 5th wards and 2 each for the 4th and 6th wards and are paid Rs. 7 each. The cost of the above maistries for the 4th and 6th wards amounts to Rs. 14 each, which is Rs. 2 over and above the House tax Bill Collectors. If the system had been introduced in all the wards and there had been proper supervision, there would be saving to the Council than it ends at a loss at present.

18. Grant IV (*a*) lighting. This is in charge of a Councillor as usual as the wards are.

(*b*) The revision of the market, cart stand &c. as stated above has been done by the Divisional officer. There is an increase of about Rs. 3500 a year and the same is now in direct charge of the Chairman for many reasons in preference to any of the wards, as was the case of official executives, who only with a view to have a personal knowledge of the wants, defects and the necessary improvements to be made for better administration which is not cared for by the Chairman and even in market much remains to be done towards the improvement by putting up new sheds and making other Sanitary arrangements towards the convenience of the public and if the same be undertaken and done there would be a further increase of Rs. 1000 a year. It would not be out of place to mention here the introduction of water pipes in the market and cart stand, which is much felt, has not been attended to when the same had been even pointed out by a Councillor, and this work, the Chairman has not thought to be an important and a necessary one towards the interest of the public, than introducing house-hold pipe to a Mirasdar of the town on account of his intimacy with him, that even before the bye-law had been sanctioned by the Government, overlooking the importance and general utility in such a public place as market.

(*c*) Printing which comes under other charges there is heavy loss to the Council by the action of the late and of the present official Chairman. Reference was made by the Auditors in 1891 pointing out that the whole of the printing of all the Municipalities in the Madras Presidency if done at the Jublee Press there will be uniformity of forms and economy in the shape of expenditure than being done by local printers. The late Chairman as was pointed out by one of the late Councillors gave the contract to one Ulaga Pillay though favouritism for 5 years and so the matter dropped, but the same pressed over and over by the different Auditors in each year and even the Accountant General and the Government impressed the same which is still pending disposal. The above contractor has nearly 10 months to complete his term of contract and when there was no necessity he

applied for extention of five years, but the present Chairman, who is in intimacy with him fully bent upon giving the same to him, but on the objection of one of the Councillors, tenders were invited, when there was even lowest tender, the same overlooked and given to the present Contractor for five years on the face of keen competition among the local printers and overlooking the remarks of the Auditors under the head of printing, and would not even place before the council the various remarks of the Auditors and of the Government purposely when the subject was considered soly to favour his friend. On account of the wilful action of the Chairman there is loss to the Council in the way of rates &c. to the extent of Rs. 1000 a year. Another serious charge against the present Chairman is that advances are given to him, when there is no necessity for it, in spite of the repeated observations of the Auditors. The Chairman does not like the idea of proper checking of the printer's bill by the accountant, which would appear from his order book kept in the office. The printer in preparing bills never attaches the forms ordered to be printed and so there is no means of proper check and in this direction also payments are made without proper scrutiny and these are matters deserving the best consideration and careful attention of the Chairman; but wilfully overlooked as properly remarked in the above open letter by a late Councillor.

19. As regards the supply of stationary also there is loss to the Council. If tenders had been called or purchased in open market, there would have been saving to the Council instead of the same being ordered to be supplied by the above printer, who gets it from Madras and gives with an additional profit. But in this connection we beg to submit if tender system had been observed in this branch and also in that of D. P. W. which is fully neglected, there would have been saving to the Council and these are matters that ought to have attrackted the attention of the Chairman than being pointed out, as he had been specially deputed by the Government to remedy the mal-administration of the late Chairman.

20. With reference to the revision of the office establishment mentioned in the Chairman's tabular statement, we beg to submit our observations for Your Excellency's kind consideration.

(*a*) The Chairman's allowance and pay with contribution amounts to Rs. 350 a month; and out of this he has provided Rs. 50 as allowance for the nominated honorary Chairman and Rs. 150 to Rs. 200 for a paid Secretary. The allowance provided seems to be a decent amount and it would be a very hard thing to have a nominated Chairman, as we have actually seen within a reasonable period how matters stand by an official administration, as would be clear to Your Excellency from what is stated here, and further on due inquiry, and examining the office records connected with the above administration and pray to grant the privilege of electing our own Chairman.

(*b*) As the paid Secretary is to have major portions of the executive power, the amount proposed for the starting is too low; and as he would have inspection duty, with allowance we propose the starting pay to be Rs. 200 with an annual increment of Rs. 10 or 15 to Rs. 250 and it is desirable that he must remain in the office without being disturbed atleast for 3 years. As this appointment rest with the Council it would be fair and reasonable that he must be of one elected out of the

gentries in the town or in the District. He must be of one not below the rank of a graduate, possessing a fair knowledge of the town. selected from the English Head Clerk in the Collector's office or a Tahsildar and he must be one who identifies himself with the interest of the town, feel for them, and try to do substantial benifit for the money collected from them, all of which could not be expected from an out sider who comes up only with the simple object of promotion and to better his prospects.

(*c*) As regards the Head Clerk substituted on Rs. 50 to 60 for the present Manager, he would not have much to do with drafting business, as there are already two supervising officers, a Chairman and a paid Secretary, and the correspondence to the Government is not too much to be shared by the head Clerk also and so his chief duty is to have a general supervision of the office and to maintain the cash-book himself which would enable him to have a fair knowledge of the whole day receipt and expenditure, as it has been over and over pointed out by the various Auditors. As the head Clerk in a Deputy Collector's Office, who are in charge of one or two Taluqs is paid only Rs 45 and we have graduates in the post, and as graduates are available at present, the decent pay would be Rs. 45 to 50 and not more. As the present manager would not be willing to go for this amount an out-sider is preferrable on various reasons as will be seen from the Audit reports about the office and the manager himself.

(*d*) The chief correspondence Clerk who draws Rs 25 is now made the 2nd Clerk on Rs. 30 and as the present encumbent is the only old servant of the Council and from whom any ready and correct information could be had on any branch of the Municipality deserves such promotion and he is eligible to be made even a head clerk as he is also an under graduate but a new commer could not be paid Rs. 30 and the starting pay must be Rs. 25.

(*e*) The present petition Clerk drawing Rs. 20 is stated as 3rd Clerk on the same pay and as his chief duty is only to docate the petitions and register them and not fair copying as pointed out by the Chairman and as he does not write a fair hand, he may be paid only Rs. 15.

(*f*) The 4th Clerk now provided on Rs. 15 is one in the place of a professional tax amin, although the same abolished, he was attending to private scavengering register and as he writes a good hand he may be a fair copying clerk as pointed out by the Chairman and also be in charge of the records which is in a very deplorable and irregular state and it is high time to amend matters in that direction; and if the same is not attended and one held responsible, we may be in want of necessary records as had been felt hitherto and the present appointment is the only new one that had been found out and added by the Chairman.

(*g*) The Accountant of this Municipality was getting Rs. 30, as it is the case of the accountant of the Local Fund Department of our District and the present accountant has not much work than in the Local Fund. Considering the long service of the late accountant he was given promotion of Rs. 5 at a time during his stay of 10 or 15 years and at last he was drawing Rs. 40 and so the starting pay of a new commer could not be Rs. 40 to 50 and as a portion of the work now done by the accountant, keeping of cash book, has been thought fit to be kept by the Head Clerk as stated above, his work is much reduced and as the present

accountant is only drawing Rs. 35, and Rs 30 may be made a starting amount rising to Rs. 40 in course of years when he turns out good works.

(*h*) The present house and land tax Clerk is paid Rs. 20 and is now called the 2nd accountant and Rs. 30 is provided which is too much and Rs. 25 would answer the purpose with an increase of Rs. 5 in course of years.

(*i*) The professional tax clerk, who was also attending to the miscellaneous license fees is made as 3rd accountant and the market register is ordered to be kept by him in lieu of the license and as he is one of the old servants without promotion, he may be paid Rs. 25 but for a new commer the pay must be Rs. 20 to 25 and not 25 Rs. as now pointed out by the Chairman.

(*j*) The present license tax clerk *i. e.* of Vehicles and animals is drawing Rs. 20 and his work is light and he may be put in charge of Miscleances license tax done by the former professional tax clerk without any change in the pay.

(*k*) Private scavengering clerk who was formerly a professional tax ameen is now made the 4th clerk and the 5th accountant is only a substitution of the old one, and a new man is to be appointed for the same.

(*l*) The pay of a shroff in a Taluq office is Rs. 15 and that of the nagari gumasta is Rs. 20. Portions of the above each is attended by the Cash keeper in the Municipal office. He is only a remitting officer of every day's receipt to the Taluq Treasury which is within a few yards, and no money is expected to be in his charge and his work is not heavier than that of the above shroff. Considering his responsibility, portion of writing to be kept and the security to be given his pay from 30 Rs. reduced to Rs. 20 seems to be a fair amount.

(*m*) As regards the Muchi whose pay is Rs. 10, he has no much work to attend to than an attender in a Collector's office or elsewhere and their pay is not more than Rs. 7 and so it may be reasonably reduced to Rs. 7.

(*n*) There are 4 peons at present: 3 on Rs. 7 and 1 on Rs. 6. of these 2 are expected to be in attendance at Chairman's and 2 in attendance in the office. As the present establishment is increased by the appointment of a paid Secretary and as he is expected to have office and out-door work. it is desirable that he must be provided with 2 peons and sanction for the appointment of 2 peons ought to have been included in the revision.

(*o*) There are 8 bill collectors for the collection of house and land tax and are paid Rs. 12 each; now the Bill Collectors of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th wards are burdened with an additional collection of water tax; and as the water system is to be introduced in the 2nd and 3rd wards also and they would have the same work as the others. The amounts now collected by each are large and when the water tax added increase it by more than half. Each of the Bill Collectors have given cash security of Rs. 100 and this may be raised to Rs. 200 to 250 and their pay raised to Rs. 15 which would be an inducement for speady collection and safety of the money.

The cost of the actual office establishment as paid at present amounts to Rs. 753 and that of the revision of the Chairman in name amounts to Rs. 603 and according to our observation it comes to Rs. 666. Although by the revision

of the Chairman there is a saving of Rs. 150, the present revision suggested by us only brings out a saving of Rs. 87-7 the fairness of them we submit for Your Excellency's consideration,

21. The encroachments in the town are too numerous and of highly objectionable nature and when the Government found out that encroachments at Conjeeveram to be numerous, a paid Chairman had been specially appointed to remove the same ; whilst our town is over crowded with numerous encroachments and as we have a paid Chairman, a Deputy Collector it is his bounden duty to see the existing encroachments removed in view of the repeated Government orders on the subject and even when the Government had been pleased to point out that steps must be taken so that the prescriptive time of 12 years may not be pleaded by the parties concerned, the Chairman had not done anything to remove the encroachments, but sorry to submit that even encroachments of objectionable nature are encouraged by the Chairman in some of the wards, as an instance of Veeramalai Pillai in the IVth ward.

We most humbly beg to submit for Your Excellency's kind and favourable consideration, that the proposal of the Chairman to sanction a paid Secretary for the Municipality is prematur when the question itself is pending before the Government and before the Municipal bill is passed into law, and as we expect the bill to be passed into law sooner, then the Council would be in a position to consider the subject in all its bearings, but however on account of the various defects pointed out in the present administration, we would be thankful to the Government to sanction a paid Secretary to be appointed by the Council from Government officers or others belonging to the District particularly of the town, who would have an identical interest at the welfare of the town and also to grant the privilege of electing our own Chairman, and further beg that Your Excellency would be graciously pleased to order to have a thorough revision of the office and out door establishment and to remedy the loss caused to the Council under the heads of rubbish and night soil carts &c., firewood, printing and other matters in all amounting to Rs/10,000 per year, on reference to the papers connected with them with the savings that would be arrived thereby Your Excellency's benine Government would be graciously pleased to assist the Council towards the constructionof the drainage system which is much felt.

We most humbly beg to remain,
Your Excellency's
Most humble & Obedient servants,

Kundasawmy Iyer

D. T. Sreenivasa Iyengar

B. A. Ramaswami Pillai

S. Arumuga Nayanar.

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1551 M of 1896, dated 24th May 1896 from the S.T.M. Ramachandra Chetty of Trichinopoly.

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do 2347 M 31st July 1896 Chairman Municipal Council Nilamani Nagar Chief Town

do 2364 M. 30 " " Ramaswami Naidu Chief Town

do 2444 M 3rd August 1896 Kondaswami Pillai Trichinopoly

R.M.

FOR ORDERS.

I respectfully submit that the municipal council may be required to submit its proposals for the revision of the office establishment after the Bill to amend the District Municipalities Act, which is now under consideration, is passed.

2. Orders are solicited as to what, if any notice should be taken of the several allegations made against the late Chairman M.R.Ry. P.S. Singaravelu Pillai, who has been appointed as Local Settlement Officer.

Until the amendment bill is passed proposals for the revision of the establishment are out of place - The present Chairman should submit ~~separately~~ what proposals for the separate revision of the establishment he considers necessary.

25/9/96

1.M. 15/9/96 The proposed revision of the establishment includes the appointment of a secretary on ~~Rs 150~~ Rs 150-200 to replace the paid chairman. This appointment would however be more suitably made after the passing of the Amending Bill. The accounts branch of the office appears to need urgent reform, & to put off the revision for an indefinite time (for the amending

may not become law for some considerable time) seems undesirable. This is what the Chairman proposed to do in his report (para 5) dealt with in G.O. 1028 Mis. dy 18-6-96, but as the passing of the Bill seems as far off as ever it is submitted that the revision may be carried out at once, with the exception of the appointment of a Secretary. The proposed establishment is rather large & involves the appointment of two more clerks. A statement, however, is put up showing the establishment maintained in the larger municipalities from which it will be seen that the proposed Estb: at Trichy, excluding the Secretary + paid Chairman, is small proportionately to its receipts in comparison with the other towns mentioned in the statement.

As Singaravelu Pillai is no longer chairman the petitions against him may perhaps be recorded.

WDS
23-9-96

× I think this may be done.

The case for a Secy. instead of a paid full time Chairman has not been made out, though Singaravelu Pillai produces the conviction that he himself has been a success. I have heard privately from Trichy that he did well BS

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