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G.O., No. 1025-M.

DATED 30-4-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Informing the Muhammadans
of Dindigul that Govt has received a
report on the matter of their complaints
against the Chairman and sees no reason
to interfere as requested by them.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1534m

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From

The Collector of
Madura

Muni

Order.

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29/4/97

The petitioners will
be informed that the govern-
ment has received a report
upon the matter
from the collector and
has no reason to interfere

V.R.
26/4/97

[Signature]
28/4/97

No. 1370 of 97
6th April 1897

Dated

Received

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks
letter from the Chairman,
Municipal Council, Sindhi,
on the memorial submitted
to Government by
Mahomedans of

The Chairman Mr Sindhi
thru the Collector of Madura
Petitioners
26/4/97

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2. It will be seen that the charges against the Chairman are baseless.

3. The reason of delay has been already reported in this office No. 4663, dated the 28th November 1896. The papers were received in this office only on the 29th Ultimus.

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For Collector

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5-4-97

Inaduna collector's
office
6th April 1897

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10-10-96

J^r,

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3843M

His Excellency the Right Honorable,
The Governor in Council,
Fort Saint George.

The humble memorial of the Mohameden Community
residing in the Town of Dindigul.

Most Respectfully Sheweth;-

That since his assumption of charge of the office of
Chairman of the Dindigul Municipality Mr. J. Rajagopaul
Koidu has created a strong faction in the Council and gets things
irrespective of their legality or otherwise to be passed on his behalf
at the Council meetings. The following are some of the important
cases which have occasioned no little amount of caste feelings:-

(1). By giving permission, without sanction of
Government on 24-5-95 on petition No. 36, to repair an old
dilapidated Perumal Temple at the lower fort of the Dindigul
rock - which with all the ground in front of it within and
without the ramparts virtually vests in Government, except
that the parade ground was transferred to Dindigul Municipality
for recreation and grazing purposes under G.O. No. 1612.
Financial, dated 3-12-72. As the Chairman is a
Vishnuvite he wishes evidently to strengthen during the time
of his regime his own deity and thus got it passed by
majority notwithstanding a strong protest made
it by two Mohameden Councillors who were then

at the meeting.

(2) By allowing a square masonry pyal of a large dimension to be erected by one of his religionists almost at the junction of the Madura and Batalagundu roads where the Mohamaders for the most part frequent and some idol located on it. A Mahazer h^e against this encroachment has not been properly dealt with upto date.

(3) By giving permission to a certain individual residing in Bungalli street to erect a building in the mosque land wherein old Mohamaden tombs were unearthed when digging foundation for the building in question. This building is erected by a Hindu who is a favourite of the Chairman, with the permission of the Municipality while a Mahazer against it is pending before the Municipal Council and a criminal Complaint lodged against the erection of this building by the Town Kazi is pending before the Stationary Sub Magistrate of the Town.

II That the Memorialists beg therefore most respectfully to represent these matters of a religious nature which give vent to a sort of commotion among the several religionists and to pray that a thorough investigation may be ordered to be instituted into the Cases alleged above. Meanwhile the permission granted by the Municipal Council for restoring the old temple ordered to be held in abeyance as the work is now speedily progressing.

For which act of charity

Your Excellency's memorialists
As in duty bound
Shall ever pray



(Syed Abdul Rasheeth
Sahib Bahadur
Town Kazi
Dindigul)

[Handwritten signatures and names in Urdu/Arabic script, including:]
Murtaza Ali Khan Sahib
Syed Ghulam Ali Sahib
Abdul Rahim
Gulam Hussain
11th December 1895
Dindigul
[Additional handwritten notes and signatures in Urdu/Arabic script.]

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 3843 M

M. 14-11/96.

G.P.O. No 1507

From

Abdul Rasheeth
Sahib Bahadur
& others,
Dindigul.

No. 31

Referred to the Chairman,
Municipal Council, Dindigul,
for remarks, which should
be submitted through the
Collector.

(By order)

W. D. Phillips

Ag. Assistant Secretary

No.

Dated 11-12-95

Received 21-12-95.

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Complaint against the
Chairman, M.C. Dindigul.

V.A.
19/1/96

Lat St. George,
11th Jan 1896

To

Chairman M.C., Dindigul.

(attached)

11. 12. 96

Municipal office

Dindigul, 8th March 1896.

No 380

From

Mr. R. R.

J. Rajagopal Nayudayam
Chairman
Municipal Council
Dindigul

To

The Chief Secretary
to
Government

Fort Saint George

(Through the Sub-Collector and the
Collector of Madurai)

Sir,

Adverting to the memorial
purporting to be from Abdul Rasheeth
Sahib Bahadur and others, referred
to me for remarks, I have the
honor to state that I have on
previous occasions pointed out how
silly are the allegations contained
in such memorials, from what
quarter

quarters they proceed and consequently how untrustworthy they are. Some of these memorials are now before the Sub-Collector who summoned the Signatories and examined them regarding their allegations, and when the result is reported to Government, I doubt not, that the Government will not fail to see that my remarks are true.

As regards the giving of permission to certain individuals to repair an old dilapidated temple pointed out in paragraphs of the memorial, I have to state that such permission was granted in due course, on a petition put in by a member of the Din digul temple committee on behalf of the public. It is true that out of the 7 councillors present including myself, 2 were Hindus, 1 European, and three Mahomedans (two brothers and a son of one of them), two Mahomedans dissented; but among them, a Mahomedan Councillor the father, and a European Councillor

councillor voted for the petitioners, which fact the memorialists have omitted. The memorialists appear to say that the facts whereon the temple is situated, vest in Government. Even if this be true, I do not see how the permission given would affect the title of Government to the facts. The Municipal Act does not contemplate that the Council should sit as judges to enquire into rights or titles as between parties and consequently any permission given by the Council can in no way interfere with them. All that the Council has to see when a petition for permission to erect or repair a building comes up before them, is whether the building as shown by the plan does not encroach upon Municipal land and cause inconvenience

inconvenience to the public,
that it is likely to satisfy the
principles of Sanitation and is
not dangerous to human life.
Looked at from this point of
view, the permission given is
in no way illegal, but on the
other hand, it is perfectly in the
interests of the Municipality
and the people. The parts surrounding
the temple ^{were} extremely insanitary,
not to say unsafe. The temple
has since the grant of permission
been partly repaired and the
surroundings are being kept in
good order. I may point out
here, that the site in question
is close to the Taluk bungalow and
the repair of the temple, if obstructed,
cannot have escaped the notice
of the Revenue authorities. In
close proximity to this, and before
the council gave permission
to have the temple, a site was
granted

granted by the Revenue authorities
and a temple had been newly
erected thereon.

The pyal referred to in
para I(2) of the memorial is
situated in the 5th ward. This
ward has been in charge of
Mahomedan Councilor for
a long time and no notice
appears to have been taken
of this pyal till I assumed
office. The pyal has been in
existence from years past. But
some steps and fencing attached
thereto appear to be encroachments.
These have been taken notice of
and a notice served on the
owner to remove them and this
matter is now before the
encroachment Sub-committee
for its opinion. The mahajan
referred to in the same para
is ^{only} a mendicant who has no petition

and this was received after notice had been issued.

The permission to erect a building referred to in para II(3) of the memorial was given unanimously, 10 councillors including two Brahomedans being present.

The general remarks made by me in para 2 above, apply here as well. The Khaj and the Brahomedans must seek remedy elsewhere for the acts of the Hindu alleged to have been committed on the land.

The discharge referred to was on a different matter altogether and after the permission had been given and the building of had been erected.

In conclusion, there appears to have been no trace

permission in the cases referred to, nor was there any since. It may probably be, that a set of individuals have joined together to mislead the Government into believing in the existence of a connection by such unfounded representations which they wish to pass for memorials. The memorials hitherto submitted to Government may be compared with advantage, as to their tenor, writing and signature.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

J. H. J. G. P. M.
Chairman

8.3.96

Municipal Department

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A. R. R.

J. R. Rajagopal Iyer
Chairman
Municipal Council
Tindivan

To
The Chief Secretary
to
Government
Fort Saint George
(And the Sub Collector & the Collector of Madras)

Dated 8
Despatched 9 } March 1896
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No 38012 MAR 96

Enclosure 1 (Memorial)

Subject

Submitting remarks
on the memorial to
Government from Sd
Abdul Resheed Sahib
P. hadur and others

H. C.
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