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Local & Munl. (1896-) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 2113 M.

DATED 16-12-96-

[Despatch Abstract.]

Munl. Council

Ordering with remarks, that
the Election of Mr. N. Lakshminarayana
as a member of the Nagapatam — be
certified.

Local and Municipal
Department.

Be taken out of the Records
from the charge of the Record-
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Miscellaneous.
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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 3233/1

From

The Collector of
Tanjore.

Order. No 2113 Muns d/16-12-96

No. 4340
Rev of 96

The Government agrees
with the Collector in considering
that the objections raised by the
petitioner against the election of
M.R. N. Lakshmana Nayudu, have
not been substantiated. The petition
of objection will accordingly be rejected
and the name of the successful Candidate
published in the Fort St George Gazette.

Dated 24th November 1896

Received 2nd Dec/96-

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Enclosures 55 as per list. 104

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the election
held on the 12th September 1896
to fill up a vacancy caused
in the Negapatnam West Ward
by the death of M. R. Ry. V. E.
Kumarasami Pillai aaryab.

To the Collector of Tanjore No.
(with 101 enclosures etc.)

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

UNDER Section 10 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, the under-mentioned gentlemen have been duly elected Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of *Negapatam*.

M. K. R. N. Lakshmana Nagudu

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Municipal Councillors' Office,
NEGAPATAM.

From
M. R. RY. P. RATNASABAPATHI PILLAI AVI,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
NEGAPATAM.

To
The Collector of
Tanjore
[I have the great honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.]

Dated 15th } September 1896.
Despatched }

No. 505

ENCLOSURES.

Reference.

Your Office Letter No. _____
This Subject.

Sir,
I have the honor to report on the result of the election held on the 12th September 1896, to fill a vacancy in the Negapatam Municipal Council caused by the death of Mr. V. C. Kumara Samipillai and, on 30th July 1896. Mr. S. Chin-nammudi Marica Sahib Bahadur an elector of the Council of Tanjore was appointed acting officer.

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To be over the 27th (i.e.) 15 days from 12th Sept. 1896 the date of election

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But of 534 Voters registered
in the ward 420 went
to the poll. 16 Vote papers
were rejected as invalid.
Of the 8 Candidates
withdrew. In R
Lochumana deanda
received 301 Votes, In R
S. Saminada Sastri
01, and In R K. S. Venkat.
Ramadhyraul 2.
In R R. Lochumana deanda
was therefore declared
elected.

A packet containing
20 ballot papers under
my Seal was despatched
to your address per
registered parcel.
on the 14th instant.

I enclose
formal report in
the prescribed form.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
S. D. C. S. S. S.

Chairman

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Negapatam Municipality

Report on the result of the election held on Saturday the 12th September 1896 for the Negapatam West Ward.

Name of Municipality	Name of ward if any	Date of election	No of Registered Voters	No of Voters who exercised their privilege	Names of Candidates	No of Votes obtained	Name of Candidate duly elected.	Remarks
Negapatam Municipality	Negapatam West ward	12.9.96	534.	420	1. Mr. N. Letchumanan Naidu son 2. " P. J. Sannantha Sastrial at 3. " K. S. Venkatasami at 4. " B. S. Nataraja Sastrial at 5. " R. Balakrishna Naidu son 6. " G. J. Subbiah Pillai at 7. " A. M. Sathayappa Chettyar 8. " J. B. Panchalickera Chettyar	31 11 2	Mr. N. Letchumanan Naidu son	16 Vote Papers were rejected as invalid Withdrew Withdrew do

Municipal office
Negapatam
15 September 1896

D. B. C. S. S. S.
Chairman

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Head Quarter
Deputy Collector's Office
Tanjore, 7th November 1896

From M. R. Subbaraya Aiyar
Awarhal

To Head Quarter Deputy Collector
The Collector of Tanjore.

Sir, Referring to your Def on Petition

Register No. $\frac{2588}{ver}$ of 1896 - Against the Election
of M. R. Lakshmana Aiyar as a
Municipal Councillor for the Apatain
west ward, I have the honour to report
as follows:-

2. The petitioner who was a Candidate at the election and who was defeated, questions the validity thereof on two grounds, viz, intimidation and fraud.

3. The petitioner brought forward

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an witnesses and examined them.

Their testimony does not show that any intimidation or fraud was practised at the election and merely establishes that both the petitioner and the Counter-petitioner employed agencies to canvass on their behalf; further, from the testimony of the petitioner's first witness, the Chairman of the Melapattam Municipality, it is very clear that the balloting was absolutely secret. Petitioner's 4 "witness Muthuvalu Mudaliar and 9 "witness Periasami Saick appear to me to be false witnesses; for both of them who were voters could not remember for whom they voted at the election.

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4. On the Application of the petitioner, certain papers specified in a list put in by him were sent for from the Municipal Officer; and he has not shown how they were ^{relevant} returned to his case. They are nomination papers, registers of miscellaneous petitions, licenses granted to one Ambalavanda Pillai and a petition of Ali Sahib Marakkayar. There is nothing on these records of the Municipal officer to show that intimidation or fraud was practised at the election.

5. Considering that the petitioner has failed to substantiate his case by evidence, I recommend —

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the dismissal of his petition which
is herewith returned together with
the records of the Enquiry.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Subbaraya Aiyar
Head Quarter Deputy Collector

(True Copy)

M. S. S. S.
For Acting Collector

No.

No. 4340 of 1896
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Tanjore Collector's Office,
Vallam, 24 November 1896.

FROM

J. Andrew
Esquire,

Acting Collector & District Magistrate,

Lc

TANJORE.

Dept.

To

The

Secretary to Government,

Local & Municipal Department,

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to report on the
election held on the 12th September last to fill
up a vacancy caused in the Melapatam
West ward by the death of M. R. V. E. Kuma-
rasami Pillai, an Elected Councillor.

2. There were 8 Candidates for the vacant
place, 3 of whom withdrew before the date
of election; out of the remaining 5 Candi-
dates, M. R. N. Lakshmana Naidu
succeeded in obtaining 301 votes and
he was accordingly declared duly elected

3. Mr. P. T. Swaminatha Sastri, one of the defeated Candidates, who secured only 101 votes, filed an objection petition questioning the validity of the election on the following grounds:-
(1) intimidation, and (2) fraud under clause (a) Rule 36 of the Election Rules. He further asserted that the rule as to secrecy was entirely disregarded in the polling booth.

4. The objection petition was forwarded to the Head Assistant Collector, in the first instance, for enquiry and report and subsequently transferred to Mr. H. Subbaraya Aiyar Awaral, Head Quarter Deputy Collector, as Mr. Ellayorilankas was otherwise engaged in the Melapattam Riots Case.

5. The petitioner cited 46 witnesses to prove his statements, and finally examined only 10 including the Chairman of the Municipal Council.

6. The Chairman deposes to the absolute secrecy of the Proceedings at the Poll. The testimony of 6 other witnesses does not disclose any fraud or intimidation. The remaining 3 witnesses, one of whom is petitioner's Sumastah, are apparently interested in petitioner's behalf and their evidence is therefore of small value.

7. On the application of the petitioner, the Deputy Collector also called for certain records from the Municipal Office such as nomination list, Registers of miscellaneous petitions, licenses granted by the Municipality, &c, but

petitioner

petitioner was unable to show how those records were relevant to his case.

8. The Deputy Collector therefore considers that the petitioner has failed to substantiate his case and suggests that his petition be dismissed. I concur with him and recommend that the election of Mr. R. N. Lakshmana Aida may be confirmed and his name published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

9. The report in the prescribed form showing the result of the election submitted by the Chairman and the records of Enquiry are enclosed.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Thiruvalluvar
For Acting Collector

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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