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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 598 M

DATED 1st. April 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council.

ordering, with remark, that the elction of M.R.Ry. T.Govinda Reddiyar Avargal as a member of the Vellore --- be notified.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

UNDER Section 10 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, the under-mentioned gentlem~~e~~an ha~~ve~~s been duly elected a Municipal Councillor~~s~~ of the Municipality of Vellore :—

M.R.Ry. T. Govinda Reddiyar avargal.

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Nominal list of the Municipal Council, Vellore

Maximum strength	Serial No.	Names of Members	Date of appointment or election. If vacant, the word "Vacant" should be entered against each	Official or non-Official	Remarks. Date & Cause of vacancy
12	1	E. L. Vaughan Esquire, Sub Collector	Ex officio	Councillor	✓
	2	Surgeon Major C. Adams, M.B.	11. 9. 94	Official	✓
	3	Revd. W. J. Chamberlain	16. 7. 95	non-official	✓
	4	M.R.Ry. V. Sivalyogi Averghal	24. 7. 94	Do.	✓
	5	" V. Nadamuni Mudaliar "	22. 8. 93	Official	✓
	6	" A. C. Seshagiri Row "	28. 8. 94	Non official	✓
	7	Subadar major Syed Sulaiman Saib	23. 10. 94	Do.	✓
	8	M.R.Ry Palni Chettiar averghal	13. 11. 94	Do.	✓
	9	" V. Easwarappa Mudaliar "	22. 1. 95	Do.	✓
	10	Mahammad Habibulla Saib	30. 4. 95	Do.	✓
	11.	M.R.Ry P. Kannu Chettiar averghal	19. 3. 95	Do.	✓
	12.	" V. Subraya Chettiar "	31. 10. 93	Do.	✓
	13.	" T. Puniakoti Mudaliar "	26. 11. 95	Do.	✓
	14	" R. Rajagopaul Naidugaru	Do.	Do.	✓
	15	" P. Varadaraja Mudaliar averghal	Do.	Do.	✓
	16		Vacant		22. 9. 95 Expiry of term of office of M.R.Ry. Govinda Reddyar averghal.
	17		Do.		22. 9. 95 Expiry of term of office of M.R.Ry Punia-Koti Mudaliar averghal
	18		Do.		17. 1. 96 Expiry of term of office of Subadar major Hussaind Khan Sai

19		Vacant		22.9.95 Expiry of term of office of M.R.Ry Achalaperumal Chettiar Avergal
20		Do.		14.11.95 Death of Abubaker Sait.

N. Arcot Collector's office
Camp Carnaticghur
11th March 1896

S. S. Wynne.
Collector

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Report of a Contested election held in the Vellore Municipality on the 21st February 1896.

Name of Munici-pality	Name of ward, if any.	Date of Election		Number of Voters	Number of Voters who exercised their privilege	Names of Candidates.	Number of votes obtained by each	Names of Candidates duly elected	Remarks
1	2.	3		4	5	6	7	8	9
Vellore Municipality	A, or 1st, or North-Eastern Ward	1896 February	21	194	163	1. M. R. Ry. A. Chelvaperumal Chettiar averghal	87	M. R. Ry. A. Chelva-perumal chettiar Averghal M. R. Ry. T. Govinda Reddyar averghal	M. R. Ry. V. Nadamuni Mudaliar Averghal, a Municipal Councillor was appointed polling officer
						2. " T. Govinda Reddyar "	79		
						3. " A. Sami Iyer "	71		
						4. " Ramachendra Mudaliar "	39		
						5. " Tho. Teruvengadasami Mudaliar "	"		
						6. " T. Pinniakoti Mudaliar "	Withdrew their names after publication of schedule of valid nominations and before Election. Their names were consequently omitted from the ballot papers.		
						7. " T. R. Saminatha Iyer "			
						8. " A. Manikka Chettiar "			

The ballot box was opened by me at the Municipal Office in the presence of:—

M. R. Ry. Kannu Chettiar averghal

" Raja Gopaul Naidu Garu

Number of Vacancies:—

A or 1st a North Eastern Ward – 2.

(Signed) M. Habbetulla Saib
Chairman

Vellore
Municipal Councillors Office
22nd. February 1896

(True Copy)

Collector

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

DCo No. 416 Ery OF 1896. 11th March 1896.

Camp Carnaticghur

Local & [illegible] Dept.
[illegible] No. 922 M

FROM

J. H. Wynne Laziure,
COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Local & Municipal Department,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that M.R.Ry. T. Govinda Reddyar Avergal one of the Councillors of the Vellore Municipality whose term of office expired on the 22nd September 1895 has been re-elected as a councillor at the election held on the 21st ultimo. The name of this gentleman may therefore be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. One of the candidates at this election, M.R.Ry. A. Sami Iyer Avergal, put in a petition in which he alleged that the polling officer di

did not perform the duties imposed on him by rules 25 and 26 of the Election Rules properly, that 21 ballot papers had therefore to be invalidated & that consequently he lost the chance of being elected. The petitioner requested that a fresh election might therefore be ordered to be held. As none of his objections, even if well founded in fact would come within the terms of rule 36, I rejected the petition.

3. As regards the long delay in filling up the vacancy, the Chairman reports that the orders of Government were obtained for postponement of the election.

4. A copy of the report prescribed in G. O. No. 690 M., L. & M., dated 22·6·88 received from the Chairman is submitted herewith together with the usual nominal list of the Council.

5. Another candidate, M. R. Ry. A. Chelvaperumal Chettiar Avergal was also elected on the same day, vide report referred to in the previous para. His election has been objected to and the matter is under enquiry.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
[illegible] Wynne.
Collector.

W/cnd

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 922 M

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From

THE COLLECTOR,

North Arcot.

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To

THE Chief SECRETARY TO ~~THE~~

~~COMMISSIONERS OF LAND REVENUE,~~

Government,

Local & Municipal Dept.,

Madras

No. of enclosures. 2

Letter, dated 11th March 1896.

Dis No. 416/Eng of 1896.

CHIEF SECRETARY
15 MAR. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

DESPATCHED.

Requesting that the name of M. R. Ry. T. Govinda Reddyar averghal who has been elected as a councillor of the Vellore Municipality may be published in the Ft. St. George Gazette.

Very urgent

Municipal Councillors' Office,

Vellore 14th March 1896.

Despatched 18th March 96

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 951 M

No. 319 Pl From

MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,

CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

VELLORE.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Enclosures. 3

(~~Through the Divisional Officer.~~)

Sir,

The Council at a meeting held on the 5th February last resolved to ascertain the views of Government as to whether M. R. Ry. Govinda Reddyar avergal a late Municipal Councillor, was eligible for election as Councillor, at the election fixed on the 21st February last to fill up the two vacancies existing in the [illegible] ward for the following reasons —

2. In the early part of 1895 it was brought to the notice of Government that Councillor M. R. Ry. Govinda Reddyar avergal had encroached upon municipal land to the extent of [illegible] square feet. The Council who considered the matter at a meeting held on the 8th February 1895 resolved to sell the land to M. R. Ry. Govinda Reddyar avergal, but

Government

Chairman

Government in its Proceedings dated
6th August 1895 No 1267 M mis, declined
to sanction the proposed sale and
animadverted in strong language
on the Councillor's Conduct in the following
terms - Para 2. "It appears to the Government
"that the petitioner must have been
"perfectly well aware that he was
"encroaching upon the street, and it
"views his conduct and that of the members
"of the Council who supported him with
"dissatisfaction."

3. In my covering letter to the
Budget for 1896-97 para 5 vide G.O.
No. 205 M, dated 3rd February [illegible] I brought
to the notice of Government that in the
matter of the criminal action taken
against the town overseer and road
materials contractors for 1890-91, they
were acquitted. The contractors thereupon
demanded the amounts due to them, &
which the Council had, ill advisedly
no doubt, withheld, but as their request
was not complied with, they took legal
action against the Council. The Council
however, defended the suit in the Court
of the District Munsiff Vellore, but
it was decreed against the Council.

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4. During the hearing of the suit
M.R.Ry. Govinda Reddyar avergal was
examined as the 3rd defence witness on
behalf of the Municipal Council.
In reviewing his evidence in para 11 of
the judgment, the District Munsiff of
Vellore writes as follows - "The next
"witness called was Govinda Reddy
"a commissioner and the village magistrate
"of the same. He signed A and also B
"and C and he knew the entries in A relating
"to D and he was only examined in
"respect of his signature to A. He told
"the Court that he had no experience
"whatever at the time he signed A.
"He was only then a commissioner for
"four or five months and it was the first
"time he had any thing to do with signing
"a bill and without asking any one not
"even any of his colleagues he subscribed
"his name to A on the inducement of the plaintiff
"and the overseer, and he really did not
"know at the time why his signature to
"the bill was required but unfortunately
"for the witness the register A produced
"by the Plaintiff shows that he was in
"office as a Councillor in 1889 and had been
"making measurements and checking them
"and that he was in fact deputed to do

this

"this duty by the Chairman - I can hardly
"conceive anything more wicked or
"disgraceful than the statements of this
"Councillor, when he was put forward by the
"Chairman as a witness to prove Plaintiff's
"fraud. His statements were so palpably
"false that I considered it my duty
"to ask him to appear the following
"day to show cause why he should not
"be sent to a Magistrate for perjury
"himself. He appeared and offered
"his apology to the Court and I have
"refrained taking any further steps as
"I am about so soon to leave the District;
"but still I must note my displeasure
"and surprise that a man with such
"little regard for veracity should be permitted
"to hold the position of a Town Councillor."

5. An appeal having been
preferred against the judgment of the
District Munsiff - the appellate Court
in para 9 of its judgment reviews the evidence
of the same gentleman as follows:-
"One of the number, so deputed, signed
"the bills B and certain entries relating
"to D. His explanation that he did not
"measure the heaps &c., before doing so
"cannot be given any weight at all.
"If his statement be true, he has probably
"rendered himself liable to the
Municipal

"Municipal Council under section 259
"of Act IV of 1884, but, as between them
"and the plaintiff, he cannot be allowed
"to allege that his signature had no
"meaning."

From the extracts quoted
above, Government will be pleased
to observe that such remarks have been
passed regarding the conduct of Mr.
Govinda Rudrav [illegible] as lead the
Council to consider that he should no
longer be allowed to continue on the
Council and they have therefore authorized
me to solicit the views of Government
in the matter.

I regret that I was not
[illegible]
able to make this reference soon after
the resolution referred to above was
passed because prior to that I
had sent all the records connected
with this case to the Government
Pleader at Chittur in accordance with
a former resolution of the Council
dated 25th January 1896, for obtaining
his legal opinion as to whether a
suit could lie against the Councillor
referred to above, under section 259 of
Act IV of 1884 as surmised by the District
Judge in para 9 of his judgment quoted
above. These records were only returned
to

M. " Chairman

to me on the "instant although I had written two reminders for them.

8. Owing to the records not being available as stated above the reference could not be made before the election held on the 21st February 95.

Since then M.R.Ry Govinda Reddiar avergal has been elected for the A Ward, and his name has been submitted to Government through the Collector for publication in the Fort St. George Gazette as usual.

No. 922m

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

~~ff~~ Chairman

No. 55

Extract from Proceedings at a GENERAL ~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore,

dated 5th February 1895.

PRESENT.

M.R.Ry P. Samidoss Mudelliar avergal Chairman
" Palani Chettiar avergal
" Subadar Major Syed Suliman Saib avergal
" Nadamuny Mudelliar avergal
" Abubukir Saib avergal
" Poonniakote Mudelliar avergal
" Subroya Chettiar avergal
" Chelvaperumaul Chettiar avergal
" Ramasamy Mudelliar avergal
" Govinda Reddiar avergal

9. The Chairman brings to notice that M.R.Ry Govinda Reddyar avergal has not as yet removed the encroachment made by him in spite of the notice issued to him in pursuance of the resolution of the Council dated 26th November 1894.

Read also extract from the notice book of the Sanitary Inspector Ist Division reporting that M.R.Ry Govinda Reddyar avergal has not as yet removed the encroachment although he was asked to do so by notice No 498 with Divisional Councillor's report thereon.

Resolved by majority that M.R.Ry Govinda Reddyar may be directed to pay Compensation for the land encroached upon.

Dissenting Councillors.

M.R.Ry Chelvaperumaul Chettiar avergal
" Subroya Chettiar avergal
" Poonniakote Mudelliar avergal
" Palani Chettiar avergal

(Signed) P. Samidoss Mudelliar
Chairman

(True Extract)

Chairman

No. 49

Extract from Proceedings at a GENERAL ~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore, dated 25th January 1896.

PRESENT.

Muhammad Habbullah Sabeb Chairman
E. L. Vaughan Esquire Sub-Collector
Reverend W. I. Chamberlain
M.R.Ry Camoochettiar avergal
" Varadaraja Mudelliar avergal
" Palani Chettiar avergal
" Seshagiri Row avergal
" Rajagopal Naidu Garu
" Nadamuni Mudelliar avergal
" Subbrayachettiar avergal
" I. Poonnikote Mudelliar avergal

4. Read judgments of Lower and Appellate Courts in O.S. No 75 of '94 - Contractor Munisami Mudaliar versus Vellore Municipal Council - with petition No 767 from V. Subramiar and others requesting that the loss sustained by the municipality by these adverse judgments be recovered from M.R.Ry Govinda Reddyar avergal and (the late) M.R.Ry Abubuker Sabeb avergl

The legal opinion of the Government pleader of the District will be obtained as to whether a suit could lie against the councillor and place the same before the Council at an early date. The Chairman is also requested to place the entire facts of the case before the Council at the aforesaid meeting

(Signed) Muhammad Habbullah
Chairman

(True Extract) Habbullah
Chairman

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Local and Municipal Departments.

No.

From

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Vellore.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
Fort St. George.

(~~Through the Divisional Officer~~)

No. 319 GL

Dated 17th March 1896.

Received 189 .

UNDER SECRETARY
19 MAR 96
PUBLIC ETC DEPT

SUBJECT.

Requesting to know whether M.R.Ry. Govinda Reddiar is eligible as a Councillor after his retirement from office seeing when he was a councillor his conduct has been severely criticised by Government for encroaching on Municipal land and by the District Munsiff for perjuring himself in a judicial proceeding.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 922 M of 1896, dated 11th March '96 from the Collector of North Arcot.
" — 951 M ~~1896~~ — 17th March '96 — Chairman, M.C., Vellore.

Order. No. 598 Mun. d/ 1-4-96

The usual notification regarding the election of M.R.Ry., T. Govinda Reddiyar will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

2. With reference to the Chairman's letter read above, which should have been submitted through the Collector, it is observed that M.R.Ry. T. Govinda Reddiyar was not disqualified for election under No. 6 of the election rules, as he was not "convicted of any such offence or subjected by a Criminal Court to any "such order as implies a defect of "character".

V.R.
26/3/96

W.W.D.
26.3.96

27/3/96

30/3/96

Note. This man is apparently not a very desirable Councillor. but under the rules he is not disqualified for election.

P.T.O.

To
The Chairman, M.C., Vellore,
thro' the Collector of North Arcot.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. DATED
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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