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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.
LOCAL MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 1236 M

From

The Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces,
Madras.

C/No 3533 M/95 & 1236 M/96

C/No 10802 M/96
11-5-96

The Petitioners will be informed
that their requests cannot be complied
with.

W.D.
8.5.96

22 9/5/96

No. B/B. 766.

Dated 7-4-96.

Received 22-4-96.

Enclosures C.No. 3533 M of 1895 ret'd.

SUBJECT.

Stating that the house tax in the
Pallavaram Cantonment was only recently
raised to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and it seems de-
sirable to allow at least a year to
elapse before considering whether any
reduction could be made in the rate.

RR
5.6.96

To

The Petitioners. PLO

tho' the Lieut. Genl. Commanding the
forces, Madras.

Dep't = 13/5/96

With order

C. No. 3533 M. of 1898.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Private Secretary
to the Right Honorable the
Governor.

Endorsement No. 1723
6.12.95

Transferred to the
Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces,
Madras.

No.

Dated 13.11.95

Received 14.11.95.

Enclosures

/ By order /

/ Supt. W. H. Phillips
as assistant Secretary.

SUBJECT.

Transferring a petition from
the house owners in the Pallavaram
Cantonment praying that Govt.
order enhancing the house tax
may be Cancelled.

/ With End. /

6. That the tax is imposed and collected on the registered nominal rent according to the book kept in the Station Staff Office, whereas properly speaking, it should be levied on the actual rent fetched at the time like other municipalities.

7. That some sort of Elective system should be introduced into the Committee or at least some nominations should be made by Government from among the rate-payers so that there may be a sufficiently representative Committee.

8. That permission should be granted for letting the bungalows to the non-military gentlemen without having to oust them at 24 hours' notice, but that sufficient time should be granted to them for quitting, for most of the bungalows remain vacant for the greater part of the year owing to there being no sufficient military officers in this nominal Cantonment except two, one being the Officer Commanding the Station, and the other, the Medical Officer.

9. That at present there is a Station Hospital in the Cantonment for Native convalescents, 8 or 9 Veteran Soldiers in the Lines, and that one or two Officers come and stop there during the time of target-practice, which lasts for about 4 months in the year. And rarely whenever any Regiment comes to Madras en route to any other station, it may either stop on the Fort Glacis or at Pallaveram, in which latter place 2 or 3 bungalows will be required for the Officers. And for this purpose so many bungalows are kept vacant, so that the owners thereof are made to suffer heavy losses by way of not only losing the rents but also of repairing the bungalows every year so as to keep them in good order in addition to paying monthly wages to the gardeners or watchmen. The fear of being ousted at 24 hours' notice prevents many would-be tenants from occupying the bungalows, thus making the owners suffer thereby.

10. That Statistics should be taken of the number of bungalows and Officers living in the cantonment and enquiry should be made as to whether the owners of bungalows can be in a position to get any rents from Officers, in the absence of which and in the absence of any Regiment for which the Cantonment was originally intended, whether it will not be advisable on the part of the Government to abolish the cantonment altogether or at least to curtail its limits according to the present and occasional requirements, for which half a dozen bungalows will be quite sufficient.

11. That lately leases of the grounds on which the bungalows stand have been granted to your Petitioners with a provision that the bungalows should be made over to Government after the lapse of 50 years without any compensation; whereas such leases with such a provision have not been given to owners of houses. Why such a difference should be made is passing strange. Can it be because that as the bungalow-owners scarcely get any rent and are therefore great sufferers, they should become total sufferers by losing even their bungalows without any compensation.

12. So your Petitioners pray your Excellency to redress their grievances by granting the following prayers.

(a) That the tax should remain at 5 per cent to be on a level with the Poonamallee Cantonment and that the G. O. No. 1222 M. Miscellaneous dated 31 July 1895 enhancing the tax should be cancelled.

(b) That orders should be issued for levying the tax on the actual rent, if any, and not on the registered nominal rent.

(c) That the Secretary to the Cantonment Committee and the Cantonment Magistrate should be different officers.

(d) That the rate-payers should have representatives on the Committee.

(e) That the provision in the new lease requiring your Petitioners to hand over their Bungalows to Government after the lapse of 50 years without any compensation should be cancelled.

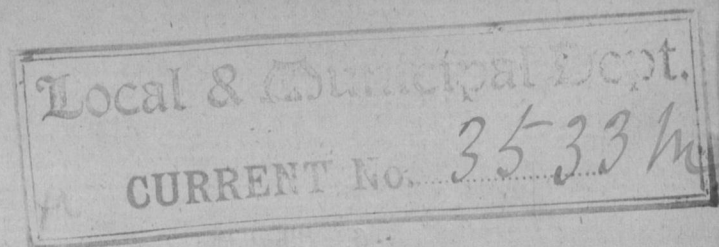
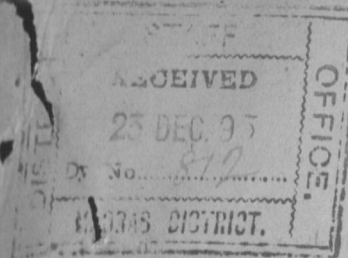
(f) That Government should consider the advisability of either abolishing the cantonment or curtailing its limits according to its requirements.

That your Petitioners will consider the granting of the above concessions and thereby redressing their grievances as a great blessing conferred on them on the eve of your Excellency's departure for which they will ever feel grateful, and your Excellency's regime will be marked by such a signal act of right before might.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

PALLAVEM
11th November 1895.

Your Excellency's
Most obedient servants.



To

His Excellency the Right Honorable
BEILBY LAWLEY, LORD WENLOCK, G. C. I. E.,
GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
MADRAS.

*The Humble Petition of house-owners in the
Pallaveram Cantonment.*

SHWETH:—

1. That your Petitioners as owners of bungalows in the Pallaveram Cantonment are laboring under certain disadvantages as follow.

2. That your Petitioners have hitherto been paying house-tax at the rate of 5 per cent on the rental valuation but that since the 1st October 1895 the tax has been raised to 7½ per cent which will tell very heavily on their poor purses, the more so as they but rarely get tenants for their bungalows as the Cantonment is now merely a nominal one, there being no regiment stationed there for several years past.

3. That the rate-payers are not at all represented on the Committee, which consists of a President, being the Officer Commanding, and two members, one of whom is the Medical officer and the other the Cantonment Magistrate, all of whom are, of course, Government servants; while the municipalities in Towns and the Unions in petty villages contain members chosen from among the rate-payers.

4. That one of the members, the Secretary to the Cantonment Committee, is also the Cantonment Magistrate, the two duties being performed by one and the same individual, which is generally prejudicial to the interests of the public. For instance, when the Secretary issued a circular last year to the Bungalow-owners requiring them to have their compounds fenced, and when a delay occurred, he in his capacity of Magistrate summoned them and fined them heavily and thus carried his Circular into effect.

5. That your Petitioners are at a loss to know why the tax in their Cantonment should be enhanced when the tax in the sister Cantonment of Poonamallee stands as heretofore at 5 per cent there being no material difference between the two Cantonments, and while the latter by levying tax at the above rate manages to meet its expenditure with the usual income.

No. *B*
15.766

17 April 1896.

From

The Lieutenant-General COMMANDING the FORCES, Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
Madras

SIR,

With reference to the petition
of the 11 November last, from certain house
owners in the Cantonment of Pallaveram,
transferred to me with Government Memo
No. 1723, dated 6 December 1895, I have
the honor to state that the house tax
referred to therein was only recently raised
to 7½%, and it seems desirable to allow
at least a year to elapse before
considering whether any reduction
could be made in a rate, which, it
is believed, is general in municipalities
in this presidency.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Ans. Mys. Lt. Genl.
Commanding the Forces, Madras

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