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From

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

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

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I have the honor to submit herewith for the
information of Government full proceedings as also copies
of abstract proceedings of the Meetings of the Commis-
sioners held on 26th and 28th August 1896.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. M. Moore Lt.-Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday the 26th August 1896, at 5 P. M. under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

R. E. Ellis, Esq., Mem. Inst. C. E., Ag. President.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
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M. R. Ry. P. M. Sivagnana Mudaliyar Avargal.
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M. R. Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
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M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.
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M. R. Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliyar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Kristnama Charriar Avargal.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
M. R. Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

Re-instatement.

THE AG. PRESIDENT :—We have now a quorum, gentlemen. The first question before the meeting is the re-instatement of Mr. C. Yethirajulu Naidu, and Mr. R. F. Grant who have vacated their seats on the commission through absence from three consecutive meetings.

It was proposed by Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty seconded by Mr. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu and carried "that M. R. Ry. C. Yethirajulu Naidu Garu be re-instated."

It was proposed by Mr. P. Subramania Iyer seconded by Mr. P. M. Sivagnana Mudaliar and carried "that Mr. R. F. Grant be re-instated."

The Old Jewish Cemetery.

THE AG. PRESIDENT :—The next question is the consideration of Resolution No. 6 of the Commissioners at their General Meeting held on 27th July 1896, deferring the consideration of the question of the construction of a Bathing Fountain at the Old Jewish Cemetery in Mint Street.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU:—One of the grounds on which the consideration of the question was deferred was to enable you to ask the Collector whether he intends to put in force very letter the agreement that the President has entered into with him.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—The Collector has been written to and the correspondence was in circulation. The Collector says "I will not place any obstacles in the way of the Municipality provided that full and undisturbed access is allowed to the tombs."

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—I suppose it is open to the public.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—Now it is under lock and key, and it has never been open.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—When it is finished, will it be open to the public?

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—Yes.

MR. KALIANASUNDARAM CHETTY:—At any time we may be asked to vacate.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—That is only a possibility, Mr. Kalianasundaram Chetty. At any rate we must be careful.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—Has any reply been received from the Collector to the letter that has been addressed to him asking him if he had any objection to change the terms of the lease?

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—No.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—Serious objection is being taken to the terms of the lease. The agreement has been written on the usual lease bond.

It was proposed by Mr. Theagaroya Chetty seconded by Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty "That the consideration of the subject be deferred until an answer has been received from the Collector with regard to the alteration to the terms of the lease."

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I oppose that proposition. It is proposed to ask the Collector whether he is prepared to modify the terms of the lease. I have pointed out to you at the last meeting that whatever may be the terms of the lease so long as the cemetery is the property of the Government, we can do nothing with the land in question, as regards the erection of a bathing fountain. Even supposing that the Collector says he is willing to alter the terms of the lease, it will not help us at all. If at all you ask the Collector to make over the land unconditionally that would be a different matter altogether. But so long as it is the property of Government, you can do nothing with it. The Section of the Municipal Act clearly lays down that bathing fountains can be erected by the Municipality in all places except on those belonging to Government or private individuals. Unless the Government waives its right and makes over the land to us unconditionally, it is perfectly useless for us to make any reference of the kind to the Collector. There are more important considerations on which I have objected to the building of this fountain in this particular spot. I will not now enter into all those points, but will simply touch upon the inutility of the reference of the kind suggested, to the Collector.

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

Elephant Gate Crossing.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—The next subject is the consideration of Resolution No. 7 of the Commissioners at their General Meeting held on 27th July 1896, deferring the consideration of the question of the construction of a wooden foot over-bridge at the Elephant Gate crossing.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—Before any discussion is invited I would like to know what the probable cost of putting up the bridge would be.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—About Rs. 2,500 one half of which will be contributed by the Madras Railway Company.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—It is Rs. 2,321.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—Have you any idea as to the width of the bridge?

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—No.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—I received a communication from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway stating that the probable cost of a bridge 10 feet in width will be Rs. 4,000.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I imagine they will build it of iron and not of wood.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—What is the width of over-bridges in Railway crossings?

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—8 feet.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—As one living very close to the Elephant Gate crossing and knowing the inconvenience caused to the public, I think it is my duty to represent to you that a bridge there is an absolute necessity. The inconvenience at this crossing was felt so far back as three years ago when the Commissioners seem to have conceived the idea of an over-bridge. But they contended then that the Railway authorities should construct the bridge as the inconvenience was caused by their closing the gate much earlier than was necessary. They sometimes close the gate 15 minutes before the train comes in; and I believe they are allowed to do so, to avoid any accidents occurring; but the inconvenience thus caused must be remedied somehow or other. I believe this is one of the objects on which the Municipal Funds should be utilised. If we are not going to use our funds to meet the convenience of the public in this matter, I fail to see how our funds are to be utilised at all. I think we have been spending large sums of money for the convenience of those who go in carriages and certainly the pedestrian population deserve as much consideration as it is shewn to the other class. It is quite time that the Municipality meets the convenience of the poorer classes. I therefore strongly support the proposition and urge my brother Commissioners, who have the welfare of the poor at heart, to vote for it.

MR. J. DECASTER:—I happen to use that road almost daily and I can bear testimony to the fact that the crossing is greatly crowded several times in the day by a large number of work people living in Perambore, Veyasarpady and Choolay. A very large crowd has to come across the bridge towards the Town and the whole have to go back between 5 and 6 P. M. a time when the gate is closed on account of passing trains. I do not see why the Municipality alone should be asked to contribute? Why not the Government contribute something. They lately widened the bridge on their own account. They have also contributed on a former occasion.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—The whole correspondence has been in circulation.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—The Municipal Commissioners declined to pay any contribution.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—I think there is an Act such as the Railway Act and I do not see why we should not ask the Government to move the Railway Company to construct this very desirable bridge. Railway companies provide crossings, gate-ways &c. An enormous bridge was built at Royapuram by the Company when the Royapuram Station was the terminus and now that the Central Station has been made the terminal Station the responsibility of providing bridges and the like for the new line devolves on the Company. I would therefore move an amendment "that Government be requested to call upon the Railway Company to construct a foot-over bridge at Elephant Gate crossing for the convenience of the public."

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I am very happy to second Mr. Krishnamachariar's amendment. I quite agree with his remarks that the Railway Company as common carriers ought to provide for the convenience of the traffic, just as anybody else. I think the Government has the power to compel them to do it. It is the Railway Company that causes all this trouble; and there being 25 to 30 trains passing that way every day the gate has to be shut 30 times which means a great deal of inconvenience to the people.

MR. VARADAPAH NAIDU:—The matter has been referred to Government already in 1896. The order was "The letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway read above will be forwarded to the Local and Municipal Department for communication to the Madras Municipality."

THE PRESIDENT:—That order was made on a reference by the Railway Company.

MR. V. C. DESIKA CHARIAR:—The Government replied that they could not compel the Municipality to contribute. In supporting the amendment of Mr. Krishnamachariar I have to make a few remarks. Though at present I am not able to say which Section of the Railway Act is applicable to the present case yet I remember that there is a provision in that by which the Railway Company is bound to make provision for an over-bridge of this kind. Although the abstract proposition enunciated by Mr. Sivangnana Mudaliar may be perfectly true that Municipal funds should go to meet the convenience of poor rate payers also, yet the real class of people that suffer are not the poor people. The poor that go that way are not so much inconvenienced, because time is not money with

them; but it is to those who travel in conveyances the real inconvenience is caused. There is therefore no real inconvenience felt by the poor people which require Municipal funds to be diverted in this direction. The gates are closed at known intervals and even then never more than for a couple of minutes or three at a time. If I am right in saying that there is a provision in the Railway Act, by all means the Government may compel the Railway Company to build an over-bridge seeing that there are over-bridges in this town itself like the one at Royapuram.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU:—I am sorry that Mr. Desikachariar is mistaken as to the sort of people that are put to a great deal of inconvenience from the absence of this bridge. He must recollect that time is very valuable to poor people that come from Perambore, such as the tank diggers who are required to be at a particular time to do their work, Mill-workers, brick-layers, and many other coolies who are required to be at their work by 7 o'clock in the morning. They are the people that are put to a great deal of inconvenience, because if they are delayed at the crossing they are sent back from work. Therefore it is the poor people and not the rich that are inconvenienced.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—I rise not to oppose Mr. Krishnamachariar's amendment. If the Railway Act really contains a provision of that nature he is perfectly right. My only fear is whether we will not be stultifying ourselves by referring this matter to Government without knowing something definite about it. Not one of my colleagues is able to cite the particular section of the Railway Act which enables the Government or the public to compel the Railway Company to provide such a bridge. The best thing for us to do under the circumstances is to defer the subject to enable the Commissioners and the President to ascertain whether there is such a provision in the Railway Act. If there is such a provision, the Commissioners would be very glad to request the Government to compel the Railway Company to do their duty; if not, the Municipality would do their duty after ascertaining that there is no other go. I therefore propose "that the question be deferred till the next General Meeting."

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—Seconded this amendment.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—In this connection it may be ascertained from the Municipality of Bombay whether foot-bridges there are built at the cost of the Railway Companies or the Municipality.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—I understood from the Agent that the Municipality paid half the costs.

The last amendment was put to the vote and carried.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—The next subject on the agenda is the proceedings of the Standing Committee dated the 17th July and 7th August 1896.

The proceedings were recorded.

RAO BHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—In the interest of my Division I wish to offer a few remarks on the proceedings of the Standing Committee. I congratulate the members of the Standing Committee who represent north Madras on their having got sanction for a number of works to be executed, but I am afraid that it was done at the expense of south Madras where there are very many urgent works connected with drainage &c. that require to be attended to; and I am afraid that the Standing Committee has not given as much attention to it as was necessary.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—In reply to Mr. Krishnamachariar, I would say that if he will look into the proceedings of the Standing Committee and the Commissioners for the last three years he will find that a good deal of money was spent on the 7th Division, a good deal more than any other Division can possibly get. This is due to one of our colleagues Mr. G. Subramania Iyer, who has just vacated his seat on the Commission.

Miscellaneous.

The following were recorded:—

Statement of receipts and disbursements from April to July 1896.

Progress report of works for June and July 1896.

The meeting terminated.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras held at their Office Premises No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Friday the 28th August 1896, at 3 P. M. under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT.

R. E. Ellis, Esq., MEM. INST., C. E., *Ag. President.*

M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.

M. R. Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.

M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.

M. R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.

M. R. Ry. C. Yetherajulu Nayudu Garu.

M. R. Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliyar Avargal.

M. R. Ry. G. Subrayalu Chetty Garu.

M. R. Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu.

The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu.

M. R. Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu.

M. R. Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

The Administration Report

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen we have a quorum now. The matter before the meeting is the Administration Report for the year 1895-96.

DR. V. VARADAPPA NATUDU:—I propose "that the Administration Report for 1895-96 be adopted and submitted to Government." In doing so, I have to make some observations. The total amount realised during 1894-95 was Rs. 9,67,692-3-3, while in 1895-96 the year under review, it is only Rs. 9,53,989-6-6. You will find that the receipts are less this year by Rs. 13,702-12-9, and it is a matter of regret that why the reasons for this deficiency is not explained in the Report. In column 68, page 28, it will be observed that the total amount of advances in suspense for 1895-96 is Rs. 1,27,322-6-3, while that of 1894-95 is only Rs. 95,766-11-3. The total outstanding for 1895-96 is Rs. 1,21,556-1-9, and that for 1894-95 is Rs. 92,478-9-2. The difference for these years is not also explained. Such large outstandings show that there is a great deal of lethargy prevailing in the collecting staff. Under the head of Expenditure there ought to be a column showing the total expenditure in comparison with that of last year. The plans and estimates for building a new market are under preparation, and tenders are being invited for building the incinerator, which if successful will be a boon to Madras. It is very desirable that, in future Reports, the names of the streets that are re-formed and repaired may be mentioned, so that the Commissioners and the Government may be informed of the same. At present, we do not know what streets were re-formed and what repaired. It is remarked in para. 102 that the state of the roads is not altogether satisfactory, and that it will require an increase of 50 per cent. to the present grant to keep the roads in thorough repair. I think it would be advisable to cut down some unnecessary expenditure in establishment, and utilise the saving in repairing roads. Some scheme must be devised to improve the quality of water, as it is remarked in the Table of Analysis given at para. 116 that the quality of the pipe water is bad. Under the head of Sanitary Defects in para. 179, the Executive remarks that the importance of public washing places has been brought from time to time to the notice of the Commissioners, but nothing could be done at present. I hope this subject will engage the attention of the Commissioners at an early date, and at least a few places may be set apart for washing clothes. The sanitary defects enumerated in the Report are many, and in fact must be remedied if the Municipal finances allow it. Under the head of Conservancy on page 64, para. 182 it is remarked that the saving on conservancy expenditure was due to the non-employment of the full complement of scavengers and

sweepers. We hear of this remark year after year, but no steps were taken to remedy this defect. It is very deplorable to see that the superintending agency in the Conservancy Department is increasing yearly without a corresponding increase in the staff of scavengers and sweepers, who are very necessary for the upkeep of the sanitation of a town. What can the Inspectors and Overseers do without sweepers and scavengers? It is time that the Executive find out some means by which the full complement of the menial servants can be procured. In Appendix I, the remarks made by the Accountant-General and the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts, Madras, require the very serious attention of the Executive, and it is hoped that no cause may be given in future Reports for such remarks. It will be observed that large advances were given to some contractors and not adjusted up to date. On the whole, the Report has been drawn up with much care, and credit is due to all concerned.

MR. S. GURUSAWMY CHETTY seconded the motion.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—I would like to know with reference to paragraph 40 page 19, the cause for absence of tenders for toll-gates.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—That we cannot tell. With reference to the remarks which fell from Mr. Varadapah Naidu about the necessity of a list of roads and streets which have been repaired being included in the report, the Government has ordered that such a list should be omitted. Since the date of the Government order we include the list in the bi-monthly Progress report.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—I should like to know the cause of the steady fall in income on timber brought into Madras passing through the toll-gates.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—There is no doubt, that the quantity of wood imported into Madras has fallen off considerably and therefore the price of wood has gone up.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—There is no doubt that while the import by toll-gate is decreasing, the import by canal is increasing.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—I would like to know from you with reference to the remarks made by Mr. Varadapah Naidu as to the insufficiency of scavengers, if it is not a fact that the Municipal Commissioners asked the Government for a Labor Law such as the one they have in Bombay and that the Government declined to pass any such law, and that it is simply due to this alone that the Executive are not in a position to control the scavengers. Whether that is so or not, I would like to be enlightened by you.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—A reference is made to Labor Law in page 60, wherein it is said "Labor law is absolutely necessary to enable the executive to punish the coolies in case of strike."

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—The report says "That the state of some of the roads is not altogether satisfactory". It must be "is altogether unsatisfactory".

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I prefer the wording of the report.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—To keep the roads in thorough repair the grant must be increased by 50 per cent. For my part I would like to give more, even 100 per cent.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I am sure that you will see a decided improvement when the grant is increased. In 1890-91 when we spent Rs. 1,06,000 on the roads it was generally remarked how good they were. Mr. Acworth, President of the Bombay Corporation who was here on a visit at the time remarked how excellent our roads were. I maintain that if our grant be increased by 50 per cent. we should find continued improvement in the condition of the roads.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—What is the mileage of Madras roads?

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—There are about 265 miles of metalled roads.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Only but 30 miles of roads have been reformed last year or about 80 miles in 3 years. I think that about 200 miles of roads in Madras are in a bad state.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—It is invariably the rule that the grant for roads is cut down when the budget is framed.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Not for the last 3 years.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I am quite sure about it, because, I as Engineer, have had to do it.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RANGIAH NAYUDU:—This year sanction has been given for the full grant of Rs. 50,000; so the roads will be in better order.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I think the state of the Madras roads is due not so much to want of money as to bad materials and want of supervision. Roads made a month back are very good and if all the roads are made in that way they will stand for a long time. Roads made in the time of Mr. MacCartie kept well for 5 years. The Monegar Choultry road which was made under the direct supervision of Mr. Mackenzie was repaired only last year. It is due to the supervision and the carefulness on the part of the Executive that made the roads remain in perfect order for a long time.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—With reference to the state of the roads I would refer you to para 101 of last year's report in which it is said that the repairs of some of the roads were postponed to the beginning of next year for want of funds as the Government declined to grant us the usual contribution of Rs. 6,000 for the maintenance of roads in the Military zone. It was then pointed out that there were 270 miles of metalled roads in Madras, and the grant was the same as it was 20 years ago.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I was just going to make remarks similar to those that fell from Mr. P. Theagaroya Chettiar. The fault is not that we do not set apart sufficient sum of money. We are annually setting apart as much money as possible consistent with our financial condition. I think the great fault is that things are not done as they ought to be done.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I think we are diverging from the question.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I am speaking with reference to para 102 wherein an increase of 50 per-cent is recommended. Instead of doing that, I would suggest that the supervision must be more strict. I know several roads that are in bad condition, owing to defective supervision. The Contractor brings in bad materials and the result is that next day after the road is reformed we find a hole. If these roads are properly done, I do not think they can be in the state in which they are found at present.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Will, I be in order in moving a resolution containing certain proposals for road materials, to be recommended to Government, with the adoption of the report.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I hardly think that this is the place for it.

You can adopt the report or not.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—We adopt it with certain recommendations.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—I do not see how you can make any recommendations to Government except in the room of a resolution.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—The Government has no objection to any resolution accompanying the Administration report.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—It has been customary to adopt the report as presented and to pass resolutions in adopting it and the resolutions passed and the speeches made on the report will be sent to Government along with the report.

THE AG. PRESIDENT:—The proposal now before the meeting is that the report be adopted. If you wish to move any amendment to that, you may do so. You can make any remarks you like.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I would suggest to Mr. Theagaroya Chetty that he should withdraw his proposition and bring it up at another meeting. He may also bring in his suggestion about submitting resolutions with the Administration report at a future meeting, when the modification of the Act may be considered.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY having concurred with Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar, the original proposition was put to the vote and carried.

The meeting then terminated.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY OF MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday the 26th August 1896, at 5 p.m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

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M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

No. 1.

Reinstatement.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu.

"That M.R.Ry. C. Yetherajulu Nayudu Garu be reinstated."

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal and seconded by the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu—

"That Mr. R. F. Grant be reinstated."

Carried.

No. 2.

Resolution No. 6 of the Commissioners at their General Meeting held on 27th July 1896, deferring the consideration of the question of the construction of a Bathing Fountain at the Old Jewish Cemetery in Mint Street.

M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu proposed an amendment, seconded by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu—

"That the consideration of the subject be deferred until an answer has been received from the Collector with regard to the alteration to the terms of the lease."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

No. 3.

Resolution No. 7 of the Commissioners at their General Meeting held on 27th July 1896, deferring the consideration of the question of the construction of a wooden foot over-bridge at the Elephant Gate crossing.

M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Charriar Avargal proposed an amendment, seconded by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu—

"That Government be requested to call upon the Railway Company to construct a foot over-bridge at Elephant Gate crossing for the convenience of the public."

M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu proposed a further amendment, seconded by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu—

"That the question be deferred till the next General Meeting."

This amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

No. 4.

Proceedings of the Standing committee, dated 17th July and 7th August 1896.

Recorded.

No. 5.

Statement of receipts and disbursements from April to July 1896.

Recorded.

No. 6.

Progress report of works for June and July 1896.

Recorded.

The meeting terminated.

R. E. ELLIS,
Ag. President, Municipal Commission.
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MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a SPECIAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Friday the 28th August 1896, at 5 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

- R. E. Ellis, Esq., MEM. INST., C.E., *Ag. President.*
- M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
- M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
- M.R.Ry. E. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.
- M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
- M.R.Ry. C. Yetherajulu Nayudu Garu.
- M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivagnana Mudaliyar Avargal.
- M.R.Ry. G. Subrayalu Chetty Garu.
- M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu.
- The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu.
- M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu.
- M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

Administration Report of the Madras Municipality for 1895-96.

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

"That the Administration Report for 1895-96 be adopted and submitted to Government."

Carried.

Municipal Office, Madras,
August 1896.

R. E. ELLIS,
Ag. President, Municipal Commission.