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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 138 M

DATED 3rd-2-97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Electric Tramway Co.

Referring to the Munl: Commrs. of Madras for early remarks, the request of the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture holders, regarding the alteration of the alignment of any portion of the Tramway line and requesting Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. to state whether they are prepared to agree to the Conditions, subject to which the Munl. Commrs. recommend the extension of time applied for for completing certain sections of the —

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Current No. 3290 m of 1896 , dated 7th December 96 from the Public Works Department Ry. Branch.
31 m of 1897 " 4-1-97 " Pt. Munl. Commrs. Madras
Misc

Order. No. 138 Mis. d/ 3-2-97

The request of the petitioners that the promoters of the Madras Electric Tramway Company may be authorized to alter, with the consent of the Road authority, the alignment of any portion of the tramway line, will be referred to the Municipal Commissioners of Madras for early remarks.

2. Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company will be requested to state whether they ~~agree~~ are prepared to agree to the two conditions subject to which the Municipal Commissioners ~~have~~ recommended that the ~~grant~~ ~~of the~~ extension of time asked for be granted viz:- (1) that one of the three sections be completed by 6th October 1898 and another by 6th October 1899 and (2) that an advising Committee of shareholders be appointed in Madras to act with the Attorneys to the Trustees.

(From orders)

(From orders.)

V.R. 28/1/97

Note.

No orders have been passed on para. 2 of the note.

Consult as suggested

To.

The President Mul. Commrs. Madras. BO

with petition to be returned.

Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. BO

Despd. 5/2/97

31 M of 1897 " 4-1-97 " Mr. [illegible]

2. Secy. of Contract and Company will
be requested to state whether they agree to the
conditions subject to which the Municipal
Commission ~~have~~ recommended that the grant
of the extension of time asked for viz:- (1) that one
of these sections be completed by 6th October 1898
(2) another by 6th October 1899 and (3) that an
advising Committee of whom three be appointed
to [illegible] to work with the Attorneys to the Trustees

Extension of time for constructing certain sections of the Madras Electric Tramway.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 3290M of 1896 & 31 M of 1897.

From the Public works Department & the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

FOR ORDERS.

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Under para 8 of the order approved in G.O. No. 668 M, d/ 6" April 1892 the Madras electric Tramway Company should complete Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the tramway by the 6" April 1898. An extension of time for 6 months having been sanctioned in G.O. No. 1064 M., dated 15" August 1893, the Company have time till the 6" October 1898 to complete the construction of these sections. The attorneys to the trustees for the Debenture holders, now request that the time may be extended to 6" October 1900, and that an order may be issued to the effect, that if at any time it shall seem expedient to alter any part of the alignment of the road-bed of any Tramways which may have been constructed, the promoters may, with the consent of the Road authority, remove any of the rails of such tramway and may relay them in a new alignment approved of by the Road authority. 3

2. With the second letter read above, the President forwards a resolution of the Commissioners on the subject of the extension of time applied for. They recommend the grant of the extension on the condition that one of the three sections be completed by 6" October 1898, and another by 6" October 1899, and that an advising Committee of shareholders be appointed in Madras to act with the Attorneys to the Trustees. Before however passing any orders on this point it appears to be desirable to ask the Attorneys to the Trustees whether they have any objection to the two conditions proposed, more especially to the second. S.P.

3. As regards the request that the promoters may be authorized to alter, with the consent of the road authority, the alignment of any portion of the tramway line, it is observed that the order issued in G.O. No. 668 M. dated 6" April 1892, contains no provision to this effect. If it is considered necessary to provide for this, clause 18 of the order above referred to will have to be amended, the formalities required by Sec. 6 being previously gone through -Vide Sec. 8 (4). The proposed amendment appears to be desirable, but the Commissioners should, it is submitted, be consulted before taking action. The resolution of the Commissioners referred to in para 2 Supra. does not deal with this point. A

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H.M. Before sanctioning the extension, ~~[illegible]~~ to wh. there seems no objection, with the condition indicated by the [illegible]

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 3290 M

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From
The Public Works Depts.
Railway Branch

No. 4652C

Dated 7th December 1896.
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Order.

To lie over pending receipt of the report of the Commrs. referred to in the U.m's note

Yes
S.H.

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SUBJECT.

Madras Electric Tramway

Forwarding papers re: petition from the Co. for an extension of time for completing sections 4, 5 & 6 with the Enquiry whether it is desired to alter the alignment in any way

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From The L & M dept-

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SUBJECT.

Abstract.— Transferring a memorial submitted by Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture holders, Madras Electric Tramways Co., praying for an extension of time for the completion of sections 4, 5 & 6 of the Madras Electric Tramways.

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Public Works Department.

Forbes
Secretary to Government.

V. B.
10/11/96

Fort St. George }
12th Nov. 1896 }

From

Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.
Attorneys to the Trustees
for the Debenture Holders
Madras Electric Tramways Co.

No.

Dated 2 - 11 - 96

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a memorial praying that an extension of time for the completion of sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Madras Electric Tramways may be granted.

To the Public Works Department.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur
Havelock. G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E.
Governor in Council of Fort St. George

The Memorial of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company Attorneys for the Trustees of the holders of the Debentures of The Madras Electric Tramways Company Limited.

Sheweth,

1. **That** by the Order of the Madras Government dated 6th April 1892 No. 668 M. Local and Municipal authority was granted to the Promoters (in Clause 4 of such Order defined as Messrs. Hutchinson & Co. of 25 Craven Street Strand in the County of Middlesex, East India Merchants and Bankers by whom a Joint Stock Company was about to be incorporated and registered in England with a nominal capital of £ 1000000/- divided into 1000000 shares of £ 1 each and such Company when incorporated and registered) for the construction and maintenance and to regulate the working of Tramways in the city of Madras.

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2. **The** Company there referred to is The Madras Electric Tramways Company Limited which was duly incorporated and registered.

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3. **The** Tramways authorized by such Order were Tramway No. 1. Commencing opposite Clive's

Battery and passing thence along the Beach Road and Esplanade through the Evening Bazaar and in the front of the General Hospital, crossing Hospital Bridge and terminating in the Poonamallee Road opposite the South Indian Railway Station in that road.

Tramway No. 2. Commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 1. opposite the end of Sydenham's Road and running in a Southwardly direction across Law's Bridge and along Sawmy Naick Street past the East approach to Harris' Bridge along Blackers' Road, past the Vizianagram Fountain in the Mount Road and a short distance along the Wallajah Road, thence along the Triplicane High Road and terminating at Barbers' Bridge in Barbers' Bridge Road

Tramway No. 3. Commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 2 in Blackers' Road on the approach to Harris Bridge and thence in a South-Westwardly direction crossing the Mount Road and passing along Patter's Road, Wood Street and Westcotts' Road and terminating at the junction of Royapettah High Road with Royapettah Bazaar Road

Tramway No. 4. Commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 1 at Clive's Battery and passing thence in a Westwardly direction along the Old Jail and North Wall Roads to the Eastern approach to Basin Bridge and thence in a Southwardly direction, along the Wall Tax Road and terminating by a junction with Tramway No. 1 opposite the General Hospital

Tramway No. 5. Commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 4 in the Wall Tax Road opposite the approach to Elephant Bridge passing thence in a Westwardly direction across Elephant Bridge and along Elephant Gate Road and part of Sydenham Road, thence through the Choolay Bazaar, Hunter's Road and part of the Pursewalkum High Road to its junction with Cundappa Moodelly High Road, terminating in this latter road about 3 furlongs from its said junction with Pursewalkum High Road.

Tramway No. 6. Commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 4 near the Seven Wells and passing thence in a Northwardly direction, along the Trivettore High Road and terminating on that Road at the Municipal Boundary.

4. **Under** Clause 8 of the Order it was provided that the promoters should, subject to the condition of sub section 36 (35?) I of the order (which provided that the construction of the Tramways should

not be commenced until £75000/- of the share capital of the proposed Company should have been subscribed) substantially commence the construction of the Tramways and undertaking within a period of 12 months from the date of the order and should substantially complete and open for traffic the Tramways Nos. 1 and 2 before the expiration of 2 years from such date and the remainder of the Tramways before the expiration of five years from such date.

5. **By** Clause 36 of the Order it was provided that nothing in the order contained should prevent the promoters borrowing money on security of mortgages of the undertaking or any part thereof or should make the consent of the Local Government necessary to the validity or effect of any such mortgage provided that, every mortgage of the undertaking should be deemed to comprise the right to receive all purchase money which might be paid to the promoters in the event of a compulsory sale of the undertaking or any part thereof to the local authority under Section 22 of the Indian Tramways Act 1886 and that any mortgage granted by the promoters should not be a charge upon the undertaking or

any part thereof in the event of the undertaking or such part being purchased by the local authority under Section 22 of the Indian Tramways Act 1886, and that every mortgage deed granted by the promoters should be endorsed with notice to that effect.

6. **By** an Indenture dated 23rd October 1894 and made between The Madras Electric Tramways Company Limited of the one part and Sir Daniel Cooper, Baronet G.C.M.G of 6 De Vere Gardens Kensington Palace in the County of Middlesex and James William Barclay of 5 Clarendon Place Hyde Park in the said County Esq (therein called the Present Trustees) of the other part the Company (amongst other things) assigned to the Trustees all and singular the Concession granted by the Municipal Commission of the City of Madras with the sanction of the Government of the Presidency of Madras, the terms and conditions whereof were set out in the Order bearing date the 6th April 1892 for the construction and maintenance of the Tramways in the said City of Madras, along with the several routes mentioned in Clause 6 of the said Order and also the several Tramlines either fixed or unfixed, Tramcars, Machinery, Boilers, Dynamos, Motors, Electrical and other fixed plant, fixtures and fittings of the Company in England

or the Empire of India or elsewhere

7. **By** the same Indenture it was provided that the premises thereby conveyed and assigned and the premises comprised in all or any of the covenants in such Indenture contained (all of which were therein called the mortgaged premises) should be held by the Trustees as a security for the Debentures mentioned in the Deed and upon trust to permit the Company and its assigns to hold and enjoy the mortgaged premises and to carry on therein and therewith the business or any of the businesses authorised by the Memorandum of Association of the Company until the happening of some or one of the events upon which the security constituted should become enforceable, and then upon trust that the Trustees might in their discretion and should upon the request in writing of the registered holder or holders of one fifth part in value of the Debentures for the time being outstanding or upon the request of the Debenture-holders by a Special Resolution, enter upon and take possession of the mortgaged premises or any part thereof.

8. **Clause** 9 of the Indenture provided that the security thereby constituted should become enforceable (ie. amongst other events) (i)

if the Company without the previous consent in writing of the Trustees should cease to carry on or if the Company threatened to cease to carry on its business or any material part thereof and, this event having happened, the Trustees entered into possession of the mortgaged premises.

9. Upon the above mentioned Indenture was endorsed a notice such as is required by Clause 36 of the order of 6th April 1892.

10 By an order of Government dated 15th August 1893 No. 1064 A.M. Local and Municipal, the Government of Madras was pleased to extend by six months counting from 6th April 1893 the period of twelve months named in Clause 8 of the order dated 6th April 1892 authorising the construction and maintenance and to regulate the working of Tramways in the City of Madras, thus giving the promoters until the 6th of October 1893 to commence the construction of the Tramways until the 6th of October 1895 to substantially complete and open for traffic the Tramways Nos. 1 and 2 and until the 6th of October 1898 to substantially complete

and open for traffic Tramways Nos 3. 4 5 and 6

11. By an order of Government dated 8th November 1894 No 1664 M Mis, the Government was pleased to approve the recommendation of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras to further extend the time for the construction of Tramways Nos 1 and 2 for a period of six months from the date of the publication of the Government order sanctioning definitely the route of construction of Tramway No 2.

12. By an order of Government dated 15th March 1895 No 448 M. Mis, the Government was pleased to extend by six months from 5th March 1895 or until 6th September 1895 the time for the completion of the Tramways Nos 1 and 2, though, as your Memorialists submit the time for the completion of those Tramways had, by the order of 15th August 1893, been already extended to 6th October 1895

13. By an order of Government dated 11th February 1895 No 205 M Local and Municipal, the following Tramway No 2 was substituted for that mentioned in the order of 6th April 1892.

Tramway No. 2 commencing by a junction with Tramway No. 1 opposite the end of Sydenham's Road and running in a Southwardly direction across Laws' Bridge along Iyah Moodelly Street, turning off along Arunachala Naick Street to Sawmy Naick Street, along Sawmy Naick Street past the East approach to Harris Bridge along Blackers' Road past the Vizianagram Fountain in the Mount Road and a short distance along the Wallajah Road, thence along Triplicane High Road and terminating at Barbers' Bridge in Barber's Bridge Road

14 - In the month of May 1895 Tramway No. 1 was opened for traffic by the beginning of the month of November 1895 Tramway No. 2 was opened for traffic and a few days later Tramway No. 3 was finished and in running order and a continued service of Tramcars over it has been maintained since November 1895

15 The above mentioned Tramways Nos. 1, 2, and 3 cover a distance of about 8 miles of which about 2½ miles on Tramway No. 1 consist of a double line of rails, while, where the Tramways

consist of a single line, the various sidings and crossings measure together nearly a mile, thus bringing up the total track laid to between 11 and 12 miles.

16. There yet remain to be completed Tramways Nos 4, 5 and 6 which will cover a distance of about 11 miles

17. Since the Trustees have taken possession of the mortgaged premises they have advanced large sums of money for the construction of the existing Tramways and to meet the current expenses of working the same but, so far as the Trustees are aware, the Madras Electric Tramways Company Limited has up to the present time made no provision or arrangement for repayment of the moneys so advanced

18. Under the provisions of Section 10 (1) of the Indian Tramways Act 1886, the powers given by the order of 6th April 1892 to the promoters for constructing the Tramways and otherwise in relation thereto shall cease to be exercised except as to so much of the Tramway as is completed, if the promoters, having commenced the construction of the Tramways suspend it without

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a reason sufficient, in the opinion of the Local Government, to warrant the suspension or do not, within the time specified in the order complete the tramways and open them for public traffic, unless the Local Government in writing prolongs the time or condones the suspension and even, as to so much of the Tramway as is completed, the Local Government may either permit or refuse to permit the powers given by the order to continue.

19. The construction of Tramways Nos 4. 5. and 6 and the working of Tramways Nos 1. 2 and 3 being now in the hands of the Trustees, who are willing to find the funds necessary for the purpose, there is every prospect of Tramways Nos 4. 5 and 6 being completed by the 6th of October 1900 and without the recurrence of any of the causes which delayed the completion of Tramways Nos 1. 2 and 3 but considering the possibility of the cessation of the powers given by the order of 6th April 1892 the Trustees hesitate to advance further moneys for the construction and completion of Tramways Nos 4. 5 and 6 unless the

Local Government be pleased to further extend the time for their completion.

20. By Clause 18 of the order of 6th April 1892 it is provided that where, by reason of the execution of any work affecting the surface or soil of any road along which any Tramway is laid it is necessary or expedient temporarily to remove or discontinue the use of such Tramway or any part thereof, or, when the use of such Tramway is interrupted by floods or other cause, the promoters may, subject to such conditions and in accordance in all respects with such reasonable regulations as the Road authority may, from time to time, make, construct in the same or any adjacent road and maintain, so long as occasion may require, a temporary Tramway or temporary Tramways in lieu of the Tramway or part of the Tramway so removed or discontinued or the use of which is so interrupted.

21. The above Clause relates only to the temporary removal or discontinuance of the use of a Tramway or any part of a Tramway when, for the reasons stated in the Clause, it may

be necessary or expedient so to do but the Clause does not authorize the promoters to permanently alter any part of the alignment of the road-bed of a Tramway or to remove and permanently relay the rails in a new alignment.

Your Memorialists as the duly constituted Attorneys of the abovenamed Trustees Sir Daniel Cooper and Mr James William Barclay, therefore pray that Your Excellency in Council will be pleased to direct in writing under the provisions of Section 10(1)(i) and (ii) that the time allowed to the promoters by Clause 8 of the order of 6th April 1892 for the substantial completion and opening for traffic of the Tramways Nos 4, 5 and 6 be prolonged up to the 6th of October 1900, or for such other period as to Your Excellency may seem proper, and that Your Excellency will also be pleased to order that if at any time it shall seem expedient to alter any part of the alignment of the road-bed of any of the Tramways which may have been constructed, the promoters may, with the consent of the Road authority, remove any of the rails of such Tramway and may relay them in a new alignment approved of by the Road authority.

Attorneys for the Trustees
of the holders of the Debentures
of the Madras Electric Tramway Co Ld

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CHIEF SECRETARY
2 NOV. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Pr. 1312 M 8 31/5 —

From
Messrs Arbuthnot and Co
Attorneys to the Trustees
for the Debenture Holders
Madras Electric Tramways Co Ld

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras
Fort St George

Sir

We have the honour to send herewith a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor in Council praying that he may be pleased to grant an extension of time for the completion of Sections 4 5 and 6 of the Madras Electric Tramways, the construction of which has already been authorised under G. O. dated 6th April 1892.

The reasons for the prayed for extension of time are fully set forth in the accompanying Memorial to which we have the honour to request your attention.

We have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient Servants

Attorneys to the Trustees
for the Debenture Holders
Madras Electric Tramway Co Ld

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Petition from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. ~~trustees~~ Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture Holders Madras Electric Tramway Co.

H. E. the Governor
Hon Mr. Bliss
Hon Mr. Grose.

The petitioners ask for an extension of time for completing tramways No. 4, 5 and 6.

By the original notification No. 668 of 6/4/92 the Tramway Co. are bound to complete tramways Nos. 4, 5 and 6 by the 6th April 1898.

By a subsequent order in L and M dept. No. 1064 of 15/8/93 this date was altered to 6 Oct. 1898.

The tramway line 4, 5, 6 are shown in — — on the accompanying map.

The Trustees to the Debenture holders hesitate to advance money for the Construction of these lines (para 19 of petition) unless

I suppose the extension of time must be granted. But my Hon. Colleagues know better than I do what is right in this matter, and I will accept their opinion.

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N.B. I should like a copy of the Map of Madras, to be found in this file.

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Govt. ~~permit an extension of the time required for the completion~~ for an order in writing that the time may be extended to 6th Oct. 1900: and that if it is considered expedient to alter any part of the alignment of any of the sections already constructed, the promoters may take up such portions and relay them as approved by the Road Authority.

It seems probable that if the extension of time is not allowed these lines will not be constructed. & the extension of time is therefore recommended.

The paper may first go to the Local and Muni. Deptt. with enquiry whether it is desired to alter the alignment in any way.

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Yes. Let L. & M. Depts see first. There was a meeting of the Muni. Commrs about this 2 or 3 days ago, the report of which will have to be considered herewith.

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action as above
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Extract from the Madras Mail dated 1st December 1896.

(1)

The Madras Tramways.

At yesterday's General Meeting of the Madras Municipal Commissioners the question of granting an extension of time to those who now represent the Madras Electric Tramways Company, Limited, for completion of Sections 4, 5 and 6 within the period laid down in the Concession Order, came up for consideration. The Commissioners approached the subject in a very different spirit to what they did some three years ago, which is only natural remembering that then they were dealing with a Directorate, whose mismanagement was at that time manifest but subsequently most strikingly so, whereas now they are dealing with Trustees, who through their attorneys, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., have made the Tramways a success. The suggestion put forward by Colonel Moore that this extension should be granted subject to the condition that an Advisory Committee of shareholders be appointed to act with Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. was a wise one. It will be remembered that there has been throughout a desire among shareholders for a local Advisory Committee to be appointed; that at a meeting at which, by the way, Mr. Bhownuggree, not then M. P., was present, the officials of the Company made a great show of acceding to this request, and that nothing came of it. The present Trustees of the Company will only manage the Tramways for a time—whether long or short it is impossible for us to predict—and therefore by introducing this stipulation the Tramways can never revert to a state of things such as existed in the past, when the enterprise was brought to the verge of bankruptcy and ruin. The future of the Tramways in Madras promises to be a bright one if—and it is a most vital "if"—there be local management. This we have urged throughout, and one can very well see at this distance of time how the actual existence of the concern was gravely imperilled at one period by a distant Board of Directors. It is impossible to learn from the traffic returns whether or not the profit on the working of the Tramways has been what was anticipated; but we may take it for certain that Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. would not have been asked by their friends in England to try and arrange for electric trams in Bangalore unless there was money in the scheme. It will be noticed that the Commissioners have insisted on the extension of the tramways being progressive, that is to say, a new section opened each year. This appears reasonable enough. We do not suppose that Government will raise any objection to the Commissioners' recommendation, and therefore the Resolution, carried last evening may be taken to signify the lines—and they are the right lines—on which the enterprise is to be developed and managed in the future.

The Madras Mail
1-12-96

from the Madras
d/ 1.12.96.

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The Madras Municipality.

A General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras was held yesterday evening in the Municipal Office. Present:—Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., President; the Hon'ble Mr. Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur, the Hon'ble Mr. V. Rungiah Naidu, Mr. M. K. Lukshamana Charriar, Mr. J. D'Caster, Rai Bahadur C. Kalyanasundrum Chetty, Mr. W. S. Vencataramanjulu Naidu, Mr. C. Tirumallayya Naidu, Mr. V. C. Desika Charri, Mr. E. H. Elliot, Mr. M Vencataramiah Chetty, Mr. Hadji Mahomed Abdool Hadi Badsha Sahib, Mr. P. Theagaroya Chetty, Mr. R. N. Pragasa Moodelly, Mr. R. Balakistnama Chetty, Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland, Mr. H. Ormerod, Mr. Sala Gurusawmy Chetty, Mr. P. M. Sivagnana Moodelly, Mr. M. Vurtharajulu Chetty, Rai Bahadur V. Kristnama Charriar, Mr. V. Vurdappa Naidu, Mr. C. Yetherajulu Naidu, Mr. M. Vencatarama Puntulu, and Mr. G. Subramania Iyer.

MR. LOVERY.

The PRESIDENT, in opening the proceedings, said that before they began the meeting he had to inform the Commissioners that Mr. Lovery, who had vacated his seat, had written to say that he wished to resign, as his failing health would not permit him to resume his duties as a Commissioner.

It was decided in these circumstances not to re-elect him.

THE TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

The PRESIDENT announced that the first business on the Agenda was a Memorial from the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture Holders of the Madras Electric Tramways Company praying for an extension of time to the 6th October, 1900, for the completion of Sections 4, 5, and 6 of the Tramways.

Mr. PRAGASA MOODELLY enquired when the time already allowed the Company would expire

The PRESIDENT replied in October next, although it was said that it would be up in October, 1898.

Mr. THEAGAROYA CHETTY proposed that time be granted as the Tramways Company had worked well up to the present.

Mr. D'CASTER seconded the same.

The PRESIDENT wished to know if the Debenture Holders had the power to appoint an Advisory Committee. The Commissioners had to remember that they were dealing with the Debenture holders and not with the shareholders, and the question was whether the former could appoint an Advisory Committee. He doubted whether they could make conditions with these people, while he felt sure they could do so with the Company itself. He then proceeded to read the Articles of Association, wherein it was stated that the Company could sell its rights, liabilities, &c.

To a question from Mr. Desika Charry, the President replied that these people were willing to appoint an Advisory Committee, but the only question was whether they had the power to do so.

Mr. D'CASTER remarked that there was no doubt that they had the power to do so; that they attempted to appoint one before this, and that he was invited as a shareholder to join the Board. The question was whether the Commissioners could allow the conditions proposed.

The PRESIDENT said that the Resolution should run as follows:—"That the extension applied for be recommended to Government on the condition that an Advisory Committee of shareholders be appointed in Madras to act with the Attorneys of the Trustees"

Mr. VENCATARAMANJULU NAIDU enquired if there was any guarantee that the Company would be able to lay down the other lines by 1900.

The PRESIDENT said that the Attorneys to the Trustees could not say more than what they had already said in their Memorial. They remarked that Sections 1, 2, and 3 were completed and that there was every possibility of the other Sections being completed, but that the Trustees were not prepared to lay out any money on the undertaking unless the time was extended by Government.

Mr. ELLIOT enquired of what use the Advisory Committee would be and what purpose it would serve.

The PRESIDENT replied that it would serve the public, and he knew that the public wanted it at one time.

Mr. ELLIOT asked if the appointment of the Committee would assure the completion of the work.

The Hon'ble Mr. RUNGIAH NAIDU suggested that they should add that two lines should be finished in the next two years, one in 1898 and another in 1899.

Mr. VENCATARAMIAH CHETTY thought they ought to be able to finish the lines in the time asked for.

The PRESIDENT replied that the Trustees would have to raise the money, and he thought that if they were given the time they would be able to finish the lines.

The proposition was then revised as follows:—"That the extension applied for be recommended to Government on the condition that an Advisory Committee of shareholders be appointed in Madras to act with the Attorneys of the Trustees, and that one of the remaining three Sections be finished by the 6th October, 1898, and another by the 6th October, 1899."

This was put and carried.

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Dated Madras, 7 December 1896.

Madras Tramway Case.

Forwarded in original to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to the last para of the note by the Joint Secretary, P.W.D. Railway Branch dated 21st November 1896 and to the Honourable Mr Bliss remarks thereon dated 2nd December 1896

F. D. Fowler

Off: Joint: Secretary

To

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From

Lieut.-Col. G. M. J. MOORE, C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Enclosure 1

Pursuant to Section 69 of the City of Madras --- Municipal Act I of 1884 as amended by Madras Acts VII of 1884 and II of 1892, I have the honor to forward herewith Minutes of the proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 30" November 1896.

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

G. M. J. Moore Lt.Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

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MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 30th November 1896, at 5 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President.*
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. C. Yetherajulu Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.
Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib.
M.R.Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
The Hon'ble V. Mahomed Sheriff, Khan Bahadur.
M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmana Chariar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal.

No. 1.

Memorial from the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture Holders, Madras Electric Tramways Company, praying for an extension of time to 6th October 1900 for the completion of Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Tramways.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by Mr. J. DeCaster—

"That the extension applied for be recommended to Government on the condition that one of the remaining three sections be completed by 6th October 1898 and another by 6th October 1899, and that an advising committee of shareholders be appointed in Madras to act with the Attorneys to the Trustees."

Carried.

No. 2.

G.O., No. 1832 M., dated 29th October 1896, referring to Municipal Commissioners and others for opinion Bill to exempt Government Buildings and Lands from the operation of Municipal Laws.

Proposed by the President and seconded by M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu—

"That the Commissioners are of opinion that the title of the Bill as it stands is misleading; while willing to exempt such buildings from such of the Building Regulations which require notice to be given of intention to construct or repair, they cannot approve of their exemption from all Municipal Law."

Carried.

No. 3.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th and 28th October and 6th November 1896.

Recorded.

The meeting terminated.

G M J Moore Lt Col

President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
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