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G.O., No. 894 M

DATED 27th May 1896

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Municipal office, Quinter

Dated 30th April 1896

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From

M R R P. P. Venkatakrishnaiah Saidangar
Chairman, Municipal Council
Quinter

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras

Sir,

In submitting herewith a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council passed at a meeting held on the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to respectfully request the favour of reconsideration of paragraph 2 of G.O. No 302 M dated 20th February 1896 regarding the Councils proposal for the entertainment of two additional maistries.

2. I beg to state that the private scavenging system though introduced some years ago was not worked out satisfactorily till very recently. When I assumed charge of the office as Chairman on the 16th October 19 there were 529 private latrines under Municipal agency, but I felt that the system might be extended and popularised by a little personal exertion and influence and the matter was accordingly vigorously taken in hand.

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In the beginning, there was much opposition
on the deep-rooted prejudices and sentimental
considerations of the people; but after a good deal
of persuasive instruction and personal influence,
the house holders were prevailed upon to accept
the service, the consequence being the registration
of 583 houses in November 1895, 1089 in December
and 1151 in January 1896. The number of private
latrines in this Municipality is 1194 and almost
all latrines that could possibly be brought under
Municipal control were so brought. The remaining
few pertain to European and native gentlemen
who can afford to make their own arrangements
to keep them in a sanitary condition.

3 One strong reason urged by the house holders
at the time they were asked to accept the Municipal
agency was, that if they were to do so they would
be at the mercy of the Municipal laties who
if irregular in their attendance could not be
punished by themselves but could only be
reported to the Municipality, thus making themselves
liable to much annoyance. They were, however,
assured that the municipal management would be
so satisfactory that there would possibly be no
room given for complaint. It was on these
assurances that the people acceded to my wishes.

4 Though there was a considerable increase in the
number of houses served by the Municipality

and though there was a considerable rise in
the revenue from this source (From Rs 86, to Rs 1
per month)

I arranged to get the work managed with one ex-
maistry, but complaints had become so numerous
and the task of maintaining the system in an
efficient state had become so difficult that at
the beginning of last month, I was forced to enter
another additional maistry, without whom it
appeared to me the service could not be satisfactorily
rendered.

5 I then reorganised the whole establishment
thoroughly. To each maistry was allotted a number
of private latrines, making him responsible for
the fees from them and for their sanitary condition.
I also directed the maistries to prepare fresh lists
of such private latrines as had escaped registration
hitherto. The system was thus placed in a satisfactory
working order which if disturbed by the removal
of a maistry in obedience to the Government
order would be upset.

6 The success of the system depends upon the
regular attendance of the scavengers - a class very
difficult to manage - which can only be secured
by very close supervision and immediate rectification
of any irregularity brought to notice. The system
is yet new and not popular; sentiment & prejudice
are strong against it; people are not yet alive

to the advantages arising from it. Added to this, the toties themselves who till recently were deriving a decent income from cleaning latrines on behalf of house holders have now lost it, and have been doing their best, now by striking work & now by evading it, to bring the Municipal agency into discredit. To check this reprehensible practice on the part of the interested scavengers and to extract from them as much work as possible, a vigorous, efficient and effective management is indispensable until at least the system becomes well established. This rests upon an increased staff for supervision for the present.

- 7 The scavenging maistries are also responsible for the collection of fees. Notwithstanding the great advantages secured by the house holders from Municipal service, great trouble is experienced in collecting the fees low as they are. The people cannot be pressed too much; the system being novel, the use of force would only end in making it unpopular and in reducing the revenue from a decrease in the number of houses served. Moreover, the Act provides no special means for enforcing payment. It would only entail a good deal of labour to issue a number of warrants or to file a number

of suits for small sums varying from as 2 to annas 8. Thus, the only course left open to the scavenging Maistries for the present is to collect the fees without giving trouble to the people who, in most cases, drag them to their houses many times before payment is made. Until people evince their appreciation in the system by prompt payment, I humbly beg to suggest that four supervisors rather than three as ordered by the Government are required.

8 It is well known that private scavenging cannot be had for anything like the amount at present charged by the Municipality, the rates being as 2,478 per mensem according to the number of inmates in a house. These rates should however prevail for some time, that is, until the system gets settled and popularised. The rates may then be doubled without making the people grudge payment. After working the system vigorously and effectively so as to gain the confidence of the people, I am desirous not only to raise the rates but to introduce double service (ie. scavenging the privies in the forenoon & afternoon). It was with this object that Rs 2500 was budgetted as revenue from private scavenging - a sum which

makes the system more than self supporting.

9 In these circumstances, I request that you will be pleased to move the Government to accord its sanction for the Council's proposal to entertain two additional scavenging maistries. The necessary provision to meet this extra charge remains unaltered in the budget as sanctioned by the Government, and consequently no separate proposition statement applying for allotment of funds is submitted along with this letter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Chairman

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council, Quinter at a meeting held on the 25th March 1896.

Present

M.R. P. Venkatakrishnayya Maider gam B.A.,
Chairman

R. P. Pill esquire

A. P. Fernandez esquire

" A. M. Sundariva Anugal B.A.

" M. Subbarow Pantulu gam B.A.

" A. Ramayya Pantulu gam

" Ch. Lakshmananna gam

" A. T. Balamukundess gam

Syed Bazeeth sahib gam

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10 Read C/o No 302 M dated 20-2-96 reviewing the Quinter Municipal Budget for 1896-97.

Recorded. The Government will be requested respectfully to reconsider its order about the 2nd additional scavenging Maistry.

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(Sd) P. Venkatakrishnayya
Chairman

(True Extract)

P. Venkatakrishnayya
Chairman

From

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The Chairman,

Municipal Council,

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Local and Municipal Department

Maoras.

Order No. 894 in his. 7/27-5/96.

In the circumstances now stated, the entertainment of an additional maistri to supervise the work of the private scavengers, is sanctioned.

Dated 30 April 1896

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To the Chairman M.C. G.

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