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Local & Munl. (1896.) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1763 M.

DATED 16-10-96.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Informing certain ratepayers of Walajapet that Govt. sees no reason to interfere in regard to their complaint against the Chairman of the municipality.

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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

CURRENT No. 3668 M

C.nos 3668 M/95, 24, 229,
448, 502 and 2628 M/96

C.S.
misc.

Order No. 1763 Mmis d/ 16.10.96

The petitioners will be informed ~~that the~~ Government sees no reason to interfere.

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From certain ratepayers, Wallajapet.

No. —

Dated 23.11.95.

Received 29.11.95.

Registered —

Enclosures one

Spare copies —

SUBJECT.

Complaining against the Chairman, MC, Wallajapet, & praying for his removal.

To

The Petitioners

" Collector of North Arcot
(with nineteen enclosures returned).

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Desp. 20/10/96

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Local & Municipal
CURRENT No. 3168 M

Walajapet:
23rd November 189

The Chief Secretary to Governme
Local and Municipal Departme
Fort Saint George;
Madras.

Office note
Submitted for orders
The Chairman may be asked to report on the allegations contained

Honored Sir,

With due deference, we th ratepapers of the Walajapet Municipa beg to bring the following grave irreg rities that are cropped up during the present régime of the Tahsilda Chairman to your honor's kind notic with a hope that our grievance s herein brought to light will receiv prompt redress.

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~~[illegible]~~

Forwarded to the Chairman Walaja Mcplty for very early report on the various points raised herein.
J. S. Hughes
24/12

Personal feelings and interested motives being allowed to prevail in the discharge of duties by a public body considered to be impartial in the eye of the law, a will be evident from the instanc noted below:—

1. The arbitrary, illegal a we have strong reason to beli spiteful [illegible] stationary of municipal [illegible]

sts The rea [illegible]

[illegible]

from one Murugappa Naicken on the plea of a license being necessary for his continuing to vend fruits Etc., in his long standing private shop at the entrance of the Municipal Market.

The only provision of the District Municipalities Act No IV of 1884 which gives the Council authority for the levy of such license fees is Section 198, but this is not applicable to the case in issue, or to any such other shops in the town, the approval of Government not having been ever sought, as required by Section 269.

2. The Chairman's independant procedure of granting permissions to the construction of houses and repairs is illegal as they were not put before the Council for sanction. The principle adopted by the Chairman in executing such orders is diametrically opposite to Section 2(3) viz:-

(a) Permission was refused [illegible] araja Iyer to renew his sun-shade pandal.

(b) Permission was refused to one Subbaraya Iyer to repair his house, without any ostensible grounds.

(c) Oral orders were given to T. Cuppuswami Chettiar, a Councillor and an influential man to erect a marriage pandal to stand more than 2 months, and subsequently, he was also ordered to erect a sun-shade pandal in front of his house

(d) Permission was refused to one Arzi Lingappa Chetty late Councillor and a wealthy banke to renew his long standing pan

(e.) Permission was grante to Mr R. M. Thanthoni Pillai a Councillo and a 2nd Grade Pleader, Mr Rama-chandra Rau Police Inspector, Mr Sub-bramani Iyer, manager, Head Assistant Collector's Office Ranipe and Mr Dasikha Chari Sub Registra of Assurances Walajapet, to erec a sun-shade pandal in fron of their houses to the grea + his prejudice of other aggrieved persons.

(f) at 7 stations [illegible] of municipal

posts. The reas

erected a stationary pandal and a stable abutting the street of his own accord without the previous sanction of the Council, and so also Mr Ramachandra Rau Police Inspector.

The construction of a stable in close proximity to the neighbouring houses to wit on the verandah is objectionable under the Bye-Law now in force. The Chairman and the Police Inspector who poses to be preservers of public peace are foremost in infringing the law. (Vide Section 31, Bye Laws under Act IV of 1884)

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(9) Personal orders were given to start a Dramatic Company here and the Dramatists are freely allowed to play 4 Dramas without a license in contravention to Act II of 1888 (Public Resort). The Chairman has also supplied one night gratuitously all the municipal Chairs attached to the Council's Chamber to the Dramatic Pandal for the occu-

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(6) [illegible] s present.

3. Section 171 of the Act convincingly discloses" that every person intending to build or take down any building or alter or repair the outward part of any building when any street or footway is likely to be obstructed or rendered inconvenient by means of such work * * * and as such, the context of the Section was misconstrued thus instituting prosecutions against persons who are failed to make an application beforehand for simply turning the tiles of the outer portion of their premises though there was no visible obstruction or inconvenience as a matter of fact. We can dare say, that not a single individual had hitherto been sought for permission in accordance with the true meaning laid down by our paternal Government in Section 171. In order to defeat the object of the law not less than 40 prosecutions of this kind have been instituted [illegible] the local Station [illegible] of municipal interests. The rea[illegible]

Magistrate Court and the Magistrate also without consulting the Act implicitly relies on the wardings of the Chairman, and he, in consequence indiscriminately inflicts heavy fines on the innocent rate payers ranging from annas four to Rupees two. The Chairman has sent a latter officially to the Sub Magistrate directing him to inflict heavy fines on the offenders seeing that the fines have hitherto been imposed are lenient and inadequate. We may here mention, that the Sub Magistrate is a right handed gentleman to the Chairman, and it therefor gives a wide scope to oppress the public at large.

I must see the judgments
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Further, Your honor may easily perceive from the fact, that 148 prosecutions of frivolous type are being made befor the Sub Magistrate on the 25th Ultimo, which are unprecedented and phenomenal, in short, beats all previous [illegible]

The office establishment is in a apple-pie order, and thoroughly renovated by men of his favourites; partly because, the Municipal Servants are either suspended or dismissed from the service on frivolous pretexts, and partly tendering applications for resignation in consideration of heavy fines; to wit; a Garden Superintendant drawing Rs 5 per mensem, was fined Rs 5 for a slight remissness in his duty.

4. Keeping the public in the dark by an extremely meagre publication of the business done at meetings (Vide 1894-95 on Trade and House Tax appeals) — thus frustrating the very object for which minutes are required by law to be printed and published.

(a) Proposals of vital importance are at the will of the Chairman abruptly and without due Notice brought before the Council and Resolutions are quickly passed thereon, and in the sample of instances of neglect of municipal interests. The rea way as quickly changed — an unprecedented absurd procedure which bespeaks for itself of the whims and oddities of the members who have a general sway over the doings of the Council.

5. No Private Scavenging and Caste Inspectors were appointed agreeably to the Budget for 1895-96 since 9 months but a Private Scavenging Inspector was appointed quite recently i.e. in the middle of October. A bill Collectorship is vacant for upwards of 10 months, and which is mainly attributable to their supineness and late issue of bills, as remarked by the Auditor in his Audit Notes for 1894-95.

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6. Leaving aside the facts abovementioned, we beg leave to submit, that it will not be out of place here to bring to your honor's notice the general mal-administration [illegible] municipal affairs and [illegible]

contributed to the same. The Council has been neglecting Conservancy and Sanitation, and in fact of everything that goes to form a healthy municipal administration. It is unnecessary on our part to go into every detail. We therefore beg to submit the following as some of the important features which go to show clearly that the municipal administration of this town, considered as it was a model one some time back, is not now what it then was, or as it ought to be.

Conservancy and Sanitation

7. Private Scavengering:— The present unsatisfactory working of the Private Scavengering System, its small receipts and its high expenditure without any efforts to develop the sanitation in this direction, is one of the notable instances of neglect of municipal and interests. The rea[illegible]

neglect is not far to seek. The elements
detrimental to the system which
were reduced to a minimum a few
years back, and which were scarce
in the streets, have received a
fostering care under the present
régime. The result is, that the
town now abounds not only with
pigs but with their litter also,
and they do the Scavengering
work gratis. The human agency
employed have consequently
been in most cases spared of
their trouble in the streets and
in the backyards of very many
houses which because of their
being used as privies, are pig-
styes as it were on the small
scale; while in the case of
public latrines, the imperfect
work of these animals regularly
undoes the Scavenger's business.
The practice of making periodical
house-to-house inspection as
a check against uncleanliness,
and the growth of rank vegeta-
[illegible] s to the [illegible]

occupants for taking to the regular
privy system has been totally
neglected. But indifference and
inaction has been the result
in this important feature of
Sanitation, even in quite feasible
parts, as may by way of example
be demonstrated.

(a) The plan of effecting an
easy introduction of the system
into a good many houses which
have backyards abutting the
street side has been neglected.

8. Pigs have not been destroyed
349 M / 10-2-92 for the last few years, though a
general sanction was accorded
for their destruction by the District
Magistrate on the 13th August
1885, and these have as already
stated multiplied to such a large
extent as to be a great nuisance
to passers even on the high
roads of the town. The non-
destruction of dogs since of late,
has very materially added to the
nuisance. At times the [illegible] and
bet[illegible] would [illegible]
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in dust bins is so loud and grasping the harm or annoyance to passers in almost all the streets, is an inevitable consequence — to say nothing of the plunder and harm children are subject to, in the day time, at the hands of monkeys which, during their predatory excursions along the roofs of houses, generally unturn and damage the tiles: while at dead of nights, the frightful braying of asses attended with the incessant barking and whining of dogs that are allowed to stray in the streets unchecked, disturb the rest of the townspeople.

9. The number of monkeys has increased to a fearful extent. It was resolved at a meeting held on the 8th March 1890, that the outlay necessary for entrapping and deporting them should be provided for in the Budget for [illegible]. But the Council has, [illegible] doing [illegible] business, lost sight of the matter, and it has not therefore received the promised attention. The remedy for putting a stop to the straying of asses in the streets — specially provided for in the Cattle Trespass Act 1871, Section 11, does not involve any expenditure from Municipal Funds, and yet it is not had recourse to. The consequence of this is, that independant of the other troubles incidental to the propensity of these disturbers of human peace, suffering of children from ass-kicks dog, pig and monkey-bites is not a rarity in this town, though it might be so in the rural parts of the District.

Water Supply.

10. No care at all has been taken regarding the water-supply of the town. The feeders of the ponds are bestrewed with pigs and [illegible] and [illegible]

These ponds were cleared of silt nearly 10 years ago, and though the Sanitary Commissioner in his Inspection reports, has urged this important point upon the attention of the Council, no heed has been given to his advice — to say nothing of the symptoms of endemic elephantiasis which is showing itself among some of the towns-people, and which bespeaks of the impurity of water-supply, as noticed by the Hospital Assistant in Charge of the dispensary in para 6 of his Annual Concise Report, published in Government order No. 1312 M. dated 5th October 1889.

Need we permit Sir, in this connection thoroughly conversant as you are with the [illegible] state of this once flourish- [illegible]

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good water-supply if properly attended to, will afford attraction to outsiders to settle in this neat town, and thus to a certain extent arrest the symptoms of decay which it has already begun to manifest.

11. Unprotected Wells, Prickly Pear and Vacant Building Sites:-

– In the Arcot Gate Street and in the Taluq Cutcherry Street, there are vacant sites and these are unprotected by fences or compound-walls though situated near public places: one facing the School House, where there is Prickly Pear also and the other close to the Slaughter-house. There is a well without parapet walls in the site adjoining the Slaughter House and Arcot Gate Street. In the former some 4 years back a calf accidentally fell in, and was with difficulty hauled out. No care or notice is taken by the Municipality, though fraught with serious risk and danger to the passers.

of Prickly Pear has within the past few years spread to a fearful extent even in the heart of the town. Vacant building sites near public places — such as the Police Station House, the School Building, the Slaughter House and the like are not free from it, and present an unseemly spectacle.

To quote a few striking instances in other parts also:—

(a) In Komati street, there is a vacant building site belonging to one Kanniah Chetty fearfully covered over by prickly pears and rank vegetation.

(b) In Royajee Street in house No. 23, there is a large prickly pear bush which is a scarce to the houses close by, and so also in Chetty street, house No. 41.

(c) In the rear of Keelkabady Street, there is a vacant site in which the noxious weed has assumed fearful dimensions, which is used for easing

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purposes.

(d) In Canchi Uvadiah Chetty Street and Chetty Street, there are vacant sites which are overgrown with prickly pear and like the former used as latrines.

Almost all unprotected building sites are overgrown with prickly pear and rank vegetation, and afford shelter for committing nuisances besides serving as lurking places for thieves and venomous creatures. These can easily be cleared of the noxious vegetation and protected by a fence or compound wall at the expense of the owners concerned. Why or wherefore, no action is taken to remedy atleast the evils which have forced themselves to notice, and all of which do not require any outlay from the Municipal funds, it is hard to surmise — probably it is owing to the short-sighted policy of the Chairman of avoiding the dis-pleasure of the owners there-to deal with persons who have a direct or indirect hold on the Council.

Dust Bins and Sweepings:—

12. Dust bins are not regularly cleared in the out-of-the way streets, and sweepings are allowed to be kept beyond the regulated time in the backyards of houses, even in the very heart of the town, (such as the Droddy Buildings, and in other places, to be carted at pleasure by the owners for cultivation purposes.)

Latrines:— None of the latrines have been repaired, tarred, or whitewashed for upwards of a year — another instance which bears out the indifferent spirit shown to Conservancy generally.

There are other matters of minor importance we need not now trouble you with,— what we want to urge upon your notice is, that those points of Sanitation that ought to be attended to, [illegible] have been

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neglected and lost sight of.

Education.

13. Unauthorized and uncalled for interference on the part of the Chairman in the internal working of Schools.

The direct interference on the part of the Chairman whatever might be the urgency or wisdom thereof, causes misconceptions as to the status and responsibilities of the Educational Officers, and ultimately affects the school discipline on which alone rests the success of the institution.

Miscellaneous.

14. No precautions against accidents, such as bars to be erected across streets during repairs of streets and to be lighted and guarded at night, as required by Section 171 clauses 1, 2, 3 of the Act are recklessly neglected to the [illegible] of better [illegible] drive

traffics.

(a) Babu Rau a Municipal Vaccinator, was arbitrarily dismissed by the Chairman from his post on grounds of insubordination and he was subsequently reinstated in his appointment without the express sanction of the Municipal Council — to say nothing of the fact, that this is in excess of the powers conferred by law and this is diametrically apposite to Section 32(3) of the Act.

(b) One Mahal Subba Rau late Bill Collector son of Mahal Kristna Rau home doctor to the Chairman, had collected 8 annas from one Chengan a day labourer due on Tax on Buildings for 1894-95, which was not paid in the office and a few days after, he again demanded another 8 annas from him on pain of distress warrant. He taciturnly paid the amount

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Buildings" Bill No 1590.)

(c) Ratepayers are strictly prohibited from inspecting the Minutes of the resolutions of the Municipal Council passed at each meeting in contravention to Section 31 (1) of the Act.

(d) Early last month, one Seshadri Iyengar bill Collector had served 100 Demand Notices of House Tax on the ratepayers ostensibly without the signature of the Chairman as well as the Seal of the Municipal Council. After the course of few days same number of Demand Notices were got up and served for the second time fulfilling all the preliminaries. I can safely presume, that grave irregularities and horrible blunders in the routine of office works, are every-day occurrence in this Municipality, especially because the office establishment is crammed with his favourites and take of the Act residing in Perumaul Moodeliar Street, a silk merchant whose stock-in-trade will worth about Rs 4000 and odd and is also carrying on money-lending transactions. He was only levied Re 1, as Profession Tax per annum, simply because, his son is employed in the Chittoor Collectorate as English Head Clerk drawing Rs 150 per mensem. But, on the contrary, Betel leaf sellers whose stock-in-trade will more or less worth Rs 40 are levied Re 1, as Profession Tax with a biassed motive.

(f) I can safely cite a few of the objectionable features of the withdrawal of 4 cases under the following peculiar circumstances:-

(1) Uthandiswami Iyer late Chairman of this Municipality who had once had a narrow escape from criminal breach of trust, & this is the gentleman who [illegible] strongly recom[illegible]

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(2) One Kuvaram Chumpet
Chetty, a respectable clothier an
Chant, who also an offender have
Section 263(1) engaged a pleader to
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told him to adjourn the case to
instant, which we sanguinely
wish to the best of our knowledge,
will be withdrawn. This gentleman
not in friendly terms with the
Chairman seeing that an alterca-
tion was passed between them
about the spiteful levy of income
tax independent of the valuation
his stock-in-trade.

(3) Kalappa Chinnaswami
Chettiar and Rayala Narayana-
swami Chettiar Municipal Council
and owners of Dyeing Houses,
being charged under Section
C.s.d penalty for using place
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(9.) Generally no notice ha
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anomalous way of doing
business has drifted the Munici-
pality into its present insolvent
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going from bad to worse since of late. The best endeavours to arrest the deterioration in the tone of healthy administration becoming futile we have, we beg to submit, with extreme reluctance, that in our humble opinion do not expect to perform in a disinterested manner for the welfare of the townspeople.

18. We respectfully beg to state, that not less than 20 houses are now converted into vacant sites, and strange to say, each street comprises 8 vacant sites in an average. Most of the townspeople have left this place for good owing to the want of means, and for fear of unusually heavy taxation; in short, the impropriety of distraining properties of the respectable persons, making no difference between moveable and immoveable properties, such as: tools, implements of husbandry, pestle, cattle, mats, brass utensils, doors etc, irrespective of the exceptions and exemptions borne out by Section 106(1) of the Act.

19. In conclusion, it has been our painful duty to bring to your notice the extremely unsatisfactory state of the administration — the sum and substance of which practically amounts to indifferent assessment and collection of taxes, repeated heavy fines imposed on ill-paid Municipal Servants, and irregular disbursement of salaries for doing and negligently undoing Municipal business, and we most respectfully venture to submit, that unless you are pleased to remove him from the office of Chairman, inasmuch as it is dangerous to the public peace or order in accordance with Section 19 clause iii of the Act, and a more competent and deserving gentleman who is well conversant with the weal and woe of the inhabitants may be nominated in his stead, we cannot, we greatly regret, easily reconcile our selves with our vexed conscience. If your honor do not please to redress the tithe of our ever increasing

grievances

grievances, we are determined once for all to settle in some other place of far less harmful to our interest and thereby eke out our existence peacefully.

20. It is with a sense of deep regret, we have been compelled much against our will, to speak our mind in this strain, and we can in this crisis rather afford to digest any unmerited reflection that may be attempted to be cast on our patriotic feelings than to be calm and passive spectators of a sad spectacle which if allowed to take its own course, will soon materially affect the health and well-being of the people of this unfortunate town.

We beg to remain
Honored Sir,
Your honor's most obedient
and humble Servants,

C.V. Dhananjaya Sm.
No 63, Chetty Street
Walajapet
and others signed

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3668M

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1788 L 29-10-95 ✓
1683 L 21-10-95 ✓
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1312 L 5-10
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802 L 4-7-86

From

The Ratepayers of the
Walajapet Municipality,
Walajapet.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

Dated 23-11-95.
Despd 28-11-95.
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No. nil.
Enclosure. 17

18 MAY 96

Subject.

Praying for the removal of the Chairman from the Walajapet Municipal Council in accordance with Section 19 clause iii of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, and to nominate a gentleman possessing some local experience.

CURRENT No. 1819 Eng
DATED 10-12-95

16 DEC. 95
No. 1739

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
10 DEC. 95

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot for report.

(By order)

V.R.
4/12/95

Fort St. George,
9th Dec. 1895.

W. W. Phillips
Acting Assistant Secretary

To
The Collector of North Arcot.

Forwarded to the Head Assistant Collector for report.

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For Collector
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24 நவம்பர் 1895. }

வரி செலுத்துபவர்கள் கையெழுத்துக்கள்

C. V. Dhananjayan.

Th. Cuppu Pillay

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Enclosure 1

to this Collector's endorsement

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To. Recd

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CURRENT No. 341

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16 JAN 95

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The Chief Secretary to Govern

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From

The Ratepayers of the

Walajapet Municipa

Walajape

Honored Sir,

With due submis
we the ratepayers of the Walajap
Municipality beg to bring the
following few grievances to you
honor's kind notice with a
sanguine hope of obtainin
prompt redress from you
favourable hands.

1. It is with deep regre
we beg to state, that the Chair
of this Municipality has illega
assessed from annas 4 to
on some of the buildings in

perty of less value than Rs 6
contravention to Section 63
lause 3 of the Act, with an
owed object of oppressing
e ratepayers with a cruel
heart. (Vide House Tax Register
for 1894-95 and 95-96)

He has also wilfully
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W. R. Danielkanony

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URRENT No. 24 M

The Ratepayers of the Walajapet Municipality Walajapet.

The Chief Secretary to Government Local and Municipal Department Fort Saint George Madras.

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No - Nil.

Enclosure 2.

21/1/96

Subject:

Praying for the summary removal of the Chairman of the Walajapet Municipality from the Municipal

Reference on Current No. 1819 Eu

Dated 15.1.96

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 24 M

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COLLECTOR'S
1 MAY 96

From

W. R. Daivasikhamani Mudaliyar & other rate-payers, Walajapet Municipality.

COLLECTOR'S
12 JAN 9
NORTH ARCOT

No. 30

HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR
17 JAN 96
NORTH ARCOT

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot for report, in Confirmation of Endt. No. 1739 d 9.12.95.

(By order)

W. W. Phillips
Ag. Assistant Secretary

V.R.
10/1/96

Fort St. George
11th Jan. 1896

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Dated 27-12-95

Received 6-1-96

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Praying for the summary removal of the Chairman of the Walajapet municipality from the ~~municipal~~ Council.

Forwarded to the Head Assistant Collector for report in Continuation of this Endt Ref on Current No [illegible] d 13-12-1895.

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Collector

Memo 6796 of 95
d 22-12-95

Refer on Cur No: 334 Rev of 96.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Wallajah, for remarks in Continuation of this office Ref on Cur No: 6796 of 95.

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To
Coll. of North Arcot.

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Enclosure 2

Collector's Endorsement

To ~~this office letter~~

no Dis 1659 / Eng of 96

d 19-9-96

Cur no 769 / Rev of 96

Walajapet.

16th January 1896.

22/1

To

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

Ref on Cur No: 769 Rev of 96
Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Walajapet in continuation of Ref on Cur nos 6796 Rev of 95 of 334 Rev of 95 dated 1-12-95 [illegible] January 96. State that the reply called for be sent at an early date.
J W D Hughes 1-2-96
5/2/96
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Honored Sir,

With due submission we the ratepayers of the Walajapet Municipality beg to state, that your honor will be so kind enough as to apologise us for the blunders we have casually committed in our Mahazar petition submitted on the 25th November 1895, and fervently pray that an alteration and substitution may be made under the following circumstances.

1. In our Mahazar petition we have sadly forgotten to quote that Paras 1, 2, 4, 4a, 6, 7, 7a, 8, 9 up to heading "Education" and the last 3 paras are being

reprod.

reproduced from the memorial submitted by some of the disinterested Councillors viz:— M.R.Ry. C. Venkatakrishna Mudaliar Avergal, V. Nadamuni Mudaliar Avergal and V. Seshachariar Avergal during the time of M.R.Ry. C. Chengamma Chetty Garu, the then Chairman in the year 1891 seeing that since his dismissal by Government most of the main defects which ought to be keenly observed in accordance with the Act have not been carried out by the present Chairman.

2. In Para 3, we have stated that an official letter has been sent to the Sub Magistrate for the infliction of heavy fines is doubtful and if the records were examined by any deputing officers to enquire into the case the truth will be convinced.

Under

3. Under the heading of "financial Condition" we hear on good authority that since 1891 till 1894, the Municipality was in insolvent condition and only last year owing to the heavy taxation levied by the present Chairman unreasonably the Municipality has brought to a solvent condition. This may be kindly substituted.

Under these circumstances we beg to state that we are ready to prove other facts if your honor were to please to depute any Commissioned Officer for the enquiry into the case deeply. As we are rate-payers, we have no access to go through all the municipal records lying in the Municipal Office so we were obliged to ask for the alteration and substitution in our Mahazar petition.

For such an act of

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kindness and charity we, as in duty bound, shall ever pray your honor's long-life and prosperity.

We beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your honor's most obedient
and humble Servants,

C. V. Dhananjay Sr.

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Kuppu Pillay

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 229 M

From
The ratepayers of the Walajapet Municipality
Walajapet.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

Dated. } 16-1-96
Despatched. } 21-1-96
Received. }

No. nil
Enclosure. 3.

HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR
12 FEB 96
NORTH ARCOT

Subject.

Praying ~~for the~~ that certain alterations and substitution in a appeal be made ~~in the~~ Mahazar petition submitted dated on the 25th November 1895.

(with Encl.)

Ent. 1739 d/ 9-12-95 H.S.
Ins/ 3
Urgent
No. 4
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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
30 JAN. 96
NORTH ARCOT.

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Reference on Current No. 1819 Eng/895
No. 113
DATED 30-1-96.

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot in continuation of Endorsement No. 130 d/ 11.1.96

(By order)

1 MAY 96
NORTH ARCOT

W. W. Phillips
Ag. Assistant Secretary

V.R.
29/1/96
Fort St. George
29th Jan. 1896

Forwarded to the Head Asst. Collector in continuation of his office endt. dated 15-1-96 Ref on current No. 1819 Eng/895.

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The Collector of North Arcot.

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Enclosure 3

Collector's endorsement

To this ~~office letter~~

No 1657 / Dis Eng of 96.

d 19-9-96

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Cur No 1347 of 96

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To

The Chief Secretary to Governmen
Local and Municipal Departme
Fort Saint George.
Madras.

Honored Sir

Encl 1739 / 9-12-95

It is with sore regret we respectfully beg to state that the Mahazar petition submitted on the 25th November 1895 forwarded to the Chairman for explanation and report to whi the Chairman instead of reporting to Government has served unauthorised notices on the ratepayers that are signed the said Mahazar to appear before the Municipal Council on the 18th instant to offer explanation. As we have kept up direct correspondence to Government we all refrained from putting in our appearance before the Council and this Mahaz petition was placed before the meeting — composed of J. W. Hughe

Esqr

Esquire Ex-officio member and Head Assistant Magistrate Ranipet and 5 other Councillors. The Chairman proposed that this mahazar contains defamatory statements and that the said ratepayers may be prosecuted to which 5 other Councillors with the exception of the Head Assistant Magistrate illegally passed the resolution in contravention to the Act. These Councillors are all solely acting under the advice of the present Chairman and in consequence they never do good to the public. Notices are herewith enclosed for your honor's perusal.

Under these extenuating circumstances, we humbly crave your honor to cancel the illegal prosecution forced on us immediately and to depute any officer to enquire into he case. Further, we beg to state,

that

that we are ready to prove the injustice and illegal procedure of the present Chairman. After we have made a clean breast of the whole affair, I request for the summary removal of the present Chairman.

For such act of kindness and charity we as in duty bound shall ever pray your honor's long life and prosperity.

We beg to remain
Honored Sir,
Your honor's most obedient and
humble servant

C. V. Dhananjayan.

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வாலாஜா முனிசிபால் Chairman
ஆபீசு Jany
17.1.96

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3-2-96

வாலாஜாமுனிசி
பல் ஆபீஸ்

Chairman
C. Venkatachengalu Row

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CHIEF SECRETARY
5 FEB 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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No. [illegible]

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot in Continuation of Government Endorsement No. 13 dated 29th Jan 1896.

(By order)

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Ag. Sub Secretary

Fort St. George
3 Feb. 1896

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To the Collector of North Arcot

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Lo[illegible]unicipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 448 M

From
The Ratepayers of the
Walajapet Municipality
Walajapet.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local and Municipal Dept
Fort Saint George;
Madras.

Dated 3-2-96
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No. nil
Enclosure ~~No.~~ 8

Subject.

Praying for the cancellation of the prosecution and the order for the deputation of any officer for the immediate enquiry.

(With End.)

1739/95

Reference on Current No. 1819 Eng
DATED 14-2-96.
C. Nos. 448 & 502 M

TO BE RETURNED WITH ...

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
14 FEB. 9
NORTH ARCOT

No. 195

Referred to the Collector of North Arcot in continuation of Government Endorsement No. 113 dated 29th Jan. 1896.

(By order)

W W Phillips
Ag. Asst. Secretary

Fort St. George
13th Feb. 1896

~~Referred to the Hd. Asst. Collr.~~

To
The Collector of North Arcot.

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Urgent No 7

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HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR
20 FEB 96
NORTH ARCOT

Ref. on current No $\frac{1819}{\text{Eng}}$ of 1895

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1 Ref on Cur No: 6796 Rev of 95 of 22nd December 95

2. Ref on Cur No: 334 Rev of 96 dated 17th January 96

3. Ref on Cur No: 769 of 96 dated 5-2-96.

Endorsement on Govt. C. Nos 448 & 502 M

COLLECTOR'S
1 MAY 95
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Referred to the Head Asst. Collector, in continuation of this Office Endorsement dated 1-2-96 on Govt. End. No 113 of 29th January 1896

Collector 17

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Ref on Current No 1347 Rev of 96

Referred to the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Wallajah for remarks in continuation of the marginally noted references. request that The reply called for may be sent at an early date

J. R. Hughes 22/2

H. Asst. Collr

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 502 M

Telegram.
From

Kuppu Chetti & others
Walajanagar.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
14 FEB. 96
NORTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
19 JUN. 96
NORTH ARCOT.
No

Dated 9-2-96
Received 10-2-96
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that they have been served with unauthorized notices & arbitrary resolution ~~has been~~ are passed for their prosecution.

C. No 473 L of 96
C. No 448 L of 96

Enclosure no 4.
Collector's endorsement
To ~~this office letter~~
Dis $\frac{1657}{Eng}$ of 96
d 19.9.96

N.S.

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 2628 M

From

The Collector of
North Arcot

Order

Dis **No.** $\frac{1659}{Eng}$ of 96.

Dated 19-9-96
Received 23-9-96
Registered "
Enclosures 19 4 (1. bundle sent separately)
C. Nos 3668 M of 1895 & 24, 229, 448, 502 M of 1896 rc.
Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government the report ~~received~~ of from the Head assistant Collector regarding the enquiry held ~~by him on~~ into the Complaints against the Chairman of the Walaja Municipal Council

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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North Arcot Head assistant
Collector's office
Camp Ranipet 2-9-96
Ref on Cur No 4468 of 96.

From

R. F. Grimley Esquire
Acting Head assistant Collector of
North Arcot

To

The Collector of
North Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to your foot-note Ref on Cur Eng 997 of 96 dated 19th June 96 to the Proceedings of the Madras Government No 1007, Mr, Mis dated 15th idem and to your letter Ref on Petitions Nos 965 and 1086 of 96 dated 23rd June 1896, I have the honor to report as follows: ——

2. I held an enquiry on 13th and 29th ultimo and examined 87 of the Signatories. Summons were despatched to all the Signatories but only those who were examined, attended the enquiry.

3. The record of my enquiry, will, I think, clearly show that the Complaints against the Chairman are

are frivolous or vexatious and that the only grievance real or imaginary of the great bulk of the petitioners is that their taxes have been increased.

4. Two or three of the petitioners complained of the reinstatement of one Murugesa Mudali, a dismissed teacher.

5. Mr. Thornton has already reported to you on this matter and I therefore beg to refer you to his letter

6 In his opinion, Murugesa Mudaly's reinstatement was right, but I think differently. The Chairman's responsibility however is limited, Murugesa Mudali having been reinstated by order of the Council.

7. Some of the petitioners complain, because the Chairman has refused to allow them to repair, renew, or erect pandals.

8. The Chairman explains that he has merely exercised his discretion and that he has followed the practice obtaining alike in Walaja and other municipalities.

9. I see no reason to believe that the Chairman has exercised his discretion unjustly. In any case aggrieved persons can appeal to the council against his orders. The mere fact that this is so, should be an effective safeguard. Such of the petitioners as were questioned on this point admitted with one exception that they had not appealed to the council. Their grievance therefore appears to be imaginary.

10. One of the petitioners, Marghabandier complains of a delay of 4 months in replying to a petition of his. He admits that he has not sent the Chairman a reminder. His complaint therefore appears to be vexatious.

11. Some of the petitioners complain because they have been prosecuted under the Municipal act. Some of these admit that they were convicted, and in the case of the rest I see no reason to believe that the prosecutions were instituted either wantonly or carelessly.

12. One petitioner, Krishnasami Chetty complains that the hearing notice in connection with his profession tax appeal was served by mistake on another man, and that his

[illegible] was dismissed though he himself received no hearing notice. If this is true, I have no doubt that on his application the Council will restore the appeal to file.

13. One petitioner, whose name is also Krishnasami Chetty, complains that the Chairman, who is also Tasildar made him come to his office on 10 days in connection with his income tax and that once when he came late, the Tahsildar made him stand in the sun and had him pushed out by a peon named Jaya Ram. He admits that this occurred 3 years ago and that this is the first time that he has complained. His ~~story~~ therefore does not carry conviction with it.

14. One petitioner, Chinnah Chetti, complains that he was prosecuted though the sanction of the council had not been Complaince obtained. The Chairman explains that this was done without his knowledge.

15. One petitioner, Thandavaraya Mudali complains that about 1 1/2 years ago, the Chairman abused him and ordered his peon, Jaya Ram, to push him out, that the Municipal servants emptied mud in front of his house and that it is still there. He admits that this is the first time that he has complained

16. Basaliyappa Chetti complains that the Chairman abused one Dambachari. He also complains that one of the Municipal clerks slapped one Govinda Chetti on the cheek in the Municipal office, and that the Chairman though present took no notice. He admits however that he did not witness this incident. Neither Dambachari nor Govinda Chetti has come forward.

17. Some petitioners complain that the Chairman has taxed a choultry, though it is a charitable institution. It is admitted however that a certain person resides there permanently.

18. Devasigamani Mudali complains that the late office manager prevented him from inspecting the minutes. The Chairman states that he is not aware of any ratepayer having been denied inspection. He further complains that the Chairman has transferred the whole of his vacant house-site to one Arumuga Chetti instead of only a portion as ordered by the District Munsiff. If so, he can appeal to the Council.

19. Some petitioners complain that they were prosecuted for not taking out a license for their oil mills, though they had received no warning notice. The Chairman may be asked for an explanation. One of them was convicted and he admits that before the Submagistrate he did not mention that he had received no warning notice

20. Chengabroya Chetti complains that the result of his house tax appeal has not been communicated to him. He admits however that he has not reminded the Chairman on the subject

21. Latchmana Chetti complains that he has pricked himself with some prickly pear, which has been cut and heaped up under the orders of the council.

22 Ramaiya Chetti complains that about 10 months ago the peon, Jaya Ram pushed his brother out under the orders of the Tahsildar-Chairman. He first stated however that he had no complaint against the Chairman. He admits that this is the first time that he has complained. It is significant that the peon employed to carry out the Chairman's violent measures is usually Jaya Ram. Ramaiya Chetty's brother has not come forward, unless indeed the Krishnasami Chetty referred to in para 13 is his brother in which case there is a glaring discrepancy as to the date of the alleged occurrence.

23 Ramaiya Chetti admits that he has signed the mahazar, because he was told that then his house tax would be reduced.

24. Munisami Achari complains that about 8 months ago he went to appeal against the enhancement of his house and professional taxes, but that a peon named Sirkan, prevented him from presenting his petition, the Chairman having told him to push him away. He admitted that he knew the name of no person who witnessed the occurrence, though many persons were then present and that this is the first time that he has complained.

25 Arumugha Chari complains that he and one Dananjayam were prevented by a peon from inspecting the minutes. He admits that he did not complain to the Chairman. He does not know the name of the peon. He says that he has no complaint against the Chairman

26 While I cannot claim that my enquiry has been thorough as it

19. Some petitioners Complain

might have been, yet it will, I think, be deemed to be as thorough as the circumstances of the case require. I have exercised, I hope a wise discretion in declining to investigate minutely complaints which speaking generally are so obviously frivolous or vexatious.

27. The mere fact that the bulk of the first petition is a mere copy of an explanation composed in 1891 is significant as indicating the character of the petitioners and of their complaints.

28. It remains for me to add that I have not considered it my duty to review the assessments made by the Chairman and confirmed by the Council. I have not had sufficient time at my disposal and for the following reasons such a course seems to be unnecessary.

29. In many cases the taxes complained of were not appealed against.

30 In many cases the enhancement of income tax is complained of as well as that of the municipal taxes. In many of these cases no revision petition was filed and in the remaining cases the tax was either confirmed or reduced by a very trifling amount.

It seems likely that the complaint of over assessment in the case of Municipal taxes is as unfounded as in the case of income tax

31. From the Statement shewing the Incidence of Municipal taxation for 94-95 contained in the general Municipal Review it appears that the incidence excluding tolls in Walajapet is only Rs 0—10—5, the average incidence for all Municipalities being Rs 0-10-6. Thus the incidence in Walajapet is not excessive.

32 It appears from my enquiry that ordinarily even if not invariably the house taxes were enhanced only after personal inspection by the Chairman and that measurements were taken under his supervision by a peon, appellants received notice of the dates on which their appeals would be heard and that appeals were disposed of after enquiry. The petitioner Krishnasami admitted that enquiry was made concerning his profession tax against which he had appealed.

33 The Chairman's explanation deals sufficiently with such

matters as have not been referred to in this report.

34. If it be thought advisable, the Chairman may be asked to report on what dates house tax appeals were disposed of, how many on each date and the nature of the enquiry made by the Council

35. The complaint petitions, the records of my enquiry and the explanation of the Chairman are herewith submitted.

I have &c
(Sd) J. G. Burn
Ag Head Asst Collector.

(True copy)

DESPATCHED.
22 SEP. 96

Lo [illegible] Dept.
2628 M

Dis No 1659/Revg of 96.

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, Madras, together with enclosures with reference to G.O. No 1007 M. Mis, dated 15th June 1896. No action seems called for in respect of the complaints.

North Arcot Collector's office
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