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MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1325 M

DATED 2nd 6-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Encroachments in the Chidambaram Mun'ly

Passing orders on the question of —

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated 1897, No.
Current No. 1632 M of 1896. dated 3 - 6 - 1896 from the Collector of South Arcot.
Current No. 21 M of 1897, dated 27 - 12 - 1896 from the Collector of South Arcot
Current No. 238 M of 1897, dated 8 - 1 - 1897 from the Chairman, M.C. Chidambaram
" 586 M of 1897, " 10 - 2 - 1897 " — do. —

FOR ORDERS.

D

In G.O. No. 474 M dated 20th March 1890, the proposal of the Municipal Council of Chidambaram to levy certain fees on licenses granted for the construction of Koradus (pavements) in front of houses on public streets was approved and in G.O. No. 1513 M, dated 19th October 1894, the Council was allowed to enforce the renewal of all such licenses once in three years on payment of a small fee.

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Vide his 1st letter in Current No. 1632 M of 96. read above

2. In September 1895, the Head Assistant Collector of South Arcot brought to the Collector's notice that the principal bazaar street in the town which had already been narrowed by the permanent encroachments permitted by the Municipal Council was being further encroached upon by the erection of pandals and screens, and that the Municipal Council which was addressed by him

on the subject at first resolved, on the 2nd March 1895, not to renew the licenses for the structures objected to from the ensuing April, and called upon the parties concerned to remove them, but ~~that~~ that subsequently on the 20th July 1895, it decided to allow the encroachments to stand. He further pointed out that the encroachments permitted by the Municipal Council had narrowed the width of all the principal streets in the town to such an extent as to cause obstruction to traffic, and suggested that the Council should be directed to determine once for all the minimum width of the streets, to permit no encroachments within those limits and to reconsider its resolution of the 20th July 1895 above referred to. At the instance of the Collector, the Council again passed a resolution on the 21st December 1895, to the effect that no fresh licenses be issued for encroachments in the bazaar street until its width was determined, and appointed a sub-Committee for the purpose. This Committee recommended that the minimum width of the bazaar street should be 27 feet and that such portions of the permanent structures on the southern row of the street as were within this limit should be removed on payment of compensation, if necessary, to the parties concerned. The Council which called for a statement showing what extent of each bazaar in the Southern row will have to be removed in carrying out this proposal, however, eventually decided that it was not absolutely necessary to widen the street and thus the matter was dropped.

Vide the Hd Asstt Collr's letter in Curr No 163 of 1896, read above.

3. In reporting these facts to the Collector, the Head Assistant Collector pointed out that many of the encroachments had been made by the Councillors themselves and that therefore the Council was not likely to do its duty in the matter except on compulsion. The Collector (Mr. Dance) thereupon requested Government to direct

Current No 1632 in of 1896, read above.

the Council under Section 37 of the District Municipalities Act, to issue orders for the removal of all recent encroachments within three months. The Municipal Council to which this paper was referred for remarks states that the sub-committee appointed to report on the question of encroachments has suggested the desirability of removing the encroachment in the bazaar street, that it has resolved upon carrying out the Committee's proposal, that notices will be issued to the parties concerned to remove the encroachments on pain of prosecution and that defaulters ~~are being~~ will be prosecuted. As regards the encroachments in the other streets, the Chairman adds that the necessary steps will be taken for their removal on receipt of the further report promised by the sub Committee.

Cwc No 238 h of 97 read above

Cwc No 21 m of 97 read above

4. It is however evident f
para (a) of the Chairman's l
to the Head Assistant Collector
No 438 dated 3rd December 1896
the sub Committee has been very
tory in the matter and did n
from June to December. The Chair
man's vague and meagre rep
that the Committee has after the
lapse of such a long time as
-ed the advisability of remov
encroachments in one of the stree
in which action is necessary, cann
be accepted as satisfactory. As ob
served by the Collector in his endo
ment, it is clear that very little
effective action has as yet been take
and it does not appear likely that
anything will be done in the futu
seeing that the Councillors a
themselves interested in the mat

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Para 3 of G.O. 1709 M / 7.10.96

5. In these circumstan
the Council cannot be expecte
to move promptly in the mat

it seems that interference
he part of Government is called
It is therefore submitted that
Collector may be asked to de-
the Head Assistant Collector of
mbaram to take the question
to
croachment on hand, to
rt each koradu or other en-
nt which has been made
on blic street, in person,
m a list of all those which
are
ionable and should be re-
moved, instruct the Chairman to
have them removed and see that
they are removed.

6. The Collector also points
that although in the review
of the last administration report
he Government directed the re-
ision of the tax-registers before
end of 1896-97, nothing has been
e in the matter and that the re-
ision has been postponed to
e current year on the ground

S.P. 4/5/97
Cf. portion of office note
of 31/5/95 in the Conjeevaram
case (G.O. 26/6/95 no 1074)
initialled by Hon Member
under date 21/5/95: and
para-3 of that G.O.
S.P.

that when the order of Government
requiring the revision of registers
was received the year had ad-
vanced very far and the amounts
on good many bills had been
collected. This explanation is
very unsatisfactory. The Council
may therefore be directed under
Section 37(1) of Act IV of 1884 to com-
plete the revision of tax-registers
within three months from the date of
receipt of this order and report the
result to Government. The Collector
also states that the appointment
of a paid Chairman and the with-
drawal of the privilege of electing
some of the Councillors would prove
effective remedial measures. The
consideration of these questions may
however be deferred pending receipt
of the Administration Report for
1896-97 as already observed in para
5 of G.O. No 1709 M dated
7 October 1896. H.S.

It wd. be a question probably of
a paid Secretary. The Mun. income
is below R30,000, however (Sec. 34 of
III of 1897)

17/5/97

V.R.
5/5/97

Please see marginal note

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requiring the revision of registers
was received the year had not
commenced very far and the annual
or good many bills had been
collected. This explanation is
very unsatisfactory. The Council
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section 37(1) of Act IV of 1884 to com-
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however be deferred pending receipt
of the [illegible] to be submitted
[illegible]-97 [illegible]
of G.O. No 1709 [illegible]

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1896.

~~Local + municipal~~ Department.

Local & Municipal Dept.
No. 1632 M

From

The Collector of
South Arcot.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 3rd June 1896.
Despatched
Received 8 JUL 96

despd 6.6.96

Reply on C No. 1694/Ey 896

ENCLOSURE, 2

Subject.

Submitting copies of correspondence between the Collector and the Head Assistant Collector, S. Arcot regarding the removal of encroachments in Chidambaram and requesting the Government to direct the Council to issue orders for the removal of all recent encroachments within 3 months.

(with orders)

AR

863 21-5-96
1513 19-10-94

G no 681/96-97

C. S.

No. 776

Referred to the municipal Council Chidambaram ~~for report~~ with early report which should be submitted through the Collector.

(By order)
W. [illegible] Phillips
Ag Assistant Secretary

2/7/96

Fort St George }
6th July 1896 }

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KS
26.6.96

To

The Chairman M.C. Chidambaram

5-7-96
Nat. [illegible]

11/6.

A.R. Cunningham Collector
ag Head Assistant ~~magistrate~~ of

The Collector of South Arcot

6th September 95

1094/Mag 95

I have the honour to forward herewith for orders the papers mentioned in the margin x

2. In February last the Sub magistrate of Chidambaram brought to my notice that the principal bazaar street at Chidambaram which

1895.

From
A.R. Cunningham Esq ~~District Magistrate of~~ Collector
ag Head Assistant ~~magistrate~~ of
South Arcot.

To
The Collector of South Arcot

Dated 6th } September 1895.
Received

Reference on $\frac{1094}{\text{Mag } 95}$
No.
Enclosure. File

x 1. Letter from Chidambaram Submagistrate $\frac{4}{17.2.95}$
2. Resolution No 9 of the Municipal Council of 2.3.95
3. Municipal Chairman's Letter No $\frac{122}{2.7.95}$
4. Resolution No 1 of 17.7.95 with Chairman's Letter No. $\frac{171}{29.7.95}$
5. Submagistrates' Letter No $\frac{126}{5.8.95}$

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for orders the papers mentioned in the margin x

2. In February last the Sub magistrate of Chidambaram brought to my notice that the principal bazaar street at Chidambaram which is

is already narrow owing to permanent encroachments permitted by the Municipality from time to time was being further encroached on by the action of the Council in granting licenses for throwing out screens and pandals on the street. I forward this letter to the Chairman for favour of remarks. In reply to this letter, the Chairman communicated to me a resolution of the Council No 9 dated 2nd March '95 that the licenses would not be ~~[illegible]~~ renewed from 1st April last in respect of the encroachments objected to.

3. In June last, I asked the Chairman if any action was being taken for the removal of the projections etc the licenses of which had expired. The Chairman informed me in the beginning of July, that notices had been issued in April for the removal of the projections, that the parties had applied for permission to retain the projections, and that the petitions would be placed for orders before the

On the 20th of July the Subject came before the Council
the Council for disposal when they resolved unanimously that the existing temporary sheds should be allowed to remain and that the previous resolution of 2nd March last should be cancelled.

4. The action of the Council is not consistent and is in my opinion ill advised in the extreme. I feel doubtful, however whether I have any power to interfere.

5. I may mention that the principal bazaar street and the Annapet Road have from these erections become so narrowed as to obstruct traffic, and that the Car streets which might be among the finest in Southern India are becoming disfigured and ruined by the promiscuous construction of projections, Koradus, and flights of steps the former of which are in course of time roofed over and require new Koradus in front of them. In the Western Car street I have seen a lined palms which without doubt mark the original boundary,

boundary of the street growing through the roofs of the houses.

6. I think it would be well if the Council were directed once and for all to determine what the width of these streets shall be and to permit no encroachments within these limits and I would further suggest that if you should see fit, the Council may be asked to reconsider its resolution of July 20th. I have little hesitation in saying that that resolution was passed from other motives than a desire for the public good.

I have etc.
(Signed) A. R. Cumming
Agtd Asst. Collector
8. 9. 95

Sd/ 5/6

(True copy)

for Collector.

From
S. W. G. I. MacIver Esq
Ag. Hd. Asst. Collector
South Arcot

To
The Collector of
South Arcot.

Dated 25th May 1896.
No. 628/Dis of 96.

Sir

With reference to your letter No 1694/Ex dated 26th September last I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. On receipt of your letter it was communicated to the Chairman Chidambaram Municipal Council together with ~~this~~ a copy of this office letter to which it was a reply. The Chairman was requested to lay the matter before the Council at an early date.

3. At a meeting held by the Council on the 21st of December last the matter came up for consideration

when the Council resolved "that no fresh licenses be issued in the bazaar street till the width of this street is determined", and appointed a subcommittee consisting of 3 members to report on the subject. The subcommittee reported that the minimum width of the bazaar street from the permanent construction on the northern side should be 27 feet & such ~~each~~ portions of the few permanent constructions on the southern side as encroach on this width should be removed on payment of compensation if necessary, to the parties concerned". Their report related only to the bazaar street & to none else. The report of the Sub-Committee was placed before the Council at their meeting held on 21st March 1896 when they called for a statement showing ~~the~~ what extent of each bazaar in the southern row will have to be removed in carrying out the proposal of the Subcommittee". This statement together with the Sub-Committee's report was placed before the meeting of the Council held on the 25th of April 1896 when ~~the~~ a majority of the Council "considered that it is not absolutely necessary to widen the bazaar street, three councillors refraining from voting". There the matter has ended.

4. The Chairman did not choose to reply to this office letter communicating to him your letter & on reading the last resolution of the Council (25-4-96) I called for all the papers connected with the matter and have now reported what the Council have done. They have not chosen to reconsider their resolution of the 20th July 1895 nor have they determined once for all as desired by Mr. Stuart what the width of the street referred to shall henceforth be.

5. I was in Chidambaram on the day of the last meeting but did not attend as by some oversight no notice was sent to me. There are many encroachments both in the bazaar and elsewhere. Those in the bazaar

appear to me to be too old to remove except by paying compensation, but many of the others seem quite new & should certainly be removed. I went over the town with the Chairman & pointed out some of the encroachments & also explained that whether the streets were broadened or not it would be well to record the minimum breadth of the streets in order to prevent further encroachments. The Chairman promised to attend to my recommendations, but I am afraid that the Council will not do its duty in this matter except on compulsion. Many of the encroachments have been made by Councillors.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) G. W. G. I. Mac Iver.
Ag. Hd. Asst. Collector.

(True copy)

For Ag Collector

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SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cuddalore.
Dated 3rd June 1896.

Nyar C NO. 1694/Ey 895

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1132 M

FROM
G. W. Dance Esquire
Ag COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO
THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
TO GOVERNMENT
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence which has passed between me and the Head Assistant Collector — regarding the removal of encroachments in Chidambaram. The papers speak for themselves

2 I request that the Government will be pleased to direct the Council under Section 37 of Act IV of 1884 to issue orders for the removal of all recent encroachments within three months. A list of the encroachments whose removal has been ordered should be submitte

on

on the expiry of the term and I will ask the Head Assistant Collector to ascertain whether any have been wrongly omitted. The removal of the encroachments having once been ordered it will be necessary to see what steps have been taken to enforce obedience to the orders. For this purpose the Chairman might be called upon to submit a monthly return showing the progress made in actual removal.

3. The Government will note that many of the Councillors are said themselves to have set the example of encroaching, which will account for their reluctance to move in the matter.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Ag Collector

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 21 M

From

The Collector of
South Arcot

~~Order~~

To lie over pending receipt of the Collector's letter called ~~from~~ for from the Chairman in Memorandum No. 131 d 9-2-97

V.R.
6/2/97

* on C; no. 238. M. in the linked file.

Ref on C **No.** 1201/Ey d 96

Dated 27th December 1896.

Received

Registered

Enclosures 2

Spare copies.

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DESPATCHED.
30 DEC. 96

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the ~~asking~~ action taken by ~~of~~ the Municipal Council Chidambaram in the matter of removal of encroachments during the year 1896.

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No 1201

Cuddalore
18th November 1896

From

A. E. Castlestuart Stuart Esq.
Collector of
South Arcot

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Chidambaram.
(through the Hd asst Collector)

Sir,

I have the honour to request information on the following points:-

(a) What action has been taken by the Council to remove encroachments within the limits of the Municipality & why no report on Government Memorandum no. 776 dated 4th July 1896 has yet been submitted. If the Committee appointed to enquire & report on the subject has done nothing the names of the Committee should be reported.

(b) What steps have been taken to revise the registers?

(c) How many prosecutions up to date have during the current Official

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year been instituted against owners of insanitary premises?

(d) how far the private scavenging system has been extended since the receipt of Government Order no. 1709 in dated 7th October 1896.

(e) what if any steps have been taken to replace the present maistri on Rs 8 per mensem by a duly qualified overseer?

(f) how many prosecutions have during the current official year been instituted under Sections 247 & 283 of the District Municipalities Act against persons who have failed to report births and deaths.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

(Signed) A. E. Castlestuart-Stuart
Collector.

(True Copy).

for Collector

Chidambaram Municipal Office
3rd December 1896.

No. 438

From

The Chairman Municipal Council
Chidambaram

To

The Collector of South Arcot through
the Hd. Asst. Collector
South Arcot

Sir,

(a) Adverting to your reference on G. O. No. 1709 7-10-96, I have the honour to inform you that prior to the receipt of Government Memorandum No. 776 dated 1st July 1896, the Council resolved at its meeting held on the 13th June 1896, to form a Sub Committee consisting of M.R.Ry. P. Ramachariar Avl. V. Swaminada Jetavallabar Avl. C. N. Srinivasa Iyer Avl. & K. Varahachariar Avl. and V. Soobraya Mudaliar Avl. with M.R.Ry P. Ramachariar Avl as foreman with a view to fix the minimum width

width of the car streets, Sunnady streets
North main road, Ammapett road
Chengalvira pillai Covil Street and
the bazaar street: on account of the
transfer of M.R.Ry P. Ramachariar
Avl and the expiry of 3 years term
of Mr K Varahachariar, the Council
resolved at its meeting held on the 11th July
1896 that M.R.Ry M. Sambasiwamy Iyer
Avl and Hazaratth Laul Khan Sahib
Avl be added as members of the
Sub Committee, the former being selected
as foreman. Mr M Sambasiwamy Iyer
having requested the Council to relieve
him of his foremanship and Mr Subbra-
yan Mudaliar having withdrawn from
the Sub Committee, the Council resolved
at its meetings held on the 28th July, 96
that Mr M C Ramasami Iyer be added
as a member of the Sub Committee and
as foreman. The Council again resolved
at its meeting held on the 3d October last
to request Mr K. Varahachariar
who.

from 25 July to 30 Octr

who joined the Council again to take
the place of Mr Sambasiva Iyer as
there was then a talk that he would be
transferred elsewhere. Hazaretth Laulkhan
Sahib's term of 3 years having expired
by the 7th Ultimo, the Sub Committee now consists
of M.R.Ry V Swaminada Jebavalkalar
Avl, M C Ramasami Iyer Avl. K.
Varahachariar Avl and C A Sreenivasa
Iyer Avl and the Sub Committee's report ~~is~~ has
not yet been received though 6 reminders
dated 10th & 26th August, 9th September
8th & 26th October and 19th November 1896
were sent to the foreman. At its meeting
held on the 28th Ultimo, the Council resolved
to request the Head Assistant Collector
to be a member of the Sub Committee.

(b). When the order of the Government
requiring the revision of registers
was received the year had advanced
very far and the annual accounts a
good many bills had been collected.
Revision may therefore be permitted
to ~~differ~~ be deferred till the beginning
of the next year

(c). 46 prosecutions have been ~~invested~~ ~~[illegible]~~ instituted against owners of insanitary ~~devices~~ premises during the current official year up to date. During the current year, the Council showed more readiness for sanctioning prosecution for keeping insanitary premises than during the last year.

(d) — The private scavenging system has been extended to 41 houses during the current official year up to date 12 of them having been added after the receipt of Government order under reference

(e) An overseer on Rs 15 per mensem has been entertained as proposed by you in para 6 of your endorsement dated 22 January 1896 forwarding the budget of the municipality for 1896-97

(f) 23 prosecutions have been instituted during the current official year under Sections 247 & 283 of the District Municipalities Act against persons who failed to report births

and

and deaths: Same remark is applicable to prosecution under this head as that under (c) for keeping insanitary premises

I have &c.

(Signed) G. Ramasamiah
Chairman

No 4630 J

Forwarded to the Collector.

It is very discreditable to the Council to have allowed the question of removing the encroachments to be pending from June to December without arriving at any decision. The Sub-Committee should be called upon to report immediately.

The Chairman would have done well if he had reported the names of the Councillors responsible for the delay

I have recently allowed my name to be added as one of the members of the Committee and will endeavour when I go to Chidambaram in a few days to impress on the other members the necessity of taking immediate

steps

Sd/-

(Signed) J. Mac Iver

ag Hd Assistant Collector
7.12.96

True Copy

For Collector

SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cuddalore.

NO.

Dated 27th December/96.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 214

FROM

A. E. Castlestuart Stuart Esquire

COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 1622 M. Miscellaneous dated 23rd September 1896 and Government Order No. 1709 M. dated 7th October 1896 I have the honour to submit for the information of Government & the favour of such orders as may be deemed necessary, the following papers:—

(a) Copy of my letter No. 1201 dated 18.XI.96 to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram.

(b) Copy of the Chairman's reply No. 438 dated 3rd December 1896 with Copy of the Head Assistant Collector's Endorsement thereon No. 4630/96 dated 7.12.9

2. It will be observed that beyond

passing resolutions, the Chidambaram Municipal Council has practically done nothing towards the removal of encroachments in the town, respecting which Mr. Dance addressed Government in his letter no. 1694/Eng dated 3.6.96. Though directed in para 4 (5) of Government Order no. 1709 M dated 7th October 1896, to expedite the report called for from the Municipal Council in Government Memorandum no. 776 dated 4th July 1896 no report appears to have been submitted by that body.

[illegible] the M.C.

Since submitted in G.O. 235 M/97

3. The revision of registers is a matter of urgency. In para 3 of Government Order no. 1709 M dated 7th October 1896 Government observed "the revenue from these sources is "evidently capable of considerable "development & the Chairman will "be requested to revise the registers "in the current year." The Chairman however proposes to postpone this important work "till the beginning of the next year" for the reasons given in

para (4) of his letter.

4. The Chairman admits that only 46 prosecutions have been instituted against owners of insanitary premises during the current official year, & states that the Council "showed more readiness for sanctioning prosecutions for keeping insanitary premises" during this than in the previous year.

5. Since the receipt of Government Order no. 1709 M dated 7th October 1896 the number of houses served by the private scavenging agency increased by 12. It is evident that there is still vast room for improvement.

6. An overseer on Rs 15 per mensem has been entertained so that the state of the roads should show improveme

7. During the current Official year 23 prosecutions only have been instituted under Sections 247 & 283 of the District Municipalities Act against persons who failed to report births and deaths.

8. I regret to be obliged to bring to notice that this Municipal Council is not working satisfactorily. The appointment by Government of a paid Chairman & the withdrawal of the privilege of electing some of its members suggest themselves as effective remedial measures.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

2nd Sect.

A Subbarayalu Ayyar
for Collector.
29-11-96

PR

L. & M.
1,000—28-10-96.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

PR

CURRENT No. 238

~~Order~~ Reference 131/9-2-97

The Chairman is requested to return at once, the letter from the Collector of South Arcot, No. 1694, English, dated 3rd June 1896, forwarded with Government Endorsement No. 776, dated 4th July 1896.

V.R.
6/2/97

From The Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram

No. 507

Dated 8-1-97
Received 22-1-97
Registered 22-1-97
Enclosures
Spare copies

Copy of dispatch kept papers together.
PR
6/2/97

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the measures taken for the removal of encroachments in the town

Pl. Refer

To The Chairman, M.C. Chidambaram.
Despd 9/2/97

PR
6/2/97

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From

The Chairman

Municipal Council

Chidambaram

To

The Secretary to Government

Local and Municipal Dept.

Fort St. George

(Through the Head asst Collector and Collector of South Arcot)

Dated 8th }
despd 14th } January 1897
Received }

Enclosure –

No 507

Reporting on the measures taken for the removal of encroachments in the Town

Forwarded

15.1.97

DESPATCHED
20 JAN. 97

DESPATCHED

Forwarded –
2. Very little effective action has yet been taken – vide my letter No $\frac{1201}{Eng}$ of 27.12.96

C.W.

17-1-97

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE
CHIDAMBARAM

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
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SOUTH ARCOT

From,
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
CHIDAMBARAM.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Dept.
(Through the Head Assistant Collector and Collector of South Arcot)

Dated 8th }
despd 14th } January 1897.
Received }

No. 507

REFERENCE

This / Your office letter No.

Sir,

SECRETARY TO GOVT.
22 JAN 1897
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

With reference to your endorsement No. 776, dated 4th July 1896 forwarding for report reference on C No $\frac{1694}{Eng}$ of 96 from the Collector of South Arcot regarding the removal of certain encroachments in this Municipality, I have the honor to inform you that the Subcommittee referred to in my letter No $\frac{185}{14-7-96}$, suggested the desirability of removing the encroachments in the bazaar street, the Council resolved at its meeting held on the 22nd ultimo, that the Sub Committees' proposal be carried and notices be issued to the parties concerned to remove the same on pain of prosecution. Those that have failed to obey the notice are being prosecuted.

2. Necessary steps will be taken for the removal of the other encroachments in the Town on receipt of the further report from the Subcommittee who have promised to submit the same shortly.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
Ramasawmiah
Chairman

N.B.

The printed notice form will be adopted after the forms are printed.

Ramasawmiah
Chairman
14-1-1897.

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Current Nos 1632 M of 96 & 21.
586 M of 97.

Mis Order No 1325 M mis dt 2-6-97.

In its order No.474 M, dated 20" March 1890, the Government sanctioned the proposal of the Municipal Council of Chidambaram to levy certain fees for permitting the construction of "Koradus" (uncovered masonry platforms in front of pials or main walls of houses, ~~without any projections over them~~) on public streets, with the remark that the license should be renewed periodically so that the right of the municipality to the land covered by the encroachment may not be disputed; and in G.O.No.1[illegible]13 M, dated 19" October 1894, it directed the renewal of all such licenses once in three years on payment of a small fee.

2. In June 1896, the Collector of South Arcot, brought to the notice of Government that the numerous encroachments permitted by the municipal Council, on the authority of the Government orders above quoted, ~~had~~ narrowed the principal streets in the town to such an extent as to cause obstruction to traffic, and that the ~~principal~~ bazaar street, which in consequence of these ~~permanent~~ encroachments had become very narrow, was still farther encroached upon by the Council's action in granting licenses for the erection of pandals and screens. He also stated that

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the municipal Council, which was addressed
on the subject by the Head Assistant Col-
-lector, at first, resolved on the 2" March
1885, not to renew the licenses for the
structures objected to from the ensuing
April and called upon the parties concerned
to remove them, but that subsequently on the
20" July 1885 it decided to cancel ~~that~~ the former
resolution ~~should be cancelled~~ and allowed ~~ed~~
the encroachments to stand. He added that,
on a requ~~isition~~ est made by him to the muni-
cipal Council to determine once for all
the minimum width of the streets, to permit
no encroachments within those limits, and
to reconsider its resolution of the 20th
July 1885 above referred to, the Council
resolved that no fresh licenses old be issued
for encroachments in the bazaar street un-
-til its width was determined and appointed
a Sub-Committee to report on the subject.
This Committee recommended that the mini-
-mum width of the bazaar street should be
27 feet and that such portions of the per-
-manent structures as were within this li-
-mit should be removed on payment of com-
-pensation, if necessary, ~~but notwithstanding~~
~~this~~. The Council nevertheless decided that it was not
necessary to widen the street and ~~them~~ al-
-lowed the matter to drop. The Collector ~~fur-~~ finally
~~[illegible]~~
~~ther pointed out that the reluctance of~~
~~the Councillors to move~~ action ~~in the matter was~~
influenceable
~~due to the fact that many of them had them-~~
~~selves encroached on the public street, and~~
requested Government to direct, under sec-
-tion 37 of the District Municipalities
Act, the removal of all recent encroach-
-ments.

L.&M.
1,000—11-11-

7. The municipal Council to which
a reference was then made on this sub-
ject now reports, ~~after a delay of more than~~
~~six months~~, that, on the recommendation of
a Sub-Committee which was appointed to
enquire into the question of encroach-
ments, it has resolved ~~upon removing~~ that the
encroachments in the bazaar street be removed ~~and~~
notices ~~[illegible]~~ being issued to the parties to ~~re-~~
~~move the encroachments~~ do so on pain of prose-
-cution, ~~and~~ adds that defaulters are being pro
secuted, and ~~adds~~ that steps will be taken
to remove the encroachments in the other
streets on receipt of a further report
from the Sub-Committee. The dilatory
and unsatisfactory manner in which the
Council has been dealing with this im-
portant question is most unsatisfactory ~~highly discreditable~~.
The Collector states that very little ~~of~~
effective action has yet been taken, and
~~from the fact that many of the Council-~~
~~lors are themselves interested in the~~
~~matter~~, His Excellency in Council con-
-siders it useless to expect that anything
will be done in the future unless extraneous ~~drastic~~
measures are adopted. The Collector is
therefore requested to direct the Head
Assistant Collector to take the matter
at once in hand, inspect in person each
Koradu or other encroachment on the pub-
lic street, make out a list of all those
which are objectionable and should be re-
-moved, instruct the Chairman to have them
removed, and see that it is done without
delay. The Chairman should submit through
the Collector a quarterly report showing
the action that is being taken in pursu

Note
This has been put in newly [illegible] for approval.

pursuance of this order. The municipal Council should distinctly understand that no license for a "Koradu" should ~~in~~ for the future be given without the specific sanction of Government.

4. The Collector also points out that, although in the review of the administration report for 1895-96 the Government directed the revision of the tax-registers before the end of 1896-97, the Municipal Council has done nothing in the matter, but has postponed the revision to the current year, on the ground that when the orders of Government requiring the revision were received, the year had advanced far and that the amounts on a good many bills had been collected. This explanation is very unsatisfactory and, under section 77(1) of Act IV of 1884, a period of three months from the date of receipt of this order is fixed within which the Council should complete the revision of the registers of assessments and report the result to Government. The Collector suggests that the appointment of a paid Chairman and the withdrawal of the previlege of electing some of the Councillors would prove effective remedial measures, but, as already observed in para. 5 of G.O. No. 1709 M, dated 7th October 1896, the consideration of these questions will be deferred pending receipt of the administration report for 1896-97.

Note

This has [illegible] from the order relating to encroach-ments in Conjeeveram. Vide the last sentence of para 3 of GO No. 1024 M, dated 26th June 1895 (Flag G)

(From orders)

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To The Chairman, M.C. Chidambaram

" Collector of South Arcot

L.&M. 1,000—11-11-96.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 586 M

From

The Chairman, Munl: Council, Chidambaram

No. 597

Dated 10th Febry: 1897

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CHIDAMBARA

From,

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
CHIDAMBARAM.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
CURRENT No. 586M

To,

The Secretary to Govern
Local & Municipal Dep
Fort St. George

Dated 10th February 1897.
Received

FEB.

No.

REFERENCE

This / Your office letter No.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the letter from the Collector of South Arcot No 1694 English dated 3rd June 1896. Called for in your Memorandum No 131 dated 9th Instant.

I have the honour to
Sir
your most obedient ser

G. A. Vellom
Chairman Chidy

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