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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 93 M

DATED 17th January 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Paid Chairman to the Madura Municipal Council.

Requesting with remarks, the Municipal Council to reconsider the question of a ---- and to report what amount of salary it would give and whom it would desire to be appointed.

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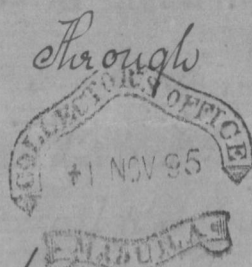
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Madura 30th October 1895

CURRENT No.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George.



The Collector of
Madura.

Sir,

We, the undersigned Councillors of the Madura Municipality beg to submit, for the consideration of Government, that a proposal for the appointment of a paid Chairman signed by eleven Councillors was brought up before the meeting held on the evening of the 29th October 1895. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Fischer, the present Chairman and the following Councillors were present.

- 1 Surgeon Major F. C. Reeves, District Medical & Sanitary Officer.
- 2 N. Macninchad Esq. Assistant Collector.
- 3 Mr. R. Rao Bahadur J. Pattabram Pillai Aungul.
General Charge Dy Collector & Ex Officio Councillor
- 4 " M. Alagarisawmi Naidoogaroo
- 5 " C. K. Veerasawmi Naidoogaroo
- 6 " M. Anantha Krishna Naidoogaroo
- 7 " V. C. Sivarame Chettiar Aungul.
- 8 " R. Venkatarama Ayer Aungul.
- 9 " J. Ramachandra Ayer Aungul.
- 10 " P. R. Venkatasaboo Naidoogaroo.
- 11 " G. Soobrayalu Naidoogaroo
- 12 " Syed Gulam Ally Sahib Aungul.
- 13 " J. Jemboo Chettiar Aungul.
- 14 " Alloo Chetharamies Aungul.
- 15 " M. Sooblu Naidoogaroo
- 16 " Selvaraja Naidoogaroo
- 17 " R. Moorthi Sawni Pillai Aungul.

2. Three of the Councillors, that had signed the proposal viz. G. E. Baudry Esq. M.Ry V.S. Kristu asauri Ayer and M.Ry Obia Munisauri Ayer and at were absent, of whom the first (the District Superintendent of Police) had, in the meantime, left the station on privilege leave.

3. When the Subject came up for discussion, a few members addressed the Council. The proposal was put to vote with the result that Councillors 1 to 9 voted in favor of the proposal and Nos 10 to 17 against it. The proposal was eventually, declared to be lost by the casting vote of the Chairman in spite of the objections taken by Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, to the Chairman exercising his right under the circumstances to vote. We beg to point out that two votes were recorded by the Chairman, one as a Councillor and the casting vote as Chairman.

4. It may also be mentioned that, of the 8 Councillors that voted against the proposal, seven are Ward Councillors, who as such always support the Chairman in all his schemes.

5. The necessity for a paid Chairman is already known to Government and no reasons need therefore, be assigned here at length for the same.

6. Owing to the factional spirit, which has reigned in the Council under the present regime, and owing to the unsatisfactory state, into which, Municipal affairs have fallen, it is desirable in the interests of the public and the institution, that a paid Chairman, should forthwith, be appointed.

In Conclusion, we request the Government will be pleased to pass such orders as will save the Municipality from further loss and ruin.

We have the honor to be

Yours most Obedient Servants.

(1) K. Weerasinghe

(4) M. S. Jayasinghe

(6) M. S. Jayasinghe

will be fit and willing
to take up the appointment and

(7) O. S. F. V.

(9) Thane

(11) F. M.

(12) A. M.

DEPARTMENT.

Municipal Dept.

No. 3493 M

ECTOR, of

Madura

Endorsement on Com. No. 4705
gent of 95
ENCLOSURES. nil

Dated 6th

Received

November

1895.

UNDER SECRETARY
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

SUBJECT.

Submitting, with remarks, petition
from some of the Councillors of the
Madura Municipality requesting
that a paid Chairman be appointed
for the said Municipality.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 3493 m

of 1895, dated

6th November

from the Collector of Madura

Current No.

of 189 , dated

from the

FOR ORDERS.

I can't see why Mr.
Fischer should not have
been asked. His
usual interest in
a matter was very
small.

So far as I can judge,
the Madura Municipality has
not been badly managed of
late, as far as I know. So, if there
is certainly no case for
appointing a paid Chairman
at the town. I would say
that if, on the present Chairman
vacating office, the C. is prepared
to assign a salary to as to
allow of the appointment of a gentleman
as Chairman who would give
his whole time to the duties of
the office, it would, in the
opinion of the Govt., be to the benefit
of the town & I would wish the
C. to reconsider the question &
to say, if they agree to a paid
Chairman, what pay they would
be willing to appoint.

Even such an order

Towards the close of the year
1890-91, the municipal council of
Madura was deprived of the
power of electing its own chairman
owing to the very unsatisfactory
condition of affairs in the muni-
cipality and the Revenue Divisional
Officer was appointed chairman.
As it was then found to be im-
possible for this Officer to attend
to the work of the municipality in
addition to his own heavy duties,
and as no suitable councillor
was available to take up the
appointment, the Government
resolved to appoint a paid chairman
as recommended by the collector
and referred the proposal to the
municipal council for remarks. In
reply to this the council stated that
there were councillors fit and willing
to take up the appointment and

and requested Government to restore to it the privilege of electing the chairman, which had been withdrawn from it with a view to remove the then chairman. The Government however declined to accede to the Council's request as the best men had already been tried and found to have failed and requested the Council to report the salary which should be paid to the chairman and to provide the amount in the budget for 1893-94. But on the further representation of the Council the Government agreed to appoint any councillor who was willing to serve and who in the opinion of the collector was competent to carry on the administration with efficiency & success. The present Chairman Mr R. Fischer was then recommended by the Collector and appointed by Government on the 28th March 1893.

2. The proposal recently made by eleven of the councillors to appoint a paid chairman was discussed at a meeting of the Council held on

will probably be
cavilled at showing the
Int. desires & force a
paid chairman on the
Municipal Ct, so

Circ

6/12/95

I agree. We cannot or ought
do less.

Jg

7/12/95

Why not try what answers so well
in England - an elected chairman
(usually a prominent but a very busy
man) - and a paid manager -
the Town Clerk?

The locality has the honour & glory
of electing its own representative to
fill the highest office - while the
drudgery is done by some one else

to see
the Council follow the division on the
question and the Council of the Council
at the same time take a vote on the
Chairman

No doubt this is the best
plan and I understand that
some of the electors members
of the Local Ct are going to propose
it in connection with the amend-
ment of the Municipal Act. For my
part, I accept the idea as a
satisfactory solution of a difficult

question. But, as I read the
Municipal Act as it stands, the
Chairman of a Municipality cannot now
devote on a servant of the Municipality
the duties of a paid financial con-
trol in such a manner as would be
essential to the proper working of the
scheme. Unless the law is amended
the scheme won't work.

I understand, by the way, that the
Ct. is opposed to the idea of there being
a well paid Secretary or Manager
in whom the Chairman could legally
devote all his duties except those
connected with the conduct of business
at meetings of the Ct. - which has
been well said. If he had needed his
views on this suggestion - I regret
he will do so soon.

17/12/95

Note for H.H.

I write nothing upon the subject of
the Gov. as it would have been
contrary to etiquette to do so. I send you
his at the outset an opportunity of
saying his say and then after we
considered at liberty to make further
remarks excepting in reply to direct questions
or to point out anything which may
be incorrect in a note of any kind or
to explain any points on which

the 29th Oct. 1895; but it was lost by
casting vote of the chairman. It would
have been better for Mr Fischer to have
refrained from voting in this matter
but he persisted in giving his two votes
notwithstanding the objection raised by
seven of the Councillors. There is however
no rule to prevent this. These Councillors
have now addressed Government
praying for the immediate appoint-
ment of a paid chairman and
the collector in forwarding their
petition says that he is strongly
of opinion that when the present
Chairman vacates on the 7th Feb.
1896 his successor should be a paid
officer who can devote his whole
time to municipal affairs. If this
recommendation is approved by
Government, the Council may
be directed to report at once
what salary may be paid to the
Chairman & to make the necessary

provision for it in the budget
for 1896-97

V.R.
27/11/95

W.D.

27/11/95

This seems ~~my~~ very short way of dealing
with the Council though I do not
see what else can be done beyond
requesting them to reconsider their
resolution.

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3/12/95.

FOR ORDERS.

19/12/95
LD
Call it
whatever the one like to
make that answer before or
change the own opinion and
the implication that the Council
the approval of the Council
in a long period of time - as
it has passed by the Council
that the person has chairman
and that is / whether he doubts
himself. As it stands he
should be able to work as he
should be the way of the Council

FOR ORDERS.

Let definite amendments
to the Mund. Bill be prepared
for enabling Chairmen to
devolve all their powers,
except such as relate to the
conduct of proceedings in meetings
on paid secretaries; and providing
that when the Chairman has so
devolved his powers he shall
himself cease to exercise them,
except on appeal against the secretary's
orders & that powers may be
revoked on a paid Secy being
withdrawn without the sanction
of the Comtee. When we get the matter
into shape in this way we
shall be better able to consider
how this scheme will work -

In the meantime, I think the
proposed reply to Madama may
do - Some reply must, and this
for the present, as well as any other

BN

23/12/95

he is an Under Secretary or the Office
may have been misunderstood or may
not have put any motion with sufficient
clarity.

I am not opposed to the arrangement
proposed by Mr. The Comtee which is for
all practical purposes *mutatis nominibus*
a paid Chairman. What I do object
to is a paid Secretary such as Mr.
Fleming at Botocumen was - and
that he had no paid red herrings -
highly paid managers would be
just the same.

In the last stands the Chairman and
could not delegate his powers to
a Secretary as he is not a member
of the Comtee but a servant of the
Committee.

The objection to a paid Secretary is that
the Chairman can delegate his powers
is that being a servant of the
Committee it would be against his
interest to turn Comtee to their own
or wishes a position which a paid
Chairman who would be a Comtee
would not be placed too near
a degree. Still I think that
the proposed measure is one which

Paid chairman - Madras

3493 M

FOR ORDERS.

Am & Co

Resubmitted to the Honble Members with reference to the remarks of H.E. the Governor

WHP
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14/12/95

Resubmitted to the Honble Mr Bliss C.S.E.

WHP
20.xii.95

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Current No. *3493 M*

of 1895, dated *6th Nov*, from

Collector of Madras

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ORDER.

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The Govt is of opinion that it would be a great benefit to the Municipality, if, on the expiry of the present Chairman's term of office, the Municipal Council could see their way to assign a salary to be paid to some gentleman so as to allow of his taking up the post of Chairman, devoting his whole time to the duties of the office. The Council will therefore be requested to reconsider the question, or in event of their agreeing to the appointment of a paid Chairman, to report what amount of salary they are willing to give, or whom they would appoint.

*To The Chairman and Madras Pro
thru the Collectors.*

18/1/96

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(from order)

16.1.96

Said Chairman, Madras Mun.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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CURRENT No.

C. S.

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